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Nikkei teacher classified as 'white', so her job's uncertain

HOUSTON—Last June Betty Waki, a Sansei art teacher with 11 years experience at Sharpstown High School here, nearly fell victim to the strange twists and turns of Houston Independent School District's administration policy.

Despite an excellent record and a career of dedication to her students and her profession, Waki was asked not to return to the school this fall. Sharpstown principal William Jackson attested to her credentials, but said the decision was based on a personnel decision which entailed the "Singleton Ratio."

The Ratio determines the racial composition of HISD school faculties by use of percentages. It was formulated by federal Judge John Singleton in 1970 to remedy racial imbalance perceived in HISD faculties at that time.

But the Ratio, as applied to teachers, recognizes only three racial categories: white, Hispanic and black. Waki, being neither of the latter two categories, was classified as white and thus lost her teaching position, because Jackson, in assessing lower enrollment projections for the fall, needed to "absorb" (drop) one art teacher who had to be "white" to conform with the prescribed ratios.

Attorney Paul Shinkawa, past president and board member of the Houston JACL, notified HISD superintendent Billy Reagan that he would attempt to have an interested party intervene in the pending litigation with the Department of Justice with the objective of modifying the Ratio to include Asian Americans.

Waki also received support from a group of Asian Americans who attended a June meeting of the HISD Board of Education to express their concern over Waki's release. HISD superintendent Billy Reagan remarked that it was the first time since he had been superintendent that he heard Asian Americans voice their concerns en masse over the district's policies. HISD later announced it would retain Waki, but the Ratio still does not include Asian Americans.

JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi also expressed his concern to Reagan over the matter and Houston Chapter president Daniel Watanabe notified Wakabayashi that an ad hoc "task force" had been formed, consisting of Sharpstown students and several Asian American organizations. The task force started a grassroots campaign to have Waki retained and called for a change in the Singleton Ratio. Reagan indicated his office would help in modifying the Ratio, at least on a "long-term" basis.

Meanwhile, Waki's status is still tenuous, noted Watanabe, because no written confirmation was ever issued to her about her lay-off or reinstatement. She also faces the possibility of being transferred to another school.

Waki, a native Texan and a Milby High School graduate, innovated several art education projects in HISD and was a key influence on many of the estimated 260 Asian students who make up the largest minority (8.9%) at Sharpstown.

Seattle JAs riled by column espousing anti-Japan ideas

SEATTLE—A recent Seattle Times column warning readers to "be wary" of the "resurgence of Japanese nationalism" brought an angry response from Seattle JACL Regional Secretary Karen Seriguchi and chapter member Stan Shikuma.

The Aug. 31 Times column by staffer Erik Lacitis noted:

"... We are now Japan's biggest customer. A quarter of the new cars, a quarter of the TV sets, half of the cameras and radios and nine out of 10 motorcycles we bought last year bore 'Made in Japan' stickers.

"But you might be of the age to remember what you were doing on that fateful day of Dec. 7, 1941.

"Or you might be one of the baby-boom kids, or younger, having learned your history from watching with fascination the World War II late-night movies, which, however fictionalized, still remind us: Be wary."

Lacitis pointed out recent "examples" of Japan's "new nationalism": the revision of World War II history in Japanese school textbooks; a best selling book in Japan entitled "Japan as Number One"; a recent study claiming Japanese have the highest IQ in the world.

Citing a Prof. Don Hellman, whom Lacitis said was an "expert on Asian matters," the Times columnist wrote:

"By the late 1970s a (Japanese) government-sponsored public opinion poll showed that for the first time since World War II, the Japanese regarded themselves as superior to Westerners. 'Now, in the first place,

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Hayashi scholarship winner named

WASHINGTON—This year's winner of the Thomas T. Hayashi JACL Law Scholarship is Roy Yukio Nakano of Gardena, Ca., it was announced this past week by Dr. Tom Tamaki of Philadelphia, chairman of the Selections Committee.

The legal scholarship, established several years ago in memory of the late Thomas T. Hayashi, JACL leader and prominent New York attorney, is offered annually by the Eastern District Council of JACL to entering law school students. It carries a stipend of \$700, payable annually for three years for students in good standing (a total of \$2,100). In addition to the usual criteria, financial need (if any) is a factor for consideration.

Nakano is the son of John S. Nakano, deceased, and Sumie Asada Nakano. He graduated from Gardena High School and from California State University, Long Beach with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology (Magna Cum Laude). He is a member of the Long Beach Pacifica JACL Chapter, and has been extremely active in Asian American affairs, including the movement for redress/reparations. He will attend law school at UCLA.

Dr. Tamaki indicated that while Nakano was outstanding, the selection of this year's scholarship winner was extremely difficult due to the fine records and qualifications of all scholarship applicants.

Assisting Dr. Tamaki as members of the Selections Committee were Ron Inouye of New York, Kiyomi Nakamura of Seabrook, and Harry Takagi of Washington, D.C.

Former Calif. state employees sought

SACRAMENTO—Since the passage of Assembly Bill 2710, which calls for compensation to Japanese American state workers who were fired from their jobs in 1942, Assemblyman Patrick Johnston's office has been seeking those Nisei who may be eligible for the payments.

The bill was signed into law by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. on Aug. 17 and becomes effective Jan. 1, 1983. The law will authorize payments of up to \$5,000 (\$1,250 per year, for four years) to Nisei who were dismissed from their state positions in 1942 because of their ancestry.

Priscilla Ouchida, legislative aide to Johnston, said that former employees who may be eligible for these payments are still being sought. Persons who qualify would be required to file a claim for each year of payment and only those persons who lost their jobs may file (heirs of the former employees are not eligible).

Persons who think they may be entitled to payments should contact Ouchida c/o Assemblyman Patrick Johnston, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 445-7931.

Mitsui employees enter guilty pleas

SAN FRANCISCO—Conditional guilty pleas were entered by three employees of Mitsui & Co. (USA), to misdemeanor charges of assisting in the filing of false prices by their company on imported steel.

Sentencing of the three men had been postponed indefinitely pending a ruling on whether the crime involves moral turpitude and whether the court will recommend their deportation or exclusion.

The deportation or exclusion issue, as well as that of moral turpitude, are issues which the Immigration and Naturalization Service hasn't yet taken a position.

Under plea-bargaining conditions, if federal Judge Marilyn Hall Patel declines to recommend against deportation or exclusion, the defendants would have the choice of withdrawing their guilty pleas and going to trial or letting stand their guilty pleas.

The plea-bargaining agreement provides that the defendants will get 18-months probation, during which time they can't do business in the U.S. for Mitsui, although

they can come to the U.S. The agreement also calls for a maximum fine of \$2,500 on each of the counts with which they are charged.

The three defendants waived their right to be present at sentencing so they wouldn't have to return again from Japan. Tsuneo Namiki, 48, general manager of Mitsui's steel department here, was charged with five counts of assisting in the filing of false prices on imported steel; Takeo Teraoka, 47, former deputy manager of the San Francisco office's steel department, with three counts; and Katsumi Arai, 44, an employee of Mitsui's steel-wire rods and products division, with one count.

Mitsui, the American affiliate of Mitsui, Ltd. the large Japan trading company, was fined \$210,000 and agreed to pay an additional \$11.2 million in civil fraud penalties in an agreement last July in which it pleaded guilty to 21 counts involving violations of U.S. steel antitrust laws.—Wall St. Jnl.

Reagan wants Japan to lift food quotas

TOKYO—The Reagan Administration wants Japan, already the No. 1 customer for U.S. agricultural exports, to eliminate quotas on 22 food products including beef and citrus fruit, a U.S. Department of Agriculture official said Aug. 19.

Seeley G. Lodwick, undersecretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, stopped in Tokyo for a day of meetings with Japanese agriculture officials before leaving for three days of talks with Chinese agriculture and trade officials.

His visit here precedes formal negotiations set to begin in October on Japan's quotas on beef and citrus imports. Lodwick said the United States will press during the negotiations for "full liberalization" of those two imports.

With American farmers experiencing their toughest economic conditions since the depression, Lodwick said the Reagan Administration places a high priority on expanding agricultural exports.

U.S. farm exports to Japan totalled \$6.56 billion in 1981, but were down about 10% in the first five months of 1982. While the volume of products shipped declined, the major factor was tumbling farm commodity prices which have forced down the dollar value of U.S. farm exports, he said.

Sales of corn, the leading U.S. farm export to Japan, fell 43% in value during the January to May period of 1982 compared with a year earlier, though the amount of corn shipped during the period dropped 23%.

Lodwick said the Reagan Administration opposes reciprocity legislation introduced in the Congress which would require U.S. access to markets of nations which sell goods in the United States.

L.A. Times poll shows Japan cited for U.S. economic ills

LOS ANGELES—A recent public opinion poll conducted by the Los Angeles Times shows that a significant number of Americans blame foreign oil prices and Japanese business competition for the nation's economic troubles.

The telephone poll's results were published Aug. 29 and noted that of the 1,592 persons interviewed nationwide, 56% cited foreign oil prices and 44% listed Japanese competition among those factors which were regarded as "almost completely" or "very much" to blame for the nation's economic difficulties.

The Times also noted that Congress was pointed out by 42% of the respondents as another one of the "most popular villains" causing the nation's woes.

However, only 21% of the respondents felt that President Reagan was to blame for the nation's current recession and high level of unemployment.

According to Times' pollster I.A. Lewis, there is a 95% probability that the poll results are within three percentage points of reflecting opinions of all Americans.

Mixed ancestry of Nisei Wk. queens is a topic of concern

LOS ANGELES—The recent Nisei Week Coronation Ball and its results prompted a reader of the Rafu Shimpo to express his disappointment over the selection of the queen (Janet Midori Barnes) and some of the candidates—because they were of mixed ancestry.

Linden Nishinaga of Monterey Park wrote in a letter to the Rafu Aug. 27:

"... It seems to me that for a Nikkei population of 261,822 in California alone, the vast majority of whom have full Japanese ancestry, a more representative group of beauties could easily have been selected."

Nishinaga noted that four of the nine queen candidates in the 1982 pageant were of mixed parentage, and this included both the winner (Barnes) and the runner-up (Deena Lynn Akemi Hard). He also noted that in 1980, another candidate of mixed parentage (Hedy Posey) was selected as well. He added:

"This disproportionate selection and seeming infatuation with the Eurasian looks not only runs counter to what I consider pride in our Japanese ancestry but also to the very idea of the Nisei Week Queen tradition itself."

"Besides, who can really say that Eurasian women are necessarily better looking than full Japanese women?" Nishinaga, a Sansei who said he has lived both here and in Japan, noted that "this kind of shallow thinking is not only questionable but not true. For there are just as many

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Nagasaki survivor seeking last hope

PORTLAND, Ore.—"She has to get back to Nagasaki before it's too late," said Francis Weber, whose wife, Kuniko, is now suffering from a myriad of medical problems which they attribute to her exposure to the atomic bomb 37 years ago.

Kuniko was 13 years old when the bomb was dropped on the city of Nagasaki. Four months after the blast, her father began to show signs of radiation sickness (bleeding gums, loss of hair, diarrhea) and soon died. Like so many other survivors, she worries that she will also succumb to the aftereffects of radiation exposure. For the past 30 years, her health has gradually deteriorated, and she suffers from infected glands, muscle pains, anemia, severe exhaustion, a recurring ulcer, tumors and deterioration of her spine.

"Nagasaki is our last hope," said Mr. Weber. In Nagasaki, the Japanese government would be able to provide her with free medical care as it does for all victims of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-bombs.

The Webers also feel that the physicians there have a better understanding of radiation effects. All they have to do now is raise enough money to pay for her air fare.

The Webers, who reside here, met in 1955 when Mr. Weber was a Marine stationed in Japan. A few years later, they moved to the U.S. Recently, Mr. Weber was ill for more than a year and lost his job. Mrs. Weber has been denied Social Security benefits and is too sick to work.

"I've already mortgaged the house so we just don't have any money," said Mr. Weber. "We're desperate. Kuniko is becoming

weaker by the day and I just don't know how long she'll last without medical attention. It is terribly difficult for us to have to go to the public for help, but we just don't have a choice."

The Friends of the Hibakusha, a San Francisco-based support group for Japanese American atomic bomb survivors, has promised to raise funds for the Webers and other survivors in similar situations. The Webers each need \$1,600 for their roundtrip flight to Japan.

Kanji Kuramoto, president of the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the U.S., said, "Kuniko Weber is one of the first survivors to have the courage to

come out publicly. There are a dozen other people in the same circumstance, but they are afraid of the embarrassment it may cause their families."

Dorothy Stroup of the Friends added, "I hope people will donate to this project. The Japanese American survivors are still suffering from the bomb and the American government continues to ignore their dilemma. Survivors like Mrs. Weber are forced to go to Japan for the kind of help they need."

Contributions for the Webers and other survivors can be made to: "Friends of the Hibakusha (Travel Fund)," c/o Pine Methodist Church, 426 33rd Ave, San Francisco, CA 94121.



Oregonian Photo by Randy Wood

SEEKS MEDICAL AID—Kuniko Nakashima Weber (left) and her husband Francis hope to travel to Nagasaki where Mrs. Weber can receive treatment, provided by the Japanese government, for the medical problems she suffers as a result of the atomic bomb blast which devastated the city 37 years ago.

Jpn. banks extend credit to Michigan

LANSING, Mich.—Five banks from Japan will help rescue Michigan's budget, Gov. William G. Milliken announced Aug. 27.

The Japanese banks have agreed "in principle" to offer Michigan a \$500 million letter of credit that will enable the state to make school aid and revenue sharing payments on time in the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, Milliken said.

The credit will mean that the Japanese banks will pay off the \$500 million in one-year notes if Michigan cannot.

That will enable the state to seek the loan with top-grade credit ratings of "MIG 1" and "AAA."

Wall Street's Moody's Investors Service lowered Michigan's credit rating to the lowest level of the 50 states last spring—MIG 3—and Michigan budget officials feared an even worse downgrading.

With such a low credit rating, fiscal experts feared the state would not be able to borrow the \$500 million needed early in the 1982-83 fiscal year and would have to scramble for cash and delay school and government-aid payments.

Such action could have created chaos in state and local budgets and threatened school closings and payless paydays, officials said.

The Japanese banks and Michigan were brought together by Mitsubishi Bank Ltd. and Merrill Lynch White Capital Markets Group, Milliken said.

He said it is the first time that a state will use a letter of credit from several banks "to strengthen its market position."

"It also marks the first time that a group of foreign banks, through their New York branches, will provide credit support services in the American municipal short-term market," Milliken said.

He said Mitsubishi has previously provided credit support services for states in Australia and provinces in Canada.

Magazine says Jpn. kids test better

NEW YORK—Japanese children are not necessarily smarter than American youngsters, they may just test better, Discover magazine concludes in its September issue.

The magazine, intrigued by a British psychologist's report that the Japanese national mean IQ score rose seven points in a generation and was the highest in the world, examined other studies and decided that simple brain power was too simple an explanation.

"Indeed," the science magazine said, "Japanese scholars tend to agree that the high national IQ is related to 'shiken jigoku' or 'examination hell' inflicted on Japanese

students which enables them to become proficient at taking tests."

In two new studies, young Japanese students outscored Americans in mathematics. Researchers also found that superiority could be explained by the Japanese devotion of nearly twice as much classroom time and three times as much homework time to math.

The magazine said that information led Harold Stevenson of the University of Michigan to conclude that "it is indeed the environment rather than heredity that enables Japanese to perform so well in testing."

Study says Japan explorers found America in 3000 B.C.

NEW YORK—Japanese "discovered" America about 3000 B.C., almost 45 centuries before Christopher Columbus, according to two scholars who have written a book on world history.

Professor Yoshitaka Horiuchi, a Japanese diplomat-scholar, and Dr. Koki Asakura, an American professor, note in their book "Mankind and Civilization Yesterday and Tomorrow."

"Japanese fishermen of the Japan Jomon Civilization (8000-250 B.C.)—carried by the Japan Black Current across the Pacific Ocean and down the coast—discovered the South America Inca Empire (about 3000 B.C.), where they introduced Japanese Jomon pottery art and other Japanese culture."

Written after 45 years of scientific research in 38 countries worldwide, the book shows similarities between the Japanese Jomon Civil-

ization and the South American Inca Empire (3200 B.C.-1532 A.D.). Examined are Jomon pottery; Japanese and Inca languages, words and names; sun god religions; Japanese and present Andes inhabitants' facial features; and other comparisons. For example, Lake Titicaca and the Japanese words "chichi kaka" both refer to "father and mother."

The book also explores the origin of the universe, the evolution of the earth and the birth of various human races and their migrating patterns.

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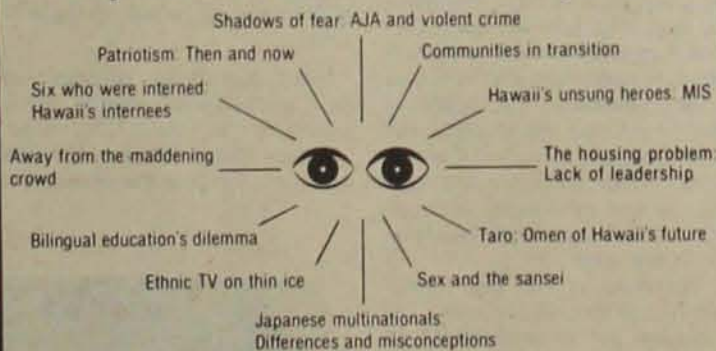
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One charge against Noguchi dropped; Isaac begins defense

LOS ANGELES—A civil service hearing officer dropped one charge against Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi on Aug. 31 but denied a motion to dismiss several other charges and reinstate the ousted Los Angeles coroner.

Noguchi was demoted to autopsy surgeon by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in April. He then appealed to the county Civil Service Commission to give him back his job.

His attorney, Godfrey Isaac, maintained the county had failed to substantiate the allegations used to demote Noguchi during its recently completed presentation.

Hearing Officer Sara Adler agreed to drop only the charge that Noguchi had publicly misrepresented the board's order limiting what he could say about celebrity deaths.

Other charges she refused to dismiss claimed that Noguchi mismanaged his department, failed to keep the supervisors informed of the department's deterioration during the past seven years, illegally solicited funds for his non-profit foundation and sensationalized the deaths of movie stars.

Isaac began defense arguments Sept. 7 on behalf of Noguchi, who headed the coroner's office for almost 15 years.

Isaac said the dismissal was "a

major and significant defeat for those members of the Board of Supervisors who voted to demote Dr. Noguchi" and the beginning of "forward progress to victory and Dr. Noguchi's return to his permanent position as chief medical examiner-coroner."

Noguchi, 55, who was reinstated as coroner by the Civil Service Commission in 1969 after the supervisors dumped him for making "erratic" public statements, was "very optimistic" about the outcome of the current hearings, according to Isaac.

Meanwhile, county-hired attorney William Masterson also expressed satisfaction over Adler's ruling.

"I felt that all the charges were appropriate and all substantiated, but the fact that only one out of 11 were removed is not of concern to me at all. I am, overall, very very satisfied."

Masterson said the fact that the county lost only one charge "is proof just how solid the other 10 are."

Isaac said his arguments would center on a statement by Dr. Leslie Lukash, chief medical examiner of Nassau County, N.Y., who had completed a Board of Supervisors-ordered study of Noguchi's office earlier this year.

Lukash, after saying Noguchi's

operation had obvious deficiencies told the supervisors Noguchi was doing the best job he could given the money, equipment and personnel available to him, Isaac noted.

Isaac added that charges by the county that Noguchi forced Eli Lilly Co. to donate \$2000 to a non-profit Noguchi medical foundation

had "gone down the toilet..." Utah physician Dr. Brian Field—one of the two people connected with the \$2000 donation—testified during the county's phase of the hearing that Noguchi did not demand payment in return for allowing Lilly access to coroner's records, Isaac said.



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CSULA's Asian American theater project slates 1st play

LOS ANGELES—Actress Nobu McCarthy will headline the play, "The Music Lessons," the first production of the innovative Asian American Theatre Arts Project at Cal State Univ. Los Angeles, beginning Oct. 1 at CSULA's Music Hall.

The project, which was launched last June, was the first of its kind in the nation, according to Prof. Bob Suzuki, dean of graduate studies and research at CSULA. Ms. McCarthy, serving as assistant professor and artist-in-residence, taught Asian American play production to the cast and crew of "Lessons" over the summer and will continue to teach additional courses in the fall quarter, which begins Sept. 25.

"Lessons" was written by Wakako Yamauchi, author of the award winning "And the Soul Shall Dance." Her new play is a love story set in the Depression-era Imperial Valley of California, wherein a transient Issei, formerly a violinist, meets a widowed mother (McCarthy) and her children on their farm. The wandering musician falls in love with the widow, and his presence deeply affects the lives of the entire family as well.

"Lessons" will be directed by veteran stage and film actor Sab Shimono, a Dramalogue Award recipient.

McCarthy, who will perform six evening performances, believes the new AATAP will "show the non-believers, the skeptics, that Asian performers are strong, talented actors and actresses, that Asian writers are good and can write deeply moving work, and that the Asian technical people need not take a back seat to anyone."

Tickets for the Oct. 1 opening night gala, which includes an after-theater reception, are \$25 each. For regular matinee and evening performances (Oct. 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10) tickets will be \$8.50, with part of the proceeds benefitting AATAP. (Some matinee tickets will be available for \$3.50).

AATAP is offering community organizations (such as JACL chapters) an opportunity to sell tickets and splitting the profits. Organizations selling a minimum of 50 tickets will be able to keep \$2.50 per ticket (\$3.50 of the selling price per ticket goes to CSULA, with the remaining \$5 going to AATAP and whatever organization participates). For more information call Agnes Suzuki (213) 283-1961 or Kay Komai (213) 224-2195.

Amerasia Bookstore slates jazz fest

LOS ANGELES—Amerasia Bookstore in Little Tokyo will hold its "First Annual Amerasia Bookstore Jazz Festival" on the weekend of September 10, 11, and 12, with sounds of some of the best Southland and Bay Area talent.

On Sept. 10, the festival will kick off with Arco Iris, South American fusion band; the Lisa Joe Quartet performing Claude Bolling's "Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano"; and the Paul Yamazaki Quartet and their hot rhythm section from San Francisco.

The Sept. 11 show features the group, Visions, with vocalist, Marsha Furutani; the Moonlight Orchestra with their Combination of vibes, shakuhachi and cello; jazz vocalist Shirley Roberts; and

once again, the Paul Yamazaki Quartet.

The Sept. 12 show will have a special guest performance with June Okida Kuramoto, koto player with the group, Hiroshima; Camouflage featuring Jesse Acuna; and the innovative music of San Francisco musicians Russell Baba and Jeanne Aiko Mercer.

Proceeds from the Festival will be used to help finance Amerasia Bookstore's forthcoming move to a new location. Their current Little Tokyo location is scheduled for demolition under the area's redevelopment program.

Tickets are \$7.50 per event and for 2 or more events, the price is \$6.00 each. For ticket info contact Amerasia Bookstore, 338 E. Second Street (213) 680-2888.

CAL-JAR plans GOP fundraiser Sept. 16

LOS ANGELES—California Japanese American Republicans (CAL-JAR) will hold a fund-raising dinner on Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m. at the New Otani Hotel, featuring Republican candidates for state offices in California. Reservations can be made by calling George Oki in Sacramento (916) 383-5665; S. Stephen Nakashima, San Jose

(408) 246-0246; Kei Higashi, Los Angeles (213) 289-6726 or Bruce Kaji 624-7434.

CAL-JAR also plans to host a reception room at the Republican Convention in the Town & Country Hotel in San Diego on Sept. 18. For more info on CAL-JAR membership, contact Tony Takikawa, treasurer (209) 227-0721.

Photography class offered by USC

LOS ANGELES—"Basic Photography" will be taught by Joan Watanabe at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. for 10 Mondays, 7-10 p.m. starting Oct. 4. For more info call the USC Extension office at (213) 743-4560 ext. 649.

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Journalists assn. awards scholarships

LOS ANGELES—The Asian American Journalists Association honored the 10 winners of its first annual scholarship competition during a recent reception at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo.

A total of \$5,850 in scholarships was awarded to the winners, who were selected from among 50 high school and college students nationwide.

The applicants were judged on the basis of a desire to pursue a journalism career, demonstrated ability, scholastic achievement and community involvement. Scholarship committee chairman Elaine Woo noted that the finalists were of exceptionally high caliber and represented, as well, a varied cross-section of the Asian Pacific community.

Judging was performed by a distinguished panel of journalists from such media organizations as the Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Herald Examiner, Oakland Tribune, KNXT-TV and KFWB Radio.

In the college category, the winners were: Douglas Sun (Yale University), Monterey Park; Michael Yada (USC) Los Angeles; Ritu Sehgal (Oakland University), Rochester, Mich.; Jonathan Rodan (CSU, Northridge), Danny Jong (CSU, San Francisco), San Francisco and Frederick Katayama (Columbia University), Monterey Park.

In the high school category, the judges chose: Alice Yang (Rio Americano High School), Sacramento; Lilly Nguyen (Grant High School), Van Nuys; Jenny Ha (Pomona High School), Pomona and Josi Nguyen (Crawford High School), San Diego.

Asian group to march for nuke disarmament

LOS ANGELES—Asian Americans for Nuclear Disarmament (AAND) will be among the organizations participating in the city-wide candlelight vigil which will be held at the Federal Building in Westwood on Oct. 24, which has been designated as UN Disarmament Day.

The interfaith religious vigil and program is co-sponsored by the Californians for Bilateral Nuclear Freeze, the Southern California Ecumenical Council, Interfaith Center to Reverse the Arms Race, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Alliance for Survival, and will involve the congregations of various churches, as well as professional organizations, trade unions, student groups and community delegations.

AAND will hold a brief educational program in West Los Angeles prior to the vigil. For more info call (213) 620-0761 or 265-2961.

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Anaheim fire victims get \$9,000 donation

ANAHEIM, Ca.—Nori Uematsu and Robert Wada, co-chairs of Satoh-Shikai-Carr Fire Victims Fund Committee, announced recently that more than \$9,000 was raised and distributed to the Nikkei victims of the disastrous Anaheim apartment fires.

"Many of the personal losses suffered by the victims can never be replaced, but this money will certainly help restore some of our basic needs," said Mrs. Yoko Carr, whose entire apartment was listed as a total loss.

The Satoh, Shikai and Carr families all expressed their deepest gratitude to the public and the committee for their concern and generosity. The committee also thanked Ben Shimazu of California First Bank for their cooperation in the handling and distributing of the funds.

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State Employee Redress

Woodland, Ca.

The Japanese American community has many good friends in the California Legislature. However, two of them—Assemblyman Pat Johnston (Stockton) and Senator Ralph Dills (Los Angeles) deserve special recognition for the extraordinary effort which they put into the enactment of AB2710.

This bill was signed into law by Governor Brown on August 17, 1982 and provides up to \$5,000 in compensation (\$1,250 for 4 years) for California State employees of Japanese ancestry who were wrongly terminated (or voluntarily resigned in lieu of dismissal) in the early months of 1942 after the outbreak of war with Japan.

Although a relatively new Assemblyman, Patrick Johnston is not new to JACL or the redress issue. Many will recall the fact that he participated as a member of the panel in the "mock" commission hearings that were held at the San Francisco Convention in 1980. Even though Pat's district in the Stockton area does not have a large number of Japanese American constituents, Pat introduced and carried the bill be-

cause it was the "right" thing to do. Even though the auditor general estimated the cost of the bill could be as high as one-half million dollars, Pat Johnston used all his influence to push the bill through despite opposition and a lean budget. Pat deserves the admiration and support of all Japanese Americans.

On the Senate side, Pat received able assistance from Senator Ralph Dills—a longtime friend of the Japanese American community. Senator Dills, whose district includes Gardena, made an eloquent plea for passage when certain Senators on the Senate Finance Committee raised objections.

Finally, a special tribute must go to Priscilla Ouchida of Assemblyman Johnston's office for her dedicated staff assistance and to the loyal band of "lobbyists" who she worked with: Gene Itogawa, Diane Tomoda, Frank Iwama, Henry Taketa, Steve Koyasako, Jean Yaego, Sumio Miyamoto, Janet Masuda, Shizu Ueda, Yasuo Honda, Mary Yamamoto, Amy Masaki, Toso Himel, Keith Yamanaoka, Mats Murata, Carole Hayashino, and John Tateishi.

"Loyalty...is a realization that America was born of revolt, flourished in dissent, became great through experimentation."

—Henry Steel Commager.

Letterbox

Convention Critic

Editor:

I contest the election process recently conducted at the National JACL Convention in Los Angeles.

I, as a member, am anguished by the little knowledge of the so-called leaders as to how an organization functions.

As I said before the Chicago JACL Chapter Board meeting that (JACL) was an exclusive club at the expense of the members. A me, mine syndrome. I don't know where to begin in stating what needs to be corrected as to (JACL's) function, as a member participating in a democracy-in-action organization. The membership had no input as to the delegates' function in the election process nor the redress point of view (on the matter of guidelines and the loan from the Endowment Fund). The whole rationale has the odor of a skunk!

There are many non-functioning chapters as I am told. The election is null and void on technicalities. I would like the parliamentarian to respond.

Coming from a broad-based involvement in organizations and having worked with your leaders (?), I feel I can make assessments in comparing what works and what doesn't work and have also made corrections. Management has meetings because it can make a lot of assessments as to who has leadership qualities, who has organization, who has experience/expertise, who is articulate and can get the point across, who speaks with substance, who has innovative/creative ideas, etc.

I think the organization should start at the beginning by having leadership workshops from the top down. And a study of parliamentary procedures.

Only (national president candidate) George Kodama answered the question I asked at the Convention (during the candidates' forum): "What makes you think you know how to lead?" The other two didn't understand my question.

MIYO HAYASHI
Chicago, Ill.



Another View

Editor:

I would like to say that my husband and I enjoyed the JACL 27th Biennial Convention.

I am very appreciative of the dedicated work put forth by the host chapter, Gardena, under the leadership of Karl Nobuyuki, Lou Tomita and Chester Sugimoto. Kudos also to John Saito, PSWDC Regional Director and Cary Nishimoto, District Governor, the National Board, Washington Rep. Ron Ikejiri, Redress Coordinator John Tateishi, National Director Ron Wakabayashi, PC Editor Harry Honda and many others.

The five days of the Convention were constantly filled with the concerns and welfare of the Japanese Americans in communities throughout the nation and even those who reside in Latin American countries and Japan. The dedication and effort that went into the fruition of the Convention speaks for itself.

It was good to hear the issues, such as redress funding discussed and argued in a caucus often times, with much passionate heat because people care, and that is what JACL is all about, caring people. Everyone comes from a different time and place, but the goal is still for the benefit of the Japanese Americans.

I was very impressed by the attendance of people in their late teens, early and mid-twenties and older, who sat in on the evening's caucus, attending after their workday. I was very impressed by the young people who came from different states and used their vacation time to attend the Convention. Wonderful!

I am glad I attended the Convention because it gave me a

deeper insight into the commitment of the chapter delegates and where their hearts are...

One of my children, Claudia, was able to sit in on the caucus only because the Convention was held in L.A. area and for that I thank the Gardena chapter and the PSWDC for taking on the host responsibilities, and expanding her horizons.

It was good to see the "new breed" of young chapter presidents, such as Warren Nagano, Ted Shimizu and National VP candidate Gene Takamine. Also, there was Bill Sakurai of the West L.A. Chapter, who is the advisor to the West L.A. Sansei JACL of which my children are members. George Kodama, Miki Himeno, Michiko Machida, Ken Hayashi, and the "older" knowledgeable men such as Mike Masaoka, Min Yasui, Clifford Uyeda and Roy Nishikawa all worked together. It is always heart-warming to see people of different generations sharing ideas and thoughts to bring forth a common cause.

Lastly, the Convention reaffirmed my belief that the JACL is an organization which is in existence to undertake the task of benefiting the betterment of the Japanese American. It will continue to live on, simply because it is needed. I need it.

Good luck to the new National President Floyd Shimomura and his cabinet.

ITSUKO JANET KAJIHARA
Oxnard, Ca.

'A Misconception'

Editor:

There is an error, a chronically recurrent one which could lead to a major misconception in the article "A Misconception", namely, that detention (incarceration) during Evacuation was "within the legal powers of the Government and

therefore constitutional". Supreme Court Justice Black writing for the majority opinion in the Korematsu case stated: "Since the petitioner has been convicted of failing to report or to remain in an assembly or relocation center, we cannot in this case determine the validity of those separate provisions of the orders. To do more would be to go beyond the issues raised, and to decide momentous questions and contained within the framework of the pleadings or the evidence in this case. It will be time enough to decide the serious constitutional issues which the petitioner seeks to raise when an assembly or relocation order is applied or is certain to be applied to him, and we have its term before us."

That opportunity arose in the Endo case (this decision was presented with the Korematsu case as a package for it was announced the same day) but the issue of detention was not adjudicated and thus escaped constitutional approbation or condemnation. This default of the Court may well become a critical bargaining chip when seeking enabling legislation in Congress as well as statutory barrier to another Evacuation.

Everyone should read the complete text of the Korematsu case—well, at least those who were in the camps for it was, after all, your indictment, a ticket to jail.

EJISUYAMA
Ellsworth, Maine

For the Record

The PC recently received a letter from playwright Momoko Iko, who noted that her play, "Flowers and Household Gods" will not be a part of East West Players' 1982-83 season (PC Sept. 3).

Chiaroscuro:

An Outstanding Sansei

By HARRY KAJIHARA
President, Ventura County JACL

Priscilla Ouchida is nominated for the "1982 Outstanding Exemplar Sansei-of-the-Year Award." At 17, she set her mind on doing something for her parents and many others who were victimized by EO 9066. Ms. Ouchida's resolve was affirmed upon hearing the humiliation and anguish suffered by Mrs. Janet Masuda when she was fired from her clerical position with the Department of Motor Vehicles in 1942 because of her Japanese ancestry.

So four years ago, Ms. Ouchida formed a one-person-action-committee and undertook a Herculean task, specifically, to gather data for preparation of a legislative bill to seek compensation for Japanese Americans fired from their California State jobs, like Mrs. Masuda. With the aid of historian Eugene Itogawa, Ms. Ouchida combed the State records and the newspaper archives for four years. She assembled three large binder notebooks full of factual data and information. Assemblyman Patrick Johnston (D-Stockton), read Ms. Ouchida's voluminous notebooks and fully endorsed her goal. He authored AB 2710.

As Assemblyman Johnston's legislative aide, Ms. Ouchida did a superb job of "greasing-the-skids", contacting and convincing key members of the state department offices including Personnel, Finance, Federation of State Employees, and others whose support was vital for the passage of AB 2710. Ms. Ouchida also contacted community organizations, including JACL, National Coalition for Redress and Reparations, Asian State Employees Association, Asian Pacific Bar Association, and others to marshal grassroots community support.

This legislative bill on monetary compensation for Japanese Americans was not exactly overwhelmingly welcomed legislation by everyone. It required patient, tactful, persistent discussions by Ms. Ouchida to obtain support. On August 17, 1982, Governor Brown signed AB 2710. This is the very first legislation (outside the 1948 Evacuation Claims Act—Ed.) in the United States that provides monetary compensation for Japanese Americans victimized by U.S. wartime actions. Please contact Ms. Priscilla Ouchida, c/o Assemblyman Johnston, State Capitol, Room 414, Sacramento, Ca., 95814 or phone (916) 445-7931 with any information on persons that may qualify for compensation under this bill.

JACL's Anniversary Membership

How does JACL's Anniversary Membership system, recently implemented (May 23, 1982 by the National Board) work?

"It means that whenever a person joins, their membership begins from the month it is recorded at National Headquarters and at the Pacific Citizen," Vernon Yoshioka, National Vice President for 1000 Club-Membership Services, pointed out. "And membership is then valid for a 12-month period."

Under the previous calendar system, membership expired on Dec. 31 irrespective of when a person joined. Under the present Anniversary system (as in California with its auto license plates, which are renewed in 12 months) and in fairness for dues paid, JACL membership will cover a full 12-month period.

This expiration date should coincide with the expiration date appearing on the PC label (except in certain cases where a non-member subscriber whose PC subscription is still active has the unused portion of the subscription extended to the JACL membership period—Ed.) Record of the actual membership expiration date on file at Headquarters and not the date appearing on the PC label will prevail if validity of membership is challenged, Yoshioka added.

The "anniversary system" for renewals was incorporated, as of Jan. 1, 1982. Chapters at recent Convention also received a computer printout indicating PC expiration dates as of Aug. 9, 1982. These are being reviewed by chapters for possible duplications, corrections, etc. (East Los Angeles JACL was the first to turn in the report this past week.—Ed.)

"We need to reach out to onetime members and bring in all who are interested in our goals and purposes," Yoshioka noted in conclusion. "I hope the Chapters will initiate a Fall Season membership campaign."



Convention Honors, But One Hardly Known

Los Angeles

Not nearly enough has appeared in the public prints about three Nisei whose achievements were honored by their peers at the recent JACL convention here. The three were Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago who guided the Japanese American Research Project to a successful near-conclusion; Minoru Yasui of Denver, JACLer of the Biennium for his dedicated leadership as chairman of the Redress Committee; and Prof. Harry Kitano, UCLA sociologist, Nisei of the Biennium.

Wakamatsu was honored at an elaborate pre-planned function at which he was presented with a check for \$10,000 made up of contributions from hundreds of donors from all parts of the country. Substantial as it was, the gift would not begin to pay for the time and effort Wakamatsu has put into the history project over the decades. It was a gesture of gratitude offered with the understanding he and his wife, Toshi, would use it to take their first vacation trip to Japan.

But more than anything else, Wakamatsu's recognition was marked by a sincere outpouring of affection toward an individual who gave so much of himself to an important cause without thought of reward. Some of his Chicago friends—although I hesitate to name them for fear of overlooking many worthies, they include Jack Nakagawa, Nobie Honda, Sumi Shimizu, Kumeo Yoshinari, Frank Sakamoto—felt something meaningful should be done for Wakamatsu. So they organized a committee, solicited support, and sponsored part of the luncheon at which various JACLers were recognized for their good works.

It was a warm and gratifying occasion with everyone, so far as I can determine, leaving with good feelings. Earlier on the same program Min Yasui, to his total

surprise, was named JACLer of the Biennium, an honor bestowed by the bigwigs of the National JACL Executive Committee. Yasui, who was Nisei of the Biennium 30 years earlier, epitomizes the abiding dedication of those members who believe most deeply in its causes.

There's little doubt that Yasui's fiery personal commitment to the Redress program has been more than a little responsible in maintaining enthusiasm for it. No doubt it is a statement of the organization's official priorities that Yasui was preceded in the honor by John Tateishi, who also was Redress Committee chair before he joined the paid staff to push the program.

The third honor, Nisei of the Biennium, should have received the most attention. Unfortunately it was all but skipped over in an overloaded Sayonara Banquet program jammed with dignitaries, including three representatives of the Japanese Foreign Ministry, all of whose worthy speeches were preceded by lengthy introductions.

Inasmuch as the banquet began an hour late and Toastmaster Togo Tanaka was carrying on a losing battle to make up for lost time, the presentation of Professor Kitano was distressingly perfunctory. No one bothered to explain what the Nisei of the Biennium award was all about, why it was so important and prestigious, and what Kitano had done to deserve it. For all that the audience knew, Kitano was only the guy who had coined the phrase "Enryo syndrome", and the prof who had suggested that Nisei were so complacent they might have marched off into gas ovens if their government had asked them to.

Well, of course Kitano has achieved much more than that, helping to make sociological studies of Japanese Americans not only respectable but interesting and significant. But sadly none of that came out, and more's the pity. He deserved better.

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

Pacific Citizen: a Free Press

Philadelphia

EVERY SO OFTEN a movement will be initiated to attempt to control the contents of this weekly newspaper. This has been so in the past and there is no reason to believe that such effort may not be in the future. Of

course, those behind such a movement will not admit to attempted censorship; rather, they inevitably clothe their unhealthy efforts with code words such as "membership", "organizational promotion", "JACL publication" and so forth. These forces would seek to keep any controversial subjects off these pages, allowing only writings that create the illusion that "all is well"—organizationally, in the leadership, and in the community.

AS WE HAVE written in the past, the Pacific Citizen is the only link, and often the only interest, that many members and readers have to and in JACL. For the overwhelming vast majority of us, it is only through these pages that we learn what is transpiring, what some concerns are, what the few voices of dissent are saying. And particularly for those who reside outside the West Coast states, it is often the only source of news of the Nikkei community, be it good or, at times, negative.

IN PAST YEARS, having served on the JACL National Board for a number of bienniums (much longer than I had wished, and perhaps far too long than others may

have wished), I was not unaware that every so often somebody, from some source, sought to remold the newspaper in his own image. Inevitably, that "image" was one of (false) harmony, absence of any dissent, and generally effectlessness. And during those years, frankly, this writer's view was, and continues to be, that rather than retrenching, these pages could profit by more daring, more ventilation, more frankness.

THERE MAY BE those who are of the opinion that such already exists. I suggest to you that this is not so. To take a glaring example of omission, whether such omission was discreet or not: in the recent past, we've had serious internal problems of administration at the national level involving certain key personnel resulting in traumatic disruptions in terms of personnel, fiscal matters, record-keeping, questionable practices. Rumors were rampant. Yet the body charged with investigating the problem never issued a report, or at least a report that was made available to the membership through these pages. And it was not a matter of officious gossiping; rather it was a matter dealing with the health of the organization. And although there were suggestions from some leadership sources that the facts would be made known, we members were never provided with any official assessment with the facts.

THE JACL ORGANIZATION belongs to the membership; it is the membership which supports and sustains the organization. It belongs to us—to you and me. We do not, for a moment, suggest that the P.C. should become a muck-raking, gossip publication; we suggest that it is hardly on the brink of such danger. But we do urge vigilance so that this publication preserve whatever independence it may have and, moreover, that it be provided with the latitude to grow, not regress. Should it regress and become an organizational "bulletin board", or simply an organizational "mouthpiece" echoing the party line, it will mean its demise.

And that would be unfortunate. Gravely so.

Student cites ABC-TV News error

WASHINGTON—During a recent episode of ABC-TV's "Viewpoint" program, journalist Ted Koppel read a letter from Jun Sakamoto of Delaware, Oh. who noted that the TV advertisement for ABC World News Tonight shows the earth rotating in the wrong direction—east to west.

"The earth rotates west to east," wrote Sakamoto, a marketing student from Japan.

Koppel, in response, showed ABC's east-to-west rotating globe stopping in its tracks and reversing direction. He also thanked Sakamoto for telling ABC which way the world turns.

Convention Corner: Singles Perspective

By BEBE TOSHIKO RESCHKE

The 1982 JACL National Convention featured special programs and activities with the needs of JACL singles in mind. The response was unexpectedly enthusiastic and over 150 to 200 Nikkei singles attended the mixer, Nikkei Singles Workshop, houseparty, and luau. All of the programs were under the chairmanship of Midori Watanabe of the Gardena Valley JACL Chapter. A highpoint of the JACL singles activities included a speech presented by Dr. Harry Kitano, professor of sociology and social work at UCLA, on the subject of "Marriage and Divorce in the Japanese American Community". Dr. Kitano, also a single person, was later to be honored at the Sayonara Ball by being presented the Nisei of the Biennium award.

Kitano discussed highlights from his study of Los Angeles County Nikkei Marriage and Divorce Rates for the Year 1979. His research revealed that 60% of Nikkei in Los Angeles have been out-marrying. That is, marrying spouses who are of non-Japanese origin. Of the Nikkei involved in out-marriages, 10% are marrying other Asians (ie Chinese, Koreans etc.) while the 50% remainder are primarily marrying Caucasians. The present estimated out-marriage rate for 1981 is approximately from 65 to 70%. While the Nikkei divorce rate is currently below the national norms, the divorce rate for the out-married Nikkei is three times as high as a Japanese/Japanese marriage.

Kitano also brought up emotionally charged issues such as why do Nikkei women find Caucasian males so attractive that they date and out-marry at such a high rate. He contended that because the Nikkei males have been subjected to subtle and not-so-subtle racial prejudice the result has been a lowering of the self-esteem of the Asian American male. They do not always fulfill the stereotype of the American woman's fantasy of the "ideal" American Male. The J/A women, on the other hand, have the image of being feminine, compliant and fits the myth of the subservient woman.

The talk provoked a great deal of audience comment and participation. It promises to be a good topic for future discussions on the complexities of J/A marriages and divorces.

The panel discussion which followed was entitled "The Nikkei and the Single World" and featured representatives from five different Nisei and Sansei singles organizations within Southern and Northern California. In the main the Nisei groups organized primarily due to changing needs caused by widowhood, divorce or never-married needing to affiliate with others.

As Katie Hironaka, founder of the San Jose JACL-sponsored Nisei and Sansei Singles groups related, "When I became a widow, I really felt the loneliness. It was very difficult for me to attend functions unescorted. I needed new friends. So I wondered to myself, why isn't there a club in our city for people like myself. I decided to ask JACL to sponsor a group. They said O.K. So I went right ahead and made posters and set a date to meet. I sat in the JACL room with coffee and refreshments and just waited. Eight people showed up." At present the San Jose Nisei organization has sixty members.

Los Angeles-based groups such as We are One and the Nisei Singles were organized in a similar manner. Groups such as the Widows and Widowers organization in L.A. are formed to meet specific needs of the widowed. There is, however, a special group formed to help the recently widowed group cope with their new lives.

The Sansei singles group such as the San Jose Sansei and the Japanese American Singles group in Los Angeles were formed in response to a lack of effective ways to meet other Sansei. Some of the members were drawn to the organization because of the current Asian awareness which focused on getting in tune with their Asian heritage. It was generally noted at the workshop that Sansei and Yonsei do not have many places to meet on an on-going basis, even in metropolitan areas with large numbers of J/As, such as Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle.

Gerald Kubo of New York City related the plight of the Eastern Nisei and Sansei. Although New York City has a population of about 3,000 Nikkei, there are few organized ways for Nikkei to meet except through a few J/A church groups or through JACL activities. Many Nisei parents are experiencing situations where none of their children are dating or marrying other Nikkei. The findings of the workshop showed that Nikkei singles groups can be a good way to meet other J/As who are in similar situations. Unlike the myth of re-marriage, a number of widowed and divorced Nisei do not see themselves marrying again but express a greater need for companionship, social outlets, and finding others who can be supportive to them. The convention singles mixer, houseparty, and luau were excellent ways for singles to meet and get acquainted with each other. As one attractive Nisei stated, "I like to be with other singles because I feel more comfortable. I could be friendly without threatening my married friends."

In conclusion, the singles program was effective in that it gave a group of people a chance to meet, interact, exchange ideas, and become friends. There has been a recognition of the wish to organize in order to implement many of the ideas and plans which the singles workshops and social events generated. Those wishing to join the steering committee or inquire about information please contact Midori Watanabe (213) 541-6698 or Bebe Toshiko Reschke (213) 399-1126.

35 Years Ago

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

SEPTEMBER 13, 1947

Aug. 31—Princeton physicist (Prof. Shuichi Kusaka, 31, Japan-born but Canadian-educated scholar) drowns in vacation tragedy at beach; had worked under Albert Einstein on cosmic energy during WW2, naturalized U.S. citizen in '46 for Army stint.

Sept. 4—Six U.S. GIs (including T/5 Keiji Hoshino, Honolulu) of 88th Div in Italy released after being detained one week by Yugoslavs; GIs had driven across boundary after making wrong turn from Allied zone.

Sept. 4—Calif. Atty. Gen. Fred Howser not asking for new funds to enforce alien land law; matter now up to individual county.

Sept. 5—Idaho U.S. Judge Charles C. Cavanah holds Nisei renunciations at Tule Lake invalid in ACLU test case at Los Angeles for

Albert Y. Inouye, Miye M. Murakami, Tsutako Sumi and Mutsu Shimizu; no minor has right to renounce his civil rights, says judge. Case may affect 6,000 others.

Sept. 7—Idaho Falls JACL raises \$2,500 for local Sacred Heart Hospital building fund.

Sept. 8—U.S. Judge Louis Goodman, San Francisco, orders release of 330 Tule Lake renunciants now held at Crystal City, Tex., and Seabrook, N.J.; government failed to produce evidence of dual citizenship as claimed or held allegiance to Japan's emperor. Gov't plans to appeal.

Sept. 9—Nat'l VFW appoints Mike Masaoka to its national Americanism, Education and Training committee; Nat'l Encampment (at Cleveland) endorses naturalization for resident aliens of Japanese ancestry.

SEATTLE Continued from Front Page

how many countries do you know that go around doing public opinion polls asking if they're inferior or superior to somebody else?" Don Hellman said.

Lacitis added, "...So yes, let's be wary of the new Japanese nationalism, and what it could mean in future years if, for example, that country which is completely dependent on imported oil finds its fuel cut off."

Lacitis quoted Hellman as saying Japanese nationalism was not necessarily "bad." However, Hellman noted:

"We do not have the cultural links, and I'll be crude, we don't have the racial links with the Japanese that we do with Europe."

"And it doesn't take much to step over that edge. And anybody who says that isn't true just doesn't understand what the real world is all about."

Seattle JACL's Letter

Both Seriguchi and Shikuma labelled Lacitis' column "nothing more than incoherent jingoism."

"In a seemingly conscious attempt to awaken racist fears in our minds, Mr. Lacitis alludes to Pearl Harbor early in the piece, then backs this up with a quick reminder of some Hollywood history of World War II. For good measure he later dusts off the stereotype of insect-like yellow hoarders to describe the Japanese worker of the 1980s, who 'accept crowded living conditions, the suffocation of the individual (a passage quoted from Hellman-Ed.).' they added.

Seriguchi and Shikuma also noted:

"...But despite evocations of hoary stereotypes and wartime atrocities, the crucial issue here is not difference in culture, economic systems or history. It is race. Of course, the author (Lacitis) is careful to clothe his feelings behind the 'prestigious credentials' of a pleasant expert on Asian affairs (Hellman)."

They concluded, "...Let us digest a reasoned analysis of whatever possibilities Mr. Lacitis and his experts are bracing themselves for. Just spare us another unsavory hash of condescension, racism and fear."

Mineta honored by JA groups for his community efforts

SAN FRANCISCO—Some 60 persons representing the Japanese American Democratic Club, the Committee for Internment Credit and the Japanese American Postal Group gathered on Aug. 23 at the National JACL Headquarters here to honor Rep. Norman Mineta (D-San Jose) for his continued and beneficial efforts on behalf of the Nikkei community.

Mineta was the author of HR 9471, the legislation which granted civil service retirement credit for time interned to those Japanese Americans who have, since World War II, pursued careers with the federal government. The bill was signed into law in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter.

Presenting a calligraphy scroll honoring the congressman were Phil Nakamura of the JADC, William Nakatani of CIC and Melvin Mayeda of the postal organization. Nakatani, now a retired federal employee, expressed his appreciation for Congressman Mineta's efforts and stated that his presentation was an expression of a "debt of gratitude" from himself and others who benefited from the legislation.

In his remarks Mineta touched on the current economic difficulties in the U.S. and that the situation had given rise to a certain atmosphere of "scapegoatism" against the Japanese, and, in turn, Japanese Americans.

He also mentioned more recent legislation pending in Congress which affects Asians and immi-

gration, particularly the Simpson-Mazzoli bill, in which a national identification system is proposed to identify every worker to prove U.S. citizenship in order to enforce penalties for employers of illegal immigrants. The implications for those Americans who appear to be foreign are far reaching and disturbing, he noted.

Regarding current efforts on behalf of reparations for Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II, Mineta stated that an appropriation of \$300,000 and a time extension has been granted to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

Among civic and community leaders attending the reception were: Rosario Anaya, president, San Francisco Board of Education; George Ando, secretary-treasurer of Laborers Union Local 261; Anne Howden, SF Fire Commissioner; Kenji Kuramoto, Committee for Atomic Bomb Survivors; SF Superior Court Judge Harry Low; Carol Migden, candidate for the SF Community College Board; JoAnne Miller, Calif. Democratic Council; Yosh Nakashima, SF Planning Commissioner; Hisashi Takiguchi, SF JACL Chapter president; Edith Tanaka, JCCCNC president; Ben Tom, SF Bd. of Ed.; Clifford Uyeda, past JACL national president; Yori Wada, UC Regent; Ron Wakabayashi, JACL national director and Alan Wong, incumbent SFCC Bd. memb.

Ventura JACL to discuss Convention

CAMARILLO, Ca.—The Ventura County JACL will hold a general meeting on Friday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Camarillo Boys and Girls Club, 1500 Temple Ave. A report on the 27th Biennial National Convention is slated on the agenda.

Washington Asian Commission facing termination, seeks help

SEATTLE—Washington's Commission on Asian American Affairs faces termination on June 30, 1983, as a result of a recommendation made by the state Legislative Budget Committee. In response, a lobbying group, known as the "Friends of the Commission" was formed to coordinate a letter writing campaign and an information dispersal system.

The state budget committee felt that CAAA's services were of some value to the APA community in the state but were not truly needed. CAAA, however, feels that their services—advocacy, lobbying, networking and information dissemination—are both valuable and necessary in complying with the legislative mandate which created the commission in 1974.

The state committee also perceived CAAA's activities as simply an "added layer of services." But CAAA noted that no other agency provides technical assistance and services which involve

the coordination in the refugee and APA communities—refugee resettlement, community education, bilingual education and immigration policies, for example.

In addition, the CAAA says it attempts to address major issues of concern at the legislative, administrative and community levels in the various fields of education, employment, immigration, and APA statistical data.

And while the budget committee feels that CAAA's duties could be transferred to other groups such as a private organization, the state Office of Minority Affairs or the Human Rights Commission, the CAAA said those agencies and organizations would not have the same "clout" since there would be unworkable, differing issues created.

Persons interested in becoming a "Friend of the Commission" should contact the Commission on Asian American Affairs, 671 S. Jackson St., Ste. 206, Seattle 98104; (206) 464-5820.

ARTS program seeks minority talent

PRINCETON, N.J.—Arts Recognition and Talent Search (ARTS), a national program which recognizes and encourages young artists in dance, theater, visual arts, music and writing, is seeking talented youths 17-18 years old who may qualify for its scholarship, apprenticeship and internship awards.

ARTS, sponsored by the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, is administered by the Educational Testing Service, which recently received a grant of \$257,000 from the Ford Foundation to address the question of underrepresentation of young minority artists. For more information and a registration form (deadline: Oct. 1) write to: Dr. Leah Gaskin Fitchue, Director, ARTS Affirmative Action Program, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N.J. 08541 or call 800-257-5132; (in N.J.) 609-734-1962.

Nat'l Credit Union names new manager

SALT LAKE CITY—Terrell Nagata was selected as manager of the National JACL Credit Union effective August 1. He replaces Mrs. Yoshi Fujii, who requested a curtailment of worktime but will remain with the Credit Union in a part-time capacity.

Nagata, selected from a field of six applicants, is an accounting graduate of the University of Utah and has financial experience from previous employment. Nagata, 38, and his wife Leah reside in Sandy, Utah. He is the son of retired Col. Sadao (U.S. Army) and Sumiko Nagata of Salt Lake City.

Carson JACL to hold two Oct. fund-raisers

CARSON, Ca.—A pancake breakfast Oct. 10 at Carson Park and a weekend rummage sale Oct. 16-17 at Budget Nursery herald the return of Carson JACLers to community activities, it was announced by chapter president Helen Kamimoto.

Breakfast at \$1.50 per person will be served from 1 a.m.-1 p.m. at Main St. and 215th St.

It was also announced the nominations committee will announce its slate at the Oct. 6 chapter meeting.

Rafu publisher feted for sports work

GARDENA, Ca.—Rafu Shimpō publisher Akira Komai was honored Aug. 29 by various community sports groups, including the Nisei Athletic Union, for his work in promoting athletics in the Nikkei community.

"Thank You, Maestro..." was the theme of the testimonial banquet held at Steam Fitter's Hall, organized by men associated with the NAU. Over 250 persons attended the dinner, and among those honoring Komai were Mas Fukai, Gardena City councilman and aide to L.A. Supervisor Ken-

neth Hahn and Gardena Mayor Donald Dear. Komai was also presented with an award from the County of Los Angeles.

Komai, along with Yuichi Hirata and Paul Uyemura, formed the NAU in 1947, following the footsteps of the prewar Japanese Athletic Union established by then YMCA secretary Mas Satow. The NAU organized basketball, baseball and fast-pitch softball leagues for Nikkei in Los Angeles, and the organization grew in the 1950s and 1960s under the "Maestro" Komai. Komai continued to head the NAU until 1980, when he decided to retire from the organization.

AADAP slates 1st 'Trans-A-Thon'

LONG BEACH, Ca.—The Asian American Drug Abuse Program will hold its first annual Trans-A-Thon and Community Picnic on Sept. 26, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at El Dorado East Regional Park, 7550 E. Spring St.

The Trans-A-Thon invites skaters, walkers, joggers, bicyclists and any other interested sponsors to participate. For more info call Julia Kim-Sung (213) 293-6284.

L.A. Ikebana group starting 25th year

LOS ANGELES—Ikebana International's L.A. chapter begins its 25th year at the Sept. 19 general meeting at the JACCC, 1 p.m., preceded by a 10 a.m. workshop conducted by Etsuko Matsumoto. Donald L.R. Davidson of La Canada is chapter president.

San Mateo Bonsai Club slate annual exhibit

SAN MATEO, Ca.—The San Mateo Bonsai Club will hold its 19th Annual Bonsai Exhibit on Sept. 18 (12n-8 p.m.) and 19 (10 a.m.-6 p.m.) at the Central park Recreation Center, 50 East 5th Ave. Admission free.

NOW luncheon slated

LOS ANGELES—A coalition of National Organization for Women chapters will sponsor a luncheon "Women, Their Rights and Nothing Less," on September 12 at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel, 12:00 p.m. Keynote speaker will be Mary Dent Crisp, past co-chair of the Republican National Committee who resigned in 1980 when the GOP failed to include the Equal Rights Amendment in its platform.

Funds raised at this non-partisan function will go toward political awareness and education of feminist issues. For more info call (213) 656-9718.

Lodi JACL to hold benefit dance

LODI, Ca.—The Lodi Chapter JACL is inviting all their Northern California friends to a benefit dance on Saturday, Sept. 25, 9/12 p.m. at the Lodi Japanese Community Hall, 210 E. Elm St. Tickets are \$5/per person or \$10/per couple and are available from Kub Daijogo, (209) 369-5044. Music will be provided by the popular Swing-tone Band. Proceeds from the dance will benefit the Japanese Community Hall Building Fund.

San Mateo JACL gets new community center

SAN MATEO, Ca.—The San Mateo JACL has moved into a new community center and office as of Sept. 1. The new headquarters, obtained from the San Mateo Gardeners Assn., is located at 415 S. Claremont St.

Fremont JACL sets annual picnic

FREMONT, Ca.—The Fremont JACL will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, Sept. 11, 12 n-5 p.m. at Fremont Central Park, Picnic Area C, on the corner of Paseo Padre Parkway and Stevenson Blvd. For more info call Wendy Kawakami (415) 278-4928 or Aileen Tsujimoto (415) 793-2744.

CC women's group set awards luncheon

FRESNO, Ca.—The Central California Asian/Pacific Women will announce the recipients of four \$250 scholarship awards at their Annual Scholarship luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 18, 12n, at Tormino's Banquet Hall, 5080 N. Blackstone.

Keynote speaker for the luncheon will be Dr. Linda Tsao Yang, California State Savings and Loan Commissioner. Born and educated in Shanghai, China, Yang also serves on boards of the state Public Employee's Retirement System, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at UC Davis, and the Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics at UC Berkeley.

Reservations for tickets at \$9 per person (deadline Sept. 15) can be made by calling at 431-4142.

Kitano to speak on interracial marriage

SAN FRANCISCO—The Center for Japanese American Studies will feature Harry Kitano, UCLA Professor of Social Welfare and Sociology, speaking on "Interracial Marriage: The Chinese, Japanese and Koreans," on Friday, Sept. 17 p.m. at Japanese American Association Building, 1759 Sutter Street. Professor Kitano, named Japanese American of the Biennium at the recent JACL Convention, is author of "Race Relations, Japanese Americans: The Evolution of a Sub-Culture," and "American Racism" (with Roger Daniels), as well as of many articles about Issei and Nikkei. For more info call Nikki Bridges (415) 648-9038.

Nisei heads tour of Bible lands in '83

FRESNO, Ca.—Rev. William Kobayashi will be tour host of a 16-day tour of Bible lands Mar. 4-19, 1983, covering the Holy Land, Egypt, Athens and the Greek isles. Price from Los Angeles at \$2,279 is based on a minimum group of 40, double occupancy. Tour is endorsed by the No. Calif. Japanese Christian Church Federation. For brochure, write to him, 3374 E. Princeton Ave., Fresno 93703.

Bay Area senior ctr. to hold annual picnic

HAYWARD, Ca.—The Bay Area Japanese American Senior Centers will hold its annual picnic at Mt. Eden Nursery's Japanese Gardens, 25801 Industrial Blvd. on Sept. 18, 19 a.m. to 3 p.m. Interested persons should contact the center nearest them for more info. Prizes will be furnished by the Eden JACL Chapter.

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JUDGE RETIRES—Wayne Kanemoto, 64 (above), as he looks today after 20 years on the Santa Clara County municipal bench. The San Jose JACler was honored Aug. 12 at a community testimonial.

● Awards

The Eastside Optimist Club of Monterey Park, Ca. honored three outstanding students for their scholastic achievements at a recent dinner in Alhambra. Recipients of the EOC scholarships were Carrie Cheng, Mark Keppel HS; Donna Sunahara, Schurr HS; and Cindy Oda, Alhambra HS. Each student received a \$200 award for their grades, leadership and character.

Kenny Kenji Nishikawa, a 1970 Stockton JACL Scholarship winner, was listed in the 13th edition of Who's Who in California. Kenny, the son of Susumu and Mary Mitsuye Nishikawa of Stockton, is a civil engineer with the firm of Ralph M. Parsons Co. in Pasadena, Ca.

Bookshelf

Knox College professor of Japanese history, Mikiso Hane, is author of "Peasants, Rebels & Outcasts" (Pantheon: \$20.50), a History Club selection, relating how Japan looks from the bottom up. His narrative begins with the Meiji Restoration, delving into the farm life, morals and mores, rural women, the outcasts ("burakumin"), textile factory workers, poverty and prostitution, coal miners and a postwar wrapup. Born in prewar Watsonville, Ca., he grew up as a teenager in Japan and returned in 1940, interned in a wartime camp and has taught at Yale.

Jeffrey Adachi, a Sacramento Sansei author about to resume his study in law at Hastings, is author of two self-published paperbacks, "Yancha" (\$7.95) and "Maniwa Boy: The Adventures of a Walnut Grove Country Boy". Yancha, the trouble-making kid, traces the experiences of Sansei's search for identity through short stories and poems. The second book, a novel, picks up a Hawaiian tune to reflect the soul of a Walnut Grove "boboro" (a country folk) of the early 1900s. Adachi, an Asian American Studies graduate from UC Berkeley, recently worked with the Asian American Drug Abuse Program at Los Angeles. His books are part of the Sansei literature, which are now making print—self-print, in this case.

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Nishinaga concluded, "So in all seriousness, since the Nisei Week Queen is supposed to represent our Nikkei community which is still large, viable and strongly identifiable, our beauty representatives should at least be representative. For how else are we ever going to stop playing games and start becoming truly proud of being just what we really are, Japanese Americans. And, may the people who run the queen contest

U.S. officials try to placate Japanese

TOKYO—U.S. antitrust officials wrapped up two days of talks Aug. 25 with Japanese officials and said they assured Tokyo there was no government campaign to harm Japanese business in the United States.

The officials also seemed to indicate a joint venture in the United States between General Motors Corp. and Toyota Motor Corp. to produce small cars would not violate U.S. antitrust laws.

Leading the Tokyo mission were William Baxter, assistant attorney general in charge of antitrust matters, and James Miller, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission.

Their visit came after a spate of U.S. prosecutions and investigations of Japanese businesses, including the June indictment of Hitachi Ltd. and Mitsubishi Electric Co. on charges of buying computer secrets stolen from IBM.

"There was at least a popular theory in some quarters that those particular actions, (and) perhaps some other, represented a coordinated campaign to embarrass or get, in some sense, the Japanese," Baxter told a news conference.

"That is not true," he said. "We have assured the various officials with whom we have spoken today that it is not true. I hope they are reassured."

Miller agreed that "unfortunately there may have been a perception that there was an organized effort to single out Japanese firms for concern by the American government. That is really not the case."

PC's Calendar of Events

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

come to realize that their lack of judgement tends not only to hurt the self-image of the Nikkei community but also gives the general public a distorted picture of what we are all about."

Readers Respond

Several readers responded to Nishinaga's letter, and their opinions were published Aug. 31 in the Rafu. Allys Mayumi Moreno, a Nisei woman of mixed parentage living in La Puente, wrote:

"...Who is Mr. Nishinaga to say that because my parents were not both Japanese I should be less proud of being Japanese American than he is, or that I am less a representative of the Nikkei population than he is?"

"It saddens me considerably to read this type of prejudice because this is the kind of village-elder, rigid dogma that I hoped we had left behind, when we chose to call ourselves Japanese Americans. I had hoped after all we had suffered during and after World War II we had become a little more tolerant of others, but by Mr. Nishinaga's standards we seemed to have regressed."

While another reader agreed with Nishinaga, Jun Kawasaki of Monterey Park reminded readers that the Nisei Week Queen contest requires only one parent of Japanese ancestry. He added:

"Besides, it certainly can be appreciated to see a person, particularly with a non-Japanese father, expressing her pride, and nourished respect for things Japanese, choosing to take part in Nisei Week festivities. I think it is to be a valued, welcome asset to the whole community, Japanese (or) otherwise."

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But Rafu editor Dwight Chuman put the whole concept of Nikkei "beauty" pageants in a different perspective in his Aug. 31 column entitled "T and A":

"...Let us consider what a Japanese American beauty contest is. First, it is atavistic and imitative; a ritual adopted from White America that even White America doesn't take seriously anymore. Second, it is a subjective and de-humanizing treatment of the young women of our community. Isn't it about time Japanese Americans stop judging their women on the basis of their anatomy? Poise and speaking ability? C'mon, what a farce."

"Now, not-so-subtle overtones of racism are emerging in the critiques of the running of the pageants. Why not ban 'Eurasian' girls from entering 'our' pageant... I find this kind of talk ironic and tragic. Others try to portray these beauty queens as important representatives of the community. This simply is inaccurate. No vacant-eyed flesh merchant could ever represent what Japanese America is today."

"The importance placed on these pageants is inappropriate and it probably is the blame of newspapers like (the Rafu) for having over-emphasized this sacrifice of our community's 'virgins' to the God of Assimilation all these years. (The Rafu has) relegated them to our back pages, where I feel, they belong."

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