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Nisei to direct California Dept. of Consumer Affairs

SACRAMENTO—A former supervisor of a Los Angeles television consumer action program was appointed director of the state Department of Consumer Affairs on Feb. 11 by Gov. George Deukmejian.

Marie Shibuya-Snell, a Nisei, became the highest ranking Asian-American so far in Deukmejian's still-forming Administration and the first woman named a department director.

From 1973 to 1976, Shibuya-Snell supervised the "Action 4" consumer segment for KNBC-TV news in Los Angeles, the forerunner of the syndicated consumer program "Fight Back!" Since 1976, she has supervised the station's community relations office.

She said her impressions were generally positive in dealing with the state Department of Consumer Affairs when she worked in television. "Like anything, it depended on who you dealt with; some were good and some weren't so good,"

but generally it was pretty good," she said.

Shibuya-Snell said it would be premature to discuss what plans she has for the department now.

"We're pleased that she's not from industry. And it appears that she's familiar with the consumer perspective," said Harry Snyder of Consumers Union in San Francisco.

Shibuya-Snell, a Republican who lives in Glendora, was among thousands of Japanese Americans forced into internment camps during World War II. She is active in a wide range of civic endeavors from the PTA to the United Way.

At her new post, which requires Senate confirmation, she will be paid \$49,900 a year.

Deukmejian, whose 10-member Cabinet is all white and has only one woman, has pledged to include more women and minorities in the ranks of his department directors.

Mansfield says 1983 will be a crucial year for U.S., Japan

HONG KONG—This will be the most critical year for American-Japan relations in the postwar period, according to the United States ambassador to Japan.

Ambassador Mike Mansfield says that significant progress must be made toward opening Japan's markets to imports and reducing its trade deficit with the United States, or else the U.S. will move increasingly toward protectionist trade policies.

And the ambassador fears that unless the year shows positive results in the U.S. favor, the trade imbalance will become an issue in the 1984 presidential campaign.

"This (U.S.-Japanese) relationship is so strong, so valuable, so much depends on it—we handle 30% of all interna-

tional trade—that we just can't afford to let each other down," the ambassador told the Christian Science Monitor Feb. 10.

"We're an impetuous people," said Mansfield. "We like to see things done yesterday. The Japanese would like to do them tomorrow, figuratively speaking."

"On our side, we've got to develop understanding and patience, and do what we can to bring about a continued economic recovery in the U.S.," he continued. "And Japan, on the other hand, has to open its markets more and to liberalize its imports and assume a more responsible position in the international trading picture of which it has been the chief beneficiary...."

He cited, among other things, the so-called domestic content bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and a Senate resolution aimed at the import of Japanese machine tools.

"If things don't get better, the prospects for protectionist legislation will increase," said Mr. Mansfield.

The ambassador was in Hong Kong along with other American ambassadors and chiefs of missions for a meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz. Shultz said that protectionism had been the subject of a great deal of discussion with the Japanese during his visit to Tokyo recently.

Ambassador Mansfield said of Japan's Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone: "He's a new type of Japanese leader. He's trying to lead."

Mansfield said that on trade and defense issues, Mr. Nakasone had to fight not only

against opposition parties but also against factions within his own party. He said that Nakasone "took a big risk" in rapidly deciding on preliminary steps to liberalize Japan's markets and to strengthen its defenses. These moves may have raised unrealistic expectations among Americans about how fast Nakasone can move in the future, Mansfield said.

"...there are certain things that we should do...It's going to take all of us working together, and the mainspring will be the U.S.," he said.

U.S.-Japan relations to be discussed at JACL's National Board Meeting March 18-20; National JACL President Floyd Shimomura met with Japanese officials in Washington earlier this month. See page 5.

Recent developments in U.S.-Japan trade:

Here are brief summaries of major events which occurred so far this month in the area of U.S.-Japan trade.

Feb. 1: During his official visit to Tokyo, U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz said at a press conference that "the Japanese in charge have a good sense of the fact that it's not enough to set a policy (on trade); there has to be a kind of managerial follow-through to transform a policy statement into an operating reality."

Shultz also stressed the need to keep the U.S.-Japan trading relationship open, despite the protectionist sentiment that exists among politicians and labor leaders in the United States. He had met with Japanese Finance Minister Noboru Takeshita and had discussed the possibility of reconstituting a bilateral committee of "wise men" to seek solutions to U.S.-Japan trade problems.

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Autoworkers leery of GM-Toyota pact

FREMONT, Ca.—Laid-off autoworkers hoping to resume jobs at the General Motors assembly plant here were pleased but apprehensive about the joint GM-Toyota carmaking venture that was announced Feb. 14.

The announcement that the two automotive giants would team to build 200,000 small cars a year, reopening the idled Fremont plant with 3,000 employees, gave no details about that work force.

Members of the United Auto Workers union had no information about rehiring, wages, hours and benefits.

"I'll be really happy when I get the telegram telling me to report to work," said Newton Kamakani, a 19-year GM veteran.

One of 6,500 Fremont assembly workers laid off since 1979, Kamakani had lots of questions about the pact: "Will we be rehired by seniority? Will we get the wages we used to get? Will the hours be the same?"

"We want to go back to work...but we're kind of leery," said George Nano, chief union bargaining agent.

The plant has been idle since the last of 4.3 million cars produced there, an Oldsmobile Ciera, rolled off the assembly line last March 5.

After the official signing ceremony between the GM and Toyota chairmen on Feb. 17, UAW President Douglas Fraser said at a Detroit news conference that based on his discussions with GM Chairman Roger B. Smith and other GM executives, the UAW has "every reason to believe the UAW will continue to be the bargaining agent at the plant."

Both Smith and Toyota Chairman Eiji Toyoda had said former workers

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Kato faces shoplifting charges

OXNARD, Ca.—Former Oxnard Mayor Tsugio Kato was charged with misdemeanor shoplifting Feb. 11 in connection with a Christmas Eve incident at the Sears Roebuck and Co. store at Oxnard's Esplanade shopping mall.

Ventura County Assistant District Attorney Raymond Sinetar issued the following statement:

"The Ventura County District Attorney's Office...filed a misdemeanor complaint charging Tsugio Kato with a violation of Penal Code Section 484—petty theft. The complaint alleges that on Dec. 24, 1982, the defendant stole property from the Sears in Oxnard...."

Sinetar said that Kato is alleged to have walked out of the Oxnard Sears with two knives worth \$22 without paying. "We are alleging that the items were taken with the intent to steal," the assistant D.A. said.

The charges followed investigations of the incident by the Oxnard Police Department and the Ven-

tura County D.A.'s office.

Asked why the store had not pressed charges against Kato, now Oxnard city councilman, Sinetar declined to comment on the matter.

Kato, 44, is well-known in the Oxnard Japanese American community. A popular family dentist, Kato ran unsuccessfully for the Republican nomination for a local state Assembly seat last June. He won re-election to the city council in November balloting. Nisei Nao Takasugi is currently mayor of Oxnard.

Both Kato and his attorney Stanley Cohen have not been available for comment on the case, but one long-time Kato supporter speculated that the charges might be politically motivated. The source who asked not to be named confirmed that a group of Oxnard residents had begun a recall drive against the Japanese American politician last month.

CWRIC report due for release Feb. 24

WASHINGTON—The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians was scheduled to release its final report on its findings this week (Feb. 24) during a news conference to be held at the U.S. Department of Labor auditorium here (the PC will carry a full report of the findings next week).

The CWRIC noted, however, that the report will not contain its recommendations with regards to remedies, which will be released at a later date.

Noguchi: the verdict is due soon

LOS ANGELES—Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi, the former chief medical examiner-coroner who was demoted from his position last year by the county Board of Supervisors, will soon learn whether he will regain that post, as the Civil Service Commission was expected to take up his case this week (Feb. 23).

The odds on Noguchi winning his appeals case are certainly in his favor, in light of the recommendation released Feb. 11 by Civil Service Commission hearing officer Sara Adler, who concluded that the 56-year-old coroner's demotion "is not sustained."

Adler's 87-page report, however, upheld an earlier 30-day suspension of Noguchi because conditions found in the coroner's agency had warranted a board-ordered management audit.

The report noted: "It seems clear from the evidence that (Noguchi) was either incapable of or relatively uninterested in working out the daily management problems of the department...."

However, the report also noted that when Noguchi understands the nature of the problems that exist in his office, he can set goals and pick the right subordinates to make reforms.

Adler also compared the coroner's department to "a small family business which had grown

rapidly" without any improvement in management.

Adler's report also warned that the county "cannot be asked to give (Noguchi) a succession of chances to perform competently... (The suspension) is in the nature of a final warning."

'Rare Individual'

The County Charter requires that the chief medical examiner-coroner be both a doctor and an administrator; Adler insisted that it would take a "rare individual" to fill both roles.

And Noguchi, she argued, probably never recognized "the severity of the needs which were unmet" because of funding cutbacks following the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978.

"It cannot be seriously doubted," she added, "that the kind of close scrutiny applied...would turn up deficiencies, and perhaps serious deficiencies, in virtually any department to which it is directed."

Noguchi might have solved his management problems himself if he'd personally appealed to the supervisors for more staff and money—but the coroner rarely did that after 1978, Adler noted.

'Out to Get' Him

She also lent some credence to the claims of Noguchi's attorney, Godfrey Isaac, that county officials were "out to get" Noguchi be-

cause of embarrassment over media reports which made the coroner's agency appear in shambles.

"There is some support for this belief in the audit report," said Adler, "which includes some matters which are ancient and others which are, in computer terminology, 'glitches' rather than problems of any magnitude."

Adler said she tried, whenever possible, to consider testimony other than by Chief Administrative Officer Harry Hufford's audit team sent in to probe Noguchi's office under orders from the supervisors.

Adler also discounted charges that Noguchi's outside activities—including following the custom of many coroners by hiring himself out as an expert witness in out-of-county cases—was a case of "Nero fiddling while Rome burned."

"All these involvements were ethical and legal," wrote Adler.

'Sensationalized' Deaths

As for claims that Noguchi "sensationalized" the deaths of Hollywood celebrities during press conferences—particularly the apparently alcohol-related deaths of actors William Holden and Natalie Wood—and that he was insubordinate in labeling as a "gag order" a

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DAY OF REMEMBRANCE—Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' chairman Michael D. Antonovich proclaimed Feb. 19 as a "Day of Remembrance" to mark the 41st anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signing of EO 9066. Participating in the proclamation ceremonies on Feb. 15 were (l to r): Harry Kajihara, JACL PSWDC Redress Chair; Antonovich; Miya Iwatake and David Imahara of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations; and John Saito, JACL PSWDC Regional Director. The JACL PSWDC and NCRR were co-sponsors of a candlelight march and speakers program which took place in Little Tokyo on Feb. 19.

Nikkei named to women's hall of fame

SALT LAKE CITY—Among those inducted Feb. 22 into the Salt Lake City Council of Women's "Hall of Fame" was Joy Hashimoto, a board member of the YWCA.

Her service and interests include civil rights, legislation, libraries, higher education, youth, minorities and women's causes and organizations.

While chairing the Japanese Improvement Program she was involved in establishing the Multi-ethnic Commission, the planning of the Multi-Ethnic Center for low-income senior citizens, which was built and is operating.

As a Salt Lake YWCA board member, Mrs. Hashimoto helped plan the shelter for abused women and children and the halfway house for women prisoners. Both are operating at the YWCA.

She was a member of both the Utah State and Salt Lake County

Bicentennial Committees; been president of the University of Utah Women's Club; the College Club; an officer in Women's State Legislative Council and Friends of the Libraries, U. of U.; worked with Girl Scouts and has been a Sunday school teacher at the Japanese Church of Christ and the First United Methodist Church.

She is married to Dr. Edward I. Hashimoto. They have three children.

● Military

In Honolulu, Maj. Gen. Arthur U. Ishimoto, Hawaii's adjutant general and the U.S. armed forces' highest ranking Japanese American, will retire March 30. When appointed head of the state Department of Defense last February, he agreed to serve only until he turned 60.

Nisei gambler, shot in head, lives

CHICAGO—A 63-year-old convicted gambler survived three gunshots to the head and identified his alleged assailants in what police called a major break in underworld activities.

The two suspects, one a Cook County deputy sheriff, were charged Feb. 11 with attempted murder in the shooting of Ken (Tokyo Joe) Eto, who was convicted last month on federal charges stemming from a \$3 million numbers game.

Eto was shot Feb. 10 and released from Northwest Community Hospital Feb. 11. Hospital officials said none of three bullets from a .22 caliber gun penetrated Eto's head.

Police speculated the "hit" might have failed because the gunman put the gun's muzzle against Eto's head and the bullets were unable to gain enough velocity to pierce the bone. Another theory was that a defective silencer might

have slowed the bullets.

Police Superintendent Richard Brzezczek characterized the arrests as "one of the biggest breaks ever in organized crime activities" in Chicago. Of the city's more than 1,000 gangland-style murders, only a dozen have been solved.

Jasper Campise, 67, of suburban River Forest, and John Gattuso, 47, of suburban Glenview, were held in lieu of \$500,000 bond pending an appearance in Cook County Circuit Court, said Sgt. Lee Epplen.

Gattuso, a deputy sheriff since 1980, was suspended after his arrest, a sheriff's spokesman said.

Eto was shot as he sat in the front passenger seat of his car in a parking lot. The gunman was in the back seat, a second man in the driver's seat, police said. Eto was ordered to meet the men, whom he knew, by a third man, the police said.

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board edict to tone down his remarks, they are not true, Adler said again.

"There are no established professional standards for the kind and extent of speculation appropriate to a medical examiner-corer," she noted, and showing "poor political judgment" was no justification for demotion.

Most of the county's Board of Supervisors remained silent about Adler's recommendations, except for Supervisor Michael Antonovich, who felt that the hearing officer's conclusion was wrong.

"I feel the facts warrant the demotion," Antonovich told the Los Angeles Times.

He also said he does not feel that Adler's findings regarding Noguchi's performance, including one that Noguchi's management of the coroner's office was "deficient," should have led to the conclusion that Noguchi be restored to his job.

"Her findings were very relevant to why we took the action that we did," said Antonovich, who added, "Her conclusion did not match the facts as she stated in her summary."

Background

Noguchi was demoted to physician specialist last year on charges of mismanagement and misuse of his department. The coroner,

through his attorney Godfrey Isaac, appealed the board's action through the Civil Service Commission, and hearings were held through the latter part of last year.

The county had spent over \$300,000 in its effort to demote Noguchi, and most of those expenditures were from the legal fees of attorney William Masterson, who represented the county in the appeals case.

In 1969, Noguchi had been fired by the county in a case wherein he was charged with "bizarre behavior" and drug abuse. He was reinstated by the Civil Service Commission, however, after appealing his dismissal.

His recent demotion was sparked by a series of articles that appeared in the Los Angeles Times in December of 1981, which reported numerous problems in the coroner's department—stacked-up bodies overdue for autopsies; bungled drug tests; loss of key evidence and apparent mismanagement practices.

The articles caused Antonovich to call for an investigation into the department, and the findings eventually led to his demotion in April of 1982.

In addition to the mismanagement charges, the board also felt that Noguchi more often than necessary "sensationalized" his reports to the news media on the deaths of entertainment celebrities,

a practice which earned him the nickname "coroner to the stars."

Noguchi, however, maintained that lack of funding and perhaps, his own ancestry may have been factors in the board's action. He also refuted the charges of sensationalism; he said he was simply giving the public vital information.

Noguchi has received some support from a group known as Concerned Americans for Responsible Progress (CARP), chaired by Dr. Mitsuo Inouye.

Inouye noted that while the county was spending over \$300,000 of taxpayers' money to make Noguchi's demotion stick, the coroner had to assume much of the legal costs himself. But CARP has helped Noguchi financially through various fund-raising activities.

Editorials

In reaction to Adler's recommendation that Noguchi be reinstated, the Los Angeles Times, in an editorial Feb. 15, labelled Noguchi an "escape artist" and called for the Civil Service Commission to "overrule" Adler's suggestions, because her findings "serve to support the demotion" of the coroner.

The Times also noted that "clearer" Civil Service rules are needed, and it agreed with Adler's observation that there is no clear standard for judging county department heads or disciplining them under the current system.

The Los Angeles Herald Examiner, in its editorial Feb. 13, also believed "that (Noguchi's) demotion was more than justified."

Both the Times and Herald Examiner felt that the coroner's department was running "better"

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● Awards

Gladys Ikeda was one of the 10 Stockton, Ca. area residents who was honored as one of the Women of Achievement at the Eighth annual Susan B. Anthony banquet on Feb. 15. The dinner was sponsored by the San Joaquin Commission on the Status of Women and the Women's Studies Program at the University of the Pacific. Ikeda is a former head teacher at Jack and Jill Parent Cooperative Pre-School, and was the leader of the League of Women Voters' committee to increase participation of women on boards and commissions.



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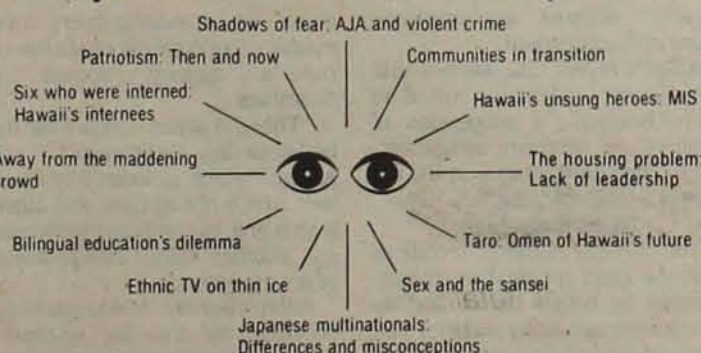
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CSU Fresno slates Amerasia Week '83

FRESNO, Ca.—California State University, Fresno will be the site of Amerasia Week '83, sponsored by the university's Amerasia Club. The weeklong celebration, scheduled for Feb. 28-March 5, will include such programs as Theater of Kyogen (Japanese Drama); Filipino Culture Day; the film, "Chan is Missing" by Wayne Wang (Marc Hayashi, a co-star of the film, will be present at the screening); an Asian Fashion Show (which includes clothing from China, Japan, Korea, and other Asian countries); and Amerasia Festival Night (a display of various Asian cultural presentations). For more info contact the Amerasia Club, c/o Dr. Franklin Ng, Dept. of Anthropology, CSU Fresno. #

'Citizen 13660' printed in paperback

SEATTLE—Mine Okubo's book, "Citizen 13660," a poignantly written and beautifully illustrated memoir of life in the Topaz internment camp, is now available in paperback from the University of Washington Press.

The book, first published in 1946, tells of Okubo's experiences from the time of Pearl Harbor until her release from the camp in the Utah desert. The book is available at local bookstores (retail \$8.95). For more info contact the University of Washington Press, Seattle, Wa. 98105. #

A/P alcoholism program gets contract

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific Asian Alcoholism Program of Los Angeles has been re-awarded a contract from the Office of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, LA County Department of Health Services, to serve the Pacific Asian American communities.

Program Director, Royal F. Morales, said that the award will assist the county in the needed development and improvement of services as well as in the provision of educational programs for various groups. "We definitely need this award to fight against the growing misuse and abuse of alcohol among youth, young adults, businessmen and professionals because of the observable incidences of alcohol related problems. The increasing evidences are collaborated by county documents, the arrests in drunk driving and by the recent study on alcohol use pattern by Asian and Pacific Americans by Drs. Kitano and Hatanaka," said Morales.

Funded through the Special Ser-

vice for Groups, Inc., a United Way member agency, headed by George M. Nishinaka, PAAP is one of several programs commissioned to serve various special target populations.

For services, information, and speaker program for organizations and churches, call (213) 974-7305 or contact PAAP, 524 N. Spring St. 1st Fl., Los Angeles, CA 90012. #

'Fast Lane' at LMU

LOS ANGELES—"Life in the Fast Lane—Requiem for a Sansei Poet," starring Lane Kiyomi Nishikawa, will be performed at Loyola Marymount University on Thursday, March 10, 8 p.m. in St. Robert's Auditorium. Nishikawa captures dynamic and unique expressions of Japanese American life in poetry that portrays the woes and triumphs of Asian America.

Tickets are \$3 for general admission and \$2 for students. For additional information call (213) 642-2892, 649-3057 or 642-4011. #



FAMILY ALBUMS—This 1925 photo of Nikkei George Nagano and his sons in Los Angeles (from left, Jack, George, Paul and Tyrus) is among the many pictures on display at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in L.A., as part of "Japanese American Family Albums: A Los Angeles Family," an exhibit illustrating the use of albums in identifying traditional cultural values as they are passed on within the family. The exhibit is currently on view until May 20; for more info call the JACCC at 628-2725.

Senior care center to probe senility

LOS ANGELES—The support group for families who care for someone experiencing memory loss and loss of thinking and reasoning capacity will meet on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Union Church, Third and San Pedro Streets. Dr. Koichi Ishikawa will speak on memory loss from the neurological viewpoint. He is an associate professor in the Department of Neurology, School of Medicine, University of Southern California.

The focus of the group is to provide mutual support and education by helping each other, sharing solutions, exchanging information and ideas and educating the community. For further information call Ardis Nishikawa at (213) 625-2673. #

Obscene caller targets Asian women

SEATTLE—At least six Asian American women here, five of whom are community activists, have received early morning obscene phone calls from an individual who has observed them and knows details about the women.

Three of the victims were planning to file reports to the police and several were filing complaints with the phone company. The incidents had occurred between last December and January.

The caller reportedly identified himself with three Japanese American pseudonyms and in other cases refused to give his name. He did tell one of the victims that he was active in the Tacoma Asian American community and in politics.

The victims agree that the caller sounded like a young Asian male, probably in his 20s and probably a Japanese American, by the inflection in his voice.

The Seattle Police Department noted that phone harassment here is a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum fine of \$500 and six months in jail.

Seattle PD's Victim Assistance Program director Dick Sugiyama said he tries to encourage victims of obscene phone calls to report all incidents, no matter how isolated their case may seem. He also advised victims to call 911 and make a non-emergency report.

Okinawan dance demo slated for S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO—Cheryl Yoshii Nakasone, Director of the Hawaiian Chapter of the Kin Ryosho Dance Academy and Harry Seisho Nakasone, Master of Classical Okinawan Sanshin (samisen) will be featured in a lecture-demon-

stration of Classical Okinawan Dance and Music on Feb. 26, 2 p.m., at Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter Street (corner of Sutter and Laguna). Donation is \$3.50.

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U.S.-JAPAN

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Feb. 3: In Washington, U.S. Rep. Richard Ottinger (D-N.Y.) reintroduced a United Auto Workers-backed bill which calls for major auto importers to make a percentage of their cars in the U.S.

The "domestic content" bill, which had passed the House last year but died in the Senate (and was opposed by the Reagan Administration), requires any automaker with U.S. sales of more than 100,000 units to have a percentage of its production done in the United States. Importers, however, have argued that the local content requirements are so high that even Japanese manufacturers who now have plants in the country would not be able to meet them.

The UAW, on the other hand, feels that the legislation is needed to save or create more than 700,000 jobs in the U.S.

Also in Washington, the Semiconductor Industry Assn. in the U.S. issued a detailed report claiming that the Japanese government's "industrial targeting" threatens to undermine the most crucial high technology industries in the U.S. Although no legal remedy is sought, the report also called for an unprecedented "affirmative action" on the part of the Japanese government to "normalize competition" by opening up the vast Japanese market, which is the second largest in the world, to U.S. semiconductor products. A spokesperson for the Japan Electronic Industry Assn. said the charges were "groundless."

Feb. 8: In San Francisco, Hitachi, Ltd., the giant Japanese electronics firm accused of conspiring to steal computer secrets from International Business Machines Corp., pleaded guilty and agreed to pay a \$10,000 fine. Federal prosecutors said there would be no further criminal charges against Hitachi.

Two senior Hitachi officials also pleaded guilty: Kenji Hayashi, a senior engineer, was fined \$10,000 and placed on five years' probation; while Isao Ohnishi, a software engineer, was fined \$4,000 and placed on two years' probation. Both sentences were imposed by U.S. District Judge Spencer Williams.

The charges had stemmed from an industrial espionage case conducted by the FBI last summer. The case against Mitsubishi Electric Corp., another firm involved in the "sting," is still pending.

Feb. 9: The Japanese government offered to the U.S. an extension of two-year voluntary restraints on its auto exports for another year. In May of 1981, Japan

had agreed to curb its auto exports to the U.S. to 1.68 million units in fiscal 1981 and then raise exports the following year by a factor of 16.5% of the increase in 1981 U.S. domestic sales.

Feb. 10: U.S. and Japanese officials agreed to adopt a document which "guarantees U.S. companies access to Japanese trade and investment opportunities and to government-supported research and development projects in high technology" and also "commits the Japanese government to rectify the trade effects of their industry-targeting practices."

Feb. 9-12: U.S. trade representative William E. Brock met with Japanese trade officials, and during a press conference he brought up a complaint, not mentioned publicly by any U.S. official since 1973, about what he called Japanese "attitudes" that keep U.S. investment out of Japan. However, Brock also acknowledged that Japan is more open to imports than many American businessmen believe it to be.

Brock and Japan's International Trade and Industry Minister Sasunori Yamanaka met and voiced "concern over a threat of proliferation of bilateral arrangements" on steel trade, and called for limiting such market manipulating "as far as possible." Both agreed that steel trading must remain "as unrestricted and free of distortion as possible."

Feb. 14: Two automotive giants, General Motors Corp. and Toyota Motor Corp., agreed to build small cars together at GM's idle assembly plant in Fremont, Ca., starting in 1984.

The Toyota-designed Chevrolet would be built at a rate of 200,000 a year, resulting in 3,000 jobs at the plant site and another 9,000 in supplier industries.

However, Eiichi Toyoda, chairman of Toyota, announced in Tokyo that laid-off United Auto Workers would not be given priority when hiring is done at the Fremont plant.

"We really haven't started talking about labor yet with the United Auto Workers or anybody," Toyoda said.

Feb. 17: GM Chairman Roger B. Smith and Toyota Chairman Eiichi Toyoda formally signed the agreement which paves the way for the joint production of the Toyota-designed Chevrolet next year at the idle plant in Fremont, Ca. Smith, however, reiterated Toyota's sentiment that the laid-off GM workers from the plant would not be given preference in hiring when the production facility reopens. But Smith and Toyoda said their new venture is willing to discuss the labor situation with the UAW.

TOYOTA

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at the Fremont plant will not be "discriminated against" if they apply for work with the new joint venture.

But several of the laid off workers were skeptical, noting that Honda Motor Co. and Nissan Motor Co. have closely examined the work history of persons applying for jobs at new auto plants in Ohio and Tennessee, and that has kept out union activists. In both those situations, however, the plants were new and neither had an existing work force.

While some of the former workers from the Fremont plant felt they would be rehired, others, such as spot welder Ernestine Bangston, felt that "GM is being very devious" and "hiding behind the Japanese to undermine the union."

NOGUCHI

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and "more smoothly" during Noguchi's demotion.

The Herald Examiner concluded:

"Should Noguchi be reinstated eventually, we trust he will have learned an important lesson from watching the way his former office was run in his absence: that the coroner is paid, not to be a star of TV news, but to serve the public."

Letters

• 'Flex Format'

Editor:

Your "Flex Format" (PC Feb. 4) is a refreshing and needed change I hope you will maintain.

News of Nikkei achievements, reunions, pilgrimages, programs for the aging, are all valid and do bolster our spirits and goodwill. We old-time Nisei especially, however, ought not look forward to reading the PC only to escape current national and international news.

Topical, relevant events and editorials pertaining to Japan-United States relations are not always available in the local newspapers. And from our WWII experience, we must not forget that we are inextricable products of two great powers. Another conflict could be a serious setback for the hard-earned gains made by the Nisei and Issei. Our youth and political naivete in the past can be forgiven, but such ignorance today could be dangerously foolish.

The Pacific Citizen is a unique publication in that it not only reaches Nikkei throughout the U.S., Japan, South America, Canada and Europe, it represents a membership who are Buddhist, Christian, atheist, other religion, Democrat and Republican, professional and non-professional. If the JACL is to be a vital Japanese American organization that keeps pace with the '80s and with plenty of savvy, then its newspaper/newsletter format should reflect that growth and maturity.

You're on the right track.

MICHI KOBI
New York, NY

The SANSEI SAMURAI



• Reversing Roles

Editor:

Except for one ethnic group, saying anything that can be construed as a racial slight is a no-no. And that group against which even the grossest distortion or lie is permissible is the WASP (White Anglo Saxon Protestant).

The controversial mural by Barbara Carrasco (PC Feb. 4) typifies the "bite-the-hand-that-feeds-you" attitude of so many minority ac-

tivists. To depict only the worst racial incidents in the past century, like "the mass lynching of 21 Chinese workers in the late 1800s," and to ignore the infinite goodness that immigrants and their children have received from the land of freedom is worst than blatant falsehoods.

The JACL, which is quick to defend other racial groups against unfair treatment, should also speak out against slander and in-

justice where Caucasians are the victim. Hopefully, we Japanese Americans do not subscribe to the liberal truism that discrimination against minorities is a terrible sin—but against majorities, it's fine and dandy!

MAS ODOI
Torrance, Ca.

To correct Mr. Odoi, Carrasco's mural also contains some positive aspects of immigrants to this country.—Ed.

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



No. 8 Arrives Amidst a Denver Blizzard

Denver, Colo.

She was long overdue, but when the time for her arrival approached, we feared she would come too soon. The reason we knew she would be a she was that the doctors had told us so. By some magic best known to them, they

can take a bit of tissue and study it and determine the sex of the unborn child. But they can provide only an approximation of the date of the baby's birth.

And as that date approached, Denver reeled under the impact of a fearful blizzard that blocked the streets with more than two feet of snow. The Rockies are deep snow country, but Denver, on the lee side of the peaks, isn't. The city is ill-prepared to cope with its infrequent blizzards. The storm, which had been forecast, struck on the day before Christmas. When most city officials had taken the day off. The few on duty were reluctant to order street crews to work on Christmas Eve. As a result, by the time the snowfall ended, even the main streets were clogged and side streets were impassable.

What if she should pick that time to make her appearance?

Our daughter, Susan, awaited the impending arrival of her second child with her usual calm. Her husband, Warren, took the precaution of checking with the fire department and an ambulance service to make sure help would be available if needed.

As it turned out, the baby didn't signal her arrival until three days later when on most streets the snow had been pounded into icy corduroy. She was born about an hour after her mother's bouncy trip to the hospital—too soon for the attending physician to make it. A resident took care of the details.

Perhaps it was typical of the entire episode that the baby arrived before her parents could settle on a name. Eventually they named her Stephanie, to sort of match with her 4-year-old brother, Steven.

In contrast to the tenseness that accompanied her arrival, Stephanie has proven to be a thoroughly relaxed type, spending a great deal of time sleeping and seldom asserting herself except to signal mealtimes. This is somewhat in contrast to her brother, who is assertive and mercurial. It will be interesting to see how the two will get along.

For the record, let it be noted that Stephanie is grandchild No. 8, which would be an astonishing number these days except for the fact that since Alice and I had four children, two offspring for each of them is reasonable. The grandchildren at the top end are Ashlyn and Mikey, Mike's kids, who are near-adults. Ashlyn is a college freshman and Mikey is a six-footer. Next is Patrick, Pete's boy, who is a studious, fast-growing junior high schooler. Then come Christie's three—Matt and Jon who are into everything from Karate to piano, and their little sister Tiffany, a blithe spirit indeed. Steve and Stephanie bring up the tail end of the parade.

Four children, eight grandchildren, all well and reasonably comfortable, none of them in jail, none on relief. In these difficult times that's cause enough for gratitude. Things could be a lot, lot worse.

Welcome to the gang, Stephanie. We're glad you could make it.

ESGV center sets Las Vegas night

WEST COVINA, Ca.—The 10th Annual Las Vegas Night will be held at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center on Saturday, March 19, in order to raise funds for the remodeling project at the Center. In ten years, the Center has grown so much that it has become necessary to build more rooms and a larger office to carry on its program for the Japanese American community in the Valley.

Chairman Stanley Sunabe invites the entire Japanese American community of the Los Angeles area to come and enjoy the Las Vegas-style games. Donation for the evening will be \$7.50 per person which will entitle the patron to receive \$20 in chips, a chance at the grand prize of a weekend for two in the real Las Vegas, a buffet snack bar, and many door prizes. For more info call the center at (213) 960-2566.

Poetry sought for Asian American mag

NEW YORK—Contact II, a bi-monthly poetry magazine from New York will publish a special issue devoted to Asian American poetry in the spring of 1983. The poetry will focus on the works of living Asian American poets in the Americas—North, Central, and South America. Interested poets should submit 3-10 previously unpublished poems with a short statement and biography.

Anthologies will not be accepted for review. Reviewers may submit previously unpublished reviews of poetry books by Asian American writers as well.

Payment will be in copies of the magazine. The deadline for both poems and book reviews is March 1.

Send poetry submissions (and bio/statement) with SASE to Lauren Mar, 244 W. 20th St. #1R, New York, NY 10011. Books and reviews should be sent to: Alan Lau, 5019 Phinney Ave. N. #306, Seattle, WA 98103.

Poets/publishers may submit books of poetry for review by individual poets living in the Ameri-

National Board to discuss redress, U.S.-Japan issue

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL National Board will hold a meeting on the weekend of March 18-20, and two of the key issues to be discussed will be redress and U.S.-Japan relations.

Redress will certainly be an important topic, since the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians was expected to release its findings this week (Feb. 24).

Also on the agenda will be JACL's Redress Guidelines, because the National Committee for Redress is requesting that the National Board approve their recommendation of \$50,000 in individual reparations for JACL's proposed legislation. This recommendation was decided upon by the Committee on Jan. 22. Approval of other aspects of JACL's Redress guidelines, such as the establishment of a community trust, etc. will also be discussed.

U.S.-Japan Relations

Floyd Shimomura, National JACL president, had met with Japanese Ambassador Yoshio Okawara and Councillor Hiroshi Fukada in Washington earlier this month to discuss U.S.-Japan relations and what possible roles JACL could play in the issue.

Prior to meeting with the Japanese officials, Shimomura had also met with Al Seligmann of the U.S. State Department, who had accompanied Secretary of State George P. Shultz on his visit to Tokyo earlier this month.

Attending the meeting among the Japanese officials and Shimomura were Mike Masaoka, Washington D.C. patent attorney David Nikkaido, JACL Washington Representative Ron Ikejiri and Redress Committee director John Tateishi.

Shimomura plans to present details of his Washington meetings during the National Board meeting.

National HQ will send notices to all National Board members, requesting any other items that board members wish to place on the agenda.

Shimomura and National Director Ron Wakabayashi are also planning to propose to the board the sending of a JACL delegation (consisting of Wakabayashi and Shimomura) to Japan in the fall of this year. #

Man angry over JA redress creates a stir at JACL's HQ

SAN FRANCISCO — An unidentified man, who was upset over the recent passage of the San Francisco ordinance that awards \$5,000 to Nikkei former city and county employees, entered the JACL's National Headquarters building on Feb. 7 to express his anger over those reparations.

According to reports from JACL National HQ, a male Caucasian in his late 40s or early 50s, apparently intoxicated, entered the building around 2 p.m. The building's front door is usually locked during normal business hours, but it was believed to have been accidentally left open at the time.

The man went up to the second floor, holding a newspaper clipping on the reparations bill, and the clipping had been marked up in red. He then began complaining about the article to a JACL receptionist.

According to the reports, the man became "very obnoxious and aggressive." Carole Hayashino, National JACL Redress Committee staffperson, came out of her office and attempted to intervene in the matter. She suggested to the man that he call the newspaper if he had questions on the article.

Since there was nothing the JACL could do for him, Ms. Hayashino thanked the man and suggested that he leave. The man then became outraged and sensed that Ms. Hayashino was just trying to get rid of him.

Since the man was approximately 6-ft. tall, the petite Ms. Hayashino attempted to get

help from the male JACL staffpersons, but none were apparently around. In the meantime, the drunken man continued to raise his voice and refused to leave.

After several tense moments, the drunken man finally left the building. National Director Ron Wakabayashi arrived as the man was exiting. Fortunately, no one was injured in the incident.

The staffpersons at JACL HQ held a meeting on Feb. 9 to discuss the possibility of increasing security measures, but no solutions have yet been decided upon.

The reparations ordinance that the man had been angry over was introduced to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors by Supv. Quentin Kopp. The bill called for a payment of up to \$5,000 (over a four-year period) to Japanese American former city and county employees who lost their jobs in 1942 because of the World War II internment.

The reparations measure was passed by the Board of Supervisors and Mayor Diane Feinstein signed the bill into law on Jan. 24. At least 15 persons believed to be eligible for the payments were identified by JACL HQ.

Wakabayashi noted that Kopp's office, as well as JACL HQ, have received a few "hate" calls and letters from persons who are opposed to any form of redress for Japanese Americans.

Wakabayashi said that the JACL HQ incident was "not a big deal" and that there was no cause for staffpersons to panic. #



U.S.-Japan: What's JACL's Role?

San Francisco

If attention is paid to the types of organizational interactions that are taking place, it is difficult not to notice a proliferation of activities related to greater study and discussion of United States-Japan relations. Obviously, there is substantial controversy over the trade imbalance and Japan's defense role, subjects that are not particularly within the normal scope of a domestic organization such as the JACL. The historic perspective indicates a view within the ranks of the membership and community that as Japanese Americans we are wedded to Japan's fate in the forum of public opinion.

That we share an ancestry with our Japanese cousins is fact. The degree of cultural retention, however, is probably not terribly great, a fact that becomes most noticeable when we interact with Japanese Nationals. We are clearly Americans in our experience and behavior. Still, our environment in the milieu of American cultural and ethnic pluralism regards us inappropriately as identical with the citizens of Japan. This is one basic tie that we have with the trade and defense issue.

PSWDC members meet with Chinese American leaders

LOS ANGELES—JACL Pacific Southwest District members participated at a monthly fellowship meeting of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Los Angeles Lodge, arranged by Marina JACLER Superior Court Judge Ernest Hiroshige and CACA president Dr. William Tom.

Hosts for the Feb. 12 dinner at the Hong Kong Low Restaurant were CACA past presidents Henry Lowe, Henry Kwok, Fred Chung, Billy W. Lew, George W. Tom, Nowland C. Hong, Irvin R. Lai, Wilbur Woo, Herbert Wong, Sam Sik Low, William K. Wong and Baldwin F. Tom.

Judge Hiroshige addressed the 100 members and guests, expressing thanks on behalf of JACL and hope for mutually beneficial cooperation between the two organizations in meeting common problems.

At the ensuing business meeting, JACL members learned about CACA's purpose and objectives: To form a more perfect body, to inculcate the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity among the members; to promote the general welfare and happiness of its members and the Chinese communities; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to insure the legal rights of its members and to secure equal economical and political opportunities for its members.

George Kodama, past National JACL treasurer, cited

the history leading to the formation of both organizations and praised CACA's 70 years of civic activities. Kodama outlined JACL's structure, emphasizing its non-partisan, non-sectarian organization, voluntary membership, benefits, accomplishments and current issues.

Throughout the evening there was a general recognition of shared values and cultural backgrounds, the usefulness of working together, and the need to eliminate existing American public confusion regarding persons of Japanese, Chinese and other Asian descent as to their citizen, resident and nationality statuses.

Other common problems mentioned suggested an awareness of increasing public hostility resulting from trade issues, such as the deficit with Japan and new textile agreements with China.

Explaining redress, Kodama and Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda stressed that although compensatory payments were being requested, the protection of constitutional rights for all groups and individuals was paramount through ensuring that the concentration camp experience would not be repeated.

JACL representatives said they planned to continue the dialogue with CACA at a future district function.

JACL attendees also included Mitsu Sonoda, Sandi Kawasaki, Min and Mabel Yoshizaki and Akira and Toshiko Yoshida. #

JACL PSW co-sponsor of ADL film

LOS ANGELES—The JACL PSWDC is among the many sponsors of the Anti-Defamation League's upcoming filmstrip series about the family and ethnicity, entitled, "American Story." The film series will focus on families of various ethnic groups, including Japanese Americans.

A special preview of the series will be held at USC's Davidson Center, 3415 S. Figueroa, on March 9, 7 p.m. For more info contact ADL at 6505 Wilshire Blvd., Ste 814. #

N.Y. holds successful bazaar

NEW YORK—The New York JACL recently held a successful Fund-raiser and Bazaar at the Japanese American United Church. Through a white elephant sale and food sales, the chapter replenished its treasury with \$3,454.

The outlook on the trade issue to find easy and quick resolution is not particularly bright. From all outward appearances, the lack of equilibrium is based in structural weaknesses that have plagued the American economy, documented in a couple of books, "The Eastasia Edge" by Roy Hofheinz, Jr. and Kent E. Calder and "The Real World War" by Hunter Lewis and Donald Allison. At best, it will take some time and doing before our country makes the structural transition into a high technology-based economy in equilibrium with the world market.

One of the trends developing in the balancing of the trade relationship has been the increase in joint-venture efforts and the location of production sites within the United States. In a recent Wall Street Journal article, a vice president of Nippon Telephone and Telegraph was quoted as saying that the homogeneity of the Japanese population lent itself to greater productivity. It will be interesting to see how the much-praised Japanese management systems adapts to a pluralist workforce.

The ascending conflict area might be in labor and public relations, as the Japanese are faced with more frequent and direct contact with the American public. In

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Fresno's A.L.L./JACL readies for 60th anniversary celebration

FRESNO, Ca.—The Fresno America Loyalty League Chapter of the JACL is progressing rapidly with its plans to celebrate the 60th anniversary of its founding (May 5, 1923) by Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, later the first elected National President of the Japanese American Citizens League. The Fresno A.L.L. lays claim to being the only JACL chapter that can claim a continuous existence as an active civic organization since its founding.

The 60th Anniversary will be celebrated with a dinner and a program on May 22 at the Hilton Hotel. Minoru Yasui, Denver attorney and chairman of the JACL Redress Committee, will be the keynote speaker at the dinner. Charter members and all A.L.L. members for 1930 and prior years will be honored. #

JACL gets \$1,700 in Furiya's memory

SAN FRANCISCO — An anonymous contribution in the amount of \$1,700 was received by National JACL Headquarters in memory of Muts Furiya, an active Sequoia JACLer, who was tragically killed in a Tokyo hotel fire last year. Furiya, who resided in Half Moon Bay, had a long record of community activism and was much respected. The

news of his death was received as a great shock to his many friends.

Accounts of Furiya's action during the crises of the hotel fire reflected the quality of the man. Survivors have recounted his actions to save other lives in the fire which took his life. #

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the Wall Street Journal article that I paraphrased in the prior paragraph, the quote actually used the term, "mongrelized," to describe America, signaling an example of Japanese management's lack of familiarity with some key American sensitivities. It strikes me that Japanese Americans, not necessarily an organization like the JACL, ought to be recruited by Japanese companies, as a resource that has skills pertinent to aspects

PSWDC Redress Report

By **HARRY KAJIHARA**
PSW Redress Chair

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific Southwest District Redress Committee has been meeting monthly to discuss the Redress Program. The Committee has been concerned with ways that the local PSW Chapters could raise their assessment and how the PSWDC could as a group supplement the outstanding effort each chapter is making to raise their share. Various ways to raise redress funds are under consideration. Tentatively, the first activity chosen is a fund-raising PSWDC Potluck dinner. More information will be made available as the Fund-Raising PSWDC Potluck Dinner plans develop. Please support this activity.

On March 30, the PSWDC will submit its second installment of \$10,000 to the National JACL. The following shows

San Benito County installs officers

SAN BENITO, Ca.—John Uemura was installed as 1983 president of the San Benito County JACL at their annual dinner recently.

Uemura will be assisted by George Inokuchi, 1st vp; Hubert Teshima, 2nd vp; Joe Sugiura, sec; and Joe Shingai, treas.

Also installed at the ceremony at the Ridgemark Country Club were Yoshiko Kamimoto, corr sec; Meteko Nakamoto, hist and pub; Kay Kamimoto, cust; Phillip Nishimoto, off dele; and Kiyo Kawasaki, alt dele.

New members introduced and welcomed into the organization are Dr. Craig Nagareda, Joni Yamaoka, Howard Kamimoto and Eugene Kowaki.

• Oops!

In the Feb. 11 PC, pg. 6, a few officers and board members of the Seattle JACL were left off their list. These names were:

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of Japanese style as well as experiential sensitivity to the pluralistic American workforce.

Innumerable examples of the public perception problem that the Japanese have can be cited. The bank manager in Los Angeles, who was given the Scrooge of the Year award by a working women's organization, wouldn't even respond to a JACL inquiry about the event. Another Japanese bank has been involved in a sex discrimination suit that was covered in Perspectives, a publication of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Add on the stories of Japanese illegal aliens that came out of Los Angeles last year. And don't forget the treatment and frequency of various media coverage about Yakuza infiltration into the United States. Top it off with the picture of the Hitachi official bowing before the cameras expressing the innocence of his company in any wrongdoing in the IBM controversy. The body language looks guilty in American eyes (and Hitachi did plead guilty—Ed.). In short, the Japanese appear to me to have a perception problem.

I have had, in a first hand way, feedback from within the organization's membership, varied and conflicting views of what JACL should be about in all of this. At this point in time, I don't think that our role is very clear. It is

San Diego to show film 'Gaijin'

SAN DIEGO—The San Diego JACL Chapter will screen the Brazilian film, "Gaijin," directed by Tizuka Yamasaki, on Saturday, March 19, 7 p.m. at Marston Junior High School Auditorium, 3799 Clairemont Drive, and on Sunday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at the Aztec Center Back Door Auditorium at San Diego State University.

The film tells the story of the Japanese immigration to Brazil at the turn of the century. This award-winning film will be in Japanese with English sub-titles. Donation \$5.00 for adults; \$3.00 for students. Proceeds will go

toward National JACL's redress campaign. For further information, call (714) 469-2374. #

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a time for us to educate ourselves on the issue and make estimates on the scope and focus of the impact upon us as a community. We are fortunate in having a National President in Floyd Shimomura who is taking the matter seriously and giving a great deal of attention to study. In fact, everytime I encounter our National President, which is often, he is handing me another book to read to help me become conversant with the issue.

Meetings in several different formats involving JACLers, Japanese corporate interests, and governmental representatives have taken place since the National Convention. Meetings at the Japanese Embassy, State Department, National Headquarters, as well as meetings in Los Angeles and Sacramento have taken place with increased frequency. There is even a discussion of specific educational interactions involving JACL and Japan, furthering the initial visit made by Dr. Jim Tsujimura to Japan in 1981.

The workshop on this subject area at the Tri-District Convention in April should be educational. With the direction provided by our National President, I would guess that much of the most current information in this area as far as JACL is concerned should be addressed. #

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The name of Ken Eto has recently been appearing in the Chicago press with some prominence. A couple of weeks ago Eto became the victim of what appears to be the "natural process" in his chosen profession. He was taken for that proverbial "last ride" and has lived to talk about it...profusely.

It is alleged, you see, that Eto is a member of organized crime in Chicago. The papers have stated that he had risen to a level of great prominence overseeing certain gambling interests for his employers. He had, in fact, like many in his profession (Joey "The Clown" Lombardo, Tony "Big Tuna" Accardo) even acquired a nickname. His "friends" called him "Tokyo Joe."

It appears that Eto became a marked man last month when he was convicted on federal gambling charges. His employers, obviously not placing faith in his loyalty and possibly becoming fearful that the authorities might strike a deal with Eto in return for information, apparently regarded him as a liability. As a result, according to Eto, he received a phone call on the evening of February 9 informing him of a meeting the following morning. The result of that meeting was that he was to have dinner that night with a mob overseer and on the

way to the dinner engagement Eto was to pick up two other individuals. It is reported that following this meeting Eto became rightfully suspicious and reported his suspicions to his wife. Nevertheless, he followed through with his instructions and picked up the two individuals on his way to dinner.

In a parking lot on the west side of Chicago, Ken Eto was suppose to have become the victim of yet another unsolved gangland murder. The gunman sitting in the back seat of Eto's car fired three times to the back of Eto's head. For whatever reason, the bullets bounced off Eto's head and after feigning death, he walked a block to find help.

Ken Eto has relinquished his loyalties to organized crime. In the coming weeks and months he will be at the center of federal investigations into mob activities. Be it through the grand jury process or a Senate subcommittee investigating crime, Ken Eto may be destined to garner media attention and notoriety in Chicago, unprecedented for a Nisei.

I don't know if Ken Eto was ever incarcerated during

World War II. If he was, then it's at least the second time in his life that the suspicion of disloyalty has placed him in a bad situation. If he was in camp, he was an innocent victim. This time, however, his misfortune is the result of his being nothing more than a common criminal. #



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