Noguchi vows to fight 30-day suspension

LOS ANGELES—Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi must now hold his breath as he awaits today’s hearing on the request to extend his suspension for 30 days beyond Mar. 28. The suspense continues.

Calling the suspension “unwarranted and arbitrary,” Noguchi feels that suspension was a “slow firing” and added the “devastating effect” may be found elsewhere in the (county administration), be it be found anywhere else in the (county administration), be it... the Issei’s life was laid to rest.

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Reparations and the Law

By ROBERT F. DRINAN

Editor's note: The following article is reprinted by permission from The Boston Globe Magazine, Feb. 21 issue. Robert F. Drinan, S.J., member of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, currently teaches law at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. Formerly dean of the Boston College Law School, he was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1970 and served five terms before his resignation was requested by the Church in 1980.

Should the 120,000 Japanese Americans who were confined for years during World War II be given some type of reparations or restitution? That is the question that confronts me and the other eight members of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. The members of the Japanese community in the United States have come to a remarkable consensus. They feel strongly that there should be a specific amount of compensation for each day of confinement. Based on this principle, even a nominal per diem amount, increased by forty years of interest and inflation, comes to about $25,000 for each person interned. The total sum of all the internees or their descendants would come to more than $3 billion.

Confronted with this substantial sum, the commissioners have tended to retreat—not wanting to recommend something that could not realistically be expected to pass Congress and thus would entail further humiliation for the Japanese American community. Eventually, however, the commission will probably urge some type of reparations—perhaps in a wide variety of forms such as annuities, increased Social Security benefits, scholarships for youngsters, and personal injury awards to those whose health was impaired in the detention camps.

Regardless of the method that might be chosen for awarding reparations, there is no consensus in the commission or in the country on the answer to the underlying question. By what legal or moral rationale should taxpayers now be required to give compensation for events that occurred forty years ago? However much one may lament those events now, the fact is that what was done had legal sanction from Congress, the White House, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Therefore, those who urge that some reparations be given to Japanese Americans who were incarcerated cannot ground the claim on a strictly legal argument. Rather, they must point to the sense of shame that Americans now feel at their country's ill-advised decision.

To encourage support for some form of indemnification for those who were interned, there probably should be a public expression of regret and sorrow over what was done to a group whose loyalty and patriotism were wrongly questioned. A joint resolution of Congress signed by the President, for instance, would seem to be politically feasible. The Japanese American community would welcome it, although not as a substitute for monetary compensation. In the hearings conducted by the commission in San Francisco, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Boston, the police and deferential Japanese American witnesses adamantly refused to back away from their position that they and their whole race were mistreated and insulted and that they should receive damages in the only real way American law gives damages—by monetary awards.

With or without a resolution of Congress, resistance to any payment of damages will be strong. In the San Francisco Chronicle, in an editorial entitled "Keep Internment Interred," on July 27, 1981, opposed the idea of granting restitution. The Washington Post said on July 15, 1981, that the proposed payment of $25,000 is "extravagant and wrong." The New York Times, on August 4, 1981, editorialized that the injustice done to the Japanese-Americans "does not compare with that suffered by blacks and American Indians." A cab driver in San Francisco who had observed the hearings of the commission in that city told me, "Those Japanese want twenty-five thousand dollars for each of them locked up. My buddy was killed in the war by the Japs, and his widow got only ten thousand dollars!"

Several precedents in U.S. law support payments to the Japanese American internees. In 1948, Congress established the Indian Claims Commission and empowered it to adjudicate several types of claims made by Indian tribal groups. Claims need not arise from legal obligations but may be "based upon fair and honorable dealings that are not recognized by an existing rule of law or equity." As a result, Indians can obtain redress for extra-legal or moral claims against the United States.

$800 Millions Awarded on Indian Claims

The Indian Commission, which completed its work on September 30, 1978, settled more than 500 claims that led to awards totaling $800 million. It is significant that several of these awards resulted from the 76 of the 371 treaties made by the United States with Indian tribes that called for the removal and relocation of Indian tribes.

The War Claims Act of 1948 is a second precedent for reparations to the Japanese Americans. This measure covered claims for prisoners of war (POWs) and certain American civilian internees from World War II through the Vietnamese War and up to the USS Pueblo incident. Under this law, 27,000 World War II POWs received a total of $122 million. In addition, $17.6 million was awarded to 11,582 American civilians interned by the Japanese in the Pacific Theater of World War II. Thirty-five claimants from Guam also benefited. After the Korean conflict, 1,949 POWs were paid $8.8 million. Six hundred thirty POWs from the Vietnam War era received $4.7 million.

A third precedent is the reparatory scheme established by Germany after World War II under pressure from the Allies. Under this plan, any person whose liberty had been taken away between January 30, 1933, and May 8, 1945, could claim compensation. Following elaborate procedures, the German agency that began dispensing reparations in 1953 has now settled more than five million claims and handed out almost $2 billion. The present cost of the program, which benefits four hundred thousand people around the world, is more than $1 billion a year. The resemblance between the Nazi concentration camps and the ten major relocation centers for the Japanese Americans was pointed out time and time again by many of the 800 witnesses heard by the commission. And it was suggested that the commission use the German tribunal as a model for granting reparations to the Japanese Americans.

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U.S.-Japan Business News
head plans suit against Kamai

LOS ANGELES—In an unusual move, the head of a Japanese news publication announced that he will sue another Japanese newsvendor for publishing allegedly libelous articles against him.

Toshiro Mitsuichi, president of the U.S.-Japan Business News, said Mar. 12 that he would file an action against the Kausu Maminichi and print the name of Obara Akira Kurashima for acting illegal Japanese Nationals.

Mitsuichi was represented at the press conference in the New Otani Hotel by his attorney Frank Chuman, long-time friend of Kamai publisher Hiro Hoshii. Mitsuichi said that taking the legal action was something he did not enjoy doing but the libel suit and the "defamation" of his name required this action.

By telephone interviews Mar. 16, Chuman said that he had investigated the allegations made by Kamai against Mitsuichi. Mitsuichi said that there was no basis for the charges and that the INS had "no reason to believe" that Mitsuichi was an informer.

Chuman noted that Mitsuichi and his family have been permanent U.S. residents since 1962, so none of them would gain any "personal benefits" by helping the INS.

The INS deputy attorney added that the INS Deputy Director Peter Zava told Chuman, who both that "no such information" existed which indicated that the INS was an informer.

Both Zava and Smith told Chuman that all of their information was based on "unsubstantiated" and "unreliable" information about the presence of illegal aliens in Little Tokyo, but Mitsuichi was not among them.

As an attorney referred his client to the federal law firm of Hill, Farre and Burrell for review.

Prewar JA photos to be displayed at LAVC

VAN NUS, CA—Pre-War World II works of 22 distinguished Japanese American artists will be displayed in the Art Gallery at Los Angeles Valley College, 5050 S. Figueroa St., from May 28 to July 7 of this year.

Many of the Nikkei photographs will be displayed in the series called that will be one of the events of First St. in Los Angeles and their photos were exhibited throughout the remaining Japanese American communities.

Asian Women United

LOS ANGELES—Asian American organizations have received a grant from the Women's Educational Equity Act Program of the U.S. Dept. of Education, has to produce four half-hour pilot programs, "Crosscurrents," and "Survivors," an hour-long documentary on survivors of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-Bomb now being produced for the Western Region of the Asian American Project (sponsored by the Assistance League and the United Way) will call (213) 277-3624 or 469-5993.

New Asian social agency formed in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—A project to identify the social service needs of Asian Americans in the western region of Los Angeles County for development of programs was recently implemented by the Family Service Agency of the Assistance League of Southern California. The project will concentrate primarily on the Asian American communities in West L.A., Santa Monica, Venice, and Culver City.

Emily Yamakana, project director, began work last November and the Assistance League made a two-year commitment to operate the programs, which include informational, social and health services, bilingual counseling and referral services for Asian American communities in the Western Region.

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Hsieh pulls out bid for Congress

SAN FRANCISCO—Tom Hsieh, architect and member of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, had intended to run for the 6th Congressional District seat being abandoned by Rep. John Burton (D.), but Asian Week reported he withdrew at the last minute under the urging of San Francisco Mayor Feinstein who then asked him to set up an advisory council on appointment of Asians to city commissions and boards.

Founder of the Asian Pacific Caucus of the state Democratic party, Hsieh told Asian Week how insensitive the party was in not consulting with the Asian Pacific Caucus when the party was searching for candidates. The 6th district has a 12% Asian American, 14% African American and 13% Latino population, the state's most diverse district.

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Three More Tries, Please

50% response for 1982. Around the end of April (or 60 days after the closing date) Henry will make a second contact. If there is no response on the second contact, a third contact follows on a one-to-one basis. This is: a chapter representative or board member personally speaks to each person. This is only one suggested procedure which has worked in the chapter in which I know best.

To date, three people have made positive membership recruitment suggestions:
1. Howard Ibihyama: on reaching out to younger JACL members; he has made demands or visible reciprocity; and he now realizes that uniting a group of little pockets is something we can do.
2. Chicago chapter on developing a totally integrated approach to membership and program.
3. There are probably other ideas, which we solicit via phone or mail, to improve our procedures.

In a different vein, two people who merit special recognition at this time are: Clarence Nichizu (Selolono) and Mas Hironaka (San Pedro). In response to the needs of National Headquarters, Clarence and Mas recruited a total of 10 JACL members.

BY THE BOARD: by Vernon Yoshioka

Letterbox

Let there be light

Editor: Re. Munshi [Mar. 5th]. There are those who spend a lifetime cursing the darkness, and there are those that light the candle and lead the way.

Those very guys that are bickering with comments such as... chapters were servants of National JACL, and did not make demands on local chapters for support without measure-able or visible reciprocity are the very ones that will holler “fail” and say that National is butting in with local affairs if you gave local chapters visible reciprocity.

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ANSWER WHEN YOU CALL YOUR NAME. (For those who have not had their turn.)

HARRY HONDA

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HERE—HARRY HONDA

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Hi, Harry! Congratulations— I have a few questions with regard to above strip.
A. Did you have to pose for this cartoon?
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C. Is this the first time you have appeared in a nationally syndicated strip?
D. Were there any other Nisei in the French Foreign Legion or were you the only one?
E. Has your wife and daughter Patty been able to cope with your escalation to national prominence?
F. I know other questions will come to mind... but for now I’ll conclude by telling you that I’m bragging to all my friends out here that I know Henry Honda personally.

By Rechin and Wilder

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Colorado Perspectives on Contemporary Japan

Denver, Colo.

On a sunny Saturday afternoon recently, some 250 persons gathered at the Denver Museum for a symposium titled “Colorado Perspectives on Contemporary Japan.” It was sponsored jointly by the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco, the board of the Denver Center for Teaching International Relations at Denver University, and the Teaching Japan in the Schools program at Stanford University.

The symposium was part of an on-going effort to help Americans become more aware of the real Japan which, despite instantaneous worldwide communications facilities, remains largely a mysterious and misunderstood entity. It is, for example, the single technically advanced nation in a backward Asia, a monolithic country of workaholics which also produces world class golfers and where everyone is nuts about baseball, where modern factories crowd magnificent old temples, where a people with a centuries-old tradition have become aggressive pacifists, etc., etc., etc.

The impressive turnout—the sponsors had no idea how many people to expect—was convincing indication that there is a great deal of curiosity about Japan waiting to be satisfied. An exceptionally able panel of speakers didn’t disappoint.

One of them was Dr. David Bayley, professor of international relations at the University of Denver whose specialty—are you ready for this?—is the Japanese police system. The low crime rate in Japan, in the face of rampant lawlessness in the United States, provided a peg for his lively presentation.

A second speaker was Dr. Terutomo Ozawa, another of the symposium’s able Japanese scholars who have chosen to live and work in the United States. Dr. Ozawa is professor of economics at Colorado State University and has advanced degrees from Columbia and consultant assignments at the State Department.

But the star was Consul General Hiroshi Kitamura who handles English like a native and has the un-Japanese knack of injecting humor into an easy-going presentation. As evidence of his Populism, he noted his effectiveness as a representative of his government and his people.

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

FOLLOWING THE OUTBREAK of the war, and the particular trauma specially visited upon the Issei and Nisei in America, with the resulting across-the-board shattering of their familial relationship, the Issei hand in directing their offsprings’ selection of marital mates, was severely curtailed. More so, I submit, than with any other identifiable group in our society. If some meaningful data could be assembled, it would be interesting to compare the stability and happiness of Nisei marriages pre-war and post-war.

UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE, the entering into a marriage relationship is fraught with all sorts of problems for both partners. Statistics relating to divorces in America bear this out. Some years ago, there was one out of every three marriages that ended in divorce; a later statistic indicated that the divorce rate had doubled since those days, for very few families could claim a family, a nuclear cornucopia. For many of us, it was enough just to survive.

In ALL THIS equation, the factor of romance or even mutual affection, seemed to play no part. Supposedly that came later, if ever. And, at any rate, in the cultural milieu that was then operative within the ethnic community, such irrelevant tomfoolery was exactly that—foolish. If there existed the spark of romance, it was simply a bonus; but such was not to override the important considerations outlined hereinbefore.

This NOT to suggest that female pulchritude, beguin-sun, was totally ignored. Or in the case of the proposed husband, chokkei-sun, such was a welcome bonus, but only a bonus, and could not override the lack of those foundations deemed essential by the Issei parents for a shikisai-shita marriage partnership. Yes, of course there were unions, in the case of those with whom we had established friendships, and at the(times solely for) the sake of the parents of Nisei GIs. The cherry trees; Oriental tea and cherry blossoms; the saigo that was ordered out of town, etc., etc.

A challenge to JACL would be to generate chapters in states where no chapters exist (PC has readers in all but West Virginia)—if only to chart the progress of those Issei parents considered essential to a solid marriage relationship, were not without value. But I must say, in further condor, that I’m glad I was not subjected to them.

The Colorado Perspectives on Contemporary Japan symposium was a fine effort.

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NEW YORK JACL slates dinner dance

NEW YORK—The New York JACL will hold its gala Appreciation Dinner Dance to honor longtime chapter members on Saturday, April 24, 1982. The New York Sherman Hotel, Judge William Marutani of the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia and a member of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, will be the keynote speaker for the program.

For ticket information call Julie Azuma (212) 724-7885 or B. J. Watanabe (201) 654-6760.

WV JACL slates bridge, bowling night

SAN JOSE, Cal.—West Valley JACL will hold its annual Bridge and Bowling night on Saturday, April 17. Dinner begins 6 p.m. at the WY-JACL Clubhouse, 1145 Trestles Drive. Cost: $1 adults; $0.50 children.

The program continues with Bridge at the Clubhouse under the direction of Helon Uchiyama and bowling at Saragita Lanes across the street under the leadership of Tom Kamimori.

S.F. JACL tour dates for seniors

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco JACL will sponsor a three-day senior excursion June 3-5 which includes an Amtrak ride to Reno, two-night lodging and dinner show at the MGM Grand Hotel, visit to Virginia City and Old Sacramento.

The tour is open to anyone 55 years or older. Applications (a $75 deposit is required) may be picked up at the Amtrak Station in Sausalito, San Francisco or Oakland.

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Seattle to host youth career day

SEATTLE, Wa.—In an increasing effort to serve and involve young JACL members, the Pacific Northwest Area has scheduled its first Youth Career Day for Friday, April 1, at Central Community College. The conference will focus on job placement and interviewing skills. A half day of events will match students with adult sponsors who will take them through a typical workday.

President and Mrs. Tom Ono, Seattle; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Yamada, Oakland; will represent the National JACL at the conference.

In an effort to bring the National office closer to the chapters in the Pacific Northwest Area, the Youth Career Day is the first in a series of more reports on how their new day structure or change in membership is.
Race bias in Ill. hospital charged

CHICAGO—In 1979, the JACL Midwest District Council established its legal defense fund to help Dayton JACLer Mas Yamashita fight his job discrimination case against his longtime employer, Border Medical Group.

The fund is now helping another affirmative action case of Ms. Show-jen Horng of Chicago, who was passed over twice by less qualified applicants for a supervisory position, according to the Detroit Medical Center, the district council's attorney.

Violated.

Mrs. Horng, a social worker, was hired as a Medical Technologist I at UMCH in November 1975. Six years later, she sought promotion in August and November 1981, and was denied both times. She concluded her failure to be promoted was based on racial discrimination and enforced through the state Dept. of Human Rights and to the civil rights office of the U.S. Dept. of Education, contending the statute of human rights act and Title VI, 1964 Civil Rights Act, had been violated.

The court, in a decision on several months, at which time neither party could appeal to the civil rights commission. In the meantime, a letter-writing campaign was initiated to support the Chinese American. Among the organizations in support are:

- Organization of Chinese Americans, JACL-Midwest District Council, Border Medical Group, University of Chicago.

FROM HAPPy VALLeY:

but was only publicized after public hearings were called last according to Rev. Michael Yasutake, a former JACL president.

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Charged the University had shown a bias in Ill. hospital charged.

The book, Year's Flight of the Class of '45, is a compilation of contributions from all those who graduated from a camp school. For most of us, our entire high school experience was in barracks. The abnormality of the situation was discernible in its fulfillment of boyhood dreams by comparison with which to be instructed, except the gleanings from our elders. We are probably no different from other high school students, although there are obvious parallels. It is more than the stereotypical image of the Nisei student, forever portrayed as serious and studious, our class was a good American mix. We had our share of ratatatats, flirts, rowdies, politionists and brans.

Turning the pages of this yearbook today, I noticed the incongruity of the smil-
Northwest Asians featured in new book

Seattle — "Turning Shadows Into Light" is a new collection of essays, photographs, and literature that delves into the cultural life of Northwest Asian Americans from the turn of the century to the beginning of World War II. The book, to be published this spring, features works by writers Carlos Bulosan, Sui Sin Far, Lawrene Inada, James Mitsui, Loyey Kaneko and was edited by Marynii Tatsukawa and Alan Chong Lau.

"Shadows" is available for $9.96 (plus $1.00 postage and handling for the first book and $0.50 for each additional book), Washington state residents add local taxes. Send check or money order to: Asian MultiMedia, c/o International Examiner, 318 Sixth Ave. South #123, Seattle, WA 98104.

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Idaho Falls school sends gifts to Japan

Mito, Ibaraki-Nakama Primary School of Tokaimura on Mar. 1 received presents from its sister city Donn Drickson school of Idaho Falls, in the form of drawings, photographs of each child and flags. The Idaho Falls and Tokaimura schools have much in common—the parents of students at each school are engaged in atomic energy research, at Idaho National Engineering Laboratory and Tokai/Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute, respectively. Touring the U.S. earlier this year the present were entrusted to a year.

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The Emperor and the Japanese

Shortly after the Japanese Emperor said that famous visit to General MacArthur at his occupation headquarters in the Daichi Hotel a joke began to make the rounds. "Praised, O-n svo. How is it solved?" asked the nazoo (riddle). It was real porer and everybody stumped. "Solved: MacArthur," was the startling answer. "Explanation? He's above Chin," And everybody was in stitches. In the old days of imperial glory Chin had been the personal pronoun singular for the exclusive use of the Emperor, incomparably more solemn than the royal We of English. It has been considered for the male member. From this O-n svo Shogun (General Navel) was a natural development, and soon the Japanese were calling General MacArthur by it.

Tokyo at this time was, to exaggerate a little, crawling with correspondents from the major newspapers and news agencies of the world, American being the most numerous among them.

Lights over Great White Way tout more products from Japan

NEW YORK—Sony broke the ice in 1972 for Japanese companies which are now more noticeably in advertising signs and lights over Broadway, the Great White Way. Soon, the Times Square building with its huge, historic Budweiser sign will be razed for a new hotel.

Fuji Film's electric spectacle at 43rd St. was once a barefoot for Coperture, and where "Buy More Bonds" hung during WW2, according to operators of so-called Times Square

N.Y. set for first Sakura Matsuri

NEW YORK—A gala program to inaugurate New York's first Sakura Matsuri over the May 1-2 weekend at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden at its esplanade of flowering Kwanzan cherry trees was recently described by George Shimamoto, retired architect who heads the Japanese American Asm. of New York.

Ribbons cutting, a proclamation by Miss Tokyo, gifts by school children to waves of public dignitaries and program of traditional and contemporary Japanese entertainment will be augmented by exhibits and demonstrations of Japanese culture and martial arts.

advertising spectacles which has become a showcase and image-booster for Japanese manufacturers.

Sign over block-wide Bond's is for Toshiba. TDK is coming up with a new electronic display at 7th Ave. and 42nd, where such items as cough drops, Emerson radio, sloe gin and whisky were advertised in 1945.

Where Coca-Cola, Calvin Klein, Kent, Beefeeather, Accutron, Canadian Club, and Woolmark advertised through the 1950's, all are gone now. So are the famous Camel puffers, Pepsi-Cola, Time & Life, Kleenes, Chevrolet, Canadian Club, Lucky Strike, Sea and Ski, Old Forester, Johnnie Walker and Scrillo pens.

Japanese companies taking over this atmosphere seem to be leisure-time products as Suntory's Midori Melon liqueur, Casio computers, Panasonic and JVC audio-videos, VCX video cassettes and Yashica.

As far as reasons behind the influx, advertising executive John Perline here explained to the New York Times that the Japanese are very aware of the "calling card type of approach when they're going into a market" and the Times Squares signs are just that. He noted similar Japanese inroads to signs gracing Piccadilly Circus in London and City Hall Square. Copenhagen.
Wendy Yoshimura fund closed, $2,800 balance split four ways

SAN FRANCISCO—Trustees of the Wendy Yoshimura Fair Trial Fund announced March 15 their decision to close the fund and split the remaining $2,800 equally to her parents and three Japanese American redress organizations.

The Fair Trial Fund had raised over $6,000 for attorney and public education work stemming Yoshimura's September 1975 arrest on weapons charges.

The recipients of the remaining funds included Mr. and Mrs. Yoshimura; the JACL National Council for Redress and Reparations; and the National Council of Japanese Americans for Redress. The JACL's decision to close the fund came after a unanimous vote by the redress committee.

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Japan in the United States; and Levine & Rhodes’ The Japanese American Community: A Comprehensive Study—A Generation A

In addition, a massive collection of oral history tapes, documents, photographs, diaries, and memorabilia is now preserved and available at the UCLA Research Library for scholarly research on Japanese Americans.

Because local JACLers are of the firm opinion that no lesser person than Person X could possibly have been involved in the matter, the JACL has taken action to meet the concerns of the entire Japanese American community, he noted. Min Yasui, Redress committee chair, also offered his sincere thanks. The Fair Trial Fund and the board of its former board's thanks to their all donors.

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