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Vietnamese internment in Sac'to suggested

SACRAMENTO—Local community groups have deemed as "racist" a suggestion by a homeowners group that Sacramento County's Vietnamese refugees be placed in internment camps so they can learn American customs and laws.

The relocation, possibly to military bases, has been suggested by the American River Homeowners Affiliation in a letter to the Sacramento County grand jury. The letter, signed by affiliation president Johnny C. Dell, also asked the grand jury to investigate any alleged misuse of welfare funds received by the Indochinese refugees.

In an interview with the Sacramento Bee's Iris Yang June 11, Dell said the internment facility could be like an Indian reservation, with the refugees free to come and go as they pleased. There, they could be taught American customs, laws and the Constitution, he

said.

As it now stands, the refugees have "brought Vietnam with them," Dell said, because they live together and are "colonized."

"If they are going to be afforded the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, then they have a responsibility to adhere to and react just like any American citizen," he said. "I don't believe they should bring their habits and customs and impose them on our community and at the same time be protected by the United States Constitution."

Dell said there are about 400 members in the homeowners' group, which is based in Rancho Cordova, with 16 members on the steering committee that sent the letter to the grand jury.

He said that he resented any implication that he or his group are racist, adding that he saw himself as a "benefactor" of the refugees in helping them become Ameri-

canized and avoid conflicts with their neighbors.

However, Sacramento lawyer Frank Iwama, who is also JACL national legal counsel, likened the relocation idea to the camps used during World War II to incarcerate Japanese Americans, many of whom were U.S. citizens. "It's the same kind of thing," Iwama said. "They (the homeowners group) think the customs are strange, that Orientals are sneaky."

He refuted Dell's contention that the camps would help acculturate the refugees. "It would reinforce their culture more so that they would stay the same," he said.

JACL Statement

JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi released a statement June 17, announced that the League was "unalterably opposed" to Dell's internment camp suggestion, and that Dell's "solution" for

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Platform & Profile of Candidates for National JACL Office:

Three seen in close race for V.P./public affairs

It may appear the "more visible" positions on the JACL National Board—such as the office of president and the office of vice president for public affairs—are more inviting and coveted as evidenced by the number of nominees. Three are seeking the public affairs position as well as the presidency (which will be covered in a future PC issue). One is a past national president, Henry Tanaka, of Cleveland. Others are the current national chair of JACL international relations committee Chuck Kubokawa of Sequoia and Pacific Southwest district board member Gene Takamine of the Selanoco Chapter.



Chuck Kubokawa

as chapter president four times, was Midwest District vice-chair in 1954, its governor in 1969 and served as national JACL president-elect in 1970, succeeding to office two years later.

One of the leading exponents in JACL for uniform dues and a veteran on JACL planning activities, his current concern is to make JACL more attractive to young adults and to the greater public.

The Salem, Ore.-born social worker, who is now executive director of Hill House, a mental health rehabilitation and research center, is a graduate of Earlham College and Case Western Reserve University. He was evacuated to Tule Lake relocation center and then left to go to college. He is married, has four sons (two

married and two in college).

Professionally, Tanaka has served on many local mental health and community service boards, was cited for outstanding services in his field of endeavor and has been an officer with IAPSRF (International Assn. of Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Facilities).

Charles C. Kubokawa, 52, comes with a wide spectrum of JACL service inside the 20 years he has been a member, the most notable years being the past decade which started by his being selected a Nisei of the Biennium (1970-72) in recognition of his research as a



H. Tanaka and committees relating to legislation, civil rights, public issues, media and public relations."

Henry T. Tanaka, 60, who was national president during the 1972-74 biennium, has long been involved with civil and human rights, legislative activities and ethnic awareness. In JACL since 1947, he served



Gene Takamine

NASA aquanaut, living under the sea for five weeks with a team of scientists in a pressurized tank.

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The Dumas Clarion Photo

ROHWER MONUMENTS, OLD AND NEW—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yada of North Little Rock stand before the new 17-ft. Rohwer memorial, which lists the names of 32 Nisei war dead who volunteered from the Rohwer and

Jerome camps during WW2. Yada led the nation-wide drive to raise \$15,000 for the new monument, which replaces the old one built by camp residents nearly 40 years ago and deteriorating because of the elements.

Rohwer monument dedicated in a moving Memorial Day service

ROHWER, Ark.—Nearly 300 people, including news reporters and spectators from about 30 states, crowded into the cemetery of the old relocation center here on May 30 for the dedication of a new marble monument honoring Nisei who died serving their country.

The Memorial Day ceremony took place on the 1½-acre, tree-lined and grass covered grounds, and four members of the Chicago Nisei Post 1183 Color Guard presented the colors while Commander Arthur Okawa raised the American flag during the playing of the national anthem by members of a local high school band.

The new 17-foot monument, composed of Georgia granite and marble, is inscribed with the names of 32 Nisei from Rohwer and Jerome who were killed in action while serving with the 442nd Regimental Combat

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Resolutions for confab action due

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca.—Resolutions for consideration at the National JACL Convention, Aug. 10-13 at the Airport Hyatt Hotel, Los Angeles, are being called up by Tony Ishii, resolutions committee chair, in three phases: (1) those submitted to National JACL Headquarters by July 15 will be circulated to the chapters for advance review; (2) those received at National Headquarters by July 31 will be reproduced and included in the Convention packet for official delegates; and (3) any resolution from the National Council floor will be accepted until 5 p.m. Aug. 11, provided it has the endorsement of six chapters.

Resolutions requiring amendment to the Constitution/By-laws should be submitted to Headquarters by June 28. Those proposed after June 28 require the endorsement of at least five chapters for consideration and are subject to chapter ratification by mail after approval by the National Council.

"Resolutions are formal declarations of the organization's opinion or policy on any subject area," Ishii explained. "Every resolution that is adopted will imply the organization, as well as its members, will implement the sense of the resolution." #

EDC set redress workshop 6/26

HAVERFORD, Pa. — "A Workshop on Appropriate Remedial Action" will be held Saturday, June 26, 10 a.m. at Haverford College's Bryn Mawr Room. Program will include an update on the CWRIC activities; strategies for action on the community and national level; priority setting in the Eastern District; and small group discussions.

Members of various JACL chapters, community leaders, activists and students will be among the participants. For more info call Theresa Maebori (215) 848-5885 or Cherry Tsutsumida (703) 979-6561.

Dr. Noguchi dinner set for June 30

LOS ANGELES—Citizens for Tom Noguchi, demoted county coroner whose civil service commission hearing will start in July, are hosting "An Evening with Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi" dinner at the Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Blvd., on Wednesday, June 30, 7 p.m. Tickets (\$35) are obtainable from the group, 3459 Scadlock Ln. Sherman Oaks, CA 91403, (213) 986-7536.

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Viet Internees?

This past week we were hit with a flurry of calls as a number of Northern California news agencies responded to a statewide wire service story about a proposal for the internment of Vietnamese refugees.

A spokesperson for the American River Home Owners Affiliation, in a letter to the Sacramento Grand Jury, has proposed that Vietnamese refugees living in the Sacramento suburb of Rancho Cordova be "relocated" and "quarantined" for a period of up to one year in order to teach them American values. While detained—against their will, if necessary—in what are being proposed as "relocation centers", the refugees would be educated about American life and values before being allowed back into the mainstream.

What is being proposed is for their own good just as the WW2 incarceration was for the protection of Japanese Americans, according to the homeowners group spokesperson. Unless such action is taken soon, the letter reads, "a tragedy will happen."

There's a familiar ring to all this, of course. But unlike the blatant racism and hostility in 1942, the homeowners group thinly cloak their views in expressions of humanitarian concern. But the racism is apparent.

In response, Rep. Bob Matsui indicated that the implementation of the proposal would be unconstitutional, and in a pointed statement commented that "This type of backlash is to be expected when the government drops a large number of refugees on local communities—it should have been anticipated." Of course, he's right.

The problem isn't the refugees as much as it is the way in which the situation has been handled. Similarly, it was not "we" who were the problem in 1942 but the way in which local officials and the government promulgated fear and racism on the West Coast.

Just as the public failed to come to our support and even turned against us during WWII, I'm sure that there will be similar responses in this particular situation. I've called a number of people this past week just to get their views, and it's disappointing how few are truly concerned. Some of these have been Vietnam vets, but because many of them, even after so many years away from the war, still have "flashes", have bad dreams, their reactions are understandable. But the others just don't seem to care an awful lot.

The Rancho Cordova homeowners group, on the other hand, are pushing for what they believe to be "their" rights. They seem to want the refugees out simply because their life-styles are different.

The issue undoubtedly is much more complex than this. But what the issue really comes down to is the fact that an internment proposal has been made and that the Grand Jury is actually conducting an investigation. The issue is whether the proposal will be implemented.

Anyone who has lightly dismissed the possibility of another Evacuation type of situation—and has therefore dismissed the redress campaign as unnecessary—should take serious note. We want justice to be served in our own case, but we are also attempting to prevent the future internment of any group.

As one of my white friends I talked to this week told me, there might be just enough racism and craziness to allow this thing to happen. #

Judge rules against klan in suit filed by Viet fishermen

HOUSTON—A federal judge, acting on a lawsuit filed by Vietnamese fishermen, permanently barred the Ku Klux Klan June 10 from maintaining its own army in Texas, reported the United Press International.

"The existence of Klan-sponsored military organizations which train people in the use of violence presents a new and more serious threat to individuals' civil rights," U.S. District Judge Gabrielle McDonald wrote.

"The Klan's primary vehicle for threats, harassment and intimidation is their military activities and training by and through the Texas Emergency Reserve. This court is compelled to enjoin such military activity and training."

The judge acted on a lawsuit filed in April 1981 by Vietnamese refugee fishermen who charged they were being threatened by the Klan and native fishermen for fishing Texas waters.

In June 1981, Texas Attorney General Mark White intervened on the side of the Vietnamese and asked the judge to forbid any kind of Klan paramilitary activity in Texas.

Many native fishermen were angered by what they said was overcrowding of limited fisheries and by the Vietnamese refugees' alleged violation of local rules and customs.

Klan leader Louis Beam threatened to use his paramilitary unit, the Texas Emergency Reserve, against the Vietnamese unless the government acted. The Klan held rallies and in March 1981 led a white-robed, armed boat parade on Galveston Bay.

In August 1981, Judge McDonald entered a permanent injunction forbidding harassment of Vietnamese fishermen by the Klan or by a group of native fishermen called the American Fishermen's Association.

But the judge withheld until June 10 a ruling on White's request for an order barring the Klan's training activities.

"The court's research has disclosed no authority for the proposition that military operations of the type in issue here, are protected by the First Amendment rights of free speech and freedom of association," she wrote in her ruling.

Bitter memories recalled at Tule Lake pilgrimage

By JEANIE HIBINO and GEN FUJIOKA

TULE LAKE, Ca.—Former internees, their descendants, and representatives of a variety of West Coast Asian community organizations, met the weekend of June 5-6 at the site of the former World War II concentration camp here. Over 350 people participated at the 40th anniversary of the opening of the concentration camps, combining personal remembrances of the camps with cultural and political discussions and presentations.

This year's pilgrimage was organized by the Japanese Community Progressive Alliance of San Francisco, Nihonmachi Outreach Committee of San Jose, and Sacramento Regional of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations.

The event, five months in planning and preparation, gained wide community support with endorsements from 39 organizations and churches, and donations from merchants in San Francisco, San Jose and Sacramento.

Seventh Pilgrimage

This was the seventh pilgrimage to Tule Lake since 1969, and has had more active and grassroots Nisei participation than earlier pilgrimages, observed one organizer from the Asian Student Union of UC Berkeley. Nisei and Sansei were active in all stages of the pilgrimage, from planning and organizing, to speaking and coordinating the weekend's events. Organizers attributed increasing Nisei and Sansei involvement in part to the broadening movement among Nikkei for redress and reparations for the World War II incarceration.

The two-day event evoked strong emotions, some finding expression in the many formal and informal discussions. On Saturday, the participants toured the campsite by bus, in groups led by former Tule Lake internees. Although Tule Lake is now valuable farmland, this was not always true. Pointing to where Nikkei started a camp farm, one internee recalled that when they first came to Tule Lake, there was only desolation.

In 1943, Tule Lake was designated the camp for internees who most openly resisted their incarceration, in particular, those who answered "no-no" on the infamous loyalty questionnaire. It was to hold 18,000 people by 1944. Tule Lake was the scene of the sharpest resistance and cruelest repression, martial law was declared for a period of time following food strikes, work stoppages and other protests of camp conditions. This history was described by former internees at different parts of the camp tour, such as at the "Stockade"—the prison within a prison, that ultimately housed 200 male internees, and the site of the protest rally over the death of a worker.

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Team in World War II. Atop the monument is a 250-lb. bronze eagle spreading its wings. The memorial replaces the two existing concrete monuments which are slowly giving in to the elements.

It was a dream come true for Sam Yada, a North Little Rock businessman and former Rohwer internee who led the drive to raise \$12,000 for the new monument. Yada, formerly of Hilo, Hi., had been a vegetable farm worker in Stockton, Ca. before the war. In 1942, he and his wife were sent to Santa Anita assembly center, and then to Rohwer.

During the ceremony, Yada's son Richard, who was born in the Rohwer camp, expressed his thanks to his parents "for helping make this dream come true." Richard noted that his sister had brought fresh antheriums from Hawaii to decorate the monuments. "I thank my mother and father for being great people, and saying we must start over," he added.

Several dignitaries were on hand for the dedication, and telegrams from President Reagan, Rep. Beryl Anthony (D-Ak.) and the Consul General of Japan were read.

Reagan's message said in part:

"...This memorial tribute constitutes fitting recognition of the unparalleled valor and sacrifice of the 442nd Regiment in the European Theater of World War II. The brave men who took part in the crucial struggles of that conflict have earned a special place in the hearts of our people for leaving the settlement camps of that era to fight for freedom, independence and security of our nation."

"Their record as the most decorated unit of the war stands as a tribute to their dedication to our country."

Regarding the Nisei inscribed on the monument, Arkansas Gov. Frank White noted that "we recognize 32 men who fought just as hard against prejudice...No other unit amassed such courage."

Sen. David Pryor (D-Ak.) brought a flag which had been flown over the

Some memories elicited by the pilgrimage did not always find expression in explanations and statements. An Issei sifting the sand for remains of the site had to wipe away tears.

But memories of the camps were not limited to those who actually were in Tule Lake. Mrs. Aki Kurose, of the Seattle Coalition for Redress and the Seattle JACL Chapter, came with a large Seattle delegation. "Even though most Washington residents were taken to Minidoka (Idaho)," she said, "we have come from Seattle since Tule Lake symbolizes the injustice of all the camps."

In services held at a Klamath Falls, Ore. cemetery, beside the grave of some who passed away at Tule Lake, Reverend Tada of Palo Alto urged continued Sansei commemoration of the camp experience. "It is important," said the Buddhist priest, "to come here and remember the sacrifices of the Issei and Nisei which brought us from the camps to where we are today." He concluded his sermon by urging concern for present injustices and, in particular, the nuclear arms race.

Current Concerns of Nikkei

Much of the pilgrimage was devoted to discussions related to current issues and concerns facing Japanese Americans. High on the list of priorities was redress and reparations. Bert Nakano of Los Angeles, spokesperson for NCRP and a former Tule Lake internee, outlined a bill to be introduced by Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Cal.) in Congress this month.

The bill will seek compensation for individuals interned with a lump sum amount, establish a trust fund to rebuild Japanese communities destroyed by the evacuation, and grant the right to bring suit against the U.S. government for other damages suffered.

"In the coming months, the campaign to win reparations for our people will intensify," Nakano predicted. He noted that the major organizations involved in the movement are recognizing the need to come together on a united strategy. Both the Chicago Committee for Redress/Reparations and the Seattle Redress Committee were represented at the pilgrimage. And Nakano's organization has had recent discussions with JACL's Redress Committee, and the Concerned Japanese Americans of New York. This trend toward greater unity is a significant step forward in the campaign to win justice for Japanese Americans.

Although the odds seem to be against immediate passage of the NCRP's bill, Nakano said the experience of the pilgrimage has deepened his resolve. "The bitter lessons of the past will give us the strength and determination for the struggles ahead."

(A picnic/meeting hosted by the JCPA will be held June 26. Interested persons should call Jeanie Hibino (415) 391-3700.) #

U.S. Capitol to fly at the memorial site. Pryor had also taken part in the dedication of the first Rohwer monument.

Other officials included Rep. Ed Bethune (R-Ak.), whose father served as assistant personnel director at the Rohwer camp; former governor Orval Faubus, now state Veteran Affairs Director, who had been an officer with the Seventh Army.

Former JACL Washington Representative Mike Masaoka, who was one of the first Nisei to join the 442nd, spoke eloquently of the Nisei veterans who served in both the European and Pacific theaters.

Masaoka, who had appeared at the first dedication, saluted Arkansas as the only state to commemorate the Nisei war dead.

Marshall M. Sumida, who came all the way from San Francisco to attend the ceremony, told the audience, "I am overwhelmed. I am really overwhelmed. To each and everyone who helped, we owe a thanks and especially to Sam Yada."

Floral wreaths were presented at the site by Yada, Masaoka and George Sakaguchi of St. Louis, who represented the Midwest JACL.

Sumida, a member of the Northern California MIS Assn. and the Tokyo JACL, told the participants the story of a raindrop as related to him by his mother.

"H2O is the soul of the people," he said. "When placed in a square vessel, it will adapt, and it will adapt to a round vessel. In its journey to the sea, the raindrop is comparable to life itself...it seeks the path of least resistance. When it meets a block it goes around it. My mother often said the water could be muddy, but the water will clear."

"At finding this overwhelming reception, you have made the waters clear," said Sumida.

Sen. Pryor, in his speech to the audience, remarked, "This is a very unique monument. It marks no battlefield or a major skirmish, but rather a commitment of people to bravery and freedom."

The ceremony ended with a three-volley gun salute by members of Walter Hall Post 84, American Legion, with taps played in the distance. #

Inouye offers nuclear plan to avoid a holocaust

HONOLULU—Declaring it "utter nonsense" to even consider the possibility of a "limited nuclear war," Sen. Dan Inouye proposed May 29 a six-point program he believes would prevent an accidental nuclear holocaust and move the nation away from the edge of atomic warfare.

His program would:

- Create a "workable, high-level crisis-avoidance and management communication network" between the Soviet Union and the United States. The "hot line" between Moscow and Washington and today's diplomatic channels are not good enough for a system that could generate all-out war in a matter of minutes, Inouye said.

- "We urgently need a system that will be utterly foolproof; a crisis management communication system that will ensure that we will not inadvertently ignite a nuclear holocaust through either human or technological error."

- An immediate freeze of all weapons testing, production and development at previously negotiated SALT II levels at least through 1985. The United States has observed those agreements informally, Inouye said, "why not

formalize it and go from there?"

- Work for further reductions in strategic weapons beyond SALT II.

- Have the two superpowers work to avoid the growth and spread of nuclear weapons to other nations.

- Bring the other nations—especially France and Britain—into all future arms reduction negotiations. "No long-term freeze or reduction can be realized if only the two of us are involved," he said.

- Expand the concept of arms-control talks to include so-called tactical nuclear weapons and conventional armaments.

"If meaningful peace is our objective, then we must consider curtailing all manner and types of armaments," he said.

Inouye's strongly worded condemnation of nuclear war preparations came in a speech to the Hawaii Democratic Party, which met at the Ilikai Hotel.

Current talk of disaster planning, "tactical" nuclear response and arms buildups creates the mistaken impression that the earth could survive a nuclear conflict, Inouye said.

"Someone is trying to convince

us that we can limit the devastation of nuclear war," Inouye said.

"In my mind, the very discussion of 'limited nuclear warfare' is utter nonsense. It is also extraordinarily dangerous to even consider such a possibility."

Two basic obstacles stand in the way of any thought of limiting nuclear conflict, Inouye argued.

First, he said, no one truly knows how much destruction, death and environmental damage would be caused by an atomic attack. Millions would die, public order would be eliminated, disease would run unchecked and even the basic ecology of the earth could be disrupted, Inouye said.

"Strange insects, barren wastelands—even now I simply cannot really begin to imagine what our planet might look like," he said.

Second, Inouye said, it is not within the power of human nature and human minds to control the exchange of nuclear weapons once it begins.

If just a single one-megaton warhead were dropped over Detroit, Inouye said, there would be 70 square miles of destruction, a quarter of a million fatalities and another million injured.

—Honolulu Advertiser

Carson JACL awards scholars

CARSON, Ca.—Carson JACL awarded its annual scholarships of \$200 each to My Kim Lee and Craig Uno, Carson High, and Jimmy Garcia, Banning High, the selections being made by the respective schools to deserving students who reside here.

Funds are raised from the annual JACL chapter fireworks sales held June 29-July 4. #

Senate passes Voting Rights bill

WASHINGTON—Key parts of the 1965 Voting Rights Act were reaffirmed by the Senate June 18 by its 85-8 vote (California's S.I. Hayakawa was among the 8 nays). President Reagan is expected to sign the measure after the House concurs this week.

The bill, which has had JACL involvement, extends bilingual election assistance through 1992, enforcement provisions through 2007, and follows the 1980 Supreme Court decision for individual challenges claiming discriminatory election procedures.

Sen. Hayakawa's amendment to delete the bilingual provisions was defeated 54-32.

L.A. supervisor's wife 'clears up' her remarks about Japanese

LOS ANGELES—Doris Dana, wife of County Supervisor Deane Dana, attempted to clarify a statement she made to the press regarding "Iranians and Japanese"—a remark which drew some criticism from JACL PSWDC Ethnic Concerns chair Gary Yano.

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

Yano responded in a letter to Breeze editor May 17: "Mrs. Dana appears totally insensitive to the large American population of Japanese descent living in close proximity to and in the area..."

JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi expressed his concern over the matter to Mrs. Dana, and she responded to him by letter June 11. She noted:

"...While the (Breeze) article was entertaining, it unfortunately did contain many misrepresentations of me and my views.

"One such misrepresentation concerns the quote presenting me as supposedly being upset over the presence of American citizens of Japanese or Iranian ancestry in our community. Rest assured, Mr. Wakabayashi, I said nothing like that and nothing could be further from the truth.

"My statement was merely an observation of the many non-citizens who reside in Los Angeles County. I referred to Japanese and Iranian nationals because it is these two groups who mostly represent the legal immigrant population in the Palos Verdes area. They are not U.S. citizens and this was the context of my remarks which were inaccurately reported.

"Japanese nationals are a proud people who make a contribution to business in this county and the country. The Japanese nationals within Palos Verdes are present only for a few years, usually because they are here to work at companies affiliated with a mother company in their homeland (such as Nissan Motors).

"In closing, I want to again reassure you that my statements were not meant to be derogatory toward any group of American citizens."

L.A. premiere of 'Survivors' raises funds for Hibakusha

LOS ANGELES—A standing-room-only audience of about 300 crowded the auditorium of Little Tokyo Towers on May 28 to see "Survivors", the recently-released documentary film by Sansei filmmaker Steve Okazaki and to meet two Hibakusha, atomic bomb survivors who helped make the film.

"Survivors" combines historical footage and contemporary interviews with 30 Hibakusha now living in California, representative of the estimated 700 Japanese Americans who were U.S. citizens temporarily living in Hiroshima and Nagasaki when the U.S. dropped atomic bombs there.

The program for the film benefit featured A-bomb survivors Shigeo Sasamori and Kaz Suyeishi, as well as internationally-known anti-nuclear physicist Dr. Michio Kaku, who June 6 addressed 90,000 people at the Peace Sunday rally at the Rose Bowl, and June 12 spoke before over a half million in New York's rally. Sasamori, who was severely burned in Hiroshima and underwent 25 painful plastic surgeries, described her work as a nurse in Los Angeles: "I work with babies in a hospital, and when I look at them, I am always reminded that I don't want your babies to go through what we did!"

Dr. Kaku, asked whether peaceful uses of atomic energy are still possible, commented, "I used to believe in the peaceful atom. That's why I went into nuclear physics. But now I know otherwise. For example, there is now evidence that the nuclear power plants that are now being closed down due to public opposition to their hazards may now be converted into factories for production of plutonium for nuclear weapons!"

Also included in the program, emceed by June Shimokawa of Sage United Methodist Church, were filmmaker Okazaki and Carol Hatanaka Ono, member of the statewide steering committee for the California Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze Initiative and executive board member of the Japanese Welfare Rights Organization.

Ono drew the link between the nuclear arms build-up and the Reagan Administration's massive cuts in social and health programs. She declared, "Eighty-seven million dollars is cut from domestic programs while the nuclear arms program is projected at \$1.6 trillion in five years, all this in the midst of what even the Wall Street Journal admits is a Depression worse than the 1930s, when already 10.3 million people are unemployed." Ono warned, "Nuclear weapons are being used at the ex-

pense of human needs and human survival, of ourselves, our parents, and most importantly, our children. We must change these priorities. Instead, we must have funds for human needs and not nuclear weapons. And we must continue to increase our awareness about nuclear weapons and join with the Hibakusha in the continuing peace struggle."

Vice president of the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the U.S.A., Kaz Suyeishi, urged support for legislation to pay for their medical bills and for research into dangers of radiation exposure. She introduced Hibakusha who were in the audience, including Mrs. Onishi, Hideo Kasai and Paul Enseki, the youngest Japanese American survivor.

The audience also included artist Taro Yashima, Rev. Harry Murakami and Rev. West Yamaka of APANA, Rev. Charles Yue, and Korean scholar Dr. Harold Sunoo. Several Korean Americans who also attended commented that there were also many Koreans living in Hiroshima and Nagasaki when the A-bombs fell and were also victims.

Jon Ichinaga of APANA made a plea for funds to aid the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the U.S.A., and the audience responded with donations of over \$730, including \$100 from Chiyo Nakamura and \$50 from Dr. Kenji Irie. Suyeishi observed later that this was the first fundraiser in the Los Angeles Japanese community for the atomic bomb survivors, and she hoped the large turnout, the enthusiastic response to the film, and the generous financial support was an indication of new awareness of the survivors' situation.

For information on "Survivors", contact the Survivor Film Project, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115, telephone (415) 921-5225. APANA may be contacted at 244 S. San Pedro St., Room 401, Los Angeles, CA 90012; 626-2249.

—Rafu Shimpo

First L.A. test-tube baby is Asian

LOS ANGELES—Christine Yung Lee was born June 9, the first baby to be conceived in a laboratory here. Weighing 7 lbs., she is the first child of a Torrance couple from Korea who asked to be identified as Mr. and Mrs. Lee. The newborn was delivered by Caesarean section at County-USC Medical Center. She is the third test-tube baby in the U.S. and one of 30 to 40 in the world.



PC Photo by Peter Imamura

FROM 'LITTLE PEOPLE'—West L.A. JACler Mitsu Sonoda (left) was paid a special tribute by the Pan Asian JACL and numerous other community organizations and leaders June 5 at the Hyatt Wilshire in Los Angeles. East L.A. JACler Michi Obi, representing the "Little People of America, L.A. Chapter," presents Mitsu with a pair of high-stepping shoes.

LTSC sets JA service awards dinner

LOS ANGELES—The Little Tokyo Service Center will hold its third annual Japanese American Community Service Awards Dinner on Friday, July 9, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

This year's honorees include an Issei—Takeo Taiyoshi, president of the Little Tokyo Business Assn.; a Nisei—Betty Kozasa, president of both the L.A. City Council on Aging and Japanese American Community Services; and a Sansei—Irene Hirano, member of the state Commission on the Status of Women and board member of the Asian/Pacific Women's Network.

For reservations (\$35 per person, \$350 per table) call (213) 680-3729.

Yukata and Happi workshop at Amerasia

LOS ANGELES—Amerasia Bookstore and Gallery will present "Yukata and Happi" workshops conducted by costume designer Rodney Kageyama, on June 26 and 27, 1-5 p.m., at 338 E. 2nd St. A \$15 registration fee is required, and participants should bring 7-8 yards of fabric and own sewing machine. For more info call (213) 680-2888.

EWP to present "Pilgrimage" June 24

LOS ANGELES—The East West Players will premiere "Pilgrimage", a play by Ed Sakamoto, on June 24 at 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. The play focuses on the diverse perspectives of Sansei and Yonsei characters as they view the personal stories of three Nisei, from the 1940s to the present. For ticket info call (213) 660-0366.



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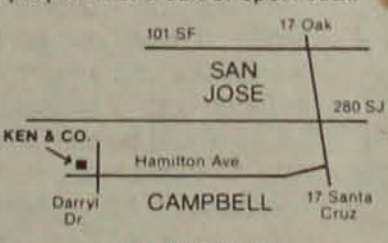
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JA groups join in disarmament rally

LOS ANGELES—Members of two Japanese American community organizations were among the 500 demonstrators who took part in a rally June 12 for nuclear disarmament at Exposition Park here. The Japanese Welfare Rights Organization and the Asian Pacific Americans for Nuclear Awareness had several representatives at the rally, which was organized by the Los Angeles Federation for Progress.

The rally took place in conjunction with the largest demonstration ever held in the U.S. in New York's Central Park where some 700,000 demonstrators converged.

Carol Hatanaka Ono, an executive board member of JWRO, was a co-emcee of the rally, which included musical entertainment and several speakers from various organizations here. Opening the program, Ono exclaimed, "We are here with the hundreds of thousands around the country and the millions around the world to say

that we want an end to the nuclear arms race and that we want funds redirected from the military to serve human needs!"

Jon Ichinaga, a member of Asian Pacific Americans for Nuclear Awareness, said to the rally, "To Asians the nuclear arms issue is very personal. It was the Japanese people of Hiroshima/Nagasaki who had the atomic bombs dropped on them, many of whom were family friends or relatives." Ichinaga went on to call for health benefits to American survivors (hibakusha), for an end to U.S. involvement in the arms race, and for the city-wide mobilization to commemorate Hiroshima/Nagasaki days, Aug. 6-9.

Ono, who is also the co-chair of the Federation for Progress, announced that this coalition of some 70 organizations here would convene a summer conference in order to plan for a fall campaign to impact the elections in November.

Noguchi sells shirts, stickers at Rose Bowl

PASADENA, Ca.—Former Los Angeles County Coroner Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi was among the many peddlers at the Rose Bowl's monthly Flea Market on June 13. He was on hand to autograph T-shirts and bumper stickers being sold to raise funds for his legal defense.

Noguchi, 55, will attempt to win back his position as chief medical examiner-coroner, which he lost through a demotion stemming from charges of misuse and mismanagement by the county Board of Supervisors. A Civil Service Commission hearing has been scheduled for July 6.

The T-shirts read "Noguchi—

Tell it like it is" and the bumper stickers say "Support your local coroner". Noguchi, while signing shirts and stickers for several buyers, said "I love it."

Dr. Mitsuo Inouye, chairman of Concerned Americans for Responsible Progress (CARP), announced June 15 that his group is contributing \$5,000 of the approximately \$10,000 in contributions received to date, to help ease Noguchi's mounting legal defense costs.

CARP will hold a community meeting June 28, 7:30 p.m., at the JACCC Bldg., to prepare for the hearings.

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He was chapter president in '72, district governor in '76, appointee to many national committees including the HQ building fund, scholarship, senior citizens-retirement, redress and currently chairing international relations. He is also treasurer of the Pan American Nikkei Assn. and won the district Arigato Award for his yeoman effort leading the JACL contingent to first Pan American Nikkei conference in Mexico City.

Concurrent with his work with JACL, the NASA behavioral scientist (his title: director, community relations) made a bid for the Palo Alto city council in 1978, serves on the United Way board and intercity council in Santa Clara County, and Deep Ocean Technology board of directors at the present time. He was on the Santa Clara county grand jury ('74), chaired the jury's aging and social services section; chaired ('76-'77) the Foothill College District Space Science Center advisory committee; and is active with the Marine Ecological Institute and Threshold Foundation.

A native of San Francisco, he was evacuated to Tanforan and Topaz, served as a flying officer with the U.S. Air Force after WW2, and graduated in psychology from UCLA. He also attended graduate school at UC Berkeley, holds two U.S. patents, won several honors including the Apollo Achievement Award ('70), technical brief awards ('75, '77, '79), and Japan science and technology fellowship ('74).

The Henry T. Tanaka Platform

JACL needs to increase significantly its young adult membership. The future of JACL must not be dependent upon the dwindling decrease in membership among the Nisei. To build this membership, JACL must take immediate steps to:

- 1—Prioritize its goals in order to be more responsive to the needs of young adults.
- 2—Coalesce with other Asian organizations in support of common concerns and interests.
- 3—Modify its organizational structure so that it is truly a functional national organization.
- 4—Become highly visible as an Asian human rights organization.
- 5—Seek and obtain special funds from other than the general membership.

The goals of JACL as revised by recent national councils are viable and appropriate to today's needs. The inability of JACL to mount a program to achieve these goals is not a reflection of weak commitment of its membership, but a lack of funds and high visibility. Governors serving on the national board are primarily interested in the assuring that regional interests are recognized and met. This is understandable. However, the national board is not infrequently influenced by these interests at the expense of promoting a national program because of funding limitations and priority needs.

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His wife Beth is Canadian-born, they have three daughters (Lori 24, Lisa 23, and Keri 15) and live in Palo Alto. Hobbies include enology, ceramics, wood work and collectibles.

Gene Lee Takamine, 35, is like the current VP/public affairs, a Sansei and an attorney. His service in JACL has just begun—having completed his first year as chapter president and currently on the PSWDC board as a director.

A native of Denver, where he attended school, he was graduated from the Univ. of Denver in '68, taught at Bear Creek High School in Jefferson County while completing his graduate studies in '70 at the same university. He then became a foreign service officer with the State Department in '71. He left the service to study law at Western State University, earning his degree in '76 and at the same time was headmaster at a private school in Los Angeles. He now practices law in Santa Ana where his fluency in Spanish is a professional plus.

Among the honors earned are his God & County Award and Eagle Scout pin (Min Yasui was his scoutmaster); Phi Alpha Theta, history honorary society; competing in the 1968 NCAA gymnastics championships; being selected to Operation Crossroads Africa, 1968, Ghana; and picked for the moot court competition in '76.

He and his wife Julie live in Fountain Valley and have two children, Jennifer 5 and Marc 3. Other interests include skiing, golf, fishing, tennis, backpacking, tournament bridge and cabinet-making. #

Letterbox

● Camp Reunions

Editor:

The 1982 National JACL Convention, the first to be held in the populous Los Angeles area, may be a golden opportunity to sponsor reunions for all ten relocation centers of World War II.

Setting aside hospitality areas for each camp is such a simple matter that it can be done in the ten weeks before the convention opens. Publicizing the meetings in regional Japanese American newspapers, especially in Southern California, should attract many former evacuees, who would like to renew old friendships.

The popularity of the few such meetings held in past years indicate that Nisei from other relocation centers would enjoy getting together again. Welcoming non-JACLers to attend may not only attract new members, but provide a reliable sounding board for the JACL redress strategy.

An all-center reunion should arouse much greater interest among the tens of thousands of "Quiet Americans" than all the high-sounding measures on typical convention agendas.

MAS ODOI
Torrance, Ca.

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June 19—San Francisco Commonwealth Club members favor immigration quota for Japanese by slim 798-770 vote, similar proposal in 1934 was defeated 713-364.

June 20—Utah Sen. Elbert Thomas appoints first Nisei (George Shibata) to enroll at U.S. Military Academy.

June 21—ACLU founder Roger Baldwin returns from Japan trip, tells conditions Nisei are facing to JACL president Hito Okada at Salt Lake City.

June 21—Utah Gov. Maw hails citizenship of Nikkei residents at JACL graduates dance held at Univ. of Utah Union Bldg.

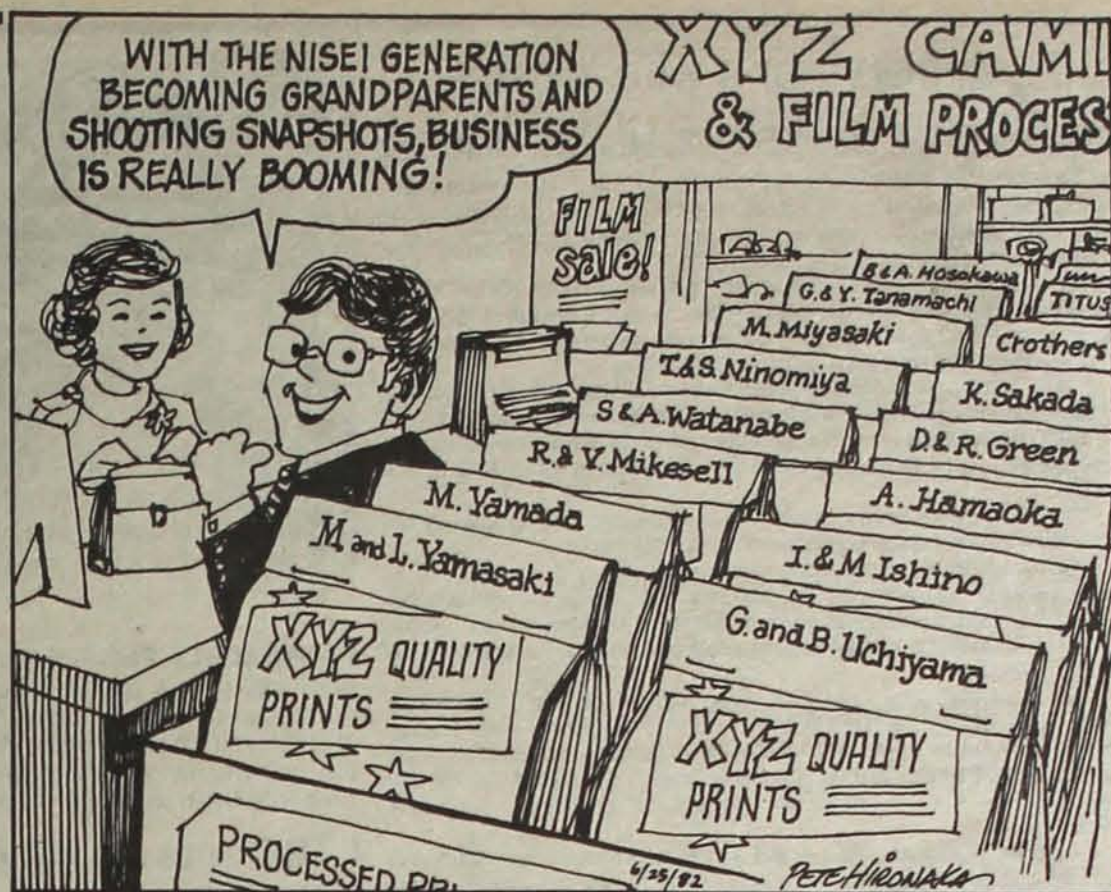
June 21—Calif. Attorney General Fred Howser asked by JACL to withhold further prosecution of alien land cases, 60 now pending seen as "legal bigotry" by JACL's Joe Grant Masaoka; Assembly bill striking out budget for enforcement of law passed by ways & means committee lauded... Civil Rights Defense Union, Nikkei group fighting escheat cases, backs Kanekichi case in Fresno.

June 21—Four chapters (New York, Seabrook, Philadelphia, Washington DC) form Eastern District Council; Tom Hayashi, N.Y., elected chair.

June 22—Former Japanese Student Clubhouse (Berkeley) members vote (104-22) to reopen house; used as co-op dormitory since Evacuation; Japanese Women Students Clubhouse to reopen with summer session.

June 23—House Judiciary reports out HR3566, stay of deportation bill involving 2,000 Issei; JACL had sought relief for resident aliens.

June 23—Tomoya Kawakita arraigned on treason before U.S.



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

Waiting for The 'Empty Nest' Syndrome

Salt Lake City
My son stopped in at the house this morning on his way to work. He came for no particular reason. It seems only a short time ago that I greeted his visits with, "Now, what do you need?" For invariably, he needed something. He borrowed books or money. He helped himself to things from the pantry or freezer, boasting he hadn't been inside a grocery store for weeks. It was the same way when he telephoned, he needed something. Occasionally, it was dinner when he was sick in bed. Or he wanted me to research a word, a quotation or an author. There was also the time he paid the veterinary fees and exorbitant hospitalization costs for a dog struck by another car. "What else could I do?" It had wiped out his slim bank balance and we rushed down to replenish his cash. Often, he would be at the house when we returned from an errand. My husband, who is only a father, wondered what our son was doing here. I had the standard reply, "Trouble." Generally, it was car trouble, which meant he had to borrow one of ours while his went into the shop.

It is an indication of progress that he stops by for no particular reason. That he telephones, not only when he needs anything, but because he is sometimes bored. I haven't quite figured that one out. When I pick up the receiver, out of habit I ask, "What do you need?" Or, "What's the matter?" He laughs and says, "I was just bored." I tell him I would like that luxury, of being bored for even an hour. I probably wouldn't like it, but it would be nice to have the opportunity to experience it. When I offer my solutions for killing boredom, my son decides he is not that bored. He finds nothing intriguing about pulling weeds or cleaning the ditch or hacking the growth from the glen. I imagine he is relieved we no longer depend on him to help with the yardwork. His father, on the other hand, has had to relearn to mow a lawn. The lawn doesn't look as nice as when our son lived here. He used to do it twice a week

to satisfy his father's firm requirements. Now that my husband has to mow it himself the standards have declined considerably.

There have been other changes in the house. The kitchen is cleaned at a decent hour. My son's hours were variable and dinner never seemed to be over. We can bathe at whatever hour without hearing him holler up the stairs that it interferes with his showers. There is no extra car parked in the driveway. Only the mud that he hasn't learned to hose away after coming to wash his car. I no longer have to straighten the library cupboards, sorting *Playboy* and *Penthouse* magazines in chronological order. There is no more rearranging of his closets, hanging trousers at the same length or shirts by type and color. My labors were unappreciated anyway. "Why did you mess up everything? I can't find a thing." The dog and I no longer wait up for him, particularly on stormy nights. My son knows my worrying ways and calls when he gets home. When he plans to spend the night in Park City, he leaves names and phone numbers where he can be reached. These are new considerations.

According to some authoritative sources, the departure of a child from home is one of the crises in a woman's life. It is described as the "empty nest" syndrome. A year has quickly passed since our son established his separate residence and I have been waiting for some of the symptoms to strike. Perhaps I am being customarily contrary, but I have found an immeasurable pleasure in the change. My son also likes it fine. Just the other week, he brought some new friends of his to the house for us to meet. Afterwards, it occurred to me that I had never done that, taken new friends to the family house for my parents to meet. And I also remembered that often my visits home were guilt trips. In this age of lament for the old ways, I think some changes are an improvement. Like having a son who drops by or keeps in touch by phone for no particular reason. #

Dist. Court Judge William C. Mathes, Los Angeles.

June 24—House Judiciary reports out HR2768, Evacuation Claims Commission bill, but amended to shift administration from Interior to Justice Dept.; similar to Senate version of 79th Congress providing three-man claims commission to adjudicate certain losses by evacuees.

June 24—Congress passes

HR1318, private bill granting permanent resident status to Fuku Kurokawa Thurn, Philadelphia, widow of American engineer who had entered the U.S. in 1937 from Switzerland where her husband had died; promoted U.S. war efforts and assisted evacuees during WW2. (This was the first private bill affecting a person of Japanese ancestry to be passed since the war.)

● Religion

Rev. Dennis Myoken Yoshikawa, associate minister of the Gardena Buddhist Church, will leave for a new assignment in Japan on June 24, assuming the position of minister at Kyoto's Chogen-ji. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yoshikawa of Los Angeles, was born in Denver, Colo. and was ordained in 1977 after attending Central Buddhist Academy in Kyoto.



The Remarkable Shimasaki Family Cookbook

Denver, Colo.

There probably wasn't a great deal to distinguish the life of Kurazo Ideta from that of scores, maybe hundreds, of young Japanese who immigrated to the United States in the early years of the century. In time he took a wife, Hatsu Shimasaki. The first time he saw her was when she arrived in the United States to be married; she was a picture bride and her husband-to-be had been chosen for her by go-betweens.

Ideta accepted another Japanese custom. Because there were no sons in Hatsu Shimasaki's family, Ideta took her surname as his own. The two labored together on farms in the heat and cold of the Fresno area, working diligently in an effort to make ends meet. Sometimes they share-cropped, sometimes they rented land, and for a while Kurazo was a farm labor contractor with his wife cooking for the men.

But their most successful crop was their children, and this if anything distinguished them. They reared eight fine youngsters, beginning with Tom who was born in 1915. He was followed by Ira, Atsuko, Fred, Sam, Rinko, Walter, and finally Joe in 1932.

Kurazo and Hatsu went to their reward long ago. Their eight children are scattered to all parts of the nation, largely the result of the Evacuation. Tom is an insurance agent in Lindsay, Ca. Ira, who lived for many years in Bethesda, Md., runs a gift shop in Burbank, Ca. Atsuko Shimasaki Kusada is a high school librarian in Madison, Wisc. Fred is a pharmacist in San Leandro, Ca. Sam is a supervisor in a book bindery in Chicago. Rinko Shimasaki Enosaki is a welfare case aide in Harrisonburg, Va. Walter is an oral surgeon in Eureka, Ca. Joe is a pharmacist in Porterville, Ca.

They married, had children and grandchildren, and managed to keep in touch. A year ago last winter, Rinko's daughter, Eileen Enosaki Magruder, received an envelope filled with magazine clippings from her aunt Marge, Sam's wife. Some of the clippings suggested spare-time projects that bored housewives could take up, which was something of a laugh because Eileen has her hands full with a husband and two sons. One clipping proposed a family cookbook, and Marge had written in the margin: "Eileen, how's about starting a Shimasaki family cookbook."

That was enough to get Eileen started. Now she has put together not only a cookbook of favorite Shimasaki recipes, but a Shimasaki family history with each of the eight offspring of Kurazo and Hatsu contributing their

recollections of what it had been like to grow up as a Nisei in rural central California in the 20s and 30s. Eileen gathered all the material by mail, typed the manuscript, persuaded her brother Ted to make some sketches, and had the whole shebang printed in a 210-page booklet titled "The Shimasaki Family Cookbook".

Rinko favored me with a copy, explaining: "This book is not meant to be a polished product or a commercial venture. It was written by each of us in the family, for the family, and I say it is a product of love."

It is difficult to say which part of the booklet, the recipes or the recollections, are the more interesting. The recipes reflect broad ethnic tastes, from Grandma Shimasaki's croquettes to linguini and clam sauce to rice the way Papa cooked it. There's even a pickles and relish section with Atsuko Kusada contributing a recipe for home-made "takuwan" which begins: "Slice 17 lbs. white daikon radishes."

The personal recollections reflect a warm, loving family atmosphere even though Tom and Ira as little kids nearly burned down the farmhouse while playing with matches. Kurazo drank too much on occasion, but the children remember him bringing home cookies after selling his truck crops in town, and recall the pleasure of accompanying him to market and eating real restaurant meals. They remember how their mother read to them, and how she skimmed to clothe and educate them.

The Shimasaki cookbook is a remarkable document which certainly will be treasured by every member of the family. But more than that, it is an important addition to the literature of our people. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

A Matter of Choice and Action

Philadelphia

DOING SOME THINKING the other day, I wondered how important the Nisei would view the prospect of having a Nisei elected to the United

States Senate. Would it be sufficiently important that they would dig, deep if necessary, to provide the all-important finances necessary to run a successful campaign? Would they be willing to provide volunteer labor? Would they care enough to do something meaningful toward promoting much-needed understanding among our citizenry, including these with political power in Washington? If there had been a Nisei senator or two in Washington, D.C. back in the early '40s, would there have been the uprooting and incarceration of our Issei and their offspring?

UP FOR RE-ELECTION this year are some 50 U.S. Senators, including the warmly engaging Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga from the State of Hawaii. The first time I glimpsed the senator-to-be was in Ft. Snelling where I was a PFC and he was wearing bars on his shoulders, a veteran of the 442nd. "Sparky" was on a mission of visiting various parts of our land, promoting the message of racial understanding toward the Issei and Nisei. The last time I saw the Senator was the last JACL affair I attended in Washington, D.C. Over the years, the Senator has been tremendously generous with his time, attending JACL affairs. I've always been impressed by that.

ACCORDING TO A rating of the U.S. Senators up for re-election (reported in U.S. News & World Report), the following is the rundown on incumbent senators from those states with JACL chapters. Although the tabulation of votes from some eleven lobby groups is listed, we shall pick only the first two. AFL-CIO and Chamber of Commerce of U.S.A. The percentage ratings are as follows:

	AFL-CIO	Chamber
Cannon (D-Nev.)	69	45
DeConcini (D-Ariz.)	50	53
Durenberger (R-Minn.)	26	72
Hatch (R-Utah)	11	100
Heinz (R-Pa.)	61	71
Jackson (D-Wash.)	89	33
Kennedy (D-Mass.)	94	6
Matsunaga (D-Hawaii)	83	44
Metzenbaum (D-Ohio)	94	7
Moynihan (D-N.Y.)	94	33
Proxmire (D-Wis.)	32	61
Riegle (D-Mich.)	89	22
Sarbanes (D-Md.)	95	11
Zorinsky (D-Nebr.)	26	78

FROM WHAT LITTLE I comprehend about elections, I understand that it is important, first, to win, and right behind that is to "win big". The greater the margin of victory, the greater the political clout that the victor will possess with which to have greater leverage in promoting the welfare of the people.

AND SO THE question remains: how important is it to you, and do you care enough to do something about it? For the future of your offspring, and, for that matter, the offspring of all Americans? It is up to you. #



MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi

'Go For Broke'

People tell me that the organizational motto, "Better Americans in a Greater America" is held sacred in parts of the organization. Without discounting that, I need to profess that I have a fondness for the veterans' "Go

For Broke" slogan. It jumps a little more.

I should confess that there is another underlying bias in my affection for the term. Ten years back, I worked with a youth group that called itself, Go For Broke. At the time, the group, myself included, selected the name because we knew that it had some relationship to the Japanese American experience, but mostly, the sentiment that is expressed was much more pro-active.

Having shed some of my previous identity over the past year by moving out of Los Angeles, a good portion of my exposure this past year was related to veterans activities. The "Go For Broke" exhibit opened up in San Francisco's Presidio Army museum, and the curator, Eric Saul, gave me full indoctrination to the 100/442/MIS story. The Nisei veterans can't tell the story the same way as Eric.

Nisei Vets were the guys in the funny hats that operated the baseball pitch or the dime toss at Nisei Week Carnivals. They were the closest thing to rowdy that Nisei ever allowed Sansei to see. The Vets were more earthy types by their dress and language.

I'm beginning to see them as a special part of our history. Not just history; they're a special part of our future. The case for Redress is greatly strengthened by

1982 Convention Corner:

Letters for Wakamatsu

Chicago
JACL's "Tribute to Shig Wakamatsu" will be held in conjunction with the Awards Luncheon at the 27th Biennial Convention on August 11, 1982, in Los Angeles. At that time, a collection of personal letters to Shig will be presented to him in the form of a remembrance scrapbook.

The Chicago Committee for the Tribute invites all JACL members, near and far, to participate in this effort. If you wish to send Shig a special note honoring this occasion, please address your letter to him and send it to:

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Aging/Retirement: Dr. Michael Ego



Job Ahead

The agenda for the Aging and Retirement Committee meeting held in San Francisco on May 21-22 was developed by utilizing the input and expertise of the eight committee members and the members of the Technical Advisory Committee. Our first task was to identify the role of JACL in addressing the issue of Nikkei aging and retirement. Some members believed that JACL should be a facilitator in providing programs to the membership. Some others felt that JACL could serve as a clearinghouse for those seeking information about services and programs. And, others felt that JACL should be an active part of the social service system in providing direct services to the Nikkei community.

We attempted to isolate the current gaps in responding to the needs of the membership. After brainstorming for awhile, the committee was able to identify the obstacle which has created the frustrations and disappointments experienced by the membership. The situation that needed to be ameliorated was the fact that most of the leaders of JACL at the chapter, district and national levels were all unaware of the importance of aging and retirement issues.

The main question that the committee asked was: How can the JACL leadership continue to ignore the fact that \$18,226 was contributed to the Aging and Retirement program by the membership? The committee concluded that the membership was ready to receive programs provided by the JACL but we needed to first educate the people who represent the membership and who will be making some important decisions for the coming biennium and for the future.

In the next report, an outline for action developed by the Aging and Retirement will be presented.

Here is the Agenda of the Committee Meeting, May 22, 1982 at San Francisco for the record.

Saturday, May 22

8 a.m.—Orientation to procedures of meeting
History of JACL Aging and Retirement Committee

Role/Function of JACL Aging and Retirement Committee: (1) Service provider, (2) Facilitator of programs/services in district/local areas (3) Clearinghouse for information about aging and retirement.

10 a.m.—Priority Issues—Sharing of District Feedback. Identified concerns: estate problems of farmers, difference of needs between city and rural residents, differences of needs between Issei and Nisei on nursing homes, role of recreation centers for the J-A population, coping with distances in the rural community, provision of service centers, disseminating information to membership, emotional well-being of retirees, pre and post retirement programs, part-time retirement, recreational pursuits, widows groups.

12—(Lunch served concurrently with meeting). Results of the needs assessment surveys from various areas and its implications to priority issues discussed earlier.

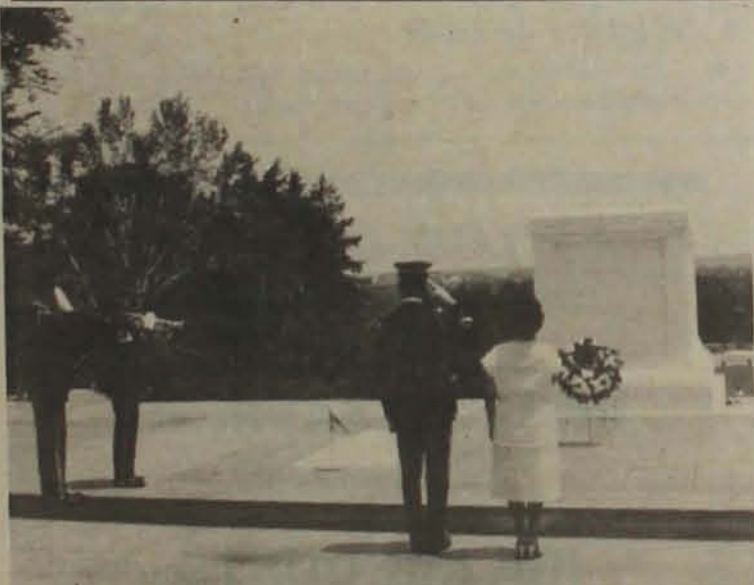
Identification of programs and services to be delivered to the membership: (1) Discussion of current financial status of committee, (2) Future ways and means efforts to raise funds, (3) Involvement of chapters and districts.

2:30 p.m.—Policy statement/recommendations to be developed for submittal to National Board.

4 p.m.—National Convention workshop: (1) Involvement of Aging and Retirement Committee, (2) Leisure Education workshop or other focus?

5 p.m.—Adjournment
JACL - AGING & RETIREMENT FUND
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Four Months Ended April 30, 1982

Contributions	\$18,226
Expenses:	
Printing	\$1,301
Bulk Mailing	1,475
Secretarial time	1,356
Postage	134
Travel	291
Total Expenses	4,557
Fund Balance	
April 30, 1982	\$13,669



JACL WREATH PRESENTATION—The National JACL wreath is presented at the Tomb of the Unknown on Memorial Day, a tradition which goes back some 30 years when the first Nisei GIs were buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Facing the tomb at attention while Taps is being played by the bugler are the honor guard and nat'l JACL vice president Lily Okura (at right), who laid the wreath for the second year. #

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Arizona: 21-Roy S Moriuchi.
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Chicago: 9-Willie Aki, 2-Tadayoshi Ishizuka, 6-Morris Kawamoto, 1-Dr Glenn Murakami, 13-Hiromu Nishi, 33-Hirao S Sakurada, 19-Henry Terada.
Contra Costa: 2-Toshio Yamashita.
Detroit: 9-Charles Campbell.
Diablo Valley: 6-Dorothy Togasaki, 3-Kiyoshi Togasaki.
Downtown Los Angeles: 34-George T Aratani*, 32-Tats Kishida, 24-Saku Shirakawa, 26-Jerry S Ushijima.
East Los Angeles: 2-James Imaoka.
Fremont: 11-Joseph Toi.
Fresno: 8-Fusayo Fujimura, 5-Tetsuo Shigyo.
Gardena Valley: 1-K Akitomo, 2-Leeroy Gilpin, 21-Dr William M Jow, 22-James N Kunibe, 17-Henry M Nagahori*, 2-Kazumi Watanabe, 8-Dr Hideo Yamane, 12-Tokiyu Yamaguchi, 30-Frank M Yonemura.
Gilroy: 2-Mamoru Nakao.
Livingston-Merced: 27-Frank Shoji.
Mile-Hi: 24-Samuel Kumagai*.
Milwaukee: 4-Yoko D Gochinas*, 12-Henry K Kanazawa.
Mount Olympus: 10-Huch Aoki.

West Valley JACL scholars selected

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Two high school seniors were awarded \$500 Scholarships by the West Valley JACL. They are:

John Murai, son of Aron and Fumi Murai, Lynbrook High School, plans to attend UC Berkeley in business administration. John is an accomplished cellist, an Eagle Scout, and a National Merit Scholarship Finalist.

Richard Kawaguchi, son of Makato and Mae Kawaguchi, Homestead High School, will enter UC Davis as an engineering major. Richard has been active in the Tri-City Assoc. basketball team and the Mountain View YBA.

Yasui addresses Honolulu JACL

HONOLULU—Min Yasui, national JACL redress committee chair, was guest speaker at the Honolulu JACL dinner meeting June 8 at the Flamingo Chuckwagon. He was here also to address the Ethnic Studies Program at the Univ. of Hawaii.

Honolulu JACL's activities with respect to educating the general public on redress included an essay contest open to all eighth grade students attending public school. With the ACLU as co-sponsors, the chapter donated \$200 for the five best essays with awards made May 17 at the Honolulu office of U.S. Sen. Spark Matsunaga. First prize (\$100) was presented to Carolyn Malalis, Aiea Intermediate School. Honorable mention awards went to Jana Ireijo, Iao (Maui) School; Kimberly Naholo-holo, Ty Kajimoto, Koloa (Kauai) School; and Alice Inouye, Kauai High.

Judging the essays were Bishop Yoshiaki Fujitani, Honpa Hongwanji Mission Hawaii; Fuku Tsukiyama, former director of volunteers for Kuakini Medical Center and former Poston internee; and Dr. Dennis Ogawa, professor of American Studies, UH-Manoa. #

Florin JACL slates

benefit dance Sept. 11

SACRAMENTO—A scholarship fund benefit dance for the Florin Chapter JACL will be held at the Florin Buddhist Hall on Saturday, Sept. 11, featuring popular music maker "Henry and Peter". James Abe will be the general dance chairman for this huge event. For more info call president William Kashiwagi (916) 635-2815. #

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West Los Angeles: 27-Ben M Nishimoto, 11-Dr George M Sakai, 2-Kiyoko Tatsui.
West Valley: 2-David Nakamura.
National: 6-Monterey Park Travel*.

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NEW STICK PIN—For the 1000 Club milady is a newly designed stick pin which has the 1000 Club logo and to be given to women who join for the first time. Others may purchase it from National Headquarters for \$10. Picture shows Vernon Yoshioka, national v.p. for membership and service, making the initial presentation of the pin May 22 during a National Board meeting break to Em Nakadoi (Omaha) and Lily Okura (Washington, D.C.) who are among women with the longest continuous 1000 Club membership. June T. Fujita (Clovis) is also being sent the pin. #

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Over 30 records set

HAYWARD, Ca.—Thirty-three records were set at the 30th annual NCWNPDC Jr. Olympics held June 6 here at Chabot College as some 360 athletes participated under blue skies. San Mateo JYO, which will handle the Jr. Olympics next year, also retired the district perpetual trophy by amassing the most points in all divisions since the 1980 meet.

On the Jr. Olympics committee this year were Motonori Yamamoto, general chair, assisted by:

Jay Sasagawa, Moto Yamamoto, meet directors; Howard Yamamoto, clerk of the course; Kevin Ragan, Jim Morrison, Bruce Anthony, starters; Steve Okamoto, announcer; Keiko Yamamoto, scorer; Contra Costa JACL, manpower recruitment; Associates, material/supplies; Troop 12, numbers; Steve Okamoto, fund-raising; Berkeley JACL, programs; David Tom, typesetting-printing.

The summaries (Outstanding athletes were reported in last week's PC):

MEN'S AYE DIVISION

100—Gene Cha (SFA), N Yee (Sac VFW), G Hsiao (SFA), 10.25s.
220—Rob Sasaki (SJ), G Cha (SFA), Dennis Sasaki (L), 24.08s.
440—Norman Yee (Sac VFW), Martin Toyama (Sac VFW), Andy Nishida (B), 52.0s.

880—Gregory Char (Con), Doug Aoyagi (B), Brian Sasaki (Tr), 2m1.83s. (New record. Old mark 2:02.6 by John Toki, Ber, 1973.)

MILE—Doug Aoyagi (B), Ken Bince (Sac VFW), G Char (Con), 4m43.05s.

2-MILE—Terrance Shimada (SJ), Phil Nakashima (SM), Em Imura (Seq), 10m17.49s. (New record. Old mark 10m21.32 by T Shimada, SJ, 1981.)

120HH—Jeff Una'Dia (SJ), A Nishida (B), 15.83s. (New record. Old mark 16.27 by Tom Kuwada, SJ, 1981.)

330LH—Tie/1st Martin Toyama (Sac VFW)/R Sasaki (SJ), A Nishida (B), 40.68s.

440 RELAY—S.F. Associates, Sac. VFW, Sequoia, 45.69s.

MILE RELAY—Contra Costa, S.F. Assoc, Sac VFW, 3m36.7s. (New record. Old mark 3m45.1, Contra Costa 1980.)

LJ—Clayton Woo (Con), John Fukuda (SFA), John Murali (SJ), 21ft-8½.

TJ—Clayton Woo (Con), Cletus Woo (Con), J Murali (SJ), 42ft-9.

HJ—Craig Adachi (Con), G Chin (Seq), D Paras (SM), 6ft-2. (New record. Old mark 6-1½ by Jim Nishinaka, So-Cal, 1977.)

SP—Craig Fong (Con), Kel Yamada (Con), Herb Yamasaki (SJ), 51ft-5.

PV—Robert Sanchez (Dia), Philip Sanchez (Dia), 14ft.

TEAM SCORES—Contra Costa 76, S.F. Associates 44, San Jose 44, Sac'to VFW 40, Berkeley 20, San Mateo 18, Diablo Vly 16, Sequoia 10, Lodi 2, Tri-City 2.

MEN'S "B"

100—Bruce Furukawa (SM), 10.58; Wes Shimabuku (SM), Henry Ohara (SM).

220—Wes Shimabuku (SM), 23.97; H Ohara (SM) Bruce Kikugawa (Seq). (Old mark: 24.3, Norman Yee, Sac, 1980.)

440—David Fukuda (SFA), 55.1; B Kikunaga (Seq), Danny Fong (Lod).

880—Robert Chuck (Sto), 2:11.61; Mitchell Kumagai (Seq), Terrance Shimada (SJ).

MILE—Terrance Shimada (SJ), 4:51.59; R Chuck (Sto), Phil Nakashima (SM).

70HH—James Fuji (Sto) 10.86; Richard Hashimoto (SM).

330 LH—Dave Fukuda (Assoc), 42.12; Steve Adachi (CC); R Hashimoto (SM).

440 RELAY—San Mateo, 46.2; Sequoia, Tri-City.

MILE RELAY—Stockton, 3:55.6; Sequoia, Tri-City.

TJ—Bruce Furukawa (SM), 43'4¼"; Gary Miura (SJ), Jeff Kajisa (SM). (Old mark: 41'1¼", Anthony Lum, Con, 1980.)

LJ—Bruce Furukawa (SM), 20'9½"; D Fukuda (Assoc), H Ohara (SM).

HJ—Gary Otonari (SM) 5'2"; Alex Soto (Seq), Keith Chow (Tr).

PV—Mike Abe (Tri-C), 12'6"; A Soto (Seq). (Old mark: 11'6", Mike Abe, Tri-C, 1981.)

SP—Eric Yamasaki (SJ), 49'7½"; Doug Togioka (Assoc), Glenn Fujitani (Seq).

TEAM SCORES—San Mateo 90, Sequoia 44, Stockton 38, S.F. Associates 32, San Jose 28, Tri-City 16, Contra Costa 6, Lodi 2.

MEN'S "C"

LJ—Ryan Horn (SJ), 17'4½"; M Fukuda (Assoc); P Yasuda (Tr).

HJ—Terrance Chin (Seq), 5'4¼"; Anthony Gintee (SM), Ken Bockholt (Seq). (Old mark: 5'4¼", Jason Kamimori, 1981.)

50—Paul Yasuda (Tri-C), 5.86; R Horn (SJ), R Hashimoto (SM). (Old mark: 5.9s, Bruce Furukawa, SM, 1980.)

100—David Nakamura (SJ), 10.93; P Yasuda (Tri-C), R Hashimoto (SM).

220—David Nakamura (SJ), 25.39; R Hashimoto (SM), Naga Yano (Tri-C). (Old mark: 25.6, Paul Dajo, Assoc, 1981.)

440—Mike Kim (SJ), 59.38; Roland Tam (Assoc), Kurt Yoshi (Con).

880—Mike Kim (SJ), 2:13.8 (new event); K Yoshi (Con), John Chan (SM).

440 RELAY—West Valley, 51.74; San Mateo, Tri-City.

TEAM SCORES—San Jose 48, Tri-City 48, San Mateo 22, Associates 12, Sequoia 12, Contra Costa 8.

MEN'S "D"

LJ—Brian Yamabe (Assoc), 13'8½"; Devin Fernandez (Ber), M Furukawa (SM).

HJ—Kevin Nakai (Seq), 4'4"; Doug Endo (Seq).

S'ball Throw—Jeffrey Quock (Tr 12), 136'3" (new event); Craig Wong (Con), Richard Wong (Tr 12).

50—Michael Furukawa (SM), 6.77; Michael Yagi (SM), Michael Ide (Tr 12).

100—Michael Yagi (SM), 12.54; M Ide (SM), Don Tanaka (Tr).

220—Brian Yamabe (Assoc), 31.57; Rod Nakamura (Fre); Kirk Yoshida (Fre).

440—Rod Nakamura (Fre), 1:15.35; C Wong (Con), Tom Onoyama (Lod).

440 RELAY—San Mateo, 58.77; Tri-City; Sequoia.

TEAM SCORES—San Mateo 40, Trp-12 20, S.F. Associates 20, Sequoia 20, Fremont 18, Contra Costa 12, Tri-City 10, Berkeley 6, Lodi 2.

SPECIAL "E"

LJ—Christina Quon (Fre), 10'4½"; Jean Chan (Fre), Nathan Oshidari (SJ).

50—Jason Nakai (Assoc), 7.1; Wade Nakamura (Ber); Sean Nakamura (Ber).

100—Jason Nakai (Assoc) 13.87; Terri Mori (Assoc), Sean Nakamura (Ber).

440 RELAY—Berkeley, 1:05.16; Fremont, San Jose. (Old mark: 1:05.3, San Mateo, 1980.)

S'ball Throw—Wade Nakamura (Ber), 104'4" (new event); R Yoshida (Fre), T Kiyota (Assoc).

TEAM SCORES—Berkeley 32, Fremont 30, Associates 28, San Jose 6.

WOMEN'S "A"

LJ—LeeAnn Sera (SJ), 15'11¼"; Michelle Hong (Con), Marnie Seid (Seq).

HJ—Beverlee Tkachenko (SM), 5'00"; A Lee (SJ), Lisa Ikuma (SM). (Old mark: 4'7¼", B Tkachenko, SM, 1981.)

SP—Kate Van Egan (SJ), 30'9" (new event); M Hong (Con), Ann Yamaguchi (SJ).

100—Kerry Oh (Con), 12.04; M Seid (Seq), Linda Sakurai (Con).

220—Marnie Seid (Seq), 29.0; L Sakurai (CC), Kimberly Hiura (Seq).

440—Kelly Bungo (SJ), 1:04.05; K Oh (Con), Diane Kajikami (SM). (Old mark: 1:06, B Tkachenko, SM, 1981.)

880—Kate Van Egan (SJ), 2:25.83; K Bungo (SJ), D Kajikami (SM). (Old mark: 2:33.4, Laurie Nakaso, Con, 1979.)

MILE—Kelly Bungo (SJ), Carrie Kubokawa (Seq), Kathleen Sawamura (SM).

2-MILE—Bonnie Lee (VFW), 14:43.79 (new event); Kris Hamamoto (Seq).

110 LH—Beverlee Tkachenko (SM), 16.91 (new event); Michelle Sasaki (Lod), Helen Yamasaki (Seq).

440 RELAY—Contra Costa 54.55; Sequoia, Tri-City.

MILE RELAY—San Jose, 4:40.17 (new event); San Mateo, Sequoia.

TEAM SCORES—San Jose 76; Contra Costa 48, Sequoia 46, San Mateo 36, Sacramento VFW 10, Lodi 6, Tri-City 4.

WOMEN'S "B"

LJ—Michelle Fanner (Con), 16'5"; Michelle Shoji (SJ), Jeanine Kinaga (SJ). (Old mark: 15'11", Annette Yamashita, SM, 1980.)

HJ—Lori Kozuki (Assoc) 4'5¼"; Donna Kwong (Tr), Linda Nakamoto (Tr). (Old mark: 3'9", Kathleen Sawamura, SM, 1980.)

50—Michelle Fanner (Con), 6.45; Ginger Mochida (SM), Terri Hirotsu (Tr).

100—Michelle Fanner (Con), 11.9; Ginger Mochida (SM), Terri Hirotsu (Tr).

220—Ginger Mochida (SM), 31.13; Liane Yamamoto (Assoc), Shari Yoshihara (SM).

440—Tina Sato (Fre), 1:11.36; Darlene Nishijima (SJ); Teresa Poy (Con).

880—Tina Sato (Fre), 2:50.2 (new event); Carrie Abe (Tr), Tracey Uyesugi (OC).

440 RELAY—Sequoia 1:00.25; San Jose, Contra Costa.

TEAM SCORES—Contra Costa 36, San Mateo 26, San Jose 22, Fremont 20, Tri-City 18, Associates 16.

WOMEN'S "C"

LJ—Stacey Mayeda (Assoc), 13'7"; Lani Hirota (Tri-C), Akemi Hata (Assoc).

(Old mark: 13'¾", S Mayeda, Assoc, 1981.)

HJ—Lani Hirota (Tr), 4'4"; Kathleen Yoshihara (SM), Lori Bockholt (Seq).

S'ball Throw—Caroline Hew (Seq), 147'7" (new event); A Hata (Assoc), Kelly Hayashi (Seq).

50—Ellen Sasaki (Tr), 6.86; Lisa Nakamura (Ber); A Hata (Assoc).

100—Lisa Nakamura (Ber), 13.03; Ellen Sasaki (Tri-C), Julie Nixon (Seq). (Old mark: 13.35, L Nakamura, Ber, 1981.)

220—Stacey Mayeda, 29.98; Venecia Abe (Tr); Enn Yasukochi (Assoc). (Old mark: 30.81, S Mayeda, Assoc, 1981.)

440—Erin Yasukochi (Assoc), 1:13.97; Rina Sasaki (Tri-City) Julie Nixon (Seq).

440 RELAY—Tri-City, 59.6; S.F. Associates, Berkeley. (Old mark: 1:01.44, Associates, 1981.)

S'ball Throw—Caroline Hirota (Tr), 147'7"; Akemi Hata (Assoc), Kelly Hayashi (Seq).

TEAM SCORES—Tri-City 56, S.F. Associates 50, Berkeley 20, Sequoia 18, San Mateo 6.

UNOFFICIAL AGGREGATE SCORES (Based on 10-6-2 events, 12-8-4 relays)

San Jose 224, S.F. Associates 202, San Mateo 198, Contra Costa 186, Tri-City 154, Sequoia 134, Berkeley 122, Fremont 68, Sacramento VFW 50, Stockton 38, Troop-12, 20, Diablo Valley 16, Lodi 12.

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If elected, I shall devote full attention to mounting a highly visible JACL, thereby making it known to the public-at-large our interests and concerns. This is paramount if we are to seek financial support from other than the general membership. The public is unaware of the activities and interests of JACL. As vice president responsible for JACL's public affairs activities, I have intimate knowledge and experience in JACL's current involvement with redress, human rights, legislative activities, its participation with other ethnic and civic groups and its involvement with the mass media.

The collective efforts of all JACL entities and its diversified membership are essential for the achievement of common goals. If elected, I shall devote my energies and time to facilitate these efforts. Furthermore, I feel it is highly important to work with the assigned leadership of JACL. To me, the process of decision-making by consensus must be respected. #

The Gene Takamine Platform

I. The goals of this candidate are as follows:

A. To maintain JACL as an effective advocating civil rights organization for the Japanese American.

B. To increase revenues from increasing membership through an active Nisei recruitment of Sansei and Yonsei members.

C. To maintain a strong legislative and media vigil on both the state and national level for violations of civil rights or acts of discrimination toward Japanese Americans.

D. To improve the public image of the Japanese American through use of media and on the job promotion.

II. Position Statement

In meeting the requirements of the office of Public Affairs which includes Redress, Foreign Affairs and Job Discrimination, I think that my background in the law and the foreign service provides a combination that meets both the legal and diplomatic aspects of the job of Public Affairs. Presently, JACL is establishing its long-range approach to redress which includes knowledge of the scene in Washington and the legislative process. Secondly, present dealings in countries south of the border by JACL require a Spanish-speaking advocate. Thirdly, job discrimination clearly requires a legal background to deal with the courts and the media.

The Charles C. Kubokawa Platform

There comes a time in everyone's life when certain decisions must be made with regard to what that person wants to do for the benefit of his community. I have been involved in areas where the Nikkei community know little about my activities with the local community. A separation on my part from the majority Caucasian community has been slowly taking place to where my activities dealing with JACL have started taking precedence. There are two reasons for this action: (1) What I have learned and experienced serving the local communities can be applied to and help in enhancing our JACL Organization. (2) To do the best job for any organization one must devote many hours of one's personal time. Was I willing to do just that for the National JACL Organization? After considerable thought, because I have too much of an emotional tie with JACL, I have decided that I can and will do a good job for JACL, in mind, spirit, and physical effort.

People do things for need, greed, or deed. My concern involves all three aspects and I know I can contribute in every way. There is a need for our organization to grow in membership along with long range JACL programs and goals which will excite prospective individuals to join with pride and continually support the long term goals through the years. These new members along with those of us who have been serving with dedica-

tion, cause, and unselfishness for the future of the Nikkei generations must be made to realize that without JACL, we would be without any national Nikkei clout which makes things happen in the United States. There is also a need to provide innovative ways which will make JACL membership increase and function smoothly as an united organization seeking help and advice from those outside of the Nikkei community.

Greed, is something that never entered my mind. If there is, I am greedy for the Nikkei and JACL, and desire to work towards unity of our Nikkei community disregarding internal politics, individual gains and side issues not germane to the progress of JACL. We must all work together as a team so that all of us along with others of different ethnic background will achieve parity first as human beings.

As far as deed is concerned, I want to help administer, provide and share my accumulated expertise and resources of information and contacts for reaching an acceptable, just, and workable approach to what is best for our organization with increased vigor, "for the benefit of our future Nikkei generations". I have sat along with those of our past national boards, national councils, district councils and chapter levels to continually learn and experience what has taken place, is taking place, and should take place in the future.

Experience is the best teacher and I intend to use my past experiential resource to continue building onto the greatness of our organization. I have worked in, am working with, and in the future intend to support the areas of aging and retirement, Redress, International-Relations, Building Fund, and starting of new chapters for JACL.

At this very crucial period of our organization we are at a downturn in membership. Continuity in our crucial programs must be kept. innovative programs, ideas, and activities must be generated to spark and energize those who are just members to become active and take part in making JACL a more involved, unified, viable, active and nationally recognized organization.

I, therefore, propose that the newly elected JACL officials start taking positive action on having the President of our country consider appointing a Nikkei onto the Supreme Court of the United States, the Japan American Friendship Commission, and other positions which can put to use and benefit from the sensitivities and resources of the Nikkei and other Asians.

The Vice Presidency to which I am placing my name for election should not work independently or specifically within its own area of concern but work in concert with other areas supporting innovative ideas which will excite others on the National Board to do more than their share in addition to their elected duties. eg: New ways to increase membership, ways to develop future Nikkei community leaders, ways for approaching philanthropic foundations, individuals and agencies as a supplemental source for funding requests made by our Nikkei communities and organizations, create a stronger youth activity program through international youth activities, etc. . . .

These are only some of the ideas that I have thought about from time to time. I try not to be negative in thought but use such energies towards positive outputs. All of us should practice such a way of directing one's energy for constructive rather than destructive means. It only takes a little more effort to think up ways in which negative thinking can be vented into positive ways.

I place my name on the ballot because I know I can contribute positively and effectively to JACL, by playing an active responsible role in the decision making process of the National Board, rather than sitting on the sidelines. Many of you know about my past years of involvement with JACL actively learning and taking part in all three levels of JACL. I am seeking your votes to have the opportunity to help guide our organization into the future with positive thoughts and actions and mainly to UP THE ORGANIZATION !

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Crime reduction in SF's J'town still debatable

By KIKUE CHIRIBOGA
USF Student

SAN FRANCISCO—Is San Francisco's Japantown safer today after the Japanese community began an active effort to fight crime in August 1981?

The Nihonmachi Merchants Assn. hired two private patrolmen last August for Japantown security. They patrol the streets by motorcycle from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. everyday.

There are 11 private officers in Japantown and two city officers patrolling Japantown and its neighborhood.

Nine of the 11 officers guard the interior of the buildings—banks, bowling center, the Japan Center stores and similar other buildings.

Crimes Reduced

"I think the number of crimes in Japantown has been reduced compared with that of last year," said Richard Tsutakawa, director of crime prevention for the Nihonmachi Merchants Assn.

"I feel that Japantown is safer," he said.

According to a police report, the crime rate of Japantown during a seven-month period (between last August through this February) is 28% down compared with the first seven months of 1981 (last January through last July).

Last year one Japanese company in downtown San Francisco sent its employees a notice stating that the company would not take responsibilities for any crimes against its business guests which occurred in Japantown: in other words, do not take business guests to Japantown.

"The number of customers visiting Japantown dropped in the past years and the merchants in Japantown were in trouble, but I think it (crime prevention campaign) started bringing back customers again," said Misako Okamura, the assistant Japanese editor of Hoku-bei Mainichi.

Youth Patrol

Robert Powetz, a 47-year-old security guard with 12 years experience in Japantown, said, "From my point of view, Japantown has been always quiet. There are only a couple of pickpockets in a festival. The bad area is its neighborhood."

Besides the two newly-hired private police officers, several black youths have been patrolling Japantown since last summer. Their work is paid for through the national vocational rehabilitation program, CETA.

"Giving these black youths patrol jobs has two purposes: one for the security of Japantown; the other to give them pride. If they have pride they are less likely to commit a crime," said Tsutakawa.

As another effort of crime prevention, the Nihonmachi Merchants Assn. and a couple of other Japanese groups changed the street lights to brighter ones last October at a cost of \$20,000.

"We were asking for support from the city and the police for three years, but they didn't think Japantown was bad enough to pro-

vide help," said Tsutakawa. "So we had to do something on our own."

"Crimes that have happened in the Japantown area are minor ones like pickpocketing, usually done by teenagers from outside; but even these minor crimes are big enough to threaten Japanese people who are sensitive to crimes," he said.

Different Views

There is a big gap between the Japanese point of view and the American point of view in terms of crimes.

Takeo Kuno, a victim of a crime in Japantown, said, "It can't be helped. I think the American people are used to crimes. Mugging is a daily thing in the United States."

He went out of his house around 11 p.m. carrying \$300 in cash. Suddenly three black teenagers appeared from behind a truck parked in front of his house and attacked him in a well-trained manner.

One held Kuno's throat so that he could not scream; another put the back of his jacket up over his face so that he could not see, and the third took his wallet, Kuno recalled.

"There were two more blacks standing by the truck acting as lookouts," Kuno said. "It can't be helped. They don't feel guilty. Since then, whenever I go out at night I carry a steel golf club."

Mugging Victim

Mamako Yoneyama, Japanese mime artist, is another victim. When she used to live near Japantown for years, she was mugged not only once or twice but several times.

"I got so furious that I might have killed these bad guys. I hated them. I just couldn't take their immorality. I was desperately upset, so I decided to go back to Japan where it is much safer," said Yoneyama in her interview with me.

Yoneyama was invited back by the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco last year. A.C.T. made a reservation for her at a hotel in downtown San Francisco.

"I wanted to stay at a hotel in Japantown, but A.C.T. did not want me to do so because it is dangerous. How sad it is!" she said with a long sigh.

When she was living in San Francisco, she gathered 200 signatures from people who were victims of some kind of crime, but no one listened to her and no one did anything about it.

"I think not only Americans but also Japanese have been insensitive and used to crimes, or else they just keep quiet. I don't know," she said.

Tourist are Prey

"Japanese tourist who carry a lot of cash tend to be victims," said Sgt. Michael Pera of the San Francisco Police Department. "Since the tourists go back to Japan, criminals know that they are less likely to get reported or sued," he said.

Since the number of Japanese tourists is increasing rapidly, the number of Japanese victims naturally goes up.

However, Pera also pointed out that the Japanese and the Japanese American seldom report crimes; therefore, police reports might not reflect the actual crime rate in Japantown.

"I don't know why. They may feel embarrassed to report. It will be of help if they report it," he said.

"But in terms of overall crimes throughout the city I consider Japantown as a good area. Japantown has never had a high crime rate. In addition, San Francisco is no worse than any other average city," said Pera.

Higher in Outskirts

Japantown is adjacent to the western addition which is notorious for its high crime rate, five times or more than that of Japantown these days according to the police report.

"I think people sometimes confuse Japantown with its neighboring bad area," Pera said. "But the bad area is moving to the Tenderloin and the neighborhoods of Japantown are getting much better than 10 years ago."

A merchant who is not happy with the security of Japantown said, "We (merchants) started paying \$30 a month as a security fee to the Nihonmachi Merchants Assn. about 10 months ago, but I don't see things getting any better."

"Security guards are lazy and don't want to cover incidents outside their sections," he said.

More crime may be expected this summer because of increasing number of Japanese tourists and Reagan's budget cut which affects welfare and other services.

Warning Needed

Someone has to warn Japanese tourists about the difference between two countries, but who?

Okamura of the Hoku-bei Mainichi went to the Tourist Information Center in downtown San Francisco and asked people there to warn Japanese tourists about the areas.

"They said the tourists can go wherever they want and the center does not have any need to advise them. That made me upset," said Okamura.

The police report indicates an improvement in Japantown security since the Japanese community started working on crime prevention eight months ago.

The crime rate in Japantown is down 28% while the rate of San Francisco is down only 2%.

—Hoku-bei Mainichi

● Religion

Rev. Leo Hsu, pastor of the Chinese United Methodist Church in Los Angeles, has been re-elected to head the National Federation of Asian American United Methodists. Other officers of the association include Key Ray Chong, Lubbock, Tx., vice chair; Rose Pfund, Honolulu, treas.; Martha Watanabe, Chicago, sec.; and the Rev. Young J. Cho, New York, the Rev. Alex Ramos, Grand Rapids, Mich., and the Rev. Dong Un Hong, Nashville, Tenn., members-at-large of the executive committee. Rev. Jonah Chang, San Francisco, is the staff executive.

REFUGEES

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the refugees is "worse than the problem he seeks to resolve".

Wakabayashi also said it was "disturbing" that Dell felt a "tragedy will happen" if something was not done about the refugees. Dell's request for internment camps, added Wakabayashi, can be construed as a "threat" which has "racist underpinnings".

Ralph Maurer, a volunteer with the Church World Service, one of several agencies that work with the refugees, said it was "racist" to point to one ethnic group. Why not point to white trash and monitor them? We wouldn't want to point the finger at anyone.

Added the Rev. Paul Janke, chairman of the Sacramento Area Refugee Forum, "These people are struggling and eager to achieve. Their gardens are their little patch of farmland," he said, noting that many of them were farmers in Vietnam. "That's their way of saying, 'I can grow something, I can accomplish something that's going to help me.'"

As an alternative to the internment camps, Dell said the refugees' expenditures should be monitored and any "illegal portions of

their activity" eliminated. He said the refugees, many of whom live in Rancho Cordova, are wasting taxpayer dollars by sending money to their relatives in Asia and that they are ignorant of local laws, such as the one requiring all drivers to have a license.

"I've received calls from auto dismantlers who've said refugees have wanted to buy old cars. And they don't care what condition they're in," Dell said, "they just want some wheels."

One reason the refugees have extra money, he said, is because several families may live in one apartment. Another reason may be because "their diets are different than ours—they buy less meat," Dell said. "I'm saying we should look at (the money the refugees receive) and if they're getting more than they need, there's something wrong with the system."

Dell's allegations regarding the refugees' use of their money is based on reports from "reliable sources," he said. He said he is concerned about the alleged improper use of taxpayer money because he has numerous real estate investments. "I pay a lot of taxes."

The affiliation's letter suggested that the grand jury trace money orders any Indochinese refugees on welfare may be sending to their

relatives in Asia.

"We don't look into how any other ethnic group spends its money," responded Maurer. "How can you stop people who love their families from sending them money? I don't know if it's going on, but I don't know that we have any business prying into it."

When asked what he would do if he were a refugee in Indochina, Dell replied, "As I understand those countries, there's no such thing as a constitution or rights, so I'd be more cautious about what I did there." And if he violated any local customs, he said he would hope that "some forward-thinking community homeowners group would go to the government to do something about it."

Vietnamese refugees Thanh Tran, 19, and Heng Chiu, 20, both computer science students at Sacramento City College, told the Sacramento Union that they were eager to learn about America but do not want to be taken to a military base.

"I like the way we live, and I don't want to go to a military base. I don't think it's a good idea," Tran said.

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Cal.) said what Dell proposes is unconstitutional and the situation is "considerably different" from the experience of Japanese Americans in 1942.

"But that does not dismiss the underlying concern—it exists and we have to deal with it," Matsui said.

"This type of backlash is to be expected when the government drops a large number of refugees on local communities—it should have been anticipated," said Matsui.

Birmingham Rotary drops all-white rule

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Under threat of having its charter revoked, the last Rotary Club said to maintain a white-only membership policy here voted almost unanimously June 9 to admit non-white members. A month earlier, the club had refused 120-90 to an open door policy as the Alabama attorney general's office further held as a private club it could legally bar non-white members.

Birmingham Post-Herald editor Angus McEachren is credited in lobbying for the change, which he undertook three years ago.

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Foreign organized crime on the rise in Calif., says Deukmejian

SACRAMENTO—Organized crime increased markedly in California during 1981 due in part to the influx of Israeli, Vietnamese and Japanese gangs, Atty. Gen. George Deukmejian said June 14.

In addition, crime syndicate figures from Chicago have made their way into Southern California, participating in bookmaking, drug trafficking, loan-sharking, extortion and pornography.

Deukmejian, the Republican gubernatorial candidate, made the announcement in his annual report to the state Legislature on organized crime.

Regarding the Asian element, Deukmejian's report said that Vietnamese gangs, composed of refugees who served in the military during the Vietnam War, are involved in robbery, murder and extortion, primarily victimizing members of the Indochinese community.

A split between rival gangs resulted in violence in October, 1981, when two gunmen wearing ski masks opened fire on 13 people in a Garden Grove restaurant, killing one and wounding eight.

"Vietnamese gang criminal activities are becoming more sophisticated and well-organized and appear to be increasing.... Their criminal operations pose a significant problem for law enforcement personnel because of the violent nature of their crimes and the cultural and language barriers between investigators and the victims and suspects," the report said.

Organized crime among Japanese groups is also on the rise, the report noted, as criminal groups from Japan have expanded their operations into the United States.

Known as the Yakuza, the groups extort Japanese businessmen, harass Japanese tourists, and engage in prostitution, gun and pornography smuggling, drug distribution and money laundering.

Nisei, mistaken for tourist, mugged

LOS ANGELES—Two youth mistook a local Nisei grocery clerk for a Japanese tourist and tried to rob him in a Little Tokyo parking lot in broad daylight recently.

As one of the thieves held the clerk from behind, the other rifled his pockets. But the victim, who asked not to be identified, yelled a racial epithet at the two muggers, who were black. The youths then threw the victim to the ground when they realized that he was not a tourist.

The victim said that youths are now arriving in Little Tokyo by bus to seek out Japanese tourists who are often known to carry large sums of cash.

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THE HATTIESBURG STORY...

One vet of famed 442nd RCT lives near Shelby

HATTIESBURG, Ms.—In the continuing monthly series published by the Hattiesburg American marking the city's centennial this year, Chapter Four (Apr. 25) covers the reactivation of Camp Shelby and the WW2 era. In brief, the war years saw an increase of the local population, revenue, public health problems and job opportunities plus overcrowded schools, restaurants, buses and theaters.

For the Japanese American, this city and nearby Camp Shelby are remembered as the home of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the late Earl Finch, owner of the Army Stores on Market St. in town and rancher, who entertained hundreds of Nisei GIs in training and was later called the "one-man USO" for the 442nd.

American staff writer Sharon Wertz, who interviewed the one lone 442nd veteran, Herbert Sasaki, who returned here to live, recounts the story of the 442nd here and in battle overseas, of the times and people who remembered the Nisei. Readers of "The Hattiesburg Story" learned how and why Japanese Americans suddenly appeared here in 1943. Sasaki said, "I suppose we looked strange to the people of Hattiesburg then. There weren't any Japanese in Mississippi and the people were uncertain how to treat minority groups. In Mississippi, everybody was either black or white."

Sasaki, an East Los Angeles JACLer with a Mississippi address and active with the Japan Society at New Orleans, recalled the Nisei GIs arrived as original cadre from around the

country in January, 1943. The 100th Infantry from Hawaii came by way of Camp McCoy, Wis. With a full complement by April, the 442nd began training under command of Col. Charles W. Pence.

Sasaki, having enlisted prewar from his Los Angeles home, was stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas, when he was shipped to Shelby. His father, a Baptist preacher who spoke five languages was hired as a government interpreter when WW2 began. But his family was forced to sell "for next to nothing" what couldn't be taken when the U.S. evacuated persons of Japanese ancestry away from the West Coast, he recalled.

Earl Finch's Friends Remember the Times Well

A close friend of Earl Finch, Earl Roseberry remembered the times well. "There was some speculation as to where the Japanese should sit (in the bus: whites sat up front, the blacks in the back). But after they got here and we got to know them, we decided they could sit wherever they wanted to," Roseberry pointed out.

By and large, the Nisei GIs were well accepted, many joining the local churches, some (like Herb) even marrying local girls. (Herb, and his wife Arnice, were with the JACL contingent last year attending the Pan-American Nikkei Convention in Mexico City.—Ed.)

Roseberry also recalled Finch set up a music publishing company to push Pfc. Harry Hamada's "Go For Broke!", the 442nd theme song.

Another friend, Joe Thompson, explained Finch's unusual philanthropy, helping the 442nd GIs during and after the war because "he wanted to do what he could for them" since he owed so much of his financial success to the Nisei who patronized his stores. After the war, Finch moved to Hawaii at the invitation of his friends there and set up a highly successful import-export business. A lifelong bachelor, he nevertheless adopted and raised several Japanese orphans, and sent them to college. The Nisei never forgot his kindness, Thompson went on to say, when 35,000 turned out for a dinner in his honor in Honolulu.

When Roseberry and his wife visited Finch some years later, everywhere they went they rolled out the red carpet. "It was fantastic the amount of influence Finch had there," Roseberry declared.

Finch continued to return here often to visit his parents and brother Brownie. He died here Aug. 26, 1965, at age 49.

Sasaki Becomes Aide to Former Battalion Commander

After the war, Sasaki became an aide to his former battalion commander at Shelby, Gen. Sherwood Dixon, who later was elected lieutenant governor in Illinois to Gov. Adlai Stevenson. While in Chicago, Sasaki headed the 442nd club there, was later transferred to the Mississippi Military District where he commanded the 983rd Signal Co., USAR, in Hattiesburg. More recently, he was working for the state board promoting trade with Japan.

As Sasaki turned the scrapbook pages, he would pause to explain a picture or point to a friend who made the supreme sacrifice. "You can almost hear the echo of President Roosevelt's voice as he announced plans for the formation of the 442nd Combat Team at Camp Shelby," Wertz noted in conclusion. "...The principle on which this country was founded and by which it has always been governed is that Americanism is a matter of mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."

Word 'Nisei' used in nat'l spelling bee

WASHINGTON—"Nisei" was among the words which helped 12-year-old Molly Dieveney of Denver win the 55th National Spelling Bee on June 3. After correctly spelling "Nisei", she won by spelling the French word for mishap, "contretemps". For her efforts, she garnered \$1,000 and a trophy from the contest sponsor, Scripps-Howard Newspapers.

Foreign firms in U.S. subject to right laws, says Supreme Court

WASHINGTON — Foreign-owned businesses incorporated in the United States generally are subject to American civil rights laws, the Supreme Court decided unanimously June 15.

The Los Angeles Times reported the high court ruled that the subsidiary of a Japanese trading company that is incorporated in New York may be sued under the 1964 Civil Rights Act by a group of 12 American women. The women, all secretaries, charged that the firm promoted only Japanese men to executive jobs and that the firm illegally discriminated on the basis of sex and national origin.

The decision could affect the way many foreign-owned companies choose to do business in this country and the work conditions of a growing number of American workers. An estimated 1.6 million

people in the United States work for foreign-owned businesses.

In an opinion by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, the court rejected the claims of Sumitomo Shoji America Inc. that a 1953 treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation between the United States and Japan gives the company the right to exclude Americans from top management jobs.

The treaty says that American and Japanese companies have the right to hire, within the other nation's borders, "accountants and other technical experts, executive personnel, attorneys, agents and other specialists of their choice."

Many other nations have treaties with the United States that contain similar or identical provisions—among them such major trading partners as West Germany.

Writing for the court, Burger concluded that if a Japanese-owned company is incorporated in the United States, it is an American company, not a Japanese company. As a result, he said, the 1953 treaty provision does not apply to such a firm.

The treaty still would cover a Japanese or other foreign-owned company that does not incorporate in this country. Such a firm would still be able to exclude all Americans—or, if it chose, all women or all men—from executive-level jobs.

However, most foreign-owned business operating within the United States choose to incorporate here to gain tax benefits and other legal advantages.

"It (incorporating within the United States) is the most common way of doing business in this country," said Lewis M. Steel, the New York City lawyer who represents the 12 women suing the Japanese firm. Steel pointed out that by in-

corporating in this country, a company is able to show it is a legal entity separate from the parent firm.

While the case was pending before the Supreme Court, both the State Department and the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs took the position that the 1953 treaty did not apply to a company once it chose to have its subsidiary incorporate on foreign soil.

Burger's ruling followed the lines suggested by the two governments.

"When the parties to a treaty both agree as to the meaning of a treaty provision, and that interpretation follows from the clear treaty language, we must, absent extraordinarily strong contrary evidence, defer to that interpretation," the chief justice wrote.

Sumitomo Shoji America Inc., is a New York firm that is a wholly owned subsidiary of the large Japanese trading firm, Sumitomo Shoji Kabushiki Kaisha.

AFSC honored by Nisei Student Relocation Commem. Fund

PHILADELPHIA—The American Friends Service Committee, the Quaker organization which assisted many Japanese Americans during World War II, received the first annual grant from the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund in a ceremony held June 5 at the Friends Center here.

The grant was in appreciation for its assistance in forming the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, which worked with the WRA in helping 3,500 evacuee students attend over 500 institutions of higher education.

John W. Nason, who presided over the NJASRC while serving as president of Swarthmore (Pa.) College during World War II, noted at the ceremony, "Forty years ago when this began under circumstances which most would rather forget, a nightmare in our history, few of us had complete conviction, faith and hope with what we do with our lives. The dream that we can live independent without other people is an impossible dream."

Dr. Robert W. O'Brien, who was active with the Nisei Project at Whittier (Ca.) College added, "I

was always moved by the wide variety of people and their commitment, because their conscience made them stand up and be counted. I hope people always have the courage for the people."

Camp Shelby federalized in '40

HATTIESBURG, Ms.—For six years (1940-46), Camp Shelby was the second largest city in the state with more than 50,000 men in training or stationed there. Nestled in the DeSoto National Forests of southern pine, the 65,000-acre encampment had been a National Guard training site since 1919.

In 1940, the U.S. Army reopened ("federalized") the camp to house and train two infantry divisions at a time. A 10-mile spur from Hattiesburg through Piney Woods to the camp was completed by October. The 37th Infantry from Ohio and the 38th Infantry from Indiana-Kentucky were the first troops to train in Shelby in 1941.

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Where are y'all?

Portland, Ore.

The JACL Awards and Recognitions Committee has been primed and ready to process nominations for the prestigious JACLer of the Biennium and the George Inagaki Citizenship Chapter Awards.

The problem facing this committee, however, is that there have been so few nominations submitted to date. The algorithm then becomes very simple: No nominations = no problem = no decisions = no winners.

It's hard to believe that out of some 110 odd chapters, that there aren't more well deserving candidates for the JACLer of the Biennium. It is equally difficult to understand why there aren't more chapters nominated for the George Inagaki Award. In the latter instance, it may be well to remember that about an hour's worth of paper work could net a chapter \$500, and the district \$100. That's not bad pay.

Nikkei aren't supposed to be suffering from the self-effacing "enryo syndrome" anymore. If this be true, then come out, come out, wherever you are.

A Taxing Problem

The Pacific Northwest District Council, on April 25, voted to assess its member chapters one-half of the rebate received from National JACL for each of the 1000 Club Fifty and Century Club members. The purpose of this move was to enable the district to pay the salary of a part-time Regional Office secretary for the next five months.

What PNWDC lacks in membership numbers, it tries to compensate for by the vigorous application of three concepts—action, dedication and commitment.

PNWDC lays no claims for having suddenly discovered these ideas. It does, however, believe in the old adage which says that "doing something is better than doing nothing". And so it does just that. It taxes itself for a discerned need. But a small district such as PNWDC cannot go on indefinitely taxing itself for the sustained support that a Regional Office needs. It looks with bright expectations to National JACL for some real grass roots assistance. Hopefully, the National Council will see fit to agree with PNWDC's position, and offer material, rather than verbal, aid.



GETTING READY—Fran Jones (left), producer of the 1982 Nisei Week fashion show on Sunday, Aug. 1 at the Biltmore Bowl, makes some selections at Violetti in New Otani Hotel with Ethel Kohashi, general chair, and Howard Nishimura, chair, L.A.-Nagoya Sister City Affiliation, sponsors. Table assignments will be on a first-pay basis (\$25 per person) through Mrs. Paula Stone, 645 N. Wilcox Ave. 3-A, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

Special Asian American theater arts classes open at CSULA

LOS ANGELES—A pilot program in Asian American theater arts is underway this week at Cal State L.A. under direction of Nobu McCarthy, widely-acclaimed actress who is assistant professor and artist-in-residence for two courses:

TA 300 "Advance Play Production" (4 units)—Rehearsal and production of the Wakako Yamauchi play, "Music Lesson"; Tues 6-10pm, plus 8 hrs. Classroom: Mus. 200.

TA 470 "Asian American Theater" (4 units)—Lecture, discussion, demonstration, scene studies on development and unique characteristics of Asian American theater; basic principles and techniques of acting; Sat 8:10am-12n. Classroom: Mus. 200.

Spanning 25 years in acting since her arrival in the U.S. in 1956, McCarthy has appeared in 10 major films and TV productions, including "Farewell to Manzanar".

Dr. Bob Suzuki, dean of graduate studies, hoped the focus on Asian American theater would motivate Asian students to pursue a career in theater arts. He noted less than 5% of Asian American students on campus major in theater arts even though they represent 21% of the total campus enrollment.

Students already enrolled at CSULA may register by having their add-cards signed by Prof. Maris Ubans, Theater Arts department chair, in Theater 110-A. Those not registered may apply for "instant admission" for courses up through the first week of summer quarter classes, June 25, according to the admissions office (224-3159). High school students may be able to enroll through PACE or ACE programs by calling George Bachman (224-2521). California residents fee for taking more than 6 units is about \$90 per quarter. For information on the course, contact Dr. Bob Suzuki (224-3251) or Theater Arts (224-3345).



WHING-DING CLOWNS—Milwaukee JACL's annual 1000 Club whing-ding May 1, as plainly evident above, carries out the "Circus Circus" theme. Over half of the 70 participants (no names supplied with picture) in costume add to festivity.

Critics praise Asian American film set in S.F.'s Chinatown

SAN FRANCISCO—A low-budget film set in Chinatown here and consisting entirely of an Asian American cast has been highly praised by critics for The New York Times and Newsweek.

"Chan is Missing", a mystery film produced, directed and co-written by 31-year-old Wayne Wang, has been called "a matchless delight" by the Times' Vincent Canby (Apr. 24) and "a real treat" by Newsweek's David Ansen (June 21).

The Hong Kong-born, San Francisco-bred Wang made the film on a budget of \$20,000, with a shooting schedule of ten days. The story focuses on a middle-aged cab driver named Jo (Wood Moy) and his nephew Steve (Marc Hayashi) who, in an effort to get their own taxi medallion, entrust their \$4,000 savings to a fellow named Chan Hung. Chan, however, has absconded with their money, and both Jo and Steve must set out to find Chan.

Both Ansen and Canby point out that the film dispels all of the typical Asian stereotypes and myths. Ansen noted:

"...Wang wants you to think of 'Charlie Chan'—and every other hoary Chinese stereotype—the better to explode your Oriental myths. Under the guise of his

funky detective story, Wang is taking us on a guided tour of San Francisco's Chinese American community, where he explores assimilation, the conundrum of identity, the political schism between the Taiwanese and the People's Republic partisans ... Chan, one realizes, is an off-screen symbol of the heterogeneous reality of the Chinese American experience."

Canby wrote: "'Chan is Missing' is not only an appreciation of a way of life that few of us know anything about; it's a revelation of a marvelous, completely secure new talent."

Troop 379 booklet, mugs available

LOS ANGELES—Souvenir book illustrating the 50 years of Koyasan's Troop 379, which celebrated its golden jubilee May 22, and a souvenir mug are obtainable for a donation through George Narumi, Beverly's Bonbonnerie, 330-B E. 2nd St., Los Angeles, CA 90012; (213) 687-0528. Booklet was compiled and edited by Kango Kunitugu.

Alameda Buddhist fest slated this weekend

ALAMEDA, Ca.—The Buddhist Temple of Alameda will hold its Vacationland Carnival and Bazaar on June 26-27 at 2325 Pacific Avenue. Food, game booths and a raffle drawing will be among the many festivities.



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Chicago Nikkei queen selected

CHICAGO—Stephanie Naomi Kurokawa, a commercial artist employed by Seacrist, Inc., was selected Miss 1982 Chicago Nikkei at the Cherry Blossom Festival here May 23. She is the daughter of the Stanley Kurokawas and will represent the community at the Miss Nikkei International pageant in Brazil this summer.

Runners-up were Stacey Lynn Tokunaga and Katherine Tamiko Ideno. The new queen is a graduate from Lane Tech and furthered her career at Colorado Institute of Art and the American Academy of Art.

Over 25,000 attended the Festival held at Chicago Botanic Gardens at Glencoe. Event is co-sponsored by the

Japanese American Assn., Japanese American Council, Chicago Council of Foreign Relations and Japan National Tourist Organization. #



Stephanie Kurokawa

United Way funds bilingual directory

LOS ANGELES—Western Region United Way funded publication of a Japanese-English service directory of over 100 health and welfare agencies for Japanese Americans in the West L.A., Venice, Culver City and Santa Monica areas. Copies are available for \$1 donation from UW, 11646 W. Pico Blvd., L.A. 90064.

Directory was compiled to assist Asian Americans become aware of social service resources that exist in the community, explained Dr. Jack Fujimoto, West Los Angeles College president, and Asian American Task Force chairman for the westside agency.

Oregon Nikkei air new community idea

PORTLAND, Ore. — Representatives of Nikkei organizations met June 12 at the Oregon Buddhist Church to discuss the concept of a cultural-community or multi-complex residential center.

Harold "Bones" Onishi and Lury Sato, co-chair of the survey committee assessing the need, noted Portland was the only major city with a Nikkei concentration which does not have a facility "to call our own"

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Awards

The City of Chicago Office for Senior Citizens and Handicapped honored Noboru Honda as one of its outstanding senior citizens during the office's annual Hall of Fame on May 28. Honda, 71, is the president and owner of Gerard Insurance Agency and was cited for his volunteer work and numerous contributions to the Japanese community. He is a charter member of the Chicago JACL and a past recipient of the 4th Order of the Sacred Treasure from the Japanese government.

Melvin Y. Kurakake of Torrance was recently named Asian Pacific American of the Year by the administrative staff of The Aerospace Corporation, a non-profit defense support firm in El Segundo. Kurakake was honored for his 21 years of service in the corporation's Threat Analysis Office, where he currently serves as supervisor of visual communications.

Tomohiko Oshikawa, a 6th grade student at Decatur Classical School, won the District 2 Student Citizenship Award recently. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Akira Oshikawa of Chicago is currently on the "Audio Jam" program of WBEZ, Chicagoland Public Radio.

Commerce

After nearly 37 years as a Puget Sound pilot plus 20 years on the ocean in all categories of the deck department, Seattle JACler (and PC "stringer") Capt. Gunnar Olsburg let it be known he was retiring as of June 2. (As a volunteer and valued PC "stringer", he kept us well supplied with clippings of Nikkei interest from the local area newspapers.—Ed.)

Flowers-Garden

Five Nisei received 1982 landscape beautification awards from the California Landscape Contractors Assn. Pacific Coast chapter: Genji Kariya, Bellflower, the overall award; Glenn Koyama, small-size project; Ko Endo, Culver City, medium-size project; Hitoshi Kitajima, Orange, large residential; and Sam Shimonishi, Long Beach, commercial landscaping and commercial maintenance.

Medicine

A volunteer chairperson of the new American Cancer Society project studying the effect of environment on cancer, Kay Uno Kaneko, Honolulu JACler, is home care supervisor for the Medical Personnel Pool in Hawaii. She is also revising her videotape production, "Hawaii: a Part of the American Tapestry"

Organizations

Harry Yamaguchi, professor of psychology at Indiana University, is president of the Asian American Psychological Assn., which is holding its annual meeting Aug. 24, noon, during the American Psychological Assn. convention at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. Major purpose of the group is to advance the welfare of Asian Americans and others through use and development of psychology. Past National JACler president Pat Okura continues as a member of the AAPA board of directors.

Seattle JACler Jan Kumasaka is a member of the Mid-City Program Center Task Force of the Totem Girl Scout Council, which held open house of its new facility at 616 Broadway recently. The center is pilot project to encourage minority and disabled girls in Scouting by providing neighborhood activities for all girls.

Politics

Honolulu JACler Les Ihara, Jr., assistant administrator of the State Litter Control Program, was elected chairperson of the Oahu County Democratic Party Committee. He was a delegate to the 1979 constitutional convention. His dad, Les, Sr., also a JACler, was recently appointed by Gov. Ariyoshi to a three-year term on the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

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PC's Calendar of Events

- **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
St. Louis—Japanese Festival (final wknd), Shaw's Garden.
- **JUNE 26 (Saturday)**
EDC/Philadelphia—Redress remedy w/kshop, Haverford College Bryn Mawr Rm, 10am.
Hoosier—Picnic, Forest Park, 2pm.
Gardena—JCI Carnival (2da), 1615 S Gramercy Pl.
Little Tokyo—Yukata-happi w/kshop (2da), Amerasia Bookstore, 1-5pm, w/Rodney Kageyama.
Long Beach—Obon Festival (2da), Buddhist Temple, 2360 Santa Fe Ave.
San Francisco—Bazaar, garage sale (2da), Christ Episcopal Ch.
Alameda—Vacationland carnival (2da), Buddhist Ch.
Chicago—JASC 35th Anny Awd dnr, Heiwa Terrace, 6pm.
- **JUNE 27 (Sunday)**
Sonoma County—Comm picnic.
Las Vegas—Internat'l Festival, Conv Ctr.
Riverside—Comm picnic.
Mill Valley—Obon Festiv, Marin Buddhist Temple, 12n.
- **JUNE 28 (Monday)**
Los Angeles—CARP (Dr Noguchi) comm mtg, JAOCC Bldg, 7:30pm.
- **JUNE 30 (Wednesday)**
Florin—Redress mtg, Buddhist Church, 7:30pm.
- **JULY 3 (Saturday)**
Washington, D.C.—Keirokai-Schol Appr dnr, Bradley Hills Presbyt Ch, Bethesda, Md, 4-7pm.
Little Tokyo—Tanabata Festiv (3da), Japanese Village Plaza, 11am.
- **JULY 4 (Sunday)**
San Diego—Comm Picnic, Silver Strand State Bch.
Seabrook—Comm picnic, Thundergust, Parvins State Pk.
St Louis—Comm picnic.
- **JULY 5 (Monday)**
Marin County—Bd mtg, Bank of Marin, Larkspur, 7:30pm (1st Mon).
- **JULY 6 (Tuesday)**
Stockton—Mtg, Cal First Bank, 7:30pm (2d Tue).
- **JULY 7 (Wednesday)**
Carson—Mtg, Mercury S&L, 7:30pm (1st Wed).
- **JULY 8 (Thursday)**
West Valley—Bd mtg, 7:30pm (1st Thu).
- **JULY 9 (Friday)**
Puyallup Valley—Bd mtg, Tacoma Budd Ch Lounge, 7:30pm (1st Thu).
- **JULY 10 (Saturday)**
Marina—Mtg, Chace Pk clubhse, 7:30pm (1st Thu).
- **JULY 11 (Sunday)**
Los Angeles—LTSC Comm Sv Awd dnr, Hyatt Regency Hotel.
French Camp—Mtg, Comm Hall, 7:30pm (2d Fri).
- **JULY 12 (Monday)**
PSWDC/Little Tokyo—Pre-conv rally, chapter workshop, Little Tokyo Towers, 9am.
Seabrook—Obon odori, Buddhist Ch.
- **JULY 13 (Tuesday)**
Contra Costa—Picnic, Pl'sant Hill Pk, Los Angeles—100/442/MIS Museum Foundation benefit luncheon, Hyatt Regency, 1pm; Sen. Daniel Inouye, spkr.
Napa—9th NCJ Golf Open, Silverado CC. (Entry due Jun 25, call H Akahoshi: 415-445-8132).
- **JULY 14 (Wednesday)**
Gardena Valley—Mtg, Union Fed S/L, 7pm (2d Wed).
- **JULY 15 (Thursday)**
Hoosier—Bd mtg, Sue Hannel's, 7:30pm (2d Wed).
- **JULY 16 (Friday)**
MDC/Chicago—DC Human Rts Comm mtg.
- **JULY 17 (Saturday)**
Los Angeles—Miss Sansei Calif Pageant, Bev Hilton Hotel, 7pm (Annt of Clavell Writing Prize).
- **JULY 18 (Sunday)**
Salt Lake City—Obon Festiv (2da), Buddhist Temple.
- **JULY 20 (Tuesday)**
Salinas Valley—Bd mtg, Cal First Bank Mtg Rm, 7pm (3d Tue).
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San Jose—Bd mtg, Calif 1st Bnk, 1st & Younger, 7:30pm (3d Wed).
- **JULY 22 (Thursday)**
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyt'n Ch, 8pm (3d Weds).
- **JULY 23 (Friday)**
Gardena Valley—Conv Bd mtg, Union Fed S/L, 7pm (4th Wed).
- **JULY 24 (Saturday)**
Monterey Peninsula—Bd mtg, JACL Hall, 7pm (4th Wed).

U.S.-Japan charter flights expanded

WASHINGTON—A new aviation agreement between the United States and Japan will expand the number of charter flights by U.S. carriers to Japan and allow United Airlines to land at Tokyo.

The three-year pact came June 4 after 18 months of stormy negotiations with both countries at times threatening sanctions against the

other country's airlines because of poor progress in the talks.

The expanded charter operations—up to 300 one-way flights a year for U.S. carriers and a like number for Japanese airlines—and permission for UAL to land in Tokyo had been key demands by U.S. negotiators.

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The theme of the 1982 pageant will be "America" with a dance production involving the contestants. The performance will be choreographed by actress/dancer Helen Funai.

Also slated will be the presentation of author James Clavell's prestigious "American Japanese National Literary Award" and the Pageant's "outstanding American Award".

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'Japanese American Week' declared

CHICAGO—Illinois Gov. James Thompson and Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne recognized the 35th anniversary of the Japanese American Service Committee by proclaiming June 20-26 "Japanese American Week".

JASC, a leading Asian social service agency here, will honor co-founders Kohachiro Sugimoto and Harry K. Mayeda at its annual dinner June 26, 6 p.m. at Heiwa Terrace, it was announced by JASC president Arthur Morimitsu. A slide show of its history will also be shown.

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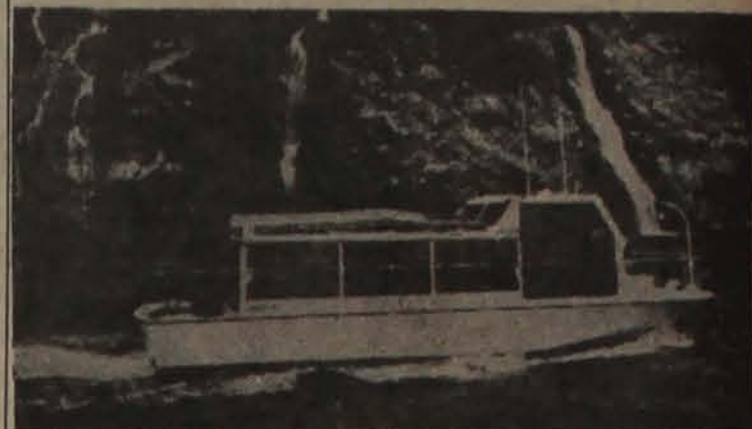
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