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ELEVATED—Sansei Judge Ernest M. Hiroshige, 36, (second from right) formerly of the Los Angeles municipal court, was sworn to the Superior Court bench Feb. 8 by U.S. District Court Judge Robert M. Takasugi (at right). Standing with them are Richard Polanco (left), special assistant to Gov. Brown; and Leslie Furukawa, pres.-elect, Japanese American Bar Assn.

Nikkei med school prof fired in 1978 wins reinstatement

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

SACRAMENTO, Ca. — Charges ranging from unprofessional conduct, constant testing of authority, to insubordination filed in the summer of 1978 led to dismissal of Hawaiian-born Richard M. Ikeda, M.D., from the UC-Davis/Sacramento Medical Center where he was associate diplomate in pathology.

Three and half years later, following five days of hearings before a three-member university committee, Ikeda, 49, was reinstated Feb. 2 with back pay and certain benefits,

minus any income he earned during the period. The committee's decision upheld a one-week suspension of Ikeda "for verbally assaulting another employee", but all other charges involved in the firing were withdrawn.

Last year, Ikeda had filed a \$2 million civil suit against George D. Lundberg, M.D., head of the pathology department, on charges of harassment and wrongfully firing him.

Now an editor at the Jour-

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Compensation bill for JA state workers dismissed in WW2 due

SACRAMENTO, Ca. — Legislation that would provide compensation to former Japanese American state employees dismissed from their jobs in 1941-42 will be introduced today (Feb. 19) by Assemblyman Patrick Johnston (D-San Joaquin, Stanislaus). The bill would call for a payment of \$1,000 a year for five years to all Nisei who were asked to "voluntarily resign" from their state posts on blanket "disloyalty" charges.

Johnston will hold a press conference at 10 a.m. to announce the introduction of his bill and will also proclaim a resolution commemorating Feb. 19 as a Day of Remembrance to recall President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signing of E.O. 9066.

National JACL will endorse the compensation bill and will be in lobbying efforts, noted JACL Redress Committee assistant Carole Hayashino.

In March 1942, over 500 Japanese American state employees in California were asked to resign from their jobs for the duration of the war. Over 400 did but 90 who did not were suspended. On Oct. 31, 1946, 37 Nisei who had been fired because of their ancestry were reinstated with back pay through efforts of San Francisco attorney James C. Purcell.

3rd fire hits Gardena Bukkyokai

GARDENA, Ca. — A third fire, probably arson-caused, struck Gardena Buddhist Temple early Friday (Feb. 12), still under construction from the disastrous first fire of July 1980. The latest fire, which caused between a reported \$3,000 to \$5,000 in damages, appears to have been set in the same basement area as the second fire last November, Gardena Fire Dept. investigators said.

The greater question now confronting church members and community is security after the temple is completed, since no suspect or suspects have been apprehended to any of the fires.

EO 9066 proclaimed 40 years ago

Fifth in a Series
By PETER IMAMURA

On this 40th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, it is well worth reviewing the decree which affected the lives of 120,000 persons living on the West Coast in 1942. Although President Franklin D. Roosevelt's initial order did not specifically mention Japanese aliens or Americans, it granted discretionary powers to the Secretary of War (Henry L. Stimson) and all military commanders under him, allowing these officials to eventually single out persons of Japanese ancestry.

EO 9066 read as follows:

"WHEREAS, The successful prosecution of the war requires every possible protection against espionage and against sabotage to national-defense material, national-defense premises and national-defense utilities as defined in Section 4, Act of April 20, 1918, 40 Stat. 533, as amended by the Act of November 30, 1940, 54 Stat. 1220, and the Act of August 21, 1941, 55 Stat. 655 (U.S.C., Title 50, Sec. 104):

"NOW THEREFORE, By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, I hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of War, and the Military Commanders whom he may from time to time designate, whenever he or any designated Commander deems such action necessary or desirable, to prescribe military areas in such places and of such extent as he or the appropriate Military Commander may determine, from which any or all persons may be excluded and with respect to which, the right of any person to enter, remain in, or leave shall be subject to whatever restriction the Secretary of War or the appropriate Military Commander may impose in his discretion. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized to provide for residents of any such area who are excluded therefrom such transportation, food, shelter, and other accommodations as may be necessary, in the judgment of the Secretary of War or the said Military Commander, and until other arrangements are made, to accomplish the purpose of this order. The designation of military areas in any region or locality shall supersede designations of prohibited and restricted areas by the Attorney General under the Proclamations of December 7 and 8, 1941, and shall supersede the responsibility and authority of the Attorney General under the said Proclamations in respect of such prohibited and restricted areas.

"I hereby further authorize and direct the Secretary of War and the said Military Commanders to take such other steps as he or the appropriate Military Commander may deem advisable to enforce compliance with the restrictions applicable to each Military area hereinabove authorized to be designated, including the use of Federal troops and other Federal Agencies, with authority to accept assistance of state and local agencies.

"I hereby further authorize and direct all Executive Departments, independent establishments and other Federal Agencies, to assist the Secretary of War or the said Military Commanders in carrying out this Executive Order, including the furnishing of medical aid, hospitalization, food, clothing, transportation, use of land, shelter, and other supplies, equipment, utilities, facilities, and services.

"This order shall not be construed as modifying or limiting in any way the authority heretofore granted under Executive Order No. 8972, dated December 12, 1941, nor shall it be construed as limiting or modifying the duty and responsibility of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with re-

spect to the investigations of alleged acts of sabotage or the duty and responsibility of the Attorney General and the Department of Justice under the Proclamations of December 7 and 8, 1941, prescribing regulations for the conduct and control of alien enemies, except as such duty and responsibility is superseded by the designation of military areas hereunder."

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

The White House, February 19, 1942

According to the Final Report on the evacuation and relocation of Japanese Americans from the West Coast (Chapter III), the officials who executed the order carefully narrowed down the "any or all persons" provision of it. Secretary of War Stimson, in a letter to Gen. John L. DeWitt dated Feb. 20, 1942, ordered the military commander to, for the most part, leave persons of Italian ancestry alone when executing E.O. 9066:

"In carrying out your duties under this delegation, I desire, so far as military requirements permit, that you do not disturb, for the time being at least, Italian aliens and persons of Italian lineage except where they are, in your judgment, undesirable or constitute a definite danger to the performance of your mission to defend the West Coast. I ask that you take this action in respect to Italians for the reason that I consider such persons to be potentially less dangerous, as a whole, than those of other enemy nationalities. Because of the size of the Italian population and the number of troops and facilities which would have to be employed to deal with them, their inclusion in the general plan would greatly overtax our strength..."

Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy also issued a memorandum on that same date to DeWitt, which suggested that German and Japanese aliens, as well as American citizens of Japanese ancestry (but not German Americans), be excluded from designated "military areas":

"For the purpose of these instructions, persons resident in the Western Defense Command will be classified as follows:

- *Class 1 Japanese Aliens
- *Class 2 American citizens of Japanese Lineage
- *Class 3 German Aliens
- *Class 4 Italian Aliens
- *Class 5 Any persons, whether citizens or aliens, who are suspected for any reason by you or your responsible subordinates, of being actually or potentially dangerous either as saboteurs, espionage agents, fifth-columnists or subversive persons.
- *Class 6 All other persons who are, or who may be within the Western Defense Command."

"I suggest the advisability of the following course of action:

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One of the chapters in Bill Hosokawa's forthcoming book on the history of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), "JACL: In Quest of Justice" (Morrow & Co., New York), is titled "Executive Order 9066", a timely cue for us to note that the book is about to be released and become available at the forthcoming National JACL Convention hosted by Gardena Valley JACL.—Editor.

Immigration raids to continue; ten aliens voluntarily go home

LOS ANGELES — Hearings were held Feb. 9 for 11 of the 27 Japanese nationals who had been apprehended in Immigration and Naturalization Service raids in Little Tokyo. Ten agreed to return home voluntarily to avoid deportation. Other hearings were scheduled for the remaining illegal aliens who were picked up in the Jan. 27 and Feb. 2 raids and it was expected that most of them would be given the same option.

One alien was granted a three-month extension of stay in the U.S. as he was reported to be in the process of obtaining the proper visa which would allow him to work. He will, however, have to leave the country before he can apply for re-entry under a work visa.

The Kashu Mainichi reported attorneys representing the 11 aliens had met earlier with the immigration hearing officer to resolve the case by having the nationals depart voluntarily at their own expense.

The Herald Examiner (Feb. 11) learned the INS will continue to conduct large scale

arrests in various neighborhoods here. The agency will more than double the number of investigators assigned to the city and by March, the staff will have increased from 18 to 40, said INS Deputy District Director Phil Smith.

Scope of the raids will include not only the Hispanic areas where the largest number of illegal aliens are found, but also the Chinese and Japanese neighborhoods.

However, Dennis M. Mukai, a private immigration attorney who is currently handling four of the 16 remaining Japanese national cases, said (Feb. 10) that Omer Sewell,

another INS deputy district director, assured him that the INS is sensitive to the concerns of the Little Tokyo community.

Sewell said the INS was investigating complaints that agents were not properly informing nationals of their rights and the Service will try to "correct abuses".

Mukai said he stressed to Sewell that the Japanese community here is a "very sensitive" one, encompassing a "special kind of culture". Mukai said he also warned Sewell that the community "won't tolerate any actions by the INS which would have a

tendency to scare the (Issei) off the streets."

A meeting of Nikkei attorneys and community organization representatives was held Feb. 10 in Mukai's office and most of those present (including JACL PSW Gov. Cary Nishimoto, PSW legal counsel Leslie Furukawa and PSW Regional Director John Saito) felt that keeping the community informed and making aliens aware of their rights were important steps to calming the panic.

Consuelo Morinaga, representing the JACL Latin American Chapter, expressed her

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Remembering 9066

San Francisco

Last month, this country celebrated the 100th anniversary birthdate (Jan. 30) of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, considered to be one of the great presidents in the history of the United States. The celebration is part of the continuing adoration of a president who brought this nation out of the staggering quagmires of the Great Depression and gave to this country a new deal which determined the shape and form of government as we know it today.

For Japanese Americans, today's date (Feb. 19) is of far greater significance. Today marks the 40th anniversary of the signing and issuance of Presidential Executive Order 9066, the governmental instrument which opened the gates to America's concentration camps in 1942.

Executive Orders are the prerogative of every Chief Executive and are issued as the need arises. In and of itself, E.O. 9066 appears to be a straightforward document. It doesn't specify any particular group for exclusion and doesn't go beyond instructing the military to maintain the internal security of the United States at a time of national emergency. In fact, if Roosevelt had not issued such an executive order, he could have been harshly criticized for not exercising his responsibility as President.

This is not to suggest, however, that Roosevelt should be relieved in any way from his responsibility for the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII, for he was fully aware of the intent behind the military recommendation for the removal of Japanese Americans from the West Coast. As stated by Attorney General Francis Biddle in a memorandum to the President, the order permitted the Army to "handle the Japs" and "...was never intended to apply to Italians and Germans." You can't get much clearer than that.

Added to this, it's a significant fact that E.O. 9066 was drafted by the Provost Marshal's office, suggesting Karl Bendetsen, the chief architect of the Evacuation, and not by Biddle, whom one would expect to draft such a document for the President. And significantly, the President issued E.O. 9066 over Biddle's protest that the removal of Japanese Americans constituted an abrogation of the protections guaranteed to American citizens.

It was a decision by the President of the United States which affected all of our lives personally, three generations of Japanese Americans caught in the machinations of the government's racist policy in 1942. As a result, February 19th and E.O. 9066 have become part of our legacy, etched into memory.

There are certain numbers and dates that stay with you all your life, that you never forget. Social security, army serial number (try as you might to forget it), the last date to file income taxes. 23-11-2, my family's block and barracks, numbers I can remember even though I was just a kid in camp. 9066 are such numbers.

And so, while we as a nation celebrate the 100th birthdate of one of our great presidents, we Americans of Japanese ancestry recall February 19th and 9066, especially on this, the fortieth anniversary of the beginning of our years in exile.

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E.O. 9066

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"The progressive designation by you of military areas throughout the Western Defense Command of such extent and in such places as you deem necessary to provide the maximum protection from sabotage and espionage of installations vital to the war effort consistent with the means available for evacuation and the military responsibilities attendant upon evacuation of large numbers of persons.

"Where necessary, in your judgment, the designation of protective zones within the military areas referred to above, in which you will provide (a) for the exclusion of all persons in Classes 1, 2 and 5, and where in your judgment it is essential, and (b) for the exclusion of persons in Class 3, so as to afford the maximum protection from espionage and sabotage to installations vital to the war effort, consistent with the military responsibilities attendant upon such an evacuation, viz., the number of troops which will be diverted from training for combat and from other missions, the fulfillment of which is your responsibility..."

And on the matter of evacuation, only persons of Japanese ancestry were mentioned:

"...The promulgation of appropriate restrictive regulations governing the exercise by any person of the right to enter, remain in or leave such military areas and any zones within such military areas. In connection with the initiation, development and accomplishment of the program outlined above, you will initiate and carry to completion, without delay, the preparation of detailed plans for the evacuation of those classes of persons and individuals who will be excluded from military areas prescribed by you. In so doing it is desired that you take full advantage of the provisions of the Executive order whereby you are authorized to call upon the other executive departments and federal agencies for assistance, not only in the furnishing of services, but also of supplies, equipment and land. It is the intention that the heads of the several executive departments, independent establishments, and other federal agencies will be required and will have full authority to respond to such requests as you may make upon them in carrying out the provisions of the executive order.

"In this connection so far as consistent with safety the development of your program should be by stages. In the most critical areas you may consider it necessary to bring about an almost immediate evacuation of certain classes, particularly classes 1 and 2..."

Although McCloy's memorandum also specified that the evacuees should be provided with "temporary shelters" as well as food, hospitalization and other accommodations, the testimony by several hundred witnesses during last year's Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians hearings indicated that these orders, however humanely intended, were "filtered down", in a sense, resulting in unnecessary human suffering.

McCloy also asked DeWitt to provide "for the protection of the property, particularly the physical property, of evacuees." But even WRA Director Dillon S. Myer, in his book "Uprooted Americans", noted that "(t)he absence of any property safeguards whatever for several weeks after evacuation was a foregone conclusion."

EO 9066, as DeWitt pointed out in the Final Report, eventually led to congressional passage of Public Law No. 503, which subjected any person violating the restriction and exclusion orders to a fine "of not to exceed \$5,000 or to imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for each offense."

The rest is history.

Membership response still strong

LINDSAY, Ca.—Tom Shimasaki, chairman of the JACL national ways & means committee, expressed his thanks publicly (Feb. 12) to the many JACLers who are responding to recent requests for funds to support several projects as outlined in the appeal letter in January.

"With the response we are having, it appears that we will be able to make a thrust in those directions even in this biennium," Shimasaki stated. "It is regrettable that we have to come back to our loyal membership for assistance. But we have found that this is going to be a fact of life since sources outside of our organi-

zation are not within our reach.

"I am certain that support shown will give the National JACL leadership the impetus that will be needed to guide us to our destinies in the coming decade."

(The Pacific Citizen will print the remainder of the Jan. 29-Feb. 2 "donations received" list on our desk in the next issue, when more space shall be available.—Editor.)

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Hayakawa wants bilingualism dropped from Voting Rights Act

WASHINGTON—Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Cal.) urged the Senate Judiciary Committee Feb. 4 to strike existing provisions from the Voting Rights Act which require bilingual election materials. The Senator submitted a bill, S 53, to the committee for consideration.

Hayakawa, in a statement to the committee, said that costs and the need for all citizens to learn English were the reasons why he urged the bilingual requirement to be dropped.

He noted that the state of California spent over \$1.2 million on bilingual election materials, and added that some local jurisdictions in other states spend thousands of dollars on these forms while only a few persons take advantage of them.

The Senator also pointed out that "simply providing a bilingual ballot" cannot make up for the years of educational opportunities that were withheld from non-English speaking families.

Although he sympathized with citizens who did not vote in the past because of language barriers, he stated, "...I truly cannot see how allowing them to vote in a language other than English is going to make them full-fledged members of our American society."

Hayakawa also urged in his statement, "I firmly believe that all U.S. citizens, regardless of their heritage, need to learn to use English well enough to vote in this English speaking country."

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nal of the American Medical Assn. in Chicago, Lundberg

JCPA to fete 9th yr.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Japanese Community Progressive Alliance (JCPA) will celebrate its ninth anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 27, 6 p.m. at the San Francisco Buddhist Church on the corner of Octavia and Pine Streets.

declined comment on the decision, which said he had "acted unreasonably" in dismissing the Harvard-educated Sansei ('54) and Vienna-trained physician ('64). He completed his residency in pathology at UCD/SMC in 1970.

Well-known here for his volunteer work within the community as head of Health for All, a local child public health

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The fight for the rights of the loyal against the disloyal groups, the fight against the pro-Japan press within our country, the heroic exploits of the 100th Infantry Battalion and other military units of Japanese Americans, many of whom paid the supreme sacrifice in Italy and in the Pacific area: all such actions are described in detail and are well documented.

JACK MASHIN, Grossmont College (staff)

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UCLA Law School special Asian admissions stays alive for now

MARINA DEL REY, Ca. — The special admissions program for Asian American students applying to UCLA Law School will remain intact for another year, Marina JACL's George Kodama announced Feb. 8.

A chapter-sponsored debate over the proposed elimination of the program between the Asian Pacific Law Students Assn. and the UCLA Law School administration had been scheduled for Feb. 4 at the Burton Chace Park community building here, but never took place.

UCLA Law School Dean William D. Warren had declined the invitation to participate and instead wrote a letter dated Jan. 29 to Marina

JACL president Ed Goka, stating: "...The Admissions Committee has decided not to propose any changes in the (special admissions) program this year until we have more experience on the subject."

Warren also stated in his letter: "I don't think we have anything to debate about. The percentage of Asian students at UCLA is 17% at the undergraduate level—20% at (UC) Berkeley. The number of Asian students in law school grows each year—and they are very good students."

A recommendation to eliminate the special admissions program, which modified standard admission procedures for Japanese, Chinese and Korean ancestry students, had been under consideration and was expected to be acted upon by the Law School's Admissions Committee Feb. 5.

The issue had particular significance because at least one half of all Nikkei lawyers had been admitted to the bar since 1975 and at least one-half of this number went through special admissions, it was noted by Marina JACL vice president Fred Fujioka.

The Marina JACL, in response, sent an invitation to Warren Jan. 15 to debate the issue with APLSA. Because Warren declined, APLSA members Neil Nagano and Bert Nishimura instead conducted an informative discussion, moderated by Fujioka.

Fujioka, a Sansei attorney, emphasized that community pressure on institutional decisions that may negatively affect the Asian American community can have beneficial results, as in this instance.

Hawaii judge fined for drunken driving

HONOLULU—Circuit Court Judge Harold Shintaku, the Nisei jurist who suffered mysterious head injuries Oct. 7 (PC Oct. 23, '81), pleaded guilty to charges of drunken driving and was fined \$150 on Jan. 28.

Shintaku admitted to part-time District Judge Richard Lum that he was drunk when he drove from the city's courthouse parking lot on the evening of Oct. 6, and was then stopped by a motorcycle officer.

His sentence was imposed as he prepared to leave for the Mainland for treatment of his head injuries.

SFCJAS to hear Akemi Kikumura

SAN FRANCISCO — Dr. Akemi Kikumura, USC professor in anthropology and author of "Through Harsh Winters", a novel about the life of an Issei woman, will speak Friday, Feb. 19, 8 p.m., at the Japanese American Assn. Bldg., 1759 Sutter St., it was announced by the San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies, sponsor of the "Evening with Akemi Kikumura".



1982 JABA OFFICERS—The Japanese American Bar Assn. installs its 1982 officers: (from left): Leslie Furukawa, Michael Yamaki (pres), Ron Ito, Bruce Ishimatsu, Lou Ito (past pres).

Nikkei Republicans go statewide

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—California Japanese American Republicans (CalJAR), organized in Fresno last November to become involved in the Republican party at the statewide level, will meet Mar. 6, 9 a.m. at the Airport Hotel here to review its by-laws. Harry Kubo of Parlier, a board member, had chaired the initial meeting.

Those interested are free to attend the meeting, which will be chaired by George Oki of Sacramento, the charter president. Other officers are:

Kei Higashi, Monterey Park, vp; Agnes Arakawa, Mont Pk, sec; Tony Takikawa, Fresno, treas; rgnl bd reps: North—Steve Nakashima; Central—Robert Kanagawa; South—Cherry Ishimatsu.

'Beginning Century II' JACCC theme

LOS ANGELES—"Beginning Century II", a reference to the first 100 years of Japanese American immigration history (1869-1969), is the theme of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center's second anniversary dinner Friday, Mar. 5, 6:30 p.m. at the Biltmore Bowl, Biltmore Hotel—scene of the kickoff dinner for the JACCC fund drive seven years ago.

In the ensuing years, JACCC has succeeded in raising some \$7 million from sources in both the U.S. and Japan, resulting in completion of the six-story Center building and near-completion of the 880-seat theater.

The Mar. 5 dinner will pay special tribute to Katsuma Mukaeda, JACCC board chairman; George Doizaki, JACCC president whose determination to raise funds the past seven years was primarily the reason for the campaign's success; and to Dr. Franklin D. Murphy, charter board member who graciously opened many doors to funding sources in the United States.

Reservations at \$100 per person may be made to JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. #505, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Toshikazu Terasawa is dinner chair. Honorary co-chair are James D. Hodgson, former U.S. ambassador to Japan; Jun Mori, president, L.A. Harbor Commission; and Takashi Sakai, president, Japan Business Assn.

JA Bar Assn. installs 1982 officers

MARINA DEL REY, Ca.—The Japanese American Bar Association installed its 1982 officers at a brunch held Feb. 7 at the California Yacht Club here. Outgoing President Louis K. Ito turned the gavel over to attorney Michael Yamaki. Other officers inaugurated were:

Leslie Furukawa, pres-elect; Ron Ito, vp; Bruce Ishimatsu, sect; Judy Otamura Kester, treas; Howard Hom, Lance Ito, Masamune Kojima, Carol Matsunaga, Carole Morita, and Gerald Sato, bd of dir.

Among the 130 guests present were U.S. District Court Judges Robert M. Takasugi and Wallace Tashima and retired district court of appeals Justice Stephen K. Tamura.

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Cleveland

A major decision affecting the immediate directions and goals of JACL will be made at the forthcoming National JACL board meeting next week (Feb. 26-28). It is surprising that the Pacific Citizen has not been used more as a vehicle to bring to the awareness of the general membership the jeopardy of losing the cornerstone of JACL's human and civil rights activities.

The Washington, D.C. JACL Office is slated to be reduced from its present full-time operation in order to meet anticipated cuts in the National JACL budget. A proposal will be submitted to the National Board, recommending a retainer arrangement. This proposal should be carefully reviewed and discussed beforehand by the total membership. What effect would this have on JACL's major commitment to human and civil liberties issues, currently exemplified by the Redress program? Is this change to suggest that the activities of the WDC Office are not high on JACL's priority list?

The Cleveland JACL Board proposes that serious consideration be given to implementing the following plan as quickly as possible:

1—Transfer the Office of the National JACL Director from San Francisco to Washington, D.C.

2—Locate the Office of the Redress coordinator from San Francisco to Washington, D.C.

3—Retain the current WDC Representative as a consultant.

The proposal will permit the necessary reduction of the JACL national budget and, at the same time, assure continuity of the Redress activities in cooperation with the Commission (CWRIC). The added benefits will be the increased sensitivity, contacts, skills and knowledge of the National Director in working with other legislative issues of importance and relevance to JACL.

IKEDA

Continued from Page 2

screening program; American Heart Assn. (where is currently Golden Empire chapter president); and the Asian Free Clinic, Ikeda commented the news of reinstatement was happily received, a "kind of vindication for fighting the dismissal all these years".

Ikeda was represented by Frank A. Iwama, a specialist in administrative law and former state deputy attorney general. One of three hearing officers on the UC Davis Medical School grievance appeals committee was Lindy F. Kumagai, M.D., division chief in endocrinology; the others were the assistant vice chancellor of student affairs and associate dean at the UC-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. Representing UCD/SMC was attorney Fred Take-miya.

Warning 'Poorly Conceived'

The committee found Lundberg's letter of warning was "poorly conceived and documented, and unclear as to required corrective action". Lundberg had charged Ikeda with being absent from the hospital for most of June 9, 1978. But testimony revealed that Ikeda was attending the UC-Davis medical school commencement as guest of the dean. Because he was being honored by the students as Mentor of the class, the records showed

that Ikeda was sitting on stage and Lundberg was in the audience. Nevertheless, Lundberg had deemed Ikeda required an authorized absence from him, the chairman of the pathology department.

Another witness, Dr. Delores Hardre, during the course of inquiry on what constituted "loyalty" (Lundberg had charged Ikeda with an overt act of disloyalty for writing memos involving management to persons outside the department), reported being at a staff meeting where Ikeda had asked what Lundberg meant by loyalty. And Lundberg's response was that it meant loyalty "to him, not to the department, (but) to him". She also was appalled by another question Lundberg had asked of Ikeda: "Do you believe in God? ... It's an improper question to ask of any employee."

The incident involving "verbal assault" that led to Ikeda's suspension for a week occurred in the pathology office where a job description for a vacancy of morgue attendant was being rewritten. Ikeda's input was sought at the outset since the job had been under his supervision. Then the department expanded the description, but Ikeda was not a party to the latter stages of changes. So when Ikeda saw the bulletin of the vacancy with the changes posted in the hallway, he was upset and angry that he had been excluded and uninformed. The anger was vented upon the office employee who did the paper work.

With respect to charges of "unprofessional conduct... resisted authority... insubordinate" as bases for dismissal, the hearing found them unsubstantiated or within reasonable bounds. As for

35 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen

FEBRUARY 22, 1947

Feb. 5—Shunzo Ushiroda (R) loses to CIO-PAC haole candidate in West Hawaii special election for Territorial House seat; district has Japanese American voter majority, indicating no racial bloc voting.

Feb. 7—First papers issued by U.S. District Court, San Francisco, to Issei applicant (Takeshi Takagi) for naturalization.

Feb. 11—L.A. county sheriff swears in first Nisei deputy (Stanley Uno, 24).

Feb. 13—Stockton Reserve Officers Assn. backs Gen. DeWitt's evacuation policy.

Feb. 15—Report 900 stranded Nisei in Japan cleared for return to U.S.; all carefully screened, U.S. consul Alexis Johnson says in Tokyo ... Shipping space in short supply.

Feb. 15—Nine JACL chapters organize Pacific Southwest District; elect Henry Sakemi (Coachella) chairman.

Feb. 16—Calif. Council for Civic Unity (30 organizations) back evacuation claims bill, seek alien land law amendment to protect Nisei property rights.

Feb. 17—House Un-American Committee seeks bilingual papers print parallel English translations or be denied 2d class privileges.

Feb. 18—Unidentified body found in Newcastle tunnel not Japanese, says Placer County coronor; believed to be Hindu.

Feb. 20—Nisei woman employee among 15 killed in Los Angeles O'Connor electroplate plant explosion.

Feb. 20—No. Calif. civil rights group urged by JACL to reconsider decision to withhold financial support of Oyama alien land case on appeal before U.S. Supreme Court.

Feb. 21—Utah Senate passes alien land law repeal by unanimous vote; bill backed by veteran groups.

resisting authority, it was evident to the hearing officers that the relationship between Lundberg and Ikeda had deteriorated over the year (Sept. 1977-Sept. 1978) "to a completely ineffectual state"—but not severe enough to warrant dismissal.

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ron Ikejiri



Washington

As the second session of the 97th Congress begins, the congressional November election campaign becomes everpresent in the minds of House and Senate members. Certainly, unemployment, recession, inflation and Social Security cuts, will be topics of intense debate in the Congress and with the constituents.

During this same period, the CWRIC will be completing its mandate fact-finding responsibilities under Public Law 96-317, passed in the 96th Congress, as well as formulating their recommendations based on all of the evidence they have received and discovered over the past months.

By far the most troublesome issue to be resolved by the Commission is the determination of appropriate remedies. At public forums, Commissioners have indicated



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

Disadvantages of Being a Dog

Salt Lake City

We will be lucky to survive this year. Nicholas has been impossible since he learned that 1982 is the Year of the Dog. It has gone straight to his head. He has always been aware of his superior qualities, but to have them so publicly extolled is another thing. At the end of each sentence, he nodded his head in affirmation. No wonder so many humans have said they would gladly exchange places with him. The finest traits are found in dogs. He has no modesty.

To all appearances, it isn't a bad life. His room is probably nicer than some. It is decorated with framed art posters, a stained glass and mobiles. He sleeps on a bed with Marimekko designer sheets and a monogrammed blanket. There is regular laundry service. Twice a day, his meals are prepared and delivered to his room. He is a fussy eater, requiring companionship while he chews, morsel by slow morsel. At night, he invites himself to table with humans. Pushy dog. Most of the day, he is not in his room. He has the run of the house and yard. The living room is his favorite place. In the summer, it is convenient to tear through the screen in pursuit of quail. Occasionally, he runs away. He sneaks back into the house and sits in the scolding corner. Running away is worth every bit of human wrath. He has a marvelous time.

From this description, it is understandable that humans would like to be Nicholas. They forget the disadvantages of being a dog. Most places are inaccessible to

him. Signs post their menacing warnings, "No dogs allowed." They are denied visiting privileges. However, I think I have figured a way of getting around that. I will dress Nicholas in one of my son's warm-up suits and if anyone should try to stop us, I will say, "My son thinks he's a dog." When I conceived this somewhat innovative idea, my family received it dubiously. Spoilsports. Hasn't the inequity occurred to anyone? People can want to be dogs, but dogs can't want to be people.

Perhaps there is some rule that says only humans are entitled to be discontent with their lot. We want to be someone or something else. Whenever anyone says he would like to be Nicholas, I recall a sad incident. It may seem totally unrelated to you. My minds runs on crooked tracks, making crazy connections. Yet, I think my analogy may not be so incomprehensible to those of you who were old enough to know in 1942. The same era when "I am Chinese" buttons were worn by some who were and a few who were not.

Forty years ago, as we were preparing to be evacuated from our house in California, we heard an urgent pounding at the door. The Issei woman was in tears. She asked if she could borrow some bandages and medication. All hers were packed. That morning, she had discovered her mutilated daughter. The young girl had clawed her face. "I stopped her before she could take the scissors to her eyes. She said she could not bear to be Japanese any longer."

A Look Ahead

Washington

that the determination of just and equitable remedies are the most difficult and important task before the body.

For the JACL and the Japanese American community, the Commission report will have a substantial effect on the future legislative programs and activities of the organization.

The JACL redress chair Min Yasui and the JACL redress coordinator John Tateishi will be seeking your advice and recommendation regarding the fashioning of appropriate remedies, through Chapter sponsored workshops on the subject area.

The workshop will provide an excellent opportunity to share your views regarding remedies with fellow JACL members. Your participation and input is vital to the collective understanding and determination of JACL's position on Redress remedies.



School Discipline in Tokyo Falling

Denver, Colo.

A large part of Japanese American community life on the West Coast prior to World War II were the language schools. Most Issei parents still harbored the notion in those days that eventually they would be going "home" to Japan, a not unreasonable position since the United States denied them citizenship. The worrisome thing about this thought was that their Nisei children were learning to be Americans in the public schools. What would happen when they went to Japan speaking only a rudimentary form of the language and unable to read or write it?

So the Issei organized language schools and hired teachers for the classrooms, paying tuition out of their meager incomes. Most of the language schools held classes late in the afternoon after public school was dismissed. That didn't go over very well with the kids. Their Jewish and black and Mexican and other friends went off to play after the last bell; the Japanese kids had to go to school all over again.

The inevitable result was resentment. Many youngsters resisted learning. Only the most earnest, compliant

and ambitious got much out of the classes. The fact that only about 7 percent of Nisei men tested by the Army in World War II knew enough of the language to qualify for enrollment in the military intelligence school says something of the quality of the schooling.

Under such circumstances discipline in the language schools was a major problem. Truancy was only a minor part of the problem. Kids defied their teachers, often getting into punching matches with the mothers and housewives who had been recruited to run the classrooms. And invariably the recalcitrant kids, when they were lectured by parents or the principal, were reminded that children in Japan were obedient and well-behaved, and what a terrible thing it was that the American influence had made the Nisei so unruly.

All this came back to mind recently while reading a report on contemporary school problems by Eiko Fukuda, a Japanese journalist who specializes in social issues. "Violence is spreading in both urban and rural secondary schools," she writes, "and hardly a day now goes by without accounts of students defacing classrooms, fighting among themselves and even beating up teachers. In Tokyo alone last year, for example, more than 100 schools reported incidents of student miscon-

duct, which is currently at its highest level since the end of World War II. Government authorities have reacted by imposing tighter controls. Among other things, police now patrol schools to protect teachers and maintain order."

What's at the root of the problem? Fukuda reports that Japanese follow the Confucian ethic in which the respected father presides over a stable family. But family cohesion is breaking down as fathers, caught up in the race for success, are absent from home much of the time and working mothers neglect their children.

"In this highly competitive nation," Fukuda writes, "youngsters are being inculcated with the idea of schooling as an avenue for achievement rather than as an educational experience. Those who fall behind are branded as failures, and they frequently turn to violence in their frustration. Studies show that the majority of juvenile delinquents came from middle class families that lean on their children to score well in the constant examinations that determine their future."

There are many similarities as well as differences in school problems in the United States at large, and in the Japan of today. This is another field where the two countries can join in an effort to find answers to a serious mutual concern. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

The Complexities of Communicating

Philadelphia

IN A COLUMN last year we commented on the complexities of pronouncing Polish names, including that of the leader of Solidarity, Lech Walesa which is pronounced "Vah-len-sah". I've been seeing the name of the Libyan leader spelled so many different ways that I'm curious if there is an "official" version: Kadafi, Qwaddaffi, Kuadoffi and others you've no doubt seen. But if you stop to think about it, there are a lot of English words which are aberrations. Or seemingly inconsistent.

IMAGINE YOURSELF AS being exposed to the English language for the first time in your life and trying to fathom some rules of pronunciation and grammar. If "tough" is pronounced "tuff", and "trough" is "trawf", then why is not "through" pronounced "thruff"? Reminds me of the proposition confronted to me as a child: if the plural of "mouse" is "mice", and the plural of "louse" is "lice", then how come the plural of "house" isn't "hice"? I toyed around with that as a child. I still don't know the answer.

To continue: if the plural of "box" is "boxes" then why does more than one ox become "oxen" instead of "oxes"? Well, you get the idea. As they say, the English language is one of the most difficult languages to learn properly.

THEN THERE ARE those words, while spelled dif-

ferently and mean different things, are yet pronounced the same, or nearly the same. Example: sew, so, sow—the last meaning to scatter seeds on the ground. However, if this last word is a reference to an adult female hog, then the pronunciation (rhymes with "how") again differs.

IF ALL THIS were not enough, they add the intricacies of grammar, punctuation and sentence structure. In our columns we blithely ignore such rules. We split infinitives, dangle participles, end sentences with prepositions, mix metaphors, and violate just about every rule that my high school English teacher tried to instill into me. There are, however, certain forms of speech that all of us use without being conscious of what we're saying. Example: "It was awfully good" or "terribly refreshing." Now, that's grossly inconsistent. How can something be "awful" and yet "good"? And yet you'll catch me using that form of speech. I remember someone once challenging the use of the term "round circle". (Are there square ones?) Or: "What experience have you had in the past"? (Isn't all experience in the past?) As they say, English is a difficult language to learn. Properly.

WHEN IT COMES TO *Nihongo*, I'm so lost that I couldn't split infinitives or dangle participles, etc. because I wouldn't recognize one if they had them. In *Nihongo*, as you know, there are forms of speech for

different circumstances, depending on whom you're speaking to. (There's a sentence that ended with a preposition. But, what the heck.) If you're addressing a male, it's one form of speech; a female is quite another. Mix the two, and you expose yourself as an ignoramus. Also, speech patterns differ if you're speaking to an equal, a subordinate or a superior—and, again, you shouldn't mix them up. And when it comes to royal court language...forget it. I think I heard just bits of it only once in my life, and I don't think I understood a word.

YES, COMMUNICATING IS a complex matter. Indeed.

Kunitsugu heads contractors group

LOS ANGELES—Kango Kunitsugu, longtime consultant to Oriental Builders Assn., now renamed the Japanese American Contractors, Inc., heads the group as president, succeeding Roy Takei of Takei Construction Group, Pasadena.

In remarks at the 11th annual installation dinner at the Music Center's Pavilion Restaurant Feb. 13, Kunitsugu reminded the original goals remain: to fight discriminatory practices in the building industry, encourage Sansei-Yonsei youth to the trades through job training programs, and serve the community.

Another challenge in particular, in which Kunitsugu minced no words, was to make the Nikkei aware of the capabilities of Asian contractors. "Some Japanese Americans fail to recognize the capabilities of Asian contractors, much less even offer an opportunity to bid on some projects," he declared. This he intends to make among his priorities.

Ted Hashimoto, president of Southland Scaffold & Equipment, Inc., emceed the dinner. #

MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi

Photo Please

Dear Editor:

We keep reading the PC and encounter the name of Peter Imamura, who has taken a large load off your back and performed in an outstanding way during this first year with JACL. Isn't it about time that the membership gets a look at the guy? We have your mug and mine to grace these pages. I think it's about time that people get an idea of what this Imamura guy looks like.



Pete works for you, so you know more about him. I recall that you sent him to Headquarters on a couple of occasions to prepare and cover the Hearings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation. As the two of us are fairly tightfisted, the arrangement was to have Peter stay at my place during those visits. The first trip was Peter's first venture north of Santa Barbara. Needless to say, San Francisco was a bit of a culture shock for him, but he handled it very well. We had the occasion to take him to the Presidio Museum to view the 442nd/100th Infantry exhibit. Eric Saul, the curator, gave him a great tour with special stories about the vets that are rarely shared with us younger types. The consequence of that exposure has been that the two of us were really touched by the role of the Nisei veterans that we had not understood before.

On another of his visits, I lent him my faithful Datsun pickup to travel around. Peter is not a great driver. He took the handle off my garage door, and managed to knock a light fixture down as well. He also managed to drop his camera enroute to the NCWN redress fund-raising dinner. These things happen when you travel fourth class.

I don't mean to paint a picture of this young man as a klutz, but he does have his moments. The converse of this picture is, however, the detailed reporting that he has provided the membership on the Redress issue. If people were able to watch the process of coverage, they would see that Pete went without meals, worked 18 hours straight, taped much of the direct testimony. There is no doubt that he worked hard on this project. Not that you didn't. While everyone else was out at dinner or at home after the Commission hearings, Peter was on the phone at midnight calling in the story to make the Friday night deadline, so that our membership could be kept informed.

Whether we get a picture of the elusive Peter Imamura into print soon or not, this is to serve to counter the rumor that Peter Imamura is a pen name. He is a real person, doing a hell of a job for JACL.

Sincerely,
RON WAKABAYASHI

One picture, coming up!—Ed.

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FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: John Saito

Scenario

Los Angeles

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JANE: "You and I know that, but does the government know it?"

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February 19, 1982

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Aging George and Jane Nisei:

JANE (to George): "Honey, do you realize that if your parents were still living, they would think twice before they visited Little Tokyo?"

GEORGE: "Huh?"

Deaths

Mrs. Yuka Abe, 89, of San Francisco, died Jan. 27. Widow of the late Toyoyi Abe, publisher of the Shin Sekai, prewar Japanese newspaper, is survived by s Roy Victor; d Sophy Ozaki, Alice Matsumoto, Martha Abe and Hana Kawakami.

Dr. Howard S. Henjyoji, 36, of Portland, died Jan. 19. A recipient of the JACL-Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka scholarship, he was graduated from Harvard University in 1967, Univ. of Oregon medical school in 1971, and interned at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. He was also ordained a priest in the Henjyoji Temple in 1968 and furthered his studies at the Koyasan Temple in Japan. He was affiliated with Columbia County Memorial Hospital, St. Helen's, Ore. Surviving are w Cheri, 2 d, parents Bishop Daiyu and Mrs. Henjyoji, 2 br and 2 sis.

Mary Yoshiye Kurata, 62, Sacramento-born Nisei, died Feb. 6 at the Riverside Hospital after a long illness. She is survived by s George Yoshio, Thomas Tadao and Edward Masao; d Bonnie Kazuko Ogawa Taylor, Janice Michiko De Leon and Grace Shizuko Herrera; 7 gc and sis Mrs. Rose Kaneko Matsumoto. (Daughter Bonnie was secretary at the PSW JACL office in the 1960s when it was on Weller St.)

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Salinas Valley to celebrate 50th

SALINAS, Ca.—Ten Issei pioneers who can recall the birth of JACL in the valley and who were instrumental in starting Japanese agriculture here will be honored during the 50th anniversary banquet of the Salinas Valley JACL Feb. 20, 6 p.m., at the community center in the Rodeo Grounds.

Also being honored will be the 20 past chapter presidents and a number of civic and JACL dignitaries, including Dr. Yosh Nakashima, district

governor, and George Kondo, regional director. The civic guest list includes:

Rep. Leon Panetta (D-Cal); Mayor Jim Barnes; Sup'r Marc del Piero, chair, Monterey County board of supervisors; Sup'r Barbara Shipnuck; Ass'n Carol Hallett, State Assembly.

Evening program includes installation of officers, a slide show of historic scenes featuring the Japanese in Salinas, photographs, posters and documents covering the contribution of Japanese Americans, ikebana and bonsai. Dinner tickets are \$25.

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For the Record

Among the recipients of the Agricultural Society of Japan medal at Los Angeles Jan. 31 was Henry Hiraku Tanaka (not Kei Tanaka), 70, Goleta flower grower—and an Issei. We regret the erroneous information as reported in the Feb. 5 PC.

Another 1000 Club honor roll error is being corrected in this corner. Hiroshi Uyehara (Phi) should have been in the Century Club file. His 1000 Club status was upgraded to Century in July, 1981, Headquarters advises.



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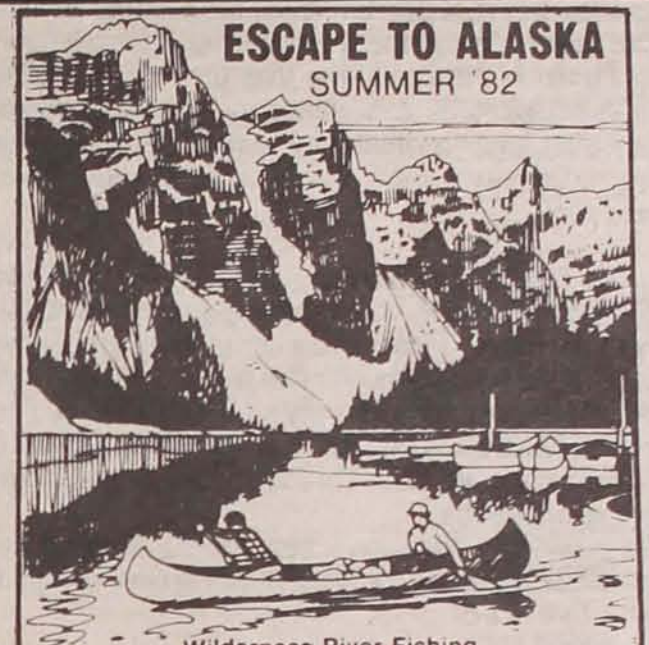
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Election

Onetime Placer County JACLer **Bill Steele** of Nevada City, Ca., has announced his intention to seek the Democratic nomination for the 1st District. Regarded as a "maverick" by not asking for campaign funds as in the past, Steele expressed his dismay at the gerrymandering by the Democrats in the state legislature and predicted "it will backfire".

Fine Arts

An all-day party celebrating the 10th anniversary of sculptor **Ruth Asawa's** fountain at the Hyatt Hotel on Union Square was held Feb. 12 in front of her piece that includes some casts of baker's clay models made by children. It was "Ruth Asawa Day" with Bay Area personalities, artists and musicians participating. She also designed the fountains in Ghirardelli Square and Buchanan St. Mall in Japan-town. Japanese sculptor **Rikuro Okamoto** of New York, who assembles ersatz boulders with casters and has them motorized (selling for as much as \$10,000), has been using the granite boulders in Central Park as "models" over the past decade. He uses latex, burlap, aluminum foil and plaster—leaving the rock unharmed. The Village Voice regards him among the "wild and crazy artists" in Gotham.

Government

Gordon Aoyagi was recently appointed general manager of the Salem, Or., Area Transit District. Aoyagi, 35, was formerly manager of the Boulder, Colo., district RTD operations and the executive director of the Westport, Conn., transit district. He is the son of Harry and Miyoko Aoyagi of Denver. **Hiroshi Kusakai**, who headed the Fresno County fiscal-ac-

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counting division in the D.A.'s family support division for the past five years, became assistant auditor-controller Jan. 15 for the county, a post previously held by the current auditor-controller Gary Peterson. Prior to his employment with the county, Kusakai, a CPA and CLU, worked with Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada and Touche Ross Co. in Fresno. He was CCDC JACL district governor in 1966-67.

Sports

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concern for Japanese aliens from Peru and other South American countries, since many of them speak primarily Spanish or Portuguese and little English.

Reactions Varied

Reactions to the INS raids have varied. Takeo C. Taiyoshi of the Little Tokyo Business Assn. issued a statement Feb. 8 which asked Japanese employers to "exercise great care" and make sure that their employee's visa and passports were in order. Taiyoshi also echoed INS District Director Michael Landon's assurance that legal aliens "will have no trouble", if stopped by an INS agent.

In a letter to the Rafu Shimpo Feb. 10, Alan Nishio, president of Little Tokyo People's Rights Organization, compared the recent INS raids to the WW2 round-up of Japanese aliens by the FBI. He added: "We in the (LTPRO) feel that the laws are being abused ar-

bitrarily by authorities in that Japanese and other immigrant workers are used as scapegoats for the worsening economic situation."

Nishio also warned that "the Japanese American people vow not to allow the indiscriminate round-up ever again" and LTPRO called upon all minority groups to unite against the INS action.

In contrast, Kashu Mainichi columnist George Yoshinaga wrote (Feb. 10) that the idea of comparing the recent INS raids with the 1942 evacuation of JAs made his "blood boil". He added:

"Those (aliens) caught in Little Tokyo are no different than the hundreds of Mexican nationals rounded-up each day for the same violation of immigration laws."

"People who are trying to find another angle for this crackdown are really skating on thin ice."

"I think the owners of businesses in J-town who employ these illegals had better clean up their act instead of trying to create an atmosphere which tend to play up the racial angle of the situation."

The English-language Japan Times in Tokyo ran an editorial

Feb. 6 which approved the INS crackdown: "We welcome the INS's clampdown on those Japanese who break and defy U.S. law. They should be dealt with sternly by measures including deportation ..."

Japan Times also blamed the U.S. government "for having been

somewhat lax in giving (the illegal aliens) student visas". The newspaper suggested also that "Japanese restaurant operators ought to consider developing itamae (Japanese cooks) out of native Americans" since there is "nothing genetic" in the skill required to cook Japanese dishes.

Independent schools recruit minorities

BOSTON — The National Assn. of Independent Schools (NAIS) is seeking Japanese Americans and other minority students, teachers, and administrators to independent schools, it was announced Jan. 30 by John Crowder, asst. director of external affairs.

In order to reach the Japanese American, NAIS, Independent Educational Services (IES) of Princeton, N.J., and

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The blaze had been the second worst here since World War II. In November 1980, a fire at the Kawaji resort hotel in Tochigi prefecture, north of Tokyo, killed 45 people.

Furiya, 56, was a former Postal Service superintendent who had been on a business trip here for K-P Intertrading Co. Another American, Malcolm Kravit, who had a room adjoining Furi-

ya's on the hotel's ninth floor, said the Nisei had been helping other fire victims before he was trapped by flames and succumbed.

His two daughters, Janice and Julie said their father's Japanese business partner notified them of Furiya's death after a 20-hour search for him ended in a Tokyo mortuary.

Furiya had been on the steering board of the Committee for Internment Credit, a San Francisco-based organization which helped obtain in 1978 retirement credit for Japanese American civil servants who had been interned in relocation centers during World War II. The CIC had received much support from the JACL in Washington and Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-Cal.) was responsible for introducing the bill (HR 6412) which led to the internment credit public law (PL 95-382).

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