

## Nikkei senators vote 2-1 against Reagan AWACS sale

WASHINGTON—The Nikkei senators were 2-1 against the proposed sale of AWACS surveillance planes to Saudi Arabia when the Senate Oct. 28 voted 52 for and 48 against.

While California's Sen. Hayakawa said it was one of his "most difficult decisions" in support of President Reagan's decision to sell, Hawaii's two senators, Inouye and Matsunaga, were highly critical and voted against the sale.

Inouye, a member of the Senate intelligence committee, was concerned the AWACS might fall into the hands of hostile forces. Matsunaga insisted there was "no advantage politically or strategically" since the Saudis advocated a holy war against Israel, support the PLO and oppose the Camp David peace process.

The arm sales continue with Congress looking at the next package which includes fighter planes for Pakistan. Not an issue as yet is the prospect of the sale of a fighter plane to Taiwan, which Peking will regard as a major issue, Capitol Hill observers pointed out.

## Alternate JACL health plan to attract younger group eyed

SAN FRANCISCO—An alternate health care plan that would also attract a younger age group is now under study of the National JACL health insurance committee, following its presentation of the proposal by Steven Okamoto CLU, of the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific JACL District Council. The district's executive committee had voted to recommend the proposal at its fourth quarterly session this Sunday, Nov. 8, at Concord Inn.

The new plan in simple terms is called "self-insuring". Many large companies have used this method of insurance as a means of keeping closer tabs on the expenses, claim payments and cash flow of their

company. It was determined that JACL could also benefit from this type of concept because of the large amounts of premium we were paying and the need to control rising costs, Okamoto explained.

Basically, "self-insuring" is JACL collecting the premiums from the membership and paying the claims, rather than sending the premiums to an insurance company or a health care provider and letting them pay the claims.

Since JACL is not chartered to act as an insurance company, an administrator will be hired to provide the necessary facilities to collect the premiums, pay the claims and provide us with detailed reports, Okamoto continued.

## Minority quota ban amendment proposed

SAN FRANCISCO — A proposed state constitutional amendment which prohibits racial quotas and other minority preference mechanisms has been requested by a state legislative committee last

month. California Supreme Court Justice Stanley Mosk, who has been sharply critical of recent court decisions upholding quotas and hiring and admission policies based on race, was asked by the state Senate Constitutional Amendments Committee to draft the amendment to the California charter.

The Committee's request and Mosk's response is considered out of the ordinary, since judges rarely get involved in the legislative end of government.

The Mosk proposed amendment reads: "No privileges or immunities and no benefit or detriment may be granted or withheld, in whole or part, on the basis of race, sex, color, religion or national origin" concerning government programs.

Another amendment, drafted by Sen. John Schmitz (R-Newport Beach) and retired state appellate Justice George E. Paras of Sacramento, is broader, applying the non-quota rule to both the private and public sectors.

Either proposal requires two-thirds approval by both houses, but if either passes, they could end up on the ballot as early as Nov. 1982.

Mosk wrote the majority opinion in the Allan Bakke case, where Bakke, a Caucasian, charged reverse discrimination. His case was upheld in the U.S. Supreme Court and special admissions programs were seen as unconstitutional.

## CWRIC HEARINGS: WASHINGTON

## Michener, Masaoka testify at CWRIC hearing

WASHINGTON—World-famous author James A. Michener and his Nisei wife Mari, and Mike M. Masaoka, longtime JACL secretary and Washington representative (1941-1972), were scheduled to testify this week (Nov. 2-3) before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in the Senate Caucus Room.

(A complete report of the CWRIC hearings here will appear in the next issue.—Ed.)

Michener, whose works on Asian Pacific cultures are well known, has been critical of the U.S. government's decision to evacuate and intern Japanese Americans during World War II. In his introduction to Michi Weglyn's book, "Years of Infamy", he said:

"Our leaders, having used unconstitutional means to treat our Japanese American citizens as they did in 1942, were half-inured to such treatment of any minority, and anywhere, so that later on

when Admiral William Leahy submitted his infamous recommendation that the United States do nothing about providing refuge for Jews being slaughtered in Hitlerian Germany, lest our Allies be incommoded, President Roosevelt was able to adopt the recommendation as logical."

In addition to being a best-selling, prize-winning novelist, Michener was the 1977 recipient of the Medal of Freedom, the highest U.S. civilian award conferred by the President. Both he and his wife are lifetime 1000 Club members of the Philadelphia JACL.

In New York, the CWRIC will hold a one-day session Nov. 23 at the Roosevelt Hotel in the Terrace Room, it was announced. Meanwhile, the East Coast Japanese Americans for Redress is meeting Nov. 13, 7 p.m., at the Japanese American United Church, 255-7th Ave., to assure community-wide participation. The committee is eager to hear from Issei who were detained at Ellis Island and from persons who left camps to work at Seabrook (N.J.) farms. The ECJAR, a coalition including the New York JACL, churches, JAHFA, 442nd Club, Niko Niko, and Japanese American Assn., may be reached at (212) 732-3467 or (212) 886-0550.

In Boston, the New England JACL was informed the CWRIC may hold another one-day hearing at Harvard University on Thursday, Dec. 10, according to J. David Sakura, chapter president.

At nearby Medford, Kei Kaneda and Dr. Eji Suyama, chapter redress co-chair, are assisting Tufts University's public forum on the evacuation and internment Nov. 8-10 with Sen. Daniel Inouye addressing the opening session on Sunday, 3 p.m., at the Cabot Auditorium. Prof. Reed Ueda, professor of American history, is moderator of the 7:30 p.m. Monday panel discussion, "Japanese American Internment: Individual Experiences and Social Change". Poetess Janice Mirikitani will be featured Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at the Alumnae Lodge. Photos provided by Visual Communication, Los Angeles, on the WW2 camp experience will be displayed. The forum is being coordinated by Elizabeth Ahn Toupin, associate dean at Tufts.

At National JACL Headquarters, the JACL National Committee for Redress is asking chapter members to urge the CWRIC ask for an extension of time to assure a thorough and comprehensive report may be prepared. The CWRIC address: 726 Jackson Pl, NW, #2020, Washington, D.C. 20506.

## Shibata named MPDC gov.

ROCKY FORD, Colo.—Results of the MPDC election held Oct. 24 here were announced last week. Ron Shibata of the New Mexico Chapter was named district governor. Vice governors reelected to their posts were: Paul Mayeda (Mile-Hi Chapter); Steve Hasegawa (Omaha); Paul Shin-kawa (Houston); and Ken Yonemoto (New Mexico). The new secretary is Sharon Ishii and treasurer is Stanley Harada.

Shibata succeeds Em Nakadoi (Omaha), who was elected after Mits Kawamoto, then governor, was elected national JACL vice-president for planning and development last summer. The election took place at the District's meeting hosted by the Arkansas Valley Chapter, with National Director Ron Wakabayashi and Kawamoto in attendance.

## San Gabriel Chapter to hold installation Nov. 14

WEST COVINA, Ca.—The San Gabriel Valley JACL will hold its annual Installation and Scholarship Dinner on Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m. at Lord Charley's Restaurant, 730 North Azusa Ave. For info call Mrs. Fumi Kiyan at (213) 338-1648 or the SGV JACL Center at 960-2566.

June and Deni Uejima, chapter scholarship co-chairpersons, will speak about the procedures they follow to select candidates for the National JACL Scholarship Competition.

Officers to be installed are: Kathy Chong, Ted Hamachi, Hideo Kiyan, Toshi Ito, Laura Miyake, Yosh Sogioaka, Benny Taguchi, Edward Tokeshi, Kay Tokeshi, Iwao Yamaguchi, Barbara Yanase, George Yanase and William Young.

## Centenary honors pioneers at 85th Anniversary

LOS ANGELES—Several long-time members and pioneers of Centenary United Methodist Church were recognized at its 85th anniversary banquet chaired by George Yamaka and Tak Minei at the New Otani Hotel recently. Among the honorees were:

Yuki Kamayatsu, religious education and youth work pioneer in 1933; Yoichi Serizawa, 29-year choir member and Y leader; George Kawazoye, 50-year choir member; Choichiro Akamatsu, Issei lay preacher.

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## Retirement testimonial dinner Nov. 14 for Justice Tamura

SANTA ANA, Ca.—A testimonial honoring Justice Stephen K. Tamura on his retirement as associate justice, 4th District court of appeals, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m., at Saddleback Inn here.

The Orange County-born jurist was the first Japanese American to be appointed to the appellate court in January, 1966. While serving as county counsel for Orange County, he was appointed to the superior court bench in 1961.

Among the many awards previously accorded the ex-442nd RCT veteran include the JACL National Recognition Award (1960), O.C. Bar Assn. Franklin G. West Award (1972), Calif. Trial Lawyers Assn. Appellate Justice of the Year Award (1981), Santa Ana College Alumnus of the Year and the California Community/Jr. College Assn. Distinguished Alumni Award.

Nicknamed "Kap", he and his wife Kay have three children: Susan, an attorney; John, who is teaching English in Japan; and Jeffrey, a UC Irvine freshman.

For reservations, call Tats Kushiida (213) 388-9631; Henry Kanegae (714) 557-6411; or Ben Shimazu (714) 835-8388 (bus), 892-6378 (res).

## Chicagoans bid adieu to Mary & Kumeo Yoshinari

CHICAGO—A farewell dinner for Mary and Kumeo Yoshinari was held in their honor Oct. 30 at a Skokie restaurant. They left Nov. 1 for their new home in Oceanside, Ca.

Kumeo, retired from Turtle Wax Co. and national JACL president in 1966-68, was a founding member of the Chicago JACL in 1945 and was active pre-war in Oregon.

## West Valley JACL to open Christmas shop

SAN JOSE, Ca.—The West Valley JACL Chapter Senior Club will open a Christmas boutique at the clubhouse on 1545 Teresita Dr., beginning Nov. 16 through Dec. 18.



Justice Stephen Tamura

## Seattle 60th anniversary committee seeks material

SEATTLE—The Seattle JACL 60th Anniversary Committee is preparing a booklet which will be treasured for years to come.

Looking for help to recreate the past, Lloyd Hara, chapter president, urged old timers to help fill the gaps with old chapter records, photos or news clippings they may have stored in their home. People helping with the history project are:

Prewar and WW2—Misao Sakamoto, George and Yone Arai Bartholomew, Kenko Nogaki; 1950s—Shigeko Uno; 1960s—Pat Terao; 1970s—Ben Nakagawa; 1980s—Lloyd Hara; past presidents—Ben Nakagawa.

## CCDC to hear March Fong Eu

FRESNO, Ca.—The 32nd convention of the JACL Central California District Council will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14 and 15 at the Hacienda Inn. Secretary of State March Fong Eu will keynote the Sunday night banquet. For more info call the CCDC office at (209) 237-4006.



DONBURI—Nobuko Miyamoto is director of Great Leap's production of "Breaking Out" at Little Tokyo's JACCC Nov. 7-8, 8 p.m.

## Mixed media show on tap for 'Donburi'

LOS ANGELES—"Sansei Donburi: Autumn Evenings at the Gallery Coffeehouse" closes its first series Nov. 7-8 at the JACCC with the Great Leap Ensemble's preview of "Breaking Out!", a mixed media presentation including an interweaving of film, slides dance, audience participation and live music under direction of Nobuko Miyamoto and Benny Yee.



## Redress Reports

REDRESS PHASE 3: by John Tateishi

### Silence Snapped



San Francisco

As we approach the last of the regularly scheduled hearings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, it's worth taking a moment's pause to reflect on what has taken place in the past few months, for the Commission hearings have signified a major event in the sometimes difficult continuum of Japanese Americans.

For the first time since the Second World War, the American public in general has been told the story of the Evacuation, many never having been aware of this particular episode in our na-

tion's history. And for the first time, the government—through the commission—has embarked on an official investigation of the events that led to the existence of America's concentration camps. It has taken forty years to reach this point, and it is of no small moment that so many have played such an important part in a drama whose denouement, whose final resolution, may have profound implications for the future of this country.

The many Issei and Nisei who came before the Commission and bared their souls, who shared their anguish and heartbreaks and even their guilt, have contributed perhaps more than they can imagine, for the catharsis was not theirs alone but a nation's partial catharsis for the wrong it committed against its own guiltless people. The nation was forced to look at its own soul, even if only briefly, and to question what lay at its heart. One need only to have sat through just one day of any of the hearings to have realized this. It was evident on the faces of the Commissioners and of the audience, and it was evident in the manner in which the hearings were reported by the media.

But what one realized even more profoundly was the strength of these people who came before the Commission, with what sense of pride and dignity they faced the Commission, and in so doing, faced the nation. There was, in my view, no sense of degradation at the baring of souls (as some of our critics had

warned there would be) or at the exhaling of even just a part of the pain that has suffocated the Japanese American community these forty years. There was too much dignity in the stories of the witnesses to even suggest a lessening of who and what they were. There was too much courage.

There was no empty rhetoric among the Issei and the Nisei witnesses. Their pragmatism did not abandon them before the Commission. Their testimonies were straightforward and simple, but within that simplicity lay the varied and complex emotions that emerged in the retelling and reliving of those years of exile. There was, of course, a repetition of the same story many times over, but this served to more clearly define the magnitude of human suffering. And even the lighter moments had in them a quality of the bittersweet. There was, after all, laughter behind barbed wire, but the barbed wire was always there.

And so witness after witness told his or her own story, personal hardships and personal tragedies, an accumulated account of a people in exile. And for the first time in forty years, a record was clearly being written about the injustice of the Evacuation. The silence of four decades was finally broken.

## Barrows speaks on WRA before CWRIC

Testimony of Leland Barrows, a top administrative official with the War Relocation Authority, first under Milton Eisenhower and then Dillon Myer, represents the main WRA input before the Commission, as gleaned from the transcripts of July 14 session in the Senate Caucus Room.

Mr. Barrows:

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What made the Denver Post series more important was the fact that the Dies Committee at that time organized a subcommittee headed by Congressman Costello of California, and he began a series of hearings in which—well, he held nine meetings to begin with in Los Angeles, all in executive session but at the end of each day was a press announcement, inflammatory, sensational, and often based upon the sort of material he could get from the critical press. They again placed considerable reliance on some of the employees who had been discharged from one of the centers.

At that time also the Hearst press station man in Washington solely for the purpose of battling these stories around, and every day we would have a story from the Committee and another story from let's say the Hearst paper, quoting what the Committee had said the day before, so they played everything as many times as they could; and we in the authority spent practically all our time trying to run down the facts, hoping some day per chance to answer the charges. Ultimately that was given in a hearing here in Washington, of which was on the whole pretty well handled from our point of view, and in the end the Committee again made some rather mild recommendations, proceed with segregation, but they wanted to take the leave clearance authority away from WRA, and that we should launch an Americanization program in the centers.

There was one member of Congress, and may God bless him, Congressman Herman Eberharter of Pennsylvania, who dissented even from that, said that many of the charges were unproven, and that his colleagues were prejudiced; and later on when the Committee filed another report after the Tule Lake affair, he again dissented, and it was a very very cheering thing to have any voice like that from the political arena.

I've mentioned segregation, and this is a subject which caused a great deal of trouble and yet WRA could not resist it. The idea was that everyone knew that in the population there might be people definitely pro-Japanese but very few; and it should have been handled on a basis of individual evaluation as it ultimately was.

WRA felt that if the job had been done before evacuation, and only those people had been evacuated, that perhaps it would have been a contrived thing, but it wasn't. Yet we kept getting pressure from military intelligence people from all sorts of sources that to do the job and enough tensions built up in the center among different fractions, so that ultimately our own center directors and the evacuee community councils began to recommend it, so it was decided to go ahead.

We couldn't get a separate center in which to move these people, so instead of that we had to plan to vacate one, and then move the segregants in, in other words, a very disturbing process.

Tule Lake was chosen for that because it was a big center with a number of accommodations for 20,000 people we felt would be segregated, and had enough agricultural land to keep people somewhat occupied because leave was to be denied to that center.

Well, the moves were made—and also it had the largest number of potential segregants of all the centers. The moves were made in October of '43 and those were segregated who had requested repatriation to Japan, and that's understandable. Those who had said no to the loyalty question during the registration, somewhat less understandable because motivation was not in every case real disloyalty, and those who had been denied leave clearance because of some personal shortcoming, and then the family members of those groups.

The segregation and the creation of that center provoked one of the most difficult incidents in the history of the Authority in the center, and it's just too long and complicated for me to take time to try to discuss it here, in fact I don't know of all the details without more research. But it began with a truck accident among farm workers in which several were injured and one died. A group of the dissidents then called a strike to stop the shipping of produce from Tule Lake to other centers; and although after some negotiation the WRA agreed that after the crop in the ground was harvested that no more would be planted for other centers, but nevertheless the trouble continued to boil and it ended in a near riot on the 4th of November, at which time

the military police were called in and took over the center, and they administered it for two months. WRA didn't take charge again until mid-January 1944, and although it gradually was able to restore a measure of community confidence and trust, it was faced with the fact that the community was split into factions between those who were genuinely desirous of being Japanese, and those who had merely elected segregation to avoid the draft or avoid moving or just because they didn't want to move.

I would say that the reason for the incident—I'll just make this observation in my opinion, is first of all the divided nature of the community, and second the fact that the Administration there had come so to rely upon the community councils and the social structure of the evacuee community, for all the ordinary maintenance of order and discipline, and good operations, that it didn't realize in time that that had been destroyed.

Well, one other thing, on July 1, 1944 a law was passed permitting people, citizens of this country to renounce their citizenship, and although it was couched in general language, it was clearly intended for the Japanese Americans; and the Justice Department took over the administration of that. They went into the center late in the year, WRA was unhappy about it but could do nothing about it really. And nearly 5,500 people signed renunciation applications.

Later hearings were given and so in the end only 4300 people from Tule Lake were actually transported to Japan. But outside the center the whole affair put us back on the West Coast from the public relations point of view only, square 1.

The Dies Committee had resumed its investigation, the Cali-

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**BANQUET PLANNING**—Working on the first Asian American Journalists Assn. scholarship benefit dinner are (from left) Frank Kwan, KNBC-TV producer; Tritia Toyota, KNBC-TV news anchorperson; and Bill Sing, L.A. Times staff writer. Dinner featuring Tom Brokaw, NBC's Today Show host, as keynote speaker will be held Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency in Los Angeles.

## Sansei county official under D.A.'s investigation

LOS ANGELES—Special Investigations Division of District Attorney John Van de Kamp's office here is looking into accusations of a possible conflict of interest involving Mike Ishikawa, Los Angeles County Affirmative Action compliance officer.

The D.A. spokesman said Oct. 23 that Ishikawa, 37, may

### Kitano's alcoholism study completed

LOS ANGELES—Results of a study of alcohol drinking practices among local Chinese and Japanese residents will be presented Nov. 12, 7 p.m. at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center. Dr. Jokichi Takamine, nationally acknowledged expert on alcohol problems, will introduce the program.

Study was conducted by UCLA's Dr. Harry H. L. Kitano and his staff of Herb Hatanaka, Waitsang Yeung, Lynn Chai and Joyce Jinde, who questioned 298 Japanese and 298 Chinese respondents. Results will be compared with the national sample. Presentation is sponsored by Special Services Group (825-8260).

### 'Power' topic of APWN conference Nov. 14

LOS ANGELES—"Power: How to Get It, How to Use It, and How to Keep It" is the all-day conference topic Nov. 14 for the Asian Pacific Women's Network of Los Angeles and Orange Counties at CSU Dominguez Hills. State Sen. Diane Watson and Joanne Yamauchi, professor of communications at American University, Washington, will be featured speakers.

Other participants include Elizabeth Higashi, Times Mirror Corp.; Mary Wong Lee, Allstate S&L; and Teresa Watanabe, L.A. Herald-Examiner. For info: Debbie Nakatomi (213) 460-3555

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### From the Author's Desk

(Part 3)

Recently JA dissidents claimed "major findings" in the National Archives: namely that wartime JACLers acted as informers, demanded deportation of disloyals, etc.

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## BARROWS

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formia legislature conducted an investigation, certain local congressmen conducted their own, and what really hurt WRA was to be attacked vigorously by the San Francisco Chronicle, which up to then had been our only journalistic support in California.

Clearly WRA had become a hot political issue, it couldn't any longer function in that vacuum that we called the Executive Office of the President, it needed to be in a cabinet department, and there were people who wanted to put it in Justice or wherever.

The President chose to put it in the Department of the Interior. Obviously much of our work was related to Interior, but I also think he knew what kind of man the Secretary was. In any event, we went in there—I'm sure we were looked over, and perhaps the next speaker can tell you about that—but in any case we were supported by the Secretary and the Under Secretary.

So following the 1st of January 1944 WRA could begin to concentrate on a basic job of relocation, and it worked hard on that, taking great advantage of the work of the Nisei soldiers in Europe unable by military secrecy to talk about the several thousand who were also serving in the Pacific, we couldn't talk about that till the war was over.

And in the process of relocation, the population was disseminated, some into every one of the 48 states except South Caro-

Ishikawa is one of three Japanese Americans to head a county government department, the other two being Dr. Thomas Noguchi, chief medical examiner-county coroner; and Eddy Tanaka, chief, Dept. of Public Social Services.

Raised in the San Diego area,

Ishikawa was a field investigator for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and has been actively involved with the Democratic Party as a fund-raiser organizer. He was also a past Orange County JACL president and served a term as PSWDC governor.

## Witnesses testify in court over Mayor Sato's holdup

LONG BEACH, Ca.—One of the three teenagers charged in the Sept. 2 shotgun holdup of Mayor Eunice Sato and a minister (PC Oct. 9) testified on Oct. 14 in Long Beach Juvenile Court that the alleged robbery was committed by his brother and another boy while he sat in a nearby car, it was reported in the Long Beach Press Telegram.

The 15-year-old was granted immunity from the prosecution by Juvenile Commissioner Robert Fletcher for his testimony against the two co-defendants, each 16.

The incident took place in the parking lot of the Silverado Methodist Church, while Sato was seated in her automobile talking with Rev. Richard Edgar who was outside the car.

The youth testified that he and his companions were driving by the church when they noticed the Japanese Ameri-

can woman and Edgar standing in the parking lot.

After parking the vehicle and leaving the youth inside, the two companions took a shotgun from the front seat and "walked back toward the church."

When the two returned, they threw the purse onto the back seat and took off, the youth said.

According to Sato and Edgar, both of whom testified on the same day, they were ready to leave the parking lot when two boys, one carrying the shotgun, suddenly appeared and demanded money.

After robbing Edgar of his wallet, the armed bandit ordered Sato to open her car, door, wherein she complied and he then took her purse.

Tips received from residents after the holdup resulted in the identification of the suspects within a week of the incident and subsequent arrests.

lina, of course there were heavy concentrations around certain cities.

On December 18, 1944, WRA announced since the day before the Army had lifted the exclusion orders on the Pacific Coast, the WRA announced and said it would close the centers within a certain date in the future, beginning six months after the first of January '45, and ending a year later.

This put us into our last struggle, both in the centers and in public relations. Very few of the evacuees welcomed the decision, some of them were apathetic, some were hostile; and as evacuees who did go out to the West Coast, reached their old home, some of them ran into the old racist behavior, but that was quieted down with the help of Caucasian Army officers who had served with the Nisei and came and made speeches up and down California. Of course many other people helped. But in any event the problem was pretty well cared for.

But evacuees, many of them didn't want to leave. And an organized campaign against closing the centers developed. Now there were a lot of them who had valid reasons for fearing to go back to private life. I would have to say I'm afraid that already institutional living had institutionalized them, and this was something that is a very bad effect on this whole experience in my view.

Happily, closing the centers came in time in WRA's opinion; if we had to wait another year it might have been impossible.

The opposition came from a lot of the good people who had supported WRA in the early period, when it was catching fire from the racists. But Mr. Myer persisted, insisted, among other things he had to schedule trains to move them at a time when we were moving troops to the Pacific Coast, so he had to set schedules and live with them.

Well, the centers were closed on time. Other work was left to do, one of them was to care for trying to obtain some resolution of the property loss. Unfortunately WRA was never able to do very much about that. At the end it prepared a draft law setting up a claims commission to be administered by the Department

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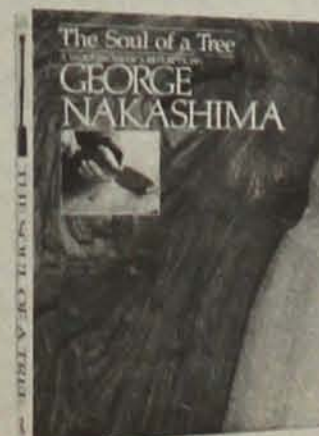
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MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi

## How We Ended

San Francisco

I thank our P.C. Editor for his reporting on the JACL Budget. His comments were most generous. The financial picture of the organization is much more complex than a year-end report. Harry indicated that this was the first year in the black since 1977. I think an understanding of the finances of the organization over the long haul, as well as the year ending are important material for the membership and leadership of the organization to grasp.

For the year ending, a number of factors should be understood. In addition to the hiring freeze, National Board members, Committee Chairs and staff cooperated to reduce spending to move the budget into the black. Being in the black is a good thing. The actions and effects of the actions taken are not necessarily positive. Judicious spending should be an ongoing concern. The National JACL went beyond that. Essential spending was curtailed. Things that needed doing were not done. It will catch up with us over the long haul. Still, I think that the efforts of the staff and volunteers to get the JACL in the black should be commended. There was only one volunteer, who even submitted a request for local travel reimbursement. The invisible costs are, in many cases, the out-of-pocket expenses of staff and volunteers that never cross our books.

Our income is largely from membership dollars. I view that as a tremendous asset for the organization to have our anchor funding within our own structure. The danger that exists is to depend solely on this source to continue the work of the organization. A number of concerns should be studied and analyzed. The age of our membership reflects the aging of the Nisei population. On an actuarial basis, we should project a decline. Coupled with this aging factor is the presence of an increasing number of members who are health insurance subscribers, who will become eligible for Medicare. A good portion of our health plan subscribers will grow into this category. The pattern of the past few years has been a membership decline.

Money aside for the moment, I think that we really need to take a hard look at the JACL and get in touch with what we want this organization to be about.

My own perception is that there is a multifold purpose for the organization, but that it has a primary purpose of seeking the welfare of Japanese Americans. In order to perform this role, subsidiary objectives must be understood. One aspect is the ability to represent Nikkei interests at meaningful levels of government, business, education and other fields.

Another is to maintain a nationwide network of Nikkei, who can concentrate resources to a particular trouble spot or special need area. Minimally, the JACL network works like a reserve force that provides insurance against accidental or purposeful intrusion upon the well being of Nikkei.

Outside of the lofty goals of better citizenship and providing for our common welfare, there are plain old human needs that are served by the organization. Obviously, there are projects and efforts that are best coordinated and orchestrated at a national level. There is plain old pragmatic reason for a national organization. The bond, however, is a more intimate one. There is a personal affinity among a large spectrum of JACLers. JACLers are, after all, the alumni of ten concentration camps. We all touch each others lives in one way or another. Isn't that the reason that whenever any of us meet that we search for the camp, the prefecture of our fathers, the clubs, neighborhoods or whatever it is that we have in common? And, don't we always find some strand of relationship between us? This kind of affinity can't be a bought and paid for organization. It is indigenous to our people, to our history.

I distrust the world enough that that insurance for my welfare and the welfare of my family and friends remains a concern. I know from the reactions about Japanese imports, from Redress hearings, from discrimination suits, from Census statistics and from my gut, that the presence of a national organization makes me feel a little better about my chances to make it in this world.

In our present condition, a budget in the black for the first time in five years; a cash flow problem disguised by noncongruent membership and fiscal years; a relatively small endowment, trust fund and reserve; and a potential for future membership losses; that I have doubts about our own abilities to be good advocates or adversaries. I would rather be in a situation where we have ample reserve funds, so that a discussion on an issue is not terminated by the subject of costs. I would rather be in a position where our portfolio is formidable enough to discourage intrusions into our welfare.

The talk of money is not to understate our greatest asset. I said that I thought that our membership income was a tremendous asset. That is so, because it is direct membership support. Membership is our greatest asset. #

## Bookshelf A Time for Sharing

by Jim Okutsu

This retrospective photo-essay THE MANZANAR PILGRIMAGE: a time for sharing. (Los Angeles: Manzanar Committee, 1981, 42 pp. \$6.50) surveys a decade of annual treks to the site of the first of the ten World War II American concentration camps by the Manzanar Committee. I was reminded of my two pilgrimages with the contingent from San Francisco. I recall the desert heat scorching the sunbaked earth and the dust scattered by footsteps. More poignantly, I can visualize the ruins—stairs made from rock leading nowhere, the rock gardens long dry, the reservoir with the initials and slogans of detainees carved into the wet cement almost 40 years ago, the cemetery with its white polyhedron-shaped monument built by Ryoze Kado and of course the rusted barbed wire.

Manzanar remains as a haunting reminder of an unjust and purgatorial episode in the Japanese American experience that is relived each year by the Manzanar Committee. The site is commemorated each spring as the young and the not so young come to revere in the memory of the Japanese Americans who survived and to memorialize those who died within the confines of this prison for Americans of Japanese ancestry.

The piles of broken dishes and cups and rusted tin cans are visual artifacts of a time when 10,000 Japanese Americans lived in tarpapered barracks under the shadows of guard towers in stark contrast with the majestic beauty of the snow-capped Sierra Nevada mountains.

The pictures reinforce the collective spirit shared by those who attend the event each year, the extremely moving memorial service followed by a huge communal potluck feast and completed with all joining in a circle to dance the "Tanko Bushi".

As the sun sets, the buses and cars return to Los Angeles and points north before the biting chill of the spring evening envelopes the desert heat. I thank the Manzanar Committee for reminding us each year of the not so distant past and for sharing with us a review of the first decade of their annual pilgrimage.

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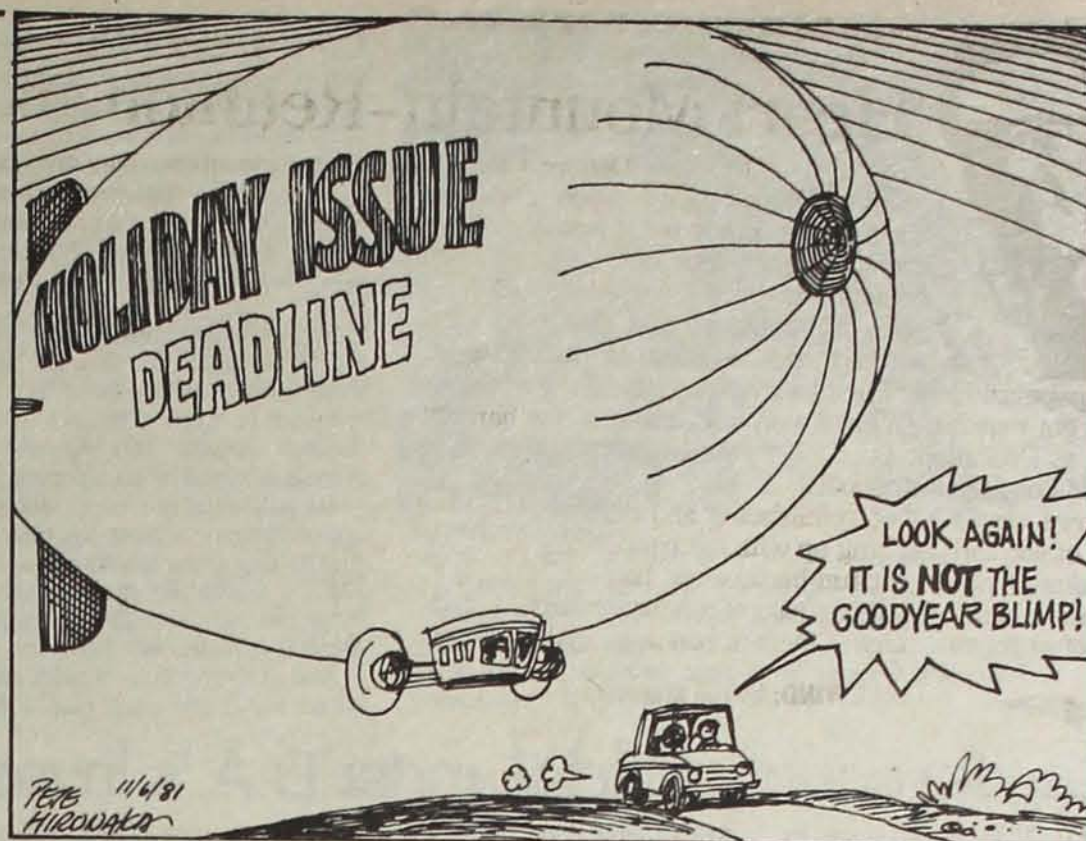
### Early Showa Japan

A Western classics academician by all signs, author Dr. Kurt Singer spent the 1930s (actually 100 months) teaching economics and sociology at Tokyo Imperial. After the war in Australia, he was poetically moved to distill his experiences and impressions of Japan in MIRROR, SWORD AND JEWEL: The Geometry of Japanese Life (Kodansha International, New York, 176 pp. soft, \$4.95). But as a book, that did not show till 1973—a decade after Singer's death.

Kodansha brings it back as a paperback this year—and most timely in wake of heightened interest in Japanese beliefs, ethics, art and society. In his final chapter on Samurai, Singer distinguishes the legends and reality exploiting the Samurai ethos. "The samurai was not to be a man of more rights, but of more duties," he notes.

About sumo, Singer observes its subtle civilization of a primitive martial attitude that is cultivated since childhood, not to be dismayed by superior forces but to fight with the internal forces of fear, shouts and movement. "It is astonishing how completely mild-mannered, sensitive, literature-loving boys are transformed into madly-fighting creatures—just for the duration of the fight. One moment later, they bow to each other politely, thank their adversary and continue to think of Shelley, Basho, Kant or the Lotus Sutra."

Paragraphs throughout show how penetrating he was of the Japanese mind.—H.H.



## Letterbox

### • Soviet birth rate

Editor:  
There's nowhere to hide for us Asians! Anyone down on the USA and fantasizing on emigrating to Mother Russia should take heed of the recent UPI story by John Moody (Moscow, Sept. 28) about young couples in the Soviet Union should stop going to night school and start making more babies to counter the population explosion in the non-white Asian parts of USSR. The article notes the Soviet birthrate in the European republics at 15.8 per thousand in the Russian Federation, Byelorussia, Ukraine and the Baltic republics as compared with 36.5 per thousand in the predominantly Asian republics of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tadzhikistan.

Heaven help us if the KKK and neo-Nazi take a hold of this.  
WALTER HASHIMOTO  
Fremont, Ca.

### Renew JACL Membership

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

## The Opportunity to Suffer

Salt Lake City

Five months ago, we had to choose between keeping our son or the dog. We could no longer afford both. We kept the dog and evicted our son. On the night we packed his bike and Playboy magazines into the car our son's move was official. The occasion seemed to require a few appropriate words. So I said, "We had to do this. Otherwise, later you would never forgive us. We couldn't deprive you of the opportunity to suffer."

My son looked at me suspiciously. When he was a child and hated spinach, I tricked him into eating it by saying, "This is your favorite vegetable. Don't you remember?" He chewed it slowly, a dubious expression on his face. "Are you sure, mom?" he asked. "I said I liked this?" He showed the same doubt toward suffering. I gave him maternal assurance. "Suffering is good for the soul. It helps build character."

For the first two months, it seemed he would escape the experience. He dropped by the house frequently, looking healthy and happy. "Don't look well?" I had to admit he did. There were no signs of malnutrition. And he didn't come to join us for dinner every night, as we expected. Sometimes, he had guests for dinner. My son had never prepared a meal at home. It was only this spring that he learned to make a peanut butter sandwich. I wondered what he served his guests. "Salad, steak, roasted corn, rice pilaf." Not bad, for a beginner.

Everyone agreed that his condominium was spotless. My son was always a good housekeeper. He didn't mind doing his laundry, even ironing cotton shirts. Often, he slept until noon. That was a frivolity forbidden in this house. "Too much sleep will rot your eyes," I said. Asians are full of aphorisms. I thought if he had time to waste sleeping, he could lend us a hand. As he rushed off to another tennis game, he said, "This isn't my place, anymore." It was an assertion of independence. And like all foolish parents, we were relieved to hear it. We watched him driving away in his European sports car. "It's such a fun car to drive." The

heat of summer did not bother him. With the turn of a knob, his place was air-conditioned. It didn't matter that he often left it running all day. "I think I deserve that comfort. I can't sleep with the windows open, because the wind bangs the blinds."

My husband wondered how long this state of bliss would continue. I think he was worrying that my prediction of suffering would not be fulfilled. Not that he wished such ill fortune for our son. He feared I was losing my psychic powers. I practice witchcraft on the side. On a very amateur level, of course. My husband fretted for naught. The time of reckoning arrived.

Everything began to collapse on my son's beautiful, wonderful car. A part that is priced at \$29 on a sensible American car, costs more than \$200 on his. Then, there was the late night accident when he hit a deer. He was forced to borrow his father's conservative American car. The electricity bill arrived. It would have been cheaper if he had allowed the blinds to bang. When the weather turned cold, I asked if his heating system was in operation. He didn't know because he didn't plan to use it. He theorized that since heat rises, it would rise from the two floors beneath his. He hoped to get through the winter on heat from his neighbors. I noticed the new knots of worry on his innocently smooth forehead. It was all very sad.

I always thought that suffering was supposed to be an intimate, individual experience. Something like physical pain that can't be transferred. At least that's the way poets write about it. I offered my son a book of poetry. He said he preferred food or clothing. Or even better, plain money. Suffering was apparently as disagreeable as spinach.

The other night, after our son was here for dinner, the fifth consecutive night in a week, my husband said, "If we keep bailing him out, he'll never suffer and learn. No one ever helped us." I thought about that. We are of a generation that more often had to help our Issei parents than be helped by them. I wonder whether we are actually better or worse for it.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

## Heart Mountain—Reunion and Redress

Denver, Colo.



Several years ago, I cannot remember now how many but it wasn't too far back, Florence Uba and some of her friends organized a reunion in Los Angeles for the guys and girls who had worked on the Sentinel, the weekly newspaper at Heart Mountain WRA camp. Quite a bunch of us got together. We went on a boat tour of the harbor area, as I recall, and then there was a banquet aboard a ship in Los Angeles harbor.

There was a lot of reminiscing and exclaiming over each other, and catching up with the happenings of three decades. It was great fun because we had become good friends in camp, we were proud of our product and shared a lot of memories, most of them not unpleasant despite the

unhappy circumstances that had brought us together.

Now I see by the papers that other residents of Heart Mountain have organized a committee and have sent out fliers inviting ex-Wyomingites to a reunion next April 2 and 3 in Los Angeles. The invitation says: "Scheduled is a special reunion banquet and dance filled with old friends and familiar faces. Please come and share some of your special memories with us—we look forward to seeing you there."

Times change. The registration fee, including dinner, dance, hospitality and special memory book, is \$45 if paid this year, \$50 later. Most people who worked at the camp were paid \$16 a month plus a small clothing allowance and room and board, such as it was. The reunion will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and the room rate is \$60 a night. Plus tax.

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

## With the Kalmucks

Philadelphia



IN CONJUNCTION WITH our public responsibilities, we are called upon every so often to preside at weddings. Particularly where the contracting parties—marriage is a contract, a singularly unique one under the law—are of Asian background, we invariably assent to perform the ceremony. We do so, recognizing that Asians, like others, should have the opportunity to have one of its "own kind" officiate—just as other segments of our society likewise do. And being the only Asian public official in these parts, we have had occasion to join in matrimony those of Chinese, Asian Indian and Japanese backgrounds. This is not to suggest that we have not so joined Caucasian couples, for we have; it is that wherever an Asian is involved, we make a special effort to accommodate.

IN THE COURSE OF conducting wedding ceremonies, we have had occasion to use an interpreter, to use vows prepared by the couple themselves (including some very poignant ones), to participate in a "peoples' wedding" which can be quite refreshing from the stilted, formal proceedings with which we are all familiar. In every instance, we make an effort to provide a relaxing, and if possible a warm, atmosphere: it is nerve-wracking enough simply to enter into the ceremony. I know.

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO we received a request from a young lady whose name was palpably Asian, although I was not quite sure. So, as with all such requests, I agreed to meet with the young couple. When she appeared with her fiancé (a young Swiss dentist who was teaching at a local university), my initial intuition was confirmed: she was distinctly an Asian, more particularly a Mongolian, and specifically a Kalmuck, a very charming and striking beauty. Her last name, although Russian-sounding, was nonetheless Kalmuck, verified when I met her gracious parents at the wedding.

THE WEDDING PARTY was a cosmopolitan conglomeration of the family and friends of the couple: Asian Indian, Black, Japanese (excluding this writer), White and, of course, many

Kalmucks. I stayed for the reception and thoroughly enjoyed myself, chatting with the various guests including many of the Kalmuck guests. I absorbed much information in the course of that afternoon in the garden of a beautiful estate, and I asked that details be provided me of their fascinating background and experiences. They promised to do so.

IT SEEMS THAT many Kalmucks fled Mongolia from Russian rule, travelling to the Balkan Peninsula, primarily Yugoslavia. Too, centuries before, when Genghis Kahn swept into the tier of lower Europe, many Mongolians remained and settled. Following the outbreak of World War II, Nazi Germany conscripted many Kalmucks into forced labor, uprooting them and placing them wherever the German war machine desired. Hence, at the conclusion of hostilities, these sturdy people were left homeless and like many other refugees, many sought to come to the Land of Opportunity: America. But it was not to be easy.

WHEN THE KALMUCKS sought to join the many other refugees entering the United States, our authorities sought to shunt them to South America: Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay. When this met with resistance, then the alternative presented to them was Alaska. It was only after several organizations intervened, including the ever-faithful American Friends Service Committee, that the evasive maneuvers of our officials were defeated and a few Kalmucks were able to arrive at our shores. In the Philadelphia area, there are approximately 2,000 Kalmucks who began their arrival in the early 1950's.

THESE ARE PROUD, hardy, independent people, not unlike our Issei parents. They are robust, out-going folks, most enjoyable company. When I am possessed of some details of their history, and some of their experiences (some of which I learned that afternoon), I hope to share them with you in these columns.

BY THE WAY, the Kalmucks are aware, with dismay, of the background of what happened to the Issei and Nisei in the United States following the outbreak of the war. They asked many questions of me about that sorrowful episode in the history of this great Nation.

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ron Ikejiri

## Roundtable on TV Programming

Washington



Greater knowledge and understanding of the Japanese American community in the United States by Americans continues to be a major concern to all of us.

The recent August 24, 1981 Newsweek feature on "Cable TV: Coming of Age" suggests an important vehicle through which the experiences, concerns and issues of the Japanese American community could be disseminated to the American public.

Through television broadcasting, the unique, multicultural story of the Japanese American community can be effectively presented.

At this time, I believe it would be appropriate to conduct national roundtable discussions with Japanese American community leaders from the legal, business, professional, media and other fields, to study the feasibility of creating a national Japanese American plan for the development of network, independent, public and cable television systems.

The Washington JACL office is seeking your advice and your candid views regarding the future use of the television broad-

casting industry, and the role for the Japanese American community in that industry.

You may wish to focus your thoughts on the following questions, as well as others which you feel should be addressed:

1—Your assessment of the present Japanese American coverage by the broadcasting industry and its effectiveness in portraying Japanese American's to the American public. In other words, "Is this the story we want told?"

2—Based upon your experiences, could the Japanese American community create a national television broadcasting plan to insure that "our" story is told?

3—Should the Japanese American community take the leadership role in insuring our coverage by the television broadcasting industry? Or, should we allow "natural" forces take their course and allow others to set the parameters of our public perception and coverage?

4—Issue—if a plan is developed—what factors should constitute "our" plan?

5—If a plan is developed it may include the creation of a public corporation controlled by members of the Japanese American community to set forth the strategy of developing, producing, and broadcasting programs through network, cable, et. al., television systems. Do you feel such a national public corporation is feasible based upon your experiences with the Japanese American community?

**Additional thoughts:** Through the cable network system perhaps a weekly one-half hour national Japanese American political, business, social and cultural news program, as well as timely commentaries could be broadcast to selected market sectors and geographic locations.

The potential utilization and impact of the television broadcasting industry on America's understanding of the Japanese American experience is unlimited.

Your opinion and views will be kept confidential. Your reply, either oral or written, would be appreciated: Washington JACL Office, Ron Ikejiri, 1730 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

The Heart Mountain reunion isn't unique. Ex-inmates of other camps have held reunions and from what I've heard, a good time was had by all. As WRA camps went, Heart Mountain probably was no better and no worse than any of the others. In summer it wasn't nearly as hot as Poston or Gila, but it was substantially colder in winter. The dust storms were miserable, but at least the dust didn't taste like alkali as it did at Topaz in Utah. If the desert climate was excessively dry, it might have been more pleasant than the rains and mud of Arkansas. As for the food, it probably ranged from horrible to mediocre, which is about all that could be said for the fare in any of the camps.

So why a reunion? Well, obviously they indicate there was more to camp life than the sad, infuriating, outrageous stories—no one could question their authenticity—told by some witnesses at the recent redress hearings.

Not long ago, survivors of the Nazi concentration camps held a reunion in Israel. It was both a sad and happy occasion, sad for the memory of the victims, happy that there were survivors. That reunion was explained as an opportunity for those who came through to try and learn details of the stories of those who didn't.

That element doesn't exist in the reunion of those who lived in the WRA camps. Nor is there any similarity between what happened in the WRA camps and the Nazi extermination camps and any attempt to see even a vague parallel is a fraud.

I have no idea what members of the Redress Commission will think about a reunion of one-time evacuees dining and dancing and sharing memory books. The hearings so far have produced persuasive evidence that a terrible wrong was done to the human rights of a people, and of course we all knew that. But there is much doubt about what would be proper redress and one must wonder whether perhaps the reunion ought to be part of the evidence to be considered in weighing what redress should be.

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Auditorium event.

Nov. 4—Three Nisei (Albert Inouye, Rose and Martha Katayama) tell U.S. district court at Los Angeles their renunciation as teenagers at Tule Lake was coerced; file for restoration of citizenship.

Nov. 5—California voters repudiate alien land law, defeat Prop. 15 by 250,000 plurality (4-3 margin); Prop. 11 to establish FEPC loses by 3-1 margin... People's mandate has upset 50 years of anti-Orientalism in California, says JACL secretary Mike Masoka.



## CCDC endorses APAAC as group

FRESNO, Ca.—The Central California JACL District Council joined the Asian Pacific American Advocates of California as an "organization" member, contributing \$100, it was announced by Tony Ishii, district governor. Individuals and organizations in Central California are pushing to raise \$9,000 as its share toward the new state-wide, nonpartisan, non-profit educational group to advocate for common concerns share by Asian Pacific Americans.

Individual contributions (\$20 individual, \$30 couple, \$10 student/seniors) may be sent to Jeanette Galletto-Lao, 2989 E. Huntington Blvd., Fresno, CA 93721.

## Fresno JACL board adds 9 new members

FRESNO, Ca.—Norman Otani, 1981 chapter president, announced the new board members who will serve for two years:

Taro Katagiri CLU, 1976 pres; Henry Kazato MD, early developer of chapter scholarship program; John Kubota, radio-TV producer and Hokubei Mainichi correspondent; Dr Vivian Kunimitsu, CSUF asso prof of child development and psych; Sharon Nakamoto, CSUF student; Ben Nakamura CPA, past dist gov and chap pres, commissioner on Fresno city parking authority, chmn of Woodward Park Japanese Garden Development Comm; Barbara Taniguchi, 1978 pres; Dr Raymond Weitzman, CSUF chmn of linguistics dept, prof of linguistics; and Ken Yokota, Cal First Bank mgr, West Fresno.

## Sonoma CL board to answer Joiner

SANTA ROSA, Ca.—The Sonoma County JACL Board discussed at length the recent Ernest Joiner column against redress appearing Sept. 9 in the Sebastopol Times and will formally answer the half-truths and omission of important facts surrounding the callous disregard of constitutional rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

The same column was also read over San Francisco KGO on provoking further discussion and letters to the newspapers, much of it racist in nature, according to the Sonoma County JACL.

JACLers, at the same time, were expected to respond to present a balanced view.

## Detroit JAYs host MDYC workshop

DETROIT—To prepare for the Midwest District youth workshops over the Nov. 6-7 weekend at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, the Detroit JAYs met in August to re-establish the chapter, electing a cabinet headed by Chris Doering.

Plight of youth chapters was noticeable in the number of the youth leaders attending colleges away from home, leaving a stalwart few to maintain the momentum. MDYC chair Alys Watanaabe, for instance, is a first-year student at UM, Ann Arbor.

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## Milwaukee JACL to hold redress fundraising party

MILWAUKEE—The JACL Milwaukee Chapter will hold a redress fundraising dinner party on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m., at the Servite Woods Lodge on 8543 No. Servite Dr. Witnesses who testified at the Chicago hearings in September will speak and open discussions on the hearings and redress will be held. Space is limited (100 persons); interested persons should send their reservations of \$10.00 per person made out to Julius Fujihira, 5856 So. 33rd Court, Milwaukee, Wis. 53221.

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### Awards

U.S. Asia Institute at its 1981 Gala at the State Dept. Oct. 20 in Washington presented its Kay Sahara Awards in recognition of contributions and continuing potential of young U.S. Asians to Rocky H. Aoki, Tai Babilonia, Kyung Wha Chung, David Henry Hwang, Maya Ying Lin and Jackie Bong Wright. The Institute's 1981 Achievement Awards to Americans of Asian descent for outstanding contributions to development and strengthening of America were handed to Anna Chennault, Minoru Yamasaki, Zubin Mehta, Sen. Hiram Fong, Dr. C. N. Yang.

**Aiko Tanga**, a graduate of LA-CC and Woodbury College and a certified student of Majikina Honryu school, was awarded the National Endowment for the Arts grant of \$10,000 for the Folk Art Program of Okinawa performed Oct. 18 in Los Angeles.

**Roy Teranishi** of Stockton, Ca. was one of nine Bay Area federal employees honored Sept. 25 as top achievers in their field at a recent award ceremony in San Francisco.

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California First Bank recently honored its employees with service awards at luncheons held in San Francisco, Irvine and San Diego. Among those who were recognized for 25 years of service were Sue Kishida and Kenneth Yonemura, both of Los Angeles. Honored for 10 years of service in San Francisco were Shigeo Kubo, Noritaka Masuda, Takumi Noma, Masao Tsuyama, Ann Fujita, Tomoko Hazley and Kiyoko Kawasaki, and in the Los Angeles area were Ben Nakamoto and Frances Hirayama.

### Book

**Kiyoaki Murata**, Japan Times editor who spent nine months at Poston relocation center during his seven-year stay in the U.S. as a student (1941-1948), recently published his memoirs, "Saigo no Ryūgakusei"—The Last Student to Go Abroad.

### Science

**Dr. Kiyo Tomiyasu**, the Nevada-born Nisei scientist who has been involved with lasers and microwave projects since his graduation from Caltech in 1940, was accorded for meritorious achievement and outstanding technical contribution at the recent MTT-S Symposium at Los Angeles. After receiving his Ph.D. in engineering science and applied physics at Harvard in 1948, Tomiyasu worked with Sperry Gyroscope, Great Neck, N.Y., joined General Electric Microwave Laboratory at Palo Alto in 1955, transferred in 1960 to its research and development center in Schenectady and in 1969 a consulting engineer with GE's Valley Forge Space Center, Pa. He has

over 60 papers and 20 patents, won the Steinmetz Award in 1977 and more recently involved with NASA Langley Research Center.

### Sports

The New York Times Oct. 18 issue featured a story on twin brothers **Walter and Alvaro Tatekawa**, who are both helping the George Washington High School football team lead the Public Schools Athletic League Manhattan-Bronx B Division with four wins and a tie. Walter, a fullback, has scored six touchdowns and rushed for more than 500 yards. Alvaro, a halfback, has also scored six touchdowns and has scored four 2-point conversions. The Tatekawa's mother is Dominican and their father is Japanese, noted the Times.

### Club doesn't want name to be 'JAWS'

LOS ANGELES—Still in search of an appropriate name for the club, a social group of working Nisei widows (and widowers), which has been meeting over the past year at various parts of the Southland, will meet for Sunday brunch, Nov. 15, 11:30 a.m. at New Otani Hotel's A 1,000 Cranes Restaurant. For brunch reservations, call Shiz (213-821-3219) or Betty (714-636-8207). One name which came up was discarded because of its initials: Japanese American Widows Society.

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## Nikkei named to California Conservation Corps in L.A.

SACRAMENTO—Bruce Saito was named director of California Conservation Corps, Central Los Angeles Center, earlier this month by John E. Dugan, new director for the Corps.

Saito, 30, had been the projects coordinator at the Central L.A. Center and has been with the Corps since 1977, holding positions as curriculum coordinator at the Santa Clara and San Gabriel centers.

Saito received his B.A. from San Francisco State University and has held various managerial and supervisory positions in the private retail business.

## Buddhist temple in D.C. area to open

SPRINGFIELD, Va.—Ekoji, the first Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple in the Washington metropolitan area, will be dedicated on Sunday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m. here at 8134 Old Keene Mill Rd., it was announced by the Rev. Kenryu T. Tsuji (703) 569-2311, past bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America.

## Professional Day slated at UCLA

LOS ANGELES—Minority and low-income students are invited to attend Graduate and Professional Career Day at UCLA on Friday, Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the patio area between Rolfe Hall and Campbell Hall on campus. Representatives from various universities around the nation will discuss admissions, programs and financial aid. For info call Hazel Love (213) 825-2780 or 825-2469.

## SGV Center to hold Christmas gift sale

WEST COVINA, Ca.—The Women's Auxiliary of the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center is sponsoring a Pre-Christmas Gift Sale on Saturday, Nov. 14, 1-5 p.m., at the Center's Social Hall on 1203 West Puente Ave. Proceeds go to the group's Kitchen Stove Fund.

## Law student assn. to hold conference in New York

NEW YORK—The first National Asian American Law Student Association Conference will be held at NYU Law School from Friday, Nov. 6 through Sunday, Nov. 8 and is open to all interested persons.

Federal District Court Judge Robert Takasugi will be a keynote speaker on Friday and the Conference will focus on three current issues: redress for Japanese Americans incarcerated by the U.S. government during World War II; labor organizing among garment

## EBIH proposal for HUD funds rejected

OAKLAND, Ca.—East Bay Issei Housing's proposal for HUD funding was rejected again, according to the September issue of the Contra Costa JACL newsletter, in favor of a project submitted from Newark, a city that had not been previously awarded HUD funds.

The EBIH Board is now considering other alternatives to establish a senior citizen facility in the East Bay. For the interim, EBIH was requested by EBJA to help purchase residential property at 2124-26 Channing Way, Berkeley, listed at \$155,000, by providing \$32,000 to payoff a \$16,000 second mortgage and a \$16,000 down payment on a loan of \$76,000 on equity. Nine tenants (including five elderly Issei under EBJA care) could be accommodated in the flats. Rent from them would go toward the total mortgage.

(EBJA—East Bay Japanese for Action, Inc., 1908 Berkeley Way, Berkeley 94704—initiated an emergency fund to continue operation next year. Two of its four escort-drivers have been terminated and after Jan. 31, 1982, funding for the agency director, office secretary and operations will be cut. Its budget is \$6,000 per month. Monthly pledges and contributions, all tax deductible, are being sought from friends.)

and restaurant workers; and guaranteeing constitutional rights for political activists. A showing of the videotape "The Gold Watch" by Momoko Iko is slated for the redress program.

The Conference is being organized by the New York Metropolitan Area AALSA and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF). For more info call AALDEF (212) 966-5932 or AALSA representative Derek Wong 420-8358.

## What's Happening

● NOV. 6 (Friday)  
MDC/Detroit—Fall JACL-JAY mtg (3da), Farmington Hills Holiday Inn; Fri: Hospitality; Sat: 8:30am Opening Sess, 1pm Youth workshops, 7pm Inst dnr, Councilwoman Maryann Mahaffey, spkr; Sun: 9am Bus sess.

Sonoma County—Bd mtg.  
Los Angeles—Sansei Donburi, JA-CCC, 8pm; Cross Cultural Theater's "Yasuko and the Young Samurai" and "From the Skin I'm In".

● NOV. 7 (Saturday)  
Placer County—Goodwill dnr, Placer Buddhist Church, 6pm.

Marina—Schol benefit theater party, East-West Players, "J Station", 8pm.

West Valley—Chicken teriyaki sale, San Jose Buddhist Church, JACL Clubhouse.

Sonoma County—JAY's mtg, 7:30pm.  
Los Angeles—Sansei Donburi, JA-CCC, 8pm (2da); Great Leap Inc.'s "Breaking Out".

● NOV. 8 (Sunday)  
NC-WNPDC/Diablo Valley — Fall mtg/elections, Concord Inn, 9am-4:30 pm.

New York—Asn Amer Law Students Assn Law Day program, NYU School of Law, 40 Wash'n Sq So, 12n-5pm

● NOV. 11 (Wednesday)  
San Francisco/Stanford - NC Japan Society—4th annual Tomoye & Henri Takahashi Lectures, Christ Uni-Prsbtyterian Church, 8pm; Prof. Melinda Takeuchi, slide lecture, "Origins and Development of Japanese Kana Calligraphy".

● NOV. 12 (Thursday)  
Oakland—EBIH Bd dnr, Silver Dragon Rest.

● NOV. 13 (Friday)  
PSWDC/Las Vegas—Fall mtg (Sat), Flamingo Hilton; JACL charter bus lvs 1pm from JACCC, Little Tokyo; Sat lunch, Dr. Jim Tsujimura, spkr.

San Jose—Bd mtg.

Philadelphia—Bd mtg, Teresa Mae-bori, hostess.

San Francisco—NCJAR cult & info mtg, Christ United Presbyterian Ch, 7:30pm.

## Mineta to fete 50th birthday

SAN JOSE, Ca.—A celebration of Rep. Norm Mineta's 50th birthday will be held Nov. 14 at the Mediterranean Center of the Hyatt House, hosted by several Northern California Congressmen including Don Edwards, Leon Panetta, George Miller and Tom Lantos.

Entertainment for the \$100 per plate dinner will include a "roast" of Congressman Mineta; for reservations call the Mineta for Congress Committee at (408) 297-2088.

## Former Cherry Blossom queen to wed policeman

SAN FRANCISCO—Noriko Jenny Toriumi, queen of the 1980 Sakura Matsuri Cherry Blossom Festival here, will wed S.F. police officer David Tambara next June. Their betrothal was announced Oct. 9 at a party held at the Yamato Restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf.

## 'Bullet Headed Birds' by Pan Asian Rep. Theatre

NEW YORK—"Bullet Headed Birds," a play with live music by Phillip Kan Gotanda about a Japanese American songwriter in search of a perfect sound, will begin the Pan Asian Repertory Theatre's fifth season on Thursday, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m. at the 28th Street Playhouse on 120 West 28th Street. For ticket info on the Gala Opening Night Benefit call the Pan Asian Repertory Theatre (212) 260-0180 or the Playhouse box office 279-4200.

OAKLAND—"Asians Now!", a weekly half-hour television program produced by the Community Affairs Department of station KTVU (2), has developed a new format beginning this month which includes three main segments in each program: a current newsmaking issue interview; a feature story regarding an issue of impact; and a shorter segment on an interesting person, place or event in the Asian community. At least half of the programs each month will include a bilingual segment in the language of the community covered.

## Bonsai lecture at Morikami Museum

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## S.F. mayor calls goodwill mission to Asia a success

SAN FRANCISCO — Mayor Diane Feinstein said Oct. 13 that her Friendship Mission to Asia was successful "in building valuable new cultural and commercial relations between cities on the other side of the Pacific Rim," reported the Hokubei Mainichi.

Feinstein's tour included official visits to Osaka, Japan; Shanghai, China; Hong Kong and Manila, Republic of the Philippines, wherein she promoted San Francisco's Port facilities and services.

The mayor of Osaka pledged to help restore and re-condition San Francisco's Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park, noted Feinstein. An agreement was also made between the two mayors to

develop technical and marketing oriented projects for the ports of each city, based on mutual needs.

The vice mayor of Shanghai and Feinstein signed an agreement on several projects; among them would be the construction of a classic Chinese Contemplative Garden in San Francisco as part of the Yerba Buena Gardens project, and the commission of a painting by a famous Shanghai artist to grace the walls of San Francisco International Airport.

Hong Kong's Urban Council and Feinstein's party reached an accord to increase trade and promote more cultural exchange programs.

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