

## Nisei Student Relocation Fund awards 1st grant to AFSC

PORTLAND, Ct. — The American Friends Service Committee will receive the first annual grant awarded by the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund, Inc., it was announced Apr. 5.

The commemorative fund was initiated two years ago by a group of New England Nisei and was contributed to by others throughout the country as a tribute to the Philadelphia-based National Student Relocation Council, which assisted in relocating over 3,500 evacuee students in more than 500 institutions of higher learning.

In announcing the award, Dr. Lafayette Noda, chairman of the fund's Board of Directors, declared that he and other board members felt that the initial grant should appropriately go to the AFSC for the crucial role it played in organizing the National Student Relocation Council.

Noda, native of Livingston,

Ca. and now professor emeritus of biochemistry at Dartmouth College, added that the Friends committee would use the grant in one of its educational projects for refugees of Asian descent. "We Nisei have a deep empathy for those who, like us, were displaced from our home through wartime exigencies," said Noda.

An award ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 5, at the Friends Center, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia. Former administrative staff of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council and representatives from the AFSC as well as the Nisei beneficiaries who have been located will receive special invitations. Anyone who is interested in attending the ceremony or wish further information can write to Mrs. Mayme Noda at P.O. Box 165, Meriden, New Hampshire, 03770 or call (603) 469-3206.

## Journalists say ignorance is source of U.S.-Japan friction

BOSTON—A panel of New England journalist warned that American ignorance about Japan's growing economic dominance is fueling anxiety in the U.S. business and labor communities.

"Most Americans seem to fear Japan will become better at producing everything better than we can," said Clark Irwin of the Portland (Maine) Press Herald.

The Japanese consulate general here recently co-sponsored a seminar on "Japan's Image in the U.S. Media" at a time of rising fear that Japan will continue to undercut the U.S. economy and put thousands of workers out of jobs.

The journalists said the American press has not explained that Japan has achieved an "economic miracle" by itself and said U.S. companies and labor must revive themselves through productivity and capital formation.

They warned that calls for protectionism and high tariff barriers will increase friction between the United States and Japan.

"Japan while an economic rival is not our enemy," said David Mayberry, business editor of the Worcester Telegram and Gazette.

Mayberry said many older Americans are still resentful of Japan because of World War II and now are anxious about that country's rising economic might.

"It seems to many a country we had defeated is rising up to challenge us again," Mayberry said.

John Perry of Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy said, "America is suffering Japan shock. Contrasted to Japan's rapid leap in the last 20 years, America has stood still."

Another editor said the U.S. media missed the scope of Japan's success. He complained that most of the press deals in too simplistic terms with Japan's economy.

Japan now is exporting about \$25 billion more than it imports in U.S. goods. Japanese cars and electronic goods have especially undercut their U.S. industrial counterparts.



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**RALLYING SUPPORT**—Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi (right) met with Nikkei press and community leaders to gain their support in light of his 30-day suspension by the County Board of Supervisors. Dr. Mitsuru Inouye moderated the proceedings at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

## Flemming warns of regression in civil rights legislation

WASHINGTON—Warning of a "regressive movement" in the country, the outgoing chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights accused both Congress and the Justice Department of moving to repeal rights laws.

Testifying before a Senate appropriations subcommittee Mar. 5, Arthur Flemming said he hoped the Senate's recent approval of a strong anti-busing measure was not the "last word" on that issue. He also noted other congressional efforts in recent years to restrict—by use of amendments to appropriations bills—the ability of government agencies to enforce civil rights programs.

He added he was "very discouraged" by the Justice Department's positions on several cases, most recently the highly publicized issue of tax exemptions for private schools that racially discriminate.

Flemming, also a member of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, said the government's "back door

approach to repealing civil rights laws reached a climax" in February with Senate approval of the anti-busing amendment attached to a Justice Dept. appropriations bill. He said that amendment violates the Constitution by denying courts the freedom to find a remedy for school segregation.

Flemming praised subcommittee chairman Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.) who led the unsuccessful fight against the amendment, for his "courage and statesmanship."

President Reagan had told Flemming he would be replaced last year after the chairman publicly criticized administration civil rights policies. Clarence Pendleton, president of the San Diego chapter of the Urban League, was named to replace him.

But Pendleton's confirmation has been delayed as the FBI was reportedly conducting a background check on his handling of a \$94,000 Urban League planning grant from the Health and Human Services department.

## Budget cuts hurt Nisei retiree plans

WASHINGTON — Legislative proposal to extend federal civil service retirement internment credit to those individuals who were under 18 and interned because of race in U.S. concentration camps during WW2 may not be considered favorably because of the 1981 Budget Reconciliation Act, according to Rep. Mary Rose Oaker (D-Ohio), chair of the House Post Office and Civil Service subcommittee on compensation and employee benefits.

In a recent response to Charles Kubokawa of Palo Alto,

Sequoia JACler, Oaker explained the 1981 act mandates the Post Office and Civil Service committee to achieve a \$5 billion legislative cost saving in its area of jurisdiction. Further cuts in retirement benefits have also been submitted by the Reagan administration.

Kubokawa has been pushing for internment credit for those in federal civil service today who were under age 18 and working in the camps. When the original internment credit was passed several years ago, those under 18 were dropped.

## Noguchi appeals suspension; JA leaders rally to support him

LOS ANGELES—The County Civil Service Commission was expected this week (Apr. 14) to decide on whether it will grant suspended County Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner Thomas T. Noguchi a full hearing or reject his appeal. He had filed the appeal Apr. 6 with the Commission, and his attorney, Godfrey Issac, called the 30-day suspension an "arbitrary, capricious and improper" action by the Board of Supervisors.

Noguchi, 55, was charged by the board with mismanaging the coroner's department and allowing his private consulting business to interfere with his county responsibilities. The board had also said it would consider further disciplinary action—including possible demotion or firing—as it continued its investigation.

But Noguchi, who declared last month to "fight to the end" to keep his job, sent a four-page letter to the Civil Service commissioners asking them to lift his suspension and hear his case.

"We're asking that the suspension be reversed, that (Noguchi) be reinstated and that he receive back pay," said Rosalind Marks, an attorney who filed the appeal with the commission secretary.

**Leaders Gather in Support**  
On the evening before the appeal was delivered, Noguchi and leaders from the Asian American community gathered at a press conference in the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, and it appeared as though a substantial body of support for the embattled coroner was

beginning to form.

Speaking before the community leaders and press, attorney Issac reiterated his belief that the suspension of Noguchi was actually a "slow firing" and the board had taken action in a "topsy-turvy" manner—i.e. they suspended him first, then started looking for grounds to justify their action.

Noguchi also revealed that while he had been in New York assisting other coroners in performing a second autopsy on football player Ron Settle (who was found hanged in a Signal Hill jail), his department was "sealed" by Los Angeles County administration investigators, who conducted a search in his office and other rooms. Issac added that this incident was more evidence that the board had made a premature decision to suspend Noguchi and "now they're looking for something to support it".

Issac also felt that if Noguchi's suspension—or firing—is successful, "then it is the end of Civil Service... and the end of the merit system in Los Angeles County".

**Noguchi is 'Incorruptible'**

Among the Japanese American leaders who expressed their support for Noguchi was Nisei attorney Kenji Ito, who felt that the coroner was "incorruptible" and that none of the charges "impugn the integrity and honesty of Tom Noguchi".

Ito, speaking on behalf of the local Japanese Chamber of Commerce, believed that

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## A/P Bar assn. calls for Asian to sit in Ca. Supreme Court

OAKLAND, Ca.—The Asian/Pacific Bar of California announced at their Mar. 27 meeting that they will ask Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. to appoint an Asian Pacific American to the California Supreme Court.

Dale Minami, president of the A/PBC, emphasized that "California should have the most integrated Supreme Court in the country and we

do—except for the absence of an Asian Pacific American," noting that a black, a Latino and a woman currently sit on the state's high court.

Although no vacancies currently exist on the state Supreme Court, several justices have hinted that vacancies will occur in the near future through retirement and resignation. Minami reported that even Chief Justice Rose Bird has commented the time is right for the appointment of an Asian Pacific American to the bench.

## Mits Kawamoto bids for 2d term

OMAHA, Neb.—Mits Kawamoto, Omaha JACL, declared he is seeking a second term as national JACL vice president of planning and development. "Having started a number of projects this past biennium that I would like see fulfilled, I shall actively seek re-election" this summer at the convention, the Pacific Citizen was informed. #

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## Family missing after boat wreck

SAN FRANCISCO—Wreckage of a 21-foot boat that held a family of five was found Mar. 31 near Farallon Island, but those aboard were missing, a U.S. Coast Guard spokesman said.

The boat, The Boston Whaler, had reportedly set sail Mar. 20 with the family of Dr. Yoshi Shitanishi aboard. The 43-year-old Fairfield orthodontist had taken off from Sausalito for a fishing trip with his wife Clara, 38, son Jay, 9, and daughter Kari, 7. Also said to be missing was Mrs. Shitanishi's father, identified only by his last name, Arakawa (Shitanishi was the charter president of Solano County JACL).

The Coast Guard began their search for the family Apr. 1, and members of the Audubon Society on Farallon said they would search the island's coast for any possible survivors.



## 'Coram Nobis' to the Supreme Court

By MINORU YASUI

National Chair, JACL Redress Committee

Forty years ago, a Nisei student was studying law at the University of Maryland. He came across a rather obscure common law procedure denominated *coram nobis*, which was an extraordinary remedy to over-turn a past conviction in a criminal case. It required a showing of suppression of facts known only to the prosecution, which resulted in a gross miscarriage of justice. It seemed to have no immediate applicability to his plans for the practice of law. So, he stored that bit of knowledge in the back recesses of his memory, and went on to become a lawyer.

Elsewhere, during the anti-Vietnam war years, another young student of non-Japanese extraction was disenchanted with the thought of being drafted and sent into the jungles of

southeast Asia, to kill or be killed. He refused to register for the military draft, on the grounds of conscience. He was duly apprehended, and convicted as a draft dodger. After serving sentence, he felt such a sense of moral outrage that he studied for the law—and subsequently, as a lawyer, proceeded under *coram nobis* to overturn his conviction.

Ten years ago, Frank F. Chuman of Los Angeles, as a past national JACL president, and as an eminent West Coast lawyer, raised the possibilities of *coram nobis* proceedings to re-open the evacuation cases of 1943-1944, wherein the U.S. Supreme Court had ruled that the military orders of Gen. John L. DeWitt in 1942 were valid and constitutional exercise of the federal government's war powers.

Chuman's suggestions were not followed up; he again urged exploring the ramifications of *coram nobis* to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) during July, 1981, in Los Angeles.

Not much came of Chuman's suggestions, until Peter H. Irons, Esq., now a professor of law at the University of Massachusetts, did extensive research in the National Archives and came up with incontrovertible evidence that U.S. Department

of Justice lawyers deliberately withheld documentation of the loyalty of Japanese Americans in 1942. There was documentary evidence too that the factual statements made by Gen. John L. DeWitt in his "Final Report: Japanese Evacuation from the West Coast, 1942" were false. These materials were submitted to CWRIC at the Boston hearings on Dec. 9, 1981.

Peter Irons has contacted Gordon K. Hirabayashi in Edmonton, Canada, and Fred Toyosaburo Korematsu in San Leandro, California. Both have agreed to cooperate in *coram nobis* proceedings. The case of *United States vs. Minoru Yasui* is a bit off-beat, in that the U.S. district judge found Gen. DeWitt's military orders against U.S. citizens to be null and void, and unconstitutional, as of Nov. 19, 1942. Despite technical problems, we, too, have agreed to cooperate.

Meeting in Los Angeles last month, a group of Nikkei attorneys, primarily from JABA (Japanese American Bar Association), expressed interest in working with BAAR (Bay Area Attorneys for Redress), utilizing Peter H. Irons of Massachusetts as lead counsel. Frank Chuman, Masamune Kojima of the Los Angeles County public defender's office, Alan Terakawa of JABA, David Yamada and Gene Takamine, explored possibilities of enlisting support of other legal organizations, such as the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union).

In the San Francisco area, Dale Minami of Oakland expressed keen interest in flying Peter Irons to the West Coast for personal conference to initiate such action in the U.S. District Court in San Francisco. Other BAAR attorneys will be co-operating in such action.

If the effort is successful, and if the U.S. Supreme Court reverses its decisions in the *Hirabayashi* and *Korematsu* cases, in law, it will be established that the federal government acted illegally in ordering and carrying out the evacuation in 1942. Congress then would have a legal obligation to provide restitution to all those who suffered losses as a result of General DeWitt's evacuation orders. At the present time, we do not have a legal claim against the U.S. government; we have only, at the present time, a moral claim.

On the other hand, if the *coram nobis* proceedings are unsuccessful—the obstacles are enormous, and prospects are not bright—perhaps it could be rationalized that we are no worse off. The odds appear to be long against us. But, we are determined to mount this legal challenge through the courts.

As for time, hopefully we can have Peter H. Irons at the National JACL convention in Los Angeles during Aug. 9-14, 1982. Interested individuals and groups may confer at length with him, if he is able to come to the West Coast at that time. Soon, thereafter, we would hope to initiate appeals through writ of error *coram nobis* simultaneously in Seattle, Portland, and

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### REDRESS PHASE 4: by John Tateishi



### 'Chance Meetings'

On my return trip recently from the east via the MDC meeting in Minneapolis, I had a 90-minute layover in Salt Lake City. It was the first time I had returned to this area since 1978, and it gave me occasion to reflect on so much that has happened since then.

I walked outside the terminal for a time, I suppose mainly hoping to get the full impact of where I was. The inside of airport terminals all look the same after a while. I had been in and out of so many since I was last in this one.

It was snowing outside. Not the bitter cold it had been in Minneapolis the day before, but a kind of welcomed crispness in the air that I guess must come with the last snowfalls before the spring. I recalled the summer heat in 1978 rising in crazy motions and the harshness of the land and the surrounding mountains. Now the land, covered with snow, seemed quiet without the summer rage. The Wasatch Mountains, rising up almost incongruously from the flatness of the surrounding land, were beautiful in their ruggedness covered over by the last snows of winter.

Standing there looking at those distant mountains, I thought

about the events that had taken place over the past four years. So much has happened in that short time. It had all been worth it—the long hours, the frustrations, the traveling in and out of airports. Something had come of all of that. Maybe not enough, maybe not as quickly as we might have wanted, but at least we had a good beginning. It was more than I expected when I last stood in that airport.

But it was not the events that have had their impact on me personally as much as some of the people who have come in and out of my life. Admittedly, a lot of faces get lost in a haze, and I can frequently recall names and faces but sometimes have a hard time putting them together. I've always had that failing.

A few names, a few faces, will stay with me as long as I live. Just a handful, maybe no more than just a few, who have been in some way a part of what has changed my life since that summer of 1978. Some more than others frequent my mind.

I remember, when I was teaching literature in England, coming across an unclaimed poem titled "Chance Meeting" about a man whose life was changed by an unexpected, chance meeting. I've thought about that poem a lot lately, but I'm reminded, frequently, of the reiterated theme in the poetry of Robert Frost.

It's the people with whom I have had contact, the people who have touched me in some way, who have changed my own life more than the events. And standing there in the snow, I hoped I had given back just a little of what they've given me. #

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## Sansei judge gets early 'victory'

LOS ANGELES—Local Municipal Court Judge Jon M. Mayeda, 34, will not have to run for re-election June 8 as his challenger, attorney Arthur Wynn, has decided not to seek the bench being held by the incumbent Nikkei.

Superior Court Judge Thomas T. Johnson ordered Apr. 7 that county Registrar-Recorder Leonard Panish drop Wynn's name from the ballot, in response to a request for a writ of mandate by Wynn and Mayeda.

The action leaves the former deputy city attorney who was appointed to the municipal court last June unopposed on election day. Johnson's order came a week before the sample ballots were due to be released.

Shortly after filing candi-

dacy against Mayeda, Wynn, a 52-year-old Encino attorney, decided to pull out of the race, and joined Mayeda in seeking to have the office (#39) removed from the ballot.

However, another Sansei judge will still be challenged in the primary. Superior Court Judge Ernest M. Hiroshige, 37, incumbent for office #102, must run against South Bay Municipal Court Judge Thomas Foye and Worker's Compensation Judge Elana Sullivan.

A fund-raising reception for Hiroshige and Mayeda was held April 1 at the Miriwa Restaurant, which drew nearly 200 supporters from the Asian American community.

U.S. District Court Judge Robert Takasugi, keynote speaker that evening, expressed his concern over the susceptibility of minority judges to "racist" attack due to ethnic surname identification. He added that interjection of politics in the judicial system has jeopardized the independence of the judiciary. The judicial system can retain its integrity only if judges aren't subjected to political campaigns, he noted.

## Koi nobori sought by JACCC for APA week

LOS ANGELES—A call for *koi nobori*, the giant carp streamers traditionally flown from the rooftops of Japanese homes during the *Tango no Sekku* festival, once again goes forth from Miles Kubo, JACCC gallery director.

Kubo is readying an exhibit at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center for the Asian Pacific American Heritage Week and would like the carp streamers to form part of the decoration for the exhibit, set for April 26 through May 31. Persons who have paper or cloth carp in large sizes which they are willing to donate to the JACCC are asked to contact Kubo at 628-2725.

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## Clavell literary award contest seeks stories on JA experience

LOS ANGELES—The American Japanese National Literary Award announced its fourth annual short story contest, and the award will be presented to the writer of this year's best short story entry on the Japanese American experience.

The winner will be presented with a \$1,000 cash prize and a trophy from reknowned author James Clavell, during the Miss Sansei

California Pageant at the Beverly Hilton Hotel July 17.

All entries (deadline 5 p.m. Tues., June 15) will be judged by a panel of distinguished writers. For info and a list of contest rules write to: American Japanese Literary Award, c/o Shipley-Ishimoto, 8721 Sunset Blvd. #210, Los Angeles 90069 or call Fred Ishimoto (213) 652-7067.

## UCLA seeks chair for JA Studies

LOS ANGELES—Two searches are currently being conducted at UCLA in the field of Japanese American Studies—one for an incumbent to fill the Alumni and Friends of Japanese Ancestry chair, and another for one or more postdoctoral scholars to take temporary appointments in this field until the chair is filled.

A meeting was recently held by members of the Japanese American community with Eugen Weber, dean of the College of Letters and Science, UCLA. Those attending included Toshio Nakahiro, Ruth Watanabe, Harold Harada, Jun Mori, Frank Omatsu, Marjorie Shinno, Art Goto and Frances Kitagawa.

## ESGV Center to pick Nisei Wk. entrant

WEST COVINA, Ca.—The East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center will select its "Miss ESGVJCC" at a dinner on April 24. The winner will represent the center at the Annual Nisei Week Queen Contest in August. Candidates for "Miss ESGVJCC" include Janet Midori Barnes of Covina; Jennifer Yoshiye Kato, West Covina; Lori Lycke, Rosemead; Colleen Keiko McKenna, Whittier and Grace Yumi Miyagishima, Baldwin Park.

## Seinan Center set to enter renovated bldg.

LOS ANGELES—Seinan Center, whose community services include a Nutrition Program for seniors, has entered escrow to purchase the Wada & Asato building on West Jefferson Blvd. here, which is one block east of the center's present facility.

Tom Makino, of Makino Miura AIA Architects, has been selected to renovate the new community center, and Seinan will occupy the building on July 1.

## No queen this year for 31st Nisei Relays

PASADENA, Ca.—The 31st Nisei Relays Committee announced Mar. 30 that there will be no Nisei Relays Queen Contest this year, but chapters, team sponsors and organizations are asked to submit the name of a young Nikkei woman, at least 15 years old, for the awards presentation ceremonies. Names should be sent to Chester Sugimoto, 21414 Grace Ave, Carson 90745 (213) 834-2925 or Mack Yamaguchi, 1751 Belmont Ave, Pasadena 91103 383-4809.

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## U.S.-Asia Institute to focus on trade

LOS ANGELES—The U.S.-Asia Institute will host an Economic Development Conference and dinner at the Century Plaza Hotel on May 3. The Conference, held in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of State and UCLA, will focus on economic development and cooperation between the U.S. and Asia in light of the projected \$5 trillion trade in the next decade.

Kay Sugahara, the Institute chair who recently proposed a \$10 billion "foreign aid" investment fund to the U.S., will be among the keynote speakers during the conference. Other top officials from the Departments of State and Commerce, as well as leaders in international trade, finance and investments, are expected to participate. For more info call Ruth Watanabe or Les Hamasaki (213) 687-3942.

## Manzanar pilgrimage set for Apr. 24

LOS ANGELES—"A Time to Remember, A Time to Bear Witness" is the theme of the 13th annual Pilgrimage to the site of the Manzanar Relocation Center on Saturday, Apr. 24, beginning at 10 a.m. For info call Sue Embrey (213) 662-5102 or Karl and Elaine Yoneda (415) 567-1814.

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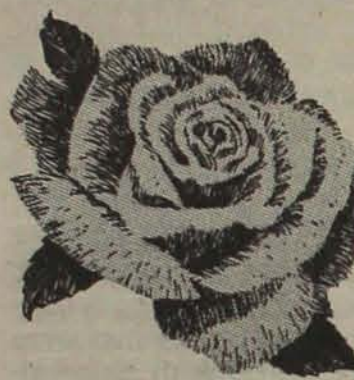
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PART 4

By Harry Honda

San Francisco

Through the first three parts of this series on the National JACL Board meeting over the Feb. 26-28 weekend, reports of eight National Committees have been cited: Part I—(1) Personnel, (2) JACL Student Aid Program, (3) Veterans Affairs, Part II—(4) 1000 Club, (5) Masao Satow Memorial—"JACL in Quest for Justice" publication, (6) Ways & Means; Part III—(7) Nominations, (8) International Relations, (9) Redress.

In the meantime, another Board meeting will be held May 21-23 at National Headquarters.

Committee wrap-ups and Board actions of the Feb. 26-28 weekend are continued:

• Lily Okura, vp/general operations and member of the Washington JACL Office advisory committee, opened discussion on the proposed agreement to designate Ron Ikejiri as an "independent contractor". The major points, which was approved as an interim statement with a final draft being submitted by legal counsel, cover:

1—TERM: For an initial period of nine months commencing March 1, 1982; may be extended, may be terminated at any time by either party (JACL/Ikejiri) by giving 60-days notice or as mutually agreed.

2—DUTIES: Rendering consulting and management services connected with the JACL Washington Office; complete authority over Washington Office management and affairs, including supervision of staff; discretion for employment of others with concurrence of the National Director to assist in the Washington Office activities.

3—HOURS: Full-time under this agree "You are free to represent or perform services for any other clients, provided that it does not interfere with your duties under this agreement, and the National Director concurs in such representation".

4—EXPENSES: JACL will reimburse all reasonable expenses when incurred on behalf of JACL for meetings and conferences and in connection with the operations of the Washington Office. Expenses in excess of \$150 for meetings/conferences require prior approval of the National Director.

5—COMPENSATION: The same as being presently paid.

6—LOCATION: As provided by JACL in Washington, D.C., plus parking space.

7—REGISTERED LOBBY: To be registered with the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives as a lobbyist for the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL).

Also considered were the MDC resolution in support of and the EDC recommendation for a full-time Washington JACL Office.

• Format of the upcoming Convention was approved, with special attention paid to the Tuesday workshop schedule and subject matter. There will be six plenary (business) sessions, each starting at 8 a.m. Tuesday to Friday, of up to 20 hours, three workshop periods of up to eight hours, Monday National Board session from 1-9 p.m., new National Board session Saturday morning, separate meetings for EXECOM (Monday a.m.), PC Board (Sunday afternoon), and district caucuses.

Luncheon schedule includes the Wakamatsu Testimonial/JACler of Biennium, Inagaki Prize on Wednesday, Satow Memorial/JACL Story presentation with bento at the Satow Library in Gardena on Thursday, and with a fashion show Friday.

Dinner schedule: Masaoka Distinguished Public Service Award on Wednesday; the luau in Garde-

na Thursday, and Sayonara-Recognitions dinner-dance Friday.

Social calendar includes a mixer Monday night, Jr. JACL reunion Tuesday night, 1000 Club whining Tuesday; free afternoon for delegates Thursday, golf tournament Friday. Conventions will also be advised of community events, such as Nisei Week which will be on-going the same week in Little Tokyo.

With many workshops planned and little time within the format, three periods were scheduled: I (1:00-2:30)—International Relations, A-Bomb Survivors, and Long-Range Planning; II (2:30-4:00)—Youth, Aging/Retirement, Pacific Citizen; III (4:00-9:00)—Redress, Evening with Mike Masao. Employment Practices had intended to have a workshop but its chair felt the subject could be replaced by another.

• Tony Ishii, CCDC governor, governors' caucus chair and also Nat'l resolutions chair, reminded what the ground rules were for submitting resolutions before the National Council: 30-days prior (July 10), or 5 chapters concurring on Convention floor by Wed. p.m. (Aug. 11), make sure it is not a constitutional amendment, sufficient copies—and typewritten. He also requested suggestions on policy directions (Program for Action) from the board.

• The board accepted the Feb. 19 1982 Long Range Planning report from Lillian Kimura, chair, except for a request of \$50,000 to fund a "more scientific" Japanese American community survey, with the Sansei generation as the target, especially the non-members "because they are the potential we seek to attract". Interviews with selected JACL leaders and sampling of Sansei on the future role of JACL are continuing. A brief summary of the 25 responses from the Chapter Survey, "Whither JACL", was attached.

The 25 responding chapters: PNWDC—Portland, Seattle; NCWDC—Eden Township, Japan, Reno, San Jose, San Mateo; CCDC—Clovis, Delano, Tulare County; PSWDC—Carson, Las Vegas, Latin America, Pan Asian, South Bay; IDC—Mt. Olympus; MPDC—(none); MDC—Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Detroit, Hoosier, Milwaukee; EDC—Philadelphia, Washington DC.

"What do you feel would help bring the whole spectrum of Japanese into JACL?"

PNW—Eliminate citizenship clause, broad-based programming, Sansei-Yonsei activities, nothing (too foolish to try).

NCWN—Cultural activities for Sansei-Yonsei and newly arrived Japanese, legislative initiative, encouraging Sansei.

CCDC—Survey the nonmembers, personal contacts.

PSW—Majority doesn't want to get involved, component for Nihongo-speaking, PR and renewed push for ethnic concerns/civil rights, impossible.

IDC—Reduce dues.

MDC—Eliminate citizenship clause, meaningful programs for all, address issues, pending disaster to AJAs, move HQ to WDC.

EDC—Address J.A. issues.

Attached was a "Whither JACL" consensus summary to 15 questions which Midwest chapters fielded at a DC meeting. The consensus was formed in a small group of 10 to 12 people. Fifty-one people participated. Because each item being considered was subject to varied interpretations ("membership" could mean service to members, fraternity, how to build, etc.), future surveys of this nature should make clear the meaning

and interpretation of the topic. All 15 functions for JACL were not ranked in the summary, but it prioritized:

1—Human and civil organization, 2—Education, 3—Cultural heritage, 4—Youth ... 12—Fund raising, 13—Pan Asian concern, 14—U.S.-Japan relations and 15—Group benefits.

Though the National President was invited to Japan and an international movement to organize Nikkei in the Americas are of great importance, they were not perceived as such in the Midwest. Hence the leadership must educate the membership, the MDC summary concluded.

• A letter from Dr. Michael Ego, newly appointed chair of the National Committee on Aging and Retirement, succeeding Dr. Sharon Fujii and the late Dr. Min Masuda, updating activities was presented by Mits Kawamoto and accepted. District governors were requested to appoint representatives to the committee; a technical advisory group consisting of experts in gerontology and allied disciplines would be added. A needs assessment survey to measure JACL membership needs was developed and circulated to the chapters. (A separate report from this committee is being published in this week's PC.)

A proposal for a workshop to be conducted at the Convention has been submitted to National Headquarters for reaction and direction. Both Dr. Tsujimura and R. Wakabayashi have indicated the ways & means campaign to raise funds for the committee has been strong.

• Treasurer Henry Sakai indicated the FY82 JACL Budget was about \$16,000 under last year as of Jan. 31. Current financial statement will be distributed.

He spoke for the need of an "anniversary" system with respect to membership expiration to help balance the flow of membership revenue. It was noted that the FY1982 increase in dues was offset by 5 to 9% drop in renewals.

C.K. suggested we find out why members quit and put it in the PC if it's positive. C.U. felt the chapters can determine why.

T.I. suggested an expiration report by date in alphabetical order be available to chapters. He was told such has already been supplied the Gardena Valley chapter for \$75. A Board decision to cover cost of having one printed for all chapters was tabled.

• FOR THE RECORD: In Part III, International Relations Committee, the report that Reno JACL offered to host the 1985 Panamerican Nikkei Conference was not made; rather the probability of having it combined in 1983 with the district conference in April was mentioned as a large block of rooms has been reserved at the Reno Hilton. That 1985 convention should be held either in Los Angeles or San Francisco, W.M. suggested.

To Be Continued

### • Award

St. Louis JACL member and honorary consul general of Japan in St. Louis, Carl L. A. Beckers, was conferred the 3rd Class Order of the Sacred Treasure at ceremonies held Feb. 12 at the Japanese Foreign Ministry. He has served since 1968, when the office was established.



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

## If you feel Life has passed you by ...

Salt Lake City

Last Sunday, we were joined at lunch by two Nisei friends, whom we have not seen in a long time. The wife made an interesting comment. She said, "We feel life passed us by during the last year." There had been six hospitalizations between her Issei parents. My friend is a true Nisei daughter. Her parents' illnesses had consumed most of their time, leaving little to spare for their immediate family or individual pursuits. I said, "Don't feel badly. Only a year isn't much. Sometimes, I feel as if life has always passed me by." They laughed, accustomed to my occasional exaggerations.

Later that day, reminiscing over the unexpected and happy visit, the thought recurred, of life passing by. Strange, I thought, how often the theme is repeated recently. It would not be so incongruent if the statement came from malcontents or failures, people on the fringes. Instead, it is made by individuals who seem successful and satisfied, in the thick of things. Those who have realized the American dream. At least the dream drawn by our immigrant parents. A decent livelihood, a good marriage, happy and healthy children. And sometimes, the dream has grown beyond the wildest

imaginings of the Issei. So, what explains this discontent, arriving most often in mid-life? A time when the mortgage is almost paid, the kids are grown and gone.

Perhaps it is because we have lived a borrowed dream, of a generation now largely extinct. A vision doled, however tenderly, with the rice and rules of our childhood homes before the war. A time before the promised opportunities were realized, before the removal of forbidding barriers. The dream was then large enough, always remaining a stretch beyond one's grasp. I suppose it is this, the necessity to have to reach, to explore outside one's safe, small world.

For most of us, life does pass by. It always has for most. We allow it to. Days melting into years of postponement and procrastination, the source of later regret and recrimination.

Maybe the next generation is wiser. After Susan's death, her brother wrote, "It's all over now. The tragedy should not be dwelled upon. It's just a reminder for all of us that we live very fragile lives, indeed. We have got to make the best of the time we have." That should be good advice for all of us, before life passes us by. Spin new dreams and seize them by the tail.

## 35 Years Ago IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

APRIL 19, 1947

Apr. 1—Nisei ex-GI (Kenji Namba of Gresham) files first suit to test Oregon alien land law; represented by Verne Dusenberry and Allan Hart, who seek declaratory judgment against 1923 law and its 1945 amendment in contravention to 14th Amendment.

Apr. 10—Calif. Assembly passes anti-segregation school bill (AB 1375), 60-2; repeals education code permitting separate schools for Oriental children.

Apr. 10—Canadian Nisei soldiers bring home brides of Chinese ancestry from Singapore; Nisei had served with British forces in India in 1945 and were transferred to Singapore for postwar duty.

Apr. 12—U.S. Navy at Pearl Harbor announces Japanese Americans being accepted for enlistment in Regular Navy and Naval Reserve; ban against enlistment had been lifted Nov. 14, 1945, JACL and several military groups remind Navy. Admiral Nimitz had also approved opening enlistment to Nisei; he praised Nisei contribution to victory in the Pacific theater.

Apr. 13—Jefferson Award (from Council Against Intolerance in America) presented to Rev. W.

Sherman Burgoyne, Hood River, Ore. minister whose fight to restore Nisei names to the city's war honor roll was cited as "another outstanding defense and furthering (of) democracy in America. Award made at Waldorf-Astoria dinner; among the 15 honorees selected by national poll of 1,000 editors and 500 civil rights leaders were Georgia Gov. Arnall, Frank Sinatra, Dr. Ruth Benedict, Albert Einstein, Drew Pearson and actor Canada Lee.

Apr. 12—San Jose Zebras (paced by Chi Akizuki) claim Calif. Nisei basketball championship, defeat L.A. Vets (led by Jack Nagano) 54-33.

Apr. 8—Los Angeles AFL central labor council supports campaign against racial and religious intolerance; push for permanent national FEPC ... Race bias on west coast on the rise, notes Carey McWilliams.

Apr. 10—House passes private bill to record 1938 entry as "lawful entry" for a native of Japan, Mrs. Fuku Kurokawa Thurn, active in Philadelphia community work during WW2.

Apr. 11—Utah basketball star Wat Misaka given ovation by Ha-

waiian fans for his play with Hawaii All-Stars game against Harlem Globetrotters (Hawaii lost 57-40).

Apr. 13—Mary Gemma Kawamura, 28, receives support of Minnesota senator in her bid for U.S. citizenship; born in Japan but brought to U.S. when 16 months old, she had been unable to enlist in the Army Nurse Corps, WACs, etc., during WW2; then was accepted after the war under U.S. Civil Service to work in Occupied Japan as a nurse.

Apr. 14—U.S. appellate court rules California separate schools for Mexican children illegal; federal court decision in Orange County case sustained (Mexican children were regarded as Caucasian and not subject to state code for separate schools for Oriental and American Indian children).

Apr. 16—President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights considers problems of Nisei in California: (1) Nisei GI veteran finds his farm land in Fowler escheated to state under alien land law; (2) restrictive housing, denial of employment, restrictive business opportunities due to Japanese ancestry.

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## On Being True to the Code

Denver, Colo.

You may have wondered, as did I, how it was that Dan Inouye was the chief defender of Harrison Williams of New Jersey as the United States wrestled with the dilemma of whether to expel him for his part in the ABSCAM scandal. The dreary details are all too familiar. The FBI had set up an elaborate scam, providing fake Arab shieks who were anxious to pay for the kinds of favors that only highly placed American politicians could provide.

Senator Williams fell into the trap. Concealed television cameras caught him dicker, in a manner of speaking with the phoney shieks. Charges were brought and Williams was convicted. The Senate's action—to overlook his transgressions, censure him, or expel him—was to be the chapter in the sordid drama.

And Dan Inouye, whose integrity is unquestioned, was making an eloquent plea for the transgressor, decrying the FBI's entrapment, declaring that any member of the Congress could be similarly victimized.

Why? Was it friendship in the business that rarely recognizes its sanctity? Was it Dan's true outrage at what he considered unfair entrapment?

The answer, or answers, is or are probably extremely complex and perhaps part of it, or them, was provided in a recent report by Alan Ehrenhalt, who writes for Congressional Quarterly News Service.

When Dan Inouye rose to argue against expelling Williams, Ehrenhalt wrote, he was speaking for the Old Senate. "That was a close-knit fraternity whose members knew each other well, generally could count on re-election, stayed in Washington except during recesses and rallied around a fellow senator when he was in

trouble. In that body, discipline was largely an internal matter."

But the Senate that was judging Williams was not the Old Senate. A majority of its members were not in the Senate when Williams was last elected in 1976. Many had hardly gotten around to know him. But Inouye is now an old-timer. Wrote Ehrenhalt:

"Inouye is one of the best-liked members, but he is also a man out of his time. Nearly 20 years into his Senate career at age 57, he is a pillar of what remains of the old Democratic Senate establishment. His path of influence was the traditional one—close relations with senior party colleagues such as Lyndon B. Johnson, Mike Mansfield and Hubert H. Humphrey.

"Like his mentors, Inouye has always been a Senate man—one interested in the prerogatives of the institution. When he served on the chamber's Watergate investigating committee in 1973, he was angered by the

effrontery of Nixon aides who he thought were trampling on Senate rights. Defending Williams this year, he was equally angry about what he saw as entrapment of a senator by the executive branch.

"The integrity of the Senate is challenged by this investigation," he told his colleagues, "and the Constitution compels us to reject its advance."

"Like the men who dominated the institution when he arrived, Inouye has a safe seat—one of the few remaining. Like them, he acts as if the Senate is his home."

In the end, despite Inouye's spirited defense, Williams knew the Senate would expel him. Rather than face that disgrace, he resigned. Ehrenhalt concludes: "The Old Senate had its own elaborate standards for personal behavior, but they were essentially private ones. Today's standards are public, and when a Senator has demonstrated his weaknesses on national television, his colleagues feel enormous pressure to deal with him in a way that satisfied public opinion."

What Ehrenhalt is telling us is that Inouye was true to the code that governed Senate behavior, but times are changing. #

From PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: by John Saito



## My Recollections

As a result of the L.A. Times article of December 27 and 28, 1981, members of the Dr. Carole Fujita Support Committee asked me to contact Dr. Tom Noguchi, Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner for the County of Los Angeles. The two articles painted a negative picture of the coroner's office. Dr. Noguchi thanked the thoughtfulness of the committee and assured me that everything was OK. (Back in 1980-81 Dr. Noguchi came forth to publicly support Dr. Fujita's charges of race and sex discrimination against the County of L.A., which she eventually won).

Last March 1, after a very exhausting National Board week-end meeting in San Francisco, I received a phone call from Dr. Noguchi asking me to contact some key community people to review with him the management audit report that was to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors on March 9. We had scheduled that meeting for March 10, at the regional office. The doctor felt that the report was going to have a negative impact on his office.

On March 8, the L.A. Times (Laurie Becklund reporting) wrote about further problems in the coroner's office, mostly administrative and budgetary.

On March 9, the L.A. Times front page headlines said "Noguchi Refuses to Resign."

Backing up to March 5, I talked to Dwight Chuman of the Rafu Shimpo and asked him whether he was aware of the management report and he said he was not and he asked if he could attend the 10th meeting to which I said "why not". Dwight wrote about the 10th meeting, which was picked up by other media people and therefore the 10th meeting became a mini press conference rather than a review of the management audit.

On March 11, the Board of Supervisors met in executive session and developed the following unanimous position:—it is the intent of the Board to suspend Dr. Noguchi for a period of 30 days beginning March 19. Prior to the implementation of that intent the CAO Harry Hufford is directed to prepare, in writing, the charges and allegations and present them to Dr. Noguchi, who will have till March 17 to respond to those charges and allegations.

A small working committee was formed and we made arrangements to have a meeting with Supervisor Mike Antonovich, who oversees the coroner's office. This meeting was arranged for March 17 at 9 a.m.

That day we had a 2 hour session with Mr. Antonovich and two of his aides. The committee came out with the feeling that possibly Dr. Noguchi was not getting fair and impartial treatment. One person felt that the board had reached its conclusion and now was trying to find evidence to support its conclusion.

On this date also, the County Grand Jury came out with their independent study supporting Dr. Noguchi and castigating the Board for its hasty action against Dr. Noguchi. Within a day or two the district attorney would publicly state that his office could not prosecute Dr. Noguchi because the evidence could not

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San Francisco. Judicial proceedings and appeals take years. We would hope to be before the U.S. Supreme Court within 2-3 years—or, it may take longer.

Meanwhile, we will be much concerned with, and will certainly assist CWRIC in establishing an official record of the evacuation process. We will also do our utmost to assure that the recommendations of CWRIC will provide for monetary compensation and other appropriate remedies. With the extension of the life of CWRIC until Dec. 31, 1982, we will be urging extensive research in depth by the CWRIC staff to assure a comprehensive "Final Report and Recommendations".

## Guest's Corner:

### Nuclear Freeze

By MEI NAKANO

I had to see the memorial at Hiroshima before the full horror of the atomic bombing hit me. It was staggering—those images of tortured victims, the indiscriminate devastation heaped upon the very land on which I was standing at that moment. My emotions zig-zagged from sorrow to outrage to a final sense of indescribable sadness.

Part of the force of these emotions, I realize, comes from my own consciousness of my Japanese roots, that unnameable but real connection I have to the land of my forebears. But more than that, I am a human being, stunned by the stark reality of the mindless death and destruction, the cruelty which human beings are capable of visiting upon one another.

Those of you who have visited the Hiroshima memorial, or who know victims of that holocaust or the one at Nagasaki, have no doubt experienced similar feelings. And I hope it has caused you to feel as I do that we must do all we can to prevent another such tragedy.

That is what the **Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze Initiative** is about.

Half a million people in California have endorsed a petition to put this resolution on the ballot in November. It will propose that on an agreed date both the Soviet Union and the United States would stop building more nuclear weapons.

This will not, of course, prevent a nuclear war, but it is a step in that direction. And it may very well be the crucial step.

Right now, the U.S. has a stockpile of nuclear weapons equivalent to 615,000 times the explosive force of the Hiroshima bomb. With that, we can destroy every major Soviet city 40 times over. For their part, the Soviets have the nuclear capability of destroying every major city in the U.S. 17 times over. Insane? Yes. But the race goes on—and at the expense of vital humanitarian programs, and capital investment programs which can create stable, non-military-related jobs.

Some would argue that a "freeze" might give the Soviets the upper hand. Not so. There is widespread agreement that an acceptable parity exists between the U.S. and Soviet nuclear forces at present. Also, for those who are shy of trusting the Russians, rest assured that *trust* is not the linchpin which holds this proposal together. Both countries have the means to verify what the other is doing. (Our spy satellites can even read the license plates on a car parked in front of the Kremlin, we are told.) In any case, if anyone cheats, the deal is off.

I believe that we of Japanese descent should be particularly sensitive to this issue in light of our history, and that we should be counted in the vanguard of pushing the resolution through the state of California to be brought before the Congress of the United States.

We have that responsibility. #

Mei Nakano, who is the No. Calif.-Western Nevada District representative on the Pacific Citizen Board, edits the Sonoma County JACL newsletter and has contributed to our Holiday Issues.—Ed.

## APA education conferences set

SACRAMENTO—The California State Dept. of Education will hold its second annual Asian Pacific American Education Conferences, focusing on the unity of Asian Pacific Americans, with workshops on various APA cultures as well as a program on career choices.

The conferences, to accommodate both northern and southern California, are scheduled Apr. 30-May 1 at the Sunnyvale Hilton Inn, 1250 Lakeside Dr., and on May 7-8, at the Long Beach Hyatt, 6400 E. Pacific Coast Hwy. For info, contact Ms. Elaine Mar-Fong, Off. of Intergroup Relations, 455 Capitol Mall, #440 East, Sacramento, Ca. 95814, (916) 445-9482. #

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**OMAHA'S 35TH INAUGURAL**—Ron Wakabayashi (left), national JACL director, stands with 1982 Omaha JACL officers at Mr. C's Steakhouse. They are (from left), former city councilman Richard Takechi, Mits Kawamoto (nat'l JACL v.p.), Chikuma Matsui, Suzanne Gardner, Mike Watanabe, Sharon Ishii, Gladys Hirabayashi and Akiye Rebarich. Steve Hasegawa, '82 pres., is camera shy. Wakabayashi was keynoter.

### Omaha celebrates 35th inaugural

OMAHA, Neb.—Ron Wakabayashi, national JACL director, coupled two chapter weekend visits starting here in Omaha Mar. 12 to address the a gala 35th anniversary dinner at Mister C's Steakhouse. (The next day, Wakabayashi was off to Denver to address the Mile-Hi JACL installation). Judge Lawrence Krell installed the 1982 officers, last year's v.p. Steve Hasegawa being elevated president, succeeding John Kawamoto. Dr. Peter Suzuki was awarded the JACL silver pin.

Georgene Mardeson, who has advised the Omaha Jr. JACL through the years, was awarded a JACL pin. Mildred Shiller and her late husband Jim, who have been staunch JACL supporters, were also honored. Their gift of Japanese tapestry to JACL was acknowledged. Salutations were made by city councilman Fred Conley, state senators Carol Pirsch and Glenn Goodrich. Al Noble rendered the invocation and benediction. Richard Takechi, past city councilman, was emcee.

### Reno to host next NC-WNPDC meet

RENO, Nev.—With Reno JACL hosting the next NC-WNPDC session at El Dorado Hotel here on Saturday, May 15, prompt room reservations have been urged by the host chapter by calling toll free 800-648-4597 or remitting at least one night's deposit to the hotel, P.O. Box 3399, Reno, NV 89505. Rates are \$34 per night for two nights or \$40 for Saturday night only. Delegates arriving Friday will receive Fun Book coupons.

Registration for the Saturday convention is \$12.50 for all delegates. Registration includes the luncheon banquet with Nevada's Secretary of State William D. Swackhamer as guest speaker.

Other attractions include Harrah's Auto Collection, the world's greatest collection of antique cars; Fleischmann Planetarium, Nevada Historical Society Museum, which has a rare Japanese doll exchanged prewar between U.S. and Japanese children. Group reservations for the Hilton Hotel dinner show, Bal du Moulin Rouge, Saturday is \$12.50 for those who pre-register by May 8. The \$25 check should be sent to: Reno JACL, Henry Hattori, treas., 1750 Tyler Way, Sparks, NV 89431.

## 7-Up takes over sponsorship of festival begun by St. Louis JACL

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Perhaps the good fortune of one lucky number came into play as the seventh annual Japanese Festival, set for June 19-27, at the Missouri Botanical (Shaw's) Garden will be sponsored by The Seven-Up Co., it was announced by Dr. Peter H. Raven, director of the garden.

The first festival was conceived and produced by St. Louis JACL, it was added by George Sakaguchi and George Hasegawa, now technical advisers to the festival. The chapter continues to participate by operating a souvenir and food concession.

"The Seven-Up Company's valuable support will enable us to produce the most exciting and colorful event in the festival's seven-year history," Raven said. Edward W. Frantel, Seven-Up president, expressed the company's delight as Festival sponsor: "Missouri Botanical Garden is a cultural resource which has few equals and the Japanese Festival has become

### DYC Orange County workshop set

GARDEN GROVE, Ca.—The PSWDYC/Orange County JACL careers workshop will be held on Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Garden Grove Community Center, 11300 Stanford, it was announced by Warren Nagano, Orange County JACL president, and Carrie Okamura, in charge of registration, 6161 Leyte St., Cypress 90630, (714) 894-9092.

Schedule includes a speakers' forum in the morning, lunch break, group rap session, discussion and evaluation in six areas; medicine, dentistry, legal, education, social service and business (accounting, public relations, advertising-marketing, computer sciences, etc.)

District Youth Chair Patricia Honda expects chapters to sponsor at least one youth to the workshop, first of three planned for May and June as a prelude to the JACL national convention in August at Airport Hyatt.

The \$5 registration fee covers refreshments, lunch and information packet and should be forwarded to Okamura. #

### Marina to host PSWDC May 16

LOS ANGELES—The Marina JACL will host the next PSWDC session on Sunday, May 16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Hannon's Loft on the Loyola Marymount University campus in Westchester. It will be the district's pre-convention rally.

Registration fee of \$7.50 includes a box lunch and continental breakfast. For details, call Linda Kodama (822-5528), program chair, or the JACL Office (626-4471).

### Nikkei Matsuri slated for San Jose May 2

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Nikkei Matsuri will be held Sunday, May 2, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 5th and Jackson. Arts and crafts, food, demonstrations, and exhibits and music highlight the day's schedule.

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one of the highlights of the summer in St. Louis."

Last year, the festival attracted over 35,000 who celebrated Japanese culture through music, dance food and craft. The garden is expecting 50,000 visitors this year. Attractions include the San Francisco Taiko Drummers, here for the fifth consecutive year; Shun Ichiyangi, the amezaiku (candy sculptor) from California who fashions dragons, birds and flowers from hot candy; kitemaker Atsushi Moriyasu; and Bob Kramer Marionettes, a highly popular puppet troupe in St. Louis which is planning a Japanese Festival special.

This is probably the first time a JACL-initiated event has expanded to such an extent as to be underwritten by a well-known company.

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### Japan Society to focus on 'The Yakuza'

SAN FRANCISCO—"The Yakuza: Japanese Crime Inc." will be the subject of a slide lecture by Dr. David Stark, postdoctoral fellow subject at UC Berkeley, on Monday, April 26, 7:30 p.m. at the World Affairs Center, 312 Sutter St. Stark did graduate work in Japanese Anthropology at Harvard University and the University of Michigan, focusing on the yakuza. Reservations (\$3) for the lecture can be made by calling (415) 986-4383.



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# Aging and Retirement: the Nisei Experience

By MICHAEL E. EGO, Ph.D., Chair  
National JACL Aging and Retirement Committee

● Initial presentation of this paper at the installation banquet of the San Fernando Valley JACL was given, Jan. 16, 1982, at Burbank. This subject will be one of the major workshop topics at the forthcoming National JACL Convention.—Ed.

When Mr. Kaneko initially extended the invitation to me, I was very pleased because I realized that it would offer me an opportunity to share some of my thoughts and knowledge about a phenomenon which a lot of people in the Nikkei community have been talking about but which is receiving very little attention. This phenomenon is Nisei aging and retirement.

About two months ago, National JACL President, Dr. Jim Tsujimura, asked me to chair the National Aging and Retirement Committee and I accepted the appointment with the intention to actualize some of the concerns that have been voiced by the Nikkei community. I hope to share with you tonight the current activities of the Aging and Retirement Committee and the commitment JACL is making toward addressing the issue of Nisei aging and retirement.

But, before I begin to share with you the thrust of the Aging and Retirement Committee, I would like to take a few minutes to allay some of the anxieties about the terms "aging" and "retirement". Scientific research has shown that many of the assumptions or expectations which preretirees and retirees make about aging and retirement are NOT valid. For instance:

—About 80% of the older population are healthy enough to carry out their normal activities.

—The majority of older people are not senile.

—Only 5% of the older population over 65 reside in nursing homes.

—Older drivers have fewer accidents per driver than drivers under age 65.

—It is possible for older persons to learn something new.

—Older people do not become more religious as they grow older.

—Adjustment to retirement is positive for the majority of older people.

Research also confirms some of those expectations of the aging process. Some of these findings include:

—All five senses tend to decline as does physical strength.

—Reaction time of most older people tends to be slower than reaction time of younger people.

—Health, income and leisure skills are strongest predictors for adjustment to retirement.

## Sample Does Not Have Nikkei Number

The research data which I have presented reflect national samples which have never included a representative number of Japanese Americans. I'm sure that as I read these facts to you that you were relating your personal experiences and observations to these findings and also asking yourself: OK, this is research conducted amongst predominantly Caucasian samples, but what does the research conducted on Japanese Americans conclude about Nisei aging and retirement?

Research studies regarding the aging and retirement patterns of Nisei are very scarce. There is currently a study in progress at the Univ. of Washington which was initiated by the late Dr. Minoru Masuda and a study almost completed by Dr. Stephen Fugita at the Univ. of Akron which will give us information about Nisei aging and retirement. Beyond these two studies, there have been three projects which have utilized JACL members in addressing Nisei aging and retirement concerns.

Dr. Sharon Fujii, the prominent Sansei gerontologist, investigated perceptions of Nisei and Issei relative to utilization of health services. She concluded that Nisei expressed the belief that daughters take care of the aged when sick, whereas Issei identified the spouse which implies that Nisei perceptions about aging are not congruent with Issei perceptions. To further support this implication, more Nisei than Issei indicated that the elderly Japanese are more likely to avoid using health services than non-Japanese older persons.

## JACLers Define Five Retirement Issues

In 1976, the JACL convened a National Conference on Nisei Retirement. At this meeting (in San Francisco), the organizers defined five retirement issues: physical health and activity, income loss, psychological adjustments, work role loss, and widowhood. The workshops from the conference concluded:

*The need for Nisei to plan for retirement is a part of a universal sense of denial of the aging process, of work stoppage, and possibility of disability and death. Nisei, more than any other, so long wedded to and sustained by the work ethic, may fear that retirement represents a symbolic death of a useful, productive life.*

This impression of Nisei aging and retirement implies that Nisei are going to have adjustment problems.

More recently, I had the opportunity to conduct a national study to determine the leisure preference patterns of the Nisei population. The study utilized a mail questionnaire design and the very strong response rate of 63% was an expression by Nisei that they are indeed interested in retirement planning issues. The study revealed that the mean age of the Nisei is 59 years old with 85% between the age of 50 and 69. Most of the Nisei are married with 7% being widowed.

Over half are Protestants with 30% being Buddhists. Model income was \$20,000 - \$30,000 and 78% had attended one or more years of college which is three times the national cohort (35 and over) as reported by the Census Bureau.

The data also showed that the parents of the Nisei emigrated

mainly from four prefectures: Hiroshima, Wakayama, Kumamoto and Okayama and that almost one-third had attended six or more years of Japanese language school with 16% indicating no attendance.

The process of understanding Nisei leisure preferences enabled me to gain some perception about their childhood leisure experiences. Between the ages 6-18, the study shows that 50% were participants in church club activities; 39% involved with sport clubs; one-third had been active in Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, and 26% had been participants in judo and kendo clubs.

## Leisure Preference Inventory Survey

Now, I would like to share with you the results of the leisure preference inventory survey.

Source: Leisure Preference Patterns of Second-Generation Japanese Americans of Selected Cities in the United States. Doctoral dissertation, University of Oregon, 1980

NISEI PREFERENCE PATTERNS (N=820)	
Present Participation	
Rank	Activity
1	Dining out
2	Travel/Sightseeing
3	Television-all subjects
4	Visiting friends
5	Reading
6	Carnivals/Bazaars
7	Gardening
8	Going to parties
9	Movies-all titles
10	Church groups
11	Theatre/Play/Opera
12	Atlantic City/Reno/Las Vegas trips
13	Volunteering
14	Being outdoors
15	Seeing pretty scenery
16	Card playing
17	Movies-Japanese titles
18	Television-Japanese subjects
19	Basketball spectator
20	Fishing
21	Baseball spectator
22	Exercising
23	Photography
24	Community picnics
25	Golf
Future Interests (not presently a participant)	
Rank	Activity
1	Travel/Sightseeing
2	Fishing
3	Seeing pretty scenery
4	Being in the outdoors
5	Golf
6	Clam digging
7	Swimming
8	Exercising
9	Atlantic City/Reno/Las Vegas trips
10	Craftwork
11	Movies-Japanese titles
12	Dining out
13	Gardening
14	Visiting friends
15	Theatre/Play/Opera
16	Bicycling
17	Photography
18	Football spectator
19	Television-Japanese subjects
20	Dancing/Popular
21	Mushroom hunting
22	Baseball spectator
23	Painting
24	Movies-all titles
25	Basketball spectator

We can see some patterns from the limited research that has been available for analysis but how accurate are these findings and conclusions? If we are to provide responsive retirement

planning programs, there must be some basis or rationale for developing planning models which reflect the Nisei lifestyle and history.

As part of the activities for the JACL Aging and Retirement Committee, we are currently conducting a needs assessment to determine the direction of a retirement planning service for JACL members. A second handout is the Needs Assessment Survey which we will utilize in our efforts. It has been targeted toward addressing regional perspectives with the hope that each district will obtain as much input from their membership. It is strictly confidential and we would like to receive input so that our committee can provide the necessary components for the retirement planning projects.

The JACL Aging and Retirement Committee is also in the process of working with the National Office on a fund-raising project to secure funds so that we can operationalize some of the programs. The committee is comprised of one representative from the eight districts with a special subcommittee that provides technical assistance.

I would like to close my presentation with some of my personal goals for the National JACL Aging and Retirement Committee.

(1) More research is needed to determine the social and psychological aspects of Nisei aging and retirement. We need to encourage scholarly works by students at universities and colleges to investigate Nisei aging and retirement. I would like to see our committee serve as a linkage to the university in fostering a relationship to meet this objective.

(2) The committee should recognize the diversity and heterogeneity of the Nisei population. Special needs of the Kibei-Nisei and the Hawaii-Nisei are unique to the Japanese American community and we must be able to respond to their needs also.

(3) The development of support groups for widowed persons and terminally-ill persons need to begin immediately. Provision of hospice care service in the Japanese American community can help family members to help those in need of special care.

(4) There must be a recognition by the National JACL Board that the needs and concerns of aging and retirement cannot be addressed utilizing a voluntary standing committee. The creation of a staff position comparable to the JACL Youth Director position is a necessity if we are going to be truly responsive to the needs of the Nisei.

These are some of my perspectives. I would like to encourage your participation in this endeavor to respond to the expressed and non-expressed concerns relative to Nisei aging and retirement. With the strong support and interest of the JACL organization currently being provided by Jim Tsujimura, Ron Wakabayashi, Mits Kawamoto, and Pat Okura, and with your help, we can help to make Nisei retirement a satisfying experience. #

# Mission to Lima, Peru—site of '83 PANACo

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Lima, Peru

As our aircraft approached the capital of Peru at 11:50 p.m., circling the city, I looked out the window expecting to see all the colorful geometric designs of a city at night. To my dismay, it was smazy and dim. Hardly any neon signs, unlike the night scene of San Francisco, Los Angeles or New York. As in the summers back home, a slight fog-like condition often exists at night and early morning off the coast here about this time.

After bidding farewell to my newly made Brazilian passenger friends, each handed me their calling cards. Shades of Japan! The craze has hit the South American Nikkei community.

As the Lima airport has no telescoping ramp for aircraft, the flight of stairs is very long, especially from the level of jumbo DC-10. Clearing customs and immigration were without problem as all I had were carry-on baggage. (After losing my luggage five times over the many years of traveling, I now travel with a hang-up clothes bag and the largest carry-on case possible when alone. It's a headache to arrive without the baggage, such as the time I went to Toronto while the bags ended up in London, reaching me three days later.)

## Welcome Delegation

As I passed through the airport doors into the waiting area, I heard my name shouted by three men I had met in Mexico City, Señores José Yoshida, Enrique Yara and Augusto Ikemiyashiro. It was a very hardy brazo, embracing them warmly and not even letting go of the luggage in my hands. I was then introduced to two more of the welcoming committee, Luis Sakoda and Manuel Kawashita. It was overwhelming.

I felt they didn't have to go through all that trouble just for me. But later I found out there were two more flights arriving from Brazil and Mexico City with singers for the International Nikkei

By CHARLES KUBOKAWA, Chair  
National JACL International Relations Committee

Singing Contest. The last group was arriving at 2 a.m. The Peruvians really outdid themselves waiting for people in the wee hours. I had not expected anyone to greet me at the airport but our Latin American JACL chapter president, Luis Yamakawa, did warn me the Peruvians are very hospitable and helpful so they will be at the airport. How they ever found which flight I was on was beyond me. I never told them.

At the airport, I was told that all delegates to the Pan American Nikkei Assn. meeting would be taken to Lima Sheraton, a hotel they had selected—I had no choice, though I had reservations elsewhere.

At the hotel, I was handed a schedule which was going to keep me busy for four solid days—early morning till late at night. I thought nothing of it—till the first day was over and was I tired! Maybe, the opposite forces that exist in South America had something to do with it—aside from the three hour time difference between California and Peru. Our biologic clock took two days to adjust to the local Lima schedule.

## Hemispheric Distinctions

About those forces, I mean such things as (1) it's wintry December in California but here in Lima summer is just starting; (2) the water at home drains with a clockwise whirl whereas it's counterclockwise down here; (3) the magnetic lines of force are also different.

Life style is different from that of the U.S. After a light continental breakfast in the morning, work commences between 9 and 10, followed by the almuerzo midmorning (a very hearty brunch). Between noon and 3, it's a three-hour dinner break (siesta) with some stores closed; but all stores stay open till 7:30. Supper follows around 9 p.m. Hence, staying up late at night is normal for Peruvians. One can sure have a long

happy hour before dining, too.

Lima is famous for its Chinese (not like San Francisco, though) and criollo (Creole) cuisine. Creole food is a Peruvian blend of Inca and Spanish recipes. The first 15 days of each month are beefless; some restaurants serve no meat and a cover charge is usually added to the check for the bread and butter. They sure eat a lot of bread & butter here. I wonder if the population has high cholesterol?

Because the Sheraton overbooked their rooms, I had to sleep the first night on a fold-away couch in a large conference room. Since the air in the room was stale, I opened the window and noticed a sign on the big corner store. It read: Casa MATUSITA (Matsushita). It's right across the street from the U.S. Embassy. I later learned it to be a local hardware and building supplies store run by one of the richest Nikkei families in Lima, established over 40 years ago. The living quarters above the store was vacated because, as my escort for the day Manuel Kawashita explained, there were several yūrei (a Japanese word, which I haven't heard for years, meaning "ghosts") living there which would appear at nights. Why must it always be at night?

As we drove to Estadio La Unión for our first meeting and indoctrination to Peru, I noticed 99% of the cars in Lima have no windshield wipers or sideview mirrors. First thought was, maybe Lima is too arid, and wondered aloud about that. I was told the wipers are kept in the glove compartment to keep them from being stolen. The same with sideview mirrors, Cars sporting them have windshield wipers and sideview mirrors specially riveted and an alarm hooked to all accessories.

## Driving Around Lima

Most Nikkei also have two cars, a "klunker" to drive around daily

and a nice family car which, when used and parked on a street, requires paid help to keep watch. The paid watcher sees to it that nothing, including the metal auto emblems, gas caps, door knobs, antenna, etc., is ripped off. It normally takes three keys to unlock and start the car, two outside and one inside.

Parking meters were once used on very busy Lima streets, but soon they were smashed and looted. Now the city hires timekeepers, two to each side of the block, who collect the parking fees.

Little kids (who should be in school) roam the streets from early morning till night hawking everything from plastic fly swatters to battery water for the car. Others, toting a pail of water and rags, will wash the parked car for a couple of soles (Peruvian dollar). Some might run up to cars at stop signs to wash the window for a few centavos. But some windows become dirtier—and the drivers won't pay at all.

## Tourists from Japan

Our Asian features blend in nicely with the local population. I mean the Nikkei do not stand out like we do in the U.S. On the other hand, the Caucasians in Peru, or the aristocrats as they are called, are conspicuous and also get preferential treatment in many cases.

Since many tourists from Japan visit Peru, people selling trinkets and goodies at the shops keep an ear open for those conversing in Nihongo. They know the Japan tourist is easy marks for higher prices. In a low voice to Señor Yoshida, I happened to mention one item was "takai" and to my surprise, the young saleslady said, "No es takai. Es ichiban yasui nedan." (No, it's not expensive. It's the cheapest price.) I wasn't even talking to her and she caught our conversation.

As a game, one should always work toward half the first price quoted. Usually, you end paying 55

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## Author Akemi Kikumura writes of immigrant mother's travail

FRESNO, Ca.—The "harsh winter" of early-day Japanese immigrants in the state is finally turning to spring, in the words of a Japanese American anthropologist and writer.

Akemi Kikumura said in a speech delivered Mar. 12 at Fresno State University that she learned about herself in the process of chronicling her mother's immigration experiences.

Now, as the mother of a young girl, she is learning about the next generation of Japanese Americans. Her speech was part of the Asian American Week activities at FSU.

Kikumura said that whereas the Japanese immigrants to California in the first part of this century buried their history and culture under "layers of secrecy, burden and guilt," today's Japanese Ameri-

cans are talking with each other and "reinterpreting our history".

Her book, "Through Harsh Winters: The Life of a Japanese Immigrant Woman," tells the story of her mother's immigration to the United States in 1923, reported Fresno Bee staff writer Shirley Armbruster.

Kikumura based the title on the old Japanese saying, "The harsher the winter, the fresher the spring".

"Writing the book was a very transformative kind of experience," she told the crowd of about 100. "It placed my parents in the larger historical context and it helped me appreciate my parents and their behavior. It also helped me redefine my own self concept."

Kikumura has taught at UCLA and USC. She also acted in television and films, including "Farewell to Manzanar," and has ap-

peared in East/West Players productions in Los Angeles. Her writing was recognized in the James Clavell American/Japanese National Literary Award Competition in 1979.

"When I started school I realized right away we were different," because of her ancestry and primitive labor camp living conditions. She admitted her childhood years were painful because of those differences.

She recalled that the first time a schoolmate called her "Jap," she ran into the girls' restroom, locked the door and cried. She was frightened and didn't know how to respond.

To fight back, Kikumura and many other Japanese Americans strove for excellence, especially in academics. "I tried to gain recognition to get acceptance."

Kikumura said that after discovering so much about her mother's generation and herself, she began wondering if things had

changed much for the Japanese Americans.

She asked herself: "Will our children have the same problems with their identity that I had? Will they be ashamed of us like I was ashamed of my mother? Have social conditions really changed for us?"

The answer, she said, became very clear when her daughter came home from school outraged that another child called her Chinese. Unlike the frightened young Akemi, her daughter related that she jumped off her bicycle, raised her fists and demanded that her schoolmate "say that again!"

"Our children aren't hiding," said Kikumura. "They are standing their ground. They are speaking up."

### Diablo Valley JACL enters Int'l Faire

WALNUT CREEK, Ca.—The Diablo Valley JACL will be among the 20 groups participating in the International Faire and Competition on Saturday, Apr. 17, 9-5 p.m. at Las Lomas High School, 1460 S. Main St. The Japanese American story will be told through showings of the film, "The Fukuyama Story" (produced by the B'nai B'rith) and displays and information on the World War II internment and military service of Japanese Americans. For more information call Mollie Fujioka 939-9167.

### Fowler picnic set April 25 at Grainger

FOWLER, Ca.—Four generations of the Nikkei community will picnic April 25 at Grainger Grove at Millerton Lake from 10 a.m. Bobby Teraoka is picnic chairman.

In May-June, Fowler JACL will participate at the Nisei VFW memorial service, and present scholarships at the local high school graduation.

### Noguchi sculpture garden on 'Calif.' to open in Costa Mesa

COSTA MESA, Ca.—Isamu Noguchi's "California Scenario," a new major work of sculpture in a 1.6-acre garden setting, is the next center of attraction that will be opened for preview at South Coast Plaza Town Center here May 11-14, as four art-sponsorship organizations individually develop a major theme each night of the four-day celebration.

Noguchi's garden is comprised of six major elements representing the forces that shape the southern California environment. Granite benches have been placed for those wishing to reflect the dramatic setting, landscaped with giant Eucalyptus, palo verde, pink floss trees and California redwoods.

The Japanese American Cultural and Community Center opens the Noguchi Week tribute May 11, 7-9 p.m., with a tea ceremony in cooperation with Uransenke Tea Ceremony Society and program of music and dance by the Japanese American Council of the Bowers Museum. The celebration culminates May 14 with a light & sound show sponsored by the Orange County Arts Alliance from 7 to 10 p.m.

The garden serves as an open-air courtyard, framed by reflective glass buildings and a 40-ft. high white walls.

### Tri-Valley teriyaki

PLEASANTON, Ca.—The Tri-Valley JACL chapter is having its sixth annual Teriyaki Chicken Box Lunch sale on Sunday, April 18, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds cafeteria. Price of the box lunch is \$4.00. Tickets may be purchased by calling 455-5814 (Livermore), 846-4165 (Pleasanton/Dublin), or 828-1076 (San Ramon/Danville).

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FRANK K. ISHIDA

So. Calif. MIS Veterans Assn.

Note: Frank was one of the original 14 volunteers from Manzanar who answered the Army's call for intelligence linguists needed behind Japanese enemy lines overseas. It was a time (Nov. 1942) when Japanese Americans were categorically classified as 4C—a classification rendered only to enemy aliens. The Army waived the rule to "allow" us to risk our lives for our country. Some hundred Nisei responded but were turned down because of their inadequate knowledge of the Japanese language.

—J.O.

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Mighty MIL

Chicago  
 Eddie Jonokuchi, Century Club member (first to join when proposed) has been the backbone of the Milwaukee Chapter (MIL). The Milwaukee JACL puts on a super whing-ding every year. His whing-ding's are so super that usually 1000 Clubbers are swinging from the chandeliers and having it in Milwaukee—home of the beer brewers—the beer flows from every water tap. Although he has lost some of the talented men like Henry Date, who sang some Japanese songs like "Haru Ga Kita" in his own version (which brought the house down). I understand Henry and Edith Date have retired to San Jose, which is unfortunately a loss for Milwaukee and a gain for San Jose. I see that Milwaukee never loses talent. There are many men to take their place like Nakahira or Mukai, Matsumoto and I could go on endlessly.  
 Eddie always believed in having the Milwaukee JACL be composed of 50% 1000 Clubbers. Out of that he makes sure that 25% of them become Century Clubbers and 25% of those become Life Members.

Also, he is now heading a campaign of having his state legislature back a resolution in support of the redress bill. Now for those of you who are reading this and saying "so what?" California is the only state to endorse the bill! If Wisconsin gets this redress resolution passed it will be only the second state!

So I take my hat off to Eddie and his efforts. I'm sure that there are many men and women who are doing this—I commend them because that's what JACL is all about.

Incidentally, Eddie and the Milwaukee Chapter are sponsoring the Milwaukee Chapter 1000 Club Whing-Ding at Touch of China on May 1. Open to all JACLers!

Gardena Nisei Club gives \$4,000 to JCI

GARDENA, Ca.—The Gardena Nisei Club donated \$4,000 to the Japanese Cultural Institute, Richard Kumashiro, Club president, to JCI president Robert Hori.

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NISEI IN JAPAN: by Barry Saiki

## An Opinion on Defense

Tokyo

My long military service has naturally made me form opinions on defense, which is one of the key programs of President Reagan's budget. While the maintenance of strong U.S. forces is essential and merits public support, we need to evaluate military strength in finer terms than money.

Strong armies depend on a combination of men, weapons and material, bolstered by good leadership and excellent morale. The projected defense budget is almost wholly earmarked for more weapons and material. It does not visibly improve our men, leadership or morale.

A nuclear war is universally regarded as a no-win proposition. If it cannot be universally banned, we need to maintain assured parity; that is, the capability to retaliate effectively so that no other nation would dare to use them. We should not aim for overkill.

In conventional wars, the battles are fought by men on foot, tanks, planes and ships. Their weapons must be easy to maintain and to operate. They need not be luxurious. Better to have a thousand tanks than 500 perfect ones; for, in wars, regrettably, both tanks and men are expendables. No-casualty wars are wishful and unrealistic.

More important than weapons or material are the quality and morale of our men, which are the measures of national preparedness. Physical fitness and proper training as well as patriotic feelings and adequate will are necessary for combat readiness. Further, advanced weaponry and systems also mean a higher level of intelligence for a higher percentage of duties.

The current volunteer service program has been criticized. A key complaint is that the IQ levels of our forces have dropped when they need to be maintained at higher levels. An alternative is selective service.

A large segment of the public would oppose any form of conscription for numerous reasons, ignoring the fact that one of the responsibilities of our citizenship is national defense. Section 8, Pars. 12, 13, 14 and 16 give Congress the powers to raise armies, maintain a navy and to provide for the calling of the militia. Amendment II, often quoted by the NRA in opposing restrictions on private arms, states "a well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State the right of the

people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

The amendment gives the people the right to bear arms primarily for the purpose of maintaining a well-regulated militia; and no militia can be considered well-regulated without training.

Much of the opposition to Selective Service will be by well-meaning parents and self-motivated youth, who want all the benefits of our democracy but do not want to share in the responsibility for citizenship.

While the draft has many undesirable elements, it does provide the following merits:

1—The services will give our youth excellent physical training. Certainly, it's tough but long after they have finished their services, the values of the training remains.

2—It will qualify every able-bodied citizen so that they can serve as a well-regulated militia, identifiable and ready to be called for duty.

3—It will immediately raise the intelligence levels of all our services.

4—If conscription is national policy, it will raise the prestige of the services in the eyes of the general public, since the youth of all families are involved.

5—Mandatory service also will instill in the youth a greater awareness of their individual commitments to national programs.

For those who will not accept military service for religion or other valid reasons, they can be trained and assigned to public service activities, such as conservation, pollution control, nursing and hospital assistance and similar public-spirited plans.

In summary, our current national defense program seemed more concerned about the means for defense rather than on the will for defense. Without adequate will, what have we to defend?

## Paul Igasaki hired as pro bono coordinator

CHICAGO—Paul M. Igasaki, a 1979 graduate of UC Davis School of Law and a 1976 graduate of Northwestern University, was appointed pro bono coordinator for the 290,000-member American Bar Association, based in Chicago. He will facilitate the involvement of private attorneys in the delivery of legal services to the poverty community. Formerly a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow in Community Law and staff attorney with Legal Services of Northern California as well as a member of the board of directors and staff of Asian Legal Services Outreach in Sacramento, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Masao Igasaki, Jr. of Chicago.

Around these are two large parking areas.

With some 90,000 Nikkei in Lima, the Japanese community makes wonderful use of the facility. During my stay, I attended four major functions which enabled delegates of the Pan American Nikkei Assn. to meet many community leaders and see how they ran things with so many people participating.

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to 60% of the original price asked. You can also disregard the so-called "first sale of the day" sales pitch during the late morning or afternoon. The buyer in Latin America is supposed to be given the lowest price of the day on the first sale of each day.

The money changer at the hotel, rather than the hotel cashier, is the

person to have dollars exchanged. The hotel rate is usually 3 or 4 soles more than the money changer. The money changer works in a booth about nine steps away from the cashier. Over the weekend in Lima, the U.S. dollar fluctuated from 468 to 492 soles. So hang on to your dollars.

## Estadio La Unión

As we approached the meeting facility (La Unión), there were many elegant mansions along the way. We estimate some would easily cost two or three million U.S. dollars back home. But some of these classics were being razed for high-rise apartments, which I thought to be a waste since high rises are really impractical in Lima where the soil is sandy gravel and being in an earthquake zone.

In order to practice my Spanish, I was reading the billboards and store signs, too. Just a few blocks from our destination, I found one that translated, "The Museum of Erotic Inca Art", and puzzled I asked Manuel if my translation was correct. It was.

I was amazed at the expanse of Estadio La Unión. It easily occupied four square blocks in the newer part of town. When the Nikkei community purchased the property in the 1930s, the area was undeveloped, barren-looking. It was developed during the war years when the Japanese community congregated here for self-protection.

Today, it sets 12 miles from the airport, sports an Olympic-size swimming pool, Olympic track with grandstand, a regulation baseball field with grandstand, two regulation soccer fields, school building with 81 classrooms (K-12), gym, school office, machine shops, outdoor basketball and volleyball courts. The association has a large center building with auditorium, conference rooms, cafeteria, and offices. Being added is a basketball gym and sauna facilities for 200 people.

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## Rental films on Japan available from consulate

SAN FRANCISCO—Films from the Japan Information Service of the Consulate General are available for free rental to organizations, clubs and churches; the only expense is the postage for the return of the films. A catalogue of available films may be obtained from Japan Information Service, 1737 Post St., San Francisco 94115.



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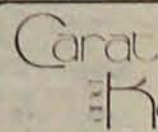
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**● Awards**  
The Honolulu Advertiser announced its annual Thomas Jefferson Awards Mar. 21, an honor bestowed for community service. Among the winners were **Richard Okashige**, a 77 year-old retiree who has spent countless hours volunteering his services to the Red Cross in Honolulu; **Mitsuo Aoki**, a religion professor who has been Hawaii's foremost counselor to the dying; and **Soichi Sakamoto**, 76, of Honolulu, known for the past 49 years as Hawaii's greatest swimming coach and founder of the famous Hawaii Swimming Club in the 1940s. Gardena Mayor Edmund Russ presented Merit Savings and Loan president **Bruce Kaji** with a resolution of commendation Mar. 23 for his efforts in many community activities. Russ cited Kaji for his work at the South Bay Keiro Nursing Home as well as his involvement with many local Boy Scout events. **Diane Kihara**, head nurse at the University of Utah Medical Center, was named "1982 Employee of the Year" for her compassion shown to patients and her dedication to the medical center. Kihara, a former "Employee of the Month," received a plaque and a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond from hospital administrator Jerry Smith. Kihara has been head nurse at the center for five of her six years at the center.

**● Business**  
The New Otani Hotel and Garden in Los Angeles recently acquired the services of **Yoko Sugi**, broadcast personality and actress from Japan. She will create and implement special cultural events throughout the year, and will serve as a special liaison for the hotel with Japanese media and guests. **Grant and Carole Hasegawa** have been successfully conducting their own T-shirt business—Cane Haul Road Ltd.—for over seven years in Honolulu. The two Sansei create designs which evoke nostalgic memories of Hawaii, and many of their shirts, such as "Mushy and Friends" (an anthropomorphic rice ball with his animal buddies) and "Plate Lunch", have found popularity on the Mainland.

**● Government**  
Gardena City Councilman Paul Tsukahara appointed **Paul Hamada** to the city's Human Resources Commission Mar. 23. Hamada is a senior at Gardena High School. **Dr. Paul Sakamoto** was appointed to the Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice Commission last month by Judge Lawrence F. Terry of the Juvenile Court. Sakamoto, 48, is currently the superintendent of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District, a position he has held since 1975. He will assist in deliberations of the commission which is charged by law to oversee the administration of the state's Juvenile Court Law in the county.

**● Organization**  
In Los Angeles, **Mitsu Sonoda** was installed as recording secretary of the Reachout Committee of the Music Center's Performing Arts Council at a dinner March 23. The Reachout Committee, formed in 1979, was formed to help acquaint the city's ethnic communities with the many programs and services available to them at the Music Center.

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"sinister influences" were behind the move to oust Noguchi.

"Ever since the first Noguchi case of some 13 years ago, the county was determined to take all of its department heads off of civil service so that they could manipulate the county departments," said Ito, who added that Noguchi is one of the last county department heads on civil service.

"If he (Noguchi) is taken off, the county supervisors will appoint their henchmen, messenger boys to do their bidding," he added. "One of the most important functions of the county coroner's office is to determine the cause of death. Whether the death was suicide or homicide, a lot of money and honor among certain influential people (depends) on such determinations."

"By being able to manipulate the county coroner's office, the Board of Supervisors could change homicide into suicide and vice versa with dire consequences on the safety and security of our society," said Ito, who urged the community to support Noguchi's defense.

Irene Hirano, representing the Asian Pacific Women's Network and the Asian Pacific American Advocates of California, called the board's action against Noguchi "an injustice" and noted that the board is spending too much time going after Noguchi, while they themselves are guilty of disregarding such community needs as health care and other human services.

Hirano also pointed out that a petition supporting Noguchi has been signed by over 700 persons from within the community.

Other community leaders who were on hand to lend their support were:

Dr. Mitsuru Inouye, Venice Culver JACL; Phillip Ow, Los Angeles County Asian American Employees Assn.; Dr. Carole Fujita, APWN; Dr. Haruko Morita, a principal in the L.A. Unified School District; J.D. Hokoyama, APAAC; Ken Hayashi, Orange County JACL; Takeo C. Taiyoshi, Little Tokyo Business Assn.; Cary Nishimoto, JACL PSWDC governor; Michael Yamaki, Japanese American Bar Assn.; Alan Nishio, Little Tokyo People's Rights Org.; Dr. Vaughn T. Harada, So. Calif. Japanese American Dental Society; Dr. Linda K. Morimoto, Wally Ban and Eva Sakamoto.

John Saito, JACL PSWDC regional director, said that he

was helping to "facilitate whatever action the community should take" in supporting Noguchi.

### Ex-TV Host Lends Support

Noguchi also received some words of support from John Barbour, former host of NBC-TV's "Real People" series. Barbour said that he had read the Los Angeles Times reports and the various press releases from the Board of Supervisors but still "could not understand what is happening to Dr. Noguchi."

In defending Noguchi, Barbour pointed out several instances where corporate and government heads—including President Reagan—had made numerous errors and in some cases, committed wrongdoings on the job, but were still allowed to remain in their top level positions.

"There's something very wrong in our society that allows those kinds of things to happen," he said.

Barbour said Noguchi was the "Ralph Nader" of coroners, "but the Ralph Naders are getting fewer and farther in between."

### Deaths of Celebrities

In regards to the board's charges that Noguchi conducted himself in an "unprofessional" manner during statements following the deaths of William Holden and Natalie Wood, Barbour said:

"When Bill Holden died... unfortunately Bill Holden, and I knew him, was an alcoholic, and Dr. Noguchi did as he was supposed to do, as required by state law, investigate the cause of his death. He alone is responsible for that. He came forward and stated the facts as he had determined them, and some people came down hard on him."

"But Dana Andrews, who

himself is a recovered alcoholic, said, 'Thank God there's somebody like Tom Noguchi because people who are celebrities are not above the law.'"

Barbour also said Noguchi's statement on Wood's death had cleared up many rumors as well.

"In the death of John Belushi," continued Barbour, "Dan Cooke, who is with the LAPD, showed up at the death scene of John Belushi and came out and said, 'It appears to me that he died of natural causes.' Helen Keller could see that John Belushi had been taking cocaine. Now, Dan Cooke was either an incompetent policeman or he was a liar. But I don't see anyone coming down to get rid of (LAPD) Chief Daryl Gates because one of his spokesmen had lied to the press."

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## PC Calendar of Events

- APR. 16 (Friday)  
JACL Nat'l Scholarship deadline  
MPDC/Ft Lupton—DC sess (2da), Ft Lupton HS Commons; Sat: 9am—regis, 9:30—bus sess, 2:45—workshops, 6:30—dinner, Mr. Z's, Dr. Michael Ego, spkr, JACL Aging & Retirement Comm chmn.
- Chicago—"Gaijin", Facets MM Ctr (Fri: 7, 9pm; Sat: 2pm).
- San Francisco—SFJAS open forum, JAA Bldg, 8pm.
- West Los Angeles—"Hito Hata", Nora Sterry School, 7:30pm.
- APR. 17 (Saturday)  
Chicago—JAYs mtg, JASC Bldg.
- West Valley—Bridge/Bowl Night, 6pm dnr at Clubhouse.
- Sonoma County—JAYs crab feed, Enmanji Hall, 5:30pm (all you can eat \$7.50 p/prsn).
- APR. 18 (Sunday)  
Hollywood/Wilshire—1000er Appr brunch, Sheraton Town House, 12n.
- Hoosier—Samurai film.
- APR. 19 (Monday)  
Los Angeles—Testim dnr for Dr. Tom Noguchi, Sportsman's Lodge, Studio City, 7pm.
- Carson—Bd mtg, Helen Kamimoto's res.
- Gardena—JA Family workshop, Nakakoka Ctr, 7pm; Laura Shiozaki, mod, "On divorce".
- APR. 21 (Wednesday)  
San Jose—Bd mtg, Calif 1st Bnk, 1st & Younger, 7:30pm (3d Weds).
- San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyt'n Ch, 8pm (3d Weds).
- APR. 22 (Thursday)  
Seattle—4th Nat'l Asn/Pac Am Educ Conf (to Apr 24), Seattle Center & Westin Hotel.
- APR. 23 (Friday)  
Chicago—Ballroom-disco dance lessons, JASC Bldg, 7:30-9pm, Brian Matayoshi, instr (also Apr 23).
- Contra Costa—CARP mtg, East Bay Free Meth Ch, El Cerrito, 8pm (4th Fri).
- Phoenix—Pre-42 Arizona reunion (3da), Holiday Inn.
- San Francisco—SFSU Camp art show (3da), Masao Satow Bldg.
- APR. 24 (Saturday)  
New York—Appreciation dnr dance, Corinthian Rm, Sheraton Hotel, 6pm; Judge Bill Marutani, spkr.
- Torrance—Sister City Bunka Sai (2da), Torr Rec Ctr, 10am.
- East Los Angeles—Sakura Festival (2da), Sat: Japan fashion show, 2:30pm; Sun: Ondo/talent show, 12n-5pm; East L.A. College; carnival, Atlantic Square.
- Manzanar—13th annual Pilgrimage.
- West Covina—Nisei Week candidate

- introduction, ESGV-JACC.
- APR. 25 (Sunday)  
Stockton—Reno trip (4/18 deadline: Mabel Okubo).
- San Mateo—Overnight San Simeon trip.
- San Diego—JCC Keiro Kai bento, VFW Hall, Nat'l City.
- San Francisco—Kimochi/Cal 1st Bnk 5-km Run, Golden Gate Park Polo Gnd to Japantown, 11am.
- APR. 28 (Wednesday)  
Gardena Valley—Conv Bd mtg, Union Fed S/L, 7pm. (4th Fri)
- APR. 29 (Thursday)  
Marina—Senbei bagging, Burton Chace Pk clubhouse, 7pm.
- APR. 30 (Friday)  
JACL Nat'l Officers Nominations Due: C Kinoshita, 3520 Thistle, Seattle, WA 98118.
- Seattle—Cherry Blossom Festival (3da), Seattle Ctr.
- Sunnyvale—APA Educ Conf (2da), Hilton Inn.
- MAY 1 (Saturday)  
Gardena Valley—Miss Gardena coronation, Airport Hyatt.
- Milwaukee—1000 Club whing ding, Touch of China.
- PSWDYC/Orange County—Career workshop, Garden Grove Comm Ctr, 10am-3pm.
- New York—Sakura Matsuri (2da), Brklyn Botanical Gdn.
- MAY 2 (Sunday)  
San Diego—25th anny schol dnr, Tom Ham's Lighthouse, 6pm; Justice Stephen Tamura, spkr.
- San Jose/West Valley—Nikkei Matsuri, 5th & Jackson, 10am-6pm.
- MAY 3 (Monday)  
Marin County—Bd mtg, Bank of Marin, Larkspur, 7:30pm (1st Mon).
- Marina—Gen mtg/Fun nite, Burton Chace Pk Comm Rm, 7:30pm. (1st Thu).
- West Valley—Bd mtg, 7:30pm (1st Thu).
- Puyallup Valley—Bd mtg, Tacoma Budd Ch Lounge, 7:30pm (1st Thu).
- Los Angeles—U.S.-Asia Institute west reg conf, Century Plaza Hotel, 8am; dnr 7pm.
- Mid-Columbia—Issei appr dnr, Westside School, Hood River; movies, Trail Indoor Theater.
- MAY 5 (Wednesday)  
Carson—Mtg, Mercury S&L, 7:30pm (1st Weds.).
- MAY 6 (Thursday)  
Marina—Mtg, Chace Pk clubhouse, 7pm; Don Tamaki, spkr.
- MAY 8 (Saturday)  
Arizona—Chojukai dnr, JACL Hall, 6pm.

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