

Floyd Shimomura becomes 1st Sansei JACL National President

LOS ANGELES—Thirty-four year old Floyd Shimomura of Sacramento became the first Sansei ever to be elected to the position of JACL National President, as he captured the most votes during the League's 27th Biennial Convention elections held Aug. 13.

With 114 delegates voting at the Hyatt International Airport Hotel here (five absent) Shimomura garnered 66 votes, with George Kodama of the Marina JACL taking 39 votes and Lily Okura of Washington D.C. receiving nine.

Shimomura, the former JACL National Vice President for Public Affairs for four years and a UC Davis Law graduate, currently teaches at his alma mater and had previously served nine years as state deputy attorney general.

Filling the vacancy left by Shimomura in the VP Public Affairs spot will be Charles Kubokawa, 52, of Sequoia and currently the national chair of

the League's International Relations Committee. Kubokawa, director of community relations for NASA, was forced into a runoff election by Gene Takamine, 35, past president of the Selanoco JACL and currently a PSWDC board member.

The initial ballot resulted in Kubokawa receiving 53 votes, Takamine 39 and Henry Tanaka of Cleveland garnering 22. Since parliamentary rules require at least 51% of the votes cast on the floor for a win, Kubokawa and Takamine were forced into a runoff.

Kubokawa emerged the victor, as 116 delegates took part in the runoff election. The former chapter president and NCWNPDC governor received 66½ votes to Takamine's 47½, with two abstentions.

For VP Planning and Operations, Miyoko (Miki) Himeno of East Los Angeles unseated incumbent Mitsuo Kawamoto of Omaha by a 65½ to 46½ margin. Two write-in votes, Lloyd Hara of Seattle and Denny Yasu-

hara of Spokane, were also received.

The other three officer candidates ran unopposed: Ben Takeshita, 52, of the Contra Costa JACL won the VP General Operations office, receiving 106 votes with eight abstaining.

For VP Membership and Services, there were no nominees, but incumbent Vernon Yoshioka received 68 votes, while Takamine, the VP Public Affairs candidate, won one write-in vote with the remaining voting delegates abstaining.

For Secretary-Treasurer, lone candidate Frank Sato of the Washington D.C. chapter captured 111 votes with three abstentions. Sato, 53, is the inspector general of the Veterans Administration and had formerly served as auditing officer for the Air Force and inspector general of the Dept. of Transportation.

Redress guidelines are adopted; \$300,000 loan to committee won

By PETER IMAMURA

LOS ANGELES—The JACL National Council approved a set of suggested guidelines for redress legislation and a resolution that would establish a \$300,000 line-of-credit to the JACL National Committee for Redress in the form of a three-year loan drawn from the principal of the JACL Endowment Fund.

The guidelines, which would serve only as means of developing a legislative proposal to Congress, essentially call for:

- an admission by Congress that the forced evacuation and incarceration of Alaskan Aleuts and persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II was wrong;

- monetary compensation to all individuals who suffered injuries or losses because of EO 9066;

- a system of authorizing and appropriating funds and the establishment of an Alaskan Aleut foundation and a Japanese American foundation.

Majority Approves

By an overwhelming majority, the delegates present on the floor approved the guidelines Aug. 13, although some delegates had proposed amendments to the guidelines. These amendments, however, were defeated during the session.

Kathryn Bannai, Seattle Chapter president, requested that the "monetary compensation to individuals" clause be amended to say

"direct compensation to individuals" and the guidelines specify that "unclaimed funds be placed in the foundations only after all direct individual payments have been made."

However, Chuck Kubokawa of the Sequoia Chapter noted that from his experience in working with the federal government (as director of community affairs for NASA) he warned that the guidelines should not be too specific, since it would lock the organization into proposals which lacked flexibility.

Bannai's argument, however, stemmed from the belief that the burden of responsibility should be placed on the government to seek out former internees—whether by direct mail or by placing public notices in newspapers—in order to expedite individual compensation to them.

But John Tani, MDC governor, said he would tend to trust a foundation established within the Japanese American or Alaskan Aleut community more than he would the U.S. government in paying out whatever funds were awarded from a redress bill.

Motion Defeated

The motion to amend the guidelines, as proposed by Bannai, was defeated by those present on the floor, 60 for, 30 against and 4 abstentions.

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Yasui wins JACLer of Biennium; Kitano named JA of Biennium

By HARRY HONDA

Los Angeles

The cry Friday night last week (Aug. 13) after the Sayonara Ball at the JACL National Convention was "Looks like Sacramento won everything (that counts)!", referring to Floyd Shimomura's victory over two candidates for national president and Russell Okubo's \$10,000 support fund prize (less the take due the tax people).

Over 950 were registered at Hyatt Airport Hotel here for the four-day convention hosted by Gardena Valley JACL, the first such gathering in Los Angeles since 1954. Delegates from the Hawaii and Japan attended; only three were missing out of 112 chapters and 8 district youth groups credentialed to vote.

Award Winners

Dr. H. L. Kitano, professor in UCLA graduate school of social welfare, was named the 1980-82 Japanese American of the Biennium winner in humanities. Nominated by the Hollywood JACL, of which he is a member, Kitano had headed a federal study of alcoholism among Nikkei this past biennium. A much-sought speaker on Japanese Americans, he led the convention workshop of Nikkei singles this past week.

Minoru Yasui of Mile-Hi JACL was literally shocked Wednesday afternoon to hear his name as the Dr. Randolph Sakada Memorial JACLer of the Biennium in recognition of his "incredible devotion to duty" and leadership as JACL redress committee chairman. A Nisei of the Biennium in 1952, he never expected to be given serious consideration by the judges—the National JACL executive committee.

Yasui's selection makes it two-in-row for redress, his predecessor John Tateishi, now JACL redress director, having been honored likewise at the 1980 convention at Millbrae.

San Mateo JACL won the George Inagaki Memorial Award as Chapter of the Biennium, which carries a \$500 prize. The chapter's work with senior citizens and community, aging and retiring were believed to be distinguishing aspects of their record.

U.S. Ambassador James Day Hodgson to Japan (1974-77) was accorded the Mike M. Masaoka Distinguished Public Service Award, which carries a \$1,000 honorarium. Mending from a back ailment, he was unable to be present and his wife, Maria, accepted the honors. Most recently, the Japanese government decorated Hodgson with the Order of the Rising Sun, First Class.

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National Council passes budget

LOS ANGELES—The National Council overwhelmingly approved Aug. 13 the National JACL Budget for the Fiscal Years ending Sept. 30, 1982/83/84—using the second option for the latter two years, which calls for changing the JACL Washington Representative's status to "independent contractor."

The proposed independent contractor status would reduce the expenditures of the Washington D.C. office and thereby help to restore district allocations, which had been previously reduced (PC July 9).

The budgets are considered "austere" by outgoing Secretary-Treasurer Hank Sakai, in that the proposals are well below what would have been expected under the inflation rate of the past few years.

The council present at the session passed the budget with little debate, with 97 delegates voting for, 9 against and one abstention.

The 1982 revised budget shows a total revenue/expenditure figure of \$868,100; for 1983, \$888,182; for 1984 (a convention year) \$985,828.

Dues increases were projected as follows:

1983—Individual membership, \$1.25 for the year; Family membership, \$2.50; Fifty Club, \$5.00.

1984—Individual, \$1.75; Family, \$3.50; Fifty Club, no projected increase from the previous year.

IRC to explore U.S.-Japan relations

LOS ANGELES—A resolution that charges JACL's International Relations Committee to explore ways of improving U.S.-Japan relations was adopted by the National Council Aug. 13, authorizing \$4,000 from the budget to the IRC for each year during the next biennium (subject to availability of funds).

The resolution notes that "JACL become involved in matters of concern in the American-Japanese partnership, with adequate care that JACL does not either in image

or fact, become a 'front' or propagandist for Japan..."

The resolution, which also calls for JACL to establish long-range goals for improving the U.S.-Japan partnership, was adopted by the National Council by a vote of 90 for, 4 against, and 3 abstentions.

Prior to the passage of the resolution, Henry Tanaka of Cleveland requested that the Council make a notation to have the IRC itemize the expenses which entail the \$4,000 allocation.

Antitrust suit filed against Japanese paper manufacturers

SAN FRANCISCO—A \$60 million antitrust suit has been filed against 27 Japanese paper manufacturers and trading companies, accusing them of conspiring to depress American wood chip export prices.

The suit was filed Aug. 2 by an export cooperative for Northern California lumber companies, North Coast Export Co. of Eureka and its operating arm, North Coast Export Cooperative Inc. Wood chips are used in paper production.

The defendants included Mitsui and Co. USA, Daishowa Paper Manufacturing Co. and two subsidiaries, Mitsubishi Corp., Marubeni Corp. and subsidiaries, Sumitomo Corp. and subsidiaries, the Japan Paper Association and the Japan Paper Manufacturer's Assn.

The suit also alleges the defendants boycotted the California cooperative when it stopped delivering wood chips at the allegedly illegally depressed prices.

The suit said the defendants conspired to fix prices, divide the market and boycott the American companies, and that these actions caused damages believed to be in

excess of \$20 million. Triple damages, or \$60 million, can be awarded if the suit is successful.

The suit stemmed from a 1981 breach-of-contract action by Daishowa against the cooperative. Daishowa alleged North Coast repudiated its wood chip contract in 1981 when the market price exceeded the contract price.

In May, U.S. District Judge Robert Aguilar issued an injunction ordering the Japanese firm to stop the alleged boycott. But he refused to require that before Daishowa bought any chips in the U.S. it had to give North Coast export "the right of first refusal on the sale."

The judge turned down a Daishowa request to dismiss antitrust claims and defenses asserted by North Coast. He ruled U.S. antitrust law applied to Japanese companies and said the evidence "raises serious questions of illegality under the antitrust laws."

The new suit alleged that since before 1974, the defendant and others conspired to restrain and monopolize the wood chips trade.

Calif. legislature passes compensation bill for Nisei

SACRAMENTO—The California legislature approved a bill Aug. 12 which entitles Japanese Americans fired from their state jobs during World War II to as much as \$5,000 in compensation. Assemblyman Patrick Johnston's AB 2710 was approved 24-4 by the State Senate and was scheduled to go to Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. for signing Aug. 17.

The Stockton Democrat's bill would compensate 314 Japanese American state employees fired en masse from their jobs because of their ancestry in 1942 by paying them a \$5,000 settlement over a four-year period.

"I am very pleased by the passage of the bill," Johnston said following the vote.

"Debate on the Senate floor was more meaningful than at any stage of the legislative process," he added. "Many of the senators remember the era of World War II very well and most of them reflected on it and said the government of the U.S. and California made a terrible mistake and that it's time to rectify that error."

Continued Johnston: "Passage is significant not just because it moves the bill to the governor's desk but because those who voted knew the era in which these employees were fired and said, 'We must make amends for the mistakes of the past...'"

The four who opposed AB 2710 were state Senators Campbell, Presley, Newton and Schmitz.

Johnston credited the bill's smooth passage through the Senate to Sen. Ralph Dills (D-Gardena).

"He (Dills) chaired the first Senate committee in which it was heard; argued and voted for it in the Finance Committee. He presented the bill on the floor, and

were questions about it, debated it and finally went around the chamber and nailed down votes for it. He was marvelous at every step," said Johnston.

He added that he thought the passage of AB 2710 was "an educational experience" for members of the state Legislature.

"Hopefully, the modest success of this bill will have an impact on Congress in showing that the injustices visited upon Japanese people during World War II cry out for redress," stated Johnston.

The Assembly approved the bill 49-12 June 7.

Performing the primary research for the drafting of the bill was Johnston's 31-year-old Sansei legislative aide Priscilla Ouchida.

Asked her reaction on the passage of the bill, Ouchida said, "I think it's wonderful. I think Patrick (Johnston) is wonderful. It's hurt him in his district (Johnston faces reelection in November). It wasn't something he had to do. It takes a very special person to do something like this."

Johnston has defended his bill against criticism from his colleagues by saying, "The Legislature can annually pass resolutions saying how sorry we are for what happened. But if we mean what we say, we will pay back our own loyal former state employees, who were victims of the most outrageous campaign of racial discrimination in the history of California."

Persons fired by the State Personnel Board because of their Japanese ancestry during World War II may obtain information on how to file a claim for compensation under the Johnston Bill by writing to Priscilla Ouchida c/o Assemblyman Patrick Johnston, State Capitol, Room 4143, Sacramento, CA 95814.

—Rafu Shimpo

Japan's war atrocities become subject of best-seller in Tokyo

TOKYO—The best-selling book in Japan this year is an account of a Japanese germ warfare unit based in Manchuria that killed 3,000 Chinese, Koreans and Russians in biological experiments in World War II.

Since publication in December, 1,140,000 copies of the book, "Gluttony of the Devil," by Seiichi Morimura, have been sold.

Morimura has completed a sequel, to be published this month, on how 2,600 members of the 731st Epidemic Prevention and Water Supply Headquarters unit in Harbin escaped discovery after the war. He said they were protected by American occupation forces against prosecution on war crimes charges in return for data on germ warfare.

There were previous Japanese accounts of the 731st unit, which

was commanded by Lieut. Gen. Shiro Ishii. The salient facts were related by Akashi Shimomura in "Vivisection of 3,000 People," published in 1967, and by Seizaburo Yamada in "Military Court of Biological Warfare," in 1974.

But Morimura's 246-page book is believed to be more accurate and more readable. He tracked down 60 of those who served in the unit.

After his book appeared, the activities of the 731st unit were officially acknowledged for the first time.

Kunio Tanabe, a Government official, told Parliament in April that the tests had occurred "during the most extraordinary wartime conditions" and were "most regrettable from the viewpoint of humanity."

Official Japanese silence was

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Mitsui employees plead innocent

SAN FRANCISCO—Three employees of Japan's giant Mitsui Trading Company pleaded innocent Aug. 4 to charges of conspiring to dump cheap foreign steel products on the American market.

Federal Magistrate Richard Goldsmith accepted the pleas from Katsumi Arai, 44, Tsuneo Nakimi, 48, and Takeo Teraoka, 47, and accepted \$40,000 bonds from each in exchange for their freedom while they prepared for trial.

No trial date was set and attorney James Brosnahan said he would have several pretrial matters to present to the court, including a request U.S. Attorney Herbert Hoffman be removed from the case. He would not elaborate.

Hoffman, who successfully induced Mitsui Co. (USA) to plead guilty to the charges and pay more than \$11 million in fines, would not comment on the request to disqualify him.

Mitsui pleaded guilty to the charges late last month. The three individuals named in the criminal indictment were not included in the settlement hammered out between the government and the trading company.

The steel dumping investigation surfaced in December, 1980, when some 40 U.S. customs agents conducted simultaneous raids on the San Francisco and New York offices of Mitsui and carried off hundreds of boxes of papers.

The government charged Mitsui and three employees with conspiring to avoid provisions of the 1921 Antidumping Act and the "trigger price" mechanism of the Treasury Department which monitors the price of foreign steel.

Nakimi is former vice-president of Mitsui and general manager of its steel department in San Francisco. Teraoka is the former deputy manager of the operation in San Francisco and Arai is a Mitsui employee in Tokyo.

GM, Toyota planning to build cars together in Calif. plants

DETROIT—General Motors Corp. and Toyota likely will build cars together at the American automaker's vacant Fremont, Calif., assembly plant, GM chairman Roger Smith confirmed Aug. 3.

Smith unveiled the Aero 2000—an aerodynamically styled concept car that will be the focal point of GM's exhibit at Epcot, the futuristic exposition opening this fall at Walt Disney World in Florida.

GM and Toyota have been negotiating since last November on a venture to produce small cars jointly. GM wants the production to take place at one of its vacant plants in either Fremont or South Gate, Calif.

Last month, UAW president Douglas Fraser predicted the cars would be built in Fremont, near San Jose, saying land is available nearby to build a stamping plant.

When asked about Fraser's prediction, Smith said, "That's accurate." Smith agreed the availability of land is a big factor, although the South Gate plant is still in the running. "There's plenty of vacant land around the (South Gate) area but not near it," said Smith.

He said the Fremont plant was run without a nearby stamping facility with parts shipped instead from Fisher Body plants in Detroit.

Smith said the next round of talks with Toyota will be held in middle to late August, but he would not disclose a site. Both sides currently are completing cost and investment studies of the partnership.

He said he still thinks the two sides will reach agreement sometime this fall—as predicted earlier.

On a related matter, Smith said GM has won a contract to supply catalytic converters and is competing to build electronic components for the 200,000 cars that will be built by the Japanese automaker Isuzu for GM to sell in this country beginning next year. GM invested \$200 million in Isuzu for the project.

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apparently broken down in part by the publication of an article in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, an American magazine, on "Japan's Biological Weapons: 1930-45," by John W. Powell, charging that United States officials had granted immunity to the war criminals in exchange for their records.

Powell, a former editor of the Shanghai-based China Weekly Review, said American prisoners had been used in the experiments. None survived.

They were said to have been fed well, kept warm and allowed ample rest in preparation for the tests—injections of typhus, cholera and plague germs.

'J.A.P. Handbook' irks reader

SAN FRANCISCO—A soon-to-be released humor book entitled, "The Official J.A.P. (Jewish American Princesses and Princes) Handbook" was brought to the attention of National JACL Headquarters recently by a community member who took offense to the acronym.

Sharon Kato of San Francisco saw an advertisement for the book in a June edition of Publisher's Weekly. The paperback book, to be released in November, was written by Anna Sequoia and published by the Plume publishing co. of the New American Library. It is apparently similar (in form) to last year's popular "The Official Preppy Handbook."

Although the book is a parody on the lifestyles and myths of Jewish women and men, Kato did not like the terms being used in the book, such as "Jap-dom," "Jappy" and "Un-Jappy."

In her letter to National headquarters, Kato noted that she would write a letter of protest to the New American Library and hoped that other Nikkei would as well.

Taiwanese newspapers praise defecting tennis star Hu Na

TAIPEI, Taiwan—The attempt by a Chinese tennis star to defect to the United States is captivating Taiwan, where newspapers praise her as a freedom fighter and have carried blanket coverage of her story.

The tennis player, Hu Na, disappeared in late July during the Federation Cup tennis tournament in Santa Clara, Calif., and then requested political asylum in the United States. U.S. officials are considering the request.

But the attempted defection of one of the People's Republic of China's best-known sports figures has brought daily stories in the Taiwanese media.

All refer to the 19-year-old Hu as a girl "fighting for her freedom."

There is little expectation Miss Hu will choose Taiwan as home because women's tennis is still in its infancy here.

But a Taiwanese sports official who returned from a U.S. visit recently said he learned from reliable sources Miss Hu has indicated a preference for both America and Taiwan.

Wang Shih-Cheng, secretary general of the Chinese Taipei Tennis Association, said that although the government has made no promise, officials would be happy to accept her.

Wong has also pledged his association's financial support.

Most of the editorials in Taiwanese newspapers linked Miss Hu's action with the attempted hijacking of a Chinese airliner to show Chinese are dissatisfied under Communist rule.

As evidence of the degree of interest, the Chinese Television Corp. on Taiwan has located film of Miss Hu's winning Fedcup match with a Japanese player. The network's news manager, Wu Tung Chuan, said it will show the film when Miss Hu's asylum is granted with premium commercial sales.

In an editorial July 27, the Central Daily News said it expects Miss Hu to succeed in gaining asylum.

"The United States, above all, is a country which values freedom, safeguards human rights and observes international traditions and

practices," it said.

Some of the tests appear to have had no clear purpose. Morimura said a man had been placed in a centrifugal separator and his blood extracted from his body.

The author said women had been injected with syphilis and men with horse's blood. He said people had been placed behind metal screens with their buttocks exposed to fragmentation bomb explosions and allowed to die as gangrene developed in their wounds.

A member of the 731st unit who fled to Japan with other members of the team just before Soviet forces entered Manchuria at the end of the war was quoted as having said that he killed a Russian woman and her daughter, aged about 4, by blowing poison into a chamber in which they were held.

The Morimura book is regarded as remarkable in that it goes against the current in Japanese publishing. Most books on World War II deal with the suffering of the Japanese, not of others.

Yasuo Akiyama, editor of Japan Quarterly, said he thought the book was successful because it came out at a time when there was much talk about biological warfare—reports of Soviet use of yel-

low rain and of the American use of Agent Orange in southeast Asia.

But Morimura, who is a pacifist, attributes the success partly to what he describes as deeply felt doubts over Japanese wartime actions.

"This story should be told to all Japanese, to every generation," he said. "Japanese aggression should be written about to prevent another war."



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Nikkei couple launch their own small publishing business

BERKELEY, Ca.—It's not the best of times to start a business, much less a publishing business," said Shiro Nakano, "but we've talked about it for five years now, and decided, what the hell, we'd better do it now."

Shiro and Mei Nakano of Sebastopol, long-time JACLers together with their partner, Adam David Miller of Berkeley, recently announced the launching of their small press publishing company.

Nakano handles the book-designing as well as the company's financial affairs, while Ms. Nakano and Miller, former English instructor colleagues at Laney College, Oakland, serve as editors.

The editors are both published free-lance writers, Miller having conducted series of radio programs entitled, "The Small Press" and "The Imaged Word" in recent years. For the latter series, he interviewed most of the major Asian American writers on the current scene, including the late Toshio Mori.

"Mina Press came into being now," Ms. Nakano stated, "partly because we have books of our own we want to publish, and partly because we know that some very important writing is not being published today, and we want to help fill that gap."

Ms. Nakano went on to explain that since the early 70's the publishing industry has undergone dramatic changes. Formerly a staid and stable business, it has emerged in recent years a highly competitive, highly visible, rocky industry.

The larger companies, she said, give the bulk of their attention today to so-called mass-market paperbacks—those books which are promoted by a lot of media hype and pizzazz (ala "Valley of the Dolls") and sell by the thousands in chain bookstores and supermarkets.

"A marketing executive from Bantam books told me recently that most large publishers look on this kind of book as a perishable item, like a tomato, something with a 'shelf life' to be swept off the rack in a few weeks, if it doesn't show signs of taking off," said Nakano.

And in the case it doesn't show these signs, the bookseller merely tears off the cover and returns it to the publisher for a refund, according to Nakano.

"What is so deplorable about this," she added, "is that the book of high literary quality, which often takes months, even years to write, and which might be very slow to catch on, is being given short shrift by the bookseller. Hence, it is also being given less and less attention to by the major publisher. It's the slick writing and fast read that's in demand now."

An alarming effect of this is that previously unpublished writers, third world writers, poets of any stripe, and otherwise 'non-mainstream' writers are hard put to find any large publisher who will look at their manuscripts today—unless, of course, they have written a trendy book, like a romance novel, a diet book, a 'how-to' self-improvement book, or a mystery western, the current hot sellers, according to Nakano.

But, she further stated, these writers are also finding out about small presses and university press, and most of the time, their association results in a mutually beneficial outcome.

"And for this very reason, small presses have burgeoned all over the country in recent years," said Adam David Miller.

"By one count, some 600 exist in the greater Bay Area alone."

Cal Japanese alumni starting student loan plan for Nikkei

SAN FRANCISCO—George Kondo, president of the California Japanese Alumni Association announced that at a recent board meeting it was resolved to establish a student loan program for Nikkei youth.

The CJAA Student Loan Program is not intended for students who can expect adequate financial support from normal sources or for those who receive ample scholarship awards.

It is intended to those students who may be pressed to terminate or delay the completion of their education because of the lack of adequate financing.

Loans in limited amounts, based on individual needs, will be made available to those furthering their academic careers at any of the nine campuses of the University of California.

Applicants need not be residents of the State of California but must be of Japanese descent.

Initial plans call for the loans to become due and payable after the completion of the borrower's academic goals or upon the discontinuance of their education.

Interest rates are to be established at lower than commercial rates and will accrue only after the completion or discontinuance of their education.

A limited number of individual loans will be awarded each academic year based on financial need and motivation. It is hoped that the accumulated interest generated from the loans will provide additional funds to perpetuate the program.

Funds which make the student loan program possible was generated from the sale of the UC Japanese Student Club, popularly known as Euclid Hall.

The dormitory was built in 1923 by a group of enterprising Nikkei students at the University of California who raised \$13,000 to purchase a building on Euclid Avenue to house Nikkei students.

In 1952 the property was deeded to the California Japanese Alumni Association and in 1972 was sold to

the University Student Cooperative Association.

Donations to CJAA, a non-profit charitable organization, are tax-deductible.

Information and application forms will be available in the fall. Applications will be accepted during the spring semester and awards will be made before the 1983 fall semester to those who are planning to attend any of the Univ. of California campuses.

Olivers' Sportmans awards dinner slated

MONTEREY PARK, Ca. — Presentation of the Olivers' "Sportsmanship" award to the outstanding Sansei prep athlete of the season, 1981-82, will be made at the 22nd annual event for the members and friends on Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m. at Paul's Kitchen Restaurant. The program is held in tribute to the late Nellie G. Oliver, a kindergarten instructor at the pre-war Hewitt St. School who took it upon herself to help Nisei youngsters active in sports during the 1920s and 1930s. For more info call 820-4009.

HEROIC STRUGGLES of Japanese Americans



NEW PUBLISHERS—Mei and Shiro Nakano of Sonoma County JACL have launched their new small press publishing company in Berkeley.

Added Miller, "And it is pretty much acknowledged by those in the business that often the best and most original writing is being published by small presses and being sold in independent bookstores today. We know there's still a good market out there for quality books."

As part of its credo, Mina Press will consider all manuscripts of merit, the publishers stated.

Among their first offerings will be Ms. Nakano's own book, "Riko

JACCC appoints director of admn.



Patrick L. Ogawa

LOS ANGELES—Patrick L. Ogawa, former executive director of the Asian American Drug Abuse Program, was appointed to the newly-created position of director of administration of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, it was announced Aug. 6 by JACCC Executive Director Gerald D. Yoshitomi.

Ogawa, who began his work June 1, will be in charge of all financial operations of the JACCC and will also supervise tenant relations and other aspects of

JACCC Center Building, such as its physical operation.

He was also honored with a certificate of commendation from the Los Angeles City Council.

"As the JACCC becomes more involved in programs that make optimum use, not only of the Center Building which opened in 1980, but the Theater, which will open next year, and the Plaza, which is also expected to be finished next year, we are finding a need gradually to expand our staff," Yoshitomi said.

To manage its major program areas, the JACCC at the present time has a fulltime gallery director in the person of Miles Kubo and a fulltime theater manager, Cora Mirikitani. The last program director, a library director, is expected to be appointed soon.

Born in Kyoto, Ogawa is a graduate of Loyola University with a B.A. in sociology. He also has an M.S. in criminal justice from California State University, Long Beach. He has worked for AADAP since 1976 in increasingly responsible positions and became its executive director last year. He is married to the former Gail Hatanaka of Cerritos. The Ogawas have a daughter, Kristin, 10 months old.

A Candid Comment

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JACL awards also went to Jane Ozawa, Pacific Citizen staffer for 20 years; cartoonist Pete Hironaka for 25 years of contributions to the PC; May Doi, convention registrar; Barry Saiki, Japan JACL chapter president; and the rarely presented National JACL ruby pin to Shig Wakamatsu for his perseverance and dedication as chairman of the JACL Japanese American Research Project for over a decade.

Wakamatsu referred to the ruby pin as the "holy grail of JACL—as mystical and as legendary—the symbol of the idealism of this organization."

JARP chair Wakamatsu came back with special awards to Yone Satoda, JARP treasurer since the committee's inception in the '60s, and to Sumi Shimizu, his volunteer JACL "girl Friday" for two decades. Noboru Honda of Chicago emceed this portion of the program Wednesday afternoon before a full house of 450.

The Wakamatsu testimonial included tributes and gifts from his JARP colleagues, Bill Hosokawa, Dr. Gene Levine, Satoda and Masaoka.

JACL certificates of appreciation, mounted on wooden plaques, were presented by National Executive Director Ron Wakabayashi to the outgoing national board members headed by Jim Tsujimura.

Convention Speakers in Brief

Approximately 600 heard Ambassador Yoshio Okawara, keynote convention speaker, pay tribute to Issei and Nisei contributions to America, update the U.S.-Japan trade picture and cite the need to solve problems now before they get bigger.

Establishing a JACL convention precedent, Japanese Consul Gen-

erals Tsuneo Tanaka at Los Angeles and Hiroshi Kitamura at San Francisco were also guest speakers during the 3½-hour Sayonara dinner emceed by Togo W. Tanaka, board member of the Los Angeles Federal Reserve Bank.

Mike Masaoka was also making his first public speaking appearance in about two years since being hospitalized just before the 1980 JACL conclave. His Tuesday night remembrances of JACL in 1942 and Wednesday recollections of JACL in the immediate postwar era were video-taped for the JACL archives as were other key sessions, such as International Relations workshop.

The business sessions were being covered by a court reporter and tape.

On Wednesday, Bill Hosokawa, the keynote convention speaker, described volunteerism (text of speech to follow in a future issue) "as the force that powers JACL." He recalled JACL in the early days had no paid staff, and then when it hired its first professional staff in 1941, what was paid could hardly be called "salary." Volunteerism continues to thrive, he continued and urged JACL's volunteer leaders to work for today and tomorrow, putting behind the past and the bitterness that could be ruinous. Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Wilshire JACL was emcee of the first of three major convention public events.

Retired U.S. Ambassador Richard Petree to the U.N. and Sen Nishiyama of Tokyo filled in for Hodgson at the DPSA banquet, emceed by Mitsu Sonoda of West Los Angeles.

Official JACL national chaplain (and a JACler of Biennium in his own right) Fr. Clement Boesflug, M.M., now retired in Seattle, gave invocations at the three major meals, while benediction prayers were shared by Rev. Akira Hata of WLA Buddhist Church; Rev. Jonathan Fujita, Centenary Methodist Church.

Greetings were abundant during the week, they being rendered by convention chair Lou Tomita, coordinator and chapter president Karl Nobuyuki, County Supervisors Deane Dana and Kenneth Hahn, Gardena mayor pro-tem Mas Fukai, L.A. city council president Joel Wachs, and Ron Shiozaki (at the fabulous and colorful fashion show emceed by Carol Kai).

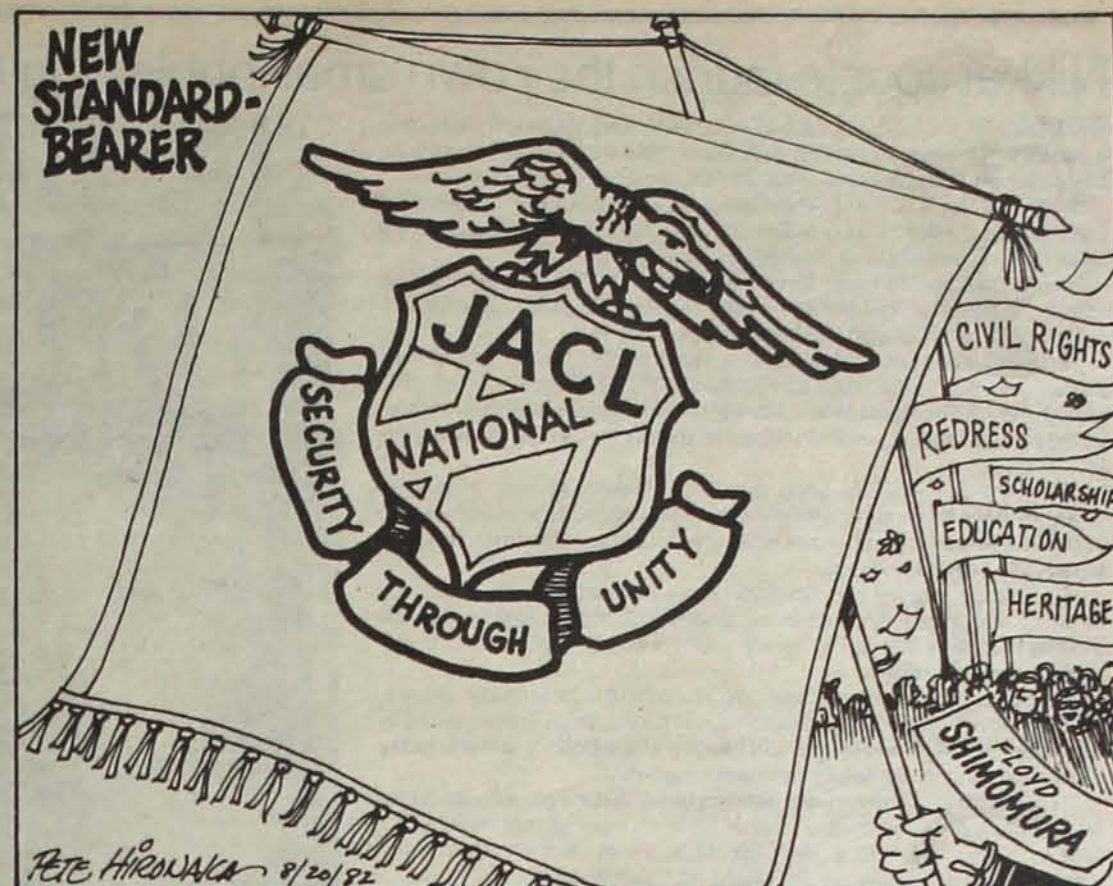
Confab Notes

Alyssa Watanabe of Detroit and Paul Nakasone of Twin Cities were elected National Youth Council chair (succeeding Ron Tajiri) and youth representative (succeeding Howard Ishiyama) and will represent youth at National Board meetings.

Close to 20 youth were registered as delegates or boosters, but some 250 participated at the JACL youth dance Tuesday night while the seniors cavorted at the 1000 Club whing ding by a much larger count (We're hoping for an inside whingding report from Frank Sakamoto of Chicago, with pictures perhaps. PC was busy covering the Tuesday night workshop of redress.

Working and watching the Convention Office and Council staff desk were the regional personnel, John Saito, George Kondo, Sachi Kuwamoto, Bill Yoshino, Karen Seriguchi, and HQ staffers David Nakayama, Mike McFeely, Emily Ishida and Lia Shigemura (new program director) ... Sgt.-at-arm Tak Kawagoe is now a veteran, ringing the bells, collecting and distributing delegate call cards since the Portland convention in '74.

It's full circle for Judge Raymond Uno of Salt Lake JACL, who had been appointed parliamentarian when he showed up for his first convention in '64 at Detroit as a young barrister, and again being named for '82 ... but this time with winsome Leslie Furukawa, PSWDC legal counsel, sharing the duties.



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

Speed Limit: 55 / Lifestyle, too?

Salt Lake City
Some thoughts on turning 55. Before he died, I asked Min Masuda, an authority on aging, when old age really began. He told me around 50. It was something I sensed, but receiving his confirmation was important. I wasn't imagining. Although the preferred term is "mid-life," the fifties are the beginning of decline. I recall having made this observation on my 50th birthday.

My birthday coincides with the ripening of wild plums. This year, the crop is more abundant than ever before. Probably because the tree was neglected for two years, which allowed it to grow out of control, pushing sideways against other trees, stretching upward in a glistening of green and gold. All the fruit will not be gathered. It is not only a matter of sheer abundance, but some of the fruit is over-ripened, some pecked by birds, some plain rotted. We give away all we can. Only a cupful is brought into the house every evening for hand eating. We discard much more than we keep. When I

drew the analogy of my 50th birthday, I did not see it this way, calling it a "time of gathering." Perhaps because aging was still a new experience for me.

Five years into the process have changed my perception, as much as the light through which I view the tree, now more subtle, less sensual. Back then, gathering meant accumulating. It haughtily disregarded the discarding that must also come. That one must face the cluttered cupboards, the crowded closets, the filled file cabinets. Some things would have been long gone except for my son's promise to take them someday when he established his own residence. "Don't throw that out. Are you crazy? I could use it." Then, having purchased a condominium located on the top floor, he said, and would you believe, incredulously, "Do you expect me to carry all that up three flights of stairs? You must be crazy." Yes, obviously.

After the first frost, we plan to prune the plum tree to reasonable proportions. We do not require such a large tree

in that particular place. It is the same way with our possessions. We do not need as much as we once did or thought we did. I used to say, "I must have that." Now, it is, "Do I need that?" Last month, we learned a gift was being sent us. Not an ordinary gift, but a piece of Steuben glass. When it arrived, it happened to be one we had long admired, a collector's item. That night, my son came by to examine it. He held it carefully, admiring its perfect design, catching the light in it. "You can have it. Take it home," I said. My son demurred, appreciating its value. Much more than the groceries or sundries he accepts or steals without second thought. The momentary hesitation in my husband's face did not escape me, for it was a handsome piece. Ignoring it, I assured my son, "We're getting too old to want things. It'll only be another object I'd have to clean and polish and dust."

It has been this way all summer. "We don't need this clutter," I mumbled, heaving things into the garbage or separating them for charity col-

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Letterbox

● Redress Issue

Editor:

It seems that William Hohri of NCJAR takes exception with my July 9th column ("A Misconception") regarding the mistaken notion that Congress has a legal obligation to provide redress for the Evacuation.

My comments were intended to clarify a common misconception regarding the legal status of the redress issue. It's true, as I stated, that we had been advised by attorneys that a reversal of the Nisei cases was unlikely (which is the point that Hohri takes exception to), but that was well before some current efforts were initiated and before some new evidence emerged. I was at fault for not mentioning these caveats in my column and for assuming that, having stated this in the past, it would be understood.

I'm personally encouraged that NCJAR and others will seek reversals of Hirabayashi, Yasui, and Korematsu, and I would encourage the JACL to support such an effort at the appropriate time. The success of such an attempt is beneficial to all and corrects one of the most important parts of the WWII injustice. I wish these groups luck.

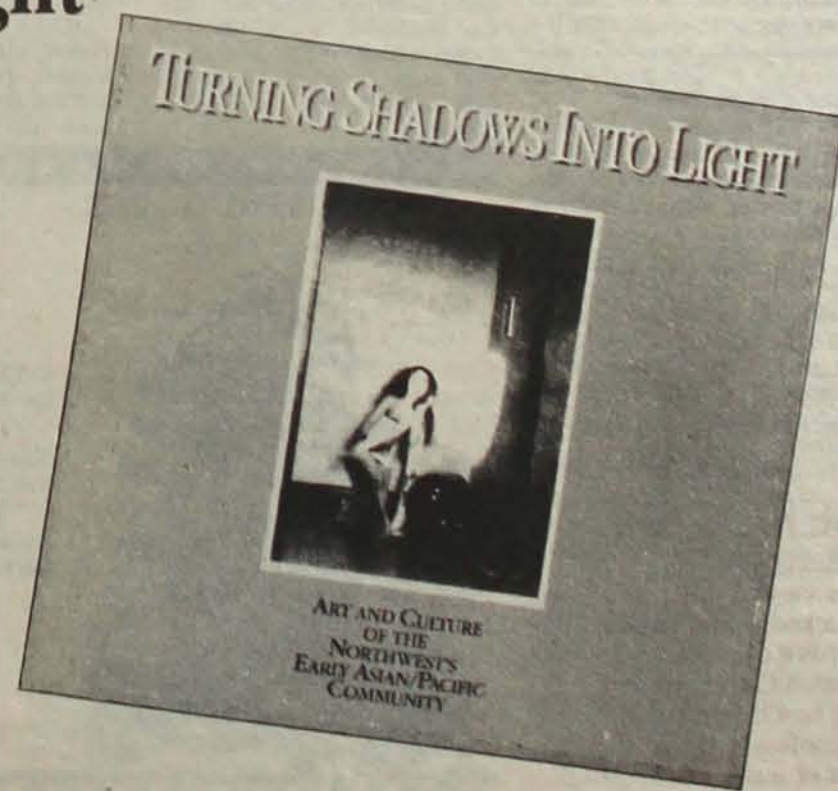
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The Convention Opener: Mike Masaoka

Gardena, Calif.

It was well worth the price of admission and more to witness the return of the vintage Mike Masaoka, nearly felled two years ago by a serious heart attack followed by double by-pass surgery. Masaoka had been vilified, unfairly blamed by a few revisionists for selling Japanese Americans down the river into desert WRA camps 40 years ago. Now, at a so-called Redress workshop, he had been asked to recall the details that led to decision in the fateful spring of 1942.

So Masaoka rose to speak, a white-maned lion, recounting events of four decades ago without benefit of notes, orating with the fire of his long-ago youth. It was a performance made virtuosos by his sincerity.

JACL had been accused of seizing the reins of power in the Japanese American communities. Masaoka pointed

out the Issei leadership had been imprisoned by the FBI under the war powers act, leaving their people drifting, afraid, confused. There was no group capable of moving into the breach to provide assurance and leadership and the role went by default to a young, inexperienced JACL.

JACL had been accused of "negotiating" a role for itself with a government intent on evacuating the Japanese Americans. There was no negotiating, Masaoka pointed out, only a desperate rear-guard action to head off disaster simply because no one—the civilian government, the military, the Japanese Americans themselves—seemed to know in the confusion and hysteria of the time what was transpiring.

And what about the decision to seek the right to military service? Masaoka had no apologies, only pride that the Nisei stepped forward to offer their lives after JACL successfully petitioned the federal government for the privilege of defending their country. More than any sin-

gle action, the military sacrifice of the Nisei insured them a place in the nation after the guns were stilled.

Masaoka made his most telling points when he asked about the intent of JACL's detractors. He admitted to errors of judgment but not of venality. He asked what point there was in blaming the JACL leadership of 40 years ago without acknowledging the greed, the blatant racism, the ignorance, the malign intent of those who stirred latent prejudices to engineer the evacuation of Japanese Americans and who succeeded in changing simple removal to semi-permanent confinement behind barbed wire.

Masaoka spoke for an hour and a half and no one stirred or moved to leave, or even coughed. When it comes to passionate oratory, Masaoka knows no peer, and this warm night he was at his best. Those who had known Masaoka in his younger days were first astonished, then delighted, that the years had slid away and the old skills were being revealed for a new generation of JACLers to listen and marvel and be educated to the facts of a long-ago tragedy by the man who was at the center of the maelstrom.

Mike Masaoka's report of JACL, as it were, will not silence the criticism. But his presentation of the facts, his interpretation of events as he saw them, will explain what he and his colleagues did, and why they did it. And if there continues to be attacks on his motives, it will not be on the basis of lack of information.

The Nisei have lived too long with the specter of the Evacuation experience hanging over them. Why did it happen? Who was to blame? Why were certain decisions made? Masaoka's report contained little startling new information, but he capsulized it in a dramatic and timely manner.

His entire presentation was recorded by the magic of videotape, which will be made available by JACL Headquarters to the public for the cost of postage. Borrow a copy. Watch it. It will be an enlightening experience. And it's good to know Masaoka is back. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

'Hentaisei': Commentary II

Philadelphia

IT IS NOT our intent to make an issue of the subject of homosexuality on which we briefly commented in a prior column (May 28, 1982). We did, however, receive a well-considered six-page commentary from a Nikkei reader who apparently is a member of the psychology department of a university. Space will not permit a meaningful response, but within such limitation we shall make an attempt, such as it is.

IN OUR PRIOR column entitled "A Taboo Topic" we sought to state openly some of our views and difficulties that we have with the notion of homosexuality. In doing so, we tried not to make moral judgments even though we admitted to having definite views of long-standing. In so doing, we suggested that this writer's view probably is shared by a vast majority of the Nisei, if not by the broader class of Nikkei.

THE NIKKEI READER who commented on the subject objected to the term "hentaisei" as being equated to "abnormal" or "sexual perversion". Be that as it may, the point was that this is precisely the definition that Kenkyusha (the Japanese dictionary) gives to the term. In so pointing out this fact, we were merely reflecting the origins of the cultural values presumably adopted by our Issei parents which, in turn, presumably were handed down to the Nisei, whether expressly or by osmosis. And as with a number of social values passed on to the Nisei, we suggest that this one also adhered as part of our package of social values—along with concepts such as "giri", "on" and so on.

THERE IS, HOWEVER, one proposition advanced by the Nikkei commentator with which we have had, and continue to have, difficulty: that is the proposition of equating homosexuality with civil rights. Very often referred to as "gay rights". (We're not clear as to the etymology of the term "gay", which is a slang term. Why is it not simply "homosexual" or "lesbian"? We pose this query not in a cynical sense but, rather, in an academic sense. Is it, for example, a euphemistic term, thereby suggesting that the standard term is opprobrious?)

AS WE SAY, we find difficulty in equating "gay rights" with civil rights. Notwithstanding emotional obstacles with which we've been imbued since childhood—hence the opening reference to the term "hentaisei"—intellectually we readily subscribe to the proposition that homosexuals should not be subjected to persecution or be granted anything less than equal protection of the laws. It is to be pointed out that this is a negative approach to the question. Where we have difficulty is when the positive approach is employed. Thus, for example, while we fully subscribe to teaching our children the virtues of civil rights, we are not prepared to include in that teaching the "positive rewards" (our term, whatever that may mean) of a life of homosexuality. That is what we meant when we stated that we were prepared to accept the concept "up to a point."

THE OBSERVATION WAS also proffered that since the Nikkei population is some 700,000 and "if only 1% of this population [were] homosexual...there would be over 7,000 Nikkei homosexuals." Perhaps. As with statistics, however, this statistical analysis may suffer from even cursory scrutiny. Initially, the gross figure includes: tots and children who presumably are not

practicing homosexuals as we define that term; the Nisei, who largely may have an aversion to the practice; the few remaining Issei. At that point, the gross figure is reduced considerably, to which might be applied some arbitrary percentage factor. As we wrote before, however, while we personally do not know any Nikkei engaged in homosexual activity, we have little doubt there are some.

WE HAD BROACHED the subject in our continuing efforts to address and to consider realities, so that we might be better able to cope. And to do this, we are compelled to state the question openly, perhaps to the discomfort of some and dismay of others.

IN SHORT, THEN, we remain opposed to persecution—using that term in its broadest sense—of those practicing homosexuality; at the same time, we are also opposed to encouraging and advancing the practice. #

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Aug. 4—Chicago Sun uses pictures of "rather ugly Japanese girls" in swim suits in answer to local girl's query whether girls in Japan were attractive enough to her boy friend stationed in Japan; Sun said she had "nothing to worry about". Immediately former GIs, stationed in Japan, followed with letters upholding the beauty of girls in Japan, adding the editor needed some glasses. Most indignant answer by William Simms, American Council of Race Relations and Chicago JACL member, noted tinge of Aryan superiority in handling of the answers and as proof Japanese girls are as pretty as Americans, he submitted several pictures of Nisei women. Published were two in bathing suit (Rose Matsumoto and Suzanne Narahara), thus ending a two-week controversy.

Aug. 10—Nampa Issei (Ted Tsukamaki, 38) dies in auto crash; driving panel truck, which lost a wheel before impact and was loaded with fish and produce in refriger-

erator in back.

Aug. 13—Three Canadian evacuees, protesting closure of government hostel at Moose Jaw, Sask., arrested for refusing to leave; "Mounties" find home-made weapons, ship three to New Denver, B.C. camp. Other 74 offered transportation elsewhere.

Aug. 13—"Heifers for Relief" (\$50 donation to buy one goat) as special project to help needy in Japan underway.

Aug. 14—Midget racing car, sponsored by Salt Lake Nisei mechanics George Nakamura, George Sonoda, crashes in race collision at Salt Lake Hippodrome track.

Aug. 17—JACL staff conference ends with recommendation allowing Issei full membership in JACL, study plan to implement first mail ballot to elect National Board members in 1948, and forming new chapters.

Aug. 17—Townsend Harris Post 438, American Legion, reactivated in San Francisco; WWI veteran Kaytaro Tsukamoto named temporary commander. The two all-

Nikkei Legion posts (other was Commodore Perry Post 525, Los Angeles) had their wartime suspensions lifted shortly after V-J Day.

Aug. 18—Staley Co., manufacturer of shoyu base, starts step to pay claims of stricken users.

Aug. 19—Records of prewar Intermountain Japanese Assn. at Ogden, confiscated by FBI at outbreak of war, returned by U.S. marshal to local committee of Issei-Nisei, including Ogden JACL president Tsutomu Ochi.

Aug. 20—Dept. of Interior report, "People in Motion—Postwar Adjustment of Evacuated Japanese Americans", finds 55% back on west coast; postwar re-emergence of Little Tokyos described.

Compiled under direction of Bob Cullum, chief of unit set up for final liquidation of WRA, "general level of acceptance much better than before the war" noted.

Aug. 21—War Agency Liquidation unit in Seattle reports two thirds of 7,000 Japanese American evacuees from Seattle back home; many from Kent-Auburn area (described as "strong anti-Japanese center") still in eastern Oregon-western Idaho.

Aug. 23—Success story of east coast Issei (I. Sekine of New York) manufacturer of toothbrushes since 1906, with huge factory by 1941 at Baltimore, told by columnist Roku Sugahara; supplied millions to U.S. armed forces during WW2.

'JACL in Quest of Justice' presented to end 5-year wait

GARDENA, Ca.—An outdoor presentation of Bill Hosokawa's latest book, "JACL in Quest of Justice" (New York: Morrow, \$15.50), completed a five-year-old Masao & Chiz Satow Memorial Project in ceremonies held Aug. 12 at the Satow County Public Library.

Emceed by K. Patrick Okura, project chair, of Washington, D.C., who remembered meeting Mas Satow in 1928, the program behind the library was witnessed by some 200 persons who heard representatives recall other bits of nostalgia and tribute. The speakers included:

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Pacific Southwest; Tom Shimazaki, Central Cal; Chuck Kubokawa, Northern Cal; Dr. John Kanda, Pacific Northwest; Judge Raymond Uno, Intermountain; Ed Nakadoi, Mountain-Plains; Shig Wakamatsu, Midwest; and Dr. Tom Tamaki, Eastern.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, main speaker; Dr. Jim Tsujimura, national JACL president; Bill Hosokawa, main speaker; and Mike Masaoka. Brother of the late Chiz Satow, Kenny Uyeda of Torrance, accepted the presentations.

Hahn remembered the "Y" summer camps before the war when Satow was counselor. He called Satow a "pioneer of civil rights, a leader in justice, and believer in brotherhood", reiterating how proud he was to have a new county library named in Satow's memory.

Books have been on sale (\$12.50 to JACLers) for several weeks, but it was formally introduced at the JACL Convention last week. It was a highly touted book during the convention as the author was kept extremely busy autographing nearly 25 cases of books. #

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lections. My husband, who has viewed this activity with shocked astonishment, regards it as part of my Concentration Camp complex. Proving how little one can do with. I confess having occasional fits of austerity. We all have our separate ways of remembering and perhaps that is mine. There is one large difference between then and now. I do it freely. I also gather golden plums on my 55th birthday and hold the few in my palm. I do not need many, only what I can carry in one hand. #

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Suggestions Only

During the Redress Workshop held Aug. 10 at the convention, Redress Committee chair Min Yasui reminded the delegates that the guidelines were only to assist the committee in proposing legislation, and were by no means permanent.

Controversy surrounded another redress-related resolution, which called for funds from the JACL Endowment Fund. The fund, established in 1936 at the National JACL Convention in Seattle, is a "cooperative venture to protect, to promote and to maintain the general welfare of Japanese Americans," according to its definition.

The goal of the fund has been \$1 million, although there is \$420,000 (market value) within the account. The fund can be used for "any major future emergencies" according to its statement of purpose.

The initial proposed resolution by the JACL National Redress Committee, introduced Aug. 12, requested that \$225,000 be withdrawn from the principal of the fund at a rate prescribed by the Endowment Fund Committee. The resolution also stated that the requested monies be matched by funds raised by the National Redress Committee at the rate of \$2 from the Endowment Fund for every \$1 raised by the redress committee.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, past National President and a delegate for the Wilshire Chapter, opposed the re-

solution, and asked what constituted an "emergency" for the redress committee.

A debate ensued among several delegates on the floor: those favoring the resolution argued that without the funds from the Endowment Fund, the redress program would die; those opposing the resolution said that the fund should remain intact, and that the redress committee's use of the money should not be considered within the confines of the fund's purpose.

Endowment Fund Loan

The debate forced the business session to reconvene later that evening, but an amended resolution was then presented on the floor. The new proposal called for the Endowment Fund Committee to approve a loan, in the form of a line of credit, to the National Committee on Redress, in the amount of \$100,000 per annum for a period of three years, for a total of \$300,000. The loan would be drawn from the principal of the fund and the interest and repayment period would be determined by the redress committee and the endow-

ment committee.

Collateral for the loan would be the National Headquarters Building in San Francisco, and an annual audit by an outside independent auditor would be made on the loan and repayment.

\$5 Pledges Asked

The resolution also called for repayment on the loan through pledges from members in the amount of \$5 per member, per year, for a three-year period. Districts and chapters could carry out these pledges in whatever form they deemed best—membership dues, fund raising, or an assessment. District governors would be allowed a period of one month to inform their jurisdictions and obtain the pledges from individual chapters.

Many delegates expressed their displeasure over the \$5 pledge provision—some arguing that their districts had already met or surpassed their quota last year, while others said they might encounter difficulties in obtaining an added pledge from members.

However, Gene Takamine of the Selanoco Chapter argued that the

resolution allows enough flexibility to each district chapter in how the pledges could be obtained—so each member would not necessarily have to pledge \$5—fund raisers, for example, could help a district or chapter meet its quota.

Yet despite these arguments, the council easily passed the amended resolution—87 for, 4 against, 14 abstentions (with 14

Imamura named PC editor Oct. 1

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific Citizen Board this past week announced Peter A. Imamura, PC news editor, will assume the editorial responsibilities as editor effective Oct. 1 while Harry Honda, at the helm for 30 years, will be general manager for operations.

Announcement was made by PC Board chair Dr. Clifford Uyeda at the National Board meeting. Honda explained at the National Council he will continue to oversee the business responsibilities as well as a new department, the PC library, assist in the membership/subscriber computerization and serve as editorial consultant.

delegates absent).

In effect, the loan from the endowment fund would be repaid in part by pledges from the membership and whatever other funds could be raised by the districts.

Henry Sakai, outgoing National Secretary-Treasurer, suggested to the council that perhaps the Endowment Fund should be put into a money market account in order to draw a higher interest rate.

'Hito Hata' slated

SAN FRANCISCO—Two benefit screenings of the film, "Hito Hata: Raise the Banner" for the National Coalition of Redress/Reparations will be held at the San Francisco Buddhist Church on Pine and Octavia Sts. on Aug. 28 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets \$5 (adults) and \$3 (seniors, children) at the door.

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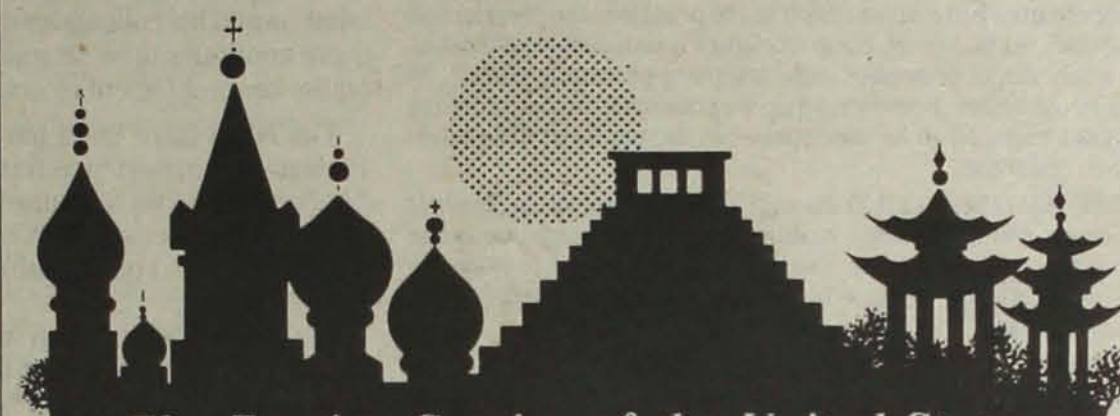
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August fever in Japan pits 3,400 high school teams with baseball

By BARRY SAIKI
(PC-Japan Contributing Editor)

Tokyo

While high school and college football games and collegiate basketball with its NCAA tournament are the most popular of academic sports in the U.S., these events may run a poor second to Japanese high school baseball.

The most important amateur sport event in Japan today is the annual high school baseball tournament at Koshien Stadium (between Osaka and Kobe). Called the National Senior High School Baseball Tournament, it was first started in 1915 under the sponsorship of Asahi Shimbun, with 73 teams participating. The participation has increased in line with the growth in both population and schools. Last year, 3,394 teams entered the prefectural eliminations in order to decide the 49 Koshien participants. This year, more than 3,400 high school teams will fight for the right to represent their prefectures throughout late June and July. On August 7, 49 teams (2 each from Tokyo and Hokkaido) will begin the elimination, which will end with the champions being crowned on August 20.

The tournament this year is the 64th, since it was not held during four war years. Capacity crowds of 55,000 per day or about 820,000 persons will attend the tournament. But what makes Koshien the most popular is the coverage given the games by TV and the press. Probably, more than half the Japanese population will see one or more games on TV.

Since every prefecture is represented by its best or (luckiest) team, and four games are held during the early part of the tourney, the daily TV program is watched intently by fans from eight prefectures as well as others. Even after one's home teams are defeated, the audience interest continues to rise as batting and pitching of individual stars are recognized.

By the time the final day is reached, the focus of the entire nation is on the outcome. Many slip away from their offices to sit in coffee shops to see the final outcome.

The tournament is unique in that the audience has a sense of partial participation. Most Japanese retain a strong affinity to their prefectures. If one grew up in Yamaguchi, he automatically roots for the Yamaguchi team.

While flawless performances do occur, many games are decided by the breaks of the games, such as an error, a blooper or a squeeze bunt—all under the pressure of being watched by 55,000 at the Stadium and by millions on TV. The teams that are eliminated shed real tears, as they scoop some of the dirt from

the Koshien to take back to their home prefectures, as souvenirs of their memorable participation.

Batting heroes and pitching stars become noticeable in the second and third rounds. By the final day, the two teams playing their sixth game have earned the respect and support of the spectators, as the national championship is decided by both skill and luck.



'GO FOR BROKE' IN L.A.—The 100/442/MIS "Go For Broke" exhibit opens for a year's stay at L.A. County Museum of Natural

Last year, the Koshien star was 18-year-old Yoshiaki Kanemura of Hotoku, who pitched all six games with an ERA of 0.98, while batting .546 with 12 hits in 23 at-bats. He is currently on the farm team of the Kintetsu Buffaloes of the professional Pacific League, gaining experience and training for eventual debut in professional baseball.

Many of the Japanese professional ball players first gained fame at Koshien, among them are Sadaharu Oh, the home run king; Shigeo Nagashima; Egawa and Hara of the Giants; Okada of Hanshin Tigers; and others. Koshien is Japan's mid-summer fever over a dedicated "bunch of amateurs", who give their utmost in the heat of August.



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History from Aug. 6. Displays include (left) the Italian Campaign; touring visitors view the expanded MIS exhibit (right).

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Chicago—Ginza Matsuri, Chgo Budhist Ch.
Little Tokyo—Vis Comm'n Celebrity Salute, JACCC, 7:30pm
- AUGUST 22 (Sunday)
Marin County—Comm picnic.
- AUGUST 29 (Sunday)
Honolulu—JACL picnic, Keiwa St Park, Aiea, 9:30am.
Las Vegas—J film: Miyamoto Musashi, Red Rock Theater, 1pm.
- SEPTEMBER 6 (Monday)
Marin County—Bd mtg, Bank of Marin, Larkspur, 7:30pm (1st Mon).
- SEPTEMBER 7 (Tuesday)
Stockton—Mtg, Cal First Bank, 7:30pm (2d Tue)
- SEPTEMBER 8 (Wednesday)
Carson—Mtg, Mercury S&L, 7:30pm (1st Wed)

- SEPTEMBER 5 (Thursday)
West Valley—Bd mtg, 7:30pm (1st Thu).
- Puyallup Valley—Bd mtg, Tacoma Budd Ch Lounge, 7:30pm (1st Thu).
- Marina—Mtg, Chace Pk clubhse, 7:30pm (1st Thu).
- SEPTEMBER 11 (Saturday)
Monterey Park—Oliver's Sportsman-ship Awd dnr, Paul's Kitchen, 6:30pm.
- SEPTEMBER 12 (Sunday)
Las Vegas—JACL v Hawaiian Club sports event, Guinn Jr Hi Gym, 1pm.
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