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Nat'l JACL offers support to dismissed Livingston teacher

SAN FRANCISCO—The National JACL Council passed a resolution during the Biennial Convention Aug. 13 which called for support of Mitsue Takahashi, a Livingston, Ca. teacher who was fired from her post in Oct. 1980 after serving the school district for 20 years.

Takahashi had been charged with "incompetence" because she allegedly could not control her eighth grade students at Livingston Intermediate School. But she has maintained that the school's administrative panel did not give her a fair hearing, and although she appealed to a state professional competence commission and the Merced County Superior Court, both bodies upheld the school panel's ruling to dismiss her.

Takahashi is appealing her case to the state's Fifth District Appellate Court, and is awaiting a hearing date, which may be sometime next year. She has maintained that the school administration's charges were false, exaggerated and misrepresented. She has also contended that the Livingston school district's standards of teacher competence were ill-defined as well.

Takahashi's case is significant in that she may be the first teacher fired on charges of incompetence alone, under a 1971 state law (known as the Stull Bill) which allows the dismissal of teachers with the appeals heard by an administrative panel. Prior to the 1971 law, teacher firings were argued in the California Superior Court.

Norman Ishimoto, JACL employment practice committee chair, has assisted Takahashi and noted that some of the charges against her appear to have no foundation: testimony against her was inconsistent, and another teacher even testified that the school principal often confused

Takahashi's classroom with an adjacent physical education class, and thereby thought the noises were coming from the Nisei teacher's classroom.

Takahashi recently told the PC that several of the charges regarding her lack of discipline over her students stemmed from incidents which occurred on the school's playground, and not in her classroom. Yet these charges were used against her when the school maintained that she could not control her classroom.

She added that the school is, perhaps, using her as a "scapegoat," since the school had been having discipline problems in other classrooms as well. She pointed out that administrators would constantly check up on her, coming in and out of her classroom, documenting conversations between students and herself, items in the classroom, and incidents. Takahashi said it almost became a case of the administration "harassing" her.

During the Oct. 1980 pre-dismissal hearing, many of Takahashi's defenders claimed that testimony from students and teachers supporting her was restricted.

Takahashi's plight is further complicated in that she is a Livingston-Merced JACL member, and two of the board members who voted to allow the school superintendent to fire her are in the same JACL chapter as well.

The National JACL resolution, introduced by the Fresno Chapter, stated that the League "will support Mitsue Takahashi's right to take a stand and seek a full and fair hearing on the merits of the case by: (1) monitoring the case in the courts and the complaint on record at the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing; and (2) informing its constituents (membership) of the facts of the case."

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Portland Council backs redress

PORTLAND, Or.—With Mayor Frank Ivancie dissenting, the Portland City Council approved a resolution Aug. 12 supporting monetary compensation for Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II.

The resolution was introduced jointly by Commissioners Margaret Strachan, Mildred Schwab, Charles Jordan and Mike Lindberg.

The resolution called on Congress to provide "just compensation" to the "uprooted people (who) suffered immeasurable human damages, such as the loss of their basic rights of American citizenship, the loss of their individual freedom, the destruction of their personal human dignity, the disruption of their careers, interruption of educational opportunities, being torn away from their homes and their neighborhoods, and the psychological and emotional trauma of having been innocent victims discriminated against and imprisoned for three and one-half years."

Supporters of the council's resolution included the Portland JACL, represented by president Walter Sakai. About "3,000 residents of this area were victims of this injustice," noted Sakai.

However, some area residents spoke against the resolution, such as Melvin Dyson, who described himself as a World War I veteran and ex-prisoner of war. Dyson said, "If there is anybody who needs redress, it's my buddies who were (prisoners of the Japanese). They boys went through more than the Japanese internee ever went through."

Portland resident W.F. Brown said the council should consider that the internment occurred during a war, and "personal rights must be subjugated to the needs of a nation." He added, "Some of these people who were incarcerated should pay the federal government for protecting them."

Ivancie said, "There are grievances all around us. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the actions were not defensible. I think we all regret the circumstances. The part that bothers me is the part about financial compensation. To ask this nation to come up with money is a bit much. Where does it end? To come up with dollars is an unending situation."

But Charles Davis of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon said redress is necessary not only "for the victims but for the soul of the nation that inflicted the injustice."

Contrary to the excuse of wartime panic that is often cited as the cause of the internment, it was motivated "by a long history of racial prejudice and economic and political reasons," said Hideo Hashimoto, who spoke in favor of the resolution for the American Friends Service Committee. Hashimoto said he was a minister at a Fresno, Ca. church when he was ordered to evacuate.

Others supporting the resolution included the Oregon Board of Rabbis and the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission. —The Oregonian



Photo by Yoshi Fujita

SINGING FOR PEACE—Amidst thousands of paper cranes, Yuko Ono (left) and Yoshiko Kubota of the Hiroshima Jogakuin Choir perform at the Peace Plaza in San Francisco's Japantown Aug. 6, to commemorate the 37th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Mayor Dianne Feinstein presented the pair with a resolution declaring Aug. 6 and 9 "Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days," which they took back to Hiroshima's Mayor Takeshi Araki.

Lobbying effort sought to keep 5th preference in immigrant law

LOS ANGELES—Attorney Rose Matsui Ochi, a former member of President Jimmy Carter's Select Commission On Immigration and Refugee Policy, has called for a lobbying campaign to retain the "fifth visa preference" provision in the proposed immigration law, which passed the Senate Aug. 17 and goes before the House of Representatives this month.

Ochi, currently executive assistant to Mayor Tom Bradley, said in a release that "the proposal to eliminate the fifth preference will severely curtail Asian family reunification."

The fifth preference is directed toward immigrants who are brothers or sisters of U.S. citizens. Under the revised legislation of Sen. Alan K. Simpson (R-Wyo.) and Rep. Romano L. Mazzoli (D-Ky.), this visa preference would be eliminated, calling instead for, under the "family reunification" category, preference only to unmarried children of U.S. citizens first; spouses and children of lawful resident aliens second; and married children of U.S. citizens third.

In a telephone interview with the PC, Ochi said that the proposed elimination of the fifth preference virtually "closes the door" for immigrating brothers and sisters of

U.S. citizens, who would have to come into the country under an independent immigration category, such as labor, or some other specialization.

Ochi added that this proposed change is especially significant to Asian immigrants, who are admitted under the fifth preference system the most. Ochi said that the Asian communities here should take a closer look at the entire revised immigration bill, since there may be other provisions which may have an adverse effect on Asian immigrants.

In her release, Ochi said that "as a direct consequence of the negative feelings generated by the massive influx of refugees, there has been a correspondingly apparent increase in anti-alien sentiment which has led to renewed restrictive and repressive proposals. It is indeed unfortunate that immigration policy questions are counterposed along with refugee issues because such juxtapositions has resulted in a cry for retreat from our generous and fair immigration laws."

"Congress itself has long recognized the importance of extending immigration privileges to brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens. Over six decades, Congress

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APAAC helps to win improved school materials in California

SACRAMENTO—A strong set of standards to ensure legal compliance in instructional materials for public school children was revised and adopted by the California State Board of Education recently. The state education code mandates that all state public school instructional materials and supplementary materials contain accurate portrayals of the cultural and racial diversity of our society including the contributions of minorities and women.

These revised "Standards for Evaluation of Instructional Materials with Respect to Social Content" strengthen the adoption process by (1) changing the terminology for the evaluation criteria from "guidelines" to "standards", (2) allowing a quantitative assessment to help determine whether portrayals of minorities and women are "approximately even" or "in fair proportion", (3) narrowing the determination of compliance so that degrees of compliance are determined by balance within each standard, rather than allowing one standard which has weak compliance to be balanced against one which is particularly strong, (4) increasing the rationales given for standards thus aiding the reviewer to better assess compliance.

"The standards are clearer in assisting the review panels in weeding out material in textbooks which are racist or sexist," explained Dr. Allan L. Seid, State Board of Education member and board president of the Asian Pacific American Advocates of California (APAAC).

The adoption of these standards is part of a process which began two

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Revised WW2 history becomes Japanese foreign policy issue

TOKYO—As if Japan didn't have enough foreign policy problems with such issues as trade and self-defense, it has been most recently criticized for its "revision" of World War II history.

This crisis, of course, originated from within: last July, the Japanese Education Ministry disclosed plans to issue new school textbooks which would tone down Japan's World War II actions against its neighboring Asian countries. The new books, for example, replace the word "invasion" with "advance" in describing the Japanese Imperial Army's attacks on China in the late 1930s.

Since the new books were announced, Japan has been under heavy diplomatic fire from governments of its neighboring Asian countries.

The Chinese Communist Party newspaper, People's Daily in Peking, printed an article warning Japan that the time "for decision and action" on changing the books had arrived. Chinese officials also hinted that they might cancel a trip Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki was scheduled to make to China beginning Sept. 26 should the textbook issue remain unresolved.

Earlier in August, People's Daily published five photographs of the 1937 "Nanking Massacre" after the Japanese Imperial Army captured the city. One of the photographs showed a Japanese soldier holding the severed head of a Chinese war victim.

South Korea was infuriated by a passage in the books, which drops historical references to the deportation to Japan of hundreds of thousands of Koreans as forced wartime labor. The new Japanese Education Ministry instruction argues that the correct phrase for this passage of history is "implementation of the national mobilization order for Koreans."

In Seoul, the government of South Korea told Japan Aug. 24 that Tokyo must immediately correct the textbook distortions and this demand would never be dropped. South Korean Education Minister Lee Kyo Ho told Japanese education officials that "it will be a mistake if Japan thinks passing time will make the Korean demand die down somehow... Our demand will grow stronger as time goes by."

Civic groups in Okinawa were also angered by the historical changes, especially the exclusion of an account of a wartime Japanese massacre of 800 Okinawans.

The Japanese government promised Aug. 26 that future history textbooks will give a more accurate account of its militarist past, but this change will not take place until April 1985—so the offensive textbooks will be used by Japanese school children for the next two years. Suzuki issued a policy statement saying Japan is "deeply aware" its past wartime activities had "inflicted great suffering and injury on the peoples of Korea, China, and other countries of Asia, and we have embarked upon the path of a nation of peace and in the penitence and determination that such events must never be repeated."

Chief Cabinet Secretary Kiuchi Miyazawa told a news conference that Education Ministry standards for screening textbooks will be changed immediately to assure that future books reflect the "basic understanding between Japan and the respective governments (of other Asian countries)."

But he said it was too late to withdraw or revise the 1.3 million books already in print and scheduled for release next April. So to fill the two-year gap, Miyazawa said, the Education Ministry will use "ministerial

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Two Japan electronic firms cited with 'dumping' radios

NEW YORK—The U.S. firm Motorola, Inc. filed a petition Aug. 19 with the International Trade Commission charging that two Japanese electronics companies "dumped" radio pagers in the U.S. market.

Motorola, the largest U.S. electronics maker, said that Matsushita Communication Industrial Co. and Nippon Electric Co. (NEC) sold radio pagers in the U.S. at unfairly low prices—between \$79 and \$90 from late last year and early this year, as compared with \$215 in Japan.

As a result, the retail prices in the U.S. market substantially dropped, forcing Motorola to cut prices of its similar radio pagers from the past \$149 to \$95.

The price cut led to losses of some \$2 million in the company's radio pager business in the first half of this year, a Motorola spokesperson said.

The ITC will pass a provisional judgement sometime this month, and if the charge is upheld in its final ruling, the commerce department will impose on products of Matsushita and NEC an antidumping duty equivalent to a differential between prices charged by the Japanese makers in the U.S. and a fair market price.

Mitsubishi defendants are no shows

TOKYO—Mitsubishi Electric Co., one of two Japanese computer makers named in the IBM computer scam case, will consult its lawyers to decide whether to send three employees to the U.S. to face charges of attempting to transport stolen computer secrets, a company official said Aug. 19.

The three defendants—Kazuma Ban, Chiyoji Tanaka and Akira Iwase—failed to appear before the U.S. Federal District Court in San Jose, Ca. on Aug. 18.

The Mitsubishi official, who requested his name withheld, said the three are now working as normal in Japan. He declined to comment on why they did not appear as summoned.

Lawyers for Mitsubishi reportedly had requested that the three be given more time before appearing for an arraignment.

But the U.S. Magistrate Nordin Blacker issued \$250,000 arrest warrants for the three defendants on Aug. 19. Blacker agreed with the prosecution that lawyers for the company were not authorized to represent the employees.

He said the company will make a decision about the employees' court appearance once arrest warrants have been delivered to the three men.

The U.S. government indicted Mitsubishi, Hitachi Ltd. and 17 other persons in June for conspiring to transport stolen computer secrets from IBM to Japan.

Takaya Ishida, a fourth Mitsubishi defendant, surrendered in July as has been arraigned. A preliminary hearing is scheduled Sept. 13.

After 40 yrs., Fresno Bee takes new stand on WW2 evacuation

FRESNO, Ca.—History cannot always predict the ironic twists and turns of events which take place over the course of time, and a small example of this premise can be found in the editorial pages of the Fresno Bee.

The Bee ran an editorial Aug. 17 entitled "To Pay an Old Debt" in reaction to the California Legislature's recent adoption of AB 2710, which called for a \$5,000 compensation to each of the 314 Nisei state workers who were fired in 1942 (the bill was signed into law by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. on the day of the editorial).

The Bee called the evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans a "shameful act born out of wartime hysteria." Approving the passage of AB 2710, the Bee commented, "(The U.S.) Congress would do well to take a cue from the California action."

Referring to the issue of redress before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, the Bee noted:

"... Congress should at long last do something—whether it be symbolic or tangible—to establish for all time that a great injustice was done to a large number of citizens and alien residents of this country, that this country deeply regrets and abhors what happened, and that we as a nation rededicate ourselves to the living principle of equal treatment before the law."

A 1943 Editorial

But nearly 40 years ago, the Bee had adamantly opposed the return of Japanese Americans to the West Coast, and defended the evacuation and internment as well.

In a June 8, 1943 column, the Bee responded to a letter from Bernice Lawrence, who spoke on behalf of a West Coast organization known as the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. Lawrence said in her letter it was false to assume that the West Coast was universally opposed to the return of Japanese Americans from the camps.

Lawrence had commented in her letter that the committee "believes attacks upon the rights of any minority tend to undermine the rights of the majority; the legislation to deprive Americans of Japanese descent of any of their legal rights, and would weaken the confidence of our Allies,

particularly those in Asia and Latin America, in the sincerity of our profession to be fighting for the rights of all peoples; and that it is un-American to penalize persons of Japanese descent in the United States solely for the crimes of the government and military caste of Japan."

The Bee's 1943 editorial rebutted Lawrence's stand, by noting "the facts" do not support the beliefs of her committee.

"For proof the people of the west are dead set against the return of the Japanese so long as this nation is at war with Japan, one need look no further than the uncompromising position of organization and agencies which have made a thorough, factual study of the Japanese problem from the cold approach of national security," said the Bee.

Among the organizations the Bee referred to was the Pacific Coast International Association of Law Enforcement Officials, who had adopted a resolution declaring that "a substantial portion of... Japanese would fight for Japan if given the opportunity." This association also believed that "riots, mob violence and sabotage would follow if (the Japanese) were turned loose to roam at will among the vital military establishments and war industries of the West coast."

The Bee then commented that "military necessity" was the "sole consideration" for the evacuation. The Bee added:

"It was with sound reason and after sober consideration the decision was made to evacuate the Japanese."

"... No one knew then, nor knows now (1943), how much aid in the way of espionage and sabotage the enemy, if an attack came, could expect from the 120,000 Pacific Coast Japanese, more than 40,000 of whom are subjects of Japan. Also, their presence would have made much easier the infiltration tactics at which the Nipponese are so adept."

"Nor is that all. Are memories so short that anyone has forgotten the several acts of violence against resident Japanese and the fear of more? The evacuation was as much for their own protection as for national security—not to mention the reprisals against our soldiers which would follow if Japanese nationals in this country were harmed."

The Bee also cited N.J.L. Pieper, then chief field agent for the FBI, who claimed he had documentation which showed some Japanese Americans to be "intensely loyal to the emperor (of Japan)." Refuting the argument that the American constitutional rights of Nisei were being violated, the Bee, using Pieper's statements, said, "With the Japanese, at least, it

would seem certain citizenship is no automatic yardstick of loyalty."

The Bee then noted:

"One wonders what our soldiers in the Solomons and the Aleutians, fighting through hell to drive back the Japanese foot by foot, would think if, at home, the Japanese were permitted to return to the western combat zone and thereby have the opportunity to sabotage the war plants which are supplying them with the material to carry on the fight."

Complete Turnabout

And now, almost four decades later, the Bee has taken a 360-degree turn. In its 1982 editorial, the Bee calls for redress for Japanese Americans:

"Such atonement could take the form of a suitable memorial, probably in California where most of the victims lived, and a number of scholarships to enable young Americans who remember nothing of the camps to learn what every generation should learn—that freedom and justice do not happen automatically even in a democratic society, and that their preservation is always in peril, especially at times of great stress."

"Financial reparations, although problematic, also have their place. But what is most important is to bury the notion that what was done is still excusable and, in the words of columnist Garry Wills, 'that the Bill of Rights is an on-again, off-again thing ... (and) that a country at war can do anything to its citizenry.'"

"There are many current and pressing issues before Congress and the nation, but some kinds of unfinished business need to be attended to, no matter how inconvenient. This is one of them."

(Ed. Note: Both the 1982 and 1943 editorials were submitted by 1000 Clubber Fred Hirasuna of Fresno, to whom we offer our sincere thanks.)

Japan had nuclear WW2 bomb planned

TOKYO—A top Japanese naval officer ordered a crash program for an attack on the U.S. in retaliation for the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of World War II, a Japanese physicist said Aug. 19.

"We must make an atomic bomb in six months and drop it on the U.S. mainland," Prof. Emeritus Tsunesaburo Asada quoted the Japanese navy officer as telling a stunned audience of about 60 people, including other senior naval officers.

Asada, of Osaka University, said the plan was never carried out because Emperor Hirohito announced Japan's surrender the day after the meeting.

After the war, the Japanese government declared it would never build nuclear weapons and renounced all forms of military aggression.

But Asada, 82, told United Press International that on Aug. 14, 1945, the day before the Japanese surrender, Vice Adm. Ryutaro Shibuya assembled all the Japanese physicists attached to the navy in Tokyo.

Shibuya proposed to the group that a secret nuclear research lab would be set up in a cave in Nagano

prefecture, on the hills 200 miles northeast of Tokyo.

Asada said he has heard that Shibuya is still alive today but the former naval officer's whereabouts are unknown.

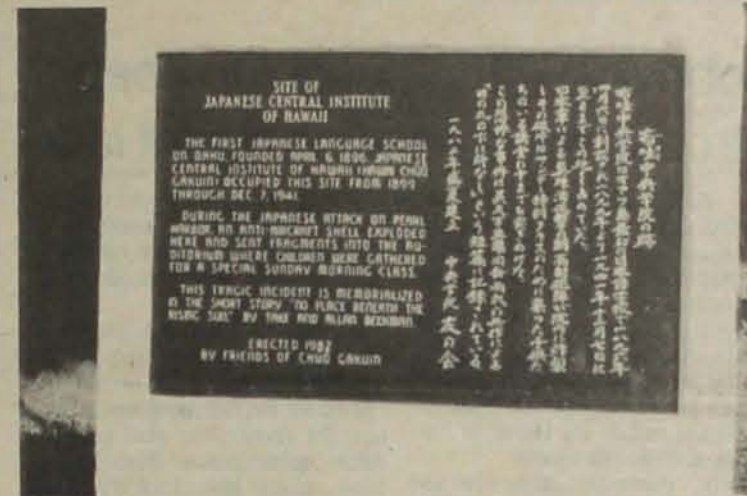
On Aug. 6, eight days before Shibuya's speech, the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima and another one on Nagasaki three days later.

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In concrete terms, this essentially means that National JACL will at least try to help maintain some type of coordination among support groups (outside of JACL) in such areas as fundraising, letterwriting, etc. National Director Ron Wakabayashi said that although the League cannot offer legal assistance (she is being represented by an attorney from the California Teachers Association) it may be able to keep the case "visible."

Takahashi has received the support of the National Education Association, the CTA, the Merced-Mariposa County Teachers and the Asian Pacific Women's Network.



Alan Beekman Photo
COMMEMORATION—Friends of Chuo Gakuin in Hawaii dedicated this monument Aug. 14 in the Foster Botanic Garden in Honolulu, which was once the site of the Japanese Central Institute of Hawaii, the first Japanese language school on Oahu. The school, founded in 1896, was hit by an anti-aircraft shell during the attack on Pearl Harbor and one child attending Sunday school was killed while another was injured.



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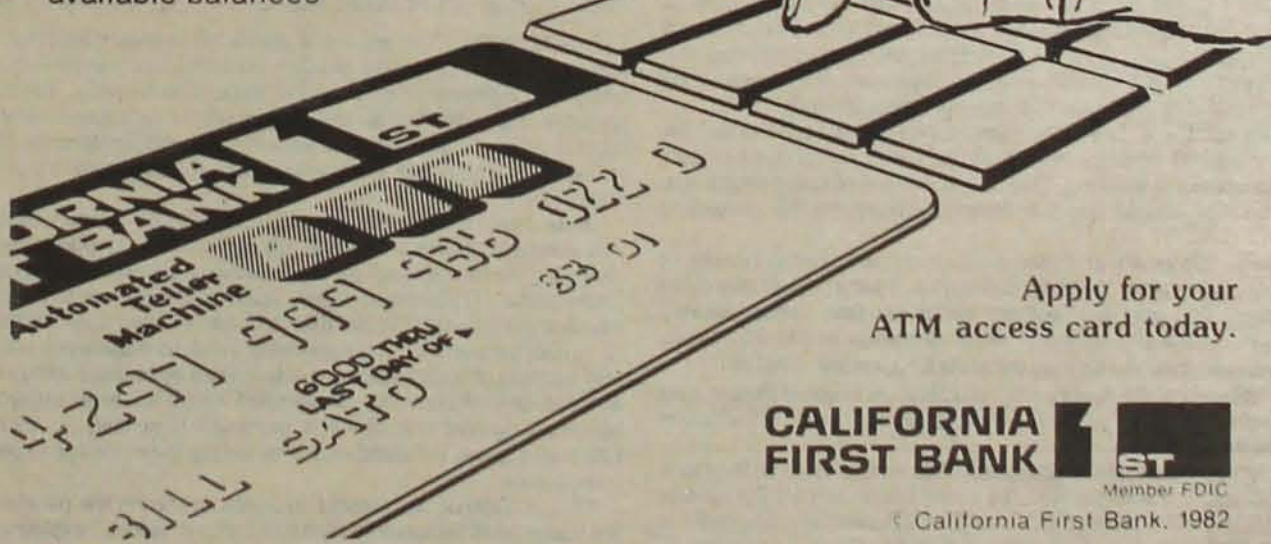


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MEETING OF MINDS—Playwright Frank Chin (left) discusses JACL's wartime activities with Mike Masaoka during Redress workshop held Aug. 10 during National Convention in L.A.

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California Arts Council grants 4 artists in residence to JACCC

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American Cultural and Community Center has been awarded a matching grant of approximately \$30,000 from the California Arts Council to have four Japanese American artists of various disciplines "in residence" at the JACCC during the 1982-1983 year, it was announced recently by Gerald D. Yoshitomi, JACCC executive director.

The grants are from the CAC's Artists in Communities Program, Yoshitomi said. "Last year, the Asian American community in the Los Angeles area had no artists in residence, which was a shame in view of the large population of Asians in this area and the talent available," Yoshitomi commented. "We are pleased that the JACCC can now provide the organization to apply for such funds and administer them."

The artists, selected to provide direct services to children as well as adults, both on site at the JACCC and off site, include:

Momoko Iko, playwright, author of "The Gold Watch", "When We Were Young," "Second City Flat" and other plays. Her plays have been performed by the East West Players, Inner City Cultural Center, on KCET community television, in Seattle, San Francisco and New York.

Nobuko Joanne Miyamoto, director of Great Leap, Inc., a non-profit arts organization which produces works relating to Asian American experience. She performs regularly in colleges, community centers and in public events. Great Leap annually tours the Northwest, Northeast and Hawaii. She has composed music, written, produced and directed as well as held workshops with Great Leap.

John Y. Mori, drummer with the Hiroshima jazz recording group and the Kinnara Taiko, has performed extensively with both groups and has also performed singly in lecture/demonstrations on the art of taiko drumming at JACCC, USC, in city schools and at various public events.

Patrick A. Nagatani, assistant professor in the Photography Dept., Loyola Marymount University, earned his B.A. from CSU Los Angeles, in 1968, and his M.F.A. from UCLA in 1980. He is managing editor of *Obscura*, bi-monthly journal of the L.A. Center for Photographic Studies, and has organized numerous exhibitions of photography in Los Angeles, as well as lectured and taught photography.

The four artists in residence are expected to provide workshops in their particular fields of expertise and may come up with a collaborative piece, if preliminary talks are any indication, Yoshitomi said.

East West Players unveil new season

LOS ANGELES—East West Players, the nation's oldest Asian American theatre company, has unveiled its schedule for its 1982-83 season. East West's 18th season will feature six mainstage productions along with a host of special events.

The EWP mainstage productions for 1982-83 are:

—"Flowers and Household Gods" by Momoko Iko, in which three generations of Japanese Americans gather for the funeral of the family matriarch.

—"Family Devotions" by David Henry Hwang, the West Coast premiere of the new play originally produced at the New York Shakespeare Festival. A black comedy about the reunion of a nouveau riche Chinese American family and a relative from mainland China.

—"No Smile For Strangers" by Harold Heifetz. Against the lush backdrop of Hawaii, two young lovers, one Japanese, the other Filipino, fight for a life together.

—"Yamashita" by Roger Pulvers. A surreal classroom is the setting in which three characters act out a ritual of violence, humiliation and revenge.

—"Yellow Fever" by R.A. Shiomi. Set in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, Nisei detective Sam Shikaze must solve the mystery of the missing Cherry Blossom Queen.

—"Have You Heard" by Soon Teck Oh. The experiences of Korean Americans are sung and danced, laughed and wept.

Unlike the 1981-82 season, which featured plays that focused on America's World War II concentration camps, this season's selections cover the widest possible spectrum of Asian/Pacific life, commented East West spokeswoman Emily Kuroda.

For more info call (213) 660-0366.

L.A. Nisei veterans reunion show to air

LOS ANGELES—KNXT(2) is airing interviews taped during the recent L.A. Nisei Veterans Reunion on Truman Jacque's Interface program featuring the story of the Nisei GIs during WW2 Sunday, Sept. 5, 3:30 p.m.

Haruyama scholarship awards announced

NEW YORK—The Justin Haruyama Ministerial Scholarship recipients were recently announced. They are: Mariko Yanagihara of San Francisco, a student at San Francisco Theological Seminary, who will receive an \$800 award; Tom Fujita of La Mirada, Ca. who will be entering the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley this fall; and Linda Suzuki of Gardena, Ca., who will attend the School of Theology in Claremont. Fujita and Suzuki will each receive \$500 awards.

These annual scholarships are offered to full-time students in accredited Protestant seminaries in the United States who are preparing for ministerial degrees and intend to serve Japanese American congregations. Founded to commemorate the life and work of the Rev. Haruyama, who last served as pastor of the Japanese American United Church in New York City, the scholarship program hopes to encourage bilingual-bicultural persons to lead Japanese American Protestant congregations.

Contributions to the fund can be made payable to the Justin Haruyama Ministerial Scholarship Fund and mailed to the Fund c/o Japanese American United Church, 255 Seventh Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10001.

Fashion show to help Maryknoll, seniors

LOS ANGELES—The Ladies Guild of St. Francis Xavier (Maryknoll) will hold their biennial "Fashion Beauty Presentation," luncheon and boutique on Oct. 24 at Industry Hills Convention Center in the City of Industry. Proceeds from this function will not only go to the support of the Maryknoll School, but also for the three Keiro Senior Citizens' Nursing Homes located in Los Angeles and the South Bay area. The program will feature seasonal fashion update and wardrobe presentation of a new trends and styles from Bullocks.

For more info call Catherine Uyeda, Reservation Chairperson, (213) 262-9853, or Minnie Taketa 620-1076.

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AADAP JOINS UNITED WAY—The Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP) has joined United Way's Western Region and was honored at a recent reception. AADAP will receive \$17,504 from United Way for FY 1982-83. Pictured (l to r): AADAP executive director Mike Watanabe; board member Miki Himeno (also National JACL VP); board president Grace Kim; United Way Western Region Board President K. Robert Hahn and Sandra Reynolds, United Way board member.

Video fest seeks Asian American works

NEW YORK—The first annual Asian American International Video Festival (AAIVF) is now accepting entries for a major showcase of works by Asian and Asian American videomakers to be held here during November 1982. Categories include documentary, narrative, experimental and animation in all lengths, as well as installation and performance pieces.

The AAIVF is sponsored by Asian Cine-Vision (ACV), an Asian American media arts center in New York City. ACV sponsors the annual Asian American International Film Festival which has presented major new Asian and Asian American filmmakers such as Wayne Wang, Robert Nakamura, Tsui Hark (Hong Kong), Christine Choy, Amol Palekar (India), Shui Hua (China) and Taka Iimura.

AAIVF is partially funded by the New York State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. The entry deadline is September 20. For more info and an entry form, contact: Renee Tajima, Asian Cine-Vision, 32 East Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10002 (212) 925-8685.

Samurai film fest set Sept. 11-Dec. 5

SANTA MONICA, Ca.—Laemmle Theatres will present a "Super Samurai" film series on weekends beginning Sept. 11 through Dec. 5 at the Monica 4-Plex Theater, 1332 Second St. The series will include such classics as "The Legend of Musashi (Part I)," "Yojimbo," "Sanjuro" and ten other films. For ticket info call (213) 478-1041.

Gardena Jpn. culture show set Sept. 25-26

GARDENA, Ca.—This city's annual Japanese Cultural Show will be 21-years old when it takes place on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 25-26, at the Nakaoka Memorial Community Center, 1700 W. 162nd St.

The show, originally called the Miniature Landscape Show, was presented at the old Community Center in December 1961 with great success, involving the Gardena Valley Gardener's Association and the city of Gardena.

Profits from the annual event go to the Gardena Beautiful Committee, which provides trees in the community and various landscaping programs in the city.

Show hours this year are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sept. 25 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 26. A \$1 donation will be asked from those attending. For more info call (213) 327-0220 Ext. 341.

Kimochi home open golf tourney slated

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Japanese 'slumlord' fined \$10,400

LOS ANGELES—A Japanese investor whose dilapidated Hollywood hotel was cited with numerous health and safety code violations was fined \$10,400 on Aug. 19 by Municipal Court Commissioner Harold Crowder.

Hideo Matsumoto, former owner of the St. Francis Hotel on Hollywood Blvd., was charged with being a negligent landlord by Los Angeles City Councilwoman Peggy Stevenson and City Attorney Ira Reiner earlier in August. But Matsumoto's attorney, George Hemingway, put his client's plight into perspective by pointing out that Matsumoto only purchased the hotel 18 months ago, came to the U.S. "and the whole country comes down on him."

Matsumoto reportedly sold the hotel after being charged with 21 misdemeanor counts. Prosecutor Susan Lefebvre said she could

have sought a jail sentence for Matsumoto but didn't after finding that tenants in the hotel were responsible for some of the problems there. She said Matsumoto had lost control of the hotel and was not dealing effectively with its problems.

Hemingway argued that his client never had serious health or safety problems at the hotel and had tried to correct the problems he did have. For all of Matsumoto's trouble, noted Hemingway, he was singled out by Stevenson and Reiner.

Both Stevenson and Reiner had called a press conference recently announcing their plans to prosecute Matsumoto, calling the St. Francis a "sleazebag hotel" filled with "low-lives, dopers and hookers."

The new owner of the St. Francis has promised to bring it into compliance with city codes.

Long prison term meted rapists

LOS ANGELES—Over the past five years, California judges have been following a determinate sentencing schedule. Since 1979, judges were ordered to impose "full, separate and consecutive prison terms" in rape cases. The result?

The "bumper rapist", 33, convicted this year on 44 counts, was sentenced to 151 years; another 31, was sentenced to 114 years for am-

bushing four women at gunpoint and raping them; and another who allegedly masterminded a gang-rape of 15-year-old girl received 83 years.

Last Aug. 18, L.A. Superior Court Judge Harold Ackerman imposed a 27-year sentence upon Byron Akira Miyamoto, a 36-year-old, unemployed Gardena man, who was convicted of raping four South Bay area women on their first dates with him.

Sansei was target of murder plot

SAN JOSE, Ca.—A Cupertino accountant, jailed with his wife on narcotics and theft charges, was accused of trying to hire someone to murder one of the officers who arrested them, it was reported in the San Jose Mercury recently.

The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department said David Lewis Nordin had offered an undercover homicide detective \$2,000 to shoot Dep. Sheriff John Nakao for the "hardship" inflicted upon Nordin and his wife. Nordin was arrested after making the offer to the undercover policeman.

Nakao had been one of the deputies who had arrested Nordin and his wife last June 22, on drug and stolen property possession charges. While Nordin was in custody, he tried to arrange Nakao's death. The man with whom he negotiated the murder plot contacted authorities, who then sent an undercover officer to Nordin.

Auto wreck kills Altadena Nikkei

PASADENA—A car speeding the wrong way on the Pasadena Freeway plowed head-on into another car driven by a Japanese American man and his woman companion, killing the couple and injuring two others.

Douglas Kazuo Furuya, 22, of Altadena, and Mayet Lasco, 23, of Pasadena were killed instantly when a car driven by Rafael Castro, 19, of La Habra, slammed into Furuya's car on Aug. 22. The accident also involved two other vehicles, which were struck by Castro's car after it hit Furuya's auto.

Castro was arrested on suspicion of vehicular manslaughter and booked into the jail ward of Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center. The two other passengers in Furuya's car, Alan Itano and Michael Nakayama, both 22, were taken to hospitals where Itano was listed in serious condition with head injuries and Nakayama was listed in stable condition with multiple contusions and abrasions.

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Woodland, Ca.

The JACL redress program is running out of money. Although it is JACL's No. 1 priority, it is largely funded by voluntary contributions and not solely by membership dues. And existing funds will only last a few more months.

The funding crisis is not a result of failure but rather the surprising success of the redress program. Creation of the federal CWRIC, preparation of hearing testimony, obtaining favorable media coverage, and preparing the groundwork for our major legislative campaign so as to be ready when the CWRIC issues its recommendations have taxed our limited resources, despite high reliance on volunteer ef-

Redress Pledges

forts. But even a shoe-string budget needs some funds.

When confronted with the financial realities, the National Council at Gardena reaffirmed its commitment to redress by passing a resolution that requests the JACL Endowment Board to loan the JACL funds to continue our redress program. Such loan is to be secured by the JACL Headquarters building and pledges made by individual chapters and districts. Because of the immediate need for such funds, the pledges are to be obtained in "approximately one month". Specifically, the Aug. 12 resolution provides that: "moreover, to repay the above loan, there will be pledges in the amount of \$5 per member per annum for the three-year period, this to be repaid by each district and each chapter in whatever is deemed best by each chap-

ter and district (e.g., membership dues, fund-raising, assessment, etc.)"

Obviously, without strong chapter and district pledges, the JACL Endowment Board may not be able to make the loan desired. The continued success of the JACL redress program, therefore, requires immediate action. No special language need be employed. A simple statement that a chapter pledges to contribute so many dollars per year for the next three years for redress will suffice.

On behalf of the National Council, I implore every chapter and district to promptly send in their pledges to National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, Ca 94115. The continued success and very existence of JACL redress program depends on you. #

■ Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.

—Thomas Paine.

YE EDITOR'S DESK: by Harry Honda



PANA Is Ready for '83

Squeezed into a very busy Little Tokyo weekend Aug. 7-9 was the 1982 executive committee meeting of the Pan American Nikkei Association (Asociacion Panamericana Nikkei), which met at the Little Tokyo Service Center in the JACCC Bldg. It was also the wrap-up weekend for the 10th triennial Nisei Veterans Reunion, opening of the 42nd annual Nisei Week Festival, and the 27th biennial National JACL Convention. Needless to say, all this strained the tiny band of people who put out the Japanese vernacular papers in town.

PANA officials came to prepare for the 1983 PANA Convention to be held the week of July 13 in Lima, Peru. For the English-speaking group, details on accommodations, tours and convention program can be expected from the deputy PANA secretary, George Kondo at JACL Headquarters.

Nikkei from eight nations were present. They were introduced to the JACL Convention at the International Relations workshop at the Air-

port Hyatt. Called out were:

Carlos Kasuga (Mexico), pres.; Hiroshi Banno (Brazil), v.p.; Enrique Yara (Peru), sec.; Chuck Kubokawa (U.S.), treas.; Luis Sakoda (Peru), Dr. Hiroyuki Mayeda (Argentina), Alfonso Tokunaga (Colombia), George Imai (Canada), Jorge Noda (Bolivia), and George Kondo (U.S.), asst. sec.

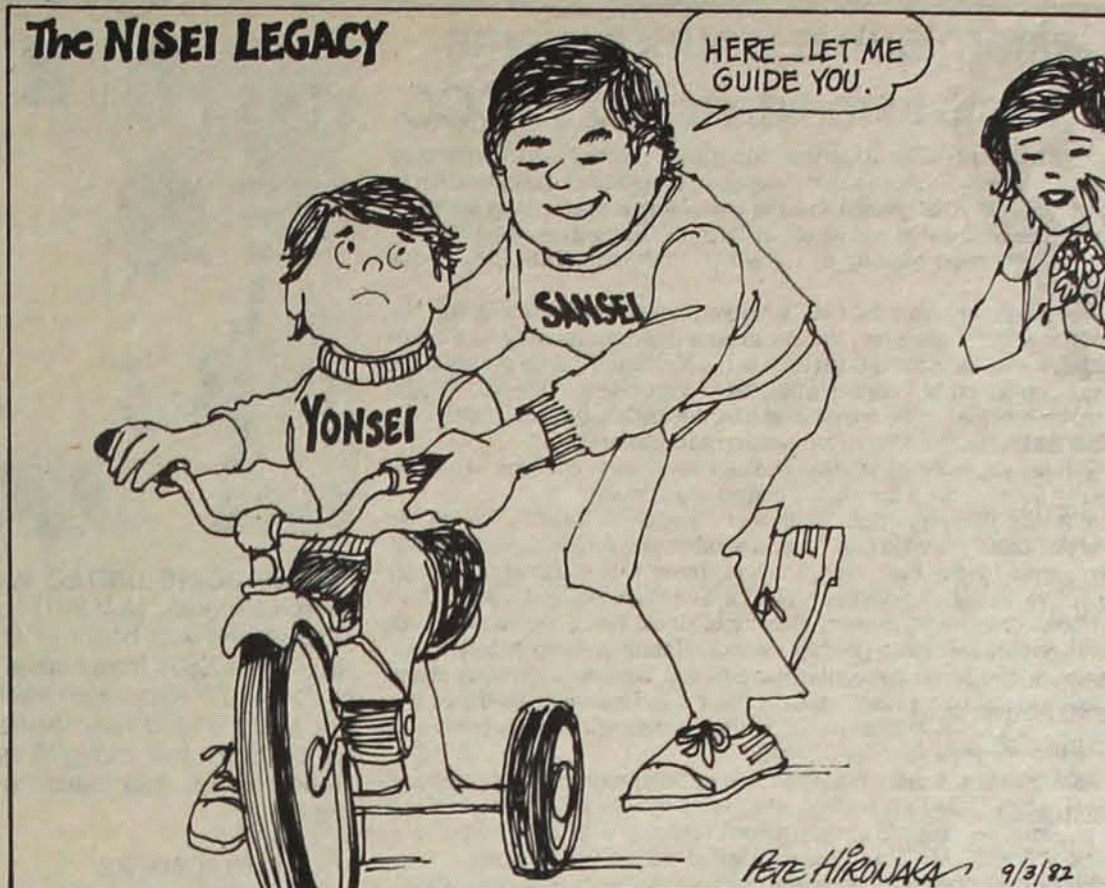
Kasuga, who addressed the JACL Convention in Nihongo and Spanish, introduced the PANA delegation. He credited PANA for making it possible for Nikkei outside the U.S. to learn much about JACL and admire much more what he regarded as the "largest Nikkei organization in the world". He also thanked JACL for enabling Kubokawa to help organize PANA.

Kasuga noted some of the PANA activities held in recent years, such as:

- (1) Miss Nikkei Pageant in Brazil,
- (2) International athletic meets for Nikkei youth from Argentina, Brazil and Peru,
- (3) Participation in Peru's 80th anniversary of Japanese immigration,
- (4) Participation in Brazil's 70th anniversary of Japanese immigration,
- (5) Participation at the 1980 JACL workshop on Pan American Nikkei with delegations from Canada and Mexico,
- (6) International Japanese Song Contest in Lima with Nikkei singers from Peru, Mexico, Colombia, Brazil and Argentina.

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The NISEI LEGACY



9/3/82

Letterbox

● Dr. Noguchi, The Man

Editor:

Fourteen of us Asians have been attending the Noguchi hearings, three regularly. Except for the first day (no seats), we know what has been said and what has been reported. Suffice it to say—the Board of Supervisors should be kicked out for this expensive farce.

I am writing about Dr. Noguchi as a man and scientist, because we really know little about him. His personality didn't exactly overwhelm me, but brilliant men only seem to impress their colleagues. Most Asians have an inferiority complex. We want Noguchi to be everything, scientist and Rock Hudson with the public. When German scientists talk with their heavy accent they are "brilliant Germans". When Noguchi speaks, some Asians wish he would speak better English. He sounds like an FOB, and that is not right.

The more who come to the hearings to listen, the greater his following increases. I have attended two of his dinners. I've found the whites know more about him than I do. That is why they attend these dinners and give him financial and moral support. The Nikkei support

is nothing to brag about and barely matches.

I would like the PC to solicit articles about this man. He is not a Nisei but his achievements equal those of biennium awardees. He is world renowned for a very good reason, and is a good example to all of us, particularly Sansei who are just ascending the ladder to recognition. We will profit by his example. A Japanese American or anyone with his ability is rare, and it may be years or longer before one like him comes along and reaches a position of equal prestige.

We observers feel that "the LA Times is doing a job on Noguchi". Those of us who came out of curiosity are no longer curious, we believe in Noguchi.

I hope we don't lose this man and learn too late, what he has done for humanity, or more mundanely for us all. If anyone still has doubts, go to the hearings (which resume Sept. 7).

Noguchi's pride won't let him quit, and ours should see to it that he is restored to his rightful position. In a contest with the truth, it is well to remember devious politicians are not to be feared, their vulnerability shows.

THOMAS KOMATSU
Granada Hills, Ca.

● 'Hidden Flame'

Editor:

I am searching for my late brother's book of poems, "Hidden Flame" by Bunichi Kagawa. It was published in 1930 by the Half Moon Press at Stanford, Ca. Only 200 copies were printed.

I have been asking many writers—but as yet no luck. It will mean much to our family if I can get a copy.

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● Scholarship

Editor:

Thank you for printing the article on ELA JACL's scholarship recipients.

Of special significance this year has been June Kurisu, who upon her return from a trip to Japan with Toy Kanegai, has taken over a major portion of the tasks and used innovative methods of correspondence as well as assisted in presentations.

Too often only the chair is credited and I wish publicly to recognize and express appreciation for a most supportive board.

MIKI HIMENO
East Los Angeles JACL

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

In Praise of Issei Women

Salt Lake City

At first, it seemed a curious question. My youngest sister asked, "What was Mama really like?" The disbelief, as usual, was transparent on my face. For quickly, she added, "There are some disadvantages to being the youngest." We laughed at that. It has been a source of contention, more acerbic than abrasive now. Style is sharpened with age, especially in the sparring of siblings. My sister had come to visit for a week. One of the few times not for reasons of family sickness or death. It had been a rare week for me, almost hedonistic. Perhaps I wanted to savor that illicit flavor, rather than plunge into what we call, "the purge". For instead of answering her question, I handed her a book and said, "This should be interesting to you. It was written by a youngest Nisei daughter."

The book was, "Through Harsh Winters, the Life of a Japanese Immigrant Woman," by Akemi Kikumura, Ph.D. Although the story is her Issei mother's, the search was Dr. Kikumura's. The reason I chose the book for my sister to read was Dr. Kikumura's statement, "As a child I remember intently listening to my sisters talk about the family. I was never included in any of the discussions because I was the youngest, and knowing that with the slightest disturbance they would chase me out of the room, I quietly sat in the most inconspicuous spot of the room and listened. When the voices turned to murmurs, I was quickly whisked out the door. I always wondered what was being said behind those closed doors. I couldn't wait until I too would be included as part of that inner circle."

Dr. Kikumura writes, "It was 22 years later that many of those 'forbidden' stories would be revealed to me. I had decided to write a life history of my family focusing particularly on my mother." As a perennial searcher of truth, I can appreciate the courage required for such a voyage. It has always seemed ironic to me that we, Japanese Americans, who profess such a penchant for honesty, often display an abhorrent fear of the truth. If the facts of life or death do not suit us, we try to change or rearrange them. Instead of simplifying, we complicate.

Myths of our creation become more real than truth. Some find the fable more intriguing than fact. "Through Harsh Winters," is not a book for them, who lack the stomach or spirit for truth.

Michiko Tanaka was 19, when she and her husband arrived in America. The book relates her childhood experiences, her marriage and family life, the Concentration Camp and life afterwards. It is a story of hardship and survival. Although this may suggest your typical immigrant's story, it is not. The book enters what is still considered forbidden territory among many Japanese Americans. We are reticent about expressing our feelings. Perhaps that is why so few books have dealt with actual relationships. There is always the fear of being made vulnerable, stripped to our psychic essence. It is not that we are incapable of the most violent human emotions, from love to hate. We prefer to quiet our passions, stroking the mask into stillness. Forever your inscrutable Asian.

Michiko Tanaka is unmasked. Dr. Kikumura writes, "Mama was the one to be pitied—weak, humble, self-effacing, non-assertive, submissive, agreeable, easy to please—more foreign. It took many years before her children could view her differently. After raising their own children, they saw that it took strength, not weakness, to persevere in her marriage and stand by Papa's side when all seemed hopeless, to subordinate her personal desires to those of her family, to be humble when a lesser person would brag."

The book is a tribute, a belated tribute to the Issei woman. As a Nisei daughter, I always believed my mother was the stronger parent. For a long time, I withheld this conviction, perhaps not wanting to appear more eccentric than I am already thought. Or perhaps not wanting to shatter the stereotypical image of the Japanese family, since so many clowns who should be better advised than I always proselytized the patriarchal philosophy. Dr. Kikumura convinces me I was right all along. My mother was the same strong breed as Michiko Tanaka. The harsh winter was a season she knew.

A Prickly Task in U.S.-Japan Affair

Los Angeles

Over the long haul, the most important action to come out of the recent national JACL convention here may have been the decision to involve the organization in the prickly task of trying to improve U.S.-Japanese relations. To that end, JACL's International Relations Committee was authorized to spend up to \$4,000 for each of the next two years to explore the problem.

The sum is modest but the goal and action are significant. Over the years JACL has gone out of its way to remain out of Japanese American controversies except where it affected them directly. The decision is recognition that these issues, which have become acrimonious at times, do indeed affect them as Americans of Japanese extraction and they have both an obligation and opportunity to become involved in trying to better relations between the land of their citizenship and the land of their historic roots.

But the decision was not made without considerable soul-searching based on awareness of potential pitfalls and a sense of inadequacy.

The chief potential problem stems from the fact that Japanese Americans still may lack credibility among their fellow Americans on matters relating to Japan, the product of the general public's inability to recognize Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei as unhyphenated Americans.

Call it racism, if you will.

An American Jew can support Israel and not feel embarrassed or compromised. But a Japanese American, even when he keeps a low profile, can expect to feel the backlash of American balance of payment deficits. It can be argued, of course, that Israel at war doesn't cause unemployment in the United States; the friction is at a different level.

Nonetheless, delegates to the JACL convention decided it was time to speak out, to bridge misunderstandings, to seek accord between American and Japanese values and objectives, taking great care not to project the image of being a Japanese front activity. How this goal can be achieved is anybody's guess at this point and probably will require many times the pittance appropriated for study, but surely the result will be worth the effort.

As if in response to JACL's action, although he could not have known of it at the time he prepared his comments, one of the convention speakers, Consul General Hiroshi Kitamura of San Francisco, made a remarkable statement. He said in part:

"I have become acutely aware that anything done by Japanese, any action taken by the Japanese government or Japanese business whether it is positively received or adversely received in the United States—any such actions affect Japanese Americans. That this still occurs is

not well known by people in Japan. When relations between Japan and the United States become tense, when there is friction, the people in Japan have little idea how the negative attitudes of some Americans spill over onto the Japanese American community. Because most of the Japanese people think of Japanese Americans as Americans, which indeed you are, they do not realize well enough that there is a tendency in this country to associate anything Japanese with Americans of Japanese descent....

"I am returning to Japan determined to do all I can to alleviate this situation. I would like to help people in Japan to comprehend the fact that this problem still exists in the United States; and also, I would like to explain that the Japanese should be very careful not to allow situations to develop that might inflict this kind of suffering on Japanese Americans."

What makes this statement particularly significant is that Kitamura was speaking on the eve of his departure for Tokyo to assume the critically important post of director general of the Foreign Ministry's North American Affairs Bureau, the equivalent of undersecretary in the U.S. Department of State.

Kitamura lauded JACL as "the single organization that can and does most effectively bridge the distance between the United States and Japan." That evaluation may be overly generous, but JACL's decision to become involved goes a long way toward justifying the compliment. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

To the New JACL Board: A Project

Philadelphia

SOME YEARS BACK, while attending a Central California JACL District Council meeting, Tom Shimasaki, upon hearing that I had been an inmate at the Pinedale Assembly Center, graciously offered to drive me out to the site where this then-teenager endured the stifling heat and dust behind barbed-wire in 1942. I recalled losing about ten pounds the very first week. Although greening fig trees surrounded the area, the camp site itself was starkly barren as if stricken by some curse that rendered it forever sterile. Only the vague outlines of some foundations of the main buildings could be seen. I cannot describe the swirl of emotions that welled in this now-lawyer who stood in that spot.

FROM PINEDALE, my parents and I were shipped up to Tule Lake, another cruel joke. Pinedale not only had no pines, it lacked any vegetation; now, Tule Lake not only had no lake, it too lacked any flora—only incessant dust. I've not had the occasion to visit the Tule Lake

area; in my travels the closest I've been has been either Portland, Oregon or Sacramento, California. Fortunately, I remained but a few months in Tule, leaving that desolate desert to return to school.

THERE WERE FIFTEEN "assembly centers" and ten "relocation centers," scattered among nine states. A thought struck me the other day: Would it not be a memorial to have the soil from each of these 25 sites so that particularly those of us who are, for whatever reason, unable to visit may have a bit of the past? Should not our National Headquarters in particular, and each of our Regional Offices as well as our Washington Office, have a display of stones and soil from each of these sites? And could not a meaningful purpose also be served by giving to each donor of a specified sum—such as \$1,000—a vial of layered soil of each site, as a reminder and keepsake? And the funds thereby raised to be applied, immediately and directly, for the benefit and welfare of our few remaining Issei? Surely there are Nikkei residing at or nearby each of these 25 sites through whom arrangements could be made for acquiring soil and pebbles. Other categories of donations could be established; thus, for example, a donor seeking the soil from only one camp would be eligible for a contribution of \$200, and each recipient would also receive a written certification of the source of the keepsake, including a brief, summary history of each camp.

THERE WERE ALSO four internment camps which were set up by the U.S. Justice Department: Bismarck, North Dakota; Crystal City, Texas; Missoula, Montana; and Santa Fe, New Mexico. [Rev. H.V. Nicholson, in his "Treasure in Earthen Vessels"; (1975) recounting his WW2 experiences, remembers visiting Issei men and women picked up by the FBI at such places as the old CCC camp in Tujunga; Alexandria, La.; Lordsburg, N.M.; the Federal Penitentiary for women at Seagoville, Tx. near Dallas—Ed.] Shortly following the outbreak of the war in the Pacific, the leaders in the Issei-Nisei communities—civic leaders, language teachers, Buddhist priests, etc.—were summarily swept up by the FBI net and interned in these camps. As we all know, absent any evidence, either before or after, of any acts of espionage, sabotage or sedition.

WE COMMEND THIS project to the new National Board as being worthy of its serious consideration and prompt implementation. We will remain interested to see its response.

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WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: by Ron Ikejiri

Communication: How JACL Processes Information

Washington

Recently, there has been some interest in how the JACL as a national organization, communicates with its various regional offices, and how it utilizes the information it receives. Because the method of communication will often have a dramatic effect on the usefulness and interpretation of information, the JACL National Headquarters has instituted clear guidelines for organizational communications.

To provide the membership with some insight into the complexity of the Communication process, the National Headquarters to Washington Office Communication process is described below:

Typically from an operational standpoint, the Washington Office conducts its activities in the following manner on any given issue:

Information or a request for data will be communicated to the Washington Office by phone or letter, from the National Director or another JACL source.

Stage 1—"To be informed, to interpret, to anticipate." The Washington Representative identifies appropriate Washington information source to discover and verify information which would have a bearing on the particular JACL interest. The data is interpreted, and an assessment of its relevancy to the issue at hand is made.

Stage 2—Disseminate and communicate in a timely manner, intelligence data or information gathered in Stage 1, to the JACL National Director, (or his designated representative), for his review, consideration and action.

Stage 3—At the direction of the National Director, advocate and persuade the respective governmental body, (whether it be Congress, the White House, administrative agency or other appropriate body), to take a position which is favorable to the JACL.

Description of Stage 1 Activities

"To be informed": The work product of Washington is the governance of the affairs of the nation in its domestic and international affairs. Governance and policy-making is based on information / data. Information in Washington is gathered through various means, for example electronic and printed media, monitoring of governmental activities (hearings, publications, meetings), and person-to-person communication, written or oral.

By far, experience in Washington has found the most timely and most reliable information is acquired through personal, face-to-face contact. Thus the principal work of the JACL Washington Representative is to maintain, retain and expand the personal contact "file" with individuals whose work and knowledge would impact, positively or negatively the interests of the JACL.

In addition to the "watch dog" role, the Washington Office is often called upon to find information not readily available in published reports or documents. In such situations, personal contacts become imperative to the success or failure of the JACL data gathering effort.

"To interpret": Once data is obtained, the Washington Office must determine its relevancy and usefulness to a particular issue relating to JACL's interest. Analysis may include the participation of the JACL Washington Office Advisory Committee members, other JACL officials, or known specialists with expertise on the subject matter.

"To anticipate": The ability to forecast future governmental action has been one of the primary responsibilities of the Washington Office. Operating under the notion that JACL's best defense to unwanted governmental action is to know what the government is going to do before it officially takes action, the need for continuous and constant monitoring becomes imperative. Thus the ability to anticipate the future acts of the government becomes a function of being informed.

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35 Years Ago IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

SEPTEMBER 6, 1947

Aug. 25—CIO farm union ousts its president (M J Gillette) for alleged denial of membership to 50 workers of Japanese ancestry at Fresno melon ranch, Fresno judge told hearing labor problem at site.

Aug. 26—First foreign-born Japanese bride (Edith Nishikawa of Canada) married to Nisei ex-GI (Frank Kawagoe) enters U.S. at Los Angeles under amended Soldier Brides Act signed by President Truman July 22, 1947; Nisei GI Robert Kitajima and Canadian wife Molly Enta had left Windsor Aug. 18 for Alameda, Ca.

Aug. 31—U.S. Public Housing Authority-operated Winona Trailer Camp near Griffith Park, L.A., for returning evacuees finally closed after two-month extension.

Sept. 1—Japanese Canadian Citizens Assn. organized in Toronto, patterned after JACL. Keynote speaker Mike Masaoka stresses unity to address their adjudication of wartime injustices.

Sept. 1—Annual ACLU Report notes unexpected degree of adjustment shown in restoration of Japanese Americans to normal participation in community life throughout U.S., in a year when other racial minorities suffered "sharply unfavorable change"—acquittal of 26 confessed lynchers of a Negro taxi-driver in South Carolina; failure of a Georgia grand jury to indict an armed mob

which slew four blacks; failure of Congress to pass an FEPC bill.

Sept. 1—Scotty Tsuchiya resigns from National JACL staff; joined staff in '45 to open L.A. regional office.

Sept. 5—Prof. Susumu Nakamura, former head of U.S. Navy's Japanese Language School at Boulder, Colo., named director of UC Berkeley's extension course in Japanese.

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Little Bit of Lima—A break on the PANA agenda was supper at Elena Yoshizumi's "Amy's Continental Restaurant" in Westminster where Chuck Kubokawa whispered to us, "Here is a little bit of Lima: the food, the music and the language." The special menu, side orders, Inca Cola (a Peruvian soft drink), beer and wine were embellished by chatter, gaiety and spontaneous entertainment. Our side order of anticuchos (like beef kushiyaki), tinted with green chile sauce, is something we shall long savor. Ceviche (some call it Peruvian "sashimi"—marinated white fish, onion rings and spice) will even delight the meat-only fans by its delicate texture and unfishy taste... Latin American JACLers can tell you how to get to Elena's—she's the chapter membership chair. #

CLIFF'S CORNER: by Dr. Clifford Uyeda



Civil Defense

Japanese American concern over the nuclear arms escalation was evident in the several nuclear arms freeze resolutions introduced and passed without opposition at the JACL National Convention in Los Angeles last month.

The present administration's policy has been clearly defined: That the American nuclear force must prevail and be able to force the Soviet Union to seek termination of hostilities on terms favorable to the United States. To achieve this goal we are pouring tens of billions of dollars per year into nuclear arms.

President Reagan's administration appears convinced that nuclear wars can be "won" and is making detailed preparations to protect the leadership. The program remains outside the Congressional control. Federal Relocation Centers (FRCs) are fallout-protected, self-supporting facilities scattered within a 350-mile radius around Washington, D.C. Post-attack "recovery" will be directed from these secret bunkers. Many giant corporations such as AT&T and Exxon also have special facilities for their senior executives.

How realistic is civil defense in a nuclear war? The Reagan civil defense program calls for the evacuation of 150 million Americans from high risk areas to small, rural towns at least 50 miles away. Minimum of three days would be needed to evacuate most cities, and at least a week for large cities. An attack during evacuation could result in more deaths than if the population had remained in place. If the evacuation took place and the attacks did not come, within few weeks great strains would be put on limited resources.

During an evacuation, automobiles would break down, and traffic control personnel may choose to go with the family rather than direct traffic. During this panic we will also realize that it takes only thirty minutes for a missile to reach the United States from Soviet Union, and vice versa. Another sobering fact is that there are not only enough nuclear warheads for direct hits on every military target and every city but also for every relocation area in the U.S. or the Soviet Union.

Washington seems to put tremendous credibility on Soviet civil defense. According to the CIA, however, the Soviet defense system is plagued by "bureaucratic difficulties and apathy." The Soviets have only 5% of the motor vehicles the U.S. has. Their highway system is primitive. Their program calls for most people to walk 20 to 30 miles a day away from the high risk areas. Snow and ice in the winter, and mud during spring and autumn can present problems. Soviet food supplies, inadequate even in peacetime, will be harder to ensure to meet wartime needs. Admiral Noel Gayler (ret.) stated at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on March 16, 1982: "Qualified

Russian observers concede that Russian civil defense is a phony, a Potemkin village." It should also be recognized that civil defense in the Soviet Union programs other functions besides limiting the effects of a nuclear war. It is a device to maintain a garrison-state mentality and the belief that their leaders are protecting their people.

There is no effective protection from fallouts. It may be months or even years before one could work in targeted areas. Twenty-five years after the last nuclear test at Bikini Island in the Pacific, the place remains uninhabitable, and will be for at least another twenty years.

The Government's plans represent a dangerous disregard for the destructive nature of nuclear weapons. While the effect of a single nuclear explosion can be somewhat predictable, the consequences of hundreds or thousands of nuclear detonations are totally unpredictable.

The following recent (1982) statement is by Deputy Undersecretary of Defense, T.K. Jones: "Everybody's going to make it if there are enough shovels to go around... Dig a hole, cover it with a couple of doors and then throw three feet of dirt on top. It's the dirt that does it."

In both the U.S. and the USSR the people instinctively seem to know more than their leaders. In both countries there is apathy and even outright rejection of the government's programs for survival in a nuclear war. They see it as a plan to manipulate and mobilize the public by diverting citizens from the real problem—the danger and the nature of the nuclear arms race.

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years ago. In November 1980, APAAC and 33 other Asian groups were among the 87 who protested the State Board's proposal to reduce the review of supplementary materials to 25% and who questioned the effectiveness of the review process, as well as the low presentation of minorities in the review panels.

Under Dr. Seid's leadership, the State Board later changed their plans and in February 1981 formed a seven member task force, the Legal Compliance Review Committee (LCRC), which set out to review the process by which instructional materials are selected for state adoption and to make recommendations. The task force presented their findings and thirteen recommendations to the State Board.

"Until now the evaluation process allowed inconsistent compliance results," explained Eimi Okano, a member of the task force. "For example, some reviewers, sincere in their review efforts, did not recognize that Asian Americans were omitted from entire series. Therefore, a new evaluation form now needs to be created which includes a determination of who's being portrayed in the instructional materials."

"In part due to inadequate minority portrayals, after twelve years of public schooling, many minority children have had an identity problem," Seid pointed out. "School children have had an incomplete education in terms of learning about the diversity of ethnic cultures and the distinction between their root culture and their American sub-culture. In addition, especially noteworthy is the limited mention of minority contribution in America's history. For example, up to now the Chinese American contribution consisted mainly of one sentence about the Chinese helping to build the railroads."

Okano suggested, "Communities and parents can help by examining their children's instructional materials. Everybody must be actively concerned and involved if materials which are inaccurate or offensive are to be eliminated."

Persons interested in participating on a materials evaluation panel should contact Dr. Robert Howe, State Department of Education, 721 Capitol Mall, Sacramento 95814.

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Description of Stage 2 Activities

"To disseminate and communicate": Once the data is collected and analyzed, it must be sent to JACL policy makers for their review, consideration and action.

Not only must the intelligence or data gathered be accurate and verified, the information must be disseminated and communicated to the appropriate JACL personnel in a timely fashion.

Due to a variety of factors, including the difference in time zones of the JACL Washington Office and the San Francisco Headquarters Office, the dissemination, communication and receipt of information would normally occur outside of the normal business day of the respective offices. Thus communications will often occur in the evening, and on weekends, so that the information will be timely.

Description of Stage 3 Activities

"Advocate and Persuade": Once data is assessed by the National Director, the Washington Office is instructed to implement the appropriate action, or response to the relevant governmental body.

This can take the form of (1) testifying at a Congressional hearing, (2) drafting a JACL position paper on the issue, (3) communication with Congress or the Administration by letter, phone or in person.

In addition, "advocating and persuading" can oftentimes include the direct contact with electronic and printed media sources in the Washington area, as well as circulating the JACL position with other national organizations or groups such as the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, AFL-CIO, NAACP, Urban League, B'nai B'rith, League of Women Voters, et al.

JACL has consistently over the past 35 years in Washington "advocated and persuaded" the government concerning its issues by educating the government and the American people on the subject issue.

Thus, under the direction of the National Director, the Washington Office coordinates the JACL's membership and resources in such a manner that the advocacy and persuasion activities of JACL in Washington can be effective and productive.

Salinas JACL donate 'Born Free & Equal'

LOS ANGELES—A collector's item to begin with, but also photographed by the author-photographer to the JACL National Committee for Redress, Ansel Adam's "Born Free and Equal", a photographic narrative of the internment camp at Manzanar, was presented by the Salinas Valley JACL to the JACL committee at the Convention during its final business session.

Violet de Christoforo, chapter delegate and Salinas Valley's redress chair, made the presentation with Redress chair Min Yasui accepting the rare first edition.

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Minority bias removed from IQ test

WASHINGTON—Two school psychology experts and a testing firm said Aug. 24 they have developed a new intelligence-achievement exam for children that is the first not to discriminate against minorities.

The test, called the Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children, or K-ABC, after its authors, Alan S. and Nadeen L. Kaufman, will be sold to schools next spring by American Guidance Service, a Minnesota-based testing firm.

The individually administered test for children 2½ to 12½ years is the first to give separate scores for achievement and intelligence, the Kaufmans said.

Critics of intelligence tests say many children—particularly minorities and non-English speaking students—are labeled as not bright because they score low on tests that are supposed to measure intelligence but really measure achievement. Many improperly end up in classes for the retarded, critics say.

Nadeen Kaufman said an intelligence score on the K-ABC test "will never suffer because a child has not been taught a specific skill or fact."

The test asks children questions they don't have to be "rich or white" to answer, Kaufman said. The Kaufmans added the test also reduces bias by limiting verbal directions and allowing directions and some answers in Spanish.

The test took five years to develop, with more than 40 "validity studies" done by independent researchers.

The Kaufmans are on the clinical psychology graduate faculty at the California School of Professional Psychology in San Diego.

Bomb victim returned to Japan

TOKYO—The parents of Toru Ozawa returned to Japan Aug. 15 with the remains of their 16-year-old son who was killed by a bomb aboard a Pan Am airliner as it approached Honolulu four days earlier.

Mr. and Mrs. Shigetsu Ozawa, who were slightly injured when a bomb exploded under their son's seat, arrived at Narita International Airport with seven of the 13 other people injured by the explosion, Pan Am spokesman Katsuro Isa said.

Meanwhile, a team of 105 detectives is investigating the plane's three-hour stopover at Narita on the night of the incident. Police in both Narita and Hawaii were both searching for further clues.

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Ann Yoshimura, valedictorian of Honolulu's Roosevelt High School, class of 1978, recently won the Henry Ford II Scholar Award for the graduating Stanford University senior with the highest achievement in the School of Engineering. Yoshimura will use the \$5,000 grant to pursue a Ph.D. in chemical engineering at Princeton University.

Liane Aramaki of Northridge, Ca., won the title of 1982 Juvenile Miss Majorette of America in a competition sponsored by the National Baton Twirling Assn. at Notre Dame University, Ind. She is the first California representative to place first in the juvenile division. A featured twirler with the Los Angeles city and Reseda Youth Bands, Aramaki is also the mascot for the Reseda High School drill team. She is currently a fifth-grader at Balboa Elementary School.

Bro. Abdon Lewis Garavaglia, FSC, currently director of graduate division, Manhattan College, was decorated this past spring by the Japanese government with the Third Order of the Sacred Treasure for his outstanding efforts promoting goodwill between Japan and the U.S. through exchange of ideas and assisting newly assigned Japanese in New York over the past 30 years. Among the Japanese he helped have gone on to become presidents of large Japanese firms, ambassadors and government officials. A native of Detroit, Bro. Lewis has been on the Manhattan College faculty since 1950 and was dean of its School of Arts and Sciences.

● **Courtroom**
National JACL legal counsel Frank A. Iwama was installed June 26 as president of the newly organized Asian Bar Assn. of Sacramento. Its immediate projects are arranging the reception and business sessions for the minority and Asian-Pacific bar and California Asian Judges associations Sept. 11-12 in conjunction with the Calif. State Bar Convention at Sacramento and a general ABAS meeting Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m. at the Summit Bank Annex, 13th and Broadway, Sacramento.

● **Government**
Gerold Y. Morita was recently appointed director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Los Angeles district office. Morita was formerly the Los Angeles District Counsel, a post he has held since 1972. Morita is a graduate of Ursinus College, Pa. and received his law degree from Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle. He lives in Hacienda Heights, Ca. with his wife Emi and three children.

Sue Kunitomi Embrey was elected vice president of the Los Angeles City Commission on the Status of Women for 1982-83. The commission provides information and recommendations designed to improve conditions and expand opportunities that assist women in achieving equality in society. Embrey is a founding member of the Manzanar Committee and a national board member of Common Cause, a non-partisan government watchdog agency.

● **Military**
A retired U.S. Army chaplain with the rank of Lt. colonel and 24 years of service, the Rev. Ed Fung, 54, of San Francisco, is back home as head of Geen Mun Neighborhood Center, an agency of nine community groups to be housed at the Mei Lun Yuen Housing Project in San Francisco Chinatown at Stockton and Sacramento Streets.

● **Sports**
In Ottawa, Canadian Olympic wrestler Ray Takahashi, 23, was one of four Canadians guaranteed spots on the National Team by John Barry, to compete at the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, Australia in October.

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guidance newsletters" to balance offending passages.

The newsletters, normally used to amend and update education standards on an interim basis, are sent to local education committees, which have authority over schools. The new guidelines were billed as a compromise of sharp differences between the Foreign and Education ministries over the textbook issue. The Foreign Ministry had warned that Japan's relations with its Asian neighbors are being gravely damaged by the book controversy.

There is another implication that can be drawn from this controversy and it was pointed out in a Christian Science Monitor editorial Aug. 12. The Monitor noted that the whole issue of "rewriting history" draws attention to a larger problem: the control and manipulation of the content of school textbooks by a single authority, such as a centralized government.

The Monitor commented: "...the Japanese government should not need the outcry of other countries to reconsider the rewriting of history—and perhaps the control of textbooks from the top. The outcry from Japan's own teachers, press and public should be enough to prevent what one paper called a return to 'thought control' and 'doublespeak' of the 1930s and '40s. The coming Japanese generations will not be well prepared to meet the challenges of the future if they are fed an official distortion of the past."

The Monitor pointed out that in the U.S., laws prohibit federal interference in determining authority over the writing of textbooks, since education is a responsibility of the states, and there is no single approved textbook for the entire country. While some may argue that states and localities sometimes exercise their control in irresponsible ways, this dispersal of authority, at least, protects schoolbooks from falling under the control of one centralized power.

Nisei vets fete Ark. Legionnaires

CHICAGO—The Chicago Nisei Veterans Post 1183 hosted a reception for the Arkansas American Legion Aug. 21 during the national convention of the American Legion at the Ascot Hotel here. The 120 Arkansas Legionnaires were feted for their part in honoring the memory of 32 Nisei soldiers who volunteered from the Rohwer and Jerome Relocation Centers.

Twelve past national commanders of the American Legion, including Al Keller, the incoming commander from Illinois, were among the dignitaries and hundreds of guests who dined with the Arkansas delegates.

PC Calendar of Events

- **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 9 (Thursday)**
West Valley—Bd mtg, 7:30pm (1st Thu)
- **SEPTEMBER 10 (Friday)**
Puyallup Valley—Bd mtg, Tacoma Budd Ch Lounge, 7:30pm (1st Fri)
- **SEPTEMBER 11 (Saturday)**
Marina—Mtg, Chace Pk clubhouse, 7:30pm (1st Sat)
- **SEPTEMBER 12 (Sunday)**
Sonoma County—Benefit movies.
- **SEPTEMBER 13 (Monday)**
Nat'l JACL—EXECOM (2da), Nat'l HQ.
- **SEPTEMBER 14 (Tuesday)**
Contra Costa—BBQ event.
- **SEPTEMBER 15 (Wednesday)**
San Jose—Aki Matsuri, Wesley UM Ch, 3-8pm.
- **SEPTEMBER 16 (Thursday)**
Sacramento—Asn Bar Assn rcptn for Asn/Pac Bar Assn, Calif Asian Judges Assn membs at State Bar Conv, Hong King Lum Rest, 8pm; Sun mtgs, Mansion Inn, 11:30am.
- **SEPTEMBER 17 (Friday)**
Monterey Park—Oliver's Sportsman-ship Awd dnr, Paul's Kitchen, 6:30pm.
- **SEPTEMBER 18 (Saturday)**
San Diego—Japan Day on Stage, Balboa Pk, 2:30pm.
- **SEPTEMBER 19 (Sunday)**
Las Vegas—JACL v Hawaiian Club sports event, Guinn Jr Hi Gym, 1pm.
- **SEPTEMBER 20 (Monday)**
Little Tokyo—Cal-J & R dnr, New Otani Hotel, 7:30pm.
- **SEPTEMBER 21 (Tuesday)**
West Valley—Issei night.
- **SEPTEMBER 22 (Wednesday)**
San Francisco—Ctr for JA Studies mtg, 7:30pm; Dr Harry Kitano, spkr., "Interracial Marriages".
- **SEPTEMBER 23 (Thursday)**
Garden Grove—Food festival, Wintersburg Presby Ch, 4-9pm.
- **SEPTEMBER 24 (Friday)**
Monterey Peninsula—50th anny dnr, Holiday Inn on the Beach.
- **SEPTEMBER 25 (Saturday)**
West Valley—Bridge tour, El Paseo de Saratoga Community Rm, 7:30pm.
- **SEPTEMBER 26 (Sunday)**
Hayward—Bay Area JA Sr Ctrs picnic, Shibata's Mt Eden Nursery, 10am.
- **SEPTEMBER 27 (Monday)**
Salinas Valley—Bd mtg, Cal First Bank Mtg Rm, 7pm (3d Tue).
- **SEPTEMBER 28 (Tuesday)**
San Jose—Bd mtg, Calif 1st Bnk, 1st & Younger, 7:30pm (3d Wed).
- **SEPTEMBER 29 (Wednesday)**
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyt'n Ch, 8pm (3d Weds).
- **SEPTEMBER 30 (Thursday)**
Contra Costa—CARP mtg.
- **SEPTEMBER 31 (Friday)**
Marina—Dodger Night.
- **SEPTEMBER 32 (Saturday)**
Little Tokyo—Nisei Retirement Faire, JACCC Bldg, 9am-3:30pm.
- **SEPTEMBER 33 (Sunday)**
Gardena—Japan Cultural Show (2da), Nakaoka Mem Comm Ctr, 10am.

Plaque for Tule Lake cross to be placed

SAN FRANCISCO—An overnight pilgrimage to Tule Lake to dedicate a bronze plaque at the foot of the white cross erected by internees in 1943 (now a steel cross replaced by local residents in 1974) is scheduled the Oct. 1-2 weekend with buses leaving from Berkeley and Sacramento, it was announced by the No. Calif. Japanese Christian Church Federation.

Pilgrimage reservation at \$30 per person are being accepted by Lillian Omi, 862 Bates St., El Cerrito, CA 94530 (415-524-7639) or Harold Ouye, 6048 Annrud Way, Sacramento, CA 95822. Checks are payable to NCJCCF Tule Lake Pilgrimage.

Departures Friday afternoon from the North Berkeley BART station and from Sacramento's Parkview Presbyterian Church are scheduled with return Saturday night. Able-bodied pilgrims should bring sleeping bags as accommodations will be provided at the Fairground Hall; others will be housed at a motel. For the bus ride, bring your own lunch. Breakfast and lunch will be provided Satur-

day. For those unable to climb the hill, a service will be held at Newell School. A memorial service after lunch is also scheduled at Klamath Falls Cemetery where there is a WRA tombstone in memory of those who died at Tule Lake.

Matsui bill to add prize for voting

WASHINGTON—A Hollywood promoter seeking to spur voter turnout in the 1984 presidential election received Rep. Robert Matsui's help July 27 by his introducing a bill to make it legal to give away prizes for voting.

As in the recent California sweepstakes, the voter would qualify by mailing in the stub off his ballot to promoter Ed Shaw. A drawing would be held to pick the winner for prizes that Detroit, the airlines and friends might donate.

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has acknowledged the significance of brothers and sisters in the family structure by providing preferential status. This preference, in light of history, should not be cast aside because now it is Asian families that seek to avail themselves of these privileges," noted Ochi.

Last June, 16 congressmen, among them Rep. Norman Mineta (D-San Jose), had sent a letter to House Judiciary Committee chair Peter Rodino, urging that the fifth preference be retained. "The fifth preference is a reflection of the family reunification concept—an

important component of our immigration policies," noted the congressmen.

Ochi urged persons to write to President Reagan and their congressmen to urge retention of the fifth preference.

Pre-war Little Tokyo pictures at Library

LOS ANGELES—"Before the War: the Japanese of Los Angeles 1890-1942", a photographic exhibit on loan from CSULA's Kennedy Memorial Library, is on display through Sept. 25 at the Los Angeles Public Library downtown. Hours: 10am-5:30pm MWF; noon-8pm. TTh.

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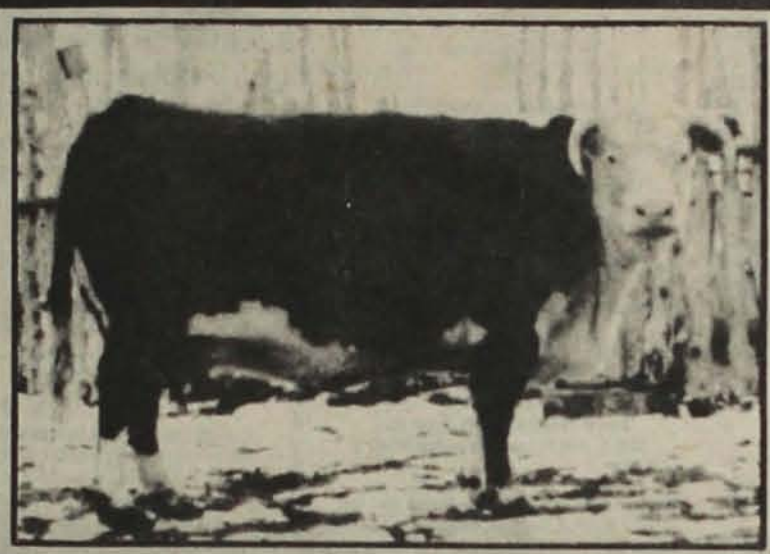
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