Fiction builds in U.S.-Japan trade

An increasing number of Japanese are expressing alarm and resentment towards what they see as an erosion of anti-Japanese sentiment in the U.S., according to a report in the Los Angeles Times Mar. 19.

Susumu Nikaido, secretary general of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, brought the issue out into the open during a recent visit to the U.S. by Representative.

President Ronald Reagan made comments by Reagan Administration officials, and election-taxes in Congress on Japan, testimony and public events in the Japanese that U.S. opinion has become "emotional and new, as is a political." Japan Air Transport, as having referred to the United States as a "country has been founded on alarm at a Senate subcommittee on international affairs, was President . . . I'd happen to the United States? " a

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A Major Move

St. Paul, Minn.
The implementation of a 501(c)(4) lobbying arm is a major move for the JACL, insofar as the redress issue is concerned. It signifies the seriousness and determination with which this organization is prepared to deal with the issue.

For many years, we have attempted to move the issue from within the Japanese American community to the American public and the U.S. Congress. Thankfully, and by the good graces of a few friends in Congress, we have witnessed a degree of success which many did not believe possible—given the recent past mood of the nation.

But we are facing a difficult struggle! It would be naive to think that all we need to do is to draft legislation, find a friendly member in Congress to introduce it, lend little effort and, as if by magic, see the successful passage of redress appropriation.

It is equally naive to think that any kind of redress legislation can be successfully lobbied with little more than a letter-writing effort from the West Coast, regardless of a supportive West Coast congressional delegation in the past. It simply can’t.

What’s required is a well-crafted legislative program through a concerted lobbying effort directly with members of Congress. What’s required is a presence in Washington, D.C.

Obviously, we already have that presence through our Washington Office but the lobbying of this issue will require more. Consequently, what we see as necessary is to place a part of the JACL redress operation in D.C., specifically to handle the issue.

And this will be done through implementation of a 501(c)(4). It’s a significant step because what it really expresses is the JACL’s determination to make the redress issue a major one.

It’s a significant step because what it really expresses is our commitment to the redress issue. We have moved beyond the simple rhetoric of talking about the dogma of justice and are willing to do something about it. The redress issue has been the priority of JACL for a number of years, and it’s therefore fitting that we are making this commitment at a time when it’s so crucial.

When it really comes down to it, when the bill is before the Congress and requires lobbying, it will be the JACL that will be there to carry out the effort. The responsibility has been foisted upon us—but we have always known that from the beginning.

Tateishi was in St. Paul participating in the Midwest District Council session, hosted by the Twin Cities JACL.

Mineta, Matsui question INS on raids in Little Tokyo

WASHINGTON—In a recent letter to Commissioner Allan C. Nelson of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Reps. Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif., San Jose) and Robert T. Matsui (D-Ca., Sacramento) expressed concern over recent INS raids in the Little Tokyo area of Los Angeles.

"We have heard with great distress of recent activities by Immigration and Naturalization agents in the Los Angeles area," Mineta and Matsui noted. "According to many reports from residents and community leaders within the Japanese community, you agents have conducted a series of sweep raids of a highly questionable nature. We are told these raids have included activities such as warrantless stopping of individuals on both public and private property.

"Telling Nelson that they failed to understand why such irresponsible and unjustified actions are being tolerated," the two congressmen asked, "if these raids were actually conducted with INS approval, and if they conform to existing policies and guidelines." Mineta and Matsui added, by telling Nelson, "Your agents have created a great deal of fear and concern within the Japanese community of Los Angeles. We hope there is a reasonable explanation for the actions of these agents.

"The congressmen took their action in response to widespread complaints from the Los Angeles Japanese American community, voiced in a resolution adopted by the Pacific Southwest District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League. INS spokesperson Janet Graham said the agents followed\n
...
LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American Cultural and Community Center will sponsor "The Japanese American Family Album, Project," a photo documentary depicting three Nikkei families from the Los Angeles, Colorado, New Mexico and San Francisco areas. The project, which will use photographs and interviews, is scheduled to tour major cities across the nation.

For participating families, the project will provide a way for different generations to learn about their family's evolution from 1900 to 1980 and a systematic documentation of family photographs that is otherwise an expensive and time-consuming task.

The bulk of the research and planning for the traveling exhibit is being provided by a $15,000 National Endowment for the Humanities planning grant represented by JACC.

100/442/MIS luncheon date changed

LOS ANGELES—Previously announced plans to stage a gala luncheon benefit to raise funds for the 1980/442/MIS Museum fund at the Hyatt Regency Hotel have been postponed. The luncheon date changed to June 10, 11, 1 p.m. at the Regency Hotel.

At the luncheon, chaired by Harry Yamamoto, is expected to include a slide preview of the exhibit, a slide show by two Nikkei families from the past, a slide show by two Nikkei families from the past, and an exhibit of Nikkei families from the past. The exhibit will be open to the public.

Miss Senasei Calif. Pageant slated

LOS ANGELES—The 18th annual Miss Senasei California Pageant will be held July 17 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, with the theme of "America's Best Senasei." The affair, which will be choreographed by actress/dancer Helen Funai and co-produced by comedian Johnny Yune, will feature performances by 15 selected finalists seeking the title currently being held by Ms. Senasei California, Mai Takahara (age 18 years old) who is the current holder of the title and the current holder of the title of "Miss Senasei California." The title will be presented to the winner of the Miss Senasei California Pageant, P.O. Box 777, 3870 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles 90006. The deadline for applications is May 15.

Outstanding

We're very proud of Arnold T. Maeda, CLU, of Maeda & Associates, whose outstanding record of sales and service to the community has earned him membership El Capitan Club, the exclusive group of leading life underwriters.

Mr. Maeda was our guest recently at an El Capitan Club Luncheon conference at the Camelinn Bank in Scottsdale, Arizona. Following the El Capitan Club meeting, we also host our annual conference at the President's Council, an elite group of our top representatives, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Mondale to be guest at brunch for Mineta

SAN JOSE, CA.—Former Vice President Walter Mondale was in California April 8 to address the April 8, 1982, brunch for Rep. Norman Mineta of the President's Council. The luncheon was sponsored by the President's Council, an elite group of professional underwriters. The luncheon was held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, with the theme of "America's Best Senasei." The affair, which will be choreographed by actress/dancer Helen Funai and co-produced by comedian Johnny Yune, will feature performances by 15 selected finalists seeking the title currently being held by Ms. Senasei California, Mai Takahara (age 18 years old) who is the current holder of the title and the current holder of the title of "Miss Senasei California." The title will be presented to the winner of the Miss Senasei California Pageant, P.O. Box 777, 3870 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles 90006. The deadline for applications is May 15.
WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: by Ron Ikejiri

Washington

Despite recent gains in civil rights, Americans are still subject to discrimination, and a willingness to pay dues for the NAACP, or National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is necessary to ensure the organization's survival.

The NAACP has been a prominent organization in the fight for civil rights in the United States, and its members have worked to make sure that changes in voting laws and other civil rights measures are implemented. This is particularly important in states where voting rights have been restricted, such as those in the South where the Voting Rights Act has been crucial in ensuring fair elections.

The NAACP supports the passage of the Voting Rights Act, which is aimed at ensuring that all Americans have equal access to the ballot box. This act requires states with a history of discrimination to obtain federal approval before implementing changes to their voting laws, such as redistricting or implementing new voter ID laws.

The NAACP's support for the Voting Rights Act is important not only because it protects the voting rights of all Americans, but also because it helps to ensure that the organization remains relevant and effective in the fight for civil rights.

Chairmen, there is strong opposition to this bill. Leading the opposition is Rep. John Conyers, Attorney General Smith, and Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah). You may ask what you can do? National NAACP asks you to write to your Senator and seek his SUPPORT FOR S.

The Voting Rights Act extension bill by April 19.

1980 Asian/Pacific Population of California by County


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An Encouraging Development on Nippon History

Denver, Colo.

In many Japanese American communities all over the country, earnest volunteers are working diligently these days to record their history. This worthy activity is the result of a belated recognition that there is a story to preserve, and that the voices of the past have all but disappeared before we became aware of their importance.

These efforts range from undiscriminating taping sessions with old-timers to scholarly research in the archives. The easiest road for the.untrained is taping individual stories. These or oral histories have a great value in providing personal recollections and the flavor of the times, but they are tainted by the treachery of memory. It is inevitable that stories will fade and names and dates. They labor under misconceptions that have come to be accepted over the years as fact. Reminiscences are colored by individual biases that are great for personalized stories but unreadable for historical truth. I remember about the day you were evacuated, your wedding, your first day on the job, your mother's funeral?... All too often these personal memories are the only available information. Yet it is on tape or paper, it is preserved for later review, analysis and evaluation. If it is not captured when available, it's gone for all time.

One encouraging development is the number of non-Japanese, professional historians who are taking an interest in the Japanese American story. For instance, Thomas J. Noel, assistant professor of history at the University of Colorado in Denver. His latest book, "Denver: The American Legacy" suggests the importance of such work. Noel's study of the city's skid row of which the Japanese community was an important part before Urban Renewal took over. The book has several chapters, unfortunately sparse of detail, about the modest businesses that lined the street—Toyo Dry Goods, Tokyo Tailoring, Nakayama Jewelry, Nippon Mercantile, Yamaaki Photographic Studies, Nakamura's pool hall, Miyamoto's candy store, and the like. It is a fair name for a fair neighborhood.

For another, there's Don Estes of San Diego City College who has written some important papers on the Issei in the California and Mexican fishing industries. His latest, which has been submitted to the San Diego Journal of History, is about Tokunosuke Abe and the tuna industry.

Probably the Chinese and Italians were the first to recognize the vast potential of California's coastal fish resources, but Estes reports not a great deal happened until about 1910 when Japanese immigrants began to move into the industry.. "By 1914," he writes, "the Japanese with their superior technique had become the dominant force in the growing industry. They represented over 50 percent of California's tuna fishermen, and accounted for 85 percent of the total catch. . . . As tuna fishermen quickly recognized the advantage of adopting the Japanese methods, and with a few years the long, slender, amazingly strong bamboo pole equipped with a barbless hook known as a 'tuna horn' became the magic wand of the sea." But success provoked rivalry and resentment. Between 1919 and 1933, seven bills were introduced in the California Legislature to bar Japanese fishermen by requiring citizenship as the basic qualification for obtaining a commercial fishing license. Caucasian cannery operators joined with local Japanese community organizations to block these efforts.

In the late 1930s, the national security issue was injected into the fishing controversy. Immigrant Japanese fishermen were pictured as Imperial Japanese naval reservists who would convert their boats into mine-layers and torpedo boats when war broke out. Estes credits Nisei attorney Walter Tsubakomo for the campaign that won that battle. The Nisei era was dawning.

**EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani**

Being Mistaken for a Tourist

JUST ABOUT EVERY society is infected with tourists, be it England, France, Italy, Mexico or wherever you go. By their very nature, they are seen as being Carpetbaggerish, never understanding the fast pace of modern life in a city or a town. The tourist is always looking for the next big or beautiful thing and then is gone. Not so the Japanese tourist, a ryoko-sha's, tourist, is favorite target of every American police force that seeks to preserve its cultural identity and avoid the "un-American" lumping together of all the races together. We need to remember what happened, but hope to read in some account where an intended victim deals a particularly effective karate chop, or a disabling karate kick, to his attacker. A few of those moments are the ones that are retold with pride and joy, to restore a bit of respect and peace.

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**35 Years Ago**

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**Final countdown starts for 27th biennial Convention**

**By LOU TOMITA, Convention Planning Board Chair**

Final countdown has begun as the Gardena Convention Planning Board gears for a big festive week beginning Monday, Aug. 9, through and including Saturday, Aug. 14. The JACL national board meets one day prior National Council meeting and after.

Besides the many business sessions in care of the National Board, there will be fabulous banquets with nationally acclaimed personalities in guest speaker spots that would give discourses of interest to everyone! Well known dignitaries will participate to give confab the excitement and flavor that have enhanced JACL's national conventions in the past.

To those who are interested in the vital issues of the organization, Tuesday will be a full day devoted to workshops. Topics will include the Atomic Bomb Survivors, Youth, Retirement & Aging, etc.—all of great concern to every Japanese American. Youth of all ages are encouraged to attend!

Wednesday will be filled with numerous activities to honor those who have contributed so much towards the ideals of JACL. The second and third business sessions will be held on this day, with the JACL of the Bliennium Awards Luncheon and the Shig Wakamatsu Testimonial Program in between. The evening will culminate with the Mike Masaoka Distinguished Service Award Dinner that always is a tremendous draw.

Thursday, Aug. 12th, will be of exceptional interest to all South Bay Nisei residents. This special day is set aside for "A Day In Gardena." Delegates will be busied from the Hyatt Airport Hotel to participate in ceremonies at Gardena's Main Street and other places. The keynote speaker is Kenneth Hahn, Chief Supervisor of the county, with Gardena City Councilman Mas Fukai extending the welcome. Obento lunches will be served, followed by an introduction of the book, "JACL in Quest of Justice," by Bill Hosokawa who will personally autograph each copy. Immediately thereafter, the JACLers and friends will be taken to the Ken Nakakoa Community Center in the heart of Gardena where the Mayor and city officials will be offering their welcome. At the Gardena Japanese Cultural Institute a fantastic Hawaiian LUAU will be awaiting them to top off the evening with lots of food, and lots of excitement! Sound good? You bet!

Then as the Grand Tournament gets underway on Friday with the SELANOCHO Chapter going all-out to make it an unforgettable experience for golfers, the Fashion Show will be in progress. A marquee of beautiful gowns of many descriptions will be introduced by top designers, and everyone attending will have the opportunity to glimpse the imaginative creations of our Japanese American boutiques! The ladies, and men too, are in for a special treat at the hotel.

Kari Nobuyuki, administrator of the 1982 Convention, as well as Chester Sugimoto, Co-Chair and also in charge of Fund Raising, Ken Shinzau, Program & Activities, Stuart Tsujimoto, Booklet chair, May Doi, Gardena City Clerk, in charge of Housing & Registration, Karen Minuzaka, Convention Executive Secretary, with Pam Shimada, co-chairs of the Seigo Banquet and many, many others are unselfishly giving their time and effort. Much credit is due them!!

This is an all-out production that needs total involvement by all of Gardena. Everyone's aid will be gratefully accepted.

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**Hollywood & Whipple to fete 1000ers**

**LOS ANGELES**—To show appreciation of the special support to JACL by 1000 Club members, the Hollywood and Whipple JACL will host a nook champagne brunch in their honor Sunday, April 11, at the Sheraton Town House, 280 W. Wilshire Blvd., dining in the garden if the weather cooperates. Reservations should be made by Apr. 12 with Toshihiko Ogita (665-8723). To be honored are:

HOLLYWOOD—Judge John Aiso, Raymond Chee, Arthur Emi, Watsig Higuchi, Arthur and Alice Ho, Paul Kawakami, Yuki Kamayatsu, Robert Kato, Aiko King, Dr. Harry Makita, Hideo Kondi, Sumiko Kozawa, Shig Matsuzuka, Murial Merrill, Tomoe Ogita, Shinuko Saki, Bill Teragawa and Misako Takei.

WHIPLSE—Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, Fred K and Mable T. Ota, George Takei and Tat Yasu.

**Brazil’s Gaijin’ to debut in Chicago**

**CHICAGO**—Chicago JACL affirmative action committee hosts the local premiere of Tizuka Yamasaki’s “Gaijin,” the award-winning film about Japanese immigrants in Brazil, on Thursday, April 15, 8 p.m., at Facets Multimedia Center. A wine and cheese reception precedes the Thursday schedule. The film will also be shown at 7 and 9 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday with proceeds from all performances going to the committee, which assists Asian Americans facing discrimination in employment. Tickets ($15 premiere, $6 other shows) are available at the JACL office (733-7119) or at the door. Seating at Facets, 1817 N. Fullerston, is limited to 175.

**Hawaiian music on tap Sunday on EWP stage**

**LOS ANGELES**—Traditional and contemporary Hawaiian music will be featured as the East West Players present “Komo mai e lohe ke kani” (Come in and listen to the music); Apr. 11, 7 p.m., at the East West Players theater. Four accomplished performers—Roger Higashi, Marcy and Maybelle Labrado, Elena Maloney and Mike McClellan—will present concerts using the slack key, autoharp and ukulele as well as movements of the hula. For tickets, call (213) 600-5660.

**PSW Nisei Relays entry forms out**

**LOS ANGELES**—Entry forms for the 31st annual Pacific Southwest JACL Nisei Relays to be held Sunday, June 6, at Santa Ana College, are now being distributed to JACL chapters. It was announced by Carrie Okamura, co-chair. Forms, also available at the JACL office, must be turned in by May 22 with the $6 fee to the team representative or Relays registrar Jim Mita of Gardena.

Chapters sponsoring teams last year included Orange County (81 champions), Gardena Valley, Pasadena, Venice-Culver, East Los Angeles, West Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley and Las Vegas.
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U.S. chemicals have no problem in Japan: Dow

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While Dow retains control of two plants producing Styrofoam, Asahi will take over all other Dow-Asahi facilities. By keeping the Styrofoam factories, Lundeen said, it will still have a higher market penetration per capita than in the U.S.

The move reflects the fact that "American chemical companies have grown in Japan, despite a tide of complaints against Japan from other U.S. businessmen," Lundeen said. "The American chemical industry is still the most cost-effectively produced chemical industry in the world. That's why we can compete in Japan. We have the same advantage here that Toyota is selling in general American motors in the United States."

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