CWRIC Report: Economic Loss

San Jose-Nikei express fear of backlash over reparations

Rep. Norman Mineta, D-San Jose, who himself was interned as a child during World War II, said he was not surprised by the backlash.

"It was expected," he said. "But that doesn't mean it's easy to do."

Nikkei scholars clarify myths, realities of Japanese industry

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NEW YORK—Americans harbor many myths about the Japanese economy, some untruths, because they are too often shaped by the images of Japanese businesses that are exported, rather than those of American businesspeople who are looking to do business with Japan.

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Policeman killed in helicopter crash

LOS ANGELES—A Nikkei Los Angeles Police reserve officer was killed when his helicopter was hit by a power line and crashed in the tornado-ravaged neighborhood of South Central L.A. on Mar. 1.

Superintendant, Robert S. Smith, died instantly when the bell ring struck the copter's rotor blade as he ran from the fallen aircraft. Two other officers who were riding with him, Sgt. Ron Hansen and Ofc. Thomas Brooks, were injured and taken to Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital, where they were reported in serious but stable condition.

Taira had been part of an air-support mission that was surveying the tornado-damaged areas of Baja. The Sansei officer had joined the force in 1980 and specialized in radio communications and electronics. He is survived by his parents, Kotaro and Kekko Taira of Los Angeles, brothers Tatsuki and Rucky and sisters June and Carrie.

Education

Dr. John Kashwabara, chairman of the Family Practice Department at Long Beach Memorial Hospital, has decided to leave his position on March 15. He has worked with the hospital services at Long Beach City College and as a member of the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission as well as a member of several community organizations.

AADAP celebrates its 10th year

LOS ANGELES—The Asian American Drug Abuse Prevention (AADAP) will celebrate its 10th year with a celebration on April 8 at the Mirama Restaurant. Four prominent leaders have consented to serve as honorary co-chairs; they include Rep. Robert T. Matsui of Sacramento, Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, cochairman of the Los Angeles County Drug Abuse Task Force and state Sen. Diane Watson.

The event will feature the presentation of a 6-member committee of praise.

Two students kidnapped, raped, shot

SAN DIEGO—A 17-year-old Japanese exchange student and her 15-year-old Nikkei schoolmate were raped and shot by a gunman on their way home from school here on Feb. 22.

Coronado police arrested James Russell Bishop, 27, maintenance worker at the Santa Fe Beach. He was charged with two counts of kidnapping, rape, assault with a deadly weapon and murder.

The 15-year-old exchange student from Kirby, Japan, was shot three times and left paralyzed from the waist down. She is recovering at Coronado Hospital and later transferred to the intensive care unit of UC San Diego Medical Center where she was listed in stable condition.

Her 15-year-old friend was shot four times but was listed in good condition. Both students were attending Vista Del Mar High School in Imperial Beach and were on their way home. They were reportedly taken by a man at gunpoint and to a beach owned by the U.S. Navy and attacked.

The parents of the exchange student, who asked not to be identified, have appealed for letters of encouragement for their daughter and her friend.

“We hope that our daughter will recover and regain her health and to speed the process, we thought if she would receive some letters of encouragement it will greatly assist her in recovering,” the couple said through a deadly weapon.

Letters to the students may be sent in care of Charles J. Andromedus, regional director, Youth for Understanding, 840—3rd St., Suite 300, Los Angeles, 90012.

Government

Naomi Fujimoto Sanches was recently appointed assistant counselor to the Family Court Judge. She has also served as a policy staff member to the agency's on-going renovation program.

Amesia bookstore opens new location

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A sale on Asian American titles (30% off), children's books (20% off) and Japanese books (40% off on selected books) will also be featured. More info call (213) 680-3388.

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nobody really owns our big corporations, therefore you have companies drifting or running amok." Big Japanese companies are tightly owned by big banks and top management is constantly monitored. Ouchi blamed the Glass-Steagall Act of 1933, which forbids bank ownership and control of non-banking business for much of the current industrial democracy in the world that has such a law.

Ouchi is most widely known as the author of "Theory Z: How American Business can meet the Japanese Challenge." In this book he deals at some length with the Japanese practice of lifetime employment, which he terms a critical factor. His company Z Seeks to make American employment conditions just as attractive or more attractive in different ways. But Professor Taira says lifetime employment is a privilege earned by only a few Japanese, perhaps 10 to 15% of non-farm workers. He also said it is not really "lifetime." Many workers are forced to retire as early as age 55. Women are rarely even considered for the lifetime jobs.

In fact, Taira said, lifetime employment is actually practiced in Japan now, has its roots in an anti-union movement of the 1930's that was called "the American Plan."
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Broom was already depicted in red and yellow colors which were five years old and that the study was limited to Los Angeles, but his analysis supports Broom on income figures and thus suggests the general soundness of Broom’s assessment. Hayatama estimated the 1940 median annual income of Japanese (alien and citizen) as $2,700. Broom had estimated the mean as $1,000—-Hayatama argues that since median figures often lead to mean figures, there is a major discrepancy between these numbers. Hayatama does not attempt to estimate property losses directly.

$400 million figure ‘unsubstantiated’

For years, writers and commentators have cited an estimate by the Federal Government of San Francisco that evacuate losses ran past $400 million. The Commission has rejected the Federal Reserve, which can find no basis in its records for such an estimate, and the Commission has no known source for the number. In short, the $400-million figure appears to be unsubstantiated.

Consideration of how claims were disposed of under the Evacuation Claims Act allows one to judge the fairness of the results. The program moved very slowly in its first years, when the Attorney General was required to adjudicate all claims presented. In 1940 and 1941, only 26,000 claims had been settled. A 1942 law increased the number of judges to 33 and sped up the procedures. By 1943, the formal adjudication requirement was removed from the Act for claims settling for up to $1,000 and 26% or more of their true value. A rush of settlements followed: by the end of 1943 approximately 22,000 claims had been settled.

These limitations must have operated as a forceful incentive to reduce claims to no more than 26% or to settle for cash payments. In 1946, with a small number of large claims remaining approximately 2,000 claims for $25 million, the Act was again changed to allow the Attorney General to select claims set for up to $10,000 and permit contested cases to go to the Court. Thereafter, almost all claims were compromised and adjudicated by the Department of Justice.

Regardless of the low level of litigation, the settlement procedure was tilted in favor of the government. It was not until 1965 that the Act was amended significantly when the Attorney General was given discretion to authorize settlement of the Court.

Before 1946, decisions of the Attorney General were final and, in approaching settlement, the Justice Department’s attitude, not surprisingly, was that the government was superior to all claims or rights to the claims. The simple fact that there were only 22,000 claims to be settled is an indication of the settlement procedure’s bias in favor of the government.

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2. One cannot readily appraise how much below truly fair compensation. 

3. The difficulty in assessing amount of hardship that would seem in that social context.

Women’s Concerns:

A Different Light

By MEINAKANO

Sebastopol, Ca.

Editor: The following column is the first in a series on Women’s Concerns. Mei Nakano, of the Sonoma County JACL, will cover a workshop on Women’s Concerns at the upcoming NOJPC, CDCC and PSWDC Tri-District Conference on Apr. 21. Letters and comments in response will be published in the next issue.

The title of this column comes from a line in Ibsen’s “A Doll’s House.” Here, Nora Helmer has come to the sudden realization that being a wife and mother what her husband calls her “inter vivos” deputy is not enough for her. “I believe,” she tells Torvald, “that before all else, I am a reasonable human being, just as you are, or, at events, that I must and become one.” That said, she prepares to leave him.

Shocked (“This is unheard of in a girl of your age!”), Torvald asks rhetorically if she has lost her moral sense. “That is not an easy question to answer,” Nora replies. “I only know that you and I look at the matter in quite a different light.”

Quite a lot of women are beginning to look at themselves in relation to society in quite a different light.” Like Nora, they are no longer content to be doll wives in doll houses. They are being more deeply ingrained, more pervasive, more subtle, and therefore more pernicious and difficult to root out.

Letters

Letters to the Editor (300 words max) on items appearing in the PC are welcomed.

• Truth will out

Editor: The truth will out! The truth is that the Japanese and postwar Americans suffered a most grave injury by their wartime internment, physically, mentally, and financially. Over WOR airwaves we’ve seen them, these repossession centers were, in reality, concentration camps complete with armed guards and barbed wire. As we didn’t know Compensation of their worldly goods is in order so that government will learn that it is costly to make such boners, but, regardless of what the financial redress may be, the scars of the ignominious event will remain forever with these loyal and lovely people the shame with the country they so love. Forty years and still fresh!

DENIS R. HENDY
New York, N.Y.

Ed. Note: Mr. Roland, a New Yorker, who as a 9-year-old, American survivor of the “HI” Concerns, Mei Nakano, of the Sonoma County JACL, will cover a workshop on Women’s Concerns at the upcoming NOJPC, CDCC and PSWDC Tri-District Conference on Apr. 21. Letters and comments in response will be published in the next issue.

If you have any doubts about it, you have only to look at our own organization. As a microcosm of middle-class Nikkei society, JACL has unerringly perpetuated the notions of male superiority and dominance, making believers out of almost everybody, including women. It has nurtured an atmosphere within its body-roots, if not hostile, certainly not conducive to democracy, let alone meaningful participation by women.

I give you just one example: appointments made to committee chairs. From the National level on down, from time immemorial, we have made mostly by men have gone overwhelmingly to men. Thus, if women have been present and available, these choices carry the inescapable message that they are not fit for “important” seats, or, at least, are not needed. Or both.

It is hardly surprising, then, that only a few brave women have been willing to put themselves out in the arena to be counted. Not so surprising either is that many bright, gifted women have gone elsewhere to seek more nourishing air.

Unfortunately, the solution to sexism—especially if exists in Nikkei society—is not as simple as slamming the door on the doll’s house or making even-handed appointments. Our cultural heritage, in so many ways humane and life-giving, has been a drag on the movement to liberate women. Too, our experience here in the U.S. as second-class citizens may not have yielded to us, all of us, the security, the sense of wholeness needed to bolt from the comfort of tradition.

What is important, this Nikkei society is long past due to extricate itself from the shackles of culturally determined assumptions and biases toward women. And to the degree that we fail to question, to challenge, to change, it will perpetuate the same pathological strain, creative waste and social ills, we owe it to ourselves to become keenly aware of how our own attitudes and behavior perpetuate or negate the practice.

The editor of this paper has made this column available to do just that. Writers, men and women alike, are invited to contribute a column concerning the subject of women.

Slated for upcoming columns are: The Language of Sexism, Self-Image of the Asian Woman; A Man’s View. Other suggestions on Social Movements of the Asian Female, The Male Role in Liberating Females, Women’s Support Network; A Sansei Male’s View. Write and cast your light on these or other pertinent topics (500 words max.) Send to: Mei Nakano, P.O. Box 884, Sebastopol, CA 95472

(Note: I do not expect to edit these articles. I’ve only agreed to solicit and collect them to alleviate that chore for our busy editor.)
WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: by Ron Ikejiri

CWRIC Report

By MIN YASUI
JACL Redress Comm. Chair

Washington, D.C.

Joan Z. Bernstein, chair of the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), has finished the draft of the report of the Commission (except for former U.S. Sen. Edward Brooke of Massachusetts, and Rev. Ismael V. Gromoff of Alaska), publicly released in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 24, the day before the evacuation, incarceration and relocation of persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast during World War II (1942-1946).

"Evacuation was not based upon military necessity" Nisei Veterans Committee

The factual and historical CWRIC report of the evacuation of innocent people in 1942, and brands such action as "racism" and as a failure of democratic processes under wartime stresses. Meticalously documented with hundreds of references only recently cleared under the Freedom of Information Act, and buttressed by exhaustive research and the vide-pyogamous, women's personal injustice was perpetrated because of the failure of our American Governmental system.

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As a third, we should brush up on public speaking and writing skills—in other words become the best communicator that we can for the JACL Redress Program.

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MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi

The ‘Best Interests’ of the Community

San Francisco

There are several Nikkei organizations in pursuit of the best interests of the Japanese American community in articulating a position on appropriate remedies to the wartime internment of the community. At least that was the starting point for this whole movement. The difficulty that developed around the best interests of the community stemmed from different flavors depending on the values, uncertainties or mechanisms that each group identified as important.

Except for the fringe that has managed to interpret a historical episode of gross constitutional violations against a specific ethnic community as a positive benefit, there is a general consensus that the concentration camps were wrong. There is the interpretation that the kind of wrongs that took place could not be remedied at any price. There is a great deal of truth in that. At the present level of technology, there is no way to reconstruct history to remediate all of the individual circumstances that resulted from the incarceration of 120,000 people.

We are left with a discussion of remedies within an economic and political setting that would satisfy our community in a symbolic sense. Individual compensation, contacting the Japanese American community in a symbolic sense. Individual compensation, contacting the Nikkei community about remedies. There is the interpretation that the hardships that took place could not be remedied against a specific ethnic community.

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DIABLO VALLEY’S NEW PRESIDENT—Roy Takai (right), outgoing president of the Diablo Valley JACL, congratulates 1983 president Carl Mune at the chapter’s installation dinner Jan. 30 at the Hungry Tiger Restaurant in Concord, CA.

S.F. scholarship forms available

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