

Gardena rescinds its 1942 'Evacuation' resolution

GARDENA, Ca.—Forty years ago, at the height of anti-Japanese hysteria in California following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, a group known as the Civilian Defense Council of the City of Gardena called on the City's Mayor Wayne A. Bogart and the City Council to endorse the forced evacuation from the West Coast of alien Japanese, solely on the basis of their race.

The Civilian Defense Council felt that since Gardena already had a large population of "both alien and citizen Japanese" other aliens displaced from restricted defense areas by federal order would flood into their city.

The defense council and the City Council sent the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors a copy of a resolution passed on Feb. 17, 1942 urging the board to use "every effort to locate these people immediately on farming lands or other locations remote from the coast where they can be of use to the defense effort and the local civilian population will be protected and will not be burdened with caring for them."

"Be It Further Resolved," the document continued, "that be-

cause of the present emergency facing the Gardena Valley that these people be removed from our midst immediately."

Current Gardena Mayor Pro Tem Mas Fukai, a Nisei, introduced Oct. 26 a motion calling for the invalidation of the 40-year old Civilian Defense Council/City Council resolution, and further moved that another resolution, calling attention to unquestioned loyalty of Japanese aliens and Japanese Americans during WWII, the sacrifices of Japanese American veterans in the service of the United States and the suffering of Japanese aliens and Japanese Americans in internment camps.

Fukai, a former inmate of an internment camp for Japanese Americans and a veteran of the Korean War, told his council colleagues he felt a copy of the new resolution should be sent to every city and county on the West Coast which passed anti-Japanese resolutions in order to set the historical record straight.

Fukai's motion was passed unanimously by the Gardena council. Casting affirmative votes were Mayor Don Dear, James Cragin, Gwen Duffy, Paul Tsukahara and Fukai.

Asians will surpass blacks as 2nd largest minority in Calif.

PALO ALTO, Ca.—By the year 2000, Asians will overtake blacks as California's No. 2 minority group, according to a recent study conducted by an economic think tank here.

A report issued by the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy also noted that minorities will comprise nearly half of the state's population by the turn of the century.

According to the 1980 Census, Asians account for 6.7% of the state's 23.7 million residents, while blacks comprised 7.5%. But the report projects that by the year 2000, California's population will have grown to 31.5 million and Asians will have increased at a rate estimated between 96.5% and 102.1%.

Using "low" and "high" alternative projections—based on different assumptions about total immigration into California in the 1980-2000 period, the study indicates that Asians will have a low immigration-high immigration figure of 9.8% and 10% by the year 2000, while blacks will have figures of 7.1% and 7.6%.

Latinos, the center's study noted, will nearly double from the current 4.5 million to as many as 8.9 million over the next two decades. Their proportion in the state will rise from 19.2% to more than 25%. Latinos are now the state's largest minority group.

In Los Angeles, a study conducted by USC projects that the Asian population of this county will jump from its present 5.8% to 12% in the year 2000 if present trends continue.

According to the 1980 Census, the total population of the county is 7,477,503, and the number of Asian and Pacific Islanders numbered 434,850 or 5.8%.

The USC study said that because of the continued exodus of whites from the county to suburbs in outlying counties, Los Angeles' minority populations would show significant increases.

Former WRA director Dillon S. Myer dies

SILVER SPRING, Md.—Dillon Seymour Myer, former director of the War Relocation Authority from 1942 to 1946, died Oct. 21 of cardiac arrest at a nursing home here. He was 91.

Myer, son of a farmer and a soil conservationist with the Agriculture Department, was named to the WRA post by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1942, when 110,000 Nikkei, two-thirds of them American-born citizens, were evacuated from the West Coast and placed in hastily-constructed "assembly centers" and later moved to "relocation" camps.

Recalling his experience as director of the camps, Myer told the Washington Post in 1972: "...it took me about one trip to find out this was something that shouldn't be done. It was a very inhuman thing to do."

By 1943, Myer made efforts to resettle internees in Eastern and Midwestern cities of the U.S. While



Dillon S. Myer

numerous Nikkei families were relocated to these new areas, mainly through the efforts of church and

Matsui says CWRIC report may be due soon

SAN FRANCISCO—Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Sacramento) said Oct. 27 that the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians will be prepared to issue its report by mid-December, but an extension of time for the CWRIC may be granted, depending on whether legislation in the Congress will pass.

Matsui spoke to an audience of about 50 Japanese Americans during a campaign reception for his fellow colleague, Rep. Phillip Burton (D-San Francisco).

As mandated by legislation, the CWRIC must file its report to the Congress and the President by Dec. 31. Matsui indicated that legislation is pending in both the House of Representatives and Senate to authorize additional funding for the CWRIC and that there was some possibility of an extension for the reporting date of the commission.

Matsui explained to the audience that convincing his colleagues in Congress of the injustices stemming from the World War II internment is a difficult task that he and others sympathetic to the issue must face.

He cited examples of liberal colleagues from the Midwest and the East who said to him they could not or would find it difficult to support compensation for Japanese Americans.

Perhaps 1985

Matsui noted that getting congressional approval of legislation which created the CWRIC was "relatively easy" compared to what lies ahead with a reparations bill. Successful legislation for redress probably isn't foreseeable before 1985, he added.

In response to questions about a bill proposed by Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Lynwood), which called for individual compensation for former internees, Matsui said he believes the Dymally bill probably will not even report out of the House committee. Matsui added that Dymally's bill does not have co-sponsorship in the House.

Although Matsui was unequivocal in stating that he does not oppose the Dymally bill, he said that appropriations bills have generally been unsuccessful with the current Congress because of the difficult fiscal problem facing the nation.

Therefore, he feels it is unlikely that the Dymally bill will gain committee approval. Matsui also said that it has been the position

A-Bomb survivor returns to Nagasaki for medical care

NAGASAKI—Kuniko Nakashima Weber covered her face and broke into tears upon her arrival here, where she was greeted by Teruaki Ohbo of the Dept. of Hibakusha Welfare and given permission to enter the city's Atomic Bomb Hospital.

Mrs. Weber, 13 years old at the time of the Nagasaki bombing, has been suffering from severe radiation-related medical problems for the past 30 years. This was her first trip back to Japan in 20 years. She lives in Portland, Ore., with her husband, Francis. Francis did not travel with Kuniko as he has just started a new job and expressed some anxiety about not being with her. "I feel kind of helpless, not to be with her. The doctors in Nagasaki don't know if they can help her. Repairing the spinal and nerve damage in her back may not be possible."

The story of Mrs. Weber's health and financial difficulties was recently reported in numerous Nikkei papers. Many readers responded with donations to send her to Nagasaki where the Japanese government provides free medical treatment to Hiroshima and Nagasaki victims.

Mr. Weber thanked the many donors who provided her airplane fare. The Friends of Hibakusha, a San Francisco-based support group for Japanese American A-bomb survivors, noted that the fundraising campaign was very successful and that they had raised enough money to send another survivor to Japan for treatment. Weber stated that "whether or not the Nagasaki hospital can help Kuniko, I am still touched that so many people cared. I don't know how to repay them."

Rev. Nobuaki Hanaoka thanked the Japanese American newspapers

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of his fellow members of Congress that they are deferring final judgement on any type of legislative solution or legislative strategy until they have had an opportunity to review and evaluate the findings of the CWRIC.

Matsui said he supports the idea of compensation and stressed the importance of the Japanese American community rallying behind one bill for redress.

Reagan signs bill on Amerasian immigration

WASHINGTON—President Reagan signed legislation Oct. 22 to make it easier for thousands of Asian-born children of American servicemen to enter the United States, and he bid them all "Welcome home."

In a ceremony in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, Reagan called the legislation "a major step of facing up to the moral responsibility which we can't ignore." He spoke before the sponsors of the bill and a group of children representing the Amerasians.

The President, acknowledging that many children left behind when the fathers returned to the United States were "ostracized," said, "Instead of saying welcome to these children, we should say, 'Welcome home.'"

Congressional backers of the measure, which passed both houses just hours before adjournment earlier this month, said the law was the first official United States acknowledgment of children fathered by American servicemen since 1950 and abandoned in Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and Cambodia.

More than 4,000 children of American servicemen were stranded in Vietnam alone after

the American withdrawal from Indochina in 1975. Vietnam recently permitted 36 of them to emigrate to the United States. Fifty-five more await permission, and the others have not been documented yet as the children of Americans.

Because of their mixed parentage, many of the Amerasian children have suffered extreme discrimination in the lands of their birth.

Under previous immigration laws, Amerasian children were allowed to apply for entry only under the lowest priority of seven immigration categories. In most cases, consideration of such applications has taken 10 years or longer.

The bill signed by the President provides for the children to immigrate under the first and fourth categories, giving them the same priority for entry into the United States as all other sons and daughters of American citizens.

The law provides that proof of United States paternity for the Amerasian children will be determined by the State Department and United States immigration officials, relying on baptismal certificates, local records, photographs, letters and to some extent physical appearance.

Redress sought for JAs fired by L.A. County during WW2

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn intends to introduce an ordinance which would compensate Japanese American county employees who were forced to retire or take a leave of absence during World War II because of their ancestry. The Rafu Shimpō reported Oct. 25.

Hahn made his intentions known in a letter to his Board of Supervisors colleagues—Pete Schabarum, Edmund Edelman, Deane Dana and Michael Antonovich—dated Oct. 21.

The Hahn proposal follows the passage of Assemblyman Patrick Johnston's AB 2710, which offers \$5,000 compensation to state employees terminated in 1942 because they were Japanese Americans.

"It is only fair and just that the County of Los Angeles compensate these employees in a similar manner as did the State of California," Hahn wrote the other four supervisors.

Basically, the Hahn ordinance would authorize the filing of claims for reparations by all county employees who were forced to leave county service by county administrative action as a result of the outbreak of World War II. The

measure would include Nikkei rejected for county jobs during their probationary period or those who voluntarily resigned from their county jobs in 1942.

Under the terms of the proposed ordinance, reparations would be paid for salary losses incurred during the years 1942 through 1947. Claims would be filed with the county's Chief Administrative Office, which would determine the eligibility of each claimant.

The law, researched and drafted by Hahn's deputy Mas Fukai, provides for the payment of \$1,250 a year for up to four years to each claimant.

Hahn's ordinance would make these payments available only to the persons actually affected by the county's actions and not heirs or estates.

Fukai has been in close contact with Priscilla Ouchida, Assemblyman Johnston's Sansei aide who was instrumental in drafting and lobbying for the state bill.

A review of county files has shown that approximately 35 former employees would be eligible for the \$5,000 reparations payments, according to Fukai.

USC/Asian journalist program attracts over 60 students

LOS ANGELES—More than 60 students from throughout Southern California learned about journalism careers and job-finding skills at the AAJA's second annual student open house Saturday, Oct. 9, at USC.

The first morning panel, titled "Getting Your First Job," included a mix of panelists representing just about every aspect of print and broadcast journalism. Discussing print feature reporting was Elaine Woo of the Herald Examiner; print hard-news reporting, Victor Merina of the Los Angeles Times; broadcast reporting, Tritia Toyota, of KNBC-TV; broadcast production, Russ Kishi of KNXT-TV; radio/public affairs broadcasting, Sharon Maeda of Pacifica Radio; cable television, Frank Kwan of KNBC-TV; and magazine/ethnic reporting, Gerald Jann of Jade Magazine. Moderating the panel was KNBC-TV news producer Stan Kawakami.

These panelists generally agreed that being Asian American no longer carried the same kind of advantage in getting a job as it did in the late 1960s and early 1970s during the height of the movement toward equal opportunity. Now, panelists agreed, Asian Americans must hone their skills and be more aggressive than others in seeking jobs. Once hired, Asian Americans often must work harder and longer to prove they are qualified for the job.

The second sessions, split into

L.A. dancer to solo with Ballet of Canada

TORONTO, Ont.—The National Ballet of Canada announced Yoko Ichino of Los Angeles as a first soloist for the 1982-83 season. Now a freelancing international artist, she was soloist with the American Ballet Theater (1977-78) and performed with the Joffrey Ballet and Stuttgart Ballet.

print and broadcast components, were entitled "Preparing for Your First Job." For the broadcast session, Karen Lee of KNBC-TV discussed internships, Sharon Maeda described resume-writing skills and Gina Lew of KCST-TV in San Diego talked about interviewing techniques. Linda Chang of KNBC-TV moderated.

For the print session, Sophia Kim of the Times discussed internships, Bill Sing of the Times described resume skills and Annie Nakao of the Herald Examiner discussed interviewing. Teresa Watanabe of the Herald Examiner moderated.

Students attending the open house came from such schools as USC, UCLA, Cal State Northridge, Cal State Dominguez Hills, Cal State LA, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Fullerton, UC Riverside, San Diego State, Pomona, and others. Many are expected to join AAJA as student members.

● Awards

Leslie N. Nakegawa daughter of the Clayton Nakegawas, Sacramento, was named the 1982-83 winner of the \$400 Nisei-Mary C. Baker Memorial Scholarship. She is a CSU-Fresno senior majoring in communication disorders with emphasis on the deaf. She intends to become a teacher of the deaf. In the event she is unable to accept the award, the alternate selection was Chiu-Hung Cheung, graduate student from Hong Kong in social work. The 1982-83 Hubert Phillips Scholarship for minorities at CSU-Fresno was awarded to Rebecca Rodriguez of Fowler, graduate student in social work. Japanese Americans had contributed a substantial amount to establish the scholarship in gratitude for Dr. Phillips' longtime concern for the welfare of Japanese Americans.



Toyo Miyatake Photo
Courtesy Rafu Shimpō

WOMEN WARRIORS—Among the honorees at the Asian/Pacific Women's Network's Second Annual "Women Warrior Awards" on Oct. 24 were (from left): Monterey Park Councilwoman Lily Chen; KNBC-TV news anchor Tritia Toyota; and KTLA producer Sumi Haru. During the ceremonies, held at the Blue Ribbon Room of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles, actress Jane Fonda was also feted.

Sansei survives 9 day sea ordeal

TORONTO—Last October, Canadian Sansei Dr. Eric Hatashita left this city, drove through the United States, flew to Hawaii, then sailed to New Zealand. Then in June he met a 60-year old seaman, Alex Peeling, who was looking for a crew to sail his 33-foot sailboat, the Bilbo Baggins, to Fiji.

Hatashita, 28, signed on along with two American women, and

the four hit Fiji in two weeks. So far, so good, the Japanese Canadian thought.

Then, they decided to island hop for awhile. But once off shore, the Bilbo Baggins lost its rudder and the quartet began to drift. They ran out of food and water in two days, then floated for another seven.

On the ninth day, parched, starving and nearly mad, they saw a ship and sent up a flare. They were rescued by the cruise ship, Sitmar, which sailed them to Australia.

Eric, the son of former Canadian Olympic judo coach Frank Hatashita, lost all but his passport, cash and credit cards. The others lost everything. But worst of all, they lost the Bilbo Baggins. It's still bobbing out there somewhere in the South Pacific.

Meanwhile, Dr. Hatashita, who made all the Australian front pages (and lost 20 pounds in the process), still has wanderlust. He plans to sail to Greece next.

● Press Row

Diane Yen-Mei Wong, former executive director of the Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs, was recently named associate editor of East/West, the prominent Chinese American newspaper published in San Francisco. Wong, well known to many in Seattle's Asian community, served as director of the State Commission from September 1978 to May 1980 and previously worked as a Legal Services attorney in the International District. Of her new job as editor of East/West's English section, Wong said she hopes the paper will "cover a broader range of Pan-Asian news and Asian American community news."

Seattle Woman wins back job in discrimination ruling

SEATTLE—A King County Superior Court judge upheld a ruling of the city's Civil Service Commission ordering the reinstatement of two female fire department workers who lost their jobs due to "manipulated" cutbacks in the 1982 budget.

Superior Court Judge Roselle Perkelis Oct. 18 said the Civil Service Commission acted properly when it found that the budget to eliminate the fire department manipulated jobs of fire prevention aides Lois Nagamatsu and Linda Schulz.

Pekelis ordered the city to pay the two women about \$24,000 each in back wages for a seven-month period, said attorney Paul Wallstrom.

Wallstrom said his clients argued that their jobs were eliminated because they were considered troublemakers. Nagamatsu and Schulz had filed a discrimination complaint against Fire Marshal Bobby Lee Hansen before they were laid off.

The city contended the commission had no authority to order workers reinstated to jobs that the city council had eliminated.

Pekelis said the city's stance would render the commission "powerless" and cripple the personnel system. She also rejected the city's claim that the commission's ruling weren't substantiated.

Despite the ruling, the city last week indicated that it doesn't want to pay Nagamatsu and Schulz the \$24,000 in back wages.

Bruce Hilyer, attorney for Seattle Mayor Charles Royer said the city will appeal Judge Pekelis's order on the back pay. However, he said the city would abide by her order to reinstate the two women to similar positions in other departments.

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100/442/MIS Museum Fdn. to meet

SAN FRANCISCO—The 100th/442nd/MIS Museum Foundation is currently forming a permanent organization to maintain the archives and memorabilia of the Nisei veterans during World War II. The foundation will hold a conference to discuss this and other matters on Nov. 20, 10 a.m. at the Christ United Presbyterian Church on 1700 Sutter St. Veterans and non-veterans from across the country are invited to attend; for more info call Tom Kawaguchi (415) 222-0518; Tad Hirota, 526-8626 or Chet Tanaka 530-1131.

In Los Angeles, the Historical Society of Southern California will hold a reception and private tour of the "Go For Broke" exhibit at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. For more info call (213) 222-0546.

Stonebridge sets 'Moonlight Serenade'

ORANGE, Ca.—Stonebridge Productions will present "A Moonlight Serenade" at the R.M.S. Queen Mary in Long Beach on Friday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m. The theme of this dinner/dance is geared toward Nisei who would like to reminisce, socialize and dance with old friends.

Music of the 1930s and 1940s will be provided by the Stonebridge 14 piece band. For tickets (\$22.50 per person, dinner/dance; or \$12.50 per person for dance only) call Gerald M. Ishibashi (714) 639-1007 or (213) 488-9868.

Sac'to Asian Center to hold auction

SACRAMENTO—The Asian Community Center of Sacramento Valley will hold its second annual "Holiday Auction" on Saturday, Nov. 6, 5-10 p.m. at the Sacramento Buddhist Church Kaikan, 2401 Riverside Blvd.

AAC is a non-profit organization which initiates and sponsors programs for senior citizens and immigrants in this area since 1972. The proceeds of the auction will go to operating expenses. Numerous items from arts and crafts to commercial products will go on sale. For more info call (916) 444-2678.

Authors seeking art works of WW2 camps

PHILADELPHIA—Two authors are currently seeking any Nikkei who may have sketched or painted pictures of their World War II internment camp experiences. The authors, Deborah Gesensway and Mindy Roseman, are composing a book focusing on artists' visual and oral accounts of the Japanese American incarceration.

Persons interested in responding to their query should contact them c/o The Japanese American Relocation Project, 626 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19106; (215) 925-6795.

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JACCC Library to open

LOS ANGELES—The Franklin D. Murphy Library of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center will have its grand opening on Monday, Nov. 22, it was announced by Victor Okim, Library director.

Since his appointment in September, Okim has worked closely with Prof. Yukio Fujino of the National University of Library and Information Science in Japan to develop a philosophy and policies for the library and to begin its book collection.

Okim sees the Murphy Library at the JACCC functioning as a reference center for information pertaining to Japanese Americans and to Japan. Books in both the English and Japanese languages will be available, both for reference and for recreational reading.

Initial library hours will be from 12 noon to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays through Fridays and on Sunday. Saturday hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Mondays and on holidays when the JACCC Center Building is closed.

In time, Okim expects to offer such programs as poetry readings, lectures, seminars, film and slide presentations as well as story-telling to make full use of the library's audio-visual facilities.

Okim expressed appreciation to donors who have recently presented the library with collection of books. Kazuo Shiroyama, who received a set of "Ukiyo-e Taikai" published by Shueisha from Prof. Terutake Sato of Chuo University, donated the set to the Murphy Library. Mr. and Mrs. Michio Kaneko donated complete sets of the works of such outstanding Japanese writers as Akutagawa, Mori,

Shimazaki and Dazai, published by Chikuma Shobo.

The Japan Foundation, whose grant enabled the JACCC to obtain the consultation services of Fujino for three months, also donated a representative set of books on Japan in English. Professor Fujino is an expert on books about Japan written in foreign languages.

Large sets of books previously

donated include a set on Japan's foreign relations authored by Dr. Morinosuke Kajima, contributed by the Kajima Construction Co., and a set on Japanese art history, presented by the Tenrikyo Church.

Okim said the the JACCC library would particularly appreciate donations of Japanese paperback books, both fiction and non-fiction. Prospective donors are asked to contact Okim at 628-2725.

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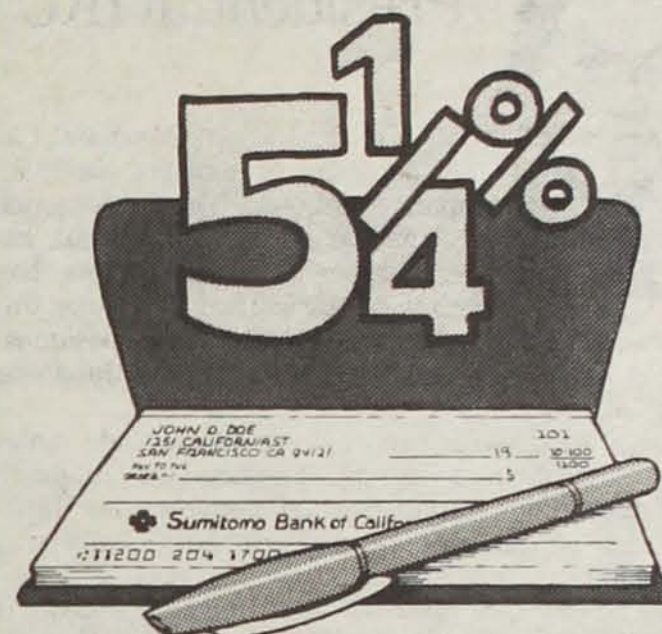
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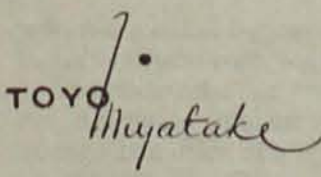
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A new day is dawning in U.S.-Japan relations. The emergence of Japan as an industrial equal, rather than as a junior partner has forced all concerned with this important relationship to re-evaluate their positions. This is true with JACL and the entire Japanese American community.

During World War II, we were thrown into American concentration camps. Because the majority population made no distinction between the Japanese and we Japanese Americans, our loyalty was questioned.

The courageous descent was misinterpreted. It took our blood on the battlefield and the tremendous effort on all our part to prove what should have never been questioned—our loyalty to this nation of immigrants.

However, this tragic misidentification with Japan made us wary of "foreign entanglements." JACL, reflecting the sentiment, has concentrated primarily on domestic and local issues affecting Japanese Americans.

But the growing permanent presence of Japan in the U.S. economy and the friction and backlash which this creates has shattered the old distinction between domestic and international issues. The Japanese are no longer "over there." They are here. Their economic, political and cultural presence radiate into the heart of America, and this presence affects us.

Over the past few years, a growing consensus has emerged that JACL must define a new policy to meet this new reality. But what? The National Council at the Gardena Convention last August passed a resolution mandating that "JACL become involved in matters of concern in the American/Japanese partnership." But this same resolution—reflecting the experience of the past—also cautioned that this involvement must be pursued "with adequate care that JACL does not either in image or in fact, become a 'front' or propagandist for Japan."

The resolution also called for the drafting of "long-range goals" and "specific actions" for improving U.S.-Japan relations.

Since the National Convention, I have consulted widely on this issue. Knowledgeable persons have all indicated to me the supreme importance of this issue to JACL. Official U.S. and Japanese attitudes towards Japanese Americans and JACL appear to be changing at the same time we are re-evaluating our thinking about our role. There is much for JACL to learn and contribute if we are to play a constructive part.

Because of the importance of defining a new JACL role, I have decided to recommend that the JACL International Relations Committee, dealing with U.S.-Japan issues, be elevated to a special "Presidential Committee" reporting directly to myself as National President and the National Board. The Committee's work has already begun.

Evolution of a new JACL policy will take time and I believe we must advance slowly. Nevertheless, we must move forward not only to comfort the problems that may lie ahead, but also to realize the great opportunities that may also await us.

35 Years Ago

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

NOVEMBER 8, 1947

Oct. 30—JACL representatives attend Arlington National Cemetery honoring first group of U.S. war dead from Pacific theater for reburial.

Nov. 1—Pacific Southwest JACL District Council holds its first meeting at Miyako Hotel (Little Tokyo); Rep. G. L. McDonough keynote speaker at DC banquet held at Clark Hotel; Frank Chuman elected district chair.

Nov. 3—Bodies of Nisei GIs killed in France begin long trek back for reburial in U.S. cemeteries. U.S. cemetery at Epinal (15 miles from Bruyeres) is being closed.

Nov. 4—Fresno judge Ernest Klette orders Ichizo Kitahara farms, purchased in name of his Nisei children in alleged violation of alien land law, escheated to State.

Nov. 8—JACL/PC lauds Nobel Peace Prize for 1947 accorded to American Friends Service Committee.

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: by Ron Ikejiri



Scapegoats Again

Washington

As we in the United States become increasingly uncertain of our economic security and social stability, attacking the nearest perceived cause of our problems becomes an acceptable and fashionable way of venting our frustrations.

In a major city in Virginia, for example, a General Motors Corporation dealership proudly displays a billboard that reads "Get your JAP zipper here"—a crude attempt to elicit the "Buy American" emotion within us.

For Japanese Americans the racist term *Jap* is a fighting word—just as *nigger*, *dago*, *kike*, or *spick* are for other American groups. Certainly racist name-calling is not new, but it has generally been thought of, at least in the 1980's, as a schoolyard habit.

Yet, in a hardly innocent way, many politicians, journalists, and others who mold U.S. public opinion use name-calling to blur the real causes of our economic and social problems (e.g., inflation, unemployment, low productivity).

When name-calling goes beyond a schoolyard nuisance, it becomes scapegoating. Misdirected and unfair anti-ethnic sentiments then become an acceptable part of our lives. This habit hinders our efforts to find the real causes of our problems.

In recent months, largely as a result of the economic problems related to Japanese imported goods, anti-Japanese sentiments within this country have intensified. These sentiments oftentimes overflow to other Asian and Pacific American groups. The reason for this is that even today, many Americans equate *American* with *white*. Other skin colors are still generally associated with non-American (or even anti-American) cultures.

Japanese Americans are victims of this tendency. When the public refuses to distinguish between Japanese Americans and Japanese nationals, Japanese Americans suffer the consequences. They're not trusted.

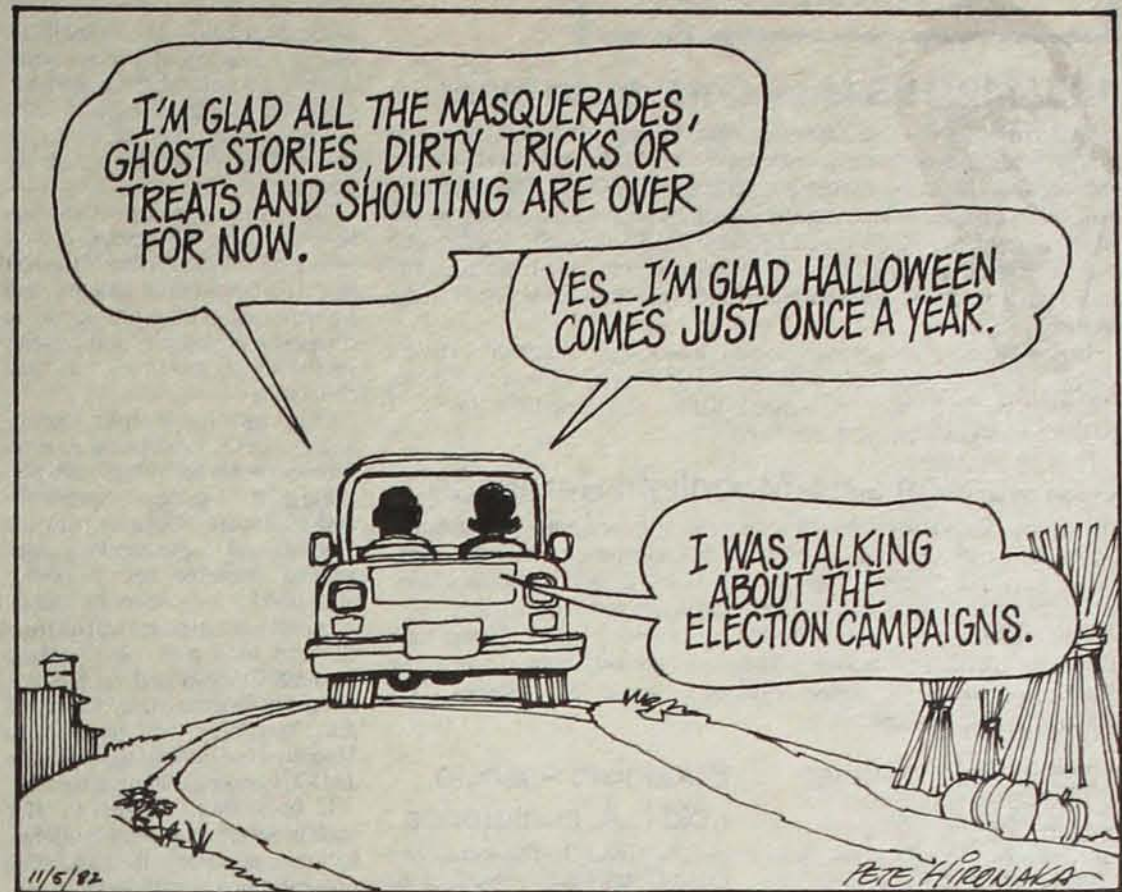
This mistrust, of course, is not new. Forty years ago, during World War II, Japanese American were interned in 10 concentration camps, many for the duration of the War. (On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, the effect of which was to legitimize the internment of 110,000 Japanese Americans in "relocation" centers.)

What we're witnessing today is the resurrection of the stereotype so popular in the 1940's: the Japanese American as sneaky, inscrutable, sly, subversive. The mass media fosters this fraudulent image. And educational institutions, through their failure to present an accurate and balanced treatment of Japanese Americans, perpetuate it.

Many supposedly enlightened educational leaders still cling to a "positive" version of this stereotype; they label children of Japanese ancestry "clever." Teachers and administrators often expect Japanese American students to be passive, highly motivated learners, particularly skillful in math and science, rather slow in language and literature. These expectations place a terrible burden on Japanese American students.

I do not doubt the goodwill of our teachers. But I do think that they have to do more—as we all do—to guarantee that we see each other without preconceptions.

Maybe we ought to put a cloth over the Statue of Liberty, cover it up for a while, and really come to grips with ourselves, with who we are and what we want to become. We need to



ponder why people from other cultures come here. My feeling is that the United States remains the last, best hope for people who want to live with dignity.

But if we are to remain a sanctuary of hope, we'll need to learn to let people retain their ethnicity without our making a parody of that ethnicity. We can't continue to think of people with a Japanese and any other ethnic background as one-dimensional.

We need to learn that ethnic identities, like personal identities, are dynamic rather than static. That's a lesson with the power to dissolve the stereotypes that demean so many of our citizens and bring pain to our children. It's also a lesson that any curriculum can accommodate.

Redress: Moving Apace

By MIN YASUI
JACL National Redress Chair

Denver, Colo.

The newly-elected 1982-84 National JACL Board, at its initial quarterly session assembled on Oct. 8-10, in San Francisco, formally ratified the re-appointment of Min Yasui of Denver as chairman of the JACL National Committee for Redress, and approved a \$100,000 redress budget from Oct. 1, 1982 through Sept. 30, 1983.

John Tateishi, who has already given 4½ years to this effort, was retained as National Redress Director for JACL. Continuity and increasing impetus will be maintained. Events are moving apace, so that the climatic push may come sooner than anticipated.

The JACL National Committee for Redress will be reconstituted by appointments to be made by Min Yasui, with the advice and counsel of all JACL district governors. The principal functions of the JACL redress committee will be to study, evaluate and make recommendations for an official position of JACL on the "Final Report and Recommendations" of the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC). That report may be released by mid-December, if Congress does not further extend the life of CWRIC beyond Dec. 31. Or, if additional appropriations are given by Congress, the Final Report may be put off until the early part of next year.

Regardless of the timing of that report, JACLers everywhere should have hopefully watched the elections on Nov. 2—to know who was elected to Congress. Contacts must be made with all members of the 98th Congress, preparatory to having a JACL-initiated bill introduced. Strategies must be planned as to sponsorship by key members of Congress. Preparations must be made for Congressional hearings on the bill. Thereafter, a major push is essential to engender nation-wide groundswell of support. All JACL chapters and JACLers everywhere, as well as non-JACLers, can play key roles in this undoubtedly enormous effort, because we must have grassroots help from all 50 states.

If you have contacts in other states, outside the West Coast, and aside from the states in the Midwest and East, where we have active JACL chapters, please send names and addresses to the National JACL Redress Office, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.

Please keep in mind that such contacts need not be exclusively Nikkei. We need the supportive voices of influential individuals who are active in business, churches, labor, political action groups, women, educators, minorities, civil rights activists, media, governmental departments and agencies, community groups, and the whole gamut! Remember that in 1942, those voices were stilled, except to stridently call for our banishment from the West Coast.

We cannot know the exact timing of events yet to come. But, we do know that the time to prepare for eventual success is NOW!!!



Heart Mountain Country—40 Years Later

Cody, Wyoming
It's been 40 years since they built the barracks town at the foot of brooding Heart Mountain midway between the cowboy and oil town of Cody and the farming community of Powell. Forty sun-drenched summers and 40 fierce Wyoming winters. The mountain hasn't changed, but almost everything else has.

It was in August of 1942 that the Japanese Americans began to arrive from the West Coast—men, women and children dispossessed of homes, jobs and businesses. More than 10,000 of them were sent to Heart Mountain.

What the evacuees saw was desolation—dust and sagebrush, grease-slick mud when it rained and stifling dust when it didn't. The wind still blows here. Incessantly. But the evacuees should come back today and see what has happened to the land they helped pioneer, even though it was against their will.

The desert that surrounded Heart Mountain War Relocation Center has been transformed into rich farmland. Driving through the area one recent fall day, I saw hand-

some farmhouses, fat cattle in pastures, great rectangular mountains of baled hay, fields of corn drying in the wind while waiting to be cut for silage. Down at the railroad siding called Vocation where the evacuees had disembarked from the trains that had brought them into exile, a long line of trucks waited to dump their loads of sugar beets. In Powell a stencilled sign at an elevator told of malting barley being purchased for beer production. These are not the best of times for farmers, but the sands of the Heart Mountain area, first broken to the plow by the evacuees, have been made to bloom by water flowing in canals which the evacuees helped build.

But some of the area is changing in an even more profound way. Where once rutted dirt roads cut across the benchland, there is blacktop. And a few of the farms are being cut into 2½ acre tracts for homesites where Cody residents can raise a few horses and play at being ranchers!

The evacuation was a long time ago and some of the people who live in the area aren't even aware it happened. But there are a few relics of those times if one looks hard enough. Some of the barracks, which were home to

the evacuees, still serve as machinery sheds. The tall brick chimney of the hospital powerhouse still stands, protected as a historical monument.

And on a windswept hill where the administration building had been is the Heart Mountain War Relocation Center Memorial Park which was built by some of the good men and women of the area who felt that the contributions of the evacuees should not be forgotten. Chester Blackburn and his wife Mary Ruth, who were among the homesteaders who farmed the land after the evacuees left, were leaders in the project to build the memorial park. They had lots of help in clearing the brush and spreading the gravel and pouring concrete and hauling in the boulders that protect the site. A plaque mounted on one of the boulders tells the story of the camp and shows how it looked when 10,000 displaced Americans lived there.

For some reason, perhaps because the people recognize it as a shrine of sorts, perhaps because it is a bit off the beaten path, there has been no vandalism at the park. The only vandalism was committed by the elements that disfigured the camp honor roll which is the park's centerpiece. Once the honor roll listed the names of the hundreds of men and women who left the camp to serve in the U.S. armed forces. But the snow and rain and wind-blown sand erased those names and bleached and savaged the wood.

Chester and Mary Ruth Blackburn hope to restore those names some day. There are other ideas taking shape, but that is another story and we'll tell you about some of them next week. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



Something Lost in Translation

Philadelphia
JUST AS I sometimes enjoy chawing on *surume* (roasted, dried squid), so I nibble on beef jerky. There are a number of American companies which process beef and pork into stick-shaped or flat pieces, and most of them are just so-so. The most delectable beef jerky I've ever come across was some I had in the Bay Region (California) produced by some Chinese-American company. Apparently the recipe includes something akin to *sato-joyu* which made that Oriental beef jerky particularly palatable to this Nisei's taste buds. The best I've ever had.

AND SO IT was that one day, while moseying around the shelves of a Chinese grocery store, I came across some beef jerky and promptly bought a couple of packages. Even though it didn't quite look the same as that which I had enjoyed in the Bay Region. Some evenings later, while settling down to enjoy a sports event on t.v., I broke open a package. I looked at the contents information to see if I could glean a suggestion of *sato* and *shoyu* in the ingredients. I was somewhat taken aback by the wording, which went something like this:

"The carcass contained has inspected closely ante and post mortem and verified to meet health requirements." Well . . . I had never thought of myself as such before, but now I suddenly felt like some buzzard scavenging on (dead) carcass, even though assured that it had been healthy, both before and after death. I watched that evening's t.v. fare without my mandibles operating.

WHEN THE JAPANESE first started shipping goods into the U.S., they included instruction manuals and so forth that were quite humorous. And this included com-

panies which are industrial giants of today. The paper-quality would often be lacking, the printing somewhat haphazard, the wording completely oblivious to syntax, and the message very often incomprehensibly hilarious. Even today, every so often some made-in-Japan product arrives, accompanied by instructions that miss a beat here and there. The manufacturers today from Singapore, Korea, Thailand, etc. are retracing this same mold.

Back then, I'd often thought that some enterprising Nisei could have set up a thriving business in Japan by preparing the product brochures for the various *kaisha's*. It is apparent that today they have the best from Madison Avenue handling their accounts.

LEST ONE BECOME too arrogant, we have to remind ourselves of our own capabilities,—or, more accurately, lack of capabilities,—were the flow in the other direction. Those of us who fancy ourselves as linguists, could come up with translations into *nihongo* that would have the Japanese in stitches. I know: not only have I heard some from my fellow Nisei, but my Japanese hosts have (politely) pointed out that my jargon was a bit *hen*.

OH, BY THE WAY: this writer now has that book on Japanese etiquette. A reader suggested a particular book which I bought from Tuttle. Now, I hope not to be quite the Rube as before. #

HIBAKUSHA Continued from Front Page

for their consistent interest in the survivors and stated, "We were really overwhelmed by the way people responded to the Weber story. It's heart-warming to know people are concerned about the plight of the survivors and I hope this continues."

Meanwhile, Mr. Weber waits anxiously to hear of his wife's condition as do the California families of two other survivors, Mihoko Mukai and Seiko Wise. Both Mukai and Wise came to Nagasaki for treatment under a new program set up and funded by the city of Nagasaki. According to the hospital both women are doing well but they are homesick and can't wait to return to the United States.

The Friends of Hibakusha wishes to thank the following donors to the Travel Fund:

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PNWDC tightens belt, increases district dues

SPOKANE, Wa.—Holding possibly its final meeting east of the Cascades, the Pacific Northwest District Council took several belt-tightening measures at its Oct. 17 meeting here. First, PNW district dues were increased by 50¢, to \$1.75 per member, to cover travel and supplies, awards, ads in JACL publications, and district office expenses. Governor Homer Yasui also charged the district office advisory committee to develop other fund-raising methods.

To conserve the travel budget, the District Council asked Dr. John Kanda, Puyallup Valley Chapter, to recommend ways to aid delegates from Spokane and Columbia Basin Chapters to attend council meetings. Both chapters are situated east of the Cascade Mountain Range, and six hours by car from the Puget Sound area (home to four of the nine PNW chapters) and seven hours from the three Portland-area chapters. Council members felt that helping Eastern Washington delegates travel over the Cascades was more efficient than holding meetings in Spokane or Moses Lake (Columbia Basin).

As a further money-saving measure, the District Council voted to retain six committees out of the previous 15: Youth, Aging and Retirement, International Relations, Redress, Nominations/Recognitions, and Antidiscrimination/Job Discrimination. Committee chairs receive partial subsidies for travel to council meetings.

In other matters, the council passed a motion to support efforts

to obtain legislation to compensate Washington State employees who were wrongfully discharged during WWII. Such legislation would closely follow the recent California bill (AB2710) that provides \$5,000 to each eligible Nisei.

With the approval of the council, Gov. Yasui appointed Lloyd Hara, Seattle Chapter, to represent PNW on the National Redress Committee. Michiko Maebori, White River Valley Chapter, was named District Antidiscrimination chair, and Ben Nakagawa, Seattle Chapter, now chairs the District Office Advisory Committee.

Gov. Yasui also delivered a report on the October national board meeting; Regional Director Karen Seriguchi reported on national redress committee activities; and Ben Nakagawa, speaking for Cherry Kinoshita, reviewed concerns of the Pacific Citizen board regarding financial independence and authority to hire and fire staff.

Ted Masumoto, Jr., of Olympia, reported that a number of persons interested in forming a chapter there are meeting every month. They have begun to ask for information on the requirements and benefits of JACL chapterhood and to lay the groundwork for a stable organization. Masumoto believes that Olympia (capital of Washington) may well see a new chapter within the next two years.

Cutting the number of its 1983 meetings to two, the PNW District Council is scheduled to meet next on April 17, 1983. The new Lake Washington Chapter will host.

Shimomura to visit Dntwn. L.A. JACL

LOS ANGELES—The Downtown L.A. JACL and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center will co-host an informal reception for National JACL President Floyd Shimomura on Sunday, Nov. 21, 3:30 p.m. at the JACCC, 2nd Floor, 244 S. San Pedro St.

The reception will offer Los Angeles JACL and communi-

ty members the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with Shimomura. A \$4 donation will be requested.

Detroit JACL to hold elections

DETROIT—The Detroit JACL will hold its fall membership and general elections meeting on Sunday, Nov. 7, 1:30 p.m. in the Japanese Room at Wayne State University.



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IN THE WHITE HOUSE—During his recent visit to Washington, D.C., JACL National President Floyd Shimomura met with White House Special Assistant to the President, Elizabeth Dole, who is in charge of Public Liaison for the Administration.

N.Y. to host forum for women

NEW YORK—The New York JACL will sponsor "Bridge: A Women's Exchange of Ideas and Lifestyles" on Saturday, Nov. 13, 1 p.m. at the Japanese American Association, 7 West 44th St. The forum will be held to exchange ideas between women of the Nikkei and Japanese national communities in New York. All interested women are invited; for more info call Fumi Raith (212) 961-6654.

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New JACL scholarships named for Kido, Yatabe

SAN FRANCISCO—By action of the National Board of the JACL, two undergraduate scholarships, in the amount of \$500 each, have been named the Saburo Kido and Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Memorial Scholarships and will begin with the 1983-84 school year. Previously, a freshman scholarship had been named in memory of Kido. The Yatabe scholarship is being offered in this category for the first time. Both Yatabe and Kido were past National Presidents of the JACL.

Yatabe was the first elected National President from 1934-36. He was instrumental in the formation of the JACL. Yatabe was also the first president of the Fresno Chapter, then known as the American Loyalty League, which is the oldest JACL Chapter.

Kido served as National President from 1940-46, and played a vital role in the establishment of the JACL. In 1929 Kido was one of the pioneers of the New American Citizens League in San Francisco, which was one of the catalysts in forming the JACL into a nation-

wide organization. Both the Saburo Kido and Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Memorial Scholarships are funded through the National Undergraduate Scholarship Endowment that totals more than \$25,000. Should individuals wish to contribute to this fund or wish additional information, please contact the National JACL Headquarters, Attention: National Youth Director, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.

Applications for the 1983 National Scholarships, including awards for freshman, undergraduate, graduate, performing arts and creative arts, can also be obtained from local JACL chapters, regional offices and the National Headquarters in mid-November of this year.

San Mateo fun night

SAN MATEO, Ca.—The San Mateo JACL will hold its Monte Carlo Fun Night on Saturday, Nov. 6, 8 p.m. at the San Mateo Buddhist Temple Hall, 2 S. Claremont St. Donation \$5.

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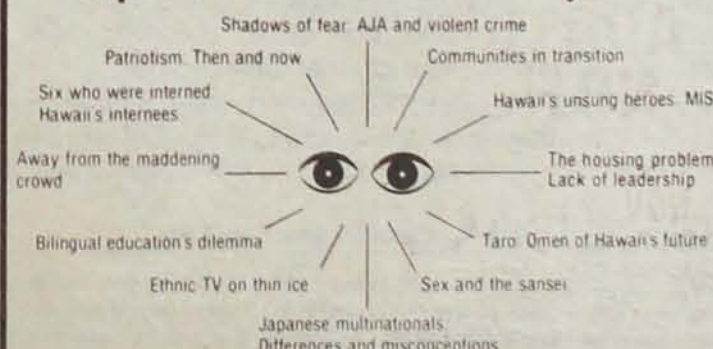
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The PRC is a community-based organization which was established in September of 1980 as a vehicle to inform community organizations and their members about the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, and to encourage the public's participation in the Commission Hearings in 1981.

Current activities of the PRC are to present a second forum, this to be focused on forms of remediation. Discussants will include Ron Wakabayashi, JACL National Executive Director; Bert Nakano, of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR); Rev. Lloyd Wake, Bay Area representative of National Council for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR). The featured speaker will be Ronald Ikejiri, JACL Washington Representative who will present the legislative perspective. KPIX-TV personality, Jan Yanehiro will serve as moderator for the event. And PRC founding member, Bub Nakano will review the programs the PRC has accomplished.

The forum will take place on Saturday, Nov. 13, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium, Stanford University campus. For more info contact Judy Niizawa (408) 733-7692 or (415) 855-8116; or Doug Ota (415) 349-1832. #

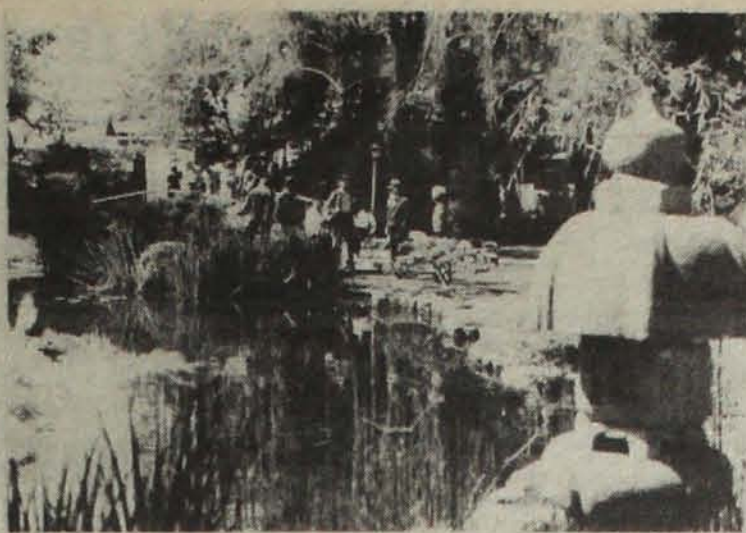
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Two JACL Chapters have issued calls for 1983 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans applications.

San Jose JACL (408-292-2914) announced a Dec. 1 application deadline. Candidates must be either a junior or senior in high school, a JACL member or whose parents are San Jose JACL members. Chapters will provide the PCYA tuition and registration (\$375) but parents must pay transportation to and from Washington, D.C.

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Aging, Retirement series slated for L.A. and Seattle

LOS ANGELES—A series on pre-retirement for Nisei entitled, "The Nisei Today: Decisions and Change" will be held on Tuesday evenings of this month (7:30-9:30 p.m. on Nov. 9, 16, 23 and 30), sponsored by the Western Region Asian American Project in conjunction with the Marina, Venice-Culver City and West L.A. JACL chapters. The four presentations include:

"The Nisei has Come of Age" (Nov. 9) at Nora Sterry Elementary School, 1730 Corinth Ave. Guest speakers will be Dr. Michael Ego of CSU Northridge and chair of the National JACL Aging and Retirement Committee, along with George Kanegai, Betty Koza and Paul Oda.

"What's Up Doc?" (Nov. 16) also at Nora Sterry School, will focus on health issues, and panelists include Doctors Mitsuo Inouye, Nam Lim, Frank Nakano, Gen Niwayama and Joe Yamamoto.

"Are you holding Your Property in Joint Tenancy?" at the Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr. discusses

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"You are What You Eat" (Nov. 30) at the Burton Chace Recreation Center, Marina Del Rey, centers on diet and nutrition issues and features Cynthia Harada, R.N., M.N. and Jean Takara, R.D. For more info call Emily Yamana (213) 478-8241 ext. 288.

Seattle Retirement Workshop SEATTLE—A Nisei Aging and Retirement Workshop will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m. at the Blaine Methodist Church, 3001 24th St., sponsored by the Seattle JACL and the Pacific Asian Elderly Service Development Project of the Asian Counseling and Referral Service. Speakers include Joe Okimoto, M.D., who will discuss aging and wellness; Calvin Takagi, M.D. on retirement—10 years hence; Don Kazama on post retirement and Hana Masuda on widowhood. To register, send \$5 payable to the Seattle JACL to: JACL, 316 Maynard St., Seattle, 98104. #

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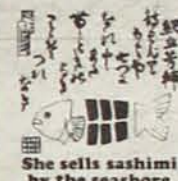
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