

## Comments from the Midwest

### JACL's Top Priority: Goal Setting

BY JOHN J. TANI & JAMES A. ISONO

**JACL Faces Tough Issues**—The JACL as an organization is in a critical period. As the Sansei have come to replace the Nisei in the 20 to 40 year-old age bracket, the JACL is undergoing a transition. Lillian Kimura and her National Planning Committee have been given a charter to prepare a direction for that transition. We endorse the concept of Long Range Planning and support Lillian's efforts. Our purpose is to suggest a possible framework in evaluating the JACL's situation.

**Issues Must Be Placed in Perspective**—There have been three major issues in the past few years concerning the JACL administration: How should the JACL be structured, and where should the headquarters be located? What should the JACL budget priorities be? How is the JACL going to finance its operation? These have generally been discussed as individual issues; however none of these questions can be answered independently, nor can they be addressed without identifying the purpose—or goals—of the organization.

We feel the relationship of these areas can be depicted in the following diagram:

GOALS ► PRIORITIES ► FINANCES ► STRUCTURE

The diagram suggests that the budget priorities should be a function of the organization's goals; the level of finances required, in turn, should be a function of the costs required to implement the program; and finally, the structure and location of the national organization should be a function of the various roles National should

play to implement the programs. Before these tough problems can be confronted, they must be viewed from the perspective of "what's important to JACL".

**Determining Goals: JACL's First Priority**—The first issue which must be addressed is the determination of the JACL's goals which is no small task. The JACL has a creed and a constitution which make very general statements such as "foster American democracy" and "secure justice and equal opportunity for Americans". These are perpetual principles, not specific goals. The JACL needs to establish objectives for the next 5 to 10 years to which people can relate.

Are we to be—

- A politically oriented civil rights group?
- A network for social interaction among Japanese Americans?
- A community service organization for Issei, Asian immigrants, youth, etc.?

What is the purpose of the organization in the '80s?

Once the goal(s) of JACL is established (and, if necessary, assigned priorities), we can discuss priorities from a common viewpoint and establish a plan of programs and financing for the next 2 to 5 years in a manner that will best achieve our goal, given our current resources. Both program and administrative budgets should be scrutinized in light of these objectives. The roles of National Headquarters, the National Director, Regional Directors, the Washington JACL Representative and elected officials should be defined in terms of the hard priorities established by the National Council.

This does not end — planning is an iterative process. The previous straight-line thought process should be re-

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### LCCR seeks passage of Voting Rights Act

WASHINGTON — The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, of which JACL is a founding member, plans to hold a one-day lobbying effort Feb. 23 aimed at getting swift Senate action on extension of the Voting Rights Act. The bill, S 992, is identical to the one passed by the House in October by an overwhelming margin of 389 to 24.

Provisions of S 992 include:

- (1) Permanent extension of the pre-clearance provision, which requires some states and counties to obtain approval from the Justice Department or the U.S. District Court here for any changes in voting procedures. A fair and reasonable provision would also provide incentives for states and counties to "bail out" from the pre-clearance requirement.
- (2) Continuation until 1992 of bilingual election requirements, which entails bilingual registration and election materials in areas with large non-English speaking populations.
- (3) A standard of proof in voting rights court cases based on discriminatory "results" rather than "intent". The legislation would nullify a 1980 U.S. Supreme Court deci-

sion which held that minorities, in challenging an at-large voting system as an improper dilution of the strength of their votes, had to prove a "discriminatory purpose" behind the city election laws.

According to LCCR Executive Director Ralph G. Neas, Feb. 23 was set as the target date for two strategic reasons—it is near the close of the hearings that Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Ut.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, has scheduled on the bill (Jan. 20-Feb. 28); and it is also the second day of LCCR's 32nd Annual Meeting, when many of the organization's leaders will be here.

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming and Rep. Don Edwards (D-Cal.) are being honored at the award dinner Feb. 22 at the Capital Hilton.

Neas added that before the end of the 97th Congress's first session, 61 senators—more than the 60 required to break a filibuster—joined in co-sponsoring S 992.

Members of the LCCR plan to meet at the Russell Senate Office Building to launch their lobbying campaign, and Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Charles McC. Mathias (R-Md.) prime sponsors of the bill, are scheduled to be on hand to brief them.

### L.A. Supervisors chide Noguchi for 'sensationalism' in his cases

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles County Coroner Thomas T. Noguchi was formally reprimanded by the Board of Supervisors Jan. 19 for "sensationalism" apparently stemming from his public comments about the recent deaths of actors William Holden and Natalie Wood.

The board unanimously voted to approve a motion by Supervisor Mike Antonovich that admonished Noguchi to "confine (himself) to the facts" when describing the deaths he investigates.

Noguchi upset many—especially the Screen Actors Guild—for his blunt comments about the alcohol-related deaths of Holden and Miss Wood and their possible thoughts before they died in separate accidents two months ago.

SAG sent a letter to the supervisors protesting statements made by Noguchi at news conferences during which he characterized Holden's mishap as a result of a "drunken fall" in his apartment. The coroner had also speculated that Wood's death may have followed an argument between her husband Robert Wagner and actor Christopher Walken, which caused her to leave their boat after she drank several glasses of wine.

SAG expressed concern that Noguchi seemed to enjoy taking advantage of the misfortune of their members in a

most "unseemingly and inappropriate manner."

Antonovich commented, "I have gotten many letters and telephone calls (from the public)...indicating to me that there is an outrage over the limited sensitivity the coroner has exhibited."

But Antonovich stressed that he was not trying to "gag" Noguchi or his staff from speaking with the press about the facts in their cases but was simply instructing the coroner to stick to the facts.

"The key at a press conference is to respond with the facts of the cause of death, not to conjecture as to what he thinks was on someone's mind," Antonovich said.

He added that his suggestion "applies to any and all individuals (where the) description of death warrants a press conference and the public, in turn, is going to learn what occurred...many times it has turned into a circus."

Antonovich also accused Noguchi of treating some deaths as if they were the means to "grab after a headline."

The board has launched an investigation into the coroner's office as a result of a series of articles appearing in the Los Angeles Times last November which uncovered such problems as mismanagement and faulty collections of evidence within the department.

### EDC elects Maebori governor

NEW YORK—Teresa Maebori, a Philadelphia schoolteacher, succeeds Cherry Tsutsumida of Washington, D.C. JACL as governor of the Eastern District Council. The election was held Oct. 31 at the close of the session hosted by the New York JACL.

Also elected were Mike Suzuki (Washington, D.C.), Ellen Nakamura (Seabrook) and B.J. Watanabe (New York), vice-governors. EDC officers are usually elected during the biennial joint EDC-MDC convention, the last one being held in August at St. Louis.

Maebori is currently Philadelphia JACL president.

Lily Okura, JACL national v.p. for general operations, summarized the National Board meeting held Oct. 9 in San Francisco. Highlight of this meeting was the report on finances which, for the first time since 1977 and under leadership of national executive director Ron Wakabayashi, came out on the plus side of the budget. Goal is to build up a reserve fund.

Another major item was the review of the Washington Office since it impacts on the chapters within this district. Two alternatives were recommended by the Washington Office advisory committee: (1) The National Board upgrade the position to a level of compensation comparable with Washington representatives in the public sector, or (2) the National Board direct and authorize the National Director and Washington Representative, with advice and counsel of National Legal Counsel, such agreements and documents which describe the terms and conditions of retaining Ron Ikejiri as the Washington JACL representative on a personal service contractual basis. The matter is to be considered at the next National Board meeting scheduled in late February.

The EDC delegates also brainstormed long-range planning with Lillian Kimura, national chairperson, and Dr. Warren Watanabe, district representative. External factors, strengths and weaknesses and concerns of JACL were among various categories discussed. —Grayce Uyehara, Philadelphia JACL



**ATTRACTIVE ADDITION** — Woods Davy's log-metal sculpture, in memory of Issei pioneer Takekuma Takei of Los Angeles, is placed in Little Tokyo Towers garden. In the background are JACCC's Center Bldg. (left) and theater being completed for a scheduled opening in fall.

### Log-metal sculpture in memory of Issei pioneer Takei installed

LOS ANGELES—A major contemporary sculptural work by Woods Davy, a much praised Los Angeles artist, was installed just before New Year's Day in the garden of the Little Tokyo Towers Senior Citizens Residence. Formal dedication is to be held Jan. 29, 10 a.m.

Davy has been recognized by William Wilson, art critic of the Los Angeles Times, as one of the six most important young sculptors in southern California.

Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, chairman of the Board of Little Tokyo Towers, stated, "The sculpture will be dedicated in the memory of Mr. Takekuma Takei, a past member of the Tower Board and a man devoted to enriching the quality of community life. Mr. Takei had also served as president of the Japanese Community Pioneer Center and the Japanese Apartment Association."

The towering nine-foot sculpture is a gift of the Takei family made as a part of the Friends of Little Tokyo Arts' campaign to place works of fine art in the public spaces of the redeveloping Little Tokyo.



# Redress Reports

## '81 Financial Report

The following is the 1981 financial report of the JACL National Committee for Redress, with a current contribution report of funds received at JACL Headquarters from chapters and districts. The contribution report covers the period of October 1980 to January 1982 to reflect the current fund drive which was initiated by the National Redress Committee on Oct. 1, 1980. These reports have been distributed to all chapter presidents and redress representatives.

### JACL NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR REDRESS

#### Expenditures for 1981

1. Salaries .....	\$ 51,683.00
2. Postage .....	2,818.00
3. Printing/Xerox .....	9,561.00
4. Supplies .....	283.00
5. Telephone/MCI/WU .....	7,963.00
6. Federal Express .....	438.00
7. Travel/Lodging .....	20,496.00
8. Meetings/Conferences .....	9,748.00
9. Research/Books .....	443.00
10. Miscellaneous .....	387.00
11. National Committee Travel/Lodging .....	2,954.00
12. CWRIC Expenses	
a. P.R. ....	1,591.00
b. Testimony Preparation .....	502.00
c. PSW-Telephone .....	122.00
d. District Allocation/Expenditures (Budgeted)	
CCDC .....	1,992.00 (\$2,000.00)
MDC .....	6,669.00 (\$6,700.00)
PNW .....	2,500.00 (\$2,500.00)
PSW (Slide Show) .....	5,000.00 (\$2,800.00)
13. Audio Visual .....	810.00
TOTAL .....	\$125,960.00

### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM JACL DISTRICTS TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR REDRESS October 1, 1980 - January 1, 1982

Central California .....	14,197.00
Pacific Northwest .....	5,839.00
Midwest .....	28,067.84
Eastern .....	7,463.00
No. Cal. W. Nev.-Pacific .....	58,630.81
Pacific Southwest .....	13,913.00
Mountain Plains .....	2,662.10
Intermountain .....	2,370.00
TOTAL .....	\$133,512.75

Submitted by John Tateishi

## Japan eases ban of untreated U.S. farm products

TOKYO—U.S. and Japanese agricultural officials last week (Jan. 21) worked out a temporary agreement that would allow California growers to ship untreated lemons to Japan from any county unaffected by quarantines against the Mediterranean fruit fly.

The program began immediately and will be in effect until April 10, according to Satoshi Ishida, deputy director of plant quarantine for the Japanese Agricultural Ministry. It was the main element of an overall agreement worked out Jan. 20 by U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and Japanese ministry officials.

Under the agreement, Japan has agreed to restore its normal import-inspection procedures which prevailed until last Aug. 18 when Japan acted against California imports. Under these procedures, no treatment of lemons, fruits or fresh vegetables will be required, when the U.S. government declares the medfly eradicated from Stanislaus and Los Angeles counties, and if no new medflies are found outside the five Santa Clara Valley counties that were quarantined by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

However, California growers were to meet with Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Bill McMillan to hear details of the agreement and to determine whether to call off a proposed Feb. 1 boycott of all Japan-made goods.

Japanese growers contend that the decisions to lift the medfly quarantine stemmed from political reasons, not scientific ones. Hirosaburo Matsumoto, of the Ehime Prefectural Fruit Growers Assn., said Jan. 20 the Japanese government decision was based on political pressures from the U.S.

Japanese growers added that a live medfly could ride inside a lemon in Japan even during the cold winter months. Matsumoto said the Japanese side accepted the U.S. request to lift the ban without sufficient data indicating that lemons are free from the medfly during the winter months.

Japan agreed Jan. 19 to a U.S. request that California citrus fruit could be protected from medfly contamination by cold treatment on board ships rather than by the more costly and dangerous fumigation. Refrigeration also reduces by 10-14 days

the period required for export to Japan.

### Farm Area Legislators in Sacramento Speak Out

Despite this accord, California growers were still considering the organization of a boycott of Japanese goods. During a press conference in Sacramento held Jan. 19 by farm leaders in the state legislature, Sen. Rose Ann Vuich (D-Dinuba) said, "Cold storage is only a small step forward." She added that the only acceptable solution is for Japan to limit its fumigation restrictions to quarantined areas, which comprise only 2.5% of the state's agricultural land.

"A boycott is possible if you push our growers up against the wall," Vuich told an audience which included correspondents from major Japanese newspapers.

The Japanese government had been steadfast since last summer in restricting imports of California produce because of the medfly problem. In response, the 2,000-member Western Growers Assn. in Sacramento announced earlier this month (Jan. 13) that it would start a boycott of Japanese goods in February if Japan did not lift its restrictions.

An organization calling itself the "Free Market Council" ran full page ads in the Sacramento Union Jan. 14 stating, "Japan Declares Economic War" and "California Agriculture Fights Back."

The Calif. State Dept. of Agriculture had estimated California growers lost \$16 million in November due to the Japanese ban. Losses ranged from \$1.25 million in honeydew melons and \$1.2 million in lemons to \$6 million in oranges. #

## Fred Ochi's Constant Quest...

### Windmills of America

By CARL HAYDEN

Jackpot, Nev. The Windmill Artist of America, Fred Ochi, Idaho Falls, Ida., will be taking off, no matter the blizzards, for Boone, N.C. He has just learned that there towers the biggest windmill in the United States.

Watercolorist with a name, Ochi, the Idaho Falls JACler popularly known as "The Smiling Irishman", has painted pictures of windmills, dilapidated ones to those with "culture", the wheel of vanes having been replaced with light, slender, long, graceful, airplane-like propellers, in all the Intermountain states, plus a few elsewhere.

His latest, with a grain drill in the foreground and a barn in the background, depicts a windmill near Montpelier, Ida., in a snowstorm. A man with a bucket at base of the "wind spinner," emphasizes it as a force the homesteader could not have done without.

"They say barbed wire won the West," opines Ochi who, if he has a listener, chatters as he swiftly swishes brushes, some the size and shape of a house painter's.

"Rightfully the acclaim should go to the windmill. Without house and trough water the plains, dry valleys and foothills could never have been settled."

Anyway, it can be added, barbed wire is dead, so out of mind as to be familiar only to antique collectors, whereas windmills are returning with a surge... for the generation of power.

It's their third comeback. The second was when it was discovered they could keep killing frosts from settling onto fruit orchards.

Ochi, who has done works which, ornately framed, weigh nearly as much as himself, 98 pounds, has a brush style that bristles like his roached hair... American with an Oriental twang.

Mother Nature has seen Ochi struggling, and, sympathetically, reached forward to help.

After an early morning, late fall foray into Idaho's Malad Gorge, Ochi displayed a scene underlaid with a uniformity of dappled dots.

"How under the amazing sun did you achieve that?," I asked.

"I didn't," Ochi, who has had two art exhibits at Cactus Pete's Casino here and is planning another, condescended. "The cold did."

While still wet, the watercolors had shriveled into droplets.



**NINE EAGLE SCOUTS** — Nine newly pinned Eagle Scouts of Troop 719 in Gardena stand with former Adventure District chairman Bruce Kaji, who is being honored Feb. 4 at the Bonaventure Hotel by the Los Angeles Area Council, BSA. Scouts are Brian Fujino, Glen Nagamoto, Mark Okura, Kerek Okazaki, Gary Sakamoto, Ned Sasaki, Burt Tanaka, Glen Yamane, Jon Yamasaki.

### L.A. Nikkei phone book published

LOS ANGELES—A new 500-page So. Calif. Japanese Telephone Directory & Guide (Japan Publicity, PO Box 60154, Los Angeles 90060, tel: 617-1837, free; or \$4.85 if mailed) in both Japanese and English will be available free starting Jan. 29, noon-4 p.m., at Pacific Square, Gardena, and Jan. 31, same time, at Weller Court and at other distribution points including:

Little Tokyo—Kinokuniya (J), Pioneer Center; West L.A.—East West Books; Van Nuys—SK Travel; Gardena—East West Books; Monterey Park—Senri Market; Anaheim—Tsutsumi-do, Nippon Food; San Diego—Eiko Gifts. (Call J-P for other locales)

### Nisei jeweler fined for tax evasion

SANTA ANA, Ca.—A local jeweler was ordered last week to pay fines totaling \$15,000 after being convicted of income tax evasion.

In addition, U.S. District Court Judge A. Wallace Tashima sentenced Masao Uyesugi, 57, to do 1,000 hours of community service as a condition of his three-year probation, U.S. Attorney Eric Dobberten said.

Uyesugi, who owns A Jewel Box shop here, was convicted last month of two counts of evasion after failing to report \$179,000 in taxable income in the mid-1970s. #

### HEROIC STRUGGLES

of Japanese Americans



### Says Another Reviewer

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Note: Taking this opportunity, I thank Toyomi, Dorothy, and his comrades in VFW Post 9938 for selling 70 copies of my book.—JO

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## Wounded tourist is flown back to Japan in unconscious state

LOS ANGELES—Kazumi Miura, the 28-year-old Japanese tourist who suffered a critical bullet wound in the head during a robbery here Nov. 18 (PC Nov. 27), left for Japan Jan. 18 to join her husband Kazuyoshi, who had been wounded in the leg during the same incident.

The young mother boarded the U.S. Air Force transport plane in an unconscious, blind and paralyzed state, listed by doctors as a "serious but stable" condition. According to a spokesperson for the County-USC Medical Center, where the Miuras were treated, several bullet fragments had been removed from Mrs. Miura's head. However, at least one fragment could not be removed safely and remains in her brain.

Mrs. Miura was attended on the plane by a special "medevac" team throughout her flight back to Tokyo. Her husband, who returned to Japan Dec. 17, had come to Los Angeles to arrange his wife's trip, then went immediately back to Japan. Mrs. Miura was scheduled to arrive in To-

kyo Jan. 20 to receive additional care at Tokai University Hospital.

The couple had accumulated a total of \$71,590 in medical bills, which would be only partially covered by their insurance. Because of the tragedy, the City Board of Supervisors urged an expansion of the state's Aid to Victims of Violent Crime Program that would include visitors to California.

The Japanese government will reimburse the U.S. Air Force \$602 for flying Mrs. Miura back to Japan.

In Tokyo, Kazuyoshi Miura said he planned to sue the U.S. government for \$122,000 in damages and hire private detectives to track down his wife's assailants, it was reported in the Rafu Shimpō Jan. 21.

He stated at a press conference that he intended to seek damages for negligence in guaranteeing the safety of foreign tourists.

He also planned to offer a \$20,000 reward for information on the two gunmen who attacked him and his wife. #



**\$11 MILLION BUILDING** — Ground is broken Jan. 19 in Little Tokyo's Second and San Pedro St. northeast corner for the \$11 million California First Bank building (artist's rendering above), scheduled for completion in 1984. Al Hatate, CFB vice president and a former Pacific Citizen Board chairman, emceed gala groundbreaking rites.

## Groundbreaking held for new Cal First Bank in Li'l Tokyo

LOS ANGELES — Ceremonies were held Jan. 19 to formally begin construction of the \$11 million California First Bank building in Little Tokyo. Mayor Tom Bradley, Community Redevelopment Agency member Howard Nishimura, Steve Okayama of the Little Tokyo Development Committee and California First President Yasushi Sumiya were among the dignitaries participating in the groundbreaking.

The new building, to be located on the northeast corner of 2nd and San Pedro Streets, will require a three-phase construction. Phase one consisted of partial demolition and remodeling of the existing banking facility, located adjacent to the new site. The prewar Los Angeles JACL office occupied a room upstairs within the demolished portion.

Phase two calls for the construction of a five-story office structure of pre-cast concrete, with two additional levels underground. Phase three, to begin in 1984, will include demolition of the old bank building, and construction of an entry plaza to the new structure.

When completed, the devel-

opment will encompass a total gross area of over 113,000 sq. ft. A three-story parking structure next to the building is also planned.

During the ceremonies Bradley expressed his congratulations to California First Bank and a hope for more expansion in Little Tokyo. Rev. Taiichi Tsuyuki of Konkō Church performed the Shinto purification rites. Former PC Board chair Al Hatate of Calif. First Bank emceed the program.

## Koi show slated in Gardena Feb. 6, 7

GARDENA, Ca.—The Ninth Annual U.S. District Zen Nippon Airinkai Koi Show will be held the weekend of Feb. 6-7 at the Gardena Civic Center, 1700 W. 162nd St. Koi in all its varieties will be featured at the juried exhibit.

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## Police wound JA man in car chase

RIVERSIDE, Ca.—A 42-year-old Japanese American was shot by police Jan. 18 after he led them on a 45-minute high speed chase through four cities winding up on the wrong side of a freeway.

George Masaru Teraoka fled when police attempted to question him on allegations that he tried to run his neighbor down, said Sgt. Tom Buckingham.

Police pursued Teraoka in a 50-mile chase which began in Riverside and continued through the cities of Norco, Mira Loma, Ontario and then back to Riverside. Teraoka's car and police vehicles narrowly missed colliding with

other cars and pedestrians, noted Buckingham.

Teraoka tried to run down some of the officers, who responded by firing at his car, hitting the tires. The suspect then got onto Highway 91, against the flow of traffic, and caused one pursuing police car to collide with a citizen's vehicle.

Teraoka got off the freeway, pulled over to the side of the road, and surrendered to police.

He was taken to Riverside General Hospital for his gunshot wound. Police booked him on four counts of assault with a deadly weapon and one count of attempted murder.

## Fukai may vie for mayor of Gardena

GARDENA—Mayor Ed Russ recently announced he will not seek reelection here, and two city councilmen indicated they may seek the vacant seat in the upcoming April elections.

Councilman Mas Fukai,

chief deputy for Los Angeles Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, said he may seek the vacated post. Councilman Chuck Nader also said he will definitely seek the top spot in the city. They have until Feb. 4 to file for nomination.

## Las Vegas JACler wins B&PW honor

MONTEBELLO, Ca.—Mrs. Masae Nomura, a member of the Las Vegas JACL, and sister of George Goto, past president of the Las Vegas chapter, was named "Woman of Achievement—1981", by the Montebello, California Business and Professional Women's Club. Mrs. Nomura is the owner of M's Florist in Montebello.

Born in Orange County, Masae was one of eight children. Her family moved to Montebello in 1925. During the Depression, the young woman sold flowers to passing customers on Beverly Boulevard. In 1931, the building that is now Unique Florist was built for her by Milo Chapin.

Nomura is active in M's Florist, built on Washington Blvd. in 1958, and also in Commerce Florist, built in 1978, with a total of 50 years in the floral business. Beside B&PW, she is active with the Ashiya Sister City group, and also solicits contributors for cancer research. A grandmother of 7, she was a music composition major, and now plays the organ in her spare time. #

## Position Openings at JACCC

The purpose of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles is to preserve and promote the Japanese American cultural heritage and to promote relations between Japan and the United States. The Japanese American Cultural and Community Center announces position openings with the following deadline dates:

BOOKKEEPER: Feb. 5, 1982

SECRETARY: Feb. 5, 1982

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION: Feb. 16, 1982

PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Feb. 16, 1982

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**GOING HOME**—Ambulance attendants under the watchful eyes of Air Force attendants place Kazumi Miura, 28, into an ambulance for transport to Japan. She remains unconscious from bullet wounds sustained to her head in a robbery on Nov. 18 while taking pictures near Los Angeles Civic Center.

## Women writers to speak on internment

GARDENA, Ca.—A group of noted Asian American women writers will present an evening of poetry, prose and music dealing with the Japanese American internment experience on Friday, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m. at the Ken Nakaoka Memorial Center, 1700 W. 162nd St.

Entitled, "Omoide" (memories), the program features Wakako Yamauchi, Momoko Iko, Miya Iwataki, Sue Embry, Diane Takei and Joyce Nako and will commemorate the Feb. 19, 1942 signing of EO 9066.

The program is sponsored by the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations and the

Pacific Asian American Women Writers West. Admission: \$5, Seniors \$3. For info: Roy Nakano (213) 865-1006, Sue Oda 498-5637 or Alma Takahashi 323-3762.

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- \$14,000 3-yr balloon, 25% yield, \$291.67 monthly, 43% exposure
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## '...Tis not too late to seek a newer world'

—Lord Tennyson: "Ulysses"

Buena Park, Ca.

The wartime case of Min Yasui has been recorded in the lawbooks (and in the PC off and on) where he challenged the 1942 curfew order ("...all persons of Japanese ancestry, residing or being within the geographical limits of Military Area No. 1 shall be within their place of residence between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 p.m.") and which with the companion Hirabayashi case was upheld ultimately by the U.S. Supreme Court as a valid exercise of the national government to wage war successfully.

Yasui, then a 26-year-old lawyer practicing in Portland, always believed and even more demonstrably so today that fundamental guarantees of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights protecting the civil liberties (such as due process of law, trial by jury, etc.) of all individuals cannot be suspended. "A military commander can't order civilians around except when there's martial law," he stressed during a 40-minute chautauquating speech ... except, as he was to learn weeks later, when you are an American of Japanese ancestry during WW2.

He was an enraged man. Because of his Army reserve status (Min completed ROTC and was commissioned upon graduation from the Univ. of Oregon), he was ordered to report for active duty with the 381st Infantry Jan. 19. But the railroad at first wouldn't sell him a ticket ("I don't sell to Japs—") to report at Fort Vancouver, Wa. Then after he reported; he was discharged the next day because he was of Japanese ancestry. Meantime, his father had been picked up by the FBI after Pearl Harbor. During an internment hearing at Ft. Missoula, Mont., in late January, he had to prove he wasn't planning to blow up the Panama Canal when agents found at home a map of the canal drawn by one of his children. That was the kind of evidence used to lock up Issei aliens—the burden of proof borne by the defendant, Min decried.

On Mar. 28 (never test a case by being jailed on a Saturday—"you can't get out till Monday when the courts are open to secure a writ of habeas corpus for release," Min added), and unable to coax his buddy Ron Shiozaki to test the curfew order ("I'll represent you for free," he promised), Min left his office around 11 p.m. to voluntarily break Gen. DeWitt's curfew order after telling an agent at the FBI office of his intention. He had to beg police to lock him up at the station. His wish was begrudgingly granted.

Subsequently Min was found guilty of violating PL 503 (it said violation of any order of a military commander to be a criminal offense, punishable by a year's imprisonment or fine or both) because, as the jurist carefully noted, PL 503 was

applicable to aliens but not citizens. Yet Yasui was found to have "forfeited his citizenship" because he had worked for the Japanese consulate in Chicago though Yasui had never declared renunciation. The Supreme Court later ordered the court to drop its decision that Yasui had lost his citizenship but the sentence stood. In solitary confinement for 270 days, Min said at the Selanoco JACL installation that his belief and fight for justice kept him from going crazy.

The Yasui case, recounted by him with the younger generation in the audience, assumes a livelier glow and sheds greater impact. Susan Kamei, dinner emcee, could tell from her vantage point. "Nobody looked bored or was dozing off," she observed afterwards while guiding us to her folks' (Tami and Hiroshi) home for a midnight omelet. The omelet session was enriched by Tak Kawagoe's unquenchable humor and Helen Kawagoe's political savvy. (In case people are wondering, Helen is running for another four-year stint as city clerk at Carson, may have some opposition though she had none the last time, and the primaries come April 6.)

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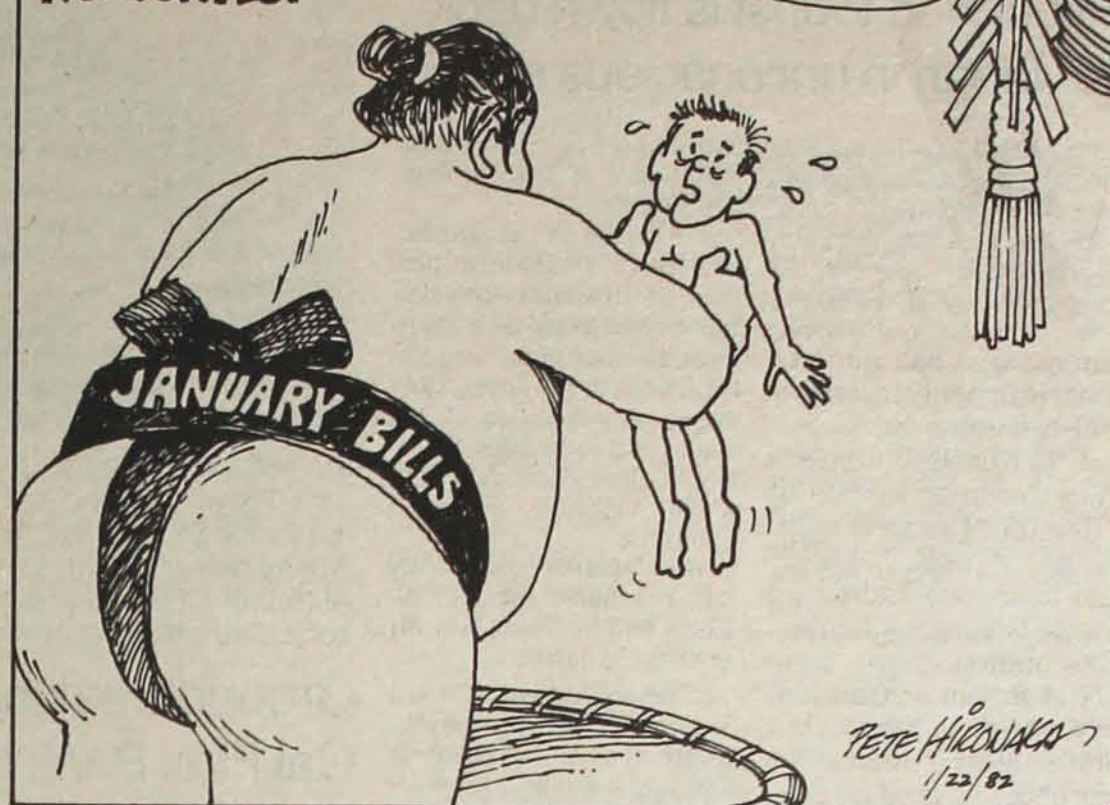
Tennyson's lines, aptly repeated for our column from Min's ringing plea in conclusion (and how many Nisei have you heard lately quoting any kind of poetry?), "Come, my friends, 'tis not too late to seek a newer world. Push off, and sitting well in order smite the sounding furrows; for my purpose holds to sail beyond the sunset, and the baths of all the western stars, until I die..." were wedded to his final affirmation: "We shall not fail!"

JACL's redress program henceforth will not be easy because of the need for continuing money to keep the committee going but it can be most telling and perhaps more satisfying as the question is carried to the politicians. Year 1982 being an election year, the redress question must be posed on all of them—since any redress bill to pass Congress needs approval of 51 senators plus 218 representatives. Specific remedies commensurate with the damages (suspension of civil rights) need to be explored—"even if some Nisei think no amount of money can make up the difference" but they should compare any redress dollars to receiving an insurance payment upon death of a loved one, Yasui underscored.

Of any class action approach to redress even after adjudication by court, Congress must still authorize the funds, Yasui cited. He also noted a simple lesson in congressional civics: the CWRIC was "authorized" \$1.5 million but only \$1 million was actually "appropriated"—and attempts are underway to secure the other half-million to assure the CWRIC

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## NO CONTEST



## COMMENTS & LETTERS

### More: New York CJA Editor:

Thank you for your extensive coverage of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians hearing held in New York on Nov. 23, 1981.

A statement was attributed to me in the article written by Frederick Katayama in your Dec. 11 issue and I would like to clarify and enlarge upon it.

I was quoted as crediting the Concerned Japanese Americans (CJA) as the "main thrust" responsible for bringing the CWRIC hearing to New York. New York, as you know, was not among the cities originally designated for a hearing.

The CJA certainly did play a vital role. A small group comprised primarily of Sansei, they lobbied actively for a New York hearing since early spring. Concurrently, the local JACL under the leadership of its president, Ruby Yoshino Schaar, held a mock hearing at Columbia University in late April and urged their members to send in written testimonies to Washington. The CJA persisted beyond this. In September they announced to our widely scattered Japanese American community that a hearing was at last a distinct possibility. The JACL, Japanese American Association, Japanese American United Church, New York Buddhist Church, Japanese American Help for the Aging, the 442nd Veterans and other independent Nikkei joined and became a coalition which we named the East Coast Japanese Americans for Redress (ECJAR) to include all eastern seaboard Nikkei from Boston to Philadelphia.

A coordinating committee was then formed. CJA president, Sasha Hohri and I, an independent, were elected co-chairs. Tom Kometani, now New York JACL president, became our key liaison with the Commission in Washington; Leslee Inaba Wong of CJA became head of outreach; Bill Kochiyama, 442nd, media; Miki Kuwahara Elrod, finance. Later Natsu Ifill, publicist and fund raiser,

was to organize a sell-out theatre party with Phil Gotanda's "Bullet Headed Birds".

Thus a strong campaign to persuade the Commission to hold a hearing in New York began. This included constant, nearly daily contact with Washington; meeting CWRIC Chair Joan Bernstein and JACL Redress's John Tateishi enlisting endorsement from the National Council of Churches; support from Mike Masaoka; and even a call to Judge Marutani in the Aleutians.

Perhaps this effort at last convinced the Commission that the eastern Nikkei were unique and merited a hearing, for on Oct. 14 we were granted the firm date of Nov. 23. With but five weeks to prepare, a marathon drive was launched to draw and recommend testifiers. Invaluable with their stolid support were George Shimamoto, President of JAA; George Yuzawa, United Church Board member and Chairman of JAHFA; Mitsu Kamada and Gertrude Kihara for the Buddhist Church; Charles Nagao for Seabrook, New Jersey; Nobu Miyoshi for the Philadelphia region; Stanley Kanzaki for New York at large; and scores of others who encouraged Issei, Nisei, Kibei and Sansei to present their statements at this hearing. Still others, such as Shig Kaneshiro of the Luce Foundation and Rev. Art Kamitsuka, contacted eminent and influential persons willing to testify in our behalf.

The number of people willing to appear before the Commission grew rapidly. ECJAR members showed video tapes of the West Coast hearings and guided testifiers in their preparation. The willing far exceeded the limit of 25 testifiers which the Commission set. Not only was a limit imposed, but the Commission selected those to be heard. About two-thirds of the people ECJAR recommended were accepted by the Commission; however, a black who did not represent any recognized group was brought in from Chicago to speak out against redress for the Nikkei.

Day to day, hour to hour, shifting events leading up to the New York hearing resembled the old "Perils of Pauline" movies. In fact, at the eleventh hour, the possibility of cancellation loomed ominously.

It is remarkable that the hearing went off as scheduled with few apparent complications. The public, meaning the 500 who attended, were for the most part unaware of the tribulations which ECJAR faced. Some day the full story should be told.

In any event, we are gratified that the diverse and scattered eastern Nikkei were united in a just cause. The coalition, representing a broad range of ages, politics, lifestyles, religions and social values, suspended their differences and worked mightily together. This was a fine reward in itself.

MICHI KOBI

Retired Co-chair for ECJAR

### 1000 Club

Editor:

Since the passing of George Inagaki, also known as Callahan, and the removal of the 1000 Club chairman from the National Board, the membership of the 1000 Club has dropped over 30%.

We, who have been active in the welfare of the 1000 Club do not intend to let this matter pass without making some move to change this deplorable situation. At the last National Convention an attempt was made to bring this matter to a vote, but lack of interest by members resulted in the matter being shelved.

There are some members in the JACL who feel that money should not buy a seat on the National Board. I disagree. I feel that we who contribute the most to the JACL National Treasury, believe in the JACL and all that it stands for and that we should be recognized.

I recall the time when we came back to the West Coast, I was in a party that reactivated the WLA JACL. I remember we had our first

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

## Yvonne: a Lass from Southern France

Denver, Colo.

The year was 1946, the place was Nice on the beautiful Mediterranean coast of southern France. The war that had devastated Europe for so long had been over for a year. Yvonne Patumi, a pretty young girl of Italian

parents who had moved to France, found a job with American Army units stationed in the area. One day she met a dashing Nisei officer from Sacramento named Ben T. Kumagai. Something about her attracted him. They were married that fall.

The life of a career military officer sent Kumagai to a variety of posts. But in 1960 Ben and Yvonne Kumagai and their sons Andrew and Vincent moved to Denver where Kumagai's family had set down roots after the Evacuation.

The Italian war bride from France made a smooth adjustment to life in a Nisei community in the United States. Most of what she encountered was strange. But her unfailing good humor, her willingness to give of her time and efforts to others, quickly won her friends. Be-

fore long she learned the skills of a dental assistant and went to work for Dr. Takashi Mayeda.

She moved effortlessly into community activities. She and her husband became members of the Tanomoshi Club which combined savings, investments and socializing. While maintaining her Catholicism, she embraced Seicho-no-Iye which emphasizes a kindly, tolerant philosophy of life and faith. And at the Japanese Association's New Year banquets, when Issei looked forward to being called on to perform, Yvonne needed no encouragement to go up to the microphone and sing.

Last month, three days before Christmas, she worked late at a dental clinic. It was snowing, a miserable night when she started for home. On the way her car's motor stalled. For her it was a not unfamiliar problem. Yvonne knew how to tinker with the car's innards until it started again. She pulled over to the side of the road, got out and lifted the hood. There was no sidewalk on the right side and the snow was deep. She moved over to the left, on the street side, and was peering under the hood when a speeding pickup truck hit her. Witnesses said the driver stopped only long enough to throw snow on his truck as

though to camouflage the damage before racing off into the night. She died before morning following emergency surgery.

In the busy days before Christmas Yvonne Kumagai's death was just another unfortunate traffic fatality and did not get a great deal of news media attention. But the word spread. A host of friends turned out on a frigid night for the Mass of the Christian Burial. Many were family friends. Others were admirers. Young people she had befriended. Issei, Nisei, Sansei, Caucasians, a sprinkling of blacks, all linked to her by her friendliness and sunny disposition.

The fortunes of war and its aftermath had brought Yvonne Kumagai to our community and she quickly made it her home and became a special part of it. She died here on a stormy night far from the sunny land where she had been born.

Death is sad and the sorrow is compounded when it is violent, unexpected and untimely. But there is consolation of sorts in the knowledge that she helped make her adopted home a better place by her presence.

# International Relations Committee Report:

## Time to Consider JACL's Next Priority

By CHUCK KUBOKAWA  
Chair, JACL International  
Relations Committee

Palo Alto, Ca.

Issei, Nisei and Sansei gathered under "one banner" at the Pan American Nisei Conference last summer in Mexico City. (We brought one of

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the colorful Mexico City convention banners back to JACL Headquarters, too.)

Issei from New York (and Japanese-speaking East Los Angeles JACL board member Henry Onodera who represented the Los Angeles group) met with Issei from Mexico and other countries with Japan's Senator Isurugi while the Nisei and Sansei convened at the main conference.

During the planning stage, the conference had hit a snag because the Japanese Em-

bassy there sought time to provide input from Japan. Since the conference was planned to deal solely with Nikkei problems, views, history, commerce and industry, the committee as a matter of courtesy invited Ambassador Matsunaga to say a few words at the conference (which he rendered in Japanese and Spanish).

But the invitation also set the stage to bring on Isurugi and Kazuo Ito, director of the Japan Overseas Press Assn. (who also compiled the Pacific Northwest Issei history, "Hyakunenzakura"). The manner in which their prepared statements were made, saying the Nikkei should be subservient to the land of their grandparents, drew jeers from the audience.

### Change of Attitude

Being permitted a second time to speak, Isurugi spoke extemporaneously from the

heart and was given a standing ovation. In short, he said he did not know that international relations and Japanese industry coming into foreign countries had that much effect upon the Nikkei of each country. He promised to personally look into improving Japan-Nikkei relations and sensitizing the Japanese people who live abroad to respect the customs and way of life of those countries.

The Latin American Nikkei were highly receptive, responding immediately and outwardly. Isurugi has realized the Nikkei in North and South America are very proud of their own nation and have their own will to direct energies toward what is best for the Nikkei community and country. They will not be coerced or directed by others.

"Strength in Unity" which JACL has used in its symbol, overtly took hold and gave

meaning to the Pan American Nikkei Conference. While in nations where the Nikkei population is small, Japanese funds and assistance can be persuasive, but the unification of the Nikkei through the Pan American Nikkei Conference and the new organization may provide new avenues and incentives for all Nikkei in the Americas.

Isurugi also found the hard way that "shosha" people have created problems for the Nikkei. Conventioneers were reminded of the phrase, "Ugly Americans"; now it's "ugly Japanese".

### Learning Nihongo

After my presentation of the "FINE" (Federation of International Nikkei Enthusiasts) proposal to the conference, the question regarding the need to have Nikkei children learn Japanese was answered by showing what is being done in the U.S.

Many foreign languages — Spanish, German, French, Italian, Russian and Japanese — are being taught in the junior and senior high schools. And if there is a large Nikkei population in a school area, a group (such as was done by the Sequoia JACL several years ago) can approach the school board to have Japanese being taught at the Nihongo Gakuen accredited.

Another asked what real use does the Sansei have by learning Japanese? Two things, I said. If a person is to major in Asian Studies or Japanese as a profession, that is one thing; or to please the Nisei parents who do not generally speak Japanese and the Issei grandparents, who do.

One may think learning Japanese would help facilitate working for a Japanese firm in one's own country, but what real opportunity is there to reach the top of the firm? I told audience essentially none because the parent company always sends the top executive from Japan. But if one is assured of a chance to reach the top by learning Japanese, that's another story.

Another problem associated with running business in the Japanese manner is that it may not be proper or efficient in the Pan American countries. Problems created by foreign nationals starting business in the Pan American countries are not unique to Japanese only. Americans starting business in foreign countries have also created problems.

Going back to the original question, I added that if I had the chance to do everything over again, I would tell my children to learn Spanish because there is greater use of that language in the future with our newly established Pan American Nikkei friends than there is with Japanese. I also encouraged our Latin Americans to learn English. With such a statement, the audience resounded with "Viva, U.S. Nikkei".

Unless such topical matters as language and other related issues are brought up candidly in a setting, such as we had at COPANIME '81, there is no way of improving our newly established friendships.

(To Be Continued)

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

## Females, Four's and Salt

Philadelphia

IN OUR CULTURE we have certain superstitions that are not uncommon. "Thirteen" is supposed to be bad luck, particularly "Friday the Thirteenth". Many buildings skip the 13th floor in numbering, and 13 becomes the 14th floor. (In Japan, was it the 4th floor that is missing?) Black cats, walking under a ladder, four-leaf clovers, rabbit's foot, breaking a mirror, and the list could go on. Even those of us who claim we're not superstitious nonetheless may not walk under a ladder, simply rationalizing "Why take chances?"

IN THE CASE of this writer, I claim that I'm not superstitious. Well, at least not much. (When I get a bad streak of poor poker hands, I figure it all can't be due to inept poker playing, although my poker-playing cronies would give you an argument on that.) And so a black cat crossing my path fazes me not. (One of our three cats is jet black, and he's always crossing everybody's path.) And if it's easier to traverse 'neath a ladder, that's the route I take. I simply assume that by and large, I make my own luck, good and bad. (Someone once defined "luck" as "being prepared when opportunity knocks." I like that.)

IN OUR HOME I recall, as a youngster, my parents having a set of *fuku-no-kami*. A jolly group they were, especially that smiling cherubic one standing atop a well

-filled bag: he was the god of good fortune and wealth. I must say that he wasn't doing a very good job, in our home at least: I don't recall that we were being flooded by material wealth. But, then, as some say, "why take chances?" Things could have been worse, and I suppose they could have been. But not by much.

I ALSO RECALL a ritual at *judo-taikai* when, at the opening, salt would be sprinkled around the mat. Something about purity and luck, something that I've never understood. And females, young or old, were absolutely prohibited from treading on the *judo* mats, for that most assuredly would invite bad luck and injuries. I must admit that that this young lad understood, at least better than the bit about the salt.

MENTION WAS MADE of the 4th floor in Japanese buildings because, of course, *shi* (four) is Japanese for "die." And thus when the highly-decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team was designated as such, —namely "shi-shi-ni," (to die, to die), it is no wonder that among the more superstitious Issei there was much consternation. Even today, I rarely see *sake* sets with just four serving cups; invariably, the set numbers five cups. No use taking chances.

OF COURSE, SUPERSTITION is common to all societies. Some people make much of numerology, birth signs, reading cards, ouija boards, and so on. But I still like that definition of luck as being prepared when opportunity knocks.

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FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: John Saito

## More Than Coincidence

Los Angeles

The reported incidence of overt racist behavior appeared to be on the decline but recently, within the last three months, our office has been put on notice that racism is as strong as ever and beginning to flex its ugly muscles.

Without going into details, we are aware of a Nikkei couple who were physically manhandled by police of a nearby jurisdiction; we are aware of a particularly offensive bumper sticker which Gary Yano (PSWDC Ethnic Concerns Committee chair) has worked on but only to be rebuffed by the maker of that sticker; we are aware of a personalized Arizona license plate that bears the offensive racial epithet which we have been fighting against for years; we are aware that the charges against Michael Ishikawa, compliance officer for Los Angeles County, even if true did not warrant the action that the County took against him, in light of the more serious abuses and misconduct that county officials have closed their eyes to or punished with a slap on the wrist.

Is the County trying again to build a case against Dr. Thomas Noguchi, chief medical examiner for L.A.? It certainly appears to be toying with the idea, but the board found itself in an embarrassing situation in 1969, and I don't think they want a repeat performance.

Although Dr. Carole Fujita fought and won her case against the UCLA/Harbor General Hospital pharmacy section, she is still being treated inequitably.

There are just too many incidents that have arisen recently that we cannot dismiss as being mere coincidences.

### Kitano to keynote San Jose dinner

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Dr. Harry Kitano, Professor of sociology at UCLA, will discuss "The Changing Japanese American Family" at the San Jose JACL installation dinner-dance on Saturday, Feb. 13, 6 p.m. at the Le Baron Hotel, 1350 North First Street. For reservations call Kazuko Tokushima 298-2441; Nadine Yamamoto 295-4301 or Aiko Nakahara 258-7874.

### Deaths

George Akira Nagata, 78, one of the first native Japanese to enter the U.S. in 1953 under the Walter McCarran Act, died Dec. 29 in Stockton, Ca., after a long illness. He was the subject of a special bill introduced in Congress by Rep. Leroy Johnson of Stockton to permit him to return to the U.S. where he had come in 1928 on a student's visa. The Johnson bill was tabled with the passage of the Walter-McCarran Act. Nagata is survived by w Alta; s George Jr., Allan; and two brothers.

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### Kubokawa to speak at Marysville fete

MARYSVILLE, Ca. — Marysville JACL will hold its annual Installation Banquet at the Peach Tree Country Club on Saturday, Jan. 30. Chuck Kubokawa, NASA scientist and JACL International Relations Committee chair, will be the featured speaker.

### Contra Costa JACL to hear CARP speaker

EL CERRITO, Ca.—The Contra Costa JACL, as part of its Caring Aging Retirement Program (CARP), will feature Phyllis Ogata speaking on the "Channing Way House" on Jan. 29, 8 p.m. at the East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Ave.



INTERMOUNTAIN OFFICERS—Raising the right hand to be sworn in as 1982 officers of Intermountain District Council are (from left) Bob Endo, Pocatello, vice-governor; Saige Aramaki, Mt. Olympus, treasurer; and Hid Hasegawa, Idaho Falls, governor. In background are Ron Wakabayashi, National JACL executive director (seated) and National JACL President Dr. Jim Tsujimura, administering the oath of office. The other IDC vice governor Curtis Oda (Wasatch Front North) is absent from photo. Aramaki was presented the JACL Sapphire Pin in recognition of his 12-years on the District board, the past 10 as IDC treasurer.

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MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi

## FDR's 'Raw' Deal

Many fellow Americans will be celebrating the 100th birthday of Franklin Delano Roosevelt on January 30, 1982. While I recognize that FDR was an important historical figure, I will not celebrate the date.

Twenty days after FDR blew out 60 candles on his cake, he signed Executive Order 9066, which blew out the candles on a number of Nikkei birthday cakes for a considerable period. His autograph on that document authorized and symbolized the posture of the United States government on Japanese Americans.

The judgement to sign this executive order was not a small error. The very first sentence of E.O. 9066 begins, "Whereas, The successful prosecution of the war requires every possible protection against espionage and sabotage..." The paper is talking about treason. It is written to protect America against treason.

It follows that the basis for this action then, is the belief that an entire ethnic community, including citizens, were either guilty of treason or would shortly be guilty of treason. As I understand these things, individuals commit treason, not ethnic groups. While I can hardly imagine Nikkei as treasonous, I thought that in this country that you still couldn't circumvent our Constitution for any reason, much less for thinking that a group might be dangerous.

In my job as National Director of JACL, I encounter many Nikkei from all walks of life. I will confess that many monku too much; some are yokubari. Many are urusai. Treason among Nikkei is totally unbelievable to me.

If a great big gomenasai from the government isn't going to be acceptable remedy for what was imposed on the Japanese American community, it would be ludicrous to expect celebration on the 100th birthday of the guys who started the ball rolling. For us, it wasn't New Deal, it was a raw deal. FDR gets no omedeto from me.

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meeting at the late Sho Koma's house. It was there that we mapped out the drive for the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee. This committee also helped defeat the California Alien Land Law. When this law was repealed it benefited not only the Japanese, but all Asians. Later came the Naturalization Law, passed with leadership of Mike Masaoka and his Washington office. These are accomplished when true believers are willing to contribute both time and money.

Some Chapters seek numerical superiority in membership, but fail in recruiting membership in the 1000 Club. Perhaps this is due to the failure of the National to see the importance of 1000 Club Chairman to be on the National Board. By being on the Board the Chairman can give impetus to the District and to the Chapter.

I have contacted Mas Hironaka, past National Board member, past District Governor, and Chapter president many times over that his San Diego Chapter will be ready with a resolution to place 1000 Club back on the National Board.

We urge all JACL members to contact your local Chapter and have this resolution brought up at the next District meeting. There will be about two District meetings before the National Convention in Gardena. Time is the essence and the ground work has to start now.

AKIRA OHNO  
West Los Angeles

## ● Immigration issue

Editor:

Sheridan Tatsuno condemns the Reagan Administration in his attempt to bar illegal immigration in the Nov. 27 PC article entitled "Detention Camps—1982". Tatsuno challenges the Sansei to lobby against them in Congress, and—if necessary—to fight them in the courts of law.

Tatsuno needs to take a good look around in his own backyard to find out the great American melting pot is about to flow over. If America was a boat it would probably be sinking. With growing families and legal aliens awaiting to take up residence in America, this creates an awesome task for the country to handle besides the thousands of illegal aliens that are crossing the boundaries and crawling ashore daily. Congress cannot create more land area to remedy the situation.

Some sort of legal means must be enforced, for an orderly immigration to our neighborhoods. I often wonder what our Mother country of Japan would do with its one hundred million populations if thousands of illegal immigrants started to invade their country in the manner they do ours.

As far as his civil liberties are concerned, Tatsuno identifies with the illegal immigrants more than with American Japanese.

I support the President.  
TED T. ITAMI  
Lava Hot Springs, Ida.

## ● Out in the Streets

Editor:

A friend shared her Oct. 2 PC with me.

## Seattle Chinatown documentary about ready for filming

SEATTLE, Wa.—John Hill, president of a local film company about to shoot a documentary on International District come February, told International Examiner writer Ann Fujii recently that the piece, titled "East of Occidental", will be a "very impressionistic film" reflecting the "unique spirit of unity that has kept the District alive and saved it from onslaughts of civic progress over the years".

The district's history and people are residents, activists and businessmen of Chinese, Japanese and Filipino backgrounds. Recent renovation of Bush and New Central Hotels and construction of a

## West L.A. Shinnen Kai on tap Jan. 31

LOS ANGELES—The annual West L.A. JACL Shinnen Kai (New Year's party), honoring the Issei and senior Nisei and friends with a potluck lunch, will be held Sunday, Jan. 31, 1 p.m., at the Japanese Institute of Sawtelle, 2110 Corinth Ave., with Ms. Masami Saito as featured entertainer with her "Symphony of Silk" magic show. Toy Kanegai is program co-chair. A \$3 donation will be accepted from those without a potluck offering, it was announced.

Under Chicago, page 2, there is an excerpt on "Kazuko Ige, who had lived in San Diego before the war, was the eldest of five children at 16. When the FBI took their father away, they found themselves without parents, since their mother was already hospitalized with an illness. The children moved in with relatives in San Diego and soon all of them were sent to Manzanar." I would appreciate very much, if you could make a correction.

When the FBI took father away, five of us children, I the eldest at 16 and the youngest around 8, found ourselves out in the streets without parents or a home. Mother was hospitalized with a debilitating illness.

We sought help from my young girl friend whose father was completely paralyzed and bedridden and her brother in a TB sanatorium. She pleaded they could only take two of us. It never occurred to me that our family would be separated.

We did go to other families for help, but because of desperate and unendurable situations now, they could not help either. Finally a neighbor took us in until relatives from Los Angeles came in a pickup truck for us.

KAZUKO (KAY) IGE  
Elk Grove Valley, IL

The testimony as reported comes from her written statement of record presented to the CWRIC.—Ed.

■ A man should never put on his best trousers when he goes out battle for freedom and truth.—Henrik Ibsen.

theater annex will be focal points, Hill revealed. Maria Gargiulo, screenwriter, has been researching the film for the past year.

Unlike San Francisco's Chinatown which is well-known, Seattle's International District is richer culturally with businesses like Uwajimaya "where there is a trading of cultures and goods", Hill continued.

The film company recently received a \$20,000 grant from the Washington State Commission for the Humanities. The entire budget is \$63,000.

## Cherry Blossom Queen candidates sought

SAN FRANCISCO—Applications are now being accepted from young women throughout Northern California who wish to enter the 1982 Cherry Blossom Festival Queen Contest, which will be held on April 17. Deadline for application is March 12; for info contact Mrs. Glenda Okamura, California First Bank, (415) 445-0209.

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can complete its mandate. What is authorized may not come as expected.

Another court action, assuredly expensive and time-consuming, is the writ of error coram nobis being researched by Prof. Peter Irons of the Univ. of Massachusetts at Amherst, which would be filed by the three principals aggrieved (Yasui, Hirabayashi and Korematsu) to have the U.S. Supreme Court recognize evidence had been suppressed in their respective cases and therefore render their prior decision invalid. This rarely used common law concept was suggested by attorney Frank Chuman at the CWRIC hearings in Los Angeles and former Justice Arthur Goldberg showed immense interest in the ensuing colloquy. (Marshall Sumida covers this prospect in the '81 Holiday Issue.)

Because Yasui feels the fight for redress may extend beyond 1983, 1984, etc., he beckoned the younger generation to carry on, "Come on, my friends."

What he pictured before the 230-plus people at the Selanoco JACL installation was realistic. We felt the younger generation would and could, if need be.

INAUGURAL ITEMS—This was the 17th annual Selanoco JACL installation — and we well remember covering the first one... The reins are being passed to the Sansei—as witness Gene Takamine, 1981 chapter president (Min Yasui was his scoutmaster at Denver's Troop 38 several decades past), picking up the task of recognition presentations from Clarence Nishizu, chapter founding member who has been handling this job for years... Ted Shimizu, 1982 president, used to scrimmage against Karl Nobuyuki in football, Ted playing for Roosevelt High while Karl attended neighboring Salesian High.

## 35 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen  
FEB. 1, 1947

Jan. 15—Over 25 private bills introduced in Congress to stay deportation of Issei aliens; last session all but one of 32 similar bills pass.

Jan. 20—Calif. Senator Knowland and 8 congressmen, plus Delegate Farrington, enter Hawaiian statehood bills, Nisei war record stressed.

Jan. 24—Now Federal Public Housing Authority commissioner, Dillon Myer tells JACL-ADC he backs Issei naturalization bill, dis-

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"If everything goes right, the film should be completed by October," Hill said.

He hopes long-time residents may be able to contribute photographs, memories, etc. Tax-deductible contributions to I.D. Film Project may be sent to P.O. Box 3302, Seattle, WA 98114.

## Educators to meet at Seattle Apr. 22-24.

SEATTLE—The fourth national Asian/Pacific American Education Conference April 22-24 here will feature the theme, "Asian/Pacific American Education: An Investment for the Future" and will focus on economics, politics, business and trade to prepare Asian/Pacific American communities for the 21st Century.

Activities include 56 workshops, four mini-general sessions, extensive book and materials displays, cultural entertainment, school visitations, media displays and social events, many taking place in the Seattle Center. For info: Joan Yoshitomi, Conference chair at (206) 235-2433 or write NAAPAE Conference, P.O. Box 31601, Seattle 98103.

## Mitchell addresses Lake Washington

SEATTLE, Wa.—Lake Washington JACL Chapter celebrated its second anniversary with a gala installation banquet Jan. 15 at Bush Garden Restaurant, Seattle. John Matsumoto was re-elected chapter president and installed with his cabinet by Tomio Moriguchi, prominent businessman and a past National JACL treasurer.

Featured speaker Sen. Hugh Mitchell of the Commission on Wartime Internment and Relocation of Civilians stated that the requested one year extension of the CWIRC now on the U.S. Senate calendar will almost certainly be approved in late January or early February.

He added that the "outpouring of information from the Commission Hearings has been of great meaning for the country as a whole." Resolutions to the diverse problems which confronted the Nikkei and the nation following evacuation hinges on delving further into materials and records stored in the U.S. Archives.

Chapter awards to people "who have done much for the chapter and need to be introduced publicly for recognition" went to Gary Sakata, who helped raise the \$5,000 the chapter earned from its participation in the Food Fair last year; to Shigeki Mayeda, always in the background but an ever-present volunteer in chapter activities; and to Evelyn Hanki, whose recruitment efforts made Selanoco the fastest growing chapter nationally... Special plaques were given to Clarence Nishizu and Henry Nishizu; scholarships (PCYA) to Laura Iwasaki and Geoffrey Suzuki, (monetary) to Mark Kawanami (mother Carol is a Villa Park city council member and previously mayor), Mike Tamaru (father Tug used to head up the L.A. city data operation; mother Terri was our first postwar Nisei Week queen), Susan Ishii, and Clifford Takemoto.

Other evening credits go to John Saito, who swore in the officers; the Rev. John Doami of the Orange County Buddhist Church and the Rev. Abraham Doi of Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, who recited the invocation and benediction prayers, respectively; and dance music by Jeff Chow.

While none at our table won door prizes, there was one repeat worth noting: our daughter Patty sitting with the youth at another table won a prize and John Saito's wife-secretary Carol likewise. The same thing happened at the recent West L.A. installation. Will it repeat this weekend at the Orange County installation Saturday and the Marina inaugural Sunday, assuming door prizes are in line and both attend?

approves proposal to pay lump sum indemnity to evacuees, preferring individual claims process through courts or a commission.

Jan. 25—Univ. of Utah's Wat Misaka rates as Athlete of Week by Salt Lake radio station for his role in Utah's upset win over previously unbeaten Wyoming, 50-42.

Jan. 27—Test case raised by three Chinese-language schools questions Hawaii foreign language instruction act, which had closed down all foreign language schools.

Jan. 27—Canada Prime Minister Mackenzie King favors repeal of Chinese immigration act, regarded by China as highly restrictive and discriminatory. (Chinese law also provides reciprocal treatment of citizens of countries who discriminate against persons of Chinese ancestry)... Senior Parliament member from British Columbia seeks permanent exclusion of Japanese evacuees as "defensive" measure.

Jan. 30—U.S. Dept. of Interior Resettlement Study estimates 25,000 evacuees back in Los Angeles county; Little Tokyo, Boyle Heights, Seinan-West Jefferson areas favored.

Jan. 31—Infantry Journal publishes "Americans All—442nd RCT Story" by Orville Shirey.



# Chronology

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## FEBRUARY, 1981

Feb. 1—Japan receives 3,000 cuttings of flowering Japanese cherry trees from Washington, D.C. to re-establish varieties no longer in Japan.

Feb. 1—Inez Nagai, first Nisei teacher hired by a public school in California in 1938, retires after 40-year career from athletic director position at Menlo-Atherton High School.

Feb. 3—Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander reprimands protestors disrupting ground-breaking for Nissan Motor's giant \$300-million truck assembly plant in Smyrna, Tenn., largest single investment ever by a Japanese firm in the U.S.

Feb. 3—Seinan Los Angeles Nikkei community organize to fight back crime in neighborhood; West L.A. JACL starts self-defense classes.

Feb. 6—Ron Wakabayashi, Los Angeles, appointed JACL national director; JACL redress guidelines reviewed by JACL national board.

Feb. 6—Univ. of Chicago Nikkei professor's office ransacked, defaced with Nazi swastika and "Jap Go Home" graffiti ... (JACL dismayed to learn of vandalism a month later).

Feb. 10—President Reagan signs S253, amending PL 96-317, expanding CWRIC to 9 members: House appointees Justice Arthur Goldberg, Rep. Dan Lundgren (R-Cal.), Fr. Robert Drinan; additional Senate appointee: Fr. Ishmael Gromoff ... Joan Bernstein, former general counsel, U.S. Dept. of Health, Human Services, elected commission chair.

Feb. 11—Nikkei banker (Gene Kawakami, 32) fired as Wells Fargo branch manager in Los Angeles, linked to alleged MAPS (sports promotion) headed by Harold Smith) swindle of \$21 million ... police uncertain as to extent of link.

Feb. 13—"Charlie Chan & Curse of the Dragon Queen" (American Cinema film starring Peter Ustinov and Angie Dickinson) opens in Hollywood, picketed by Asian protestors; producers/writers rapped for reviving racist caricature ... KNBC commended by JACL for refusing film commercials for TV.

Feb. 14—KKK rally at Santa Fe, Tex., supports U.S. shrimpers' grievances against Vietnamese fishermen along Gulf coast ... Gov. William Clements' office moves for truce between Viets and shrimpers.

Feb. 14—Stockton JACL celebrates its 50th anniversary (Chapter chronology in Feb. 27 PC).

Feb. 15—NC-WNPDC supports fight by 20-year Livingston High School teacher Mitsue Takahashi fired as "incompetent" in October, 1980.

Feb. 16—Three Nisei veterans appear on San Francisco KCBS News Magazine talk show to publicize Presidio Museum exhibit on "Go For Broke", confronted with many antagonistic calls.

Feb. 22—South Bay Keiro Nursing Home (Gardena) launches \$1.3 million fund drive to purchase 98-bed existing facility; part of City View Hospital-Japanese Retirement Home "umbrella care" system.

Feb. 22—Buddhist Churches of America elects Fresno-born Rev. Haruo Yamaoka of Stockton as new bishop, succeeds Canadian-born Rev. Takashi Tsuji ... (Installed Apr. 25 at San Francisco BCA Headquarters chapel).

Feb. 23—Census Bureau shows Asian/Pacific American population doubling from 1970 (1.5 million) to 1980 (3.5 million); largest percentage increase among minorities at 128%.

Feb. 23—Sumitomo Bank of Calif. signs intent of merger with Pacific City banks of Huntington Beach.

## MARCH, 1981

Mar. 2—Two Hawaiian Nikkei win gov't swine-flu shots case (Kenneth Hazemoto's \$2-million

settlement believed to be largest award in swine-flu damage suit) ... pair had sued U.S. gov't after suffering paralysis.

Mar. 2—Bus with Japanese tourists visiting Hawaii hijacked at airport, rob passengers of \$11,000 and valuables ... \$17,000 collected from enraged businesses and citizens for victims.

Mar. 4—Torrance city planning commission denies Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute permit to build 100-unit senior citizen housing as neighbors object to zone variance request.

Mar. 6—With most of valuables and cash recovered by police, Japanese tourists aboard hijacked airport bus turn over \$17,000 to Hawaii Gov. Ariyoshi for fighting crimes against tourists and helpless victims.

Mar. 7—Over 2,000 witness "Go For Broke" exhibit-dedication at S.F. Presidio Army Museum.

Mar. 10—Min Yasui of Denver succeeds John Tateishi, San Francisco, as chair of JACL national committee on redress; Tateishi accepts interim staff coordinator position for redress, gear up for CWRIC hearings around country.

Mar. 10—Canon USA, Inc., Chicago sued for racial discrimination by two men because they were not Japanese who, they claimed, were receiving better pay and benefits.

Mar. 11—U.S. Supreme Court lets stand 1980 Calif. Prop. 1 (anti-busing measure which stopped mandatory busing of Los Angeles city schools).

Mar. 11—NLRB rejects Sanyo claim of racism and unfair labor practices in pro-union handbills distributed by Communications Workers of America at San Diego, first time employer is charging racism before NLRB.

Mar. 14—Nikkei celebrate 10th year of senior citizen programs in San Francisco Bay area at San Mateo College.

Mar. 16—Chicago JASC board votes to continue Issei sheltered workshop despite \$60,000 deficit sustained for FY-81.

Mar. 19—Bruce Kaji, Merit Savings, reveals plans for Japanese American national museum inside Little Tokyo as part of four-acre development complex.

Mar. 19—Calif. Senate committee rejects Sen. Marz Garcia bill making it a crime to kill dog or cat for eating; bill was aimed at Southeast Asian refugees who consider dog a delicacy.

Mar. 23—Japan Education Ministry receives 95 more kanji to everyday use list (Joyo Kanji) for total of 1,945 from Language Council.

Mar. 25—Chinese Americans in Washington, D.C., host gala reception in Senate Caucus Room to welcome new Reagan Administration and members of 97th Congress; over 600 attend.

Mar. 26—Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Cal.) seeks constitutional amendment making English official U.S. language, protect public documents from forced translation.

Mar. 26—Gov. Brown's firing of Jerry Enomoto as director of Dept. of Corrections last April upheld by state appellate court.

Mar. 27—Wall St. economist Sam Nakagawa denounces Reaganomics as "wildest nonsense" at energy conference in Palo Alto; predicts 20-30% inflation with interest rates to match in two years because of income tax cuts plus massive military spending.

Mar. 27—Convicted murderer James Mitose, 65, self-proclaimed health practitioner and minister, dies of massive stroke inside San Quentin; was up for parole April 10, which Nikkei community was to oppose. (Mitose was found guilty of murdering San Dimas berry grower Frank Namimatsu and badly injuring his wife at their Los Angeles home Mar. 20, 1974).

Mar. 30—Tokyo district court denies sex bias in Japan's nation-

ality laws; two Japanese women divorcees of U.S. husbands, left stateless, unable to pass on nationality to offsprings; such children also ineligible for Japanese naturalization as fathers are U.S. citizens.

## APRIL, 1981

Apr. 1—Ralph Graham Neas, former chief legislative counsel to Sen. Edw. Brooke and Sen. David Durenberger, appointed executive director, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

Apr. 1—New Mexico legislature cites Jerry Enomoto's work toward developing model corrections system in state; was assigned by Nat'l Institute of Corrections, Washington, D.C., to solve problems following 1980 riots at state pen where 33 inmates died.

Apr. 3—New L.A. Superior Court judge Hiroshi Fujisaki, West Los Angeles, formally enrobed.

Apr. 3—Dr. Jin Kinoshita heads National Eye Institute, Bethesda, Md., as scientific director.

Apr. 4—CWRIC chair Joan Bernstein updates redress hearing plans at JACL Tri-District Council conference, Los Angeles.

Apr. 4—Nisei professor (Peter Suzuki, Ph.D., urban studies, Univ. of Nebraska, Omaha) charges WRA "spied" on evacuees during WW2 inside camps for loyalty review boards; cites material declassified in National Archives.

Apr. 5—Ground broken for new Gardena Buddhist Temple, replacing edifice burned down last July.

Apr. 6—U.S. Census reports Asian/Pacific Islanders: Calif.—1,183,428 (5%). (All-state totals in May 1 issue.)

Apr. 7—Legislation introduced to extend Voting Rights Act for another decade (until Aug. 1992).

Apr. 9—U.S. sub (George Washington) crashes into Japanese freighter (Nissho Maru) 40 miles off Kyushu in East China Sea; incident unreported for 18 hrs. until Japanese Maritime Safety Agency destroyer Akigumo rescues 13 crewmen adrift in lifecraft, two die at sea. U.S. Navy issues regrets, admits liability for sub not surfacing to offer assistance ... U.S. Senate (Apr. 29) adds its profound regrets; resolution offered by Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Cal.) of Senate Foreign Relations Comm.

Apr. 9—Gov. Brown elevates Municipal Judge Madge Watai, Gardena, to Los Angeles County superior court.

Apr. 10—Salt Lake City's 15-story, 140-unit Multi-Ethnic Senior Center holds grand opening.

Apr. 11—PBS rejects "Hito Hata" for its network; believed "too long" to fit TV broadcasting spot.

Apr. 12-14—Space shuttle (Columbia) mission successful; nearly 400 Asian American scientists and engineers involved in project, says Rockwell International engineer Hank Sakai, Long Beach.

Apr. 13—Sansei photojournalist Taro Yamasaki, Detroit Free Press, wins Pulitzer Prize in photography; took pictures during 10-day period at state prison in Jackson.

Apr. 14—Torrance city council approves 3-story, 100-unit Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute senior citizen housing; despite Planning Commission objection.

Apr. 20—President Reagan proclaims Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week starting May 4; gala festival around Washington Monument planned.

Apr. 22—JACL nat'l pres Jim Tsujimura returns home from official 3-week visit of Japan, declares JACL can play "vital role" to help improve U.S.-Japan relations.

Apr. 22—Prof. Edwin Reischauer delivers farewell lecture at Harvard, ends 50-year stint.

Apr. 23—Tokyo Villa, 208-single, double bedroom condominium, in Little Tokyo's E. 3rd St., Alameda-

## Wakabayashi within WDC ...

On his first official visit of Washington, D.C., as JACL national executive in late March 1981, Ron Wakabayashi ...



Is welcomed by Senator Spark Matsunaga



Shakes hand with Rep. Bob Matsui of Sacramento



And accompanied by Washington JACL Representative Ron Ikejiri, visiting with Rep. Norm Mineta of San Jose.

Central parcel, to be developed by Bob Honda-Tien Fu Su partnership.

Apr. 23—Salt Lake Japanese community protests planning commission proposal to close 200 West South (around Salt Palace area) to traffic; closure would further isolate two Japanese churches.

Apr. 24—San Francisco Japanese Consul General Hiroshi Kitamura reacts to Calif. "Buy American" bill in state assembly; notes steel products imported from Japan mostly items not made in sufficient quantities in U.S.

Apr. 24—Two youth (both 13-years-old) convicted for 1st-degree murder/robbery of Joe Miyoshi, Gardena auto parts salesman last Jan. 29, by Inglewood juvenile court judge ... sentenced May 1 to Calif. Youth Authority's care.

Apr. 25—JACL Midwest District Council asks UAW to refrain use of racist material against Japanese Americans in anti-import campaign.

Apr. 29—New \$10-million L.A. Wholesale Flower Market dedicated.

## MAY, 1981

(Brief Asians in American Chronology; U.S. Census of Asian/Pacific Islanders by States, May 1 issue)

May 1—CWRIC office opens in New Executive Office Bldg, #2020, 726 Jackson Pl. NW, Washington, D.C. 20506 ... Ex-Calif. assemblyman Paul Bannai named executive director.

May 1—Merced County Superior Court judge Donald Fretz upholds

Livingston school board firing of Mitsue Takahashi, 8th-grade teacher for 20 years.

May 2—Sacramento JACL helps celebrate opening of Calif. State Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento.

May 3—East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center burns its \$170,000 mortgage paid off in 8 years.

May 3—JACL redress coordinator John Tateishi reiterates JACL favors reparations but cannot spell out amount at this time.

May 5—Nat'l JACL Planning Committee holds telephonic conference, first ever in JACL history; chaired by Lillian Kimura, New York.

May 5—Pennsylvania Council of Arts honors furniture designer George Nakashima.

May 7—San Diego JACL alleges Connecticut-based foreign student exchange operation as "con game".

May 8—L.A. goh champion Shigeo Matsubara, 41, knifed by mentally-deranged person in East L.A. apartment; dies May 12.

May 12—Omaha city councilman Richard Takechi loses run-off election by 47 votes to Connie Findlay.

May 13—Bob Hirohata, 50, fatally shot by unknown assailant outside his mother's home in Temple City.

May 14—Houston federal judge Gabrielle McDonald issues injunction against KKK from harassing Vietnamese refugee shrimpers.

May 14—Hawaii Foundation posthumously recognizes archi-

tect Hugo Fuchino for creative contributions, including his Maki-ki Christian Church.

May 20—Calif. supreme court rejects Jerry Enomoto's request for hearing on reinstatement as director of Calif. Dept. of Corrections.

May 23—Seattle JACL mock redress hearing at NVC Hall draws 200.

May 26—Little Tokyo's JACCC names Jerry Yoshitomi, 33, executive director; former deputy director, Arizona Commission of Arts and Humanities, and v.p.-operations, Western States Art Foundation.

May 29—Los Angeles-born Brig Gen Ted Kanamine, 51, 1st Army chief of staff since April 1979, retires; conferred Distinguished Service Medal at Ft Meade, Md, ceremonies.

May 30—San Francisco Konkoy Church celebrates its 50th anniversary.

May 31—Computerization of JACL national membership planned; resignation of three staffers (Patti Paganini, Bruce Shimizu and Lorrie Inagaki) announced.

May 31—JACL charter issued to two new chapters, Latin American and Southeast Cultural, at PSWDC session.

## JUNE, 1981

June 2—Chinese American candidate Mike Woo defeated (20,162—13,018 votes) by incumbent Peggy Stevenson in Los Angeles city council runoff; wide margin attributed to racist campaigning, Woo charges.

June 3—Calif. Assembly committee defeats SB 49 (bill prohibiting killing of domesticated cats and dog for food); bill was viewed as anti-Asian by JACL.

June 6—Intermountain JACL District Council allocates funds to Boise Valley JACL purchase display cases to house Nikkei items at Idaho State historical museum; and Idaho Falls JACL assist Sister City affiliation project.

June 8—JACL youth convention at UC Irvine June 22-27 cancelled due to lack of registrants.

June 8—L.A. Times "crime mob" and extortion story on L.A. Koreans upsets community; no names mentioned, but confirmed by Police Chief Gates.

June 12—Gov. Brown appoints attorney Jon M. Mayeda, 34, Los Angeles, to L.A. municipal bench.

June 13—Pioneer U.S. Issei dentist, Dr. Nagisa Mizushima, 94, honored by colleagues at Los Angeles; was graduated 1913 from USC Dental School.

June 13—Rep. Norman Mineta addresses 300 at Palo Alto redress workshop to prepare for CWRIC hearings.

June 14—NC-WNPDC mock hearing on redress attracts 86 at Laney College, Oakland.

June 15—San Francisco board of supervisors endorse monetary compensation for Japanese American redress; first major U.S. city endorsement of its kind, says JACL.

June 15—Univ. of British Columbia Asian Center (formerly Sanyo Pavilion, Expo-70, Osaka) opens after 11-year wait.

June 19—Hawaii Gov. Ariyoshi signs anti-rape law, eliminating previous requirement that prosecution show victim offered resistance, eliminating 90-day limitation to file complaint.

June 20—Lions International elects tea ceremony professor Kaoru Murakami of Kyoto president at 64th convention at Phoenix, Ariz.; first Asian to head world's largest service organization.

June 20—Asian-Pacific American Advocates of California organized; Dr. Allan Seid, Palo Alto psychiatrist and only Asian on State Board of Education, elected chair.

June 22—Wife slayer David Asahara, 44, of Sacramento sentenced to 15 year-life at state prison; had pleaded guilty to 2nd-degree murder for Jan. 10, 1980, killing.

June 26—Calif. Gov. Brown explains to Nikkei press corps at Los Angeles his "Japan threat" stand

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of May 26 speech before Consumer Credit Administration officials at San Francisco; Brown had said Japan's economic threat to U.S. was "greater than military power of Soviet Union".

June 26—West Los Angeles JACL organizes WLA Sansei chapter.

June 26—A 1975 complaint of racial discrimination filed by Dr. Edmund Jung, 67, against Dr. Michael Geokas, chief of medicine, Veterans Administration hospital at Martinez, Ca., settled by San Francisco federal judge Spencer William, who finds 9 counts committed... Chinese for Affirmative Action displeased Geokas still in same position of responsibility Sept. 1.

June 28—So. Calif. team continues to dominate North-South JACL track meet in third championship at Chabot College, Hayward.

#### JULY, 1981

July 1—PC resumes 50-week schedule; had experimented with 45-week format last year (every other week during July-August).

July 1—Asian American coalition (A-PART) formed to battle So. Calif. racism; modeled after B'nai B'rith's ADL, says spokesman Fred Fujioka, L.A. county deputy public defender.

July 10—Presiding Santa Clara County juvenile court judge Lawrence Terry apologizes publicly for racial slur against two Nisei probation officers made June 26 and after Asian Americans for Community Involvement protests, despite the earlier apology in private.

July 8—United Farm Workers lose exemption from requirement to register as farm labor contractor in new Labor Dept. ruling after protest by Nisei Farmers League.

July 10—Long Beach mayor Eunice Sato backs Sen. Hayakawa's "English only" amendment to Constitution.

July 14, 16—CWRIC holds first of redress hearings in Senate Caucus Room; former federal officials testify about their role in 1942 evacuation.

July 15—Washington Post calls \$25,000 reparation figure for evacuees "extravagant and wrong" even if funds were available because of "monetary buyoff for affront" supposed. (PC round-up of more editorials in Aug. 7, Aug. 28, and Oct. 30 issues.)

July 18—Third \$1,000 Clavel (Nikkei literary) Award won by Ruth Hirayama, Monterey Park, for "Photo Marriage".

July 19—CWRIC executive director Paul Bannai addresses PSWDC redress forum at Little Tokyo Towers.

July 21—Los Angeles City Council apology on 1942 role for Japanese American evacuation is added to previous resolution commending role of CWRIC.

July 23—Cal. Gov. Brown elevates municipal Judge Kathryn Doi Todd, 39, to Los Angeles County superior court.

July 24-26—Over 700 participate in first Pan-American Nikkei Conference in Mexico City; JACL delegation of 100-plus led by Chuck Kubokawa, JACL international relations chair; and Floyd Shimomura, VP for public affair.

July 26—U.S. Census Bureau notes Chinese (1) and Filipinos (2) in 1980 top Japanese (3) who were No. 1 in 1970.

July 26—Museum foundation formed for 100/442/MIS Exhibit; Tom Kawaguchi of Richmond, Ca., named executive director.

#### AUGUST, 1981

Aug. 1—Chicago Shimpoo publisher Kohachiro Sugimoto retires; new firm headed by Frank Sugano assumes publication.

Aug. 4—CWRIC director Paul Bannai appointed to Veterans Administration post in charge of cemeteries... Assumes post Dec. 7 after resigning CWRIC position Sept. 20.

Aug. 4—Union City Mayor Tom Kitayama survives recall attempt by 490 votes; Hispanic group sought ouster over labor issue.

Aug. 4-6—CWRIC holds second

of redress hearings at Los Angeles; Sen. S.I. Hayakawa jeered for stating he was shamed and embarrassed by demands of redress groups.

Aug. 7—Japan shipbuilder Ryoichi Sasakawa, 81, contributing reported \$500,000 for Amtrak study of Japanese-type "bullet train" between Los Angeles-San Diego; further studies by Japan National Railway engineers in other U.S. rail corridors to be supported.

Aug. 10—Former Wells Fargo Bank branch manager Gene Kawakami pleads guilty to single count of misapplying \$175,000 as offshoot to multi-million embezzlement case involving boxing promoter Harold Smith.

Aug. 11—U.S. Senate confirms Frank Sato as new inspector general at Veterans Administration.

Aug. 11—Los Angeles federal judge Wallace Tashima upholds county ordinance against indecent exposure; ACLU had condemned its enforcement as "Gestapo tactics".

Aug. 11-13—CWRIC holds third of redress hearings at San Francisco; Nikkei continue to tell own evacuation and camp ordeals.

Aug. 12—Nisei Week Festival disqualifies two princesses for "failing to fulfill obligations as members of court"—first disciplinary action in its 41-year history.

Aug. 15—Asian Pacific American Advocates of California endorsed by over 100 groups; office in Sacramento planned for 1982.

Aug. 16—New Mexico JACL stages its first Matsuri in Albuquerque.

Aug. 20—"Pacific Overtures" may be totally reworked for London audience as kind of Gilbert-Sullivan copy of "The Mikado"; musical on U.S. stages featured Mako and all-Asian casts.

Aug. 23—New York Times labels

California as principal U.S. "melting pot of '80s'".

Aug. 26—Calif. Gov. Brown names Shanghai-born Lillian Sing to San Francisco municipal bench.

Aug. 29—Hokubei Mainichi names Kathy Uno, Ph.D. candidate at UC Berkeley, as successor to Linda Ogawa Ramirez on English staff.

Aug. 31—U.S. takes "full blame" of Apr. 9 nuclear sub collision sinking Japanese freighter with two lives lost off Japan coast.



**RECOGNITION** — Mas Yamashita of Boise Valley (left) is being congratulated as IDC's Japanese American of Biennium by Dr. Jim Tsujimura during 1981 IDC Convention in Salt Lake City Nov. 27-28. Other recognition awards were presented to Salt Lake JACL as Chapter of Year under leadership of Yoshiko Uno, president; and to Snake River Valley JACL as Chapter of Biennium, under leadership of Pat Takasugi, president.

### 1980 POPULATION TOTALS FOR ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLAND PERSONS BY STATE

The following population totals are compiled from provisional counts of the 1980 Census of Population. PL 94-171 "Special Population Summary".

Rank/State	Asian & Pacific Island	Rank/State	Asian & Pacific Island
1 California	1,253,987	26 Oklahoma	17,274
2 Hawaii	583,660	27 Kansas	15,078
3 New York	310,531	28 Utah	15,076
4 Illinois	159,551	29 Nevada	14,109
5 Texas	120,306	30 Tennessee	13,963
6 New Jersey	103,842	31 South Carolina	11,807
7 Washington	102,503	32 Iowa	11,577
8 Virginia	66,209	33 Kentucky	9,971
9 Pennsylvania	64,381	34 Alabama	9,695
10 Maryland	64,276	35 Alaska	8,035
11 Florida	56,756	36 Mississippi	7,412
12 Michigan	56,731	37 Nebraska	6,996
13 Massachusetts	49,501	38 New Mexico	6,816
14 Ohio	47,813	39 Arkansas	6,732
15 Oregon	34,767	40 Dist. of Columbia	6,635
16 Colorado	29,897	41 Idaho	5,948
17 Minnesota	26,533	42 Rhode Island	5,303
18 Georgia	24,461	43 West Virginia	5,194
19 Louisiana	23,771	44 Delaware	4,132
20 Missouri	23,108	45 Maine	2,947
21 Arizona	22,098	46 New Hampshire	2,929
22 North Carolina	21,168	47 Montana	2,503
23 Indiana	20,488	48 North Dakota	1,979
24 Connecticut	18,970	49 Wyoming	1,969
25 Wisconsin	18,165	50 South Dakota	1,728
		51 Vermont	1,355

### U.S. Population by Race

U.S. Census Bureau: July 30, 1981

	1980	1970	(Pctg)	1960
Chinese	806,027	435,062	(+ 85.3)	237,292
Filipino	774,640	343,060	(+ 125.8)	176,310
Japanese	700,747	591,290	(+ 18.5)	464,468
Korean	354,529	69,130	(+ 412.8)	n.a.
Hawaiian	167,253	100,179	(+ 67.0)	n.a.

### 14 Racial Groups (Preliminary)

White	188,341,000	Chinese	806,027	Vietnamese	262,000
Black	26,488,000	Filipino	774,640	Hawaiian	167,253
Am Indian	1,362,000	Japanese	700,747	Samoan	42,000
Eskimo	42,000	Asn Indian	362,000	Guamanian	32,000
Aleuts	14,177	Korean	354,529	Other*	6,737,000

\* When the breakdown of "Others" is reported, other Asians from Thailand, Laos, Indonesia, Pakistan, etc., can be expected.

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(Jan. 17, 1982)

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## Konnyaku

(Part II—Concluding Column)



I am usually reluctant to use the word unique for the simple reason that I do not know enough about anything. But I am tempted to make an exception for *konnyaku*, for it is so different from other foodstuffs in so many ways. Though it is tasteless it is one of the most *umai* food in Japanese cuisine; it is indigestible, but it is not harmful. By the way a certain Japanese scholar said that the word *umami* has no equivalent in Europe. A silly statement revealing the ignorance and sloppy thinking of the man. For that matter, however, none of the scores of Japanese-English dictionaries has satisfactory translations. Here I propose delectability as the closest English equivalent for the word.

*Konnyaku* is enjoyed for its texture. The taste of a *konnyaku* dish is whatever the cook gives it. Cut in strips, tied in alpha knot and served with *nuta*, it makes a wonderful hors d'oeuvre. *Nuta* is a sauce made of *miso* and vinegar with a little sugar added. For added piquancy try a few twists of *sancho* leaves (*Zanthoxylum piperitum*, or Japanese pepper). Or for an American touch try *misonnaisse*, a blend of *miso* and mayonnaise. By the way alpha knot and *misonnaisse* are coinages by yours truly. Then torn off into lumps it becomes the most important component of *onishime*, without which the new year's dinner would be very incomplete for quite a few *Nikkeijin*, and of *oden*. As noodles it is indispensable for such *nabe* dishes as *sukiyaki* and *chiri*.

There are other foods which are eaten chiefly for texture: tripe, hogmaw, chitterlings, and so on for Americans, *tofu*, bamboo shoot, and lotus root for Japanese. But these have their distinct flavors and some taste, and some nutritional value as well. They all occur in nature. *Konnyaku* has no food taste of its own, hardly any nutrition, and it is an entirely artificial product, except its raw material.

In my childhood in Fukuoka any day I passed by a certain green grocer's shop it seemed that I was always seeing the man hunched over a large, treadle-operated sandstone wheel and grinding away. A dirty-colored, sluggish goo was trickling down into a receptacle. One day I asked him what he was doing. He told me he was making *konnyaku* and showed me the *konnyaku-dama*. My curiosity stopped right there, for I had already formed a strong prejudice against *konnyaku*.

Man's food taste perception matures and mellows with his age. The kind of *konnyaku* made directly from the *konnyaku dama*, like the green grocer's, was actually the better quality *konnyaku*, with its smell, lye taste and unappetizing color and all, than the latter day *konnyaku* made from refined *konnyaku* flour. If I had been only a few years older before my family started to force feed me on it, I might have grown up to appreciate the thing. In those days, you had to eat what was put on the table. You could not pick only the beef and leave the *konnyaku* untouched. The only alternative you had was to skip the meal and go hungry.

The *konnyaku* plant, *Amorphophallus konjac*, devil's tongue in English, is a foul smelling cousin of the elephant's ear and taro. I often wonder whoever had the daring imagination to think of the possible comestibility of the equally foul smelling corn of the plant. I think it is a triumph and epitome of the folk dietetic wisdom of old Japan that somebody worked out the chemistry of *konnyaku* by which the ugly, stinking tuber was transformed into a substance which had no resemblance whatsoever to its origin. I am sure it was no accidental discovery, like the fermentation process.

Some Japanese nutritionists maintain that mannan, the only constituent of *konnyaku* that is absorbed through the small intestine, has the virtue of dissolving the blood cholesterol and lowering the blood pressure. But it may be only speculation. Precisely because it is indigestible and unabsorbable, *konnyaku* serves a psychological purpose: it cleanses the interior wall of the lower alimentary tract, and carries off accidentally ingested sand grains. But all this is irrelevant. What is wrong with enjoying a food, purely for its delectability?

Some time ago I wrote about *konnyaku* in my Japanese column to the *Hokubei Mainichi*, extolling *konnyaku's* delectability. Ever since then I have been the recipient of the periodic gift of homemade *konnyaku* from an unknown donor. This is the only perquisite of my job as an irregular columnist to which I can own up, which I most gratefully appreciate. #

## NAT'L JACL

Continued from Front Page

placed by one which accounts for the continuous influence each factor plays on the other factors. For example, political trends and demographic changes should impact our longer range goals; which, in turn, will affect our program priorities. These priorities will then influence the allocation of resources. And finally, expansion or contraction of the treasury may influence the practicality of our goals and program priorities.

**Commitment Must Be Made to Planning**—In summary, we hope that this emphasizes the critical importance of determining our goals. Are we to be an organization which fills the needs of a populace in order to

## Mineta is a 'mystery man' to White House staffers

WASHINGTON — Rep. Norman Mineta of San Jose has been in Congress four terms, but he still can't get the recognition he deserves from the White House.

In 1978, the Carter Administration did not invite Mineta to the state dinner for Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira because White House aides thought he was Italian.

The Reagan Administration revived the Mineta mystery. A spokeswoman for the Congressman's office, Edith Beauchamp, said his office received a note Jan. 11 from the Reagan White House along with a photograph of Sen. Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii with President and Mrs. Reagan at a White House

## AABA elects officers for 1982

SAN FRANCISCO—The Asian American Bar Assn. of Greater Bay Area announced Jan. 5 its 1982 officers: Cedric C. Chao, pres; Raymond G. Gong, vp; Rodney O. Fong, sec; Evelyn Low, treas; Hon Chew, Karen Kai, Kaz Maniwa, Edwin R. Oshika, Samuel Yee, Mary Yen and Diane C. Yu, bd. of dir.

## Christmas reception.

The note, addressed to Mineta, said "Enclosed are several photographs taken at the White House. They thought you might enjoy having it." The letter, said Beauchamp, was signed by White House aide M.B. Oglesby, Jr.

"It is interesting because Mineta did not attend the reception and his secretary RSVP'd that he was not attending," noted Beauchamp.

Apparently the White House staff had identified Matsunaga as Mineta. As for Mineta himself, he just had a good laugh.

## Tokeshi, Senzaki silk screen show set

SAN FRANCISCO—An exhibit of silkscreen prints and drawings entitled, "Progressions: Uniting Art, Politics and Community", by Richard Tokeshi and Wes Senzaki will be on display Feb. 13-Mar. 27 at the Chinatown Neighborhood Arts Gallery, 750 Kearney St., 3rd Fl. For info: call Zand Gee (415) 441-2458. #

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attract members — health insurance, travel programs, credit unions, and so forth? Or should we be concentrating on a few basic goals and in that way attract a relatively small number of people who share in those commitments? Once established, the organization's goals will determine JACL's future for the decade to come.

It is because of this potential impact that we feel the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) should place its talent, time and resource in support of this crucial activity. #

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## Hawaii's Ariyoshi may face an 'anti-third term' campaign

HONOLULU—Although Hawaii's Gov. George Ariyoshi told Honolulu Advertiser reporters Jan. 3 that he was ready to run for a third term this year, he may face possible challenges from Republican D.G. "Andy" Anderson, an all but announced candidate for governor, and former Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi, who is considering running as an independent.

The Advertiser speculated that Ariyoshi's opponents may try to conduct an anti-third-term campaign, with the theme of "time for a change."

Ariyoshi, on the other hand, has a substantial campaign war-chest for advertising and grassroots politicking. The question will be whether he can keep his ratings positive in the face of a campaign blitz from Anderson and Fasi. There is also a possibility that Ariyoshi may be challenged within his own Democratic Party primary if Lt. Gov. Jean King tries to move up.

A recent Advertiser poll released Dec. 22 showed that 56% of 600 residents interviewed by phone approved of the job being done by the governor, while 36% disapproved and 8% didn't know.

Ariyoshi continues to get high scores from people who contributed the most to his election in the past: persons of Japanese ancestry (69% positive ratings; 21% negative; the rest undecided) and self-described Democrats (62% positive; 32% negative). Among Caucasians, Ariyoshi got a 50%-43% positive score. #



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### Awards

The Japanese American Club of Las Vegas announced Dec. 28 the awarding of its 1981 \$700 scholarship to Dean Matsuura, 19, a medical student at the Univ. of Nevada, Reno. He is the son of Kazuo and Jeanette Matsuura and an active JACler in Las Vegas.

### Education

Maureen Kaneko, was recently appointed assistant principal at Willard Payne School in Mountain View School District, El Monte, Ca. Kaneko was formerly a district elementary adviser for the Bilingual/ESL Services Branch in the L.A. School District.

### Entertainment

Japanese actress Yoko Shimada, who gained acclaim as Mariko on NBC-TV's miniseries, "Shogun", will return in another NBC-TV series, "Chicago Story", in which she will portray an illegal alien accused of killing a cousin in order to save the life of an infant child.

### Government

Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. appointed 22 persons to a newly created Block Grant Advisory Committee, representing seven categories. Appointee Dr. Robert Suzuki, 45, dean of graduate studies at CSU-Los Angeles and formerly with the Univ. of Massachusetts at Amherst, is representing an institution of higher learning.

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The Pacific Asian American Commission on Alcoholism in Los Angeles recently appointed Royal F. Morales as its new director and Mei Kwan as its program coordinator. Morales has been active in the community, heading the Asian American Community Mental Health Training Center of L.A. Kwan is a former social work supervisor of the Southeast Asian Refugee Mental Health Training Project.

### Sports

Pre-season NCAA tennis rankings place Glenn Michibata of Pepperdine University and a Canadian Davis Cup member third in the country. Robbie Yenter of UCLA is ranked number one and his teammate Marcel Freeman is number two.

Orange County JACler Mitsuo Nitta, a Villa Park, Ca. strawberry grower, was recently inducted into the UC Davis Sports Hall of Fame. Nitta, 62, had been an All-Western Conference football player for four years straight (1938-1941) at the university and also starred on the school's track team, as a hurdler and pole vaulter.

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### UCLA law school admission plan eyed

MARINA DEL REY—Marina JACL will sponsor a panel discussion on the Asian American special admissions program now under question at UCLA School of Law at the chapter's regular meeting Feb. 4, 7 p.m. at Burton Chace Park community building at the end of Mindanao Way at the marina, it was announced by v.p. Fred Fujioka.

The law school faculty is voting Feb. 5 to either retain or eliminate the program which modifies standard admission procedures for Japanese, Chinese and Korean ancestry students. The issue assumes added significance, Fujioka (a deputy public defender) noted, in light of the estimate that at least one half of all Nikkei lawyers have been admitted to the bar since 1975 and at least one-half of this number have gone through special admissions.

Invited to the panel will be members of the Asian Pacific Law Students Assn. at UCLA and the UCLA law school faculty administration. For info: Ed Goka, chapter president, 376-4143; or George Kodama, 822-5528. #

### Amache GI Memorial dedication planned

DENVER, Colo.—A memorial will be dedicated at the old Amache camp site next summer—either July or September—according to Arthur Iwasaki, chairman of the Amache Memorial fund drive. Contributions are being acknowledged by Nobuo Furuie, 2960 Eppinger Blvd., Denver 80229.

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# Sansei finds every ballet challenging

By WELLY T. SHIBATA  
Mainichi Daily News

Tokyo  
When she saw a performance given in Los Angeles by Margot Fonteyn with the Royal Ballet, Yoko Ichino was tremendously thrilled and inspired.

She was only seven years old but it was then and there that this Sansei decided to become a ballerina.

Her ambition has been amply fulfilled. She studied under the great ballerina Mia Slavenska, one of America's greatest teachers and coaches. Now with the American Ballet Theater, Ichino has danced much of the classical repertoire.

Miss Ichino became the first American ever to win a medal in the prestigious Moscow Ballet Competition in June of 1977.

That was one of "the most exciting experiences" in her life, she reminisced in an interview in Tokyo. "The Russians were very enthusiastic."

Another exciting experience was when she first danced with Rudolf Nureyev in New York. The ballet was "Don Quixote," full length. She admitted that she was very nervous before that performance started.

This is Los Angeles-born (San Diego-raised and New York-residing) Ichino's second visit to Japan. The first was in the summer of 1979 when she scored a stunning triumph with Helgi Tomasson at the second World Ballet Festival in Japan.

This time Yoko and Peter Schaufuss of the Royal Danish Ballet were the guest artists in the Tokyo Ballet Com-

pany's performance of "The Nutcracker" at Tokyo Bunka Kaikan on Jan. 14, 16 and 17.

She arrived on New Year's Day ("I wanted to see what the Japanese New Year is like"). She said that she can "understand just a little more Japanese than before," having taken some lessons on tape, but still does "face difficulty in answering."

Of the ballets and roles that she has performed, Ichino likes them "all." This is because "each one is different, each one is a challenge," she explained.

As for "The Nutcracker" itself, Ichino has danced it "many times—and in different versions."

She said of Nureyev, "Rudy taught me stage presence," adding with a mischievous look that "he also taught me about milking bows"—the subtle art of gaining that extra applause from the audience.

Asked what are the greatest difficulties that she encounters, Ichino replied, "I think

it's when I have an injury and have to perform, or when I'm not at full strength.

"But I usually work around the injury and make out somehow."

Those with a fondness for rich foods are eligible to become opera prima donnas but not prima ballerinas. Svelte Ichino adheres to strict diet control. No meat. A little fish, yes. Vegetables. No pastries or chocolates.

With the American Ballet Theater, she generally performs three times a week and there is not much time for rehearsals.

Since she has been in Japan in summer before and winter this time, "next time I would like to be here in spring or autumn," she commented.

Yoko is visiting Japan this time with her father, Paul Takeshi Ichino, a radiologist and X-ray technician, teaching in Orange County, Ca.

About 40 years ago Yoko's father was a classmate at a California university with a student from Japan, Susumu Nikaido, now secretary

general of the Liberal-Democratic Party.

During the present visit, the father, accompanied by Yoko, called on Nikaido at the office of the LDP secretary general on Jan. 8. It was a reunion between the two men—Takeshi Ichino and Susumu Nikaido—for the first time in 40 years.

There are three sisters in the family. A younger sister, Laurie Tazuko Ichino, has

also taken up a career as a dancer.

WELLY SHIBATA, a director emeritus with the Mainichi Shimbun who conducted the Salmagundi column in the prewar Nisei press, edited the English-language Mainichi Daily till his retirement several years ago. Japan-born, he grew up in Spokane, attended Univ. of Washington and returned to Japan. During the war he served with the navy and turned out to be the officer aboard a Japanese tug which guided the first U.S. ships into Tokyo Bay after VJ Day.—Ed.



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The Asian American

group's recording of "Winds of Change" (Henka no Nagare) was one of five nominated for best rhythm and blues instrumental of 1981. The awards will be presented Feb. 24.

## Calendar

● JAN. 29 (Friday)  
Berkeley—UCB Asn Bus Assn dance, Pauley Ballroom, 9pm; music: Collage & All as One.  
● JAN. 30 (Saturday)  
Berkeley—Inst dnr, Spenger's Res't, 7:30pm; Curt Rocca Jr, spkr, "U.S.-Japan Trade".  
Marysville—Inst dnr, Peach Tree OC, 7pm; Chuck Kubokawa, spkr.  
Orange County—Inst dnr, Buena Park Hotel, 7pm; Tritia Toyota, spkr.  
San Mateo—Bloodmobile, Buddhist Church.  
Ventura County—Inst dnr, Lobster Trap Res't, 7:30pm; Ron Wakabayashi, spkr.  
West Valley—Inst dnr, Lou's Village, Sn Jose, 7pm; Prof Benj Hazard Jr, Sn Jose St, spkr.  
Montebello—100th/442nd Assn dnr, Quiet Cannon Res't, 7pm; Charles Hillinger, spkr.

● JAN. 31 (Sunday)  
Diablo Valley—Inst dnr, China Pavilion Res't, 7pm; Richard Sakai, co-prod of Emmy Award-winning TV show "Taxi" on ABC-TV, spkr.  
Marina—Inst dnr, Lord of the Ribs Res't, La Habra, 6:30pm.  
West Los Angeles—New Year potluck party, Sawtelle Institute, 1 pm; Magic show by Ms Masami Saito.  
Stockton—"Hito Hata" bnft screening, Atherton Aud, San Joaquin Delta College, 2pm.  
● FEB. 1 (Thursday)  
Los Angeles—Boy Scout area tribute to Bruce Kaji, Bonaventure Hotel, 7:00pm.  
Marina—Gen mtg (every 1st Thu), Burton Chace Pk mtg house, 7:30pm; Debate: Elimination of Asn Amer program at UCLA Law School, Faculty vs APA law students.  
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