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Asian Americans to make their bid in Calif. primary elections

LOS ANGELES—Several Asian Americans will seek election—or re-election—to various political and judicial offices in the upcoming California primary on June 8. Among those who filed nomination papers in Los Angeles County were:

March Fong Eu, incumbent Secretary of State, will seek re-election for a third term, but faces challengers from her own Democratic Party.

The heavily favored Eu will run against candidates Alice Keyser, an El Cajon legal consultant; Kenneth Smith, a Sacramento-area plumbing contractor; and Helen Howard, a Norwalk civic commissioner.

Among Republicans, Assemblyman Gordon Duffy, business administrator Glenn Rose and businessman Jacob Margosian will bid for their party's nomination.

A Nikkei will be among the three other challengers, as warehouse worker **Milton Shiro Takei** of the Peace and Freedom Party is in the running with Alfred Smith of the American Independent Party and Martin E. Buerger of the Libertarian Party.

Eu leads all Democratic candidates in fund raising, for as of May 22, her campaign chest had \$83,000 in contributions.

Congressional Candidates

Attorney **Rose Matsui Ochi** will seek the Democratic nomination for 30th Congressional District, which encompasses part of the San Gabriel Valley (Alhambra, Rosemead, El Monte, Monterey Park, Montebello, Vernon and Maywood). Ochi, 43, is in the race with three other primary candidates: Assemblyman Matthew G. Martinez; Dennis S. Kazarian, representative for Rep. George E. Danielson (the Democratic incumbent who was recently appointed by Gov. Brown to the state court of appeal); and Olga E. Moreno, former chief deputy director of the state Dept. of Fair Employment and Housing.

Ochi, from Monterey Park, is on leave from her position as executive assistant to the Mayor and director of criminal justice planning for the city of Los Angeles.

Ochi has received endorsements from many Asian American community members and leaders, including Reps. Robert Matsui of Sacramento and Norman Mineta of San Jose.

Mike Masaoka, former JACL Washington Representative, also announced his support of Ochi May 18. Masaoka said her addition to the House of Representatives would be "invaluable not only to the cause of better and effective government for all Americans but especially to the Asian Americans in this country."

Another Asian American seeking a congressional seat is **Fred L. Anderson**, an Indonesian who changed his name from "Angkuw" in order to "be a normal American guy." Anderson seeks the Democratic nomination for the 34th District, which encompasses Norwalk, Pico Rivera, the City of Industry, La Puente and Walnut.

Anderson, an accountant and law researcher, faces Jim Lloyd, a government consultant and Esteban Ed Torres, businessman.

On the Republican ticket for the 34th District, **Daniel K. Wong**, who lists himself as a "physician/policeman/educator" from Norwalk will face Paul R. Jackson, Superior Court referee.

State Senate, Assembly

In the running for state senator is **Eleanor K. Chow**, a Monterey Park

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Oxnard Mayor Kato seeks Assembly seat

OXNARD, Ca.—Dr. Tsugio Kato, who is retiring as mayor here, will vie for the Republican nomination on June 7 for the 36th Assembly District, which includes Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, Camarillo, Port Hueneme, Ventura and one fifth of Oxnard (the district is northwest of Los Angeles County).

A dentist who served 10 years on the Oxnard city council and seven years as mayor, Kato will run against Tom McClintock, former aide to state Sen. Edward M. Davis.

Assemblyman Charles Imbrecht, the incumbent who is leaving the assembly seat to run for the state senate, praised Kato during the Nikkei mayor's testimonial dinner May 8. Imbrecht said he "wished more members of my party" would make "more of an effort" to represent a wide range of ethnic groups.

Anniversary date approved for membership expiration

By HARRY HONDA

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca.—A major hang-up on JACL membership procedure has been the "calendar system" because of its inherent inequality. A new member who joined in September, for instance, contributed full fare but the ride was up Dec. 31, although the "tied-in" Pacific Citizen subscription through membership lasted a full 12 months. But if this new member carried a JACL health plan, membership renewal was required before Dec. 31 to maintain eligibility in the health plan.

At the May 21-23 National Board meeting, the "anniversary date" system was authorized effective this year for regular, family, student, and youth members to equalize all JACL categories. The Thousand Club membership has been on the "anniversary date" system since the Club was founded in 1947.

"This will help stimulate membership recruitment throughout the year," declared vice president Vernon Yoshioka for membership and services.

The "anniversary date" appears currently on the individual PC mailing label and will be regarded as the date of membership and PC subscription expiration.

Before the end of this year, the Pacific Citizen is expected to distribute to each chapter a computerized printout indicating expiration based upon the PC subscription date.



CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE—Attorney **Rose Matsui Ochi** of Monterey Park, Ca. (front row, center) seeks the Democratic nomination for the 30th Congressional District in the June 8 primary. Her supporters include (from left): standing—Frances Kai, Darlene Kuba, Mas Dobashi, Miki Himeno, Kathryn Inouye, Wallace Takata; seated—Sumi Shimazaki, Mas Nagami, Bill Nakasaki and Jake Ohara.

JACL 'distressed' by remark from L.A. supervisor's wife

TORRANCE, Ca.—Gary Yano, Ethnic Concerns chair of JACL's Pacific Southwest District, expressed his "distress" over an "insensitive" comment made to the press by Doris Dana, wife of Los Angeles County Supervisor Deane Dana.

Mrs. Dana had been quoted in the Daily Breeze May 2 saying that "there's along the Palos Verdes Peninsula are full of 'Iranians and Japanese—there're (sic) not any Americans moving in anymore.'"

Yano wrote a letter to the editor May 17, and noted:

"Mrs. Dana appears totally insensitive to the large American population of Japanese descent living in close proximity to and in the area. This stereotyping of a community of Americans ... by the wife of a public figure reflects a mindless and pathetic understanding of the diverse Los Angeles ethnic and political spectrum."

Yano closed his letter by commenting, "I would hope that this view is not shared by Mr. Dana in his treatment of the Japanese American community within his constituency."

Nisei motel owner killed in robbery

SOUTH SALT LAKE, Utah—Kiyoshi Miyazaki, owner of the Holiday Motel here, was killed May 15 during an armed robbery by two juvenile suspects. The 59-year-old Nisei died instantly when he was shot in the head at close range with a small caliber handgun.

The youths had entered the motel office and apparently demanded cash for an unknown amount of money was missing from the office register. Police were searching for a male suspect, 16, while another youth was being held in juvenile detention center for questioning.

Miyazaki, a Salt Lake JACL member, was originally from Ogden. He is survived by w Clara Riu (nee Matsukuma), s Arthur, Albert, Keith; d Pauline, Arline, br Toshiaki (New York), sis Betty Uchiyama (Missouri); and 3 gc.

Japan marks 35th Constitution day with pro & con on revision

TOKYO—Civic and political groups, for or against revision, marked the 35th Constitution Day May 3 with rallies throughout the nation.

Those in opposition to revision met at Ueno Park and Hibiya Park, accusing the ruling Liberal-Democratic Party of plotting to revise the war-renouncing article. Those favoring amendment convened at Meiji Shrine Hall, where former prime minister Nobusuke Kishi said peace and freedom cannot be maintained by mere mention of words and that Japan should make sacrifices commensurate with its economic strength and cooperate with free countries of the world.

At the Hibiya Park rally, chair-

man Ichio Asukata of the Japan Socialist Party said the constitution is facing a crisis because of the movement for a change, building up the military and suppressing democratic principles.

Other rallies were sponsored by the General Council of Trade Unions (Sohyo) to drum up opposition, Democratic-Socialist Party and its allied labor group (Domei) against change under the slogan: "Protecting the principles of freedom, peace and human rights as guaranteed by the constitution" and the Japan Communist Party in defense of the constitution.

The 1947 Constitution was drawn up by the Japanese government,

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Can't calculate redress in dollars, says Marutani

NEW YORK.—Restitution for the wartime incarceration of Japanese Americans "cannot be calculated in dollars," said Judge William Marutani to those attending the New York JACL's appreciation dinner dance at the New York Sheraton Hotel April 10.

And yet, he added, there is a need for "tangible evidence of contribution ... so that we can be seen as Americans to all Americans."

Marutani, of the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia, was the only Japanese American member of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians which conducted hearings in Nikkei communities across the country last year.

The principal speaker at the JACL dinner, he began his address by quoting from a number of testimonies submitted to the CWRIC during the course of the hearings. A CWRIC member who attended all of the hearings, he said that it proved to be "a very gut-wrenching experience."

At times, he said, he could hardly believe the stories of insults and indignities borne and the physical and psychological suffering undergone by internees, so grim were they.

Asking if the hearings served a purpose, he said that he thought that they did, giving victims an opportunity to speak openly of long-suppressed grievances and hurts.

He called the process "a catharsis for the Japanese American community" which had "a very beneficial effect." It was also good for those who only listened, he went on.

He commended the community for its role in helping to organize the New York hearing.

Another special guest was City Council member Ruth W. Messenger from Manhattan's fourth district who last December introduced a resolution which urged CWRIC "to recommend to the U.S. Congress that adequate redress/reparations be awarded to those persons of Japanese and Alaskan Aleut ancestry who suffered from Executive Order 9066."

She credited JACL member Shig Kaneshiro, one of her uptown constituents, with bringing the issue to her attention, and said that its unanimous passage by the City Council was significant not only in itself but for the discussion which it generated among her colleagues, nine

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North Carolina DMV starts recalling 'JAP' license plates

RALEIGH, N.C.—North Carolina officials, fearful of insulting the Japanese government, recently recalled automobile license tags beginning with the letters "JAP".

Gonzalez Rivers, director of the registration section of the Department of Motor Vehicles, said 90 plates had been issued.

"We are doing a recall on them because we feel that this is something that might be offensive to the Japanese government," Rivers said May 11.

North Carolina tags contain three letters followed by numbers.

"We use the alphabet from A to Z," Rivers said. "We try to get the maximum number of configurations we can come up with and this is one of the configurations that we printed for the first time."

Rivers said the plates will be recalled, flattened, remarked and sold again. He estimated the cost of the recall at less than \$100.

JAP will join the list of letter combinations that are not used on North Carolina license plates. Some other combinations on that list are DAM, SOB and SEX.

Rivers, although saying he had received no direct complaints about the JAP plates, said he understood there had been some objections.

North Carolina operates a massive industrial development program aimed at attracting Japanese companies to the state. The state has trade offices in Japan

and there is a Japan center at North Carolina State university.

More than 20 Japanese-owned manufacturing plants are operating in North Carolina and another 60 have expressed interest in the state.

Rivers said North Carolina's attempts to attract Japanese industry are not a factor in the license plate recall.

"I feel like this is something that we would do for any foreign government or any group that considered a plate offensive," he said.

Rivers said the recall is not mandatory.

1st woman named to Snake River school bd.

PINGREE, Id.—Christine Wada, a 32-year-old homemaker here, has become the first woman trustee to serve in the Snake River School District. She defeated incumbent Delos Elison and two other challengers in school board elections held May 18.

Wada, who will represent Pingree Zone 1, received numerous calls of congratulations after her victory. "I think it's very flattering," Wada told The Morning News of Southeastern Idaho.

She garnered 137 of the 258 votes cast, compared to 55 for Elison. Wada will take the oath of office in July, and she noted that school budgetary matters and discipline will be of highest priority.

Wada's husband Albert expressed his pleasure that she had gotten on the board, and Mrs. Wada said she was "excited" and "optimistic" about her new post.

Alameda JACL to celebrate 50th

ALAMEDA, Ca.—A memorable 50th anniversary dinner is being planned by Alameda JACL for June 19, 7 p.m., at the Oakland Airport Hilton's Crystal Room, it was announced by Nancy Tajima, chapter president. Min Yasui, national redress chair, will be keynote speaker.

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Boy Scout Troop 379, sponsored by Koyasan Buddhist Temple, celebrated its 50th anniversary with a rousing dinner May 22 at the Quiet Cannon, Montebello Country Club.

We were guests of the troop for the prime rib dinner festivities, because Husband Kango had edited the 144-page anniversary booklet, with research and layout help from a couple of nice young ladies named Irene Sugiyama and Colleen Kajioka.

Kango had never been a Boy Scout. In the depth of the depression years when the troop was organized, his mother fell ill with tuberculosis, and he and his two younger brothers were brought up by their dad. Pop Kunitsugu had switched from farming to working at the produce market without noticeable improvement in the family's economic condition. Scouting was a luxury enjoyed by the scions of the comparatively well-to-do Little Tokyo merchants.

But Kango knew of Troop 379, as did everyone in the Japanese community in those days. He may not have known in detail about how many Eagle Scouts the troop produced, how many awards they won, what exploits the Drum and Bugle Corps brought off, or the fact that in 1935, barely four years after the troop's founding, it was named THE outstanding Boy Scout troop in the nation from among more than 30,000 troops then in existence in the U.S. and A. (as Pogo used to say) and took a cross-country trip on the train to visit the White House; however, he shared in the feeling of pride in the fame and glory garnered by the troop. In the days when anti-Japanese sentiment was rampant in the press, and politicians sailed into office on the strength of their anti-Japanese stance, there was precious little that the Japanese community could do to bolster their morale.

To be a Japanese in those days was always to feel like an outsider, with a vague feeling of shame, which the young Nisei tried to cover by being smart in school and 110% American in their attitudes and behavior.

The achievements of Troop 379 and their stirring all-American image must have kindled a feeling for the troop which smoldered quietly in Kango for more than 40 years. When Harry Yamamoto, co-chairman of the golden anniversary celebration, innocently asked Kango to put out a booklet, he little knew that he was fanning the tiny flame into a raging bonfire.

The more he got into the records kept by key members of the troop dating back to the founding days, the more enthusiastic he became. The widows of Charter Scoutmaster Sam Eejima (who died only three months short of the anniversary to which he had looked forward so eagerly) and charter member Soichi Fukui (who to me always exemplified the best of what it meant to be a Boy Scout) provided scrapbooks and diaries which were gold-mines of information.

Kango soaked up the history of Troop 379 as though he were going for a Ph.D., and after his many all-night labors of love on the booklet, I was all for giving him a doctorate, just to shut him up on the subject. (His office landlord Frank Ige's electric bill must have been horrendous for April and May). Kango's friend and ex-379er Naomi Kashiwabara, who came up from San Die-

go for the anniversary dinner, had an even better idea than a doctorate. "Kango, we'll name you an Honorary Tenderfoot of Troop 379!"

The result of his midnight labors and a few thousand well-chosen un-Boy-Scout-like expletives, I must say, was worth it. With the generous understanding of donors, there is not an ad to mar the 144-page narrative flow (and photos) of 50 years of history—not just of Troop 379 but its part in the ebb and flow of the history of Japanese in America. I may be a bit prejudiced, but I urge you, if you can, to beg, borrow, steal or even pay for the booklet and see for yourself. It's a collector's item.

My personal connection with Troop 379 is even more tenuous than Kango's. During World War II, the troop was continued at Heart Mountain, Wyo., where I was among 10,000 Japanese

interned. The Troop 379 Drum and Bugle Corps chose to practice their tramping, tooting and thumping on the street right outside our barrack (17-11-C). To this day, I can hum and whistle "Semper Fidelis", complete with the roll of drums and clash of cymbals.

When the "oldtimers" of the D & B got up at the anniversary banquet to put their lips to trumpet and hands to drumsticks for the first time in 20-30-40 years, it was old "Semper Fidelis" that came blasting out.

It brought a lump to my throat and moisture to my eyes. Call me a sentimental slob, but I wouldn't have missed that moment for anything.

Semper fidelis, lads, always faithful. Ah, there was discipline and honest pride in honest accomplishment in those days. It was a wonderful anniversary and a chance to feel again what a great heritage we all share.

'Carousel' was the title of Kats Kunitsugu's column which she spun in the *Kashu Mainichi* where she was English section editor.

Yori Wada retires from YMCA, distinguished career recalled

SAN FRANCISCO—Yori Wada, the reknowned executive director of the Buchanan Street YMCA here, retired from his post May 21 after 22 years of service. Considered one of the city's most visible Nikkei, he was honored at a dinner attended by 600 persons at the Fairmont Hotel May 6.

Wada, 65, had also been featured in a San Francisco Examiner article by Ken Wong Mar. 31, which noted the Nisei's long list of achievements and awards. He was the first Asian American to serve as a Regent of the University of California, and last November he became the first YMCA professional to receive the organization's "Humanitarian of the Year" award.

For years, Wada has been on ju-

venile delinquency prevention commissions. He was chairman of the Mayor's Council on Criminal Justice and the 1980 United Way campaign. In addition, he is on radio station KPOO's board of directors and is a member of the West Bay Health Planning Agency.

The San Francisco Foundation honored him with the Robert C. Kirkwood Award and The Sun Reporter gave him an Award of Merit. The Examiner chose him as one of the Bay Area's 10 outstanding citizens in 1976, and the Coro Foundation named him as its Public Affairs Award winner in 1980.

He spent his childhood in Hanford, just south of Fresno, and despite his father's death when Yori was only eight, Wada told the Examiner that his youth was a happy

time. He was the oldest of four children, having a brother and two sisters.

There was no segregation in Hanford, but there was still discrimination. Public swimming pools and bowling alleys were forbidden and even movie theaters made him sit in the balcony.

When he was at UC Berkeley, Wada said he had a hard time finding a place to stay. "The only place that would rent to me was a Japanese rooming house," he said. For

two years, he worked as a house-boy for a family and had a room in the basement.

Then, Wada worked as an assistant to a professor and stayed at a co-op dormitory.

Wada remembers in the 1930s that he and his date were not allowed to enter an Oakland hotel for a dance. There were barber shops in Berkeley that refused to cut his hair.

Wada graduated from UC Ber-

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school board member, who is seeking the Republican nomination for the 26th District seat. Running unopposed, she may face Democratic incumbent Joseph B. Montoya (also unopposed) in the general election.

In the 59th Assembly District, Monty Manibog, Monterey Park councilman and attorney, has placed his name on the Democratic nomination ballot along with Charles M. Calderon, a trustee for the Montebello Board of Education; Michael Duffy, government administrative assistant, Richard R. Roman, geological engineer, and Louise Davis, Monterey Park Councilwoman and businesswoman.

Judicial Ballot

Two Asian American judges are being challenged for their benches, while seven others who filed nomination papers are unopposed.

Sansei Judge Ernest M. Hiroshige of Superior Court #102 has been challenged by South Bay Municipal Judge Thomas P. Foye and Workman Compensation Judge Elana Sullivan.

The Los Angeles County Bar Assn. released their judicial ratings May 25, and noted that Hiroshige was "well qualified" while Foye was rated as "qualified" and Sullivan "not qualified."

Superior Court Judge Kenneth Byung-Cho Chang of Office #48 will vie against attorney Burton Bach of Woodland Hills. The bar association gave both Chang and Bach "qualified" ratings.

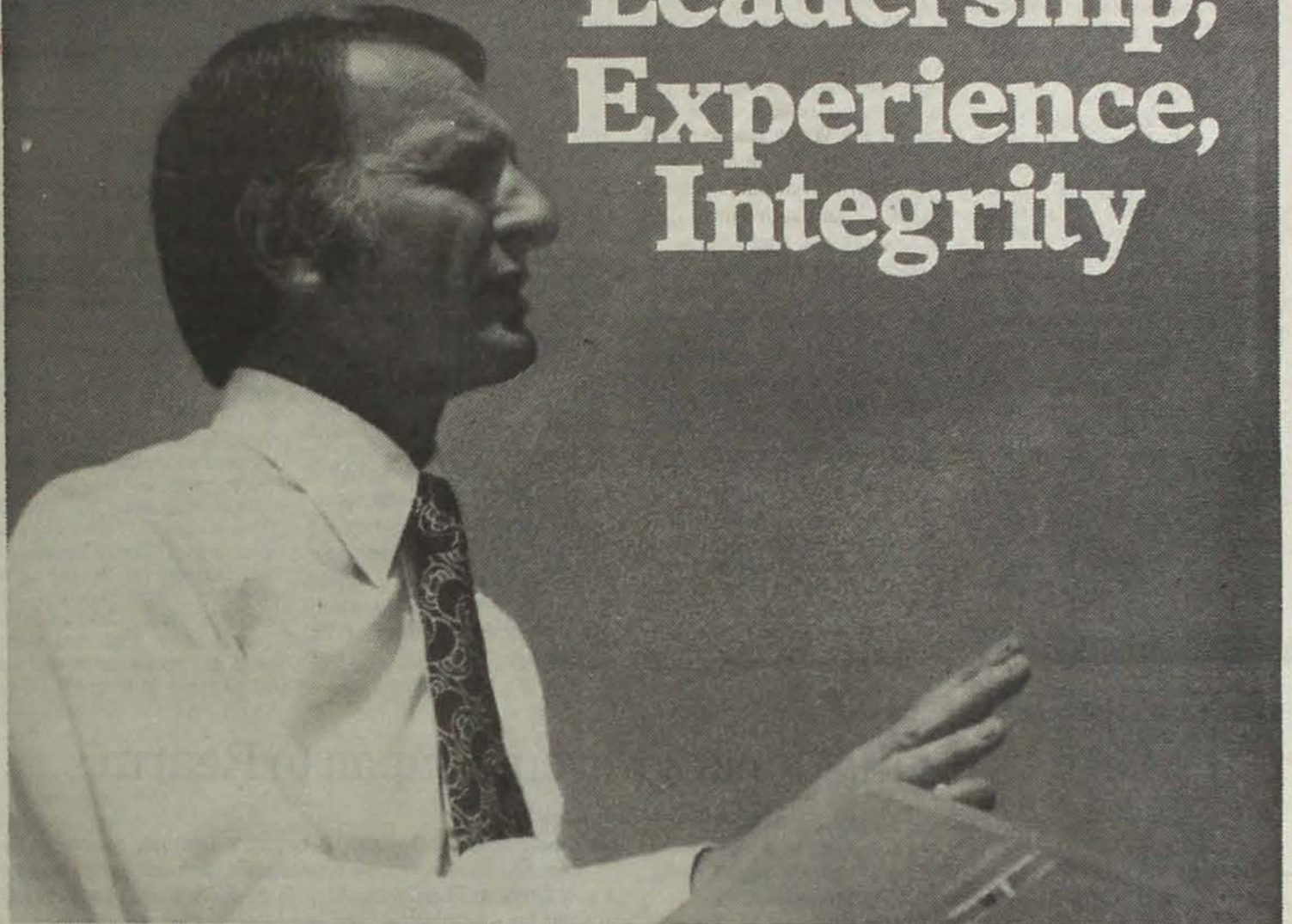
The unopposed jurists include:

Superior Court—Hiroshi Fujisaki (#5); Edward Kakita (#22); Robert J. Higa (#44); Madge S. Watai (#45); Jack B. Tso (#67); Kathryn Doi Todd (#90). Municipal Court—Jon M. Mayeda (#39).

Mayeda had been challenged by attorney Arthur Wynn, who withdrew from the race and had his name removed from the ballot Apr. 7.

In another nonpartisan race, Stan Kawa, a management and planning professional, seeks a spot on the board of directors of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Div. 3. He faces incumbent Collin Moore.

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HONORED—Dr. Tsujio Kato, retiring mayor of Oxnard and candidate for the California 36th Assembly seat, is honored at a testimonial dinner May 8 at Oxnard Civic Auditorium. With him are (from left) Assemblyman Charles Imbrecht, and Mayors Dorill Wright, Port Hueneme; Jim McCoy, Santa Paula; John McWherter, Ventura; and Delores Day, Fillmore.

**Applications due for
Akira Mori scholarship**

MONTEBELLO, Ca. — Applications for the assistance from the Akira Mori Scholarship Fund, 405 N. Park Ave., Montebello, CA 90640, are due June 20. The fund was established to honor and financially assist qualified graduating high school seniors. Consideration will be given to grade point average; community, church, school activities; moral and spiritual qualities.

**Suburban Optimists
name queen candidate**

BUENA PARK, Ca.—Barbara Vollmer of Fullerton was named 1982 Miss Suburban Optimist of Buena Park at the club's recent pageant in Orange County. Barbara, 23, the daughter of John and Terako Vollmer, will be the Optimists' representative in the Nisei Week Queen Pageant in August. She was crowned by Frances Shima, last year's representative and reigning Nisei Week Queen.

WADA

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keley with a journalism degree in 1940, and he was one of the few West Coast Japanese Americans to escape internment at a concentration camp. "My family was interned. I was in the army in the South Pacific." A sergeant, he was an interpreter for POWs and translated captured documents.

It was five years later that Wada joined the Washington Center staff and the Buchanan YMCA. He left for the California Youth Authority and returned to the Y for good in 1966.

Under Wada's strong leadership, the Buchanan YMCA is an "anthill of activities, children and youths running around in the daytime, adults coming at night for classes or leisure," said the Examiner article. It offers something for everyone, from job training for inner-city youths to volleyball tournaments for office workers.

"There's been a great change in the Japanese American community," Wada said. "Levels of income have gone up, people moving out to the suburbs."

One thing that did not change is the low incidence of juvenile delinquencies among local Japanese American youths.

One social change, Wada noted is the number of interracial marriages. "Fifty per cent of the Sansei are marrying non-Japanese and most of them are Chinese," he commented.

Now that he is about to retire Wada said he will "leave with fond memories of the young people I've met at the YMCA, working with them and the board, raising money—helping people with low income to grow."

Wada will do some reading, hiking and fishing to unwind after his retirement before deciding on what to do next. "I think I'm going to disengage from some of the

boards. It's getting so I hate to attend meetings. Meetings were hard to take for my family in the beginning."

Now their four children are all grown and out of the house, Eddie teaches at the California School for the Deaf and Blind in Fremont and Richard is a librarian at UC San Francisco.

A daughter, Patricia, was an instructor, but has switched over to the travel business after an extended stay in Japan. The youngest son, Wayne, is an apprentice carpenter.

Wada was recently asked by a newspaper friend to write a column for one of the local Japanese American bilingual publications. "I'm thinking about it," he said. Someone already suggested a name for the column: "Wada You Know?"

**Mitsubishi pledges to
help save cable cars**

SAN FRANCISCO—Mitsubishi Shoji of Japan has formally pledged \$100,000 to help the city's ailing cable cars. In a City Hall ceremony held May 18, Toshihiro Tomabechi, president of Mitsubishi International Corp. and vice president of Mitsubishi, presented plaque indicating the gift to Mayor Dianne Feinstein.

**Center on aging to
focus on funding**

SAN FRANCISCO—The National Pacific/Asian Resource Center on Aging will sponsor a workshop, "Private Sector Funding: A New Reality?" on June 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Unitarian Center, Franklin St. at Geary. Speakers include Ira Hirschfield, Ph.D., Levi Strauss Foundation; Bill Somerville, Peninsula Fdn.; and Robert Harootyan, San Francisco Development Fund.

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Nat'l JACL Board News / Notes

CLARIFICATION
By Harry Honda

Several lines in our National JACL Board Meeting story last week (PC, May 28) require immediate clarification, it was graciously reminded by National Director Ron Wakabayashi.

• There is more to come on the choice of the proposed FY1983-84 budget, involving either a \$1.25 or \$1.75 dues increase, but in either case the budgets are balanced, treasurer Henry Sakai assured. The larger budget, of course, means improved services rather than cutting back the JACL program through the various offices.

• On the Building Fund Committee action, the board requested the committee to submit a report describing the number and extent of all delinquencies upon which to make a decision to remove names from the ground-floor wall of National Headquarters. It was reported the board had authorized removal of those who never fulfilled their commitment. The committee was seeking a guideline.

• With respect to constitutional amendments, one reporting a 1000 Club chair to be on the board

should be clarified as follows: the Board will propose to integrate the "1000 Club" designation to the title of Vice President for Membership and Service, instead of creating another board position.

• The last line reporting approval of a \$10,000 budget for Aging and Retirement Committee should have noted the budget request was "accepted for consideration". Dr. Mike Ego, committee chair, had made the request during his report to the board. All budget requests should be stated in detail prior to consideration.

• With respect to the Page 1 story on Nominations, further nominations from the floor require submission of the official nominations form, which requires the signature of the candidate and majority of the District Council chapters in which the candidate resides. Nominations are now closed, but will reopen when the National Council is convened Aug. 10, when chapters may only nominate candidates from their own district.

Starting next week, the PC will profile the 10 candidates, covering personal and JACL background, community service, and publish their platform statement indicating goals and future of the organization. #

• PC Ad Policy

The Marina JACL advertisement in the May 21 PC endorsing its chapter member Judge Ernest Hiroshige for a superior court seat was queried by the San Diego JACL as to whether it was allowable under the Sec. 501(c)(3) charter of the organization. National legal counsel advises it constituted participation or intervention in a political campaign and therefore was "in violation of the express restriction contained in Sec. 501(c)(3)". JACL, in order to maintain its tax-exempt status, must strictly comply with the IRS code. (Ads endorsing candidates for JACL national offices in the PC are most welcome, on the other hand.) But this does not preclude any individual or other groups from placing such advertisement in the Pacific Citizen. #

Guest's Corner:

Grave Implications of Forcing Japan to Rearm

By GLEN S. FUKUSHIMA

Cambridge, Mass.

Defense Secretary Weinberger's recent trip to Japan raises serious questions for the future of international peace.

With American public attention toward Japan over the past decade focused on bilateral economic frictions, the political and social dimensions of the relationship have been lost in the shuffle. No better example of this one-dimensional fixation can be found than in the public's inattention to attempts by the Reagan Administration to pressure Japan to build up its military capability.

Many Americans see the military issue in purely economic terms. Thus, businessmen complain that Japan's postwar growth resulted from a "free ride" on U.S. military expenditures. Congressmen denounce Japan's unwillingness to spend more on defense and thus presumably ease the burden on American taxpayers. Even otherwise sophisticated observers such as MIT's Lester Thurow argue that American economic productivity will continue to lag until Japan is forced to divert some of its technological resources to military use.

These economic arguments are not entirely groundless, and Japan clearly needs to do more to open its domestic market and to help rectify its trade imbalance with this country. But they all fail to address the more fundamental question: What are the broader implications of a militarily powerful Japan?

First, it would symbolize a profound transformation in the ethos of the average Japanese citizen. It would mean that Article 9 of the Constitution—with its renunciation of war and its prohibition of armed forces—has been nullified, after serving for nearly 40 years as a constructive reminder of the horrors of World War Two and as the cornerstone of the postwar commitment to national economic welfare.

True, some Japanese have long called for the repeal of Article 9 and for the establishment of a strong military—both to replace what they perceive as America's unreliability in defending Japan and to counter what they see as a potential Soviet threat. Some have even advocated a Gaullist stance, including the deployment of nuclear weapons. Whether motivated by nationalistic fervor or economic greed, these advocates of a strong military no doubt welcome Secretary Weinberger's exhortation that Japan rearm. But these voices constitute a minority compared to the bulk of the Japanese citizenry, who take enormous pride in the non-belligerency embodied in its Peace Constitution.

Second, a militarily powerful Japan would signal a fundamental change in Japan's relationship with the U.S. For all the

criticism heard in Japan of America's declining economy, most Japanese remain firmly convinced that politically, economically, and militarily the U.S. is Japan's best friend. Forcing Japan to remilitarize can only evoke anti-American resentment among certain quarters and bolster a "go-it-alone" attitude among neonationalists. The U.S., which already has enough trouble coordinating policies among its allies, is apt to find that a militarily self-sufficient Japan is a less cooperative Japan.

Third, a significant Japanese military buildup is certain to provoke Soviet hostility and fuel the claim that Japan is merely a "puppet" of U.S. imperialism. Ever since their defeat by the Japanese navy in 1904-5, the Russian people have been extremely sensitive to any hint of Japanese militarism. And Japan's aggression in the 1930s and '40s coupled with its role aiding the U.S. during the conflicts in Korea and Indochina did little to allay these fears. Thus although a remilitarized Japan may not in substance tow the American line, it would provide an easy excuse for the Soviet Union to increase its own military buildup.

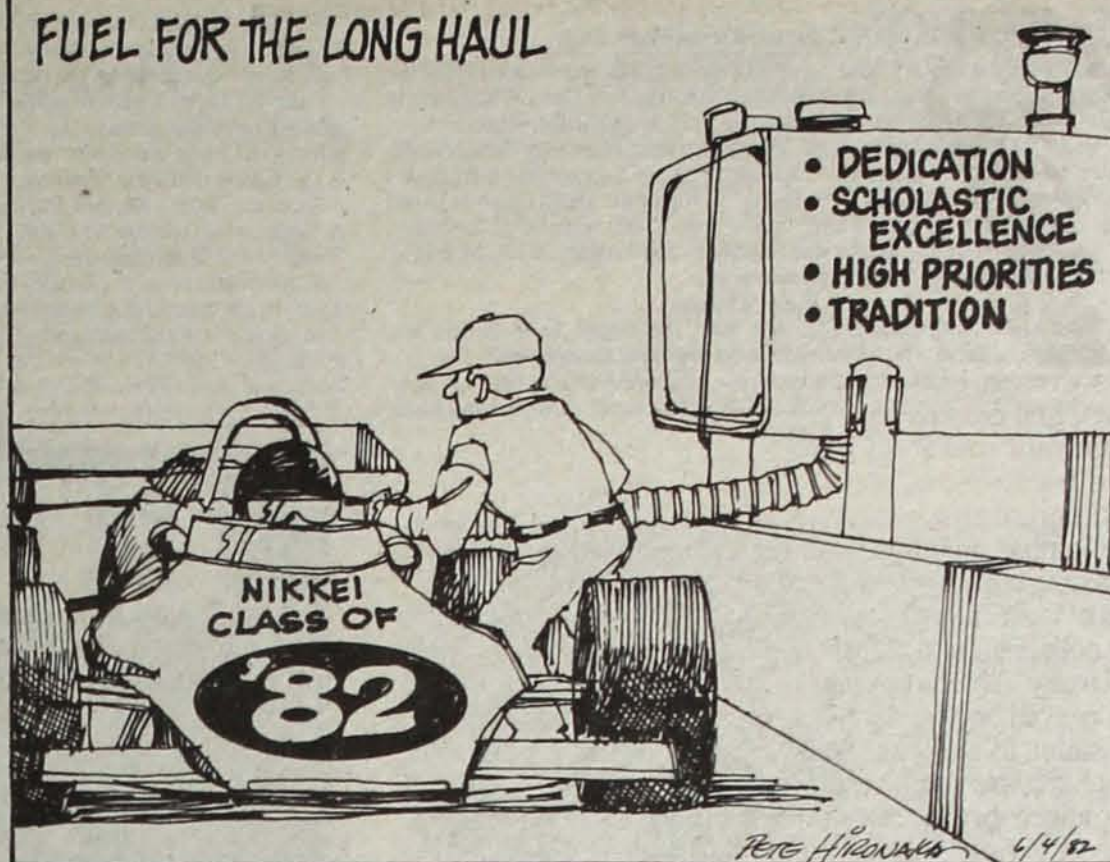
Finally, rearmament would alter Japan's role in the eyes of its East Asian neighbors. Certain anti-Soviet governments may welcome a greater Japanese military presence in the region, but most Asian countries that suffered at the hands of Japanese colonialism less than four decades ago are not likely to forget so easily. For them, economic aid and technological cooperation are what Japan can best offer, not military personnel, hardware, or adventurism.

Of course, the extent to which these possible consequences result depends on the nature and degree of Japanese remilitarization. And, like it or not, Japan must make more concessions on the economic front to defuse the "free-rider" argument. But one thing remains clear: All Americans concerned with the future of international peace should seriously question the wisdom of forcing Japan to rearm.

Thus while we may find the present "burden-sharing" between the two countries wanting, we should not allow this Administration to take a heavy-handed approach toward Japan that underestimates the adverse consequences of such pressure. For after thoroughly assessing the situation, we are apt to conclude that a Japan devoted primarily to economic prosperity is far more likely to contribute to world peace, stability, and cooperation than a Japan bent on full-scale remilitarization.

Glen S. Fukushima, formerly Director of the Japan Forum at Harvard University's Japan Institute, is a J.D./Ph.D. candidate at Harvard.

FUEL FOR THE LONG HAUL



Letterbox

• Proclamation 4927

Editor:
In the May 14 PC Letters, Raymond Y. Okamura of Berkeley refers to the use of the word, "incarceration", in the Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, 1982 Presidential Proclamation (No. 4927 of April 12, 1982) as "...one of the rare instances where a high government official has admitted that Japanese Americans were incarcerated rather than merely "evacuated" or "relocated".

The suggestion to President Ronald Reagan (via a White House Unit of the Office of Management and Budget) for the use of such words, "...exclusion and incarceration and discrimination," ...and other suggested wording used in Proclamation 4927 came

from Ms. Laura Chin and Franklin Chow, Asian American advocates in Washington, D.C. Much of the credit (and applause) for this year's proclamation should go to them for their tireless efforts expended in behalf of all Asian Americans.

Ms. Chin was recently (within the past several months) hired as the new executive director of the national Organization of Chinese Americans (see May 14 PC: OCA's First Decade, by Min Yasui) with headquarters in Wash., D.C. Chow is with the State/Local Programs Division of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Wash., D.C. Both are very active and have assumed leadership roles in past years in the Asian and Pacific American Federal Employee Council, APAFEC (P.O. Box 7809, Ben Franklin Station, Wash., D.C. 20044).

Anyone who wishes to express his/her appreciation may do so directly by writing to them at the following addresses:

Ms. Laura Chin Exec. Dir., 2025 I St., NW, Room 926, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Franklin Chow, State/Local Programs Div., 2401 E St., NW, Room 4231, Washington, D.C. 20506

R. MIKE HAMACHI
Diablo Valley JACL

• The Testimonial

Editor:
In all fairness to Shig Wakamatsu, I feel your readers should be made aware of the fact that he had graciously accepted the proposed testimonial in the spirit of honoring all who had a part in the successful outcome of JARP—the UCLA people, members of his JACL-JARP committee, the supporters from coast to coast who put in countless hours of volunteer work during the early years, and, of course, the overwhelming response of the generous donors that made it all possible. The locale of the convention site in Southern California could not have been more appropriate in this respect.

The innovative full-page treatment (for the PC, that is, in your 5/14/82 issue) and the sincerity of purpose of graphic artist/journalist Terry Nakagawa and photographer Richard Izui, both successful Sansei in their respective fields, tended to place all the limelight on Shig, contrary to his version of the testimonial. It should be noted that from the outset he was opposed to any form of fund-raising on his behalf. "I did it for a cause," he said, "not for any personal gain."

Jack Nakagawa and his testimonial committee strongly feel that

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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JOB SUMMARY

Under supervision of the National Director, the Program Director will be responsible for planning, coordination, and implementation of functions, projects, and services provided by the National organization. Responsibilities will include budget administration, program planning, personnel management, fund raising, and membership services.

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.
- 4) Ability to develop and write reports, grant applications and financial papers.
- 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.

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

APPLICATION

Send resume to above address. Attention: National Director

Of Tourists, Picture Brides, Books and Removal

Denver, Colo.

THINGS I DIDN'T know until now: a clipping from the Asahi Evening News of Tokyo sent along by Kay Tateishi helps to explain why young women outnumber young men among tourists from Japan. The clipping says women just out of universities live with their parents, and customarily spend all they earn on clothing, restaurant meals and overseas vacations. They don't save because they expect to marry within five years, with parents paying for the wedding. Men of the same age joining a company at the same time don't plan on pleasure trips abroad because that would be an indication of their lack of dedication to their jobs.

Another clipping from Tateishi is a personality profile on Henry Toshiro Shimanouchi, Japan-born and California-reared, whose last Foreign Ministry post was ambassador to Norway. Shimanouchi is quoted as saying that his father, an Issei newspaperman, was an advocate of picture brides for immigrant Japanese men "and helped arrange at least 9,000 marriages, 90 percent of them successful." The interview doesn't specify, but presumably he wasn't personally involved. I recall see-

ing figures somewhere to the effect that there were only about 15,000 Japanese picture brides in all.

HARRY TAKAGI of Springfield, Va., asks if I know anything about E.V. Cunningham, the pseudonym of an author who writes mystery stories in which the hero is a crack Nisei detective, Masao Masuto of the Beverly Hills police department. The latest one seems to be "The Case of the Sliding Pool", in which a skeleton is found under the foundations of a 30-year-old swimming pool which collapses after days of drenching Southern California rain.

"It's a good story," Takagi assures us, "written with a decent regard for Japanese Americans, and while some people might nit-pick at minor background details, the story depicts the detective and his family with respect and understanding." The book is published by Delacorte Press. Can anyone help?

AS THIS COLUMN reported a year or so ago, Kiyooki Murata, now editor of the Japan Times in Tokyo, came to

the United States as a student just months before the outbreak of war in 1941. He was caught up in the Evacuation, sent to the Poston WRA camp for nine months before being permitted to leave to continue his education. Last summer he published a book about his experiences. It was titled "Saigo no Ryugakusei" (Last Student to Go Abroad).

Having gone through the Evacuation, he has knowledge about the experience unavailable to Japanese newspapermen who have been writing about the Redress hearings. Some of what they were writing strayed so far from the facts that Murata was moved to editorialize about the "distorted image" that was being given Japanese readers.

One of the points Murata made was that the word "internment" to describe the camps was in error. "The essential purpose of the program," he wrote in Japan Times "was removal, not confinement."

All this happened last summer, but what makes it pertinent now is a recent note from Murata saying he had received a number of highly emotional letters from Japanese Americans who had taken strong exception to his comments. We are in trouble if we cannot recognize the rights of others to express themselves.

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

Small World

Philadelphia

MY ADMIRATION CONTINUES to grow for the Koreans within our community: newcomers, struggling to speak limited English, laboring to survive during the current economic downturn, rehabilitating previously abandoned shops, willing to take on almost any task. Already they've established their own ethnic newspaper, a number of churches, various businessmen's clubs, including at least one Lions' group. They invite various political personalities to their many, colorful affairs, arrange to have up-and-coming political stars head up a joint Korean-American society, and generally demonstrate political savvy that would be a credit to any group.

WHEN IT COMES to a Pan-Asian affair, they come in with gusto, outdoing all other Asian American groups: Asian Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Pilipono, or Vietnamese. They came out with the grandest floats, the large dance groups, the greatest number of booths and displays. While the Chinese Americans took on the arduous task of organizing and directing the festival, the Koreans joined in with enthusiasm. They are deservedly called "The Irish of the East".

WITHIN THE KOREAN community, I sense a distinct social-class strata. Presumably at the top are the professionals and the intellectuals from academe, including a sizeable bloc in the medical profession. Indeed, on one occasion while looking for some Koreans who were my dinner guests at a hotel, I stumbled onto a dinner gathering of Korean American doctors and their wives, all elegantly attired. I was immediately recognized as an interloper, whereupon a Korean lady, attired in an elegant evening gown, approached me, or more accurately, "headed me off"—and in a patrician manner assured me that my lost Korean friend surely was not among that group. Sensing that I was not welcome (I was not wearing a tuxedo), I left.

I WAS SOMEWHAT surprised that a number of Koreans speak *Nihongo* and speak it fluently, idioms and all, with intonations and inflections of the *kanto* region of Japan. The surprising aspect of this was that the speakers were young ladies in their late 20's and early 30's. Had I not known that the speakers were, in fact, of Korean ancestry, you could have fooled me. Easily. I learned that a number of them continue to have relatives in Japan, including those who had intermarried with *Nihon-jin's*.

AS THIS COLUMN has mentioned before, I can (and no doubt you can, too) point to a number of avowed Nisei who could easily pass for a Korean. (Many would include this writer.) And there are a number who could pass as Native Alaskans, and vice versa. But going back thousands of years, this should not be surprising when one considers the short span from the Asian continent to the Japanese archipelago or across the Bering straits.

AS THEY SING down in Disneyland (and Disney World): "It's a small world, after all."

MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi

Family History

San Francisco



All of this redress focus has put me through the kind of family history exercise that many of you have experienced. As a youngster walking through Little Tokyo with my parents, we would inevitably encounter someone. I would be introduced. It was then that I learned the phrases, "Okikunatane?" or "Kawai-ko". I prefer the latter. Having past the encounter, I would ask, "Who was that?" It was Mr. and Mrs. So-and-So, who lived on such-and-such a block in camp.

Camp must have meant summer camp. All Nisei went to camp. They had a fun childhood. If I wanted to go to camp, my parents would want to know, who was going to the camp. Who was sponsoring the camp? How much would it cost? I was sure that Nisei didn't have to answer all of these questions. All of them seemed to have gone. Everyone I knew went to camp. My father, my mother, older brothers and sisters, aunt, uncles, all went to camp.

Part of my history lesson was that they weren't in the same camp. Pop was in Rohwer. Mom did time at Topaz. Gi-chan, I visited at Manzanar. Bachan was at Poston. My half brothers were at Tule Lake. Obviously, the camps couldn't have been that far apart, if members of my family went to five different camps, I had thought. I pictured them near Big Bear in the San Bernardino Mountains. Since the names of the camps sounded like Indian names to me, it reinforced the summer camp idea.

It must not have been much of a camp, I thought. People never talked about it. They probably had strict counselors. Probably, no one was allowed to smoke cigarettes, and the curfew was real early. I had an early sense that they didn't have a good time.

I was right about one thing. They didn't have a good time.

35 Years Ago IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

JUNE 7, 1947

May 23—Northern Baptist Convention in Atlantic City urges repeal of 1924 Oriental exclusion law, seen as "contrary to Christian spirit".

May 23—Santa Ana (Ca.) Register editorial raps Calif. alien law.

May 28—Calif. Gov. Warren signs bill restoring Issei right to sports fishing licenses, denied by '43 amendment.

June 1—Ex-WRA director Dillon Myers pays tribute to Nisei GIs at Seabrook, N.J., memorial service.

June 2—U.S. House postpones JACL-ADC amendments to Soldier Brides' Act, permitting racially inadmissible spouses of U.S. GIs or veterans to immigrate to U.S.

June 2—Tokyo JACL, chaired by George Togasaki, aids war-stranded Nisei to return to U.S. by sponsoring meeting to explain process.

June 2—Repatriate group from Canada who voluntarily went to

Japan in 1941 want to return because of "no jobs, not enough food, general misery", says Canadian military officer upon return to Vancouver.

June 3—Calif. Senate repeals school segregation law, mandating separate public schools for Chinese, Japanese and Indian ancestry students; bill goes to Gov. Warren for signature. (Last separate school for Nisei children operated in Sacramento delta until 1940.)

June 4—U.S. District Court, Philadelphia, upholds deportation order of 21 West Coast Issei being held under "relaxed internment" at Seabrook, N.J.

June 5—Calexico-born Nisei Tomoya Kawakita, 25, arraigned in federal court at Los Angeles on charge of treason (mistreating U.S. PWs in Japan); identified Oct. 6 in L.A. store by Bataan death march survivor. Kawakita went to Japan in 1939, returned Aug. 15, 1946.

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Shig's extraordinary contributions are such that they go above and beyond the "thanks for a job well done" pat-on-the-back. Therefore,

PSWDYC-Selanoco workshop set June 18

LOS ANGELES—The third in a series of PSWDC youth workshops is being hosted by Selanoco JACL over the June 18-19 weekend at Boulder Bay, Big Bear, it was announced by Patty Honda, PSWDYC chair.

Topic is work and social discrimination. Program begins with a Friday evening mixer, seminar Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon free. For information, contact Ted Shimizu, pres., 17808 Kay Ct, Cerritos, CA 90701, or Gene Takamine (714) 964-1567.

Prior workshops attracted between 20 and 30 people at Garden Grove and at West Los Angeles in April and May.

in an effort to reach out to the vast membership, they subscribed to the full-page ad to enable JACLers across the country to join and participate in "A JACL Tribute to Shig Wakamatsu," 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640.

May Nakano summed it up in a nutshell: "We all love Shig and we want everyone to know this is why we're doing it!" SUMI SHIMIZU Chicago, IL

'Survivor' film to debut in New York

NEW YORK—A Nikkei cultural benefit for atomic bomb survivors, H-bomb victims and world peace march will be staged June 8, 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John Divine. On the program are the JACL-sponsored film, "Survivors", Universal Jazz Coalition, readings, Ony-Taiko and Yoko Ono's film, "Give Peace a Chance". Tickets are \$5.

Student relocation group in reunion

PHILADELPHIA—Persons who helped evacuees leave the WRA camps to continue their higher education during WW2 and the Nisei who were assisted will hold a reunion June 5, 3:30 p.m. at Friends Center, 1501 Cherry St.

Highlight will be the first annual grant from the recently created Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund to American Friends Service Committee for its work with the National Student Relocation Council. Expected to attend are Prof. John W. Nason of Swarthmore, Elizabeth and Woodruff Emlen, Ann Graybill Cook (who succeeded Mrs. Emlen as financial director), Dr. Robert W. O'Brien of Whittier; William C. Stevenson of California and Kay Yamashita of Chicago.

Those wishing to attend or send a note of gratitude should contact Mrs. Nobu Hibino, 19 Scenic Dr., Portland, Conn. 06480, (203) 342-0288.

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Summary No. 1

San Francisco

The Aging and Retirement Committee convened its first meeting under the direction of the new chair on May 21-22 at the JACL Headquarters. Those who were present were: Betty Kozasa (Pacific Southwest District), John Yamada (Northern

California/Western Nevada District), Robert Kanagawa (Central California), Don Kazama (Pacific Northwest), and Em Nakadoi (Mountain Plains District). Pat Okura (Eastern), Yoshie Ochi (Intermountain), and Alice Esaki (Midwest) were unable to attend due to professional and personal commitments.

The committee learned first of all that the Ways and Means solicitation collected \$18,000 for the Aging and Retirement program. The generous support from the membership allowed our committee to gather in San Francisco and in the weeks ahead will provide services and programs to the JACL membership. The committee would like to express their appreciation to all of you who contributed to the Aging and Retirement program.

The committee addressed many issues but the primary concern which was identified was the lack of awareness by the JACL leadership and others regarding aging and retirement matters. Therefore, the following resolution was passed by the committee and presented to the National Board:

In view of the response from the JACL membership of 63% respondents to the 1980 retirement survey and their financial support of the committee's activities, the National Aging and Retirement Committee of the JACL has as its primary concern the raising of awareness on the part of the JACL leadership at all levels on the subject of Nikkei aging and retirement. In addition, the committee will attempt to educate the following: the JACL membership, the Japanese American community, politicians/bureaucrats, the general community, service delivery systems, librarians and educators.

To achieve this objective, the committee proposes to provide the follow-

SFV scholarship night slated June 4

PACOIMA, Ca. — Scholarship Awards Night, sponsored by the San Fernando Valley JACL and Japanese American Community Center, will be held on Friday, June 4, 7:30 p.m., at the JACCC, 12953 Branford St.

The event will honor outstanding Nikkei students who are graduating this month from local high schools. Four students will be awarded the Eugene Oda Memorial Scholarships: Ronald Watanabe, Poly High; Carol Suzuki, Chatsworth; Elva Chavez, San

Fernando; and Antonio Galindo, Canoga Park.

The JACL Boutique Award will go to Ray Shojinaga, Kennedy High. The JACL-JACC scholarships will be presented to Kevin Endo, Derrick Isa, Susan Kimura, Gail Taira, Laura Wada, all of Poly High; Gayle Iwamasa, Granada; Tracy Kaku, Mark Kawaguchi, Lily Koyama, Sylmar; Masahiko Matsumoto, Mariko Mizoguchi, Monroe; Lois Mayeda, Linda Takahashi, Kennedy; Junko Tamaki, Reseda; and Joanne Yasuda, Van Nuys.

ing programs and services:

- Existing "success" stories of JACL/JA communities (the "do's and don'ts").
- Involvement of Japanese Americans in political/bureaucratic structure/process.
- Existing data/information on aging and retirement (university studies, local assessments).
- Encourage self-help education of JACL members through publications on older Americans.
- Package/cassettes/information packets regarding specific topics (i.e. retirement planning, financial planning, service systems, etc.).
- Resource center materials (i.e. Pacific/Asian Resource Center on Aging, university libraries).
- Existence of gerontology centers/programs.

These components of this educational model to create awareness will take many shapes and forms.

There will be a workshop at the convention to share the specifics of the proposed educational model. In the meantime, if you have ideas about any of the components, please share them with your district representative to the Aging and Retirement Committee.

This report is just a summary of our first meeting. In the coming weeks, there will be a more complete description of the outcome of the meeting in the PC.

Bob Suzuki to address WLA grad dinner

LOS ANGELES—Dr. Robert Suzuki, CSULA dean of graduate studies and research, will address the West Los Angeles JACL scholarship dinner June 4 at Bullock Wilshire's Bamboo Room, it was announced by dinner co-chair Ron Kumataka.

Four \$500 scholarships will be

awarded to high school seniors Melanie Aoki, Meredith Momoda, Leslie Kitashima, all of University High; and Tritia Murakawa (Venice), the Taya Isono Memorial Award. For tickets (\$15), call Mitsuo Sonoda (472-4361) or Kumataka (478-5922).

Recognition Pins

● New York JACL, Apr. 10

SAPPHIRE: Ruby Yoshino Schaar, "for working vigorously on the organization and revitalization of the New York Chapter in many different capacities". (She is also a Ruby Pin honoree, c. 1948.)

SILVER: Ron Inouye, "for putting the chapter on a sound financial basis and for serving as president from 1973-77 and in other capacities, e.g., obtaining cancellation from the U.S. Patent Office the Kenzo Takada application for "JAP" as a trademark.

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of whom had co-sponsored the resolution.

The JACL dinner had as its theme "One From the Heart", its purpose being to pay tribute to members "who have served faithfully...often without recognition."

National JACL Recognition pins were awarded to: Ruby Yoshino Schaar, sapphire; and Ronald Inouye, silver.

Chapter Recognition Awards for continuing service to New York JACL were presented to Yaye To-gasaki Breitenbach, Yoshi Imai, Grace Iijima, Henry Iijima, Mae Kanazawa, Tooru Kanazawa, Shig Kaneshiro, Tami Ogata, Fujio Saito, Murray Sprung, Riki Suzuki, Shig Tasaka, Ken Yasuda, Jane Yasuda, George Yuzawa and Kimi Yuzawa.

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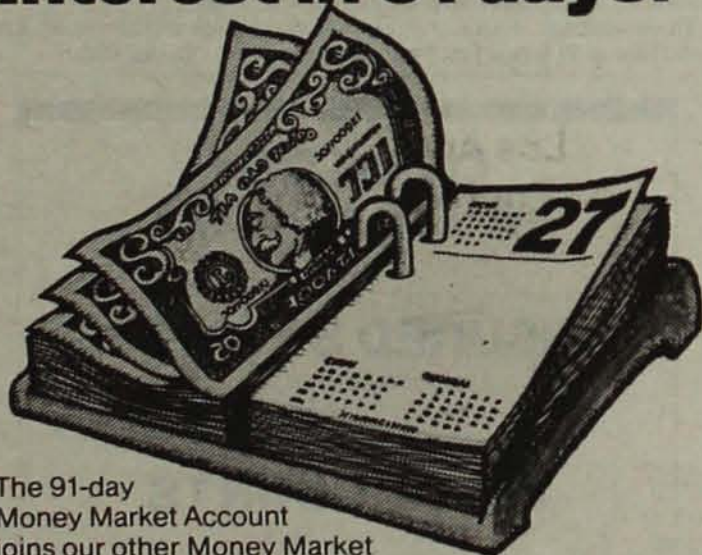
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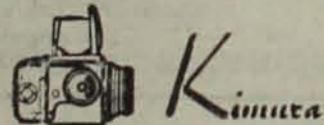
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● Awards

During the 11th Commence-
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Champaign, landscape architect
Hideo Sasaki was awarded the
honorary degree of Doctor of Fine
Arts. Sasaki, an alumnus and
former faculty member of UIUC,
is a founder of Sasaki Associates,
one of the largest architectural
firms in the world. His designs
have been featured at UIUC, UI
Chicago Circle, the John Deere
Co., Arlington National Cemetery
and the National Arboretum.

Stella H. Kiyota of San Fran-
cisco was presented with UCSF's
Chancellor's Award for Public
Service during ceremonies held
May 26. Kiyota, academic person-
nel assistant in the Office of the
Vice Chancellor for Academic Af-
fairs, was recognized for "her
leadership role as a founding
member of the Nihonmachi Politi-
cal Association, as a board mem-
ber of the Japanese Community
Youth Council, and for her un-
selfish commitment to improving
the community in which she
lives."

● Press Row

Marcus K. Mukai, 32, of Tacoma
is now weekend reporter for Seat-
tle TV's KOMO News (4). He
joined the ABC affiliate May 3
after being co-anchor and reporter
at KEYT (3), and ABC-TV at Santa
Barbara, Ca. for about a year. Son
of Puyallup Valley JACLers
George and March Mukai, Marcus
finished Curtis High School in '67,
switched from pre-med to drama
at Univ. of Washington and joined
the original cast of "Hair" that
premiered at Moore Theater, Seat-
tle, and toured 3½ years nation-
wide with the group. Subsequently,
he had roles in Broadway musi-
cals, landed TV and movie roles in
Hollywood in the past decade.
Most recent was in the NBC mini-
series, "World War III" with Rock
Hudson, Cathy Lee Crosby and
David Soul.

Henry Mori, associate editor of
the Rafu Shimpō, retired May 15
after 37 years with the Los Ange-
les-based vernacular. Mori, 66,
had been the paper's chief editor of
the English section and toiled to
re-establish the Rafu during the
post-WW2 years. Mori had cut
back his editorial duties in the mid-
1960s due to health problems.

● Sports

Yutaka Shimizu was named
head basketball coach at Kennedy
High School in Chatsworth, Ca. re-
cently. Shimizu, 54, had been the
coach at Hamilton HS for 20 years,
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WEST WIND: by Joe Oyama

Why Don't You Go Back Where You Came From?

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When I was in a World History class at Sacramento High School before World War 2, our class was discussing climate, and when I complained about the weather in Sacramento being too hot in summer and too cold in winter, a boy in back of the class said, "If you don't like the weather here, why don't you go back to Japan?"

I had no answer for him. Embarrassed and flustered, I didn't even say that I was born here—that "I'm an American!" After suffering the extremes of weather living almost 30 years in New York, I can say in retrospect that the Sacramento climate is indeed mild,—the winters pleasant and the summers bearable; it's dry heat and not humid like N.Y.

I always felt like we were latecomers to the scene, the white families having settled here generations before. Reading Carey McWilliam's "Factories in the Field" and his many other books on California's minorities (good books in their time) confirmed my belief that we were latecomers and interlopers.

PRE-HISTORY—Recently, I was quite fascinated to learn that the Chinese had been in Mississippi even before recorded history. This may be common knowledge to the Chinese. To get there, they had to walk all the way across the Bering Straits and

Alaska, through Canada down to Mississippi, I had thought they had come across the Pacific by boat and wondered how they had navigated up the Mississippi river.

Black writer Ishmael Reed of the Before Columbus Foundation in Berkeley said, "There are whole ages of history we don't know about, and you can only get to this through literature, archeology, records and diaries." (Quotes from BCF Catalogue One 1978-79).

"Why don't we talk about African royalty coming here, or Chinese royalty," he said, "I mean, there's evidence of Chinese cultural traits in the Mississippi Valley long before Columbus. I mean in ancient times."

"Some Hispanic people are not aware of their own traditions," he cautioned, "a quarter of a million Africans were brought to Mexico." They remained and intermingled with the native Indians and the Spanish. These are the Chicanos and Mexicans today.

AZTLAN CALLED FUSANG—In pre-history, the Chinese called this country Fusang after a fruit tree. A highly civilized people lived here, the Aztecs, who called their country Aztlan, which was conquered by Cortes.

The Chinese, like the ancient Japanese in Peru, left pottery and other cultural traits. Although Japan was an insular country and immigrating was prohibited, might I speculate here that like the Chinese, the Japanese were here in larger numbers—not just ship wrecked sailors and Eskimos (they have

Japanese blood) who wandered down from Alaska. Archeological discoveries occur every day. Perhaps, someday, we may find that the Japanese, too, were here in pre-history.

Now, did that boy in the World History class who opened his Big Mouth so damned long ago—start me off on something?

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The Orange County team returns as defending champions. A trio from Las Vegas JACL is entered, first time it is being represented. Another new contingent sports the Latin American JACL colors.

Up north at Chabot College, the NC-WNPDC Jr. Olympics are being held at the same time.

Because of high expenses in transportation, the annual North-South JACL state meet this year

has been cancelled. It was scheduled to be hosted by the PSWDC.

35th YEAR

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"though with considerable advice and pressure from the occupation authorities" (to quote from Prof. Edwin Reischauer's book, Japan Past and Present).

Kishi said it had been "forced upon the Japanese" in order to completely disarm Japan and emasculate the Japanese, referring to Article 9, renouncing war "as a sovereign right of the nation" and promising never to maintain "land, sea and air forces". A liberalized interpretation in 1950 enabled the start of self-defense forces and a national police reserve.

PC's Calendar of Events

- JUNE 4 (Friday)
West Los Angeles—Awd dnr, Bambo Rtn, Bullock's Westwood; Dr Robert Suzuki, CSULA, spkr.
Dayton—Int'l Festival (closes Sun).
French Camp—Dance class, Comm Hall, 7:30-9:30pm (1st-3rd Fri)
San Fernando Valley—JACL-JACC Schol Awd night, JACC, 7:30pm.
• JUNE 5 (Saturday)
Pan Asian—Tribute to Mitsuo Sonoda, Wilshire Hyatt Hotel, 7pm.
Mid-Columbia—Tule Lake Pilgrimage (Groups also leaving from San Francisco and Sacramento).
Philadelphia—Nat'l JA Stud Relo Council reunion, Friends Ctr, 3:30pm.
• JUNE 6 (Sunday)
NC-WNPDC/San Mateo—Jr Olym-

- pics, Chabot College, Hayward.
PSWDC—Nisei Relays, Santa Ana College, 8:30am.
Carson—Potluck dnr, 7pm; Jeri Cole, spkr, "Mothers Against Drunk Drivers".
West Valley—Grad picnic, Vasona Pk.
• 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 (2d Tue).
• JUNE 9 (Wednesday)
Gardena Valley—Mtg, Union Fed S/L, 7pm (2d Weds).
Hoosier—Bd mtg, Sue Hannel's, 7:30pm (2d Wed).
• JUNE 10 (Thursday)
Arizona—Golf tour, Pima CC.
• JUNE 11 (Friday)
French Camp—Mtg, Comm Hall, 7:30pm (2d Fri).
• JUNE 12 (Saturday)
Mid-Columbia—Grad awd banq.
Gardena—AADAP Heritage Day picnic, Freeman Pk, 11am-4pm.
San Jose/West Valley/Gilroy—Nursing Home fund benefit dnr-dance, Lou's Village, 7pm.
• JUNE 13 (Sunday)
Puyallup Valley—Grad dnr.
Stockton—Grad dnr.
Arizona—Video J movies, JACL Hall, 1:30pm.
• JUNE 15 (Tuesday)
JACL Convention Pre-Registration (Early Bird) rate of \$115 ends \$150 hereafter.
• 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).
• JUNE 18 (Friday)
PSWDYC/Selma—Youth workshop (2da), Big Bear.
• JUNE 19 (Saturday)
Alameda—50th Anny dnr, Oakland Airport Hilton, 6 pm; Min Yasui, spkr.
St. Louis—7th annual Japanese Festival (2 wkends), Shaw's Garden.
Washington, D.C.—JAS Bazaar Food booth, Mt Vernon College, 11am.
• JUNE 23 (Wednesday)
Gardena Valley—Conv Bd mtg, Union Fed S/L, 7pm. (4th Wed)
Monterey Peninsula—Bd mtg, JACL Hall, 7pm (4th Wed).
• JUNE 25 (Friday)
Contra Costa—CARP mtg, EB Free Methodist Ch, 8-10pm (4th Fri).
Seattle—Tennis Fun Nite, Tennis Ctr, Empire Way & Walker St, 8:45pm. (Register by June 18, Dick Sugiyama, 9202-39th Av So, Seattle 98118.)
St. Louis—Japanese Festival (final wkend), Shaw's Garden.

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