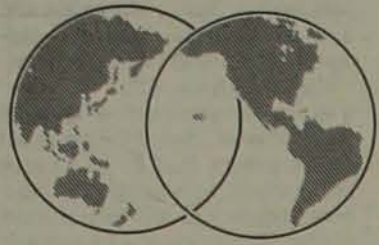


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### Contra Costa Board backs redress

CONCORD, Ca.—The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution Sept. 14 in support of JACL's efforts to seek monetary compensation for Japanese Americans who were evacuated and incarcerated during World War II.

The resolution, passed by Supervisors Fahden, Schroder, Torlakson, and McPeak (Supervisor Powers absent), stated that "the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, in support of the Japanese American Citizens League, urges the Congress of the United States to carefully consider providing monetary compensation to those individuals who suffered the injustices and hardships resulting from the government's actions in 1942..."

The Board also "goes on record acknowledging that such past injustices affecting innocent persons should be rectified as recognition of the moral and democratic principles which have made this great nation of ours the leader of humanitarian ideals."

### Kimochi Home project moving along but more funds needed

SAN FRANCISCO—Construction of the Kimochi Home Project, an adult day center, has been under way since last February but more funds are needed.

The \$1.3 million dollar project had received contributions from Japanese American communities throughout the state and other parts of the nation, and about \$700,000 has been raised, with \$70,000 of this amount in pledges. However, the cash for the land cost, construction and architectural services has been depleted, and the need for more donations is immediate. Kimochi is planning to obtain a loan of \$600,000 from California First Bank, Sumitomo Bank and Golden State Sanwa Bank, but the project's coordinators would like to avoid having to obtain the maximum amount of this loan by offsetting it with donations.

Kimochi must also raise at least \$350,000 by the end of construction

in order for the organization, as a non-profit unit, to handle the mortgage. If this can be accomplished, Kimochi will be the first direct-service, non-profit, community-based organization to own its own land and building in the San Francisco Nikkei community.

Families, businesses and organizations making a contribution of \$2,000 or more will be engraved on the Home's "Founders Plaque" and donations of \$5,000 or more will be acknowledged on a separate plaque in a designated room.

Donations to the project should be sent to: Kimochi Home Project, 1581 Webster St., #10, San Francisco, CA 94115.

As part of its fund raising efforts, the first annual Kimochi Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, Nov. 12 at the Peacock Gap Golf Course and Country Club in San Rafael. For more info call Sandy Ouye Mori, Project Coordinator (415) 931-2294.

### Japan scientists warn Tokyo may be hit by massive quake

TOKYO—A handful of Japanese civil defense experts, tiny black boxes in hand, converge on a climate-controlled room. Amid situation maps and the whir of computers, they advise the prime minister to sound a full-scale alert.

Local businessman Jiro Hatano calmly gathers up his stocks of water and dehydrated food and makes a speedy getaway, possibly to a camouflaged concrete bunker in a neighborhood garden, as hordes of his fellow residents of Tokyo rush to evacuation staging areas throughout the city.

This doomsday scenario, which specialists say could become a reality any day now, is not based on fear of nuclear attack or invasion but on the threat of the gigantic earthquake that is expected to devastate this congested city of 12.5 million.

Just when calamity will strike is now the subject of a sharp debate among Japanese scientists, who are busily marshaling the country's high technology to the still-murky task of quake prediction. But they generally agree that the city has now entered a danger period, making a major quake likely sometime between now and the year 2000.

"History tells us that Tokyo has been hit repeatedly by giant earthquakes," says Masahiro Kishio, assistant director of the earth-

quake analysis division at the national meteorological agency. "We can say with absolute certainty that the area will be hit again."

Early September, 100,000 residents of Tokyo took part in massive firefighting and evacuation drills in commemoration of the great Kanto earthquake of Sept. 1, 1923. It registered a magnitude of 7.9 on the open-ended Richter scale and killed 143,000 people, mostly in the ensuing firestorm, which reduced the city to a smoldering moonscape.

Should a jolt of similar magnitude rock Tokyo today, government officials estimate that at least 36,000 people would die, and another 63,000 would be seriously injured. Nearly half a million wooden houses and shops would be destroyed by fires or tidal waves, leaving 4 million people homeless.

The officials admit, however, that such calculations are extremely difficult. Tokyo now has five times more inhabitants than at the time of the Kanto quake and a population density of 26,000 people per square mile, or nearly three times that of Washington. Its sprawling cityscape is a maze of skyscrapers, apartment buildings and elevated highways built above hundreds of miles of underground shopping arcades and subway tunnels.

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Photo Courtesy Frank Hirahara

**HEART MOUNTAIN RECALLED**—A slide show of pictures from the Heart Mountain Relocation Center in Wyoming will be shown at California State University, Los Angeles on Oct. 29. Above, the mountain stands like a sentinel over the tar paper barracks which housed 10,000 Nikkei during WW2.

### CSULA slates slide show of Heart Mountain Relocation Ctr.

LOS ANGELES—The one-hour slide show of scenes from the Heart Mountain Relocation Center shown at the first all-camp reunion held earlier this year at the Hyatt Regency Hotel will be repeated on Friday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m. at the CSU Los Angeles Student Union Building, Rm. 313.

Organized and narrated by Bacon Sakatani, who was one of 10,000 residents in the World War II American concentration camp situated near Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, the slide show was the hit of the reunion, attended by over 1,000 former residents, their families and interested observers.

The showing at CSULA will be free of charge and is co-sponsored by the Heart Mountain Reunion Committee, the University Programming Organization and the Center for Japanese Studies at CSULA. It has been scheduled in response to repeated requests by persons who were unable to attend the reunion.

### Korean students in S.F. stage protest over Japan textbooks

SAN FRANCISCO—Nearly 250 demonstrators marched through Nihonmachi Oct. 9 to protest Japan's textbook revisions of World War II history. The protestors were members of the Korean Student Union of Colleges in Northern California.

Although the governments of South Korea and China last September tentatively settled the dispute with Japan over the textbook changes, the demonstrators in Nihonmachi felt that the books "shouldn't have been distorted in the first place."

Jong Min Lee, one of the organizers of the march, said he wanted Japan "to leave history alone" because they "can't change history."

"We will not let them distort history," he added.

Scenes of the Evacuation as well as scenes from everyday life in camp will be shown, and a question-and-answer period is also set.

Sakatani said Frank Emi, one of the Heart Mountain young men who refused to be drafted into the armed services, will be on hand to recount his experiences. Sakatani added that he is trying to get a representative from the JACL to give their side of the story. The JACL campaigned actively for the formation of the all-Japanese 442nd Central Postal Directory and the reopening of the draft for Nisei.

CSULA can be reached via the San Bernardino Freeway at the Eastern Ave. offramp or from the Long Beach Freeway at the Ramona or Valley Blvd. offramps. Free parking is available in Lot C or any other parking lot on campus, except in lots reserved for the handicapped. For further information, Linda Easter may be contacted at (213) 224-2123.

### Goldberg says writ of coram nobis would be 'fruitless'

PHILADELPHIA—Former Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, a member of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, recently told fellow commissioner William M. Marutani that an attempt to review the Korematsu decision of 1944 through a writ of error coram nobis would be "fruitless."

In a letter Oct. 1 to Judge Marutani, who sits on the Court of Common Pleas here, Goldberg wrote:

"It has been suggested to me that an out of time review of the Korematsu decision, 323 U.S. 214 (1944) be sought from the Supreme Court of the United States by means of a writ of error coram nobis or through some other procedural device.

"Based on my experience during my tenure on the Supreme Court and, before then, as an advocate who argued many cases before the Court, I am of the view that any such attempt would be fruitless."

Goldberg noted that almost 40 years have passed since Fred Korematsu challenged the U.S. government's order for Japanese Americans to evacuate the West Coast. He pointed out, "The Supreme Court of the United States has never, to my knowledge, reopened a decided case after such a lengthy interval. There is an obvious and strong public interest in finality of a judgement."

He also warned, "Indeed, any attempt to overturn Korematsu at this late date, by seeking its reopening by the Court, runs the danger of legitimizing this bad decision, in public perception, in the virtually certain event of denial by the Court of reopening the case."

#### 'Court of History'

However, Goldberg felt it may not be necessary to seek a writ of error coram nobis. He wrote:

"Justice (William) Brennan, speaking for the Court, in New York v. Sullivan, 376 U.S. 254, said: 'Although the infamous Sedition Act was never tested in this Court, the attack upon its validity has carried the day in the court of history. The same is true of Korematsu. The attack upon its validity has carried the day in the court of history.'"

The former Supreme Court justice then pointed out two subsequent cases which somewhat eroded the Korematsu decision:

"Korematsu is a thoroughly discredited decision. Its rationale that by an Executive Order, based on alleged military necessity, the constitutional rights of Americans can be trampled upon is completely at variance with the Court's decision in the famous steel seizure case, Youngstown vs. Sawyer, 343 U.S. 579 (1952).

"Further, at the time Korematsu was decided to prevailing doctrine was that since the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing due process of law does not contain an Equal Protection Clause, as does the Fourteenth Amendment, denial of equal protection could not be invoked in a suit in attacking federal action. On this basis, the Court in Korematsu rejected the Petitioner's argument that Japanese-Americans were discriminated against since German-Americans and Italian-Americans were not subject to relocation. However, this con-

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**GRISLY WW2 REMINDERS**—Several photos supposedly showing atrocities committed by Japanese imperial forces during World War II were put on display by a group of Korean American students in San Francisco's Nihonmachi shopping village during a demonstration conducted Oct. 9.

## Astronaut Onizuka ready for fall '83

HONOLULU—NASA astronaut Ellison Onizuka is due to fly on the fifth space shuttle Columbia mission in the fall of 1983, it was reported recently by the Honolulu Advertiser's Don Chapman.

Onizuka, 36, is a U.S. Air Force captain and a native of the North Kona area of Hawaii. He holds a BS and MS in aerospace engineering from the University of Colorado, Boulder, and had entered the Air Force in 1970.

The Sansei astronaut had formerly served as an aerospace flight test engineer at McClellan AFB and Edwards AFB in California.

He was selected as a NASA candidate in 1978, making him the first astronaut of Asian ancestry and the first from Hawaii. #

## Canadian camp teacher feted

TORONTO—Hide Shimizu's service as a teacher is one of the few things about World War II many Japanese Canadians want to remember.

Shimizu, now 74, organized and supervised the education of thousands of Japanese Canadian children in relocation camps in British Columbia.

Forty years after the Canadian government started moving Japanese from the B.C. coast, Shimizu was awarded an Order of Canada for her work in the wartime camps. Governor General Edward Schreyer was scheduled to present the award on Oct. 20 in Ottawa.

Although the North York woman harbors little bitterness, she'll never forget the unnecessary misery inflicted on the Japanese Canadians.

Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Canadian government, fearing a Japanese invasion, relocated Japanese Canadians in camps in the B.C. interior.

"It was mass evacuation of people from the coast because of the war hysteria. The radio coming from Japan made it sound as though invasion was imminent," Shimizu said.

Shimizu said her fellow Japanese Canadians were herded into a filthy agricultural building on Van-

couver's exhibition grounds, where they waited to be sent to camps.

She said the Japanese, who value education highly, immediately began to worry about their children missing the school year.

So Shimizu, who had been teaching Grade 1 to Japanese Canadians just outside Vancouver for over 16 years, left her job and helped set up an emergency facility.

As makeshift accommodation became available, the Japanese were sent to camps where Shimizu organized and supervised a school system. As the only teacher in all the camp schools, Shimizu had to coach the others day by day.

Many of the youngsters who attended those camp schools are still grateful to her. Peter Kurita, a former student of Shimizu's who nominated her for the Order, said, "I have a great deal of admiration for this woman. I'm thankful that my education didn't suffer at all during the wartime days."

Shimizu came to Toronto after the war, worked a number of handicraft jobs and attended Ontario College. Since 1948, she has been involved in volunteer work for the United Church and the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, where she teaches paper flower arranging. —The Canada Times

## Nikkei named to Calif. history panel

SACRAMENTO—Nadine I. Hata, the first and only Asian American to serve on the State Historical Resources Commission, has been elected to her second term as chairperson of the seven-member panel which oversees California's state landmarks and places of historic interest.

A Honolulu-born Yonsei, Hata is currently on sabbatical leave from her position as professor of history at El Camino College in Torrance. She is currently working on her doctoral dissertation on historical preservation in the state.

Hata holds bachelor's and master's degrees in history from the University of Hawaii and Michigan, respectively. Prior to her joining the El Camino faculty, she taught Asian American history at CSU Long Beach and CSU Dominguez Hills.

Hata, 41, was appointed to the state unit in June 1976 by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. and was reappointed in 1980.

The commission recommends buildings and properties for placement on the National Registry of Historic Places, establishes state historical landmarks and approves Places of Historical Interest throughout California. #

## Seattle leader Mihara dies at 92

SEATTLE—Genji Mihara, an active member of the Seattle Nikkei community who was once honored by Emperor Hirohito, died Oct. 4 at the age of 92 in his Mercer Island home.

Born in Japan, Mihara came to the U.S. in 1907, and was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church in the 1930s. He was also a charter member of the Japanese Presbyterian Church in Seattle. Last June, he was cited for his 75 years of service to the church.

Mihara was presented the Second Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Emperor of Japan in 1979 for his many years of service to the community, as well as strengthening relations between this country and Japan. Previously he had been awarded the 5th, 4th and 3rd Orders by the Emperor.

In 1957, Mihara was named one of 15 winners of Emperor Hirohito's annual poetry contest, the non-resident of Japan to win that year. He began writing Japanese poetry while he was interned during World War II.

He served as president of the

Seattle Japanese Community Service organization for many years, and was active in the Hyakudo Kai; Seattle JACL; Japanese Language School; the Saga Missho Ikebana School; Ura Senke; and the Seattle Kobe Affiliation Committee, of which he was an honorary lifetime member.

He is survived by sons Roy of Seattle and George of Houston; 13 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He had lived with his niece Nobuko Ohgi and her family.

### ● Organization

Jiyun J. Nakaji, M.H.A., recently received life membership in the International Organization of Real Estate Appraisers (IREA) for his outstanding services in the appraisal profession. Nakaji is president of Avalon Associates, Inc., which provides engineering, consulting, inspections, planning and appraisal services to the construction industry, in particular the Manufactured Housing Industry.

## Matsunaga pushes for peace academy during Seattle banquet

SEATTLE—This nation should have a "Peace Academy" as well as military academies, U.S. Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), said Oct. 4 at the Seattle JACL's awards dinner.

"Peace making is as much an art to be learned as war making," he said.

Matsunaga urged more than 500 people at the "Tribute to Asian and Pacific America" banquet honoring nine citizens and two Asian agencies to begin a grassroots campaign for a peace academy.

Military academies are needed to produce leaders who know how to conduct war to protect this nation, said Matsunaga "but why not take our brightest youth and potential leaders and let them attend a peace academy?"

Matsunaga said he "doesn't intend to quit the Congress" until legislation establishing a national academy of peace is passed.

There are now 56 co-sponsors of a peace academy bill in the Senate, Matsunaga said.

The senator, who served with the much decorated all-Nisei Army regiment during World War II, also said, Asian Americans can be proud of their fight against discrimination.

More than 500 federal, state and local laws that discriminated against Asian Americans and others have been repealed since the end of World War II, Matsunaga asserted. These included the Oriental Exclusion Act, and Executive Order 9066, Matsunaga said.

"But as we congratulate ourselves, we must not become sanguine, Matsunaga advised." Civil rights gains made by Asian Americans are under attack, he added.

Matsunaga sponsored legislation in 1971 repealing the Emergency Detention Act under which 120,000 Japanese Americans on the West Coast were placed in camps shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

No One Indicted  
He called placing Japanese Americans in "American style

## Kitano notes intermarriages among Asians still on rise

LOS ANGELES—Intermarriages among Asians are definitely on the rise. Research on the subject has been conducted by Dr. Kitano, a well known professor of sociology and academic assistant to the chancellor at UCLA.

Prof. Kitano has studied intermarriages among blacks, Japanese, Chicanos, Koreans and Chinese, but his focus has mainly been on the Japanese. His research project has been hampered by lack of available data, and he has also been forced to keep his study to the Los Angeles area only due to limited funding.

According to Prof. Kitano, the question of intermarriage seems to be one of value. Some argue that eventually all societies will integrate due to breakdowns in ethnic social structures and it is only a matter of time before ethnic groups lose their identification.

As more families move from ghettos or tight-knit neighborhoods to outer communities, it becomes necessary for children to socialize with other ethnic groups. When they break the initial barrier, it becomes easy for them to assimilate with other cultures.

When children intermarry, said another sociology professor from the Bay Area, minority parents seem to object more than their Caucasian counterparts. Among Asians, especially Chinese and Japanese, there is deeply rooted pride in the race, which is known as ethnocentricity. This pride causes people to feel no ethnic group could ever be good enough for their children except their own.

As for the number of intermarriages taking place, Dr. Kitano indicated that from data obtained from Louisiana, blacks

concentration camps" with barbed wire and machine guns the worst discrimination against Asians.

About half of those Japanese placed in relocation camps were under 21 years of age, Matsunaga said. Not one was ever indicted or tried, although they lost their homes, possessions and livelihoods.

But more than 10,000 Japanese, many from the camps, volunteered for the Army when asked, the senator said. An all-Japanese Army unit became the most decorated in history, he added.

Matsunaga himself saw action in Italy and Africa during World War II.

When Japanese began immigrating to this country, "discrimination became the order of the day," said Matsunaga. They were beaten and murdered and those responsible went unpunished, he added.

### Inspiring Story

Then when the Japanese defeated Russia in 1905 a "yellow peril" swept this country, leading to discriminatory laws being passed against Asians.

"The Asian American story is an inspiring one and needs to be told and retold," Matsunaga said. "We would not want our children nor their children to suffer as we did in the past."

America's youth must be shown that social progress and social changes can be achieved through the democratic process without violence, Matsunaga said.

"They should seek changes under the law... if necessary seek changes in the law."

Individuals given awards were: Charles Z. Smith, Frank Miyamoto, Ruth Chinn, Bob Yamashita, Art Lum, Julianne Kumasaka, Willard Jue, Amy Yee, Silme Domingo, posthumous.

The International District Emergency Center and the Asian Counseling and Referral Service also were honored.

—Seattle Post Intelligencer

## Chicago JA Service Committee dinner termed successful

CHICAGO—The 12th annual Fuji Festival banquet held at the Chicago Hyatt Regency Hotel Sept. 26 was a resounding success, reported the Chicago Shimpō.

The Japanese American Service Committee sponsored fund-raising banquet program was highlighted by master of ceremonies Thomas M. Hague, an executive with the Borg Warner Corporation and current president of the Japan American Society of Chicago.

Hague, who is a linguist and speaks four languages including Japanese, introduced the two JASC honorees of the year, Richard Yamada and Yoichi Ozaki and their presenters Ben Yoshioka, president of the JASC Housing board, and Dan Kuzuhara, past president of the JASC.

The entertainment portion of the program featured the Suzuki Orchestra with 40 youngsters ranging from three to four-year olds up playing violins with the skill and stage presence of musicians many years older. Their repertoire include classical pieces that astounded the nearly 400 delighted guests that filled the grand ballroom.

Tenor William Notehelfer, pastor of the North Park Covenant Church of Chicago, sang four numbers, including the Japanese classic "Kojo No Tsuki" in Japanese and prefaced each piece with words that tied in with the central theme of the JASC—"Service to the Community."

### UJCS in S.F. names board of directors

SAN FRANCISCO—United Japanese Community Services (UJCS), comprised of the JCYC, Kimochi Kai and the Japanese American Media Workshop, recently elected its board of directors for 1982-83:

Vivian Ho-Lem, pres; Joyce Matsumori, vp; John Nagano, sec; Anne Okahara, treas; Lorraine Bannai, Russell Matsumoto, Jane Naito, Scott Thomatra, Hiroshi Tokubo, Dianne Yamashiro and Regan Young, bd memb.

## QUAKE

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nels, all of which has amplified the scope for disaster.

The grim possibilities have sent tremors through Japanese officialdom and touched off massive efforts to shield the old capital from destruction. Tokyo is spending nearly \$6 billion—an amount equal to half its yearly national military budget—on a current series of countermeasures including the construction of "earthquake-proof" public buildings, hospitals, schools, roads, and sewer and water systems.

More than 1 million rations of milk, rice, hardtack biscuits and a 42-day emergency supply of fresh drinking water have been stocked near five large city parks designated as official evacuation areas. A big budget for television and radio spots and printed materials is aimed at keeping the average resident well briefed on what to do when the big quake comes.

"We can't entirely prevent widespread damage, but we can try to limit it," says Kishio. "And we're fairly certain we can predict the occurrence of a major earthquake within one or two days."

Scientists keep a 24-hour watch over data from devices located at 238 stations along the volcanic spine of the Japanese islands and from one underwater cable on the seabed southwest of Tokyo for signs of the swarm of smaller tremors which are thought to presage a serious jolt.

Tokyo's subterranean water table is checked for a sudden drop that might also indicate a big quake is imminent, while photos from weather satellites are monitored for changes in the cracks in the earth's crust that are thought

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Representatives of local organizations and JASC honorary committee members were introduced after opening remarks by JASC president Arthur T. Morimitsu and a message from Haruyuki Mabuchi, local Japan Consul General.

Hague, whose wife, Margaret was former president of Ikebana International, closed the program by remarking that he first came into contact with people of Japanese ancestry in 1943 as a student at the University of Chicago and his teacher in the Japanese class conducted by the U.S. Army, was the father of Rep. Norman Y. Mineta of California.

The annual Fuji Festival dinner, chaired this year by Hiroshi Kanno of the JASC board, is considered to be the most prestigious gathering in the city's Nikkei community and is usually attended by leading community members and by representatives of Japanese and American corporate companies, many of whom are on the JASC board. #

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## UCLA's Amerasia Jrnl. focuses on new research in history

LOS ANGELES—UCLA's Asian American Studies Center announces the publication of its August 1982 issue of Amerasia Journal, devoted to new research in Chinese and Japanese American history by Asian American scholars.

To mark the centennial of the Chinese Exclusion Act, 1882-1982, Shirley Hune, of the City University of New York, re-examines the politics which led to the passage of the Exclusion Act. Hune looks at the formation of U.S. immigration policy towards the Chinese from both an international and domestic perspective, and considers the roles of the president and the Federal government. Also in this issue historian H. Mark Lai comments on the far-reaching effects of Chinese exclusion on the subsequent development of Asian American communities, especially on the West Coast.

The issue includes new findings on Chinese American emigrant investment in Southern China before 1949, which are brought to light by Lucie Cheng of UCLA, and Liu Yuzun, of Zhongshan University, the People's Republic of China. They examine the Sunning Railroad in Guangdong, which was built mainly with the capital, technology, and management know-how of the Chinese of America. This article gives Chinese Americans insight on the relationship between Chinese emigrants and the development of modern capitalism, transportation, and industry in Guangdong Province.

Marlon Horn, also of UCLA, has made the first English translation of an essay entitled, "Chinatown Literature during 1939-1949," penned by an anonymous Chinese American writer. The essay, originally published in New York before 1949, provides rare information on Chinese American literary groups of the 1930s and 40s who called for a new literature relevant to the social and cultural concerns of Chinatown life. Little is known about this progressive Chinatown literary movement, which disappeared with the notorious McCarthy decade of the 1950s.

In another article, Jere Takahashi of U.C. Berkeley's Asian American Studies Department examines a neglected topic in Japanese American history: the formation of the political perspectives of second generation Japanese Americans, or Nisei. Takahashi explores the key social and political forces which shaped Nisei ideas and ideals in the 1920s, 30s, and 40s. Excluded from mainstream American institutions, the Nisei developed various responses, ranging from "Americanism" to collectivist social action, which they later carried into the concentration camps of World War II.

The internment of Japanese Americans and the unspoken role of the U.S. Census Bureau is pointed out by Roger Daniels in a resource note also in this issue.

The 120-page Amerasia Journal, vol. 9:1, 1982, is available for \$3.50 (plus Calif. tax and 50¢ handling) from the Asian American Studies Center, Publications Orders, 3232 Campbell Hall, University of California, Los Angeles, 90024. For more info call (213) 825-2974.

## NCCRR plans for 'Remembrance' in '83

LOS ANGELES—The National Coalition for Redress and Reparations will hold a meeting to discuss plans for a 1983 "Day of Remembrance" on Saturday, Oct. 23, 1-3 p.m. at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 411. The next "Remembrance" will be held Feb. 19, 1983; interested organizations are welcome to give their input. For more info call (213) 680-3729.

## JA summer school registering for '83

SACRAMENTO—Jan Ken Po Gakko, a parent participation Japanese American cultural summer school here, is now taking registration for the summer of 1983.

Registration is open to all children from kindergarten through sixth grade with a total enrollment of 50 students. For more info contact Janet Takehara, 27 Six Rivers Cir., Sacramento, Ca. 95831; (916) 393-4586.

## AAPAA to honor actress Bessie Loo

PASADENA, Ca.—The Association of Asian Pacific American Artists will hold a fund-raising event to honor entertainer Bessie Loo, entitled, "An Affair with Bessie" on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2-6 p.m. at the home and gardens of Koki Iwamoto, 1126 Hillcrest Ave. #

## Monterey ALS grads plan 35th year reunion

MONTEREY, Ca.—A successful 30th Reunion was held in Aug. 1978 at the New Otani Hotel in Los Angeles for the 1948 graduates of the Presidio of Monterey Army Language School (ALS). A 35th Reunion is planned for Aug. 1983 at the Presidio of Monterey. Graduates of the 1948 ALS should contact Morris Hosoda, 924 November Dr., Cupertino, Ca. 95014 to get on his mailing list.

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## Legal defense and ed. fund founded

LOS ANGELES—In response to the increased number of requests for assistance in discrimination cases against Asian Americans, the newly formed Asian Pacific Legal Defense and Education Fund (APLDEF) was recently incorporated.

The effort was spearheaded by the "Friends of Carole Fujita Committee" and a coalition of community organizations. The Fujita Support Committee had collectively worked for over two years to bring about laborious victories against discrimination by the County of Los Angeles.

The board of directors of APLDEF held its first meeting on Sept. 22. Members and officers of the board include:

Irene Hirano, pres; Phillip Ow, vp; Carole Fujita, sec; John Saito, chief fin off; Cres Abad, Adol Aguayon, Wilma Casclang, Jack Fujimoto, Paul Huang, Mitsuo Inouye, Betty Kozasa, Peter Kwon, Cherry Okimoto, Kai Parker, Ben Quon, Gerald Sato, Ed Shiraki, Mitsu Sonoda, Sam Sperling, exec comm; other members include Baldwin Tom, Masakiyo Watanabe, Yoneo Yamamoto and Larry Yoshioka. Advisory committee members include Monterey Park City Council member Lilly Chen, attorney Frank Chuman, KNBC-TV News anchor Tritia Toyota, Russell Iungerich, Ed Lee and Judy Mitchell.

APLDEF, a non-profit corporation, will provide counseling, legal assistance and education to members of the Asian Pacific American community regarding discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin.

Persons interested in membership (\$20; for students and seniors, \$10) should call John Saito (213) 626-4471. #

## Health care forum slated in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO—Nisei and Retirement will hold an open forum on health services entitled "Who Will Care for Us When We Become Sick or Infirmed?" on Saturday, Oct. 30, 1-4 p.m. at the JACL HQ Building, 1765 Sutter St. Presentations will be made on support services available for in-home care for the sick and on services available for out-of-home care. Guest speakers include Registered Nurses Carolyn Teshima, Ida Kawaguchi, and Sylvia Tamura; a slide presentation is also scheduled. #

## Widow group to meet in Marina Del Rey

LOS ANGELES—The Megamillion Widow and Widowers group will meet Sunday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. at the Marriott Hotel in Marina Del Rey. For more info call (213) 821-3219 or 636-8207.

## Palo Alto Buddhists revise recipes book

PALO ALTO, Ca.—The revised edition of the popular Palo Alto Buddhist Temple Women's Association cookbook, "Our Favorite Recipes" is still available. Many new recipes (including microwave) have been added.

Books can be purchased (\$5.50 per book, plus \$1.00 postage and handling—for each additional book sent to the same address, add 50¢) through the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Road, Palo Alto, Ca. 94303. Make checks payable to the Palo Alto Buddhist Women's Association.

## ADC holds party for Bradley

LOS ANGELES—The Asian Democratic Caucus will hold a "Political Masquerade '82" for gubernatorial candidate Tom Bradley on Friday, Oct. 29, 6-9 p.m. at the home of Soo and Ted Ng in the Los Feliz area. For more info call (213) 668-1672.

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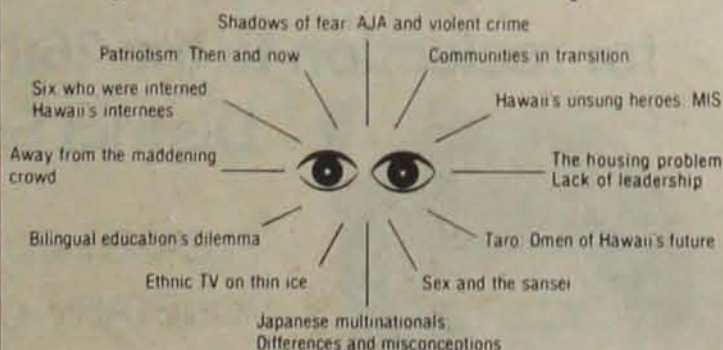
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## HIGH COURT Continued from Front Page

struction of the Fifth Amendment was overruled in *Bolling vs. Sharpe*, 347 U.S. 497 (1954).

"*Bolling vs. Sharpe* involved racial segregation in the public schools of the District of Columbia. The applicable constitutional provision, therefore, was the Fifth and not the Fourteenth Amendment which applies only to state action. Notwithstanding, Chief Justice (Earl) Warren writing for a unanimous Court said that the Fifth Amendment, although not containing an equal protection clause, subsumes such a clause under the general ambit of due process. *Bolling vs. Sharpe*, therefore, overrules *Korematsu* on the equal protection issue."

### 'Not Necessary'

Goldberg concluded in his letter:

"In sum, it is my considered opinion that it is not necessary and indeed not procedurally possible to mount a legal attack to overrule *Korematsu*. Moreover, it is also my opinion that *Korematsu* is one of the most ill conceived decisions handed down by the Supreme Court, perhaps second only to *Dred Scott vs. Sandford*, 19 Howard 393 (1857). *Korematsu* has been overruled in the court of history.

"The correct constitutional doctrine applicable to the evacuation of Japanese Americans in World War II was stated by the Supreme Court in *Ex Parte Milligan*, 4 Wall 2, 120-121 (1866): 'The Constitution of the United States is a law for rules and people, equally in war and in peace, and covers with the shield of its protection all classes of man, at all times, and under all circumstances.'"

### Attorneys Were Seeking Writ

Several attorneys and legal experts had been working on filing a writ of error coram nobis, in an attempt to overturn the cases of Gordon Hirabayashi, *Korematsu* and Min Yasui (PC Aug. 27).

Peter Irons, visiting professor of legal studies at the Amherst campus of the University of Massachusetts, is the lead counsel and supervising attorney for the three cases. Other attorneys included Dale Minami of Oakland, Kathryn Bannai of Seattle, Frank Chuman of Los Angeles and Peggy Nagae of Portland. In

## VA not serving women, says Inouye

WASHINGTON—The Veterans Administration has failed to adequately provide for the medical needs of the nation's 742,000 female veterans, the U.S. General Accounting Office reported recently.

The GAO report, prepared at the request of Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), noted that VA facilities are ill-prepared to provide treatment and care for female veterans, and that their increasing future needs are not considered in long-range VA plans.

"This report clearly indicates that we have not been responsive to the unique health and mental health needs of female veterans, either because they represent only 2.5% of the total veteran population or because our society has failed to acknowledge their contributions to our armed forces. On the basis of this comprehensive review, I am confident that we will be able to institute long overdue institutional changes in these programs," said Sen. Inouye.

The report recommended action to ensure that:

—Men and women have equal access to VA treatment programs and medical facilities. "Because of the lack of privacy in older VA facilities, women could not benefit from some specialized medical care," such as certain psychiatric treatments, the report noted.

—Women treated in VA facilities receive complete physical examinations. Pelvic and breast examinations for women are not regularly provided by seven VA medical centers visited by the GAO.

—Needed gynecological and obstetrical care is provided. "The VA does not provide care for normal pregnancy and childbirth, even if the veteran was pregnant when discharged from the military or is unable to pay for hospital care. Officials at six of the seven medical centers we visited said that female veterans had requested but were denied, care for normal pregnancies," the report said.

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—Female veterans are informed of their entitled benefits. "Although the VA is required to provide outreach services to veterans and measure the services' effectiveness, the VA's outreach efforts have not been directed toward female veterans." It has not targeted outreach to female veterans. It has also failed to determine female veterans' awareness of benefits, as it has for male veterans, the report said.

addition, numerous other Asian American attorneys from across the country were contributing their time and efforts to research and towards the preparation of petitions and evidence.

Asked to comment on the letter, Irons told the PC in a telephone interview Oct. 15 that several of the points Goldberg discussed in the letter were in some ways unrelated to what the group of attorneys are working on. However, Irons indicated that Goldberg's comments, which are highly respected, would be taken into consideration during the course of their work. #

## U.S. auto companies may rely on Japan to build small cars

DETROIT—General Motors Corp., the nation's leading automaker, announced last August its intentions to rely on Japanese manufacturers for its supplies of small, most subcompact cars.

GM said the Japanese can produce small cars at a unit cost that is \$1,500 to \$1,700 less than the cost of making similar vehicles domestically. So GM has decided to end its battle with Japanese automakers and to collaborate with them in the small-car wars.

GM said the decision is temporary, one designed to give the company time to regroup and come out with its own competitive products. But other industry analysts and officials see the company's strategy as the latest step in a steady movement toward the creation of world car companies and the elimination of the domestic auto industry, in the traditional sense.

"Talk to any auto expert and he will tell you that in 10 years there will probably be only five or perhaps six international car companies vying for a share of the market," said an industry research report circulated here at a recent international meeting of auto manufacturers, dealers and parts suppliers.

"Few domestic companies are separate entities today...The global auto company is rapidly approaching reality if, indeed, it has not already arrived," said the report by California-based J.D. Power & Associates, an auto industry survey firm.

Some GM officials partially agree with that assessment. "It's no longer a neat little domestic market that we have in this country. It's no longer just GM, Chrysler, Ford and American Motors fighting for a share of the U.S. market. That's gone, probably forever," said Harry Kelly, marketing spokesman for GM's Asia-Pacific operations.

As a result, the subcompact Chevis that Americans drive in

1985 probably will be Suzukis, Isuzus or Toyotas built to GM's specifications. Ford's subcompacts, the Escort and Lynx, have parts made by Toyo Kogyo (Mazda) and much of the "New Chrysler Corp." cars comes with Mitsubishi engines under the hoods.

American Motors Corp., the fourth largest domestic company, is now 46% owned by the French manufacturer Renault.

U.S. auto dealers feel that GM and other domestic car makers should produce their own competitive products. But the dealers also say that they could improve their sales if they had Japanese and other foreign products to sell.

Gregory Sutliff, a Chevrolet dealer in Harrisburg, Pa., and chair of the business management committee of the National Automobile Dealers Assn., said that GM wants its label on Japanese-made products, because of a painful lesson learned by U.S. automakers: "GM tells us that every time they have dual dealership, they lose market penetration" with GM products. And that brings up another problem.

"There's a little bit of a stigma attached to a 'U.S.' car made in Japan," he said. If joint-venture cars end up with higher sticker prices than the Japanese originals, "all you would have done is aggravate the competitive position of the U.S. companies," he said.

—Washington Post

## Hitachi requests change of venue

SAN JOSE—Hitachi, Ltd. of Japan has asked that its trial on conspiracy charges be moved from San Jose to San Francisco because of "local prejudice" and defendants' and attorneys' "convenience," reported the San Jose Mercury.

Hitachi claimed in court documents that its chances of a fair trial in San Jose would be hampered because of "an unusually high percentage of the potential jurors would be employees in the computer, electronics or other related high-technology industries, or would have household members or close friends who work in such industries."

Hitachi also felt the "intense and adverse pretrial publicity surrounding this case" would make it more difficult for the defendants to get a fair trial.

Hitachi, 12 of its employees and two of its associates have been charged with conspiring to send stolen IBM trade secrets to Japan. U.S. District Judge Spencer Williams is scheduled to hear Hitachi's request on Dec. 6.

The Japanese electronics firm has also asked that the case be dismissed on the grounds that two of the 23 federal grand jurors which indicted Hitachi have ties to IBM—one is a retired IBM employee and the other is married to an IBM worker. U.S. attorney Joseph Russoniello countered Hitachi's charges by saying there was nothing "inherently prejudicial" about the two grand jurors' connections with IBM.

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## 27 million Japanese to be 65 or over

TOKYO—Recent articles in Japanese newspapers state that Japan, as a nation, is aging fast.

The number of people aged 65 and over is expected to reach 27 million, or more than 21% of the total population in 2025, according to a Japanese demographic expert.

Daisaku Maeda, a director of the Tokyo Metropolitan Institute for the Study of Population Aging, stated that pensioners aged 65 or over totaled only 2.9 million in 1920—5.3% of Japan's total population. However, the number increased to 11.3 million, or 9.5% of the population in 1982.

The prime minister's office recently announced that Japan ranked sixth in the world in the percentage of the aged within the total population.

First is Sweden with 15.9%, followed by West Germany, Britain, France and the United States. Japan, however, is expected to replace the United States by 1990, according to officials.

One of the ramifications of the aging society is that it could ultimately act as a brake on progress.

## Tokyo most costly city in the world

NEW YORK—Tokyo is still the world's most expensive city, according to a study by the Union Bank of Switzerland. The 25,000-category survey compares prices and earnings in 47 major cities throughout the world.

Tokyo has the highest price level index for market basket of goods at 132, followed by Abu Dhabi, 119, Oslo, 118, Helsinki and Caracas, both 109. The base level used was that of Zurich, at 100.

However, if rents are included, Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, is far out in front—196 against Tokyo's 140.

The survey showed that food prices in Tokyo are almost twice as much as New York's (181 to 92) and meat in the Japanese capital can be up to ten times as expensive as in Jakarta.

## U.S. most vital partner for Japan

TOKYO—Japan's "Diplomatic Blue Book for 1982" released Sept. 24 reaffirms the position of the U.S. as "the most important partner for Japan" and suggests that Japanese insularity is a problem in establishing good relations abroad.

The annual Foreign Ministry Review of International Events ignores the continuing imbroglio surrounding revisions to Japanese high school history textbook accounts of Japan's Imperial era. Foreign Ministry officials said the blue book was prepared before the textbook controversy broke in late July.

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because families supporting the aged were found to have a lower living standard, Maeda said.

As to the reasons why older Japanese are willing to continue working longer than their Western counterparts, Maeda said they were forced to do so in order to earn additional money to take care of themselves, as arrangements for retirement pay and pension plans were not yet satisfactorily implemented.

The number of the aged in Japan included 4,740,000 men and 6,580,000 women.

## Mitsukoshi head fired for scandals

TOKYO—Shigeru Okada, president of Mitsukoshi Ltd., Japan's oldest and most prestigious department store chain, was fired from his post Sept. 22 and demoted to a part-time job following a series of scandals involving the company.

At a meeting of the board of directors, all 16 members except the 68-year-old Okada voted against him in a non-confidence motion presented by managing director Tadayoshi Sugita, once regarded as an Okada confidant.

Akira Ichihara, 68, president of Nagoya Mitsukoshi Co., was appointed president to succeed Okada.

Okada was held responsible for a series of scandals which tainted the company reputation, including an exhibition of fake Persian art treasures at its Nihonbashi store, which Okada allegedly knew were imitations.

Mitsukoshi business progressed for several years after Okada's appointment, but its accounts have been deteriorating in recent years apparently as a result of the one-man management system imposed by Okada.

The 310-year-old company suffered a 28.4% decline in its ordinary profits in the business year ending last February from the previous year, despite a 7.4% increase in its sales.

## Mutant silkworms made to spin paper

KYOTO—A compassionate Zen priest, Masahisa Ishiko, 45, of the Daiyuu Temple, has reared a variety of silkworm capable of making a flat sheet of silk paper instead of cocoons, the Daily Mainichi noted.

While studying sericulture, he noted one silkworm was only spinning out thread instead of a cocoon. Such mutant silkworms are thrown away, but he found many others on the shelves. Remembering the silkworm paper was used in ancient China, he began to gather the mutants, succeeded in developing a new variety, named "MxD", and has been producing silkworm paper since 1979.

Nobel laureate Dr. Linus Pauling of Pasadena, Ca., saw the silkworm paper at Daiyuu Temple last April and exclaimed, "Incredible!" He used to raise silkworms for chemical experiments.

## Japanese ads show country's fascination of western look

TOKYO—In Japan, you see the advertisements everywhere. The products are Japanese ... but the people pictured in the ads definitely are not.

For more than a decade, foreigners have directed Japanese attention to everything from coffee and cola to wristwatches.

Many of these sales pitches have been made by big-name American celebrities—such as Brooke Shields, Farrah Fawcett and Wolfman Jack.

The foreign modeling business has grown so competitive that dewy imports fresh off the plane from the United States are often stranded in Tokyo without work.

It's all part of the strategy to sell products. Japanese advertisers maintain that, properly used, foreigners can attract the interest of the average Japanese.

"Foreigners look different," says Kazuo Yamamoto, international relations manager for Tokyo's Matsuya Department Stores.

Hideo Ishikawa, an advertising executive at Hakuhodo, the Japanese ad agency, adds, "A foreigner can break the tranquility of the ad and make the audience wake up."

This fascination with foreigners—and the attendant interest in whatever they eat, drink and wear—strikes many Westerners here as odd.

Indeed, the Japanese are often

less than eager to associate with real-life foreigners.

A sizable portion blanched at the notion that a relative might marry one.

Yet, like so much else here, this cultural ambivalence has a long history, with its roots planted firmly in the Meiji Restoration of 1868, when Japan was reopened to the West.

The foreigners who arrived at that time were bigger, more modern, and "seemed to have all the goodies," as one Tokyo ad executive puts it.

Repeatedly enjoined to become more like the West, the Japanese came to view anything Western—from faces to phonetics—as a powerful symbol of the progressive and new.

Despite Japan's recent economic and technological strides, this century-old notion has remained nearly intact.

Japan still aligns itself culturally with Europe and America rather than Asia, and anything Western is accorded a special dose of glamour, quality and prestige.

"Japan may excel in the auto industry, but you still don't see a car here called the Samurai," says Yamamoto.

In other words, advertisers have discovered the mere appearance of Western words in certain situations can be highly evocative.

Holding up a cosmetics brochure emblazoned with the words

## Japan business to grow in Chicago

CHICAGO—The steady growth in Japanese business is expected to zoom upward next year after Japan Air Lines and United Airlines begin to fly direct from Tokyo to Chicago for the first time.

The Hilton Hotels Corp. has been aggressively seeking the Japanese tourist business, and the company recommends that other Chicago firms get into position for the substantial business coming their way. The Japanese probably spend more than any other foreign visitors to Chicago.

JAL Midwest manager Kozko

Takino estimates that as many as 2,000 passengers a week will come here from Japan when his airline starts its new service in April. About 60% will be tourists.

Hilton says the Palmer House here already hosts some 10,000 Japanese guests a year, including 25 business guests a day plus tour groups.

The company estimates on the basis of a conservative count of only 100 passengers per aircraft that JAL will bring 25,000 Japanese visitors here and United about another 36,000.

## Japan may end limits on car exports

DETROIT—Top Japanese business and government leaders doubt whether their country's self-imposed limit on car exports to the United States will be extended beyond next spring, the Detroit Free Press reported Sept. 13.

The newspaper said in a report from Tokyo second-quarter profits by the Big Three U.S. automakers, declining U.S. interest rates and growing protectionist sentiment in Congress are among the reasons the restraints may end.

Masaya Miyoshi, managing director of Japan's powerful Federation of Economic Organizations, said there has been a recent groundswell of anti-quota sentiment in the organization and among influential members of Japan's private sector.

"The export quotas should be abolished as soon as possible," Miyoshi said in a free Press interview. "Originally, we didn't want the restraints but we went along because of political reasons."

"Now we see absolutely no reason for them. Detroit is starting to make profits again, interest rates are going down and we are puzzled as to why we are still to blame for Detroit's management problems."

Yoshiyasu Nao, deputy director of the automobile division of the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry, told the Free Press "it is highly questionable" whether Japan will push to extend the export freeze.

"Avon! Yes!" Takeshi Nagamochi, corporate communications director for Avon in Tokyo, says "Only about half of our customers understand what this says. But it creates a certain idea in their minds. They associate it with Western culture, which for many has a better image than Japanese."

Advertisers have also found foreigners especially effective plugging products the Japanese may still feel unsure of, particularly those that originated in the West.

Both the Nestle Co. and archival General Foods claim Western settings and Western models have enhanced sales of coffee, still a new and expensive beverage here.

This interest in seeing objects from the West displayed on real Westerners also explains why department stores and fashion ma-

gazines repeatedly drape their latest styles on long-limbed, fair-haired models who tower over the diminutive Japanese.

But the image-makers here are quick to stress that not just any foreigners will do.

They insist that the most successful foreign models are those with a hint of believability.

Big blonde Scandinavians rarely succeed here; it's easier for the Japanese to identify with more scaled-down types.

Indeed, the popular myth that exotic blondes and redheads are most effective in Japanese advertisements may be changing.

Dark-haired foreigners are said to be in brisk demand these days.

"Their image is still of fantasy but it's a bit more obtainable," says Paul Rose, head of Folio, a Tokyo modeling agency that specializes in foreigners.

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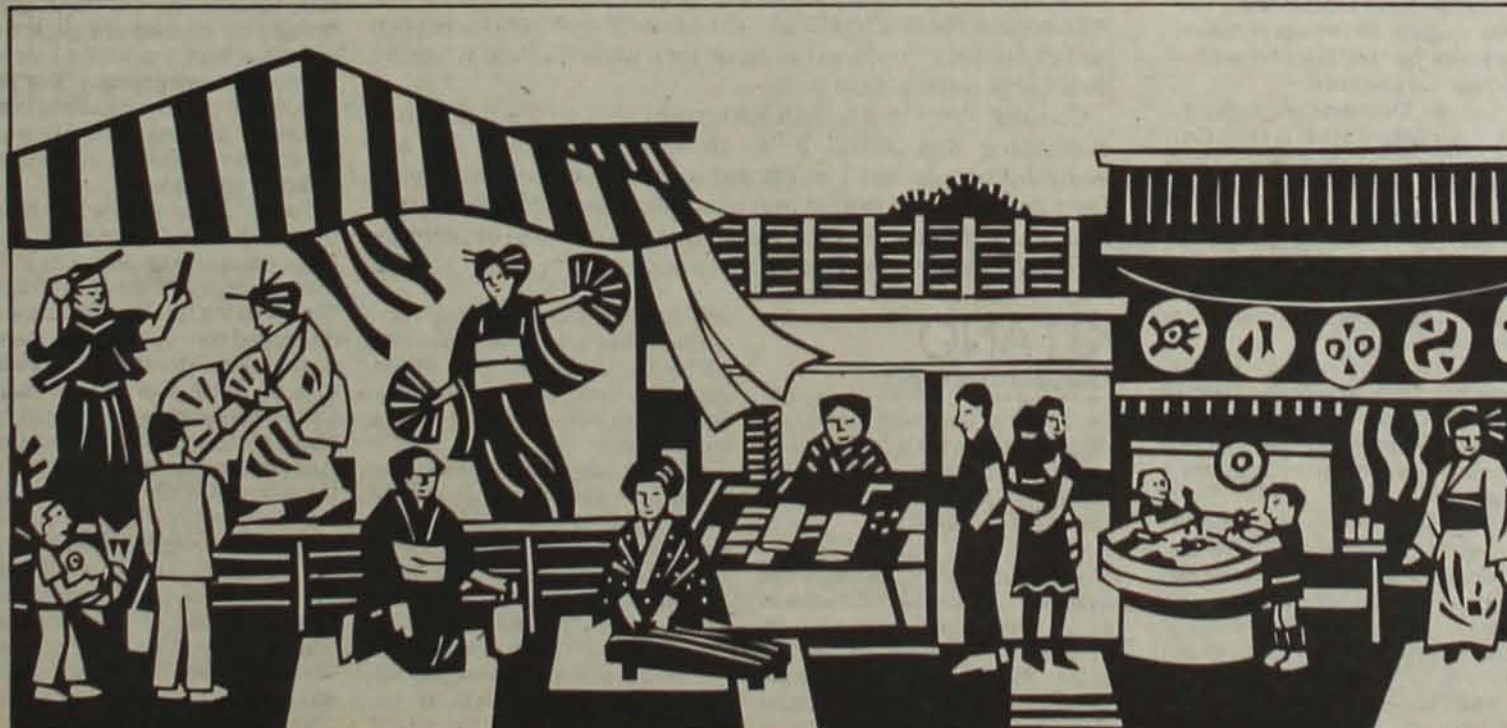


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## Biennial PC Board Report

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The 1980-82 biennium ended with the completion of guidelines for the Pacific Citizen. It was a document designed to make PC function as a broad Japanese American newspaper as well as a publication devoted to reporting JACL affairs. When presented to the National Board at the Convention, two controversial points developed.

The PC Board maintained that editorial freedom for PC was essential, and to accomplish this it held that no single elected or appointed officer of the organization should have direct financial and editorial control of the publication. The bylaws to the constitution state that "The Pacific Citizen Board of Directors shall be entrusted with the business and editorial responsibilities of the publication." (Article XII, Sec. 2a.) The PC Board, therefore, would be the body to make all essential decisions regarding PC.

The National Board, meeting at the Convention, ruled the hiring, firing and the supervision of the PC personnel came directly under the National Director under Article IX, Sec. 3b of the bylaws to the constitution:

"The National Director shall supervise the National Headquarters and all staff members and regional area offices within the National budget."

The PC Board's position was that supervision by someone not entrusted with the business and editorial responsibilities of the publication is within the system of prior restraint and is adverse to the freedom of expression.

The PC Board gave serious thoughts to going for a constitutional amendment at the Convention to clarify the ambiguity and the seeming conflict with respect to these two separate sections of the bylaws. The proposed change was the addition of the clarifying phrase:

"The Pacific Citizen Board of Directors shall be entrusted with the business and editorial responsibilities of this publication and shall be empowered to hire personnel necessary to carry out these responsibilities."

The second controversial point was the proposal by the PC Board that PC subscription fees (at present \$8 per subscriber) collected by the National HQ be remitted in full to the PC promptly upon receipt, and that such remittance shall not be delayed without an expressed approval of the National Board.

The PC must have a budget it can rely on to plan, maintain and improve its product for the purpose of serving the membership. At the end of each fiscal year, the PC Board stated, any excess beyond the authorized reserve fund would be forwarded to National HQ to become part of the general fund.

What PC Board was saying was: give us just our subscription fees and PC will be responsible for all expenditures (salaries, rent, insurance, equipment, production costs, etc.). PC will not be requesting additional funding ("subsidy") from National HQ. PC budget need not be part of the National HQ budget. The PC Board was hopeful and optimistic that PC can become a revenue producing arm of the JACL.

There seems to be a fear among some JACLers that if PC is given more autonomy PC will "go its own way," even possibly in complete disregard of the welfare of the organization. The PC Board feels that this view is both unnecessary and unjustified.

With the National President and the PC Board Chair directly involved in the appointments of the key PC personnel, with the PC Board Chair serving at the pleasure of the National President, with the District PC Board representatives all recommended for appointment by the District Governors, and with all appointments subject to approval by the National Board, the assumption that PC might become independent of the organization's

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## Letters

### ● Watch Those Sights

Editor:

In the article on Donna Kei Benz (PC Oct. 1), reference is made to the fact that her last name comes from her "Jewish" stepfather. I have been a supporter of the JACL for many years, mainly because it is sensitive to slights of Japanese as well as other Asians. Would you have referred to her stepfather being Catholic or Protestant, were that his religion?

I think that this is not a policy that you have been pursuing and I hope that I will not see it occurring again.

MARVIN KRONER  
Los Angeles

### ● Retirement Video

Editor:

It's ironic that it took the Youth Representative (Paul Nakasone) of the JACL National Board to introduce a motion to proceed with a positive program for Aging and Retirement (at the National Board meeting Oct. 9). The youth delegates should be commended for their courage and foresight in taking decisive action, in the face of almost all the district board members arguing to delay the project by introducing procedural motions, and amendments.

The National Board came so close to losing the services of one of the few Nikkei experts in the field of gerontology (Dr. Mike Ego), and the services of an internationally renowned cinematographer (Henry Ushijima), for the Aging and Retirement Program. It was the youth delegates' votes that made the difference.

Some of the district board members were arguing for delaying making any decision, based upon procedural matters, and detailed production budgets, for which they had no expertise to analyze. None of these questions were directed at Mr. Ushijima, who is the expert in this field of production.

The National Board shouldn't lose sight of their role to lead, guide, implement and act decisively on meaningful programs for the membership. They should not try to encumber themselves with needless details and procedural issues. The membership supports competent and professional staff for that.

We sincerely hope the manner in which this one program was resolved will not be indicative of the National Board's direction on other issues and programs for JACL, in which the membership has a vital concern. The National Officers do need the support of all the District Councils, and their chairmen (governors) who comprise the National Board, to be effective.

ROZ AND JOHN ENOMOTO  
Woodside, Ca.

## 35 Years Ago

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Oct. 5—Nisei businessman (Yoshio Shigaki) forced out of Gardena home by neighbors because of 30-year-old covenant.

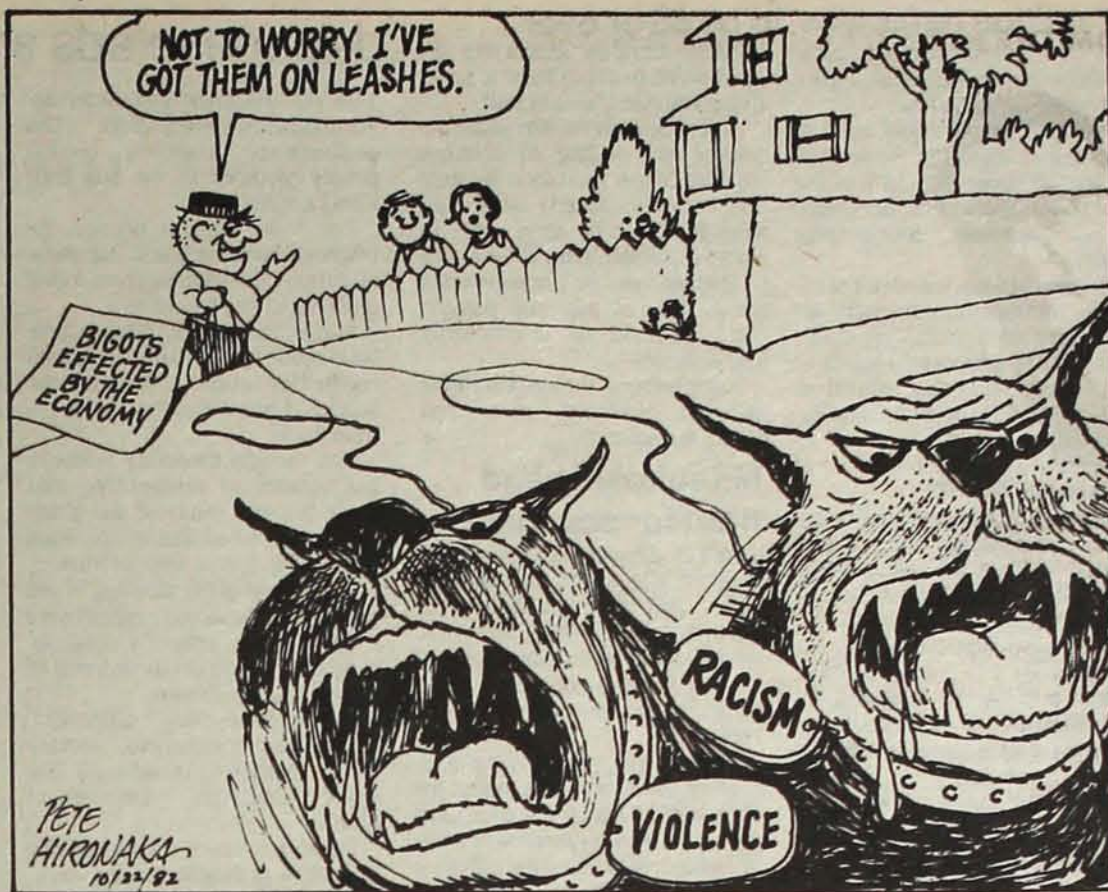
Oct. 9—Alien land law authority, UC Law School Prof. D.O. McGovern of Berkeley, dies; wrote "Anti-Japanese Land Laws of California and 10 Other States".

Oct. 16—Young (Japanese father/English mother) woman, 25, in Seattle cites prejudice (made to feel "like a freak all her life") for suicide attempt.

Oct. 17—San Francisco Council for Civic Unity executive (Edward Howden) calls on homeowners in Lakeview district to reject petition against ownership by non-white buyers.

Oct. 17—Calif. supreme court rules 4-3 upholding state fishing code of 1942 denying commercial license to Japanese aliens; code challenged by Torao Takahashi of Los Angeles. JACL/ACLU to ask for U.S. Supreme Court review.

Oct. 18—Nisei coed (Molly Nishiyama of Azusa, Ca.) reigns as Cornell (Iowa) College homecoming queen.



BY THE BOARD: by Ron Shibata

## 'Divine' Winds

Every year my home Chapter, New Mexico, puts on a one day festival—Omatsuri, which attracts people from across the state. This year's festival on Aug. 1, marked our second effort. For the past two years, the Akutagawa family, who run a local Japanese Restaurant, have generously allowed the Chapter to utilize their property for this gala event.

As was the case in the past, the day before the festival was spent preparing the grounds for the event. This involved the erection of a portable stage and the construction of various booths to sell everything from arts and crafts to sushi. Many Chapter members sacrificed their entire weekend for Omatsuri.

On Saturday, July 31, around 4:00 p.m. everything was finished. Several of us retired to the restaurant to eat and rest after a day of work, working in the sun, with temperatures in the 90s. One of the "enchanted" features of our state is that during the month of August, the weather can change from relative calm to hard blowing wind and rain in a matter of minutes. August is New Mexico's thunderstorm season.

On that Saturday around 6:00 p.m. the weatherman said that the largest thunderstorm of the season struck the Albuquerque area leading in its wake in less than an hour, an inch of rain and \$100,000 worth of storm damage city wide.

We were not spared. In a matter of five (5) minutes the storm turned our festival grounds from a neat ready-to-go assortment of booths into a heap of splintered woods. We were thankful that no one was hurt as the 47-mile-per-hour winds picked up several of the booths and hurled them into some parked cars. Within 45 minutes after the "Divine" wind had struck the air was again calm. The storm had passed after destroying a full days work for 20-30 people. Several Chapter members then walked through the mess to see what was salvageable. The stage had withstood the tempest as had two of the booths which some Chapter members managed to save.

Although I am no mind reader, I am sure that those who witnessed the above felt the same as I did—frustrated and somewhat lost.

Then somebody said, "Let's get started." That was just the elixir that was needed to get the wheels rolling again, in three hours, using nails, wire and Issei ingenuity. All of the booths were rebuilt. Omatsuri came off without a hitch the next day with some 8,000 in attendance. The attendance might have been higher but the rain visited us again for a while on Sunday and no doubt kept some people away.

Chapter President Calvin Kobayashi said on the night after everything was rebuilt to all those who helped, "You are beautiful people and I am proud to be associated with you." Disaster had been turned into triumph. The Kamikaze of July 31st had shown us all what the Japanese American experience has been like since we first came to this country. #

## KITANO

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the height of Japanese males. (3) Others criticize what they see as a lack of social grace and lack of class. (4) Other females want to marry out just for status.

According to Prof. Kitano, Asian women's views of Caucasian males are mainly created by movies. White males are seen as being more sexy and macho, something more like the James Bond type. On the other hand, white males' views of Asian women are also from the movies,

and they see them as being very feminine and gentle like a flower. As for the Caucasian view of the Japanese male, they see them as being short and something like a teddy bear.

"Caucasians who marry into the Japanese culture are frequently more Japanese than the Japanese American woman." According to Kitano, this may be due to a deep-seated psychological hatred for their own kind; a defiance of current cultural trends; sexual attraction to someone physically different; a rebellion against parents; a repudiation of morals; or a neurotic self-hatred.

—Asian Week

## QUAKE

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to run through the city's suburbs.

Should the signs point in an ominous direction, chauffeur-driven government cars will fan out through the city to pick up a half-dozen seismological experts, each fitted out with an electronic signaling device in a black box and deliver them to the situation room at the national meteorological agency. There, they must quickly decide whether to formally ask the prime minister to call a public alert.

A study of a thousand years of historical documents led the late professor Hiroshi Kawasumi of Tokyo University's earthquake research center to the theory that a major quake occurs in Tokyo roughly once every 69 years. Scholars now point out that, according to that theory, the city has already entered a critical period.

According to Hiroaki Yoshii, a senior researcher at the Japan Institute for Future Technology, who has recently completed a study on the subject, a giant-size jolt could create havoc in the country's big business circles because of the high concentration of corporate headquarters in Tokyo. "There would be a sudden shortage of funds from financial institutions to manufacturers, and a lot of business failures and corporate mergers," he says.

Major banks already have begun spreading their highly computerized operations to branch offices around the country and installing emergency communications networks. Earlier plans by the government to relocate the national capital have now been dropped because of the astronomical costs involved, Yoshii says.

Japan, as all schoolchildren here know, is a land of earthquakes and, historically, the destruction brought on by frequent giant tremors has kept a powerful hold on the popular imagination. The Hōjō, a 13th century Japanese classic, says, "For one terror following on another, there is nothing to equal an earthquake."

Today, Japan is jolted by more than a thousand tremors a year large enough to be felt by its inhabitants, many of them in Tokyo. That, and the fact that the city was destroyed both by the great Kanto quake and American firebombings in World War II, has made Tokyo residents largely fatalistic about another impending disaster. And government efforts to gird for the worst, officials complain, have failed to prompt a genuine state of readiness among the public.

"We are the kind of people who spend scads of money and time on vacations and golf," says Hatano, who sponsors a private organization to educate his fellow citizens on earthquake relief measures, "but won't give a second thought to our own individual security."

—Washington Post



Denver, Colo.

In the last few years a number of Japanese firms, attracted in large part by Denver's booming energy economy, have set up offices here. At last count there were 17 or 18 of them.

This is a very small contingent compared to the number in places in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco and Seattle, but they add to the diversity of our business community and we like having them here.

The companies range from the giant, old line traders like Mitsubishi, Mitsui, Sumitomo, Marubeni and C. Itoh, to the American headquarters of the Pentax camera company, Honda's high altitude research lab, Idemitsu Oil and the semi-official Livestock Industry Promotion Corp.

The Japanese employees of these firms and their families number perhaps 150. Most of the time they are busy with their individual activities, but they are drawn together inevitably by certain common interests and concerns.

One of their concerns is the education of their children, mostly of grade school or junior high age. These young-

## Fun in an Orderly Fashion

sters go to the public schools, of course, and quickly catch on to the mysteries of English. But what concerns their parents is that in a few years they will be rotated back to Japan and the children will find themselves far behind their Japanese peers when they enroll in Japanese schools. In an effort to make sure the youngsters will not lose all touch with Japanese reading and writing, the parents have set up a Sunday language school with 34 pupils. Dr. Willie Nagai, who teaches the Japanese language at the University of Colorado, is principal. The teachers are other young people from Japan.

If you have a Japanese school, you have to have an *undokai*, a picnic and athletic field day, right? So the parents and other members of Denver's Japanese community held their first annual *undokai* one recent Sunday on the grounds of Arapahoe Community College where the Sunday classes are held.

You should have been there. As was to be expected, the picnic was organized with care and precision. Everything went like clockwork, the contests showed initiative and imagination, and everybody had a great old time. In fact the day was so carefully planned and executed that it made the local Japanese American community picnic look by contrast like a disorganized mob scene.

You might think that such a well-organized event would lack something in the way of spontaneity and fun. But that wasn't the case at all. The adults had even more fun than the kids, for it was an opportunity for them to relax with friends, forget for a while that they are temporarily in a strange if interesting land where even making oneself understood can be a problem, and play for a change instead of worrying about business responsibilities.

And when the day was done, everyone pitched in to pick up every last scrap of paper and restore the field to the condition in which they had found it. Then they packed up their picnic blankets and what remained of their lunches and drove off to their respective homes.

If nothing else, our temporary guests from Japan showed us that they can throw themselves into play as enthusiastically as they work, that they pay a great deal of attention to detail, even while relaxing, they're well-organized, cooperative, fun-loving and bubbling over with energy and good spirits.

There's a lot we Japanese Americans can learn from knowing them and associating with them. #

## Guest's Column

## NCJAR Leader Reviews JACL Story

Ed. Note: The following review of Bill Hosokawa's book, "JACL in Quest of Justice" by William Hohri of the National Council for Japanese American Redress (Chicago) was recently published in the New York *Nichi Bei*, and is reprinted here as part of the PC's policy of presenting "a broad spectrum of opinions."

By WILLIAM HOHRI

Bill Hosokawa's latest book begins candidly enough. He likens the story of the JACL to the tale of "Rashomon," a tale of rape, in which each of the characters tells a unique version, none agreeing with the other. Hosokawa, of course, pretends to give us the authentic, objective history. But he winds up as only another in the cast of characters. The book is a history of the Japanese American Citizens League. Like all histories, stories, drama, art, culture, it tends to define what we are. It goes considerably beyond the JACL and into the history of Japanese America. It clothes us with our consciousness. So it must be evaluated for its effect upon us.

The term "Japanese American" hyphen-less, is the self-conscious creation of the JACL. It was promoted, quite successfully, to denote American citizens of Japanese ancestry and to exclude Japanese nationals. The JACL, in its early years, struggled valiantly to achieve all-American identity. In the 1930s, Wheaties, the Breakfast of Champions, was promoted by the radio character of Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy. All young boys strove to fulfill this heroic image. So it's no wonder that the JACL was (and still remains) an exclusive club for American citizens. But Hosokawa extends "Japanese American" to all of us and thereby does our history and ourselves a great disservice. For the term excludes my parents and my oldest brother and sister, all of whom were born in Japan. They were certainly part of Japanese America. They were Japanese-Americans. I suppose that as a private club, the JACL may be permitted to exclude non-citizens. But the insinuation of such exclusion to the best of the community is inaccurate and distressing.

The anecdotal part of the book is interesting enough. Some of the names are familiar. And it fills out the identities of those with whom one had only a nodding acquaintance. Not all the names appear. And some that do seem trivialized. I missed the mention of Frank Sakamoto, who must be considered Mr. Chicago JACL. Richard Akagi was much more than "Masaoka's assistant." And Togo Tanaka's outspoken opposition to the Walter-McCarran Act is missing. But a book must be selective. Hosokawa seems fair-minded enough. He states his desire to resist revisionist tendencies. So he does display some of the JACL's soiled laundry, such as

the flap over David Ushio and Shigeki Sugiyama. He even includes a picture of Warren Furutani. But the book suffers other lapses which are unforgivable. It is revisionist history with a JACL bias.

The critical war years remain unexplicated. We are left with the impression that the hostility towards JACLers in the camps was the result of their patriotism and the forced idleness of the internees.

...The hostility, which had deadly manifestations, was evoked by activity, which, equally deadly, caused persons, including my own father, to be taken away—from within camp—without a particle of due process—without charges specified, without a hearing, without legal counsel, without judicial reckoning of any sort. The implied but undefined criminality of this imprisonment made even harsher the life in the isolation centers and the Department of Justice camps. And the acts of informants did not remain covert. Tokio Slocum testified before a Senate committee about his fingering of the Manzanar Sixteen, who were whisked away in the aftermath of the Manzanar riot. FBI agents were sloppy in their interrogation of suspects. The role of the JACL is also confirmed by official documents from the National Archives.

An FBI report dated January 20, 1942 states:

"On December 19, 1941, members of the Anti-Axis Committee" came to the Los Angeles Field Division Office and offered the facilities of the entire Japanese American Citizens League to this Bureau. It had been the experience of this office that, although the various Japanese organizations, Issei and Nisei, had for some time volunteered to cooperate with the Bureau, there had always been a reluctance on their part to furnish any specific derogatory information concerning any organization or individual. The former existence of this situation was freely acknowledged by the Anti-Axis Committee at the time of the above meeting, but they alleged that the attack on Hawaii had completely changed the attitude of most of the American-born Japanese, and that they are now willing to inform on all individuals who appeared to be a danger to this country."

Then further on:

"The following items of interest were recently obtained from various members of the Japanese American Citizens League, who have requested that their identities remain anonymous:

"1. It is claimed that for the past two years, it has been impossible for a citizen of Japan to receive permission to travel to the United States until he was thoroughly investigated by the Japanese Government and was subjected to an interview, in which he satisfied Japanese officials that he was wholly in accord with the policies of the Japanese Government and would contribute a portion of his income to the Japanese Government. In addition, an oath of allegiance to Japan was demanded from these individuals. It is reported that this procedure was followed even in the case of Japanese nationals who were resident aliens of the United States visiting or on business in Japan. If this be true, it would mean that every Japanese alien returning to this country within the past two years has sworn to assist and uphold the present Japanese Government."

My father had, in fact, returned to this country within two years before Pearl Harbor.

The report continues with a listing of five names and descriptions submitted by the JACL of persons described as "ardent supporters of the Japanese cause and ones whose activities should be investigated by the FBI."

The revisionism continues with the Constitutional test cases. One gets the clear impression that the JACL supported these cases. But the chips were down in 1942. The individuals were imprisoned. When Hosokawa mentions the \$3,000 raised on behalf of Minoru Yasui's legal defense, he fails to note that the raising of such funds was characterized by Mike Masaoka as a "stab in the back." The JACL's opposition was bitter and unyielding. In March, 1942, the JACL circulated a bulletin which stated:

"The National JACL headquarters is unalterably opposed to test cases to determine the constitutionality of military regulations at this time,

declared Mike Masaoka, national secretary, in a general bulletin to all chapters in reference to the Minoru Yasui case in Oregon.

"We have reached this decision unanimously after examining all the facts in light of our national policy of 'the greatest good for the greatest number.'"

"Masaoka, in his statement said, 'We recognize that self-styled martyrs who are willing to be jailed in order that they might fight for the rights of citizenship, as many of them allege, captured the headlines and the imagination of many more persons than our seeming indifferent stand.'"

Hosokawa writes that both Masaoka and Saburo Kido considered civil disobedience, but rejected it for pragmatic, not philosophical reasons. But the attack on Yasui sounds a bit more than pragmatism.

Even when he comes to the current history of the redress movement, he errs, mischievously. The movement for redress was initiated, pushed, researched in the 'seventies by the Seattle Redress Committee. The Lowery Redress Bill was initiated by the National Council for Japanese American Redress, mainly through its supporters in Seattle. And now NCJAR is embarked upon the course of initiating a class action lawsuit against the United States. None of this is mentioned. It's the JACL all the way.

It is clear that what we have here is only the house version of the JACL history. An objective history will require far more honesty and integrity, far more research and documentation. (The Chapter Notes are woefully inadequate: the repeated citations from Hosokawa's "Nisei", shameless. No shame, as we used to say.) Unfortunately, this book, like other JACL-sponsored books, will form the corpus of literature available on our history, with some outstanding exceptions, such as Michi Weglyn's "Years of Infamy." We continue to squirm under the legacy of our bizarre internment. We continue to be oppressed by the self-imposed slogan of those years: The Greatest Good for the Greatest Number.

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welfare is not a possibility. The safeguard is adequate.

If PC is to become an open and reliable publication that is reflective of the diverse Japanese American concerns, it must have certain autonomy which free it from the administrative controls of the organization. The supervision of the PC is the responsibility of the PC Board.

No immediate step was taken to go for a constitutional amendment at the 27th Biennial Convention although there were some strong feelings in favor of this action. It was felt that first there is a need for a thorough and adequate discussions at the district level.

It would be helpful if the district sentiments and recommendations can be forwarded to the new PC Board Chair, Hank Sakai. The constitutional amendment, if it is deemed necessary, can be attempted at the 1984 Convention.

(Ed. Note: This is PC Board Chair Cliff Uyeda's final report from the National Convention. His term ended this year, and his successor for the next biennium is former National Treasurer/Secretary Hank Sakai.) #

## Nat'l Bd. decides on redress budget, aging & retirement

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL National Board met Oct. 8-10 at National Headquarters, focusing on such matters as the Redress Committee's budget, a videotape project for the Aging and Retirement Committee, and some revisions among JACL volunteer committees and staff.

The Board adopted the Redress Committee's budget of \$100,000 for 1982-83, which shows a projection of \$61,000 for personnel; \$15,600 for operational expenses (phone calls, office supplies, etc.); \$10,500 for traveling costs; and \$8,250 for program development—which entails the development of such projects as photo exhibits, media outreach materials, "chapter training" manuals and videotapes, congressional handbills and communiques to other civil rights organizations. The remaining \$4,650 of the budget would be part of a contingency fund, which would be carried over into the next fiscal year.

This budget was based upon the resolution passed by the National Council last August at the National Convention. The resolution stated, in part, that the "National Council request the Endowment Fund Committee to approve a loan in the form of a

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line of credit to the Committee on Redress in the amount of \$100,000 per annum for a period of three years." The National Headquarters building in San Francisco would be used as collateral, and repayment would come from \$5 pledges from each JACL member in all districts.

However, the Endowment Fund Committee—consisting of Dr. Roy Nishikawa, George Kodama, Mike Masaoka, Tomio Moriguchi and a new member, Mike Mitoma—must still approve the line of credit to the National Committee for Redress.

In Los Angeles, Nishikawa told the PC Oct. 12 that the approval of credit would be contingent upon whether all chapters and districts can come through with their pledges, as well as whether or not the JACL Headquarters building, which needs to be appraised, is sufficient collateral for the loan.

Nishikawa added that "it isn't a given fact" that the Endowment Committee has already approved the loan, although the possibility exists. The Endowment board plans to meet soon to discuss any legal restrictions or fiduciary problems involved in carrying out the council resolution.

In a related matter, the National Board has also named Mitoma, a financial planner at Republic Bank in Los Angeles, as interim chair of the Endowment Committee, to temporarily fill the vacancy left by outgoing chair Yone Satoda.

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## Kikumura to speak at Selanoco potluck

WHITTIER, Ca.—Akemi Kikumura, author of "Through the Harsh Winters: The Life of a Japanese Immigrant Woman," will be the guest speaker for the Selanoco JACL fall potluck dinner meeting on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Rio Hondo College. For more info call (213) 923-9903.

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**CELEBRATING MONTEREY'S 50TH**—Monterey Peninsula JACL Charter members Mrs. Aiko Ito (left) and Mrs. Chizuko Sanda cut the anniversary cake during the chapter's celebration of its 50th year at the Monterey Holiday Inn on Sept. 18.

## Monterey JACL fetes 50th

MONTEREY, Ca.—One of the largest gatherings of the Japanese community here in recent times turned out Sept. 18 for the Monterey Peninsula JACL's 50th Anniversary at the Monterey Holiday Inn.

Among the 356 guests attending the banquet were eight of the 18 charter members, which included: Mr. Teruo "George" Esaki, Mr. Yoneo "John" Gota, Mrs. Aiko Ito, Mr. Seizo Kodani, Mrs. Chizuko Sanda, Mr. James Tabata, Mr. Yoshio "Yo" Tabata, and Mr. Jim Takigawa. Gota also served at master of ceremonies for the evening.

Also attending were National JACL President Floyd Shimomura, NCWNPDC Regional Director George Kondo, District Gov. Yoshio Nakashima, and National Director Ron Wakabayashi.

Shimomura gave an introductory speech, which was followed by a plaque presentation from Nakashima to chapter president Otis Kadani, commemorating the chapter's 50th year. Former Marina Mayor Bob Ouye presented resolutions for Marina

Mayor George Takahashi, Assemblyman Sam Farr and state Sen. Henry Mello, to commemorate the event as well.

Keynote speaker for the evening was Dr. David Yamada, who spoke of the future of the JACL chapter. To ensure survival of the chapter, Yamada proposed that efforts could be made to attract more youth of the community, to seek out new leadership, to become more active in the community at large, while continuing to support and provide existing cultural programs, and the redress movement.

A comprehensive history of the Monterey Chapter, compiled by Yamada, was a significant part of the souvenir booklet given to each family in attendance.

Entertainment was provided by Eiji Hashimoto, who sang two Japanese poems; Michael Hattori, who performed on the koto; Seiko Ito, who performed Japanese dance; a martial arts demonstration by Neil Miyamoto; popular Japanese songs by Mrs. Nayoko Ogisu and Japanese classical dance by Madame Fujima Fukuyo.

Nancy Nakajima and Royal Manaka were co-chairs of the event.

## Pasadena JACL grants scholarship

PASADENA, Ca.—The Pasadena JACL's 1982 Scholarship Award was granted to Dale Hozaki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shigemi Hozaki, at the Pasadena Cultural Institute Bazaar on Oct. 10.

Along with his high scholastic achievements, Dale has shown leadership in school, scouting, church and community services.

## Pioneer Fund helps fund JACL film

SAN FRANCISCO—The Pioneer Fund of Inverness, Ca. recently granted the JACL \$2,500 to help film maker Steven Okazaki complete "Shy Girls: The Return of the Hiroshima Maidens" currently in production.

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### SEP 20-24, 1982 (23)

Chicago: 27-Dr Kenji Kushino.  
Dayton: 19-Ken F Sugawara.  
East Los Angeles: 22-Jane Ozawa.  
Gardena Valley: 22-Bruce T Kaji\*, 1-Roy Peterson, 1-Chiyoko Peterson.  
Japan: 3-Viacheslav Peshkoff.  
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New York: 22-Yoshi T Imai, 26-William K Sakayama.  
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West Valley: 26-Jane Habara.  
National: 2-Loyola Marymount University.

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2-Bruce T Kaji (Gar).

Total this report ..... 12.

### SEP 27-OCT 1, 1982 (11)

Detroit: 10-Roy Oda.  
Fresno: 27-Dr Chester Oji, 1-May M Oji.  
Gardena Valley: 12-Dr Joe C Yoshida.  
Placer County: 18-Richard Nishimura.  
Reedley: 31-Joe Ishii.  
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Snake River: 28-Shigeo Murakami.

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Current total ..... 1,831

### OCTOBER 4-8, 1982 (44)

Boise Valley: 20-Ronnie Y Yokota.  
Chicago: 26-Kazuo Jake Higashuchi, 29-Harry T Ichiyasu\*, 17-Jack Kabumoto, 27-Lincoln Shimidzu.  
Contra Costa: 28-Dr Thomas H Oda.  
Downtown Los Angeles: 8-Ernest Y Doizaki\*.  
Eden Township: 23-Jean S Kawahara, 23-Sam Isami Kawahara.  
French Camp: 17-Bob S Ota.  
Fresno: 30-Dr George M Suda.  
Gardena Valley: 21-George T Yamaguchi.  
Hollywood: 12-Bill H Teragawa.  
Japan: 7-Ichiro Mori.  
Mid-Columbia: 29-Ray Sato.  
Monterey: 27-George Kodama, 26-Kay Kiyoshi Nobusda\*.  
Mount Olympus: 20-Tom K Matsumori.  
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Placer: 14-R E Metzker, 20-Robert Nakamura.  
Puyallup: 27-Dr Sam T Uchiyama.  
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After much debate, the Board passed a motion approving \$13,000 of restricted funds to the Aging and Retirement Committee (ARC), for the purpose of producing an educational videotape on the myths and realities of aging among the Nisei. The Board also delegated the Finance Committee to approve an amount up to \$4,000 in unrestricted funds, pending the receipt of a budget showing the necessary distribution costs from ARC.

Dr. Michael Ego, chair of ARC and an assistant professor in leisure management and aging at CSU Northridge, explained to the Board before the motion was passed that the proposed videotape would be produced by independent filmmaker Henry Ushijima, a three-time Emmy award winner. Ushijima will attempt to carry out the project at a minimal cost, and will offer his own personal services without a fee.

The Board had been concerned over the approval of the additional \$4,000 for the project, because the committee was asking for the funds without presenting a budget that would show more specifically what the funds would be used for. PSWDC Gov. Cary Nishimoto and CCDC Gov. Tony Ishii both felt the Board can't just allocate funds to any committee that asks for it without that committee at least specifying what the money will be used for.

While Nishimoto was not against the concept of the videotape, Ishii questioned whether or not the videotape would be a culmination of ARC's efforts. Ishii wondered if the videotape was simply a "baseline" project, wherein more money would be needed in the future for additional work by the committee.

Ego responded by noting that in order for ARC to carry out workshops, etc., for the Nisei, the tape was necessary as an educational tool—to show Nisei that the normal aging process can be a "positive" one, and that the 20-30 minute tape would also clarify some of the problems and concerns many Nisei face when approaching retirement. Ego noted for the JACL to keep saying that aging and retirement is important and not doing anything about it is "irresponsible." He added, "The membership has paid into this organization (through a solicitation

**Aging/Retirement: Dr. Michael Ego**



## Retirement Video Project

Los Angeles

The Aging and Retirement Committee has been working towards addressing the need for an education and awareness program for the JACL membership. We have been discussing the methods by which we can attain this objective and the success of the Aging and Retirement workshop at the National Convention enabled us to confirm the direction which the committee has taken to meet the objective.

At the October 9 meeting of the National Board, the chair introduced a proposal which requested the sanction and support for a video-cassette project which would be produced and directed by three-time Emmy Award winner, Henry Ushijima. The Board voted to approve the proposal which provides the Aging and Retirement program with a budget of \$17,000 to complete the project. Mr. Ushijima has consented to undertaking the project with no compensation to be paid by JACL.

The video-cassette project will highlight the life of the older Nisei. The average age of the Nisei is 62 years of age with 70% between the ages 55 and 70. Our committee feels that the myths and realities of Nisei aging must be presented accurately to all Nikkei generations so that the expectations of Nisei aging can be clearly understood by all.

We are planning to present the lives of Nisei throughout the United States with Mr. Ushijima travelling to the locations to do the filming. We are asking for your help in defining the true Nisei life experience so that the video-cassette will be representative of the typical Nisei in the United States. After this process has been completed, we will ask for your assistance in identifying those Nisei who exemplify the Nisei experience in their later years. This project incorporates the participation of all JACL chapters and districts, and most importantly, the membership of the JACL.

Our committee would like to see the video-cassette completed by February, 1983, for distribution to the JACL chapters, districts and members. Please forward all comments/suggestions regarding the content that should be included in this video-cassette project to: Lia Shigemura, Program Director, Japanese American Citizens League, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115. Deadline for all correspondence to Lia is Oct. 29.

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The 75th Anniversary Committee of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the Tribute Dinner for Father John Yamazaki's 40th Anniversary in the Ministry gratefully acknowledges the Support, Contributions and Participation of the Community shown at the Celebration held Oct. 3 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

campaign for ARC via Ways and Means Committee). It's about time this organization starts putting this money back out to them."

National Director Ron Wakabayashi said he did not think the videotape could be made within the proposed estimate of \$12,000 to \$13,000. Ushijima, who attended the Board meeting, responded by saying that he would have to plan out the tape to work within that budget, using timetables, etc.

After a lengthy discussion among the Board as to how the motion calling for approval of ARC funds should be worded, Paul Nakasone, Youth Representative, finally came up with a motion which called for the approval of \$13,000 for the project, with an additional amount (up to \$4,000) to be approved by the Finance Committee pending receipt of a detailed budget from ARC.

The motion passed, 9-7. Voting for the motion were Nakasone; Hid Hasegawa, IDC Gov.; Miki Himeno, VP-Plan. and Dev.; Chuck Kubokawa, VP-Pub. Aff.; Frank Sato, Sec. Treas.; Ben Takeshita, VP-Gen. Op.; Alysa Watanabe, Youth Coun. Chair; Homer Yasui, PNWDC Gov.; and Floyd Shimomura, Pres.

Voting against the motion as worded: Ishii, Nishimoto, Teresa Maebori, EDC Gov.; Yosh Nakashima, NCWNPDC Gov.; Ron Shibata, MPDC Gov.; John Tani, MWDC Gov. and Vernon Yoshioka, VP-Memb.

### Independent D.C. Contractor

As passed by the National Council through its approval of the biennial budget, Washington D.C. Representative Ron Ikejiri is now an "independent contractor" for JACL. The Board approved the contract between the League and Ikejiri on Oct. 9.

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# Volunteerism: the force that powers JACL

Following is the text of the 1982 JACL Convention keynote address on "Volunteerism", delivered Aug. 11, 1982, at Hyatt Airport Hotel.

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Mr. Chairman, Honored Guests, Fellow Members of JACL, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am grateful for the privilege of addressing this gathering in which we recognize those who have served JACL with extraordinary fidelity and dedication. For these persons to be so recognized by their own colleagues and peers—people who are most acutely aware of the time and effort expended and the sacrifice involved in that service—is the greatest honor that can befall members of a voluntary organization such as the Japanese American Citizens League, and I am proud to have a part in expressing JACL's homage.

During this 27th biennial convention of JACL, we have heard a great deal about our Japanese American heritage. We will hear much more about it before we head for our respective homes on Saturday. I think that you are aware, at least the older Nisei are aware, that one part of that heritage is the tradition that every public function must have an excessively large number of speakers. Judging by the program, our committee has been true to that tradition.

Another part of that heritage is that every speaker must exceed the time allotted him. Let me assure you that, in deference to the tenderness of your posteriors and in recognition of the fact that the program at this point is only half completed, I intend to shatter that tradition by keeping my remarks brief.

Let me begin with an apocryphal story, which is a fancy way of saying that while the anecdote is of doubtful authenticity, it has a certain pertinency to the occasion. It seems that at one time not long ago it was possible to catch crabs in the sea off the Santa Monica pier near here. Perhaps the crabs are still there, I do not know for sure. In any event a Nisei visitor to the pier, let's say he was a visitor from Colorado, discovered that the crab fishermen were mostly grizzled oldtimers and each of them had a bucket in which to keep his catch. On top of every bucket was a slab of wood which served as a cover, with a brick to weight it down. All except one. This particular bucket was owned by an elderly Issei gentleman. That aroused the visitor's curiosity.

"Ojii-san," he address the Issei, "why do all your friends have wooden covers on their buckets?"

"Simple," the old man said. "That's how they keep their crabs from climbing out."

"Then why don't you have a cover on your bucket?"

"Because," the old Issei replied, "I catch Nisei crabs."

"Nisei crabs? What do you mean by that?"

"I catch Nisei crabs and put them in the bucket. These Nisei crabs fight like hell to get out. But they never do. You know why? Because every time one Nisei crab gets near the top, all the others pull him back down."

Well, the honors being bestowed today on Minoru Yasui and Shig Wakamatsu is proof that the story isn't entirely true. We are here today not to drag them back into the bucket, but to extol their virtues, recognize their dedication, applaud their accomplishments, and express our gratitude.

What they have achieved is in the finest traditions of the volunteerism that has characterized JACL from its very origins. I cannot come up with the name of a single member in our organization's half century of history who sought office in JACL, served on one of its committees, or took part in its various campaigns, purely with personal profit or glory in mind. Rather, the service that JACL volunteers have rendered has been at the sacrifice of vast amounts of time, energy, and even personal funds.

In researching the history of JACL for the book, "JACL in Quest of Justice", which incidentally is to be formally turned over to the Masao Satow Memorial Committee (Aug. 12), I discovered that personal recognition meant so little to the earliest leaders that it was not until four years after the organization was founded that they got around to electing a national president. Until 1934 whoever happened to be president of the chapter hosting the national convention was considered the national president. Thus, the record shows that Clarence Arai of Seattle was the first national president, Dr. George Takeyama of Los Angeles was the second, and Dr. Terry T. Hayashi of San Francisco was the third president before Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe of Fresno became the first elected head of the national organization.

At JACL's fourth biennial convention at Seattle in 1936, the



matter of paying the travel expenses of national officials came up for the first time. After considerable discussion it was agreed to pay some of the expenses to the national convention for the president, executive secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer and the three vice presidents. They were to be reimbursed for rail fare, not to exceed two cents per mile, and not including meals or Pullman berth. What JACL was saying was that its national officers could attend the convention at organizational expense, but if they wanted to sleep or eat, they were on their own.

In addition, the president and executive secretary were voted \$150 each for official travel expenses during their two-year terms, and \$120 annually for stenographic help. Parenthetically, it might be noted that round-trip air fare between Seattle and Los Angeles at the time was \$113.29.

This meant that Jimmie Sakamoto, who was elected president at the 1936 Seattle convention, was being given funds adequate for only one official trip to Los Angeles if he depended on the hospitality of friends for room and meals. Sakamoto was the publisher of a nearly bankrupt weekly newspaper and was hardly in position to reach into his own pockets to finance the missionary work required of a JACL leader. Nonetheless, at great personal sacrifice, he made official calls on many chapters to preach the gospel of JACL.

Another of JACL's founding fathers, the revered Saburo Kido, almost failed to attend the founding convention in Seattle in 1930. Kido was a struggling young attorney at the time and his law practice was bringing in an average of forty dollars a month. He and his wife, Mine, were living on her one hundred dollar a month income as a sales clerk in a Grant Avenue gift shop. Kido couldn't justify going to Seattle on borrowed money despite his dedication to JACL. The San Francisco chapter raised enough funds to help Kido pay for the trip. His service to

■ When you use the word Asian, I feel that I cannot speak for other Asian groups because I really don't know what's happening in all the other Asian groups and I will not pretend to. I think the key thing is to respect our individuality, respect our differences, and also commonalities.—Tom Kim (1979).

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JACL during the war years is too well known to need detailing here. Let me just say that he turned down many professional opportunities because of his sense of duty to the national organization in Salt Lake City during its period of greatest crisis.

Another JACL founder with the same sense of duty was Dr. Yatabe who relocated to Chicago after barely escaping with his life when he was attacked by disgruntled evacuees in an Arkansas WRA camp. JACL was badly in need of a representative in Chicago. When Kido asked him to serve, Yatabe did not hesitate even though there was a shortage of dentists and he was anxious to begin practice.

There are other stories of selfless service, too numerous to recount here. But I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the contribution of the wives and families of JACL's volunteer workers. It would not have been possible for these individuals to devote so much time and energy to the organization without the approval and cooperation of their families, and to them we are as deeply indebted as to the volunteers themselves.

Volunteerism was, and still is, the force that powers JACL. For the first eleven years of its history JACL did not have a single paid employee. But eventually the burdens became too heavy and complex to be carried by volunteers who had their

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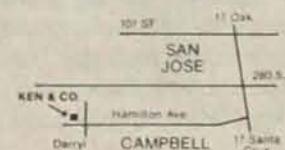
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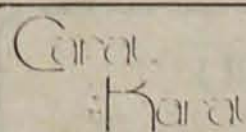
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own personal responsibilities. You will recall that Mike Masaoka was hired as the first salaried employee of JACL in the summer of 1941, although the word salary is hardly appropriate for the pay he drew. To meet the needs of the war years, the salaried staff was enlarged, but because of the continued shortage of funds they worked for a pittance, barely enough to live on, even though lucrative employment opportunities were numerous.

The organization had authorized salaries of \$150 per month. When it became apparent JACL soon would be bankrupt, these employees voluntarily agreed to cut their pay in half and JACL gratefully accepted their offer. It was an overwhelming sense of duty that kept these men and women working for an organization that was dedicated to public service.

That sense of duty has not been diminished by our liberation from the discrimination and prejudice that held us in semi-bondage for so long. Volunteerism lives and continues to thrive.

The remarkable thing about all this is that our volunteer leaders were not poor-mouthing complaints about the majority's insensitivity, the government's unfairness, or the dirty deal that life had dealt us. They were too busy to sulk and pout and bitch. They simply saw jobs that needed to be done, and they went ahead and did them without fanfare of expectation of reward. And that is the secret of their achievement. It would have been easy to sit back and complain; our volunteers chose instead to work, perform, accomplish. They willingly shouldered responsibilities commensurate with the opportunities they perceived, and for that we must be grateful.

To be totally objective about our history, we must recognize of course that often we were badly treated. We were called on to make unnecessary sacrifices, to bear up under unfair burdens, to face unjust treatment. Our volunteer leaders demonstrated for us how to cope and ultimately to triumph without bitterness nor thought of revenge. The triumph was in succeeding at what we set out to do, and those objectives were worthy.

Two stories that appeared in Time Magazine last January articulate eloquently the message I wish to leave with you. They were part of a lengthy report on children of war-torn nations around the world who have been faced with violence and sorrow they did not deserve. I would like to read them to you. The first is an interview with a boy named Nop Narith in a refugee camp in Thailand for Cambodians. Here is Nop Narith speaking:

"When the soldiers came to my house, they took our whole family away. Me they took to a mobile team. I never saw my

parents again. But I have a photograph of my father. My father was worried that I could not take care of myself. Yet I feel guarded by his spirit. I dreamed that I saw him, and he promised his spirit would protect me. In the dream he told me to gain knowledge and take revenge on his killers."

The interviewer asks: "Do you seek revenge against the soldiers, then?"

"Yes."

"What do you mean by revenge?"

And the boy replies: "Revenge is to make a bad man better than before."

The second story is about another Cambodian boy named Kim Seng, whose mother dies in a refugee camp.

The neighbor and his wife carried Kim Seng's mother to the burial ground, the boy walking behind them. Kim Seng was quite weak and thin. The neighbors buried his mother, burned incense, and departed. Then Kim Seng knelt by the grave and burned three incense sticks of his own. Finally he took a handful of dirt from each of his parent's graves, poured it together in his hands, and beseeched his dead parents to look after him. He then returned to the mobile team. The interviewer asked:

"Do you feel your parents' spirit inside you now?"

"Yes, it talks to me. It tells me that I must gain knowledge and get a job. I would like to be an airplane pilot."

"Does your spirit still tell you to get revenge?"

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The D.C. Representative would be compensated in the amount of \$48,000 per annum over the next two years, which would cover salaries, office rental space, supplies, travel and other expenses incurred while on JACL business.

### PNWDC Regional Director

In an unrelated personnel matter, Karen Seriguchi, formerly the Pacific Northwest District Regional Secretary, was reclassified as the PNWDC's new Regional Director, it was announced during the Board meeting.

### Committee Chairs

Several committee chairs were confirmed during the meeting, but vacancies remain. Those committee chairs, monitored by VP Miki Himeno include:

Aging and Retirement—Dr. Michael Ego, New Age Chapter; Scholarship—J.D. Hokoyama, Downtown L.A.; National Youth Council—Alysa Watanabe, Detroit, and Paul Nakasone (Youth Rep.); Japanese American Research Project—Shig Wakamatsu, Chicago.

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The International Relations Committee has also been divided into two subcommittees, one for the Pan American Nikkei Assn.—chaired by Luis Yamakawa of the Latin America Chapter, and one for U.S.-Japan Relations, which is currently vacant.

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