

## Ten nominated for national JACL offices

SEATTLE, Wa.—Ten JACLers have been nominated for national office with their election set for the final session (Aug. 13) of the forthcoming National JACL Convention at the Los Angeles Airport Hyatt, it was announced by Cherry Kinoshita, nominations committee chair.

Nominations were closed May 8. One office (v.p. for membership & services) has no nominee—which is possible since district councils seldom submit a full slate of candidates for each office. Nominations will be reopened at the first session of the Convention (Aug. 10) after the committee presents its report, which may show a full slate, provided consent is received to reshuffle the nominations. The nominees are (in alphabetical order by office):

### For President

Y. George Kodama—former Secretary/Treasurer, Marina Del Rey, California, PSW (1978-80, and 1980-81 until he resigned) C.P.A., self-employed.

Lily A. Okura, Washington, D.C., EDC, current v.p. for general operation.

Floyd D. Shimomura, Sacramento, NCal., current v.p. for public affairs.

### For V.P. for General Operations

Ben Takeshita—Contra Costa, NCal.—National Personnel Comm. Chr.—78-79, Dist. Gov. 79-80, current Redress Natl. Committee.

### For V.P. for Public Affairs

Chuck Kubokawa, Sequoia, NCal.—current chr. International Relations Comm., Dist. Gov. 78-79, Director, Community Relations, NASA.

Gene Lee Takamine, Selanoco, PSW—past Chapter Pres., current PSW Board of Directors; Attorney-at-Law, private practice.

Henry T. Tanaka, Cleveland, MDC—former National President 72-74; current National Redress Comm.

### For V.P. for Planning & Development

Miyoko (Miki) Himeno, ELA, PSW—PSWDC Board member, current Coordinator of Volunteers, Alhambra H.S., past vice president League of Women Voters.

Mits Kawamoto, Omaha, MP—current v.p. for planning & development.

### For V.P. for Membership & Services—None For Secretary-Treasurer

Frank S. Sato, Wash. D.C., EDC—Bd of Directors, Wash. DC Chapter; chapter member since 1963, Inspector General of Veterans Administration.

The nominations committee convenes Aug. 9, 2 p.m. at the convention to prepare the slate.

Nominations from the floor require background information as required on the official nominations form, signed by the candidate and subject to endorsement of the majority of chapters of the District Council making the nomination.

Since time is limited for the Candidates' Forum scheduled for Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., to state their platform and field questions from the floor, the time will be allocated to candidates running for national president.

The nominations committee also reminded guidelines on campaign limit hospitality night to one evening and refreshment expenses to about \$200.

## Convention credentials required

LOS ANGELES—In order for a chapter to be certified to vote at the 27th biennial National JACL Convention, the bylaws require the chapter to have:

- Membership of 25 or more American citizens 18 years or older.
- A currently-elected set of officers, including a President who is at least 18 years of age.
- Have a constitution and bylaws consistent with that of the National JACL.
- Paid all national and district dues, fees and assessments 60 days prior to the National Convention. Chapter initiation fee or annual chapter dues are \$10 each.
- Cooperated in projects, programs and services with the National JACL.

Voting delegate or proxy authority forms are to be submitted to Helen Kawagoe, National Credentials Committee, 21111 Dolores St. #66, Carson, CA 90745, by July 30. Each chapter may designate two voting and two alternate delegates, but a chapter has only one vote.

### 'Survivors' to screen in Little Tokyo May 28

LOS ANGELES—"Survivors", a JACL-sponsored documentary film on Japanese American victims of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki atomic bombings, will be shown on Friday, May 28, 7 p.m. at Little Tokyo Towers, E. 3rd St. between Central and San Pedro. Showing, sponsored by Asian Pacific Americans for Nuclear Awareness, will feature guest speaker Dr. Michio Kaku, nuclear physicist and peace activist.

## JACL budget for '83-'84 calls for \$1.75 dues increase

By HARRY HONDA

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca.—JACL chapter delegates face some difficult choices over the budget at the forthcoming National Convention Aug. 9-13 at the Airport Hyatt at Los Angeles as the National JACL Board studied a good portion of the agenda here this past weekend (May 21-23). Some of the tough items include:

1—A \$1.25 or \$1.75 dues increase from FY1983, the key difference based on whether the Washington JACL Office continues as-is or revert to the Washington Office to the 1953-72 status that is now referred to as "independent contract basis". A detailed report on the budget is being prepared by the JACL finance committee and treasurer Henry Sakai for submission to the chapters 60 days prior to the convention. The board moved to have both budget proposals presented. Totals are about \$900,000.

2—If dues are not increased, some drastic cuts were envisioned in such areas as aging & retirement, district allocations, international relations project, Washington Office, youth.

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## Fortune mag says 'Orientals' don't need affirmative action

SAN FRANCISCO—A recent Fortune magazine column said it was "disconcerting" that "Oriental Americans" were still qualified for affirmative action programs even though they were "getting more than their share of the (American economic) pie." This commentary drew a letter of protest from JACL NCPDPC Regional Director George Kondo.

The column by associate managing editor Daniel Seligman appeared in the May 17 edition of the New York-based Fortune and was labeled "The Orient Express rolls on." Seligman criticized the "federal affirmative-action bureaucracy" because its programs were helping "Oriental Americans" who were "doing better than white Americans."

"The news from the Census Bureau is really most disconcerting," said Seligman. "It is that the Asian and Pacific Islander category, which consists mostly of Chinese and Japanese Americans, is getting more than its share of the pie. By just about all the major measures, Oriental Americans are doing better than white Americans. In 1980 the median income of white families was \$20,840; for Asians and Pacific Islanders it was \$22,075. Among Asians and Pacific Islanders, the proportion of families earning \$50,000 or more was 8.5% vs. 6.2% for whites. Among both men and women, Oriental Americans had lower unemployment rates than whites had; the figures for the men were 4.3% vs. 5.7% for whites in 1980. Oriental Americans were also better educated. Among those 25 years or older, 32.5% had completed at least four years of college; the comparable figure for white Americans was 17.2%."

Seligman then commented: "Do the data aforementioned mean that we will now cease affirmative-action efforts on behalf of these obviously non-disadvantaged folks? Of course not. Deleting Oriental Americans from those receiving preferential treatment would, for openers, annoy some Oriental Americans, who see no harm in garnering an additional edge in the job markets. It would also annoy some employers, who now find that workers of Chinese and Japanese origin can be extremely useful in meeting goals for jobs requiring a lot of education and training. It would also annoy the bureaucracy, which is eternally fearful that any major change in the rules of the game might precipitate an inquiry into the whole point of the game."

The column also had a cartoon depicting an Asian man holding a scroll, with Japanese calligraphy

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Ocha helps lower pressure, study says  
OSAKA—Japanese green tea has a beneficial effect on hypertension and drinking it regularly helps to lower blood pressure, according to a study on mice by Kineko Imura of the Municipal Environmental Science Research Institute here. It was noted the amount of tea used in the test was 100 times stronger than portions normally used by human beings, the Mainichi reported on May 2.

A tea market official commented green tea has long been known to be the "best of all medicine" but it was first time he had heard it was good for blood pressure.

Japanese have 'good cholesterol' in blood  
CHICAGO—The Journal of the American Medical Association reported Japanese have a lower death rate from heart disease than Americans because the Japanese have a higher level of "good cholesterol" in their blood.

The cholesterol substance, known as high-density lipoprotein or HDL, protects against coronary heart disease. A study was conducted in Japan by 10 physicians examining over 3,000 Japanese, and doctors found that Japanese men aged 40-69 years had an average level of 10 milligrams of HDL in their blood, 22% higher than Americans.

## Immigration law may undergo major change

WASHINGTON—A major immigration reform bill was recently sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee for approval and should the bill become law, it would bring about some major changes in this nation's handling of aliens wishing to enter the U.S.

The bill, however, has not been without criticisms, including some from JACL Washington Representative Ron Ikejiri.

The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1982 (S 2222 and HR 5872), coauthored by Sen. Alan K. Simpson (R-Wyo.) and Rep. Romano L. Mazzoli (D-Ky.), basically calls for:

1—Granting permanent resident status to illegal aliens who can prove they lived in the U.S. continuously since Jan. 1, 1978.

2—Granting temporary legal status to those who can prove they have lived in the U.S. since Jan. 1, 1980, upgradable after two years of the enactment of the bill.

3—Limiting the number of visas granted per country to 20,000 per year (except to Canada and Mexico, which is set at 40,000).

4—Imposing stiff penalties on employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens or continue to employ aliens who have become undocumented.

5—The requirement of a national identification system, which could be either an identity card for all job applicants, including citizens, or a databank maintained by the government that an employer could check before hiring an applicant.

The Senate bill was approved May 6 by the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on immigration and sent to the full committee.

The Census Bureau estimates that there are between 3.5 million and 6 million illegal aliens in the country. Government figures indicate that an additional 500,000 may enter each year.

While the proposed bill attempts

to treat aliens already in this country humanely, it defines tougher guidelines for those wishing to immigrate to the U.S. Ikejiri noted that three issues need to be considered before such a bill is passed.

### Fifth Preference

The bill calls for the elimination of the fifth preference immigrant visa category (which has been set aside for brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens). Ikejiri said this proposed change is "objectionable" in the sense that it is inconsistent with one of the primary goals of the immigration law—which is to keep families together.

"In almost every culture, including the United States, brothers and sisters are considered part of the family nucleus," noted Ikejiri. "This should be respected and maintained."

The bill would instead give preference to unmarried children of U.S. citizens; spouses and children of current legal aliens; and married children of U.S. citizens—with a ceiling of 325,000 visas minus the number of immediate relatives who received immigrant visas or acquired lawful permanent resident status in the preceding year.

Other Asian Americans have expressed their concern for keeping the fifth preference as well.

In San Francisco, a group of Chinese American community leaders formed the Committee to Retain the 5th Preference, and held a community program May 16 to voice their opposition to the Simpson-Mazzoli bill and to circulate petitions to send to Congress.

(Rose Matsui Ochi, former member of the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy and currently a candidate for Congress, had fought last year to keep the fifth preference intact when the commission considered the elimination of that category.—Ed.)

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## JACL role in Walter-McCarran Act recalled

JACL's involvement with immigration and naturalization laws has been quite extensive, dating back to the League's lobbying efforts to have the Cable Act of 1922 amended (the act, in essence, negated the citizenship of any Nisei woman who married an alien ineligible to citizenship—i.e. an Issei. Congress amended the Act in 1931). Perhaps one of its most significant legislative campaigns was conducted 30 years ago, culminated by the passage of the Walter-McCarran Act of 1952 and its subsequent amendments of 1965.

In 1952, Rep. Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania and Sen. Pat Mc-

Carran of Nevada had proposed an immigration and naturalization law that would repeal the Oriental Exclusion Act of 1924, extending to Asian nations a token immigration quota (185 from Japan, with a minimum of 100 from other Asian countries). The legislation would also eliminate race as a bar to naturalization, and the JACL had lobbied heavily for its passage, since it would result in citizenship for the Issei.

Mike Masaoka, then JACL Washington Representative, spearheaded the campaign to have the Walter-McCarran Act passed. President Harry Truman, however, vetoed the act, for reasons not linked to the Japanese. Truman opposed the legislation because it still retained immigration quotas which weighed heavily in favor of north European nations, under the National Origins System (which had been established in the Immigration Act of 1924).

Nevertheless, Masaoka felt that the act was needed to obtain citizenship for the Issei, and after JACL managed to rally support for the bill, Congress overrode Truman's veto, 278 to 113 in the House, and 57 to 26 in the Senate. The Wal-

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## Johnston's AB 2710

Sacramento, Ca.

The hearing on AB 2710 in the Ways and Means Committee of the California Assembly was scheduled midday Wednesday, May 19, but the bill didn't come before the committee till 5:30 that afternoon. Carole Hayashino, Akiko Takeshita and I—the redress staff at National Headquarters—arrived in the State Capitol well before noon to temperatures that were already in the 80s.

We went directly to the office of Assemblyman Patrick Johnston, initiator and author of the legislation which seeks to compensate former JA state employees who were fired in 1942. There were already a number of Japanese Americans in his office, having a lunch that was graciously hosted by Assemblyman Johnston, who was hard put to find a place to conduct necessary business in his crowded quarters. Except for a few of us, the guests were former employees who had special interest in the proceedings on AB 2710.

We were told by Johnston's staff that the Ways and Means Committee was discussing legislation on Medicare which meant that we would be in for a long wait. As it turned out, we waited throughout the entire afternoon.

What had been the crowded hearing room was mainly empty by the time we walked in. The committee was winding down its discussion on a piece of legislation, having to do with the confirmation process of judicial appointments in the state. A debate was taking place, and after a half hour, the measure was defeated on a decisive vote.

When AB 2710 was brought before the committee, the chair's immediate interest concerned the cost of the legislation should it be approved. Assemblyman Johnston, who spoke eloquently in support of his bill, reviewed the facts which provided the rationale for the initiative to seek compensation. His point was made quite clear: there was, in his view, an obligation by the State of California to make right that wrong which it had committed against JA employees in 1942.

Although the chair was somewhat reluctant to have the rest of us testify—because the committee had by then been in session for over eight hours and in view of late hour—Assemblyman Johnston requested that we be allowed to introduce ourselves. Surprisingly, I was invited by the chair to make a brief statement.

The point I raised with the committee was the principal role the State of California played in prompting the Evacuation and the responsibility I felt the legislature had in rectifying a past wrong. The issue, I said, was not one of money but of justice and I hoped the committee members had the courage to cast their vote based on the larger implication of the issue.

There was little debate on the measure, but when the question was raised again on the fiscal impact of the bill, Assemblyman Mel Levine, who represents Venice-Santa Monica, made an eloquent statement which focused on the injustice committed against JAs in the Evacuation adding that this bill was a small measure of compensation for a great wrong.

When the vote was finally taken, there were 12 ayes, one nay vote and one abstention. But the bill could not report out of the 23-member committee because it lacked one vote for a majority.

We were gathered outside with Johnston who was explaining that he would seek a reconsideration of the bill at a later time, when we were informed that a committee member had arrived in the hearing room and asked that his vote "for" be counted. With that, AB 2710 successfully passed a major obstacle, and directed to the floor of the Assembly.

In the end, the long wait had been worth it for a brief but satisfying victory, thanks to the relentless effort of Patrick Johnston.

## Retired Detroit auto worker shoots gun at driver in a Datsun

DETROIT—A retired autoworker and World War II veteran who police said was still living the war faced possible life imprisonment after he was accused of shooting at a motorist driving a Japanese import.

Fred R. Merritt was arraigned May 14 after police said he fired four gunshots at the driver of a late-model Datsun who cut in front of him on a highway.

Merritt told police when arrested: "I couldn't take it when I discovered it was a foreign car."

Merritt, 56, was arrested the previous day after state police troopers spotted his car racing 90 mph behind a Datsun driven by David Markham, 22, of Willis, along Interstate 94 west of Detroit, said Trooper Chester Kozak.

Kozak said witnesses told him that Merritt had motioned for Markham to pull over after the Datsun cut him off, but Markham ignored him.

As the cars sped along, police said, Merritt realized the motorist was driving a foreign car, pulled a .357 magnum and fired four shots that missed the Datsun.

Kozak said that when he pulled both drivers over, Merritt jumped from his car and said: "That damn guy has no right to be driving that Jap car on these American roads."

Kozak said Merritt told the trooper that he had served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific during World War II.

"He's still living the war," said Kozak.

Merritt was arraigned on charges of assault with intent to murder and possession of a firearm while committing a felony.

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## NCRR, NCJAR offers proposals

Since the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians hearings are now history, two Nikkei redress organizations—the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR) and the National Council for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR)—recently announced separately their plans toward achieving monetary compensation for Japanese American evacuees.

NCRR spokesperson Lillian Nakano, in an Apr. 13 Hokubei Mainichi (San Francisco) article, said that her organization will urge direct monetary compensation to former internees (and their heirs) in a draft to be submitted to Congress. She noted that NCRR plans to share this draft with the Nikkei community and other redress organizations, including the JACL.

"In this way, the differences may be discussed as we strive for a common approach or common bill. A common bill, we feel, should be one that represents the sentiments of the entire community which incorporates individual payments that is meaningful and substantial," said Nakano.

She also referred to JACL redress committee director John Tateishi's "foundation" or "chartered trust" approach (PC Feb. 12 and Mar. 12):

"We urge JACL to disclose the various details specific to the individual amounts, eligibility, method of payments and other such critical points related to their program to the community. These are questions of concern to all JAs and will help towards moving on a unified approach to redress."

(Lutheran Church delegates from California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah and Hawaii endorsed NCRR's efforts at their annual Pacific Southwest Synod meeting in Los Angeles April 22-25. The pro-NCRR resolution was presented by the Rev. Paul Nakamura of Lutheran Oriental Church, Torrance.)

## NCJAR: Lawsuit planned

The Chicago-based NCJAR announced in the New York Nichibei a proposal prepared by its law firm for submission to the CWRIC. The group had retained the law firm of Landis, Cohen, Singman and Rauh to explore the feasibility of filing suit against the U.S. government.

The proposal calls for an Act of Congress to grant jurisdiction to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to hear and determine certain

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# Noguchi hearing date set; 'racism' charged

LOS ANGELES—The appeals hearing for demoted coroner Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi will begin July 6 before the county Civil Service Commission, with the sessions continuing each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday thereafter. A break for the commission's hearing officer has been scheduled for Aug. 9-13, should the hearings extend through that period.

During a preliminary session May 19 before the commission, Noguchi's attorney, Godfrey Isaac, said that "elements of racial prejudice" were present in the board's actions—but county attorney William Masterson said the racism charge was "totally unsubstantiated" and added the charge is "very easy to make and very difficult to prove."

Isaac had leveled a similar charge against county officials in 1969, when Noguchi successfully fought the board's attempt to fire him. Although Isaac hinted publicly racism may have motivated the board's actions, this was the first time he made the charge officially.

Commissioner Ernest E. Goodman, who is black, called the racism charge "vague". Although Isaac said it would be difficult to prove the claim, he added that he would prove that the race issue was partly behind the supervisor's actions.

Masterson, however, felt that the demotion was a "relatively simple, objective, non-emotional personnel matter" that came from a "careful and painstaking" investigation.

Both attorneys also agreed the hearings may extend several months before the case is closed. Isaac added that Noguchi will testify on his own behalf—something Noguchi did not do in 1969.

Noguchi, 55, had been charged by the Board of Supervisors with mismanaging and misusing the coroner's office and these allegations led to his suspension, then demotion to the position of "physician specialist", which entailed a \$1,600 cut in pay. He was then transferred to the County-USC Medical Center to perform autopsies.

## Kuwahara named JACCC pres.

LOS ANGELES—Frank Kuwahara, who served many years as general manager of the Southern California Flower Growers, was named president of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center May 18 by the directors of the Little Tokyo center.

He succeeds George Doizaki, who died May 8.

The new president's list of awards and activities is one of the most impressive in the Japanese community.

In 1981 he was voted into the Hall of Fame of the Society of American Florists. In the 1960s he received the "Man of the Year" award from the California State

Florists Association, an organization of which he was one of the founders.

In addition, Kuwahara is a recipient of the Nebraska Florist Award, the Mayor Bradley Award the Los Angeles County Supervisors Citation.

In community affairs, Kuwahara is a member of the L.A. Men's Garden Club; the L.A. Chamber of Commerce; and one-time head of the Joseph Shinoda Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

Until his appointment as president, Kuwahara served as one of the directors of the JACCC and is a board advisor for the California First Bank, Los Angeles office.



**FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE**—Yoneo Yamamoto, retiring Special Assistant to the Director of Mental Health Services in Los Angeles County (left), receives a resolution of commendation from Supervisor Ed Edelman. Yamamoto, of San Gabriel Valley, has served as past president of the L.A. County Asian American Employees Assn. and was a board member of the East Los Angeles JACL.

## CSULA slates Asian theater arts project

LOS ANGELES—The CSU Los Angeles Theatre Arts Department and School of Education will initiate a pilot project in Asian Theater Arts this summer, employing Nikkei actress Nobu McCarthy as assistant professor and artist-in-residence.

CSULA school officials said the project is "the first of its kind in the country" and will involve two courses taught by McCarthy during the 1982 summer quarter. The classes will focus on various aspects of Asian American theater and includes workshops, discussions and guest lectures by various professionals. For more info call (213) 224-3345.

## AAJA awarded grant from Times Mirror

LOS ANGELES—The Asian American Journalists Association has received a \$5,000 grant from the Times Mirror Co., a parent of the Los Angeles Times, it was announced recently by AAJA chair Bill Sing.

The award will be used for several community projects, including publication of a "Using the Media" guide book; conferences on journalism careers for students; community outreach programs and the development of a job network to help news organizations find qualified Asian American journalists.

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## NAT'L BOARD Continued from Front Page

3—If district allocations cannot be maintained as-is or improved, the Governors' Caucus proposed line items thought to include a discretionary cushion be re-examined. But explained National Director Ron Wakabayashi, he thought there was none. Vice president Floyd Shimomura added previous treasurer George Kodama had effectively "squeezed out" all of the fat during his tenure. To a query what would be cut first at Headquarters if dues were slow, Wakabayashi pointed to travel—officers and staff.

### Other Board Actions

—Authorized the use of the JACL name to incorporate the JACL Legislative Education Committee, a nonprofit public benefit corporation for charitable purposes in the State of California. Its specific purpose is "to protect the civil rights and general welfare of, and promote the education of issues relating to, Americans of Japanese ancestry" within the meaning of Sec. 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Initial board of directors are Minoru Yasui, Mike Masaoka, Shigeo Wakamatsu, Dr. James Tsujimura and Floyd Shimomura. Papers were filed May 20 in Sacramento by JACL legal counsel Frank Iwama. (At the Feb. 26-28 board meeting, this was committee to be called JACL Legal & Education Fund.)

—Approved a "save harmless" contract, in connection with Random House, for John Tateishi, who is gathering key material for a book on the Japanese American experiences due to WW2 Evacuation.

—Recommended a San Diego JACL amendment to constitute a new JACL "regular life" membership at \$500. If adopted by the National Council, such funds would be placed in the Life Membership Restricted Fund (currently holding \$38,000 invested in money market accounts).

Authorized the Headquarters Building Fund Committee to remove from the building lobby the names of those who have never fulfilled their commitment to contribute \$1,000 or more to the fund; to institute a special appeal for major repairs and paint job; and requested the committee to make preliminary studies for expanding office space.

Rejected the Midwest District Council proposal move National Headquarters to Washington, phase out the Washington Representative position and have an associate director maintain day-to-day administrative operations in San Francisco. (This proposal is carried in John Tani's "By the Board" column on page 7.)

Extended the Independent Contract Service of the Washington JACL representative to end Aug. 31, 1982. (The JACL office lease in Washington was renewed, at the same time.)

Chartered the new Pacifica JACL chapter in the PSWDC.

Amended JACL policy that presence of JACL regional directors at Nat'l Board meetings be at discretion of the National Director. (Governor's Caucus had previously mandated their presence.)

Recommended constitutional amendments relating to youth, 1000 Club chair on the board; but rejected \$5 new member incentive shared by chapters and district if that district exceeds previous year.

Approved anniversary date in regular JACL memberships effective immediately; tabled credit card proposal for membership payment.

Approved \$10,000 biennium budget request from Aging & Retirement Committee.

### International Relations: Chuck Kubokawa

## Lima, Peru, designated site of '83 PANA confab

(Part III)

Lima, Peru

Our first meeting with Nikkei community leaders here occurred at a formal late afternoon lunch reception for visiting Pan American Nikkei Assn. delegates from Brazil, Colombia, U.S., Argentina and Mexico and the International Nikkei Song Contest entrants from Mexico, Colombia, Brazil and Argentina at the Japanese Restaurant Micasa ("Mikasa" in the U.S.) in a new section of Lima, Miraflores.

On hand were heads of Kenjinkai, social, athletic and cultural organizations to greet the contestants and delegates. The occasion apparently unified the existing Nikkei organizations of Peru, for some were surprised to see groups which have not attended such functions in the past. If an international Nikkei organization can bring the Nikkei community together here, I hope the same effect will take place in the U.S.

Asked to say a few words on behalf of the U.S., and thanks to Luis Yamakawa, president of the Latin American JACL, who simultaneously translated my English to Spanish, here is what was said:

"My dear Latin American friends: It is with great pleasure, honor and a feeling of inner warmth that I attend this gathering. Earlier this year (1981), we established our first contact with all of you in Mexico City, and it opened the floodgates for North American and Latin American Nikkei friendship. Those who attended that conference are still talking about that wonderful experience. Many who were unable to attend have requested to be kept informed of the next conference and to be sure of putting them on the reservation list. Others have complained because they were not notified about that conference (they didn't read the Pacific Citizen) or it was during the most busy part of their

## Letterbox

### ● Copper Canyon

Editor:

Thank you for running my article "Copper Canyon—Mazatlan" (PC Mar. 19). When I asked you to "smooth out the rough spots" in the article I did not intend to have you delete my comment about Copper Canyon, called by some the Grand Canyon of Mexico. I believe that I wrote:

"Copper Canyon can be a disappointment. Although the view from the Divisadero is good there is no comparison with the Grand Canyon in the U.S.A."

San Diego travel agencies charge about \$400 for a guided tour of Copper Canyon. I think that this is too much for a train ride over the mountains of northern Mexico.

Speaking of Mexico, I wonder how many Gardenians know that Rosarito Beach, 17 miles south of Tijuana, is sister city to Gardena Rosarito Beach has reasonably-priced hotels as well as restaurants serving carne asada, seafood, and broiled quail.

NAOMI KASHIWABARA  
San Diego, Calif.

### ● Thank You

Editor:

Please extend my sincere thanks to those supporters of my campaign. Their generous financial contributions, encouragement and best wishes are greatly appreciated.

As you are probably aware by now, my opponent "withdrew" as a candidate after deciding not to continue his campaign for my office. Since he had already campaigned for two months and completed the nominating process by the time his decision to withdraw was made, I was required to obtain a court order to remove both of our names from the June 8 ballot. Of course, this was far more preferable than continuing on with the balance of the campaign.

For Judge Ernest M. Hiroshige, the incumbent in L.A. Superior Court Office #102, the campaign continues. He is deserving of support and assistance. It is vital that all of us recognize the importance of an independent judiciary free from warrantless attacks.

While it is unfortunate that individual judges can sometimes be challenged for no valid reason, it is a part of our system. With the help I received from friends and supporters, my family and I do indeed feel quite fortunate.

Again, my sincere thanks.

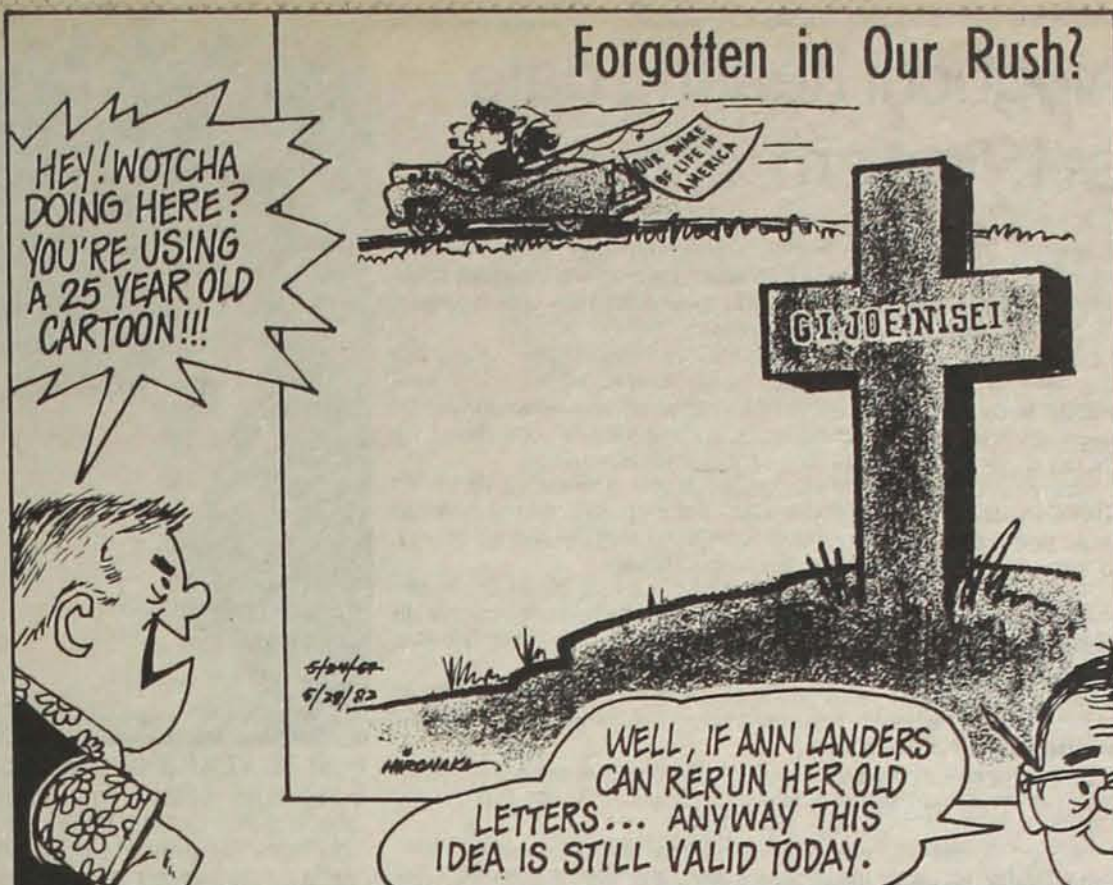
JUDGE JON M. MAYEDA  
Los Angeles, Ca.

business season.

"I come today to officially provide you with three points: (1) The U.S. will relinquish the 1983 conference site to Lima, Peru, because of prime concern on the Redress Issue. (2) That the Pan American Nikkei Assn. be officially formed with ratification of a constitution, which will be drafted here in Lima and put up for formal adoption in 1983. (3) The U.S. will consider to be the site of the third conference in 1985. Confirmation to this regard must be made by the incoming JACL officials in 1982. (To that extent, I have consented to chair this event.)

"We have much to do and I am grateful that a course of action is being considered by all of those making the effort to attend this historical gathering. I thank you for the warm hospitality and wish to close with this thought: This organization will be for the benefit of all future generations of Pan American Nikkei—Muchas gracias y viva Nikkei Panamerica."

During the reception, we conversed in Meiji Era Nihongo. It was pleasant to understand and be understood without feeling a point may be missed. All felt the starting of PANA was much



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

## Memory of a Child Who Laughed at Death

Salt Lake City

It may seem odd, but the two distinct memories I have of Cary are both related to the grave. Ten years ago, this month, we buried his grandfather in the same cemetery. Cary was six years old then. Before the graveside service, he kept pointing to the casket, saying, "Grandpa in the box, grandpa in the box." He found the idea hilarious and giggled irrepressibly. And although it was a solemn occasion, the adults could not help smiling at the little boy who laughed death in the face.

In the years between then and now, he was only a flash on a bike, passing us on the road. Like so many others, we have been absorbed more or less into the families of wives when we marry. There was also a large age span between my son and Cary, who were cousins. My son was entering the university about the time Cary started elementary school.

Last week, on a radiant May day, we followed the hearse carrying Cary's casket up the familiar route to the Japanese section of the cemetery. He had died on April 30 of a self-inflicted bullet wound to the head. He was 16. A place had been made for him in the gardens of the dead. In the spring, there is no place so beautiful. The view is spectacular, the city spreading below and the mountains towering in the east. The wind, without its winter's sting, is whispering caress between the headstones.

All deaths are sad, but saddest are those that occur in the spring, the season of birth and renewal. The death of any child is hard to bear, at whatever age. To my knowledge, no parent lives who would not gladly exchange places with a

dying child. It is the oldest civilized instinct. When a child dies first, guilt is an everlasting legacy. That somehow, we have failed the child in protecting him from death. We feel this way about the most natural and unpreventable deaths. The guilt and grief are further compounded when a young life is deliberately forfeited. I cannot make an unconditional condemnation of suicide for I believe in the right to death with dignity. Among those I have known, some have exercised that right and it has been within my comprehension. With my grieving, there has been acceptance. I cannot feel this way about Cary's death.

One question reverberates, "What was so terrible that he could not face life?" Nothing he did could have been so terrible at sixteen, still very much a child. Maybe I am wrong, but no child is born bad. I wish we could blame his death on drugs, but he did not use drugs. Did he feel alone in this world? He was not alone. He had two parents, a sister, two grandmothers, 14 uncles and aunts and several cousins. His funeral was attended by many of his classmates. Cary was not without friends. That's what bothers me. Apparently, not one of us was a good enough friend to stay the hand that pulled the trigger.

He had a fine funeral. I fear his death has become larger than his life, his very short life. And cannot help but wonder, "What was the meaning to his life?" Cary's grave is not far from his grandfather's. He is safely sealed into the ground. On this Memorial Day, I have a memory of a child, who laughed at death ten years ago. Where did he go between then and now? I wish he had stayed to laugh with life.

needed, timely for the Nikkei and thanked the U.S. for proposing such an organization. They all hoped great things will start happening for the Pan American Nikkei communities with the start of this organization.

Midpoint in the reception, the Peruvians escorted me to a separate room to discuss U.S. input into the new organization so that their input would not be in conflict. This reminded me of way I experienced people in Japan handled similar things. They didn't want to present any item which might be offensive to any country. Yet this stymies free-thinking and discussion which could develop new perspectives never discussed at a pre-meeting, thus making some discussions sterile. While I provided them with most of the information, when the meeting got underway, there were two key points and a one minor item that created very lengthy discussions. (This will be discussed in Part 4.)

The Peruvians also held pre-meetings with delegates from other countries. In the U.S. I would guess it's called "Setting the ducks in order"

To Be Continued





## Compensation Act for A-Bomb Fallout Victims

Denver, Colo.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, the conservative Utah Republican, is the chief sponsor of a bill called S. 1483, also known as the Atomic Bomb Fallout Compensation Act. As it stands now, the bill would provide compensation for the victims of radioactive fallout caused by nuclear bomb tests in Nevada. At this writing, there are efforts to include servicemen who were exposed to radiation in nuclear bomb tests in both the South Pacific and Nevada.

A recent meeting of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee approved the bill 14 to 1, but it still has a long way to go. A press release from Senator Hatch's office says:

In a statement opening the meeting, Hatch laid out the case for the bill in five points with which he said the administration concurs. "We agree that the Nevada fallout caused cancers in the downwind population. We agree that these cancer victims should be compensated. We agree that the cases should be considered according to their individual merits. We agree that the downwind plaintiffs should be given some benefit of the doubt. And finally, we seek to avoid setting an improper

precedent threatening to our U.S. defense efforts."

But the administration has not yet officially endorsed this bill, although I find it hard to imagine why. The purpose of this legislation is straightforward. It is to provide a proper legal remedy for those persons who believe their cancer to have been caused by ionizing radiation from the 1951 to 1962 Nevada atmospheric nuclear bomb tests."

This is an extremely complicated situation, too complex to go into detail here. But the principle involved in the bill—that Americans exposed to radioactive fallout from U.S. nuclear weapons tests should be entitled to some manner of compensation—is also of interest to another group of residents of the United States.

These are the 133 men and 358 women—a total of 491—registered with the Committee on A-bomb Survivors in the U.S. These are people who were exposed to radiation in the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki just before war came to an end in 1945. Many of this number are Nisei caught in Japan during the war. Most of the others are either naturalized U.S. citizens, or Japanese with permanent resident status in the United States.



MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi

## We Need to Keep a Better Eye on the Media

The image of Japanese Americans is colored by the mixture of information that the public receives about Japan, other Asian groups, and even a few items that are actually about us. The airing of "Shōgun" a short while back, certainly, stimulated an appreciation for Japanese women. I understand that the business in *sake* and *sushi* hit a peak during those weeks.

More recent coverage of trade friction, however, paints a portrait of a mean economic animal in Japan. Couple that with the census data that indicates that Asian and Pacific Islanders have the highest mean income. Stir in the raids in Little Tokyo on undocumented Japanese nationals. Don't forget the lustful picture of white slavery that has surfaced most recently in the press. A sprinkle of the 60 minutes program on Japan's use of

Detailed physical examinations have been made on most of these individuals by teams of Japanese physicians traveling to this country with financial assistance from the Japanese Ministry of Health and Welfare, the Japan Public Health Association, the Hiroshima Prefectural Medical Association, and Radiation Effects Research Foundation. Some of their findings are published in a bi-lingual, 54-page booklet.

Regardless of the circumstances under which these people were exposed to radiation from nuclear bombs, the great majority are American citizens or resident aliens entitled to equal treatment under the laws. That their plight largely has been overlooked—perhaps ignored is a more appropriate word—even by their more fortunate Japanese American peers, is disturbingly reminiscent of the way we managed to ignore the injustice done Iva Toguri in the so-called Tokyo Rose case.

At this distance it is impossible to tell whether the members of the Committee on A-Bomb Survivors deserve to be included within the purview of Senator Hatch's bill. But that possibility certainly deserves investigation. If they can be qualified, they deserve the bill's benefits. It's a cause that an organization like JACL can rally around.

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

## A Taboo Topic

Philadelphia

I DON'T RECALL quite when I first heard the term *hentai*—meaning abnormal or sexual perversion; in other words, homosexual. Whenever it was, I clearly sensed it was a term of opprobrium that I overheard the Issei

use. And while among my schoolmates' jargon, our term then was "queer", the fact of the matter was that none of us quite understood what it was all about. In fact, we weren't even quite sure about heterosexual, let alone homosexual.

THOSE EARLY VIEWS, I must admit, adhere to this day. While I can reason intellectually with the concept (up to a point), emotionally I continue to find the concept personally abhorrent. My hunch would be that a vast majority of the Nikkei out there share this view, particularly the emotional side of it. Without doubt, there are Nikkei who subscribe to and practice homosexuality. But I know of none and am not curious to find out. That's their business and I'd rather not know about it.

AS I CANDIDLY stated: up to a point. Certainly homosexuals should not be persecuted, excluded or their rights infringed upon; but I cannot equate their concepts with "civil rights", such as demanding the "right" to teach the concept in schools. I draw the line there as well as a few other places. In my work, I've had to pass judgment upon homosexuals who had committed non-sex offenses as well as sex offenses, usually homosexual prostitution. We treat them and judge them as any other: no better and no worse.

ONE WOULD THINK that the society in Japan, being somewhat strait-laced, or seemingly so in many areas, would not encourage homosexual-type activity. But I'm told, from very reliable sources, that there are night-clubs in Tokyo (and undoubtedly in other cities in Japan) with male "hostesses", some of whom are even stunningly beautiful—by female standards. One informant told this writer that some of these "hostesses" culture delicate hands that are cold to the touch. (My informant suggested that the "hostesses" go so far as to keep their hands dipped in ice water to accomplish this effect. Interesting, whether true or not.)

THEN THERE IS the "Takarazuka phenomenon". As you know, the Takarazuka revue consists of an all-female cast, including those who play the parts of suave males. Apparently, the latter include some of the most adulated stars in Japan. When they make their entrance onto the stage, they are immediately recognized, there is much teenage shrieking with a surge of bodies stretching toward the stage to touch the star—much as if a young Frank Sinatra or a Barry Manilow had come on stage. But I guess it's all innocent enough.

OVER ON THE *kabuki* side, we have an all-male cast, with men playing the parts of women. But having a cast of a single sex is quite common among many cultures and has no sexual connotations. Certainly not homosexuality.

## 35 Years Ago IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

MAY 31, 1947

May 8—Canadian government considers Royal Commission to investigate "irregular" disposal of evacuee property (farmlands, boats and chattel) "for a song"; some losses due to theft and vandalism, accuses Toronto Globe-Mail.

May 18—New ballet, "The Seasons", choreographed by Merce Cunningham hailed in New York; scenery and costumes designed by Isamu Noguchi.

May 21—Calif. Gov. Warren indicates he will sign budget bill with alien land law appropriation (upped to \$75,000) to prosecute escheat cases.

May 26—Nisei veterans of 100th-442nd in Hawaii ship orchid lei wreaths by air for Memorial Day rites at Arlington National Cemetery and at Paris.

May 26—Superior court returns Nisei corporation, headed by Masami Sasaki, \$200,000 building (Olympic Hotel in Little Tokyo), lost by fraudulent sale at time of Evacuation.

May 26—More Nisei wartime stragglers in Japan return to U.S. aboard USS Gen. Patrick.

May 28—House Judiciary backs evacuation claims commission bill (HR 2876, identical to bill that almost passed in the 79th Congress); eight witnesses testify in favor, including JACL nat'l pres. Hito Okada, Salt Lake City.

May 27—Roger Baldwin of ACLU, in 40-minute audience with Emperor of Japan, relates wartime loyalty of Nisei to America.

May 28—VFW posts in Utah pass resolution for Issei naturalization.

## FORTUNE

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on it that read "We're Number One."

Kondo responded to the column in a letter to the editor May 5, noting that the title, "Orient Express rolls on" tends to reincarnate the "Yellow Peril" cries of California journalists of the 1900s.

Kondo then commented:

"What is disconcerting about 'Oriental' Americans getting more than its share of the (economic) pie? Can this be interpreted as a threat? The so-called 'share of the pie' is rightly earned through skills acquired by education, a basic need to obtain employment in our highly competitive and race oriented job market. For Asian Americans, your article places the virtues of white Americans negatively. The low rate of unemployment among the 'Oriental' Americans does not impose a threat but adds to the security of our nation's economic health. Does the color of

our skin make us less American? Your constant use of the term 'Oriental' instead of 'Asian' disturbs me. Are you inferring that Asians are sneaky, cunning, inscrutable, strange, mysterious, and etc. as this term many times connote? The use of the term 'Oriental' when referring to Asians is synonymous as 'Negro' is to the black Americans. The writer has much research and soul-searching to do. Not to distinguish between Americans of Japanese ancestry and the Japanese nationals indicates a sign of ignorance.

"Lastly, the cartoon ('We're Number One') has no place in your article. We do not flaunt success; rather we are unpretentious. Furthermore, a majority of the Americans of Japanese ancestry cannot read Japanese characters, much less write it."

Kondo concluded, "It is 'disconcerting' that such a prestigious and responsible magazine as Fortune could allow such articles to be published unedited."

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## Only One Input

Los Angeles

The phenomenon of aging and retirement has been a topic of discussion at National Conventions; at isolated workshops held at the district and chapter levels; and at gatherings where "It's about time we addressed Nisei retirement" advocates have voiced their concerns. The task which the JACL National Aging and Retirement Committee has been asked to assume is to identify the priority issues of aging and retirement which are influencing, or will influence, the lives of the Nikkei older population.

Last weekend, Betty Kozasa (Pacific Southwest District representative) and I had an opportunity to share our concerns about the task of the committee at a local district council meeting.

Betty Kozasa, who is the Director of the Foster Grandparent Program and a longtime Wilshire JACler, had recently sent out to all the chapters in her district area a request for a response to a needs assessment conducted by the committee. She had received but one response from the chapters and so we both inquired as to why more had not responded to her request for feedback to the needs assessment.

We stood with astonishment as we listened to a few chapter officers describe their reasons for their non-response to Betty's request. These representatives of the chapters believe that aging and retirement is not a priority issue and therefore has received limited attention in chapter deliberations. If this impression by the chapters is accurate regarding the issue of aging and retirement, then:

1. Why did the JACL membership contribute approximately \$18,000 to the recent Ways and Means solicitation to support the aging and retirement program?

2. Why did the JACL membership respond so strongly (63% return!) to a survey on Nisei retirement which was conducted in 1980?

It is very disconcerting to hear representatives at a meeting express their neglect of an issue which has had the support of the JACL membership. There has been concern lately about the diminishing JACL membership. Well, perhaps people are getting frustrated in that their concerns are not being addressed at the local level and therefore they are withdrawing from the organization. At the minimum, each chapter could at least respond to a communique from a group of people who are sincerely concerned about the Nisei population and who are trying to respond to the expressed needs of the membership.

The Aging and Retirement Committee was formed to assist in the assessment, development and implementation of programs which would enable the older Nikkei to live comfortably in their later years. We need the support from the chapters to carry out our responsibilities.

Please help us.

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## JACL ROLE

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ter-McCarran Act was then signed into Public Law 414.

While the Issei were able to obtain their long-awaited American citizenship through the new law, the problem of quotas, however, had yet to be eliminated. As Bill Hosokawa explained in his "Nisei":

"Critics charged that the (National Origins System) implemented 'the racist theory that immigrants from Western and Northern Europe were superior to those from Southern and Central Europe, and that those from Europe were better than those from Asia and Africa.'"

"It also continued to discriminate with token quotas against the peoples of the so-called Asia-Pacific Triangle."

The Asia-Pacific Triangle, which had been established as part of the 1917 Immigration Act, basically encompassed a geographic region consisting of nearly all of Asia, with the exception of Russia and Siberia. Japan and other Far East nations were within this triangle, as well as Southeast Asian countries and all Pacific islands north of Australia and New Zealand.

The "triangle" provision of NOS basically said that any person, anywhere in the world, "who is attributed by as much as one-half of his ancestry to a people or people indigenous" to this triangle area shall be chargeable for immigration purposes not to the country of his/her birth, like most others, but to the land of his ancestry, regardless of how many generations he may be removed from such land of his ancestry.

For example, the provision would count a Japanese Canadian or a Japanese Peruvian as part of the immigration quota from Japan. The same would apply to any

## U.S., Japan talks on mutual defense bared

WASHINGTON—Consultations between U.S. military officials and uniformed personnel of Japan's self-defense forces have been conducted "continually", the Yomiuri correspondent here reported May 3. "This was the first time the talks have been brought to light," correspondent Toshio Asakura noted from U.S. sources who asked for anonymity.

Next consultations are expected in July in Hawaii, the same source said, to strategize how Japan might defend its sea-lanes for 1,000 miles by the end of 1987.

Meanwhile, U.S. marines conducted an air-sea landing exercise on Iwojima May 5-6, the first since the island was reverted to Japan in 1968. Purpose was to evacuate U.S. civilians kept hostage in a mythical city.

persons whose ancestry was linked to other Asian or Pacific Islander nations, even if they were born in a country outside the triangle.

It was not until October of 1965 that amendments were added to the Walter-McCarran Act which eliminated the NOS provisions. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Public Law 89-236, which revised the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952 so as to specify that the 350,000 immigrants permitted to enter the U.S. annually be admitted on the basis of their skills and relationship to those already in the country, rather than on the basis of race, creed or nationality.

JACL, as it had pushed for passage of the Walter-McCarran Act, lobbied to have the 1965 amendments eliminating the NOS provisions added to the law. The League had submitted a statement in support of the amendments to the Congressional Committee on Immigration, urging the elimination of "racial inequities" in U.S. immigration law and procedures.

## Marina to hear LAPD Asian Task Force

LOS ANGELES—In response to growing fears in the community over escalating incidence of crime, the Marina JACL invited members of the L.A. Police Dept. Asian Task Force to address the chapter at its next meeting, June 3, on how best to protect one's home and person. Chapter regularly meets the first Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., at Burton Chace Park community center in Marina del Rey.

## Kanji dictionary for sightless printed

TOKYO—Mainichi Newspapers published an 18-volume Kanji dictionary, the first of its kind for the blind, to commemorate the 60th anniversary May 1 of the Mainichi periodical, Tenji, in Japanese Braille. Grouped by radicals, it contains 2,118 characters.

## Downtown to fete 3 Mothers of Year

LOS ANGELES—Downtown L.A. JACL's 30th annual Mothers Day luncheon will honor three Issei women as "mother of the year" on Saturday, May 29, noon, at New Otani Hotel, it was announced by Glen Pacheco, chapter president. Co-sponsored by the JACL and So. Calif. Japanese Women's Society, the 1982 honorees are Mrs. Kaneko Murayama, 95, Montebello; Mrs. Kiku Yamaka, 93, Los Angeles; and Mrs. Riyo Kowta, 80, Los Angeles.

For reservations, call Akiko (213) 972-5515.

## JCCC-NC to start up new center

SAN FRANCISCO—Plans to launch a fund-raising drive for a community center were announced May 3 by the board of trustees of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California. JCCCNC president Edith Tanaka said that major public announcements on the fund-raising plans would be forthcoming.

Wayne Osaki, who was selected as the project architect, said the new community center will be located on Sutter St. between Buchanan and Webster streets. The two-story project includes a community hall/gym; a large kitchen and reception room on the first floor; and conference rooms and offices on the second floor. Wesley Nihei, project coordinator, said a survey of 80 Nikkei community organizations showed that 89% emphasized the need for a center.

## Reception slated for Judge Hiroshige

TORRANCE—The Friends of Judge Ernest M. Hiroshige will hold a fundraising reception in his honor on June 2, 5:30 p.m. at Mishima's Restaurant, 18515 S. Western Ave. Hiroshige faces two challengers for Superior Court office # 102 in the upcoming June 8 elections.

## 1000 Club Roll

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## Ft. Lupton-You're Beautiful

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During the weekend of April 16, 17 and 18, the Mountain Plains District held its Spring District Council meeting in Ft. Lupton, Colorado. For those of you who do not know where Ft. Lupton is, it is approximately 30 miles north of Denver along US 85.

As this was to be my first visit to the Ft. Lupton area, I queried Sam Koshio, the immediate past president for information regarding the members of the Ft. Lupton Chapter. Sam informed me that they are indeed very nice and hospitable people who were looking forward to our meeting. Sam was right. On our first night in Ft. Lupton, the ladies put on a beautiful and delicious potluck supper for all the people in attendance at the meeting. The menu ranged from fresh asparagus to sushi. The ladies of Ft. Lupton are excellent chefs whose talents did not disappoint those in attendance at the dinner.

Fort Lupton is a farming community. Therefore, our meeting took place right in the middle of the planting season for many of the members. Even though this was the beginning of the busy season, many members adjusted their schedules so that they could attend the meal functions as well as the meetings. This in itself shows that the membership of Ft. Lupton is interested in the future and welfare of JACL.

When Ron Wakabayashi, talked about our meeting in Rocky Ford this past fall, he indicated that he was very impressed with the "pull" that the members of the Arkansas Valley Chapter had in Rocky Ford. The same holds true for our membership in Ft. Lupton.

With the exception of the Saturday evening banquet, our meetings were held at the Ft. Lupton High School. This facility is very new and proved to be an ideal place to hold the meeting. The Ft. Lupton citizens have a facility that they can be proud of. Driving back to the motel on Main Street we saw on the marquee of the restaurant where our evening banquet was to be held, the words "Welcome Mountain Plains District JACL". It's nice to know people who have "pull".

On the lighter side, Dr. Michael Ego, Chairman of the Retirement and Aging Committee, was our weekend guest. Saturday morning, before the meeting, he went jogging. He told me that he normally runs about five miles. However, the rarified air as a result of being a mile above sea-level dictated otherwise. As Mike is from Southern California he told the group that he was "welcomed to Colorado" rather suddenly during his jog. He did not make it to the 5-mile mark. Mike, if you lived in our area, just think how far you could run when you visited California.

On behalf of the District, I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Sam Koshio for opening their home to us out of towners for the duration of our stay. Thanks also goes to Sam Funakoshi, president—Ft. Lupton Chapter for his assistance. I would personally like to thank Sam Koshio for his hard work in putting the Spring meeting together and seeing the numerous details necessary to the complete success of our event, were taken care of.

Last but not least, to the membership, thank you for making our stay in Ft. Lupton most enjoyable. You are beautiful people and, I look forward to returning to Ft. Lupton in the future to again renew our friendship.

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#### JOB SUMMARY

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#### DUTIES

- 1) Supervision of support staff at National Headquarters in the operation of the general management of the office.
- 2) Assist in the development of materials and resources related to national programs of the organization.
- 3) Provide staff support to specific JACL projects and committees as assigned by the National Director.
- 4) Develop a monthly report summarizing the activities and status of the National organization, and coordinate its assembly and dissemination.
- 5) Maintain the various operational manuals and policy documents of the National JACL.
- 6) Represent the National Director and the National organization as required at assigned meeting and event.
- 7) Assume the responsibilities of the National Director at National Headquarters in his/her absence.
- 8) Provide information on the National organization to various media sources.
- 9) Perform other duties as assigned by the National Director.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- 1) Bachelor's degree in a field relevant to the work of the National JACL, such as in the humanities, social sciences, business or public administration.
- 2) Background in personnel management, communications, budget and accounting, computers systems and human services for a year.
- 3) Ability to communicate and work with diverse populations in the general public, organizational membership and staff.
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- 5) Previous experience with non-profit, tax-exempt, public service corporations.
- 6) Knowledge and experience in the history, interests and issues of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

#### REQUIREMENTS

- (1) Active membership with the Japanese American Citizens League. (2) A valid California Driver's license. (3) Ability to travel periodically.

#### POSTING

May 28 to June 28, 1982. Posting may be extended until position is filled.

#### APPLICATION

Send resume to above address. Attention: National Director

## '82 National JACL Convention Schedule

All events at Hyatt Airport Hotel, Los Angeles, except as noted. Admission prices (two rates: x—Early Bird Special before June 15, and after June 15); • Package deal: x\$115, \$150; Registration: x\$15, \$25; order Early Bird Special or Convention Package c/o 1982 JACL Nat'l Convention, P.O. Box 2361, Gardena, CA 90247.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

2:00 p.m.—Pacific Citizen Board. (Nisei Week Festival Parade in Little Tokyo, 3-6 p.m.)

### MONDAY, AUGUST 9

8:30 a.m.—EXECOM; 12n—National JACL Board; 2:00 p.m.—Nominations Committee; 5:30 p.m.—Chapter Social Mixer.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 a.m.—Business Session I; 11:30 a.m.—Candidate's Forum (adm: x\$8.50, \$10 includes bento); Concurrent workshops: 1-3:45 p.m.—International Relations Committee, Committee on Atomic Bomb Survivors; Pacific Citizen; Youth; Retirement & Aging; 4 p.m.—Nat'l Committee for Redress; 9:00 p.m.—1000 Club whing ding (x\$15, \$20); 9:00 p.m.—Jr. JACL Reunion (x\$10, \$15).

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00 a.m.—Business Session II; • 12n—Awards Luncheon/Shig Wakamatsu Testimonial (x\$25, \$40); 3:00 p.m.—Business Session III; • 6:30 p.m.—Mike M. Masaoka Distinguished Service Award banquet (x\$35, \$45).

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

8:00 a.m.—Business Session IV; 12n—Mas/Chiz Satow Memorial at Satow Library (x\$25, \$30, includes bento and new book, "JACL Quest for Justice", autographed by author Bill Hosokawa); 2:30 p.m.—Gardena Special Events at Nakaoka Community Center, Pacific Square, and Luau at JCI (x\$10, \$15).

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00 a.m.—Business Session V; 10 a.m.—Golf tournament, hosted by Selanoco JACL, California Country Club (x\$35, \$40, indicate five last handicaps on entry form); 12n—Fashion show-luncheon (x\$25, \$35); 1:00 p.m.—Business Session VI; • 6 p.m.—Sayonara Ball & Nisei of Biennium Presentation dinner (x\$40, \$50).

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00 a.m.—National Board Meeting.

## Ft. Lupton hosts MPDC meet

FT. LUPTON, Colo.—Over the April 16-18 weekend, the Mountain Plains District Council met here for its Spring session hosted by the Ft. Lupton JACL. DC Gov. Ron Shibata of Albuquerque presided.

Two national committee workshops were conducted by Nat'l Vice President Mits Kawamoto on ways & means and by Dr. Michael Ego on aging and retirement. Both also addressed the Saturday banquet at Mr. Z's.

Delegates were present representing Arkansas Valley, Ft. Lupton, Houston, Mile-Hi, New Mexico and Omaha. The Omaha JACL will host the next session either in late October or early November.

BY THE BOARD: by John Tani

## 'Wash., D.C. Presence'

Chicago

At the Midwest District Council meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota over the weekend of April 2-4, more than four hours of the business session was dedicated to the issue of the JACL Washington DC Office. The subject is complex. The complexity is compounded by the use of vague terms such as "full time representative" and "Washington DC presence".

The MDC decided to approach this issue by establishing certain premises, identifying possible alternatives, and finally ranking the specific proposals. The following were the premises which served as the criteria for setting our priorities:

1—In order to remain an active civil rights organization, the JACL must maintain a permanent Washington D.C. Office.

2—At the current salary range, the JACL will probably be faced with a relatively high turnover rate of Washington Reps with qualifications comparable to those of Ron Ikejiri, resulting in a lack of continuity and continuous "training".

3—The Washington Office must be responsive and accountable to the National JACL.

4—Costs of the Washington Office must be controlled within the JACL resources, and salary equity must be maintained among all JACL staff members.

In short, a long-term approach to the Washington Office should be established which ensures a stable and effective JACL presence in the capital. The MDC proposes the following alternatives, in priority sequence:

1—Delete the Washington Rep position, as currently defined, and relocate the National Executive Director and Redress Director to Washington DC to assume the lobbying responsibilities. Create an Associate Director/Office Manager position to run the daily operations at the National Headquarters in San Francisco.

2—Maintain a full-time Washington Office and staff, maintaining present qualifications (e.g. law degree), but increasing the salary of the Washington Rep to a level comparable to other reps of medium-sized non-profit civil rights organizations.

3—Maintain a full-time Washington DC Office and staff, maintaining present salary levels but lowering the job qualifications of the Washington Rep.

## Pan Asian JACL testimonial dinner to fete Mitsu Sonoda



Mitsu Sonoda

LOS ANGELES—Continuing its annual tradition of "roasting" prominent persons at a testimonial dinner, the Pan Asian JACL chose not to call it a "roast" this time to laud the achievements of Mitsu Sonoda in the area of community services, the fine arts and politics. The "Tribute" is being held on Saturday, June 5, 7 p.m. at the Wilshire Hyatt Hotel.

Among dignitaries and organi-

zations making presentations include:

Rep. Norman Mineta, Rep. Robert Matsui, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, Assemblyman Art Torres, Mayor Tom Bradley, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, Supervisor Ed Edelman, Japanese American Community Services, Pacific Southwest JACL, Reach Out, Performing Arts Council, Music Center, Friends of Little Tokyo Arts, Cultural Affairs Commission and Pan Asian JACL.

Her contributions to JACL are overwhelming, having served on the PSW ethnic concerns committee, scholarship committee at the district and national levels, nat'l nominations committee and PSW district office advisory committee, and co-chairing the "American Testimonial" honoring the five Nikkei congressmen as a redress fund-raiser.

She has been a stalwart on the West L.A. JACL chapter and Auxiliary boards, serving as Auxiliary president on several occasions.

Tickets (\$35) may be reserved by calling Kimi Fukumoto (213) 288-0024 or Nancy Yamauchi (213) 852-5510. Or remit to Pan Asian JACL, P.O. Box 189, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

### Registration Form

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### PLEASE RESERVE:

No.	Price	Total
_____	\$115 Early Bird Special (offer ends 6/15/1982)	\$ _____
_____	\$150 Package Deal (a \$10 saving)	\$ _____

### Individual Events

Please check each individual event you plan to attend. Note price before or after JUNE 15, indicate the number in your party and enter amount of your remittance for each item. If you have signed up for Early Bird Special or Convention Package Deal, it is not necessary to check the (•) Package Deal items below.

NATIONAL JACL EVENTS:	Before Jun 15	After Jun 15	No. in party	Amount remitted
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• Aug. 11 Luncheon: JACLer of Biennium/ Shig Wakamatsu Testimonial	\$25	\$40	_____	\$ _____
• Aug. 11 Dinner: Mike M. Masaoka Distinguished Pub. Sv. Award	\$35	\$45	_____	\$ _____
Aug. 12: Mas & Chiz Satow Memorial at Satow County Library (Includes bento, transportation and copy of "JACL in Quest for Justice" by Bill Hosokawa.)	\$25	\$30	_____	\$ _____

• Aug. 13 Dinner: Sayonara Ball/ Nikkei of Biennium Awards	\$40	\$50	_____	\$ _____
Aug. 10: 1000 Club Whing Ding	\$15	\$20	_____	\$ _____

REGISTRATION	\$15	\$25	_____	\$ _____
Subtotal			_____	\$ _____

### GARDENA VALLEY JACL SPECIAL EVENTS

Aug. 13: Fashion Show-Luncheon featuring Japanese fashions	\$25	\$35	_____	\$ _____
Golf Tournament* (Selanoco JACL host) California Country Club	\$35	\$40	_____	\$ _____

\* Indicate Handicap(s):

Aug. 10: JACL Youth Reunion—A 15-Year Return of Jr. JACLers/JAYS	\$10	\$15	_____	\$ _____
Aug. 12: Luau. Getting ready JACL's next convention in Hawaii	\$10	\$15	_____	\$ _____
Aug. 10: Nat'l President's Forum (Bento Lunch). Hear candidates vie for office.	\$8.50	\$10	_____	\$ _____
Subtotal			_____	\$ _____

### SUMMARY OF CONVENTION PARTICIPATION

NATIONAL JACL EVENTS	\$ _____
GARDENA JACL EVENTS	\$ _____

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## RICHARD COHEN SAYS...

## 'Buy American' campaign hides mistakes of U.S. management

WASHINGTON—The "Buy American" campaign conducted by some U.S. business and labor factions was the subject of a recent Washington Post column by Richard Cohen.

"Patriotism, as Samuel Johnson observed, is the last refuge of the scoundrel. The last refuge is upon us," said Cohen, who noted, "An alliance of both business and labor is waving the flag in our face, knocking things foreign, usually Japanese, and promoting things American."

"This would be terrific if the product quality was also mentioned, but so far that has not been the case. Instead, we are urged to buy American because it is American. It would help, though, if the products also worked."

Cohen pointed out as an example General Tire's new "Ameri" tire, which is advertised as "an American tire made by Americans." The ad, noted Cohen, implies that the tire "is not made anywhere else and should be bought for that reason."

He commented, "This John Wayne of a tire may in fact be a terrific buy and a great tire, but the appeal is not being made on that basis. Instead, it is an appeal to patriotism directed at growing Japanese (Bridgestone) and French (Michelin) competition."

Cohen cited the recent surveys which say that Americans are getting "testy" about foreign competition, particularly from Japan. He added that boycotts against Japanese goods have also been conducted by American labor unions and management. Cohen commented:

"The resentment is understandable. The Japanese have knocked the stuffings out of some American industries. The auto industry is the prime example, but even newspaper presses are now made in Japan. The little country that used to turn out novelty items and whose 'Made In Japan' imprint was synonymous with junk, has built a reputation for quality. Now, in fact, that same imprint is being illegally stamped on items made elsewhere (Taiwan, for example) to provide a bogus cachet of quality. (Incidentally, it's on many souvenirs sold at the Knoxville World's Fair.)

"The growing American sentiment is that the Japanese have been able to do well because they are unfair competitors. They hold down their wages and close their country to foreign competition. There is something to that argument. The Japanese are not really fair traders, and they do have lower labor costs. In the auto industry, for instance, the 1981 wages of an average Ford or General Motors worker was about \$11.57 an hour. In Japan, the figure was \$6.15."

However, Cohen felt that Japanese quality has been ignored by many Americans:

"Still, that is not the whole story. Even if wages here were lowered (or those in Japan raised), the Japanese would still be able to make a cheaper (and probably better) car. They have better management, better ideas of how to get workers to perform, a better inventory system and, in most cases, no tradition of executive bonuses that encourage short-term profits and, consequently, the chance of long-term failure. No one who has bought an American car recently thinks high wages is what makes the car shimmy at 60 miles an hour."

American management, said Cohen, must share some of the blame for the U.S. auto industry's woes:

"The trouble with the buy-American campaign is that it obscures the real problems facing American industry. It asks the

consumer to pay for the mistakes of American management—pay more and get less so that American industry can continue to be noncompetitive. In the long run, that won't work."

Cohen also commented on racism and how America is trying to exert reciprocity on other countries:

"After all, if the Japanese were not now teaching us a lesson, down the road it would be the Koreans or some other country. America can not match the wages paid in the Third World, nor should it. And the American worker should not have to lower his standard of living to pay for the mistakes of American management."

"But there is something a touch ugly about the buy-American campaign when it is directed at Japan—or, for that matter, any Asian nation. It touches a raw nerve and taps residual American racism. For American industry and, in some cases, unions, to revive those sentiments to make a buck is not only ugly, but short-sighted as well."

In conclusion, Cohen noted:

"Samuel Johnson had his warning about the uses of patriotism, but someone else had something to say about mousetraps. Make a better one, he said, and the world will beat a path to your door."

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## Asian deaths baffle scientists

ATLANTA, Ga.—Epidemiologists here have been baffled in their probe of mysterious nighttime deaths that have occurred among apparently healthy Asian refugee men in various parts of the United States.

Researchers at the Center for Disease Control initially thought that the refugees' deaths were related to either "terrifying nightmares" or chemical warfare, but those possible explanations were dismissed by the CDC, it was reported May 4 in the Los Angeles Times.

The ailment, which occurs among Laotian, Vietnamese, Cambodian and other Southeast Asian men, strikes at night and is almost always fatal. The victim usually suffers a seizure before succumbing.

A total of 52 such deaths have been recorded in the U.S., including two deaths in Orange County, Ca., in April.

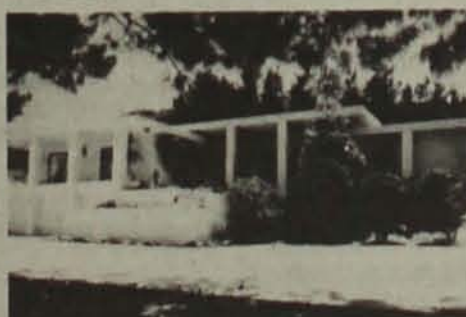
The disease, according to research, has occurred in the refugees' homelands, thus challenging the notion that the malady is a recent development. And while some refugee groups suggested that the disease was linked to chemical warfare, such as the "yellow rain" mycotoxins of the Soviet Union and its Southeast Asian allies, research by the CDC

indicates that the ailment is not limited to Hmong tribesmen of northern Laos, the intended targets of the chemical attacks.

So the CDC will continue its investigation of the mysterious disease, even though it lacks vital statistics and autopsy reports. However, they have been relying on people who had relatives that were afflicted with the same sickness.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

## I-105 Century Freeway Replenishment Housing Program

The Housing Advisory Committee (HAC) of the Century Freeway Replenishment Housing Program will hold public hearings for the purpose of receiving comments on the Housing Plan/Environmental Assessment for the Replenishment Housing Program. The Housing Plan/Environmental Assessment is prepared pursuant to the Consent Decree in the case of KEITH VS. VOLPE, CN72-355-HP, U.S. District Court, Central District of California, and is in full mitigation of the environmental impacts on housing stocks resulting from the I-105 freeway project.

Public hearing dates, times and addresses are as follows:

1. June 22, 1982, at 7:00 p.m.  
Inglewood Library Lecture Hall  
101 West Manchester Boulevard  
Inglewood, California 90301
2. June 23, 1982, at 7:00 p.m.  
Bateman Hall (Lynwood City Hall Complex)  
Lynwood, California 90262
3. June 24, 1982, at 7:00 p.m.  
Norwalk City Hall Council Chambers  
12700 Norwalk Boulevard  
Norwalk, California 90650

## PRE-HEARING INFORMATION FORUMS

Each hearing will be preceded by an informal information forum from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The information forum will provide the public with an opportunity to discuss the potential social, economic and environmental impacts of the project. Copies of the recently distributed Housing Plan/Environmental Assessment will be available at the hearing for public inspection and comment.

## YOUR TESTIMONY IS DESIRED AND WELCOMED

The hearing will afford citizens the opportunity to offer their views, concerns and comments on the impact of the project as well as the goals and objectives of the proposal. California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) personnel will be available to answer questions between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. at the hearing site.

## PRE-REGISTER TO GIVE TESTIMONY

Individuals who wish to testify should register prior to the hearing by sending their names, addresses and preferred speaking times to the Department of Housing and Community Development. Speakers should indicate three half-hour periods that would be convenient for their presentation. Each speaker will be allotted 5 minutes. An attempt will be made to comply with all requests for time preference. Requests for time slots will be scheduled in the order in which they are received by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Pre-registrants will be notified of their assigned speaking times.

Persons who have not pre-registered may sign up to speak at the hearing. They will be called upon only if time slots become available.

## WRITTEN STATEMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED

Written statements and other exhibits related to the project may be presented in place of or in addition to oral statements made at the hearing. Such written statements and exhibits may also be submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development by July 5, 1982 (11 days after public hearings). The Department of Housing and Community Development will ensure that suggestions, proposals and alternatives offered by the community are assessed and that all such input is considered in the final Housing Plan/Environmental Assessment.

## FORMAL PRESENTATION WILL BE GIVEN

The Department of Housing and Community Development will make a formal presentation of the Housing Plan/Environmental Assessment.

## DRAFT HOUSING PLAN/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABILITY

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# U.S. census says Asian women outnumber men

WASHINGTON—Asian American women decisively outnumber Asian American men by approximately 90,000, ac-

cording to 1980 figures from the Bureau of the Census.

Leveling out at a final count of 3,697,542 Asian/Pacific Island Americans, there were 1,893,743 females in the U.S., compared to 1,803,799 males. (Previous total was 3,500,636. See Apr. 2 PC.)

The census further revealed that there are 19 states which contain an Asian American community of 25,000 or more and that women outnumbered the men in 15 states.

The census also revealed that 18 metropolitan areas have Asian American populations which exceed the 25,000 mark. Of these, only five (Houston, Newark, Boston, New York and Detroit) have more men than women.

Further analysis by age of the total Asian/Pacific American population revealed:

Under age 5	320,309	8.6
Age 5-14	623,307	16.9
Age 15-59	2,431,758	65.8
Age 60-64	107,368	2.9
Age 65 and older	214,779	5.8

## IMMIGRANT

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Regarding the sanctions (fines and imprisonment) on employers who knowingly hire an undocumented worker, Ikejiri said, "While this may be needed to help curb the influx of illegal immigrants, the bill does not adequately protect the employer who must bear the responsibility of verifying that a document is 'reasonably' valid."

He also pointed out that this provision would set up "a potential and very real possibility for racial discrimination in employment."

"An employer may refuse to hire minorities, even though (the applicant) may be able to produce legal documents, in real fear or as an excuse, of facing possible prosecution. This is especially true for immigrants, even American-born minorities, who do not fit the physical description of 'American'," added Ikejiri.

Indeed, the League of United Latin American Citizens had also expressed a fear that employment sanctions would lead to discrimination against "Hispanic looking" workers by employers fearful of breaking the law.

### National I.D. System

As for the national identification system, Ikejiri said "the bill fails to restrict the use of the system to only employment situations."

"Unless the bill more clearly defines the usage of this system and sets severe penalties for violators, we are faced with the possibility of abuse, discrimination, and obstruction of justice," he added. "It is not hard to envision the recurrence of the internment of law-abiding citizens of Japanese Americans were during World War II, using information gathered by this system."

Ikejiri also pointed out that the bill does not mention or support the enforcement of the Fair Labor Standards Act or any other labor laws, as well as increasing the strength of agencies that would hear any grievances that may come up.

He added that these points cannot go unchallenged, for "if there is discrimination against Asian immigrants, there is certain to be discrimination against Asian Americans."

### Other Criticisms

Other critics have found flaws in the proposed legislation as well. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce opposed the bill, calling the prohibition against employers hiring illegal aliens "both extremely cost-

ly and unworkable."

The Los Angeles Times, in an editorial May 16, generally supported the bill, but objected to an amendment that was added to the bill when it was passed out of the immigration subcommittee.

The amendment, sponsored by Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa), would permit the U.S. Attorney General to grant local and state police authority to enforce U.S. immigration laws.

"A key reason that Latinos, Asian Americans and other ethnic minorities in this country are wary of strict immigration laws is that overzealous enforcement of those laws in the past has often swept up not only illegal immigrants but also foreign-looking citizens. Many of the civil-rights violations documented in this regard occurred when local lawmen took it on themselves to enforce immigration laws," said the Times.

### 'Chilling Effect'

Los Angeles police and sheriff departments, noted the Times, have policies against enforcing immigration laws, for fear that such enforcement would have a "chilling effect" on the relationship between law enforcement agencies and immigrant communities.

So the Times said it would like to see the bill passed with the Grassley amendment deleted. Nevertheless, the Simpson-Mazzoli proposal, it noted, was a "balanced package that was intended to restrict immigration to this country in a rational and non-racist manner."

However, other provisions of the bill have met with some opposition. The Simpson-Mazzoli legislation has one provision that requires all graduating foreign students to leave the country, being eligible to apply for permanent resident status only after a two-year hiatus outside the U.S. Exempted from this provision would be persons married to U.S. citizens.

### Engineers Protest

Protests from various electronic engineering associations and industries were stirred by this provision. The American Electronics Association has gone on "red alert" against the proposal, while the Semiconductor Industry Assn. likewise opposed the bill.

Robert Noyce, founder and chair of Intel Corp., an electrical engineering firm, said, "Since we educate these people (immigrants) we should not deny our country the use of their talents."

Robert White, head of Stanford University's Electrical Engineering Department said, "We are comfortable with this relatively high level of foreign student enrollment largely because we have

established that (the) great majority of them stay in the U.S. and contribute to the technological base we need to compete in world markets, to maintain our national security, and to attack the energy and environmental problems of society."

But not all engineer experts feel that way. Irwin Feerst, head of the committee of Concerned Electrical Engineers, said he does not think the legislation goes far enough, and "foreign students should be forced to go home and wait the normal queue as their countrymen do, before getting back to the U.S." Foreign students, added Feerst, stay in the U.S. to work at prevailing salaries, and this is a threat to U.S. engineers.

### Masaoka Urges JACL's Concern

So in the opinion of some, the proposed immigration legislation, however well-intended, has flaws which need to be ironed out. Both Simpson and Mazzoli tried to offer a simple method of restructuring this country's immigration laws, but if the criticism proliferates, the complexity of the problem will become more apparent.

Mike Masaoka, former JACL Washington Representative, felt that the JACL should be highly concerned with the proposals which seek to change U.S. immigration laws.

In a letter Apr. 8 to National Director Ron Wakabayashi, Masaoka said:

"... I feel very strongly that JACL should take a much more active role in the national consideration of the latest proposals to change our immigration laws. After all, JACL was more responsible than any other organization in securing the enactment of the 1952 Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act, which changed the basic direction of our national immigration policy from that for Western and Central Europeans to that for Southern Europeans and Asians. Indeed, even though they may not know it, in many ways JACL is responsible for hundreds and thousands of Koreans, Chinese and other Asians coming to the United States."

"Since the present proposals all would amend this basic law which was passed 30 years ago, and its 1965 amendments repealing the National Origins and Quota System and the Asian Pacific Triangle, there has been no major change in the basic statute for three decades. Because JACL had such a major part in the last substantial and significant reforms, I hate to see JACL become a non-participant in the current debate over immigration reform."

## Asian Americans in the 19 most populous states

AREA	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
United States	3,697,542	1,803,799	1,893,743
California	1,312,496	646,305	666,191
Hawaii	590,564	292,016	298,548
New York	322,198	160,371	161,827
Illinois	173,141	86,023	87,118
Texas	133,226	67,117	66,109
Washington	109,936	51,464	58,472
New Jersey	106,735	53,862	52,873
Pennsylvania	73,182	36,380	36,802
Virginia	70,088	31,981	38,107
Maryland	65,940	30,968	34,972
Michigan	59,695	29,193	30,502
Florida	58,377	28,196	30,181
Massachusetts	51,352	25,727	25,625
Ohio	49,870	22,977	26,893
Oregon	40,945	19,435	21,510
Colorado	32,700	15,637	17,063
Minnesota	29,813	14,446	15,367
Georgia	25,876	12,457	13,419
Louisiana	25,305	12,960	12,345

## Asian Americans in the 18 largest urban areas

AREA	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
Los Angeles-Long Beach	459,399	226,997	232,402
San Francisco-Oakland	332,562	162,676	169,886
New York-New Jersey	280,608	140,972	139,636
Chicago	151,578	75,400	76,178
San Jose	101,981	50,960	51,021
San Diego	95,154	45,304	49,850
Anaheim-Santa Ana-Garden Grove	94,428	46,720	47,708
Washington, D.C.	88,498	42,231	46,267
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	69,278	32,899	36,379
Sacramento	47,266	22,959	24,307
Philadelphia	54,603	25,973	28,630
Houston	54,278	27,866	26,412
Boston	37,524	19,290	18,234
Detroit	34,741	17,514	17,227
Newark, N.J.	27,240	14,060	13,186
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	26,634	13,050	13,584
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claims against the United States by persons of Japanese and Native American (Aleut) ancestry.

Basically, the suit would call for the court to review all claims by Japanese Americans and Aleuts who were evacuated, interned and relocated due to government orders.

NCJAR also calls for the "waiver of certain defenses" by the U.S. government, such as statutes of limitations; prior settlements or releases of any claims; failure to exhaust administrative remedies; and "sovereign immunity."

### Damages Considered for Remedies

The court may consider such matters as deprivation of constitutional rights, loss of property and physical, psychological and emotional damages. The proposal also noted:

"The court may set off any previous payments made by the United States, but such setoffs may not include expenditures by the United States for food, housing, transportation, or other provisions during evacuation, relocation or detention. A prevailing claimant under this Act may be allowed reasonable attorney's fees as well as costs. Any payments to claimants pursuant to the provisions of this act shall not be subject to tax by any jurisdiction."

NCJAR has established a Redress Legal Fund, and by February the group raised \$55,000 of the needed \$75,000 for legal fees.

## 23rd Overseas Japanese Convention held

TOKYO—Some 250 Japanese living overseas, 70 overseas Japanese studying in Japan and 150 native Japanese attended the 23rd Convention of Japanese Overseas (Kaigai Nikkeijin) May 4-7 here at Sabo Kaikan Hall. Prince Hitachi, as well as Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and Foreign Minister Yoshio Sakuruchi, addressed the group, which sees immigration and Japanese language and international understanding as major areas for improvement.

## Pocket TV sets next fad from Japan

TOKYO—Miniature black-and-white TV sets that can fit in a coat pocket or purse, similar to stereo cassette players, are among the new products being promoted by Japan's consumer electronics industry.

Sony and Matsushita have recently put their versions of pocket television on the market in Japan. Both products, which use matchbook-size screens, will be introduced to the overseas markets soon.

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## Mrs. Norm Mineta co-edits 10th Congressional Club Cook Book

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON—As the tenth edition of the Congressional Club Cook Book was published this week, it was revealed that Mrs. Norman Y. Mineta, wife of the San Jose, Ca., congressman was not only co-chairman of the project but also a co-editor.

As announced by Mrs. Robert Lagomarsino, wife of the California Congressman, and President of the Congressional Club, May Mineta was co-chairman of the Cook Book Committee with Mrs. Don Fuqua, wife of the Florida congressman, and Mrs. Ralph Regula, wife of the Ohio congressman, and co-editor with Mrs. Fuqua.

## Poston teacher's novel

FULLERTON, Ca.—Georgia Day Robertson, now 94, a math supervisor-teacher at the Poston camps during WW2, had written a historical novel, "The Harvest of Hate", some 35 years ago relating the experiences of a Japanese American family who were interned there. Unable to have it published, she finally donated the manuscript to the CSU-Fullerton Library about 10 years ago.

It was discovered in 1972 by Betty E. Mitson, then a student of historiography of Prof. Arthur Hansen, director of the Japanese American Oral History Project, who noted it was "too hot (for publishers) to handle" at the time. Hansen said he believes the book should be published because "we feel it's very important that it gets out".

Robertson told the CSU-Fullerton Daily Titan reporter Josie Garza last month she was spurred to write the novel after returning to her home state of Iowa to visit relatives who had never heard of the Evacuation or the Japanese internment camps.

Hansen is writing a long introduction to set the novel in perspective. Moto Asakawa of San Diego, former Poston internee, wrote the preface after reading the manuscript in 1979.

Hansen plans to have 1,500 copies published at \$14,000 and would be sold through the Oral History Program. Persons interested in helping with publishing costs may phone the CSU-Fullerton oral history program office at (714) 773-3580.

The 744-page publication contains more than 800 recipes from 533 contributors, including Mrs. Ronald Reagan. While most of the recipes were provided by the spouses of Congressmen, others were provided by the Congressmen, Senators and their spouses, past Club members, spouses of Cabinet members and Supreme Court justices, and by spouses of Ambassadors of countries accredited to Washington.

The Congressional Club is one of the most prestigious and influential organizations in Washington, being the only club in the world incorporated by an Act of Congress. Now celebrating its 73rd anniversary, only the wives of the Senate and the House of Representatives form the active membership.

### 18 Chapters and Some Titles

According to Mrs. Mineta, the compiling, editing, and printing of the recipes took more than a year and a half. The huge volume is divided into 18 chapters, from appetizers and beverages to pickles and preserves. Each chapter is identified by a Washington institution, with Chapter 1 listed as "The Capitol", and including a short historical background. Thus, according to the Congressional Club, a purchaser of the Cook Book not only receives a collection of national and international recipes but also a short history of the major Washington institutions and memorials. Incidentally, each recipe is signed by its contributor.

Mrs. Reagan contributed four recipes: (1) onion wine soup, (2) crab-meat casserole, (3) Baja California chicken, and (4) pumpkin pecan pie.

Mrs. Yoshio Okawara, wife of the Japanese Ambassador to the United States, provided two recipes: coquilles Saint-Jacques a la Provencale (scallops sauteed with garlic butter sauce) and cold orange souffle.

Mrs. Spark Matsunaga, wife of the Junior Senator from Hawaii, contributed three recipes: Lillian Chen's sweet and sour fish, sweet sour chicken wings, and oven Kalua pork.

Congressman Mineta himself provided two of his favorite recipes ("Samurai Chili", winner of the 1979 Congressional Club Chili Contest, and "The Prize Winning Cool Dessert"), while Mrs. Mineta contributed four: (1) raspberry jello salad, (2) curry crab, (3) spoon bread tamale pie, and (4) California fruit cup meringue.

Mrs. Robert Matsui, wife of the Sacramento Congressman, also provided four: (1) western carrot casserole, (2) trout in cream, (3) chilled salmon mousse with cucumber sauce, and (4) cheesecake elegante.

Since 1927, the Club has been self-sustaining through the sale of the Congressional Club Cook Book, which can be purchased only through the Club, its President emphasized. Those interested in ordering the Book may do so by sending a check or money order for \$15 to The Congressional Club, 2001 New Hampshire Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20009.

## Dutch Harbor reunion to recall only WW2 battle in No. America

DUTCH HARBOR, Alaska—Japanese planes came out of the clouds at 5:45 a.m. June 3, 1942, and dropped bombs on the Navy base at Dutch Harbor, an attack on the Aleutian chain which lasted but two days. It was the start of the only campaign of World War II fought on North American soil.

On June 5, old friends and former enemies will meet here again to dedicate a peace monument at the foot of Ballyhoo Mountain and watch a flyover recalling the battle of 40 years ago. Two U.S. WW2-vintage planes with Hinomaru markings and PBV-5A Catalina flying boat, similar to the planes comprising the Navy patrol guarding the Aleutians, are being prepared for the reunion.

Attending the reunion will be Lt. Cmdr. James S. Russell, skipper of the only U.S. Navy patrol squadron in the Aleutians, and Lt. Hiroichi Samejima, who led the first flight of torpedo bombers against Dutch Harbor from the Japanese task force carrier Ryujo.

Now old friends, both are retired admirals and had careers that have had a number of surprising parallels, recalled Seattle Times reporter Stanton Patty. Russell retired in 1965 with a four-star rank after serving as vice chief of naval operations. Samejima, who retired in 1978, was chief of Japan's maritime staff and then became chairman of the joint staff council, Japanese counterpart to the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Ten years ago, Samejima was Russell's guest at a 30-year reunion of Aleutian navy patrol squadron at Whidbey Island NAS, Wa.

The Japanese planes which roared into Dutch Harbor (six weeks after a raid led by Gen. Jimmy Doolittle had bombed Tokyo) was an attempt to draw U.S. aircraft carriers northward so Japan would have the advantage in the Battle of Midway. But the ploy didn't work as Midway was a stunning defeat for the Japanese which historians say, was the turning point of Japanese military plans across the Pacific. On the Pacific Coast, the U.S. was continuing its plan nevertheless, to evacuate the area of all persons of Japanese ancestry for fear of an enemy invasion.

## Unification Church 3rd paper starts up

WASHINGTON—The Washington Times, a newspaper owned by the Unification Church of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, began publication May 17. The Washington Post has been the only daily newspaper in the capital since the Washington Star went out of business in August.

Copies of the 36-page Times were distributed through newsstands and vending machines. The Times said it will not carry advertising for now, and said the Unification Church would not influence its news coverage. The church has published the News World in New York for five years as well as a Spanish-language paper, Noticias del Mundo.

## A-bomb film stuns

### Japanese audience

TOKYO—Sights of injury and damage inflicted by the atomic bombs dropped over Hiroshima and Nagasaki at a preview April 30 of a 45-minute color film, purchased from the U.S. National Archives, shocked viewers, the Yomiuri reported. Titled "Yogen" (Prophecy), it was the second film produced by the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Publishing Committee, which has been acquiring documentary films and photos.

## WW2 Newspaper Clippings of Evacuation-Camp Days

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**● Awards**

**John Robert Nambu**, a graduate of UC Santa Cruz, was recently awarded a full-tuition Training Grant Fellowship and an annual stipend of \$6,000 per year from Stanford University's Graduate School of Biological Sciences. John is the son of Selanoco JAClers Dr. and Mrs. Albert Nambu of Rolling Hills Estates.

**June Hayashi** was honored May 16 by the Pasadena Human Relations Committee, receiving the Raymond Pitts Award for her fund-raising efforts at John Muir High School. She was also feted for her efforts in the desegregation of Pasadena schools and for her work with youth and church groups.

The **Maeda family** of Gardena (parents **Tom and Akiko**, children **Ayako, Midori, Kent and Lance**) was named family of the year by the Gardena Valley Kiwanis Club at a luncheon May 6. Gardena residents for 22 years, the Maeda family was honored for their dedication and involvement in community affairs. Dr. Maeda, a pediatrician has practiced in Gardena for over 20 years. Mrs. Maeda has been active in the local PTA at Peary Junior High and is treasurer of the Gardena Buddhist Matron's Women's Auxiliary. The Maedas are all active members of the Gardena Buddhist Church.

**Kelvin Toshiro Sewake** of the Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa was recently granted a \$3,000 scholarship from the Joseph Shinoda Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Los Angeles. Sewake, the son of Richard and Lauretta Sewake of Wahiawa, Hi., plans to enter the field of agricultural and floricultural extension service.

**● Book**

Edmonton author **Ann Gomer Sunohara** won Alberta Culture's 1980 non-fiction award of \$1,500 for her "Politics of Racism", documenting the treatment of Japanese Canadians during WW2. Published by James Lorimer & Co., Toronto, the judges praised the book for being "tightly written, tirelessly researched" and revealing the injustice done to Japanese Canadians due to political games-playing rather than threat to country or public fear.

**● Courtroom**

Monterey County Superior Court Judge **Harkjoon Paik**, 45, only Korean-born jurist in the U.S., is now uncontested in the June 8 primaries. His sole challenger, a deputy district attorney, dropped a month after announcing his candidacy. Paik came to the U.S. as a refugee after the Korean war, then graduating from Monterey High School, Monterey Peninsula College, Stanford University and Stanford Law School. His legal career included work with the U.S. Dept. of Justice, city attorney for Burbank, and private practice. He was appointed to the bench by Gov. Brown in 1975.

**● Medicine**

A silver octagonal plate, recognizing longtime service, was presented to **Philadelphie JACler H. Thomas Tamaki, M.D.**, at the recent first annual Montgomery Hospital (Norristown, Pa.) awards dinner. Ceremony included unveiling of an oil portrait of the honoree to be placed in a prominent place in the hospital, where Tamaki has been director of pathology since 1948. Also honored with him were two other hospital staff physicians whose combined service totaled more than 100 years.

**● Radio-TV**

"Asians Now! Profiles..." focusing on Asian American individuals who have made significant contributions in their fields, will be aired on San Francisco-Oakland's KTVU (2) "Asian Now" segment Saturday, 9 a.m. once every four to six weeks. Produced by **Peter Takeuchi**, the first piece May 15 spotlighted internationally known sculptor-artist **Ruth Asawa**.

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NISEI IN JAPAN: by Barry Saiki

## A Close Encounter

Tokyo

An inebriated Japanese (A) is lurching down a street in the Shinjuku entertainment district when he bumps into another tipsy gentleman (B). This close encounter lead to conversation:

- B. "Kimi, kyotsukero!" (You, watch out!)  
 A. "Nandatte?" (What did you say?)  
 B. "Mae wo mite aruke!" (Look where you're going.)  
 A. "Kimi mo onaji danaika" (The same for you!)  
 B. "Yaro! Namaiki dazō!" (Cad! You're pretty fresh.)  
 A. "Yaro dō nan da?" (What do you mean by cad?)  
 B. "Atarimaida. Kimi ga butsuketandarō." (Isn't that right? You bumped into me.)  
 A. "Chukushō! Baka ni suruna. Yaru no nara yaru zō." (You beast! Don't take me for a fool. If you want to fight, I'm ready.)

The above terms are typically used by Japanese in arguments. The words seem rather prosaic when compared to the colorful expressions used by two Westerners, as follows:

- B. "Hey, you, watch where you're going."  
 A. "What did you say, man?"  
 B. "Goddamit! I said look where you're going."  
 A. "What about you, man?"  
 B. "Don't give me any lip, you damned fool!"  
 A. "If I'm a fool, you're a jackass."  
 B. "You got a big mouth. Want me to shut it?"  
 A. "Try it, bub, any old time."

Although not used above, the English vocabulary is much richer in four-letter words and insulting expressions, that can range from accusations of incest, close kinship with various animals, deviations from normal sex relations to the multiple damnations of god.

A Japanese argument sounds more like verbal exchanges between two Puritans, two Quakers or two Mormons. Rather than foul adjectives and phrases, the Japanese language tends to convey ill feelings more by inflections and in euphemistic terms.

## Canal Camp reunion may draw 700

FRESNO, Ca.—Host committee for the 40th year Gila River's Canal Camp reunion now expects 700 to attend the week-end affair Aug. 14-15 at the Fresno Hilton.

A Saturday morning golf tournament is being planned with George Okada of Parlier as chairman. Dr. Akemi Kikumura of Los Angeles, author of "Through Harsh Winters", will be keynote speaker at the Saturday banquet, followed by dancing to WW2-era melodies and sound of the Big Band. The Sunday brunch at the Hilton is optional.

The entire package at \$25 may be reserved through Mrs. Yo Misaki, reunion registrar, 8128 S. Bethel St., Selma, CA 93662. Pre-registration is a must, the committee advised. Souvenir book with a directory of those who have pre-registered is being prepared.

## PC's Calendar of Events

- MAY 28 (Friday)  
 Contra Costa—CARP mtg. EB Free Methodist Ch. 8:10pm (4th Fri)  
 Sacramento—Tule Lake reunion (till Sun).
- MAY 29 (Saturday)  
 Downtown L.A.—20th annl Issei Mothers Day lunchn, New Otani Hotel, 12n.  
 Seattle—Gtr-S Jp Comm queen coronation, Atrium/Butcher's Rest.
- MAY 30 (Sunday)  
 Stockton—Comm picnic, Midge Grove, Rohwer, Ark.—Nisei GI memorial rededication program.
- MAY 31 (Monday)  
 Los Angeles—Nisei GI memorial rites, Evergreen Cemetery, 11am; Justice John Aiso, rel., spkr.  
 San Bruno—Nisei GI memorial, Colma Cemetery  
 Whittier—Memorial Day tributes, Japanese Garden, Rose Hill Mem Pk, 9am.
- JUNE 1 (Tuesday)  
 JACL Convention  
 Booklet Ad Deadline
- JUNE 2 (Wednesday)  
 Carson—Mtg. Mercury S&L, 7:30pm (1st Wed.)
- JUNE 3 (Thursday)  
 San Francisco—Sr Cit tour, Amtrak to Reno (2da).  
 West Valley—Bd mtg, 7:30pm (1st Thu).
- JUNE 4 (Friday)  
 West Los Angeles—Awd dnr, Bamboo Rm, Bullock's Westwood.  
 Dayton—Int'l Festival (closes Sun).  
 French Camp—Dance class, Comm Hall, 7:30-9:30pm (1st-3rd Fri)
- JUNE 5 (Saturday)  
 Pan Asian—Tribute to Mitsuo Sonoda, Wilshire Hyatt Hotel, 7pm.  
 Mid-Columbia—Tule Lake visit.
- PSWDYC/Selanoco—Youth workshop, Big Bear.
- JUNE 6 (Sunday)  
 Carson—Potluck dnr, 7pm; Jeri Cole, spkr, "Mothers Against Drunk Drivers".  
 West Valley—Grad picnic, Vasona Pk.
- NCWNPDC/San Mateo—Jr Olympics, Chabot College, Hayward.
- PSWDC—Nisei Relays, Santa Ana College, 8:30am.
- JUNE 7 (Monday)  
 Marin County—Bd mtg, Bank of Marin, Larkspur, 7:30pm (1st Mon).
- JUNE 8 (Tuesday)  
 Stockton—Mtg, Cal First Bank, 7:30pm (every 2d Tue)
- JUNE 9 (Wednesday)  
 Gardena Valley—Mtg, Union Fed S/L, 7pm (2nd Weds).  
 Hoosier—Bd mtg, Sue Hannel's, 7:30pm (2d Wed).
- JUNE 10 (Thursday)  
 Arizona—Golf tourn, Pima CC.
- JUNE 11 (Friday)  
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- JUNE 12 (Saturday)  
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 Mid-Columbia—Grad awd banq.  
 Gardena—AADAP Heritage Day picnic, Freeman Pk, 11am-4pm.
- JUNE 13 (Sunday)  
 Puyallup Valley—Grad dnr.  
 Stockton—Grad dnr.  
 Arizona—Video J movies, JACL Hall, 1:30pm.
- JUNE 15 (Tuesday)  
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- JUNE 16 (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).

While in English, "you" is "you", in Japanese, it can be "anata", "kimi", "omae" or "temei". In the samurai films, the obsolete "onushi" is used for you. In standard conversation, "anata" is normally used, while "omae" and "kimi" may be used among close friends or within the family. When used elsewhere, these words tend to carry a demeaning sense. "Temei" implies that the person being addressed is lowly and is now never used except in arguments.

As the result of Japan's long and stable history, superimposed by layers of class distinctions, which in turn had formed inbred discipline, the Japanese language is euphemistic in depth. Emotions are kept under control, or at least, not outwardly expressed in colorful words and violent manners.

If one is really interested in understanding the Japanese, one needs to study her language through which one can also learn much about her people; for, it is the social background of the people, encompassing the experiences of more than one thousand years of recorded history.

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