Government used census data in intern Nikkei case, says Toland

By RAYMOND OKUMURA

BERKELEY, Calif.—Election returns for President Pearl Harbor, Presi­
dent Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the Census Bureau to quickly com­
complete the gathering of population names and addresses of every
American citizen in continental United States, according to historian John Toland in his re­

The Census Bureau submitted a report of the 188,947 Japanese Americans and Japanese nationals to the White House four days before the outbreak of war. Copies of this voluminous list were sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and military commanders in each state.

Toland cites as his source Henry Field, an anthropologist who was then working as an aide to Roosevelt. On November 31, 1941, Field was sum­moned to the office of Grace Tully, Secretary to the President. Toland describes the meeting as follows.

"She (Tully) told Field that the President was ordering him to produce, in the shortest time possible, the full names and addresses of every Ameri­can-born and foreign-born Japanese resident in the United States. Field was completely bewildered and didn't know how to begin. She explained it was to be done by using the 1930 census volumes which were available at the Census Bureau. Field directed to immediately relay the secret order to Under Secretary of Commerce Wayne Taylor, who in turn was to notify Census Bureau Director Dr. T. C. Taylor and Capt responding, F. J. Milloy, and within 90 minutes from the time Field received his instructions, a high security project of "ultimate urgency" was underway at the Census Bureau.

The Bureau suspended all other work and went on an emergency around-the-clock schedule. Employees used copies of the 1930 census and a few days later, a project was set home on full pay. Marine guards were posted at every entrance to the Census Building, and mechanical sorting machines were set up to extract the names from those same 188,947 punch card records

A special assignment was completed in one week, and Field delivered the last envelope containing names and addresses to the Presi­dent's secretary on December 3, 1941.

In the rash and仓促 rush to order a priority presidential order, census officials evidently did not consider the legalities of their action. The census law prohibits the release of names, addresses, or any other infor­mation which is not obtained through legal processes. But someone must have had second thoughts later because all written records of this previous action have been destroyed, along with the original name tapes or are still being held secret. Field himself tried to retrieve information from the Census Bureau, but was told that no record of his assignment could be found. And the author notes that "had the Census Bureau been legally success­ful," observed Field in a letter to Toland.

Toland's disclosures are the latest in a series of revelations over the past few years which have raised the Bureau's once proud claim of census confidentiality. In 1980, Michi Wegyn of New York and William H. Hobbs of Chicago unmasked the events described by Toland in his new book that they refused to divulge information about Japanese Americans to the War Department during World War II.

Barbara Blum, who, in one of his final acts before leaving office with the charge of administration, admitted that the statistical records on Japanese American population were not the smallest census tract — were supplied to the War Department and other federal agencies. Barbara, however, insisted that individual names

L.A. Nikkei doctor charged with over-prescribing drugs

LOS ANGELES—A Nikkei phy­sician accused of over-prescribing drugs without medical justifica­tion was enjoined, Sept. 8, from prac­ticing medicine by a judge who described him as "a danger to the public."

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People in the News

Handicapped couple make their dreams come true in Hawaii

HONOLULU—For a couple who planned a quiet wedding in Fukuoka, Japan, Fumiko Ittoku and Hideki Tsuchiya got a lot of mileage out of their small wedding band. "They did it in the garden at the Kahala Hilton under Hawaii's most exquisite waterfalls."

Local personality Danny Kauk"ai sang the "Hawaiian Wedding Song" and state Reps. Ken Kyusa, Clarence Hashimoto, and Herbert Segawa took part in the ceremony.

"This is a unique cultural experiment," said Terry Young of the Hawaii Wheelchair Athletic Association. "They let the whole state of Hawaii play their wedding vows."

In all the hustle and bustle of the wedding, most of the local news media forgot that Fumiko and Hideki were there for the first cultural exchange of handicapped people between Japan and Hawaii. Their marriage has become a spontaneous symbol of the whole thing.

It shouldn't have happened at all. Fumiko, 36, has a birth defect. Her legs didn't grow to normal size. She's always been in a wheelchair.

After high school, she went to work for her uncle painting faces of the famous Hakata dolls which he manufactures. Now she's a Washington bus driver.

Hideki, 36, was working as a gardener when a three-story rock rolled over him and broke his back. He spent six years in re-habilitation programs learning to survive without using his legs. He currently works as an assembler in a print shop in Fukuoka.

The couple met last year at an oomiai, a reception for the disabled to introduce males and females, sponsored by the city of Fukuoka.

"It is very difficult in Japan for a disabled person to meet someone of the opposite sex," explained Fumiko.

But once they met, romance blossomed, and the two saw each other frequently. Fumiko's parents were happy for their daughter, but Hideki's parents protested the romance.

"They didn't want me to marry a disabled person," said Hideki. "It's not unusual for disabled persons to find happiness," said Fumiko.

Sansei named to education post

WASHINGTON—President Reagan announced Sept. 29 the appointment of Barbara Maramoto of the Hawaii House of Representatives to the Intergovernmental Advisory Council on Education.

Maramoto, 40, will succeed Joan Gubbins on the panel. A resident of Honolulu, she is the daughter of Takeshi Okamoto and was born in the Bay Area. She was interned at the Tanforan detention center in 1942 as a two-year-old child and later relocated to Boulder, Colo., where her parents taught Japanese to U.S. Navy cadets at the University of Colorado.

In Aug. 1981, Maramoto testified in Los Angeles before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, and supported restitution for the wartime internment of Nikkei during World War II.

Nikkei named VP of E.F. Hutton in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Herbert G. Kawahara, head of the Pacific South region of E.F. Hutton & Company, Inc., has been named an executive vice president and chairman of the firm's board of directors, announcing the change in the book after being nominated by leaders in government, education, and community groups, including the U.S. JACL, major endorsers of the Outstanding Young Men of America program.

Awards

Among those selected for the 1982 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America" are Richard Hayashi of Los Angeles, Jon Shon Kajiyaka of New York City, Phillip Jay Miyazaki of Burbank, and Dr. Don T. Nakashiki of Los Angeles. They were chosen for inclusion in the book after being nominated by leaders in government, education, and community groups, including the U.S. JACL, major endorsers of the Outstanding Young Men of America program.

Military

Among the veterans who took part in the presentation of the Wisconsin Medal of Honor for enforcement at Arlington National Cemetery was Akira Toki, who is the Wisconsin commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and a truck driver on a McDonald's route in Madison, Wis. He was named an executive vice president and chairman of the firm's board of directors, announcing the change in the book after being nominated by leaders in government, education, and community groups, including the U.S. JACL, major endorsers of the Outstanding Young Men of America program.

Press Release

Actor Clyde Kusatsu is a regular cast member in the new CBS network series "Brigadoon." Kusatsu, a member of the East West Players, plays the character of "Ali" on the show which airs Tuesday evenings.

Journalists trade views after U.S.-Japan exchange program

HONOLULU—Ten journalists from Japan and 10 from the United States gathered at the East-West Center Aug. 30 to exchange opinions and after visiting each other's country in September, the Honolulu Advertiser reported.

The meeting ended the 1982 Japan—United States Journalists Exchange, which has been sponsored every year since 1970 by the International Press Institute.

As in previous years, the Japanese journalists said they were struck by the size, beauty, wealth and vast resources of America and the friendliness, open-mindedness, vitality and diversity of people.

Diane Dustin, Washington Bureau, the Associated Press said, "I was amazed at how few opportunities Japanese women have for a career. There's so much pressure on them to get married, to be a good wife, to have a family, to keep a clean house."

Peter Pastore, reporter for the New Brunswick, N.J. News, wrote, "America has much to learn from Japan about how to make the work place a source of satisfaction and peace. I was impressed to see Japanese workers tend to stay with one company throughout their life and sometimes don't even take their full allotted vacation time. And, in the fact that we dropped an atomic bomb on them, the Japanese don't blame us.

Unio Masamura, assistant news editor, Nikon News in Japan, told the American journalists that the Japanese do not hate the Americans, despite the atomic bomb, is that the American forces occupied Japan after the war and provided material assistance and also planted the seeds of a work ethic and other values that have made Japan what it is today.

Marcia Stepans, auto industry reporter, Detroit Free Press: "I was sorry that the Japanese journalists didn't visit Detroit. Apparently there is a perception of anti-Japanese feeling in Detroit, but half of the people in my newspaper drive Japanese cars and can park them in any parking lot except possibly at the auto union headquarters.

Masao Takaku, senior reporter, Kaboku Shimp: "In Japan, young people must study English for eight years in order to get into college. But it's not conversational English, and I regret that. I am very sorry I wasn't able to communicate directly with Americans on this trip.

Joe Ridgely, Louisville Courier-Journal: "Americans tend to idealize the Japanese work ethic, but I don't. I think it's more of a systems of fears and intimidation. As for the future, I just hope that Japan can produce more independent thinkers rather than just copy what has already been accomplished elsewhere.

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AP Women's Network to honor Fonda and other 'Warriors'

LOS ANGELES—The Asian-Pacific Women's Network will hold its Second Annual Women Warrior Awards reception on Sunday, Oct. 24, 1:30 p.m., in the Blue Ribbon Room of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 133 North Grand Avenue.

This year's award recipients for professional excellence and special service to the Asian-Pacific community will be: Helen Yoke Chen, Councilwoman, City of Monterey Park; Jane Fonda, Actress and Author; Sumi Hayashida, CSULB, Japan Poets, Educator and Pres., National Islander Women's Association; Tripa Rodya, KNBC-TV News Anchor and co-founder of the Asian-Pacifc American Journalists Association. Special awards will be presented to the Honorable Art Torres, Assemblyman 59th District and Tim Myang Thein, Co-Founder of the Asian-Pacific Women's Network.

Entertainment includes an informal showing of fashion designer Irene Tieu's latest collection. For more information and reservations, contact Dr. Pat Bland (213) 396-4886 ext. 343, or Judy Choi 277-4603.

SBJ Buddhist Church
to fetes 80th yr

SAN JOSE, CA—George Gentoku Shimamoto, 87, former head and known architect of New York City's Buddhist church, will be the guest speaker at the 80th anniversary celebration of the San Jose Buddhist Church on Saturday, Oct. 16, 8 p.m., at the California Hotel of Santa Clara.

Shimamoto designed and supervised the construction of the church in the 1930-38 period, using the traditional Buddhist architecture. After 46 years of existence, a major $300,000 restoration plan will be launched with the 80th anniversary. For more info on the banquet (tickets $18) call the church office at (408) 296-2325.

Japan comedy film
slated by USJCCC

O S.AG.3—Screenings of the comedy film "Goi no Taipai yon to 'Yokoshima Torei Toran'" based on a popular series in Japan, will be shown on Oct. 8, 9 and 10 at the Little Tokyo Service Center, 324 W. San Pedro St., Los Angeles.

The screening is hosted by the U.S.-Japan Cross Culture Center; for more info call (213) 482-5025.

Japan Univ. Women offer scholarships

LOS ANGELES—The American Association of Japanese University Women, founded in 1979 to promote the education of women and contribute to international friendship and cultural exchange, is currently accepting applications for 180 scholarships.

Applications are open to college undergraduates who have completed at least 2 years of a baccalaureate program. For more info on the scholarships and an application (deadline Oct. 31), send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Keiko Nezzer, 1001 Lindamer Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90077 or call (213) 257-5671.

CSULB to present Cold Towf, Akazaru

LONG BEACH, CA—"Variations" will feature the talents of the Cold Towf improvisational comedy group and the Akazaru Art Ensemble on Friday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m. at Theater Akazaru (Red Monkey). In their debut performance, combines dance, mime and audio-visual effects in various movements of self-expression. Cold Towf finds its humor in American perspective, and has performed throughout Los Angeles. For more info call CSULB at 485-4811.

ASV Center sets Akai Matsu festival

WEST COVINA, CA—The East Bay Issei Oyafuda Valley Japanese Community Center will celebrate Akai Matsu on Oct. 12, at 1333 West Puente Ave. Entertainment, demonstrations, food and games are slated; for more info call (213) 396-2817.

Performing arts at Seattle Nippon Kan

SEATTLE—The Asian Multi-Cultural Center will sponsor dance and music performances at the Nippon Kan Theatre on Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.; and Aiko Saikawa will perform traditional songs at noon Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m., at the Jefferson Elementary School grounds (Rose and Sacramento Streets). Featuring acts will include Solar recording artists, Collage, All As One, Robert Kikuchi Yagiyo, and the jazz of George Yoshino's sentimental journey.

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Mitsue Yoshino

Memorial services for Mitsue Yoshino, 96, one of the last Japanese pioneers of Alameda, were held Sept. 23, 1982, at Buena Vista United Methodist Church. She had been a member of that church for over 70 years. Mrs. Yoshino died in Alameda on Sept. 17, 1982.

Yoshino was a native of Kumamoto, Japan; she came to this country in her early 20s, married and raised a family. She was an inspiration and strong guiding light to all the members of the Japanese American Community of Mother of the Year Award in 1975.

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A ‘Rashomon’ View of Nisei Week Queens

Philadelphia

IN THE PAST, we have been an advocate of a free press for the Pacific Citizen; we protest, if not in print, by this newspaper should cover items of general interest to Nikkei, that otherwise those of us outside the Pacific Coast might be unaware of happenings and concerns of Nikkei-dom in general. Well, in the recent issue (Sept. 10) of this publication, we noted, with interest, the bit of controversy that has arisen in reference to the annual Nisei Week Queen contest held in Los Angeles. At the risk of committing error by over-simplification, we noted that apparently three views were expounded: (a) contestants should be pure Nikkei; (b) part-Nikkei, i.e. Eurasians, should continue to qualify; and (c) the whole display is a deme­ning mimicry.

AS WE READ expressions of those three viewpoints, we were reminded of the principle of “Rashomon.” Depending on one’s perspective, each of the three viewpoints has elements of validity and each is subject to rationalization. Taking the last contention first, namely that the whole display is a deme­ning mimicry. Even as we write these words, just 60 miles away in Atlantic City, hopefuls from throughout the land are gathered to seek the crown of “Miss America.” Baton-twirling, tap-dancing, parading in bathing suits, answering questions—nothing earthshaking, all superficial, innocent fun. In so saying, we are not mindful of feminist contentions that this display is exploitive and perpetuation of sexism; moreover, we acknowledge that there is a great deal of truth to such conten­tion. But if the participants want to participate, and feminists wish to oppose—fine. It’s a free country.

THEN THERE’S THE view that contestants should be pure Nikkei,—although that is not the way the writer phrased it. As we interpreted that writer’s view, he was saying that we have our own ethnic measures of beauty and we ought to go by those, not by Westernized standards. And to example? (Russians extol a short, stout body as a thing of beauty, for instance?)

AND, PERHAPS, PART of the blending that inevitably becomes uniquely that of Nikkei ethnicity is those who are part-Nikkei. Certainly, judging from the discernible trend of courtship and marriage among Nikkei, there are and will be many part-Nikkei among us. All of us know part-Nikkei who are “more Nikkei” than many “pure Nikkei” that we know. Being “pure,” does not necessarily make one so.

ONE FURTHER POINT in conclusion, however, we are not aware of the composition of the judges who select the Nisei Week Queen. We would hope that they are a mixture including Nikkei, Black, Hispanic, and so on. In years past, we carried on a crusade decrying the use of an all-white panel to select the JACLer and/or the Nisei of the Biennium; we deplored the unspoken mentality that declared that we were incompetent to decide who among us deserved the honor; that, rather, we felt compelled to look to a “superior” judgment to make that decision. It took a few years of protest but, thank goodness, the change was ultimately made. We’re now integrated.

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SEATTLE—Ceremonies were held Sept. 25 to 26 to mark the "board-breaking" of Seattle's Japanese Evangelical Church, which will be dismantled and sent to the Meiji-mura Museum near Nagoya, Japan.
The 79-year-old former home has served as a church since 1919, most recently for the Evangelical Congregation. In recent years the building had suffered from inattention and inactivity because of the deaths of the majority of its Japanese members.

But the church has been considered as North America's only contribution to the Meiji-era. The museum, on a 6.6-acre site, has more than 50 structures ranging from small shops to churches and mansions, representing and preserving the architecture of the Meiji era (1868 to 1912) in Japan, a period when Western systems of government and even architectural concepts were employed in Japan.

In 1961, Dr. James Tsujiura, then JACL national president, had visited Japan to promote better U.S.-Japan relations. While visiting Tokyo he was asked by the director of the Meiji-mura to locate a suitable building in the U.S. to donate and rebuild in the museum.

The National JACL and the international relations committee of the Seattle chapter, led by Ken Nakano, worked with the museum staff to find and acquire the church.

The $80,000 church and its contents—an organ, altar, pews, cre­dence and other furnishings—were donated by Mrs. Kyoko Morota, who purchased the building in 1960 as a representative of the Japanese Holmes Church. Melrose, and will now be dismantled and sent to the Meiji-Mura Museum in Japan.

When the war broke out, Yausake, arrested and detained at the immigration office, ironically at the same building in which he for­merly worked. He was sent to Min­soula, Mont., then to Santa Fe, N.M., while his family was in­terred at Manibda, Idaho, Crystal City, Texas, and finally re­located to Chicago. Yausake died in Chicago in 1954 at the age of 62.

Ventrica JACL sets 'J-Town' film CAMARILLO, Calif.—The Ventricular JACL will show "Crudele J-Town," a film by Visual Com­munications, and "Pieces of a Dream," an ag­ness feature film, at the Camarillo Boys and Girls Club on Oct. 2, 7 p.m. For more information call Keith Harada (805) 448-7782.

Placer JACL hosts Goodwill dinner PERRIN, Calif.—The Placer Coun­ty JACL will host its 42nd annual Goodwill Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 6, 6 p.m., at the Placer Bud­dhist Church Hall, 3180 Boyington Rd.

Carson gift sale CARSON, Calif.—The Carson JACL will hold a warehouse sale on the weekend of Oct. 30-31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (310) 329-2814.

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Since the deaths of the majority of its members and with the changes in the nature of Evangelical Church activities, the church has been considered for several years to be of historical interest. However, the church has not been in active use for many years and has been maintained in a very limited manner.

The National JACL and the international relations committee of the Seattle chapter have been working with the museum to acquire the church. The museum has a well-researched history of the building and its significance, and the church has been well-maintained.

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Membership Campaign

San Diego, Ca.

The 1983 JACL Membership Campaign planning is now complete and I'd like to share it with you. Basically, the procedure will be the same as last year. Our goal this year is to have every chapter increase its membership by five percent over its 1981 or 1982 roster (whichever is greater). We also expect to increase the number of 1000 Club, Century Club and Life Category members.

All materials will be mailed to the chapter presidents and membership chairs by the second week in November 1982. The 1983 Membership Checklist is scheduled for January 1983, with pre-campaign publicity beginning in December 1982. A revised Chapter listing with corrections will be printed by November 1, 1982. This is to remind presidents and membership chairs that we need your inputs before October 15, 1982.

Copies of the new membership brochure will be sent to each chapter along with the renewal material. Either 30 copies or 15% of your membership (whichever is greater) will be sent, unless additional copies are requested from Emily Shogun.

A secondary reason for campaigning in January is to encourage potential new members to join now at the lower 1982 dues rate and return all materials to us.

This is the Alice Nehira vs. Northrop case. Back in the Spring of 1978 a class action suit was brought against Northrop based upon race and sex discrimination. The Office of Federal Contracts and Compliance Programs and Northrop reached a conciliation agreement. Most of the provisions of the agreement have been implemented except for the appeal by Northrop dealing with Ms. Nehira.

Ms. Nehira called this office and wanted to know whether our office had any information on the case. I made contact with the Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. and found that Northrop had been allowed to submit additional evidence which is still pending. We also spoke to the person whom I talked to also stated that if Northrop loses they will have available to them four additional levels of appeals, which include the Supreme Court.

The frustration that Ms. Nehira has encountered has over the past five years taken its toll. Her family has suffered great financial losses, and undue stress.

Another case that this office has involved with is the Dr. Thomas Nagoshi demotion hearings. The testimony before the Los Angeles Chapter Civil Service hearings were concluded on Sept. 20 and the hearing officer instructed the County to submit their brief on Oct. 19 and the defense attorney to submit their brief on Nov. 3.

The hearing officer will make her recommendation to the Civil Service Commission on Nov. 5. In the meantime, the CARP-Nagoshi support committee has been meeting to raise defense funds for Dr. Nagoshi and also to plan for a community information outreach program in Los Angeles.

It might be noted that it is only appropriate that this office be involved in the Dr. Nagoshi case since at the 27th Biennial National Convention of the National Council unanimously passed a resolution supporting a fair and impartial hearing for Dr. Nagoshi.

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