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JACL National Board Meeting...

Delegation set for Japan to explore better relations

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL will send a delegation to Japan this fall, as part of an overall International Relations Committee program which is exploring ways on how Japanese Americans, by their experiences here in the U.S., can play a role in improving U.S.-Japan relations.

The delegation, consisting of National President Floyd Shimomura and National Director Ron Wakabayashi, was approved by the League's National Board during its meeting at JACL HQ over the weekend of March 18-20.

The Board also approved \$1,500 for the delegation's air fare;

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Redress plan stepped up; readying for CWRIC report

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL National Board made four decisions at its meeting last month which affects the National Committee for Redress.

Perhaps the most significant was the Board's approval of an increase in the Redress Committee's spending level from its current \$7,500-\$8,000 per month to \$15,000 per month (maximum) for a six-month period to allow the Committee to "step up" its program, timewise, in light of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians's upcoming recommendations for redress, which are due in either May or June. Redress Committee Chair Min Yasui had told the Board that the JACL must urgently move up its program and time schedules in order to seek passage of legislation before the 1984 presidential elections.

In an interview with the PC March 22, National President Floyd Shimomura explained that the Board, for a six-month period only, was approving for the Redress Committee an increase in its budget in order to accommodate the additional expenditures that will arise in both the San Francisco and Washington offices, since both departments will have to gear up for possible congressional legislation.

Won't Affect Endowment

Shimomura emphasized that the "increase" in the Redress Committee's spending levels will not affect the current Endowment Fund loan plan that funds the Redress Committee.

At the National Convention in Los Angeles last year, the National Council approved a budget of \$300,000 over three years to the Redress Committee, which would be covered by a loan from the JACL's National Endowment Committee. The loan would be paid back through pledges of \$5 per

year (from 1982-1984) from each member of the JACL.

Collateral for the loan is the JACL National HQ Building in San Francisco.

The Redress Committee could not borrow more than \$100,000 per year during the three year period.

Basically, the new redress plan calls for stepping up the program's time schedule, but at the same time staying within the overall three-year budget of \$300,000. Shimomura said that the Redress Committee will probably have to compress its planned three-year program into two years, because the next 15 months will be crucial.

According to National Director Ron Wakabayashi, the chapter pledges have been coming into National HQ at a rate sufficient enough to cover the Redress Committee's current expenses; therefore the Committee so far has not had to borrow any money from the Endowment Fund.

The Redress Committee, according to redress director John Tateishi, is preparing a detailed budget for the National Board's consideration before the next Board meeting in July. The budget will comply with the accelerated program and will be for the 1983-84 fiscal year.

Shimomura said that hopefully, by 1984, "the game's going to be over," meaning that redress legislation will have already gone before Congress ready for consideration.

However, noted Shimomura, if the redress program should have to go beyond its three-year life span (past 1984), and more funds are needed in excess of the \$300,000 allotted, then the program will have to seek funding from districts and chapters in ways outside of the current pledge system, such as fundraising dinners, solicitation campaigns, etc. But the

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\$8,000 raised for Amache Camp shrine

DENVER—A proposed 25-foot stone structure memorializing former internees of the Amache relocation camp is due for dedication this fall, and \$8,000 of the needed \$25,000 construction cost has been raised so far, reported the Rocky Mountain News Mar. 14.

Camp Amache, located near Granada, Colo., was the remote site where 8,930 Nikkei were confined during World War II.

The monument would be dedicated to the 932 men who were drafted into military service from the camp and were killed in action and also the 31 persons who died while confined at Amache.

"We are proud of them, said Arthur Iwasaki, a former internee. "We are proud of those who served their country while their parents died in camp."

Iwasaki, uprooted with 24-hour notice from his home in California, was on the first train to arrive in Granada on Aug. 27, 1942. He was 24. He taught literature at the camp and edited a literary paper.

He agreed to visit other camps and urge internees to remain calm until the war was over. In many towns, he said people threw rocks at him when he walked on the street and posted "No Japs" signs in hotels and restaurants.

"This was in Denver in 1944," he said. "It happened again in Wyoming, too."

After the war and his release, Iwasaki moved to Idaho and then Denver.

Co-sponsoring the monument are the Denver Central Optimist Club, the Amache Historical Society in California and Denver's Japanese American community.

A reunion at Amache in 1975 drew 900 people and Iwasaki predicts the dedication will draw 1,000.

"Even 41 years later, it is not too late," said Iwasaki, now 65. #

Cranston backs reparations

SEATTLE—Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Cal.) who recently announced that he will seek a Democratic presidential nomination, said he would support legislation to pay reparations to Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II.

Cranston made the announcement before a gathering of 40 persons attending a brunch March 20 sponsored by the Asian Americans for Political Action to honor local elected officials of Asian ancestry.

Meanwhile, in Washington, D.C., several Democratic senators spoke out on the Senate floor on the recent findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) presented a two-hour colloquy March 22 in which he said that

"pure and simple racism" was the cause of the internment.

In the nearly empty Senate Chamber, other senators—Bill Bradley of New Jersey, Daniel Moynihan of New York, Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii and Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, all offered comments which basically supported the premise that the CWRIC's findings should serve as a safeguard against allowing another mass internment of citizens from ever happening again.

Kennedy said, "We can make amends, to the limited extent possible, to those thousands of loyal Americans who were treated so shabbily by their own government. Neither national apology nor material compensation can fully rectify the terrible experience they were forced to undergo." #

Seattle Asians angered by transfer of mayoral aide

SEATTLE—Tensions have been escalating here between the Asian American community and Mayor Charles Royer because he recently took a Nikkei woman off of his staff and transferred her to another department.

Arlene Oki, who worked as special assistant to the mayor since 1978 when Royer began his first elected term, was transferred from that position to the Department of Human Resources, where she was assigned as a program planner. The action has sparked anger from Asians who say they question the mayor's commitment to affirmative action and the needs of the Asian community.

Oki has served as Royer's primary staff link to the International District and Asian communities. The only Asian on the mayor's staff, she has spent much of her time working on refugee and public school concerns.

Four Asian organizations and 126 individuals signed a letter in February to Royer, protesting the decision to remove Oki from his staff. "Your removing Arlene from your staff cannot be dismissed as merely an administrator's prerogative," said the letter. "Instead, it seems to be part of a trend in your administration to underestimate the concerns of the Asian community."

Among the signers of the letter were the Asian Pacific Women's Caucus, the Asian Family Affair newspaper, the Seattle JACL and other community leaders and activists.

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Civilian casualties was the U.S. goal in A-bombing Japan

PALO ALTO, Ca.—A "major goal" of the World War II atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was the mass killing of civilians, says a Stanford history professor.

Professor Barton Bernstein said March 22 he obtained information from recently declassified documents while doing research for a book on the nuclear arms race.

"The cities were chosen primarily because of the vulnerable civilian populations," Bernstein said in an article in Center Magazine, published by the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions in Santa Barbara.

He said the bombardier at Nagasaki missed the initial target point by more than a mile because the city was clouded over and the blast destroyed a small prisoner of war camp, killing 16 Dutch prisoners.

Bernstein said if the bombardier had erred two miles in the opposite direction, the bomb would have destroyed a large POW camp with about 1,400 prisoners, 1,290 of them Americans. The prison, he said, was unknown to planners of the attack.

President Truman, said Bernstein, privately described the atomic targets as "purely military," which he believes was "a

necessary self-deception, for he could not admit to himself that the bomb would kill many thousands of civilians."

He said the war transformed morality with the mass bombings of German cities designed to crack morale by killing workers and civilians.

"Americans had held out longer than Britain or Germany before following such tactics, but by 1945 all the civilized nations at war had adopted such tactics," the historian said.

He said Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson was "inconsistent" in wanting to use the A-bomb and was troubled by conventional mass bombing. "He was torn between an older morality, which deemed it wrong to try to kill civilians, and a new morality, which made it an acceptable way of war."

Stimson, he said, did compel military planners to delete Kyoto, Japan's famous shrine city, from the list of atomic targets—"not to save lives but to save shrines."

Both Stimson and Truman agreed that the A-bombing of the former Japanese capital of Kyoto would increase the risk of Japan becoming a post-war ally of the Soviet Union instead of reconciling with the U.S.

Nisei vets: 'One Vietnam is enough'

Inouye breaks from U.S. policy on military aid in El Salvador

WASHINGTON—Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), a quiet but forceful member of the Senate inner circle, surprised the Reagan Administration and most of his colleagues March 14 by breaking with U.S. policy in El Salvador. The reasons behind his potentially influential decision can be summed up in a single word: Vietnam.

For Inouye, who lost his right arm in European combat in World War II, voting for the unsuccessful war in Asia was a painful experience he will never forget. More and more, he sees a parallel in El Salvador, and he is determined not to support a repeat performance.

President Reagan's request for an immediate \$60 million in additional military aid to be reallocated from existing programs has faced unexpected trouble as a result of Inouye's speech announcing his opposition. The Hawaiian is the ranking minority member and a key figure on the Senate Appropriations subcommittee with authority over the request.

Beyond that, the defection of Inouye marks the highest point so far of political opposition to Salvador policy by the Democratic mainstream in the Senate, and is a likely harbinger of more opposition to come.

Senate Minority Leader Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.), who listened intently to Inouye's speech, said that it "will have a considerable impact" on the future course, and quickly announced his agreement with his colleague's viewpoint.

"I agonized over this," Inouye told the Washington Post. Addressing his central reason, he said, "One cannot easily forget Vietnam, especially if you had to live through that experience, realizing that your decisions would have affected the lives of many young people."

On Vietnam, Inouye had his doubts from the winter of 1965, but kept quiet and kept backing official policy as the U.S. presence rose to 500,000 in 1968. He had been close to President Johnson politically and personally, and broke with the policy only when the My Lai massacre was revealed in 1969, after Johnson was out of the White House.

In El Salvador, said Inouye, he had doubts from the outset, but went along with the policy out of caution and his longstanding inclination to give presidents the benefit of the doubt in foreign policy.

The breaking point came recently. On Feb. 28, Reagan called Inouye and other senior lawmakers to the White House to make the case for \$60 million in immediate military aid to El Salvador. Nine days later the military aid request was increased by \$50 million, to be reallocated from previous requests in a supplemental appropriation bill pending in Congress.

"When the president went from \$60 million, to \$110 million in one week, with no apparent change in the situation, it didn't make sense to me. He also said that if he didn't get the money, we'd increase our advisers (in El Salvador)."

"History was repeating itself. I've been conditioned by Vietnam," Inouye said.

Among the other influences on his decision, as Inouye recounted them:—Secretary of State George P. Schultz' unexpected attack, at a hearing attended by Inouye Feb. 28, on "churchmen who want to see Soviet influence in El Salvador improved."

On March 12, Schultz suggested that he had misspoke. But Inouye said, "When we start striking at the church, it does not denote strength of our foreign policy."

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Fund raising effort begun for Japanese student rape victim

SAN DIEGO—A 17-year-old Japanese student, asked how she expected to benefit from the adventure of becoming a U.S. exchange student, wrote, "I expect to see my other face."

The face now shows signs of slight depression. But she maintains efforts at good humor as she battles, at University Hospital, permanent paralysis brought on by the bullets of a rapist who left her and a friend for dead on Feb. 21.

"Right now that young girl has been confronted with her other face, within her inner self, and she has found strength, courage and self-confidence," Pat Murphy said as he announced a drive for public contributions to help her.

Murphy is president of the Imperial Beach Chamber of Commerce, which is leading the effort.

He and other officials at a hospital press conference recently said medical expenses are nearing \$50,000.

It is estimated that at least \$12,000 a year will be needed to care for the permanently disabled girl, and that doesn't include the cost of making her home in Japan accessible to wheelchairs.

Insurance will cover about \$16,000 of the medical expenses for the girl, who is scheduled for another four weeks of therapy before her return to Japan.

About \$4,000 has been raised so far, and the victim has received about 500 cards and letters and gifts from well-wishers, said hospital representative Pat JaCoby.

James Russell Bishop, 27, of Imperial Beach, is in jail on charges that he attacked the exchange student and her 15-year-old companion. Investigators said they were abducted near Mar Vista High

School, then raped, shot and abandoned.

The younger girl was struck four times by bullets, but managed to flag down a passing auto. She recovered from her wounds and is back in school.

The Japanese student was shot three times, and was paralyzed from the waist down when one of the bullets severed her spinal cord. Her physician, Dr. Martha Minter, said gunshot injuries in that area are more painful than accidental damage to the spine.

Rehabilitation thus far has centered on having the girl sit up in her hospital bed for a few hours daily—an exhausting task—and helping her regain strength in her arms, which were weakened by the surgery on her chest, Minter said.

The doctor doubts that the patient will ever walk again, even with braces. Her father has returned to Japan from visiting her, and her mother will travel back to that country with her.

She was attending Mar Vista as part of the Youth for Understanding exchange program. The regional director of that operation, Charles Andromidas, said initial publicity in Japan over the crime tended to reinforce feelings there that the United States was a violent place, but it has not affected the program's participants.

Students at Mar Vista also are collecting money for their former schoolmate and are planning fundraising events, said Carol Prior, public relations director for the San Diego Crime Victims Fund.

Those wishing to contribute to the student's expenses and rehabilitation are asked to send to Japanese Exchange Student Fund, P.O. Box 544, Imperial Beach, Ca. 92032.

—San Diego Union

Kato placed on probation for theft

OXNARD, Ca.—Oxnard Councilman Tsugio Kato pleaded no contest March 15 to a charge of petty theft involving the taking of two knives from an Oxnard department store and was placed on three years probation.

Kato, 44, did not appear in court before Municipal Court Judge Fred Jones. Kato's attorney, Kevin McVerry, gave Jones a form in which the councilman entered his plea and waived his constitutional rights to a jury trial.

Probation terms assigned by Jones to Kato include the payment of a \$300 fine, 120 hours in the county's direct work program and an agreement to have his vehicle or residence searched at any time by a police officer.

McVerry objected to the search condition, calling it unnecessary and comparing it to "using a Mack truck to smash a gnat." McVerry also told Jones he did not think the direct work hours were necessary, since Kato already gives between 20 and 30 hours a week in community service to the city of Oxnard.

Deputy District Attorney William Carr asked that Kato be treated the same as all other first-time offenders. Jones agreed and imposed the normal probation terms.

Carr also told Jones that because of the unusual nature of the case, he did not want Kato to enter a no-contest plea and still maintain his innocence. Jones responded by reading from the waiver form signed by Kato, in which the former mayor said he was entering his plea "after careful consideration" and with the belief "that, in fact, I'm guilty."

The district attorney's office filed a misdemeanor charge against Kato in February, charging him with taking two knives, worth \$22, from the Sears Roebuck & Co. in the Esplanade Mall in North Oxnard.

Kato was stopped by a security guard as he was leaving the store Dec. 24. Sears decided not to press charges against Kato, but a security guard reported the incident to the district attorney's office and the charge was filed following an investigation.

Sources said Kato purchased a considerable amount of merchandise at Sears that day. He reportedly took the merchandise from the store, then returned again and left with the knives.

McVerry refused to comment on why Kato decided to withdraw his innocent plea and replace it with no contest. He said the councilman would issue a statement later. #

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Masaoka feted by Matsunaga

WASHINGTON—Mike M. Masaoka, former JACL Washington representative was paid tribute on March 10 for his more than 40 years of advocacy on behalf of Japanese Americans by Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) in a speech before the U.S. Senate.

The Hawaii lawmaker hailed Masaoka as "a life-long lobbyist for the American ideal," who has helped to secure most of the corrective and remedial legislation for persons of Japanese ancestry in the post-war period, including:

—The right of all legal resident Asians to become naturalized American citizens;

—The repeal of the Japanese Exclusion Act;

—The elimination of the national origin and Asia Pacific Triangle discrimination clauses in U.S. national immigration laws; and

—The Japanese American Evacuation Claims Act.

"For the past 42 years, as Washington Representative for the Japanese American Citizens League, Mike has left his imprint on more than 500 pieces of legislation. Among them were the United States ratification of the Treaty of Peace with Japan, the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation with Japan, and the Mutual Security Treaty, also with Japan," Matsunaga said.

Matsunaga recounted for his fellow Senators, the long and successful career of Masaoka, who with his wife Etsu, were present in the Senate chamber.

A native Californian, Masaoka was graduated with honors from the University of Utah in 1937. In 1940, he wrote the Japanese American Creed, which was first read into the Congressional Record by Utah Senator Elbert D. Thomas on May 9, 1941.

Nikkei now on Long Beach school brd.

LONG BEACH, Ca.—Dr. John Kashiwabara, a Long Beach physician, has won a seat on the Board of Education of the Long Beach Unified School District. In voting held during a special election here March 15, Kashiwabara garnered the third highest number of votes. Three seats were being contested.

Harriet Williams led the winners with 11,060 votes, Arlene Solomon followed with 9,606 and Kashiwabara, a 61-year old bachelor, edged out runner-up Barbara Shoag, 7,939 to 7,646 according to information provided by the Long Beach Board of Education.

Valedictorian of his high school class, Kashiwabara was a pre-war CIF basketball star. Following internment in a wartime detention camp for Japanese Americans and graduation from the University of Illinois medical school, Kashiwabara served as a U.S. Air Force medical corpsman in the Korean War. He opened a practice in Long Beach in 1954.



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Awards

Margaret Tominaga, a 3.77 GPA student at University High School in Los Angeles, was the recipient of the UCLA Alpha Delta Alumnae Scholarship for 1982-83. The scholarship of \$500 is awarded each fall to Asian American women students, based on academic achievement and financial need. The Chi Alpha Delta Alumnae will hold their annual Scholarship Benefit Bridge Tea on May 1 at the West L.A. Buddhist Church. For more info call Mabel Ota, (213) 294-4533.

Military

Dean Alan Sadanaga of Vanden High School, Solano County, was recently nominated by Representative Vic Fazio (4th Congressional District, California) to the Air Force Academy, Military Academy at West Point, and to the Naval Academy. Dean was the only senior to be nominated to all three academies by Congressman Fazio. Dean's parents, Colonel and Mrs. John Sadanaga, are active both in the Solano JACL and the Suisun Nisei Clubs.

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Kimochi fundraiser a success

SAN FRANCISCO—Over 800 persons attended the Kimochi Home Project Celebration/Fund-Raising Dinner in the Garden Court of the Sheraton Palace Hotel.

Co-emcees Wendy Tokuda of KPIX-TV and Benh Nakajo introduced Hisao Inouye, Chairman of Kimochi Board of Directors, who gave opening greetings.

Presentations to Kimochi, Inc. were from the following:

S.F. Board of Supervisors, presented by Supervisor John Molinari accepted by Hisao Inouye; S.F. Commission on Aging, presented by Director Louise Kamikawa who flew in from Seattle to present the honors; and a special presentation to Inouye from the S.F. Board. Honored guests were presented with special plaques by representatives of Kimochi, Inc. Steve Nakajo, Executive Director, presented a plaque to Mayor Dianne Feinstein for her Office of Community Development's contribution of \$185,000 for construction of the senior center portion of the project. Also, an Imari plate was given to the Mayor as her personal gift.

Mayor Feinstein then did some fund-raising by making an appeal to the audience to make pledges or donations to the project. As a result of her plea, cash donations were made by: the Police Officers' Association, Jackson Hirose, Pacific Telephone, Supervisor John Molinari, Fred Ichikawa, VBN Corporation employees, the table of Nikkei Lions Club, the table of Tosh Hara, the table of Hiko Shimamoto, the table of Sakae Hosaka, and the Issei Fund Group. Pledges were made by: P.G. & E, Archbishop Nitten Ishida, Mayor Dianne Feinstein, Wendy Tokuda, Shima Transfer and Nick Daphne. An overall total of \$28,000 was the net received from the event.

The Koret Foundation was honored for its \$100,000 contribution to the construction. Presenting the plaque to Eugene Friend, a member of the Koret Board of Directors, was Richard Eijima, Kimochi's Administrative Aide. An Imari plate was also presented to Mr. Friend and his wife, Ellie.

Presenting a special recognition from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to George (Clem) Oyama was Supervisor Bill Maher. Kimochi's plaque to Mr. Oyama was presented by Sandy Ouye Mori, Project Coordinator of Kimochi Home.

Hospital to focus on mental health

TORRANCE, Ca.—Del Amo Hospital will present "Asian American Mental Health Issues," a symposium that will focus on such topics as: Culture and Mental Health in Asian American Populations; Marital Problems in Asian American Families; Private and Community Practice; and Japanese Americans and Japanese in America—Comparative Mental Health Experiences.

The conference will be held on April 7 at the Del Amo Hospital Auditorium, 23700 Camino Del Sol. Admission is free; for more info call (213) 872-2482.

Statue dedicated to Issei pioneers becomes controversy

LOS ANGELES—A handful of young Nikkei conducted a quiet afternoon demonstration in support of a new bronze statue of a Japanese folk hero in Little Tokyo on March 13.

The statue was erected by developers of a new office complex here as a tribute to the pioneering efforts of the Issei.

But the staff of the local office of the Community Redevelopment Agency has recommended that the 10-foot high statue be removed.

Al Taira, one of the developers of the building at 2nd and San Pedro Sts., says building principals commissioned Tokyo sculptor Junichiro Hannya to create the statue of Kinjiro Ninomiya, a legendary figure in Japanese history synonymous with the working spirit and quest for knowledge.

"We wanted something Oriental to offset the modernistic nature of our building," Taira said. "We dedicated it to the spirit our pioneer-

ing Issei brought to this country; the spirit of hard work, respect for elders and self-education."

Taira, said the statue cost him and his fellow investors \$25,000. The developer also said that he is happy with the work and would like to keep it, but added he didn't want to make the CRA mad and would comply with their wishes.

Cooke Sunoo, Little Tokyo CRA project manager, said the statue was in non-compliance with a contract between the developers and the urban renewal agency.

According to information submitted to the CRA, the agency's Little Tokyo staff feels that the Ninomiya statue is "a widely duplicated replication" and that it is not a piece of fine art by their definition.

Sunoo said he had known of Taira's intention to erect the piece as long as 10 months ago and that the CRA and Taira had exchanged correspondence on the issue. (The

CRA requires builders to provide for public fine art as part of their developments.)

Edward N. Helfeld, administrator of the CRA, on March 15 reiterated his agency's stand that the statue recently erected in front of the Mitsui Manufacturers Bank Building "won't do."

The CRA official called the statue "a reproduction of mass-produced statuary."

Said Helfeld: "I don't believe it's a work of art. It's imitative of a common, mass-produced item."

CRA staff will recommend, with Helfeld's backing, that the agency's board order Taira to

remove the statue. If Taira refuses, Helfeld said he would urge the board to hold the Nikkei developer in breach of contract.

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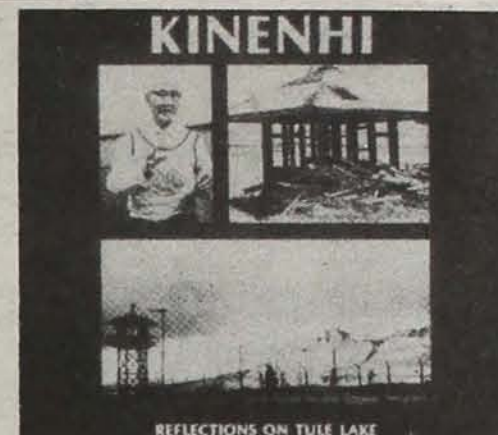
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CONTROVERSIAL STATUE—A group of demonstrators express their support for a bronze statue of Kinjiro Ninomiya, a Japanese historical figure, which was recently erected in front of the new Mitsui Manufacturers Bank building on San Pedro St. in Little Tokyo.



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A Problem of Perception

Ed. Note: While I usually don't respond to most of the "Letters to the Editor" I receive (I merely print them), I recently got one that I felt deserved some feedback from me. I usually respect the viewpoints expressed by our readers, but this particular letter, from Ed Suguro of Seattle, had some points which I felt could not go unchallenged. Mr. Suguro's letter begins this debate; my response to him follows:

Editor:

Reference has been made several times in the Pacific Citizen pertaining to the JACL's position on U.S.-Japan relations and Michi Kobi's letter of 2-25-83 in support of such a position and articles by Floyd Shimomura and Ron Wakabayashi indicate that the National JACL will move in the direction of being involved with Japan. I myself do not support this position.

Once you become involved in Japan's affairs you become nothing more than a propagandist, apologist and defender of Japan. One would think we Nisei at least would learn from the lessons of pre-Pearl Harbor. Prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Issei strongly identified with Japan. Unfortunately, after Pearl Harbor had been bombed, we were put in a position of hearing accusations, however much they were motivated by racism, that we had been indoctrinated on loyalty, patriotism and nationalism to Japan. We were not above reproach at that time and this contributed to our incarceration.

There are those who say that America's relations with Japan spill over on us Nikkei so we have a stake in harmonious relations or else we may become scapegoats for the people's anger at Japan. They cite the attack on Pearl Harbor as the classic example. Pearl Harbor did lead to our incarceration, but it was not the only reason. It was "the straw that broke the camel's back," but it was the years of anti-Nikkei agitation that had been building up on the West Coast that made Pearl Harbor its apex. The racists seized on Pearl Harbor to drive us from our homes and send us into exile.

I don't believe that what Japan does reflects on us anymore. When the whaling issue was at its peak, the people didn't march on Nikkei businesses, organizations or leaders; they marched to the Japanese consulates because the issue concerned Japan, not us. On the trade issue people have been known to destroy or batter Japanese-made cars, but Nikkei's cars haven't been singled out for vandalism. Our cars haven't been damaged, our homes haven't been threatened, and we haven't been harassed for something that Japan has done because we haven't jumped to the defense of Japan, we don't represent it, and we owe no loyalty to it.

One Nisei woman once told me that she could never sit through any films or discussion of Pearl Harbor because she felt so guilty. Why? Japan is not her country and she was not responsible for the seizure of Manchuria from China, the rape of Nanking, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the Bataan march, bacteriological experiments on humans in Manchuria, the whaling issue, the cover-up of Japanese atrocities during World War II in Japanese textbooks, and the attempted theft of computer information from American companies. These were the doings of the people of Japan and their people would have to answer for their actions.

In the United States some of the Sansei activists have been involved in confrontations with Japanese corporations regarding redevelopment and dispersal, unionization, wage rates, employment practices and job conditions, and the Japanese corporations have denounced the Sansei. But the Sansei have united, persevered, and have made the Japanese corporations bend to their will.

Does the National JACL wish to become defenders of Japan corporations in situations like these? How can the JACL become involved without taking sides? Will the JACL become a spokesperson and representative of Japanese corporate interests? Why not let Japan speak for itself?

My view is that you can't have it both ways. One cannot be a servant of two masters. We have enough problems with our own country without trying to take on Japan's as well. For those who wish to become involved with Japan, there are organizations such as the Japan Society (or Japan-America Society) and Japan trade organizations which would welcome your support. As long as people work for the benefit of Japan on an individual basis, they won't tie us all in with Japan's destiny.

At the same time I don't see any need for Japan news in the Pacific Citizen. What's reported is a rehash of what's already been reported in the metropolitan dailies, the local radio and TV newscasts, the national radio and TV newscasts, the national magazines, the radio and TV discussion shows, and the radio phone-in talk shows. Japan news is over-reported, but it's almost impossible to find Nikkei news unless you subscribe to several Nikkei bilingual papers. With so much Nikkei news being unreported, it's a shame to devote space to already reported Japan news when Nikkei news is next to impossible to find in the regular media.

Nisei (and Sansei) who don't get enough of Japan should be subscribers to The East and PHP (for peace, happiness and prosperity), two Japanese magazines printed in English that tell us a great deal about contemporary Japan. Asia magazine also contains articles about Japan, but as its name applies it covers many other Asian nations besides Japan. A subscription to the English edition of the Japan Times Weekly should also be a "must" for those who want more Japan news.

The National JACL seems intent on being involved with Japan issues and I can't help but see it as a mistake that harks back to the pre-Pearl Harbor days when the Issei held the reins of leadership. Of course we don't have to follow the leadership of the national body if we don't want to, and local chapters do have a great deal of autonomy and independence. But the problem arises if the JACL supports Japan in unpopular matters

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Letters

Letters to the Editor (200 words max) on items appearing in the PC are welcomed.

● Salt Lake Conference

Editor:

I recently attended the conference on relocation and redress held at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City (March 10-12). For the most part, I found the various sessions informative and the speakers nearly unanimous in their recognition of the injustice of the internment and their support of reparations for Japanese Americans.

There were, however, aspects of the conference that disturbed me a great deal.

First of all, despite the conference's title—"Relocation and Redress"—there was only one session that dealt specifically with the redress movement itself. The panel featured Min Yasui of JACL and Bill Hohri of NCJR but did not include a representative of NCRR (National Coalition for Redress/Reparations), which has been a major mobilizing force in the JA community. NCRR was not approached by the conference organizers, and an NCRR member who asked to be allowed to speak was actually turned down.

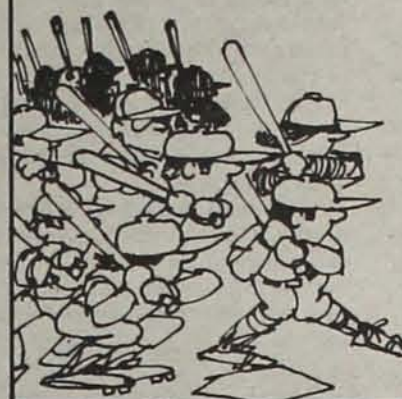
This omission reflects either gross ignorance or strong bias on the part of the organizers of the conference.

Equally disturbing were Yasui's comments during the redress session. Though he stressed unity among the different redress organizations, urging "common res-

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pect for each other" so that we do not "cut each other to pieces," he contradicted himself by belittling NCRR's legislative efforts.

Referring to the redress bills submitted during the last congressional session by Congressman Dymally (D-Gardena), Yasui said that the bills were "not supported" and that the word around Capitol Hill was that Dymally "threw the bill in to get the constituents off his back."

Those bills were submitted not in the hopes of getting them passed during that particular session, but merely to bring the issue of reparations to the attention of Congress and the American public. Also, we are working with Dymally's support and cooperation rather than pestering or pressuring him.

As a member of both NCRR and JACL, I see unity and cooperation between the various redress groups as a key to achieving our

goals. For that very reason, I would like to see less "cutting down of the opposition" and more words and deeds directed at bridging the gaps that exist. The Utah conference was disappointing in this respect, but hopefully some lessons can be learned from it.

J.K. YAMAMOTO
Co-Chair, Gardena NCRR
Gardena, Ca.

'A Different Light': Women's Concerns...

Nuclear War: No Mistakes Allowed

By CHIZU IYAMA

Contra Costa, Ca.

Ed. Note: Chizu Iiyama, Contra Costa JACL member, is head of the Department of Child Development at Contra Costa College. She will co-chair the Women's Concerns Workshop with Sonoma County's Mei Nakano at the upcoming Tri-District Workshop in Reno, Nv. on April 22-24.

It was past midnight, and my gentle-voiced mother-in-law continued her recollections of the havoc wreaked by the atomic bomb at the end of World War II. We were visiting my husband's family in Hiroshima and were sharing our wartime experiences.

My mother-in-law, tiny and dignified, spoke in measured tones, her voice carefully controlled, almost as if she were afraid of being overwhelmed by the strength of her emotions. Eyes closed, tears coursing down her worn cheeks, she asked of my husband softly: "Do you remember Masako-chan...or Haruko-chan, or Mikio...or Inouye-san...? I saw them dying in agony when I brought *musubi* to some survivors housed in our local school on the outskirts of Hiroshima."

Only once did her voice change expression. That was when she looked up and wondered with anguish and bitterness: "Why did the American government use the atomic bomb?"

We were sitting there, overlooking a tranquil, classical Japanese garden. And the contrast between the beauty of the setting and the tragic stories she was relating made the whole evening as unreal as the misty air slowly enveloping the full moon. I will always remember that night.

And this is what I see: the prevention of atomic war as the most important issue of our time.

Perhaps because women are bearers of children, have traditionally cared for their families, and are primarily "people" oriented, they have been in the forefront of the drive to control the atomic arms race and to work for peace. Some years ago, while in England, I observed huge demonstrations, primarily women, against the deployment of American missiles; in Sweden I spoke to a large contingent of women just returning from a peace walk to Germany. My own involvement dates back to the 1950's when we participated in a world-wide petition drive against the development of atomic weapons.

Invariably, we hear people—usually men—question our efforts. They ask what we know about the intricacies of foreign affairs, of politics, of weaponry. Some see us as too "emotional" or "idealistic" or "simplistic."

Certainly, we need to take stands based on intelligent reasoning, and, certainly, we must inform ourselves about national and world problems. But it is equally as important to listen to our own common sense and not leave things to the "experts." As I read the memoirs of Kissinger, the writings of Robert Kennedy, the biography of Lyndon Johnson and statements made by Caspar Weinberger and Ronald Reagan, I question the

judgment of "experts," people who hold in their hands the life and death of every creature on this planet.

We, of all people, know how government manipulates information to orchestrate public opinion. Under the Freedom of Information Act, we have had access to information which shows how the government has misinformed, lied, favored special interest groups, etc. Recently, as you know, a group of Japanese Americans submitted a petition charging that the U.S. government suppressed information in order to win the Supreme Court cases against Gordon Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu and Min Yasui. And the Commission which investigated wartime relocation released its report not long ago, concluding that a "grave injustice" had been done to Japanese Americans, and that there was no justification for the evacuation.

There will be no commission to investigate "mistakes" after an atomic war, no citizenry to charge the government with suppressing information.

Many of us don't want to think about atomic war—though everyone is against it. But the danger is escalating daily because of increasing technological knowledge, proliferation of weapons to many parts of the world, along with an administration that issues bellicose statements. We now know about the absurd power of overkill which both Russia and the U.S. possess: we can kill very Russian 40 times over; they can kill every American 20 times. At present, it takes 20 minutes for our bombs to hit Soviet targets, and if the new set of American nuclear missiles go into place in Europe this year, it will take just eight minutes for them to reach Russian cities. Not surprisingly, the editors of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists have moved the doomsday clock from nine to seven minutes; other scientists have predicted there is less than 40% chance of surviving to the year 2000.

But these warnings need not become fact: they can be an impetus to action. We learned in the Vietnam conflict that we could stop a war we did not want. All of us who marched, picketed, sat in, petitioned, sent delegations to Congress, and participated in political campaigns, played a crucial role in changing the direction of American foreign policy and perhaps the course of history. And we can do it again.

Recent polls show that the Reagan Administration has alienated numbers of women because of foreign policy issues. And I see many young Sansei women active in the movement against atomic war, in the freeze campaign, against American involvement in El Salvador. As an oldtimer, I am heartened by their spirit. But we need everyone—young and old, men and women. The stakes are high for they involve the future of the world.

Ed. Note: Persons interested in submitting an article on a relevant topic concerning women (500 words max, typed, double-spaced) should send it to: Mei Nakano, P.O. Box 854, Sebastopol, CA 95472.

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with the U.S. and there are accusations, condemnations and denunciations of Japan for whatever questionable, unfair or wrongful acts Japan commits, we Nikkei would all suffer from the "fallout." The JACL's stand would put us all in the same boat as Japan, and I just don't think we Nikkei should be in any way responsible for the actions of Japan.

ED SUGURO
Seattle, WA.

Response to Mr. Suguro:

To begin with, I won't respond on behalf of the JACL (because part of the League's answer to Mr. Suguro's letter can be found in the story on the National Board meeting, pg. 1).

I certainly respect Mr. Suguro's right to feel that he and other Nikkei should "stay out" of the U.S.-Japan issue, and some of his comments are well worth taking into account. But there are some presumptions that he expresses which are highly disturbing and perhaps even bordering on being dangerous.

To begin with, I think Mr. Suguro has misinterpreted Michi Kobi's letter of Feb. 25. I believe she was stressing the fact that Nikkei should be aware of what is going on in the area of U.S.-Japan relations, and perhaps, on a larger scale, what is going on in the world around them. I don't think Ms. Kobi was necessarily advocating that JACL or the larger Nikkei community must take a particular action on the issue (although the JACL is anyway) but she was urging that JACL and all Nikkei avoid being ignorant on this matter.

Mr. Suguro also seems to perceive Japan as an "enemy"—I thought it was an ally of the United States (?) Mr. Suguro is apparently "buying" the very myth that some American corporations would like us to accept—that Japan is once again plotting to undermine the U.S.—this time, not with war, but with economic tactics.

Indeed, there is a problem in this trade issue (deficits, unfair practices,

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Oki's transfer came just a year after Royer cut her salary (along with another aide's) from \$34,430 to 26,000.

Seattle's Asian community newspaper, the International Examiner, interviewed Royer, but the mayor refused to discuss why Oki was transferred, saying it was a "personnel matter."

Royer did note, however, that his administration had made progress in carrying out affirmative action in the city workforce, although some departments such as City Light and Engineering "have been difficult." And he noted that he hired an Asian to head the city's Office of Policy Evaluation, an office the city council dismantled in November of 1981.

As for the mayor's office, Royer said, "We don't have a large enough staff to represent every group. I'm not running a showcase office. We have to have an office peopled with individuals with certain expertise, who can deal across the city with issues."

Seattle JACL President Miffed

But the tensions between the community and the mayor have not eased, as Seattle JACL President Mako Nakagawa said at a recent community luncheon that an aide to Royer had lashed out at her when she inquired about the Oki matter.

Nakagawa said she had called the mayor's office to ask why the Seattle JACL did not receive a response to its Feb. 28 letter seeking a meeting with Royer.

Royer's press aide, Tom Keefe, told Nakagawa to "get your facts straight" and branded her letter "outrageous."

Nakagawa said Keefe "had the gall to tell me not use our (JACL) stationery to write the mayor."

Keefe denied that remark, but said Nakagawa's letter was "riddled with misstatements and inaccuracies."

Keefe said Nakagawa questioned the mayor's commitment to the Asian community and accused the mayor of dismissing another former staff member, a woman Keefe said resigned to work in the private sector. Keefe said both allegations "are untrue."

Another Royer aide said the changes in staff were part of "Charley's ability to bring in new faces. It's no comment on the quality of their work."

But political observers see the housecleaning as part of a major restructuring in which loyalists are being sacrificed in favor of those Royer feels can help him in the 1984 gubernatorial race.

The mayor's office had been planning to meet with a "legitimate cross section of people" who are concerned with the issue of his affirmative action policies, but Keefe said the mayor would not be willing to discuss "specific personnel matters," referring to the Oki case.

Oki, a native of Spokane, moved to Seattle in 1972. She began her political career as a campaign worker on the 1968 presidential bid of the late Robert F. Kennedy. Since then, she has been active in numerous local and national campaigns, encouraging the participation of young Asian Americans. #

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—Mail from home and advice from about 200 people he has seen on the subject in recent weeks. "The people aren't always wrong. In my mailbag for each letter of support for our involvement in El Salvador, perhaps 25 are in opposition."

100/442 Vets Mail

This mail is from Hawaii, where the federal establishment, especially the military, was the No. 1 source of income in 1981, and where there are many war veterans. Among his letters were some from fellow veterans of the 442nd Infantry Regiment, the Japanese American unit in which he served in World War II. "These are from men who very seldom write" but now their letters say, "Don't you think one Vietnam is enough?"

—The fact that his son, who is 18, is registered for the draft and thus fair game for a future Salvadoran war. Kenny Inouye is opposed to U.S. involvement in El Salvador but would go if his country called, according to his father.

Similar considerations about policy, its support among constituents and in the family circle were factors in congressional switches about the Vietnam war in the 1960s.

Regarding the future, Inouye said he'd change his view "if I can be convinced that the regime in El Salvador is willing and ready to seek a non-military solution."

Elections in the midst of war are not enough, Inouye said. "We have to face the realities of the situation and sit down with people we despise."

He wondered out loud why the U.S. and Salvadoran governments so resist negotiations with guerrilla forces and their political backers. "After all, the United States sits down with communists all the time," he said. #

etc.) and in that sense, Japan's competition with the United States is of grave concern. But why is Japan singled out on a racial basis, while other European nations, which are also competitors as well, go virtually ignored?

Mr. Suguro also apparently feels that if Nikkei stay out of this matter, and ignore it, it will just go away. Like cancer? I suppose if one ignores that disease, will it go away too?

Mr. Suguro also says, "I don't believe that what Japan does reflects on us anymore." Looked in the mirror lately, Mr. Suguro? Apparently he feels that he's an "American" and everyone will understand the difference right away.

Japanese America has its own unique culture—it shares commonalities with both countries in unique ways. Mr. Suguro may be partly right in saying that we don't really "represent" Japan and "we owe no loyalty to it" but whether Mr. Suguro likes it or not, we share a most obvious trait with the Japanese—physical appearance.

Granted, most intelligent non-Asians are aware of the difference between the Nikkei and Japanese from Japan, but can a Nikkei honestly say he or she feels "comfortable" seeing cartoons of slant-eyed characters dropping bombs labelled "imports" on maps of Detroit; or the sight of angry, unemployed autoworkers blaming their problems on the "Japs"?

I can certainly sympathize with the plight of the American autoworker, and I think some of them are beginning to realize that part of their problem is stemming from bad managerial practices on the part of auto company executives. Many auto executives certainly don't mind letting Japan take the "heat" for the problems facing those auto workers.

Another point that I take issue with is Mr. Suguro's comments about the Issei and the pre-World War II era. Mr. Suguro says that "...the Issei strongly identified with Japan" and while he acknowledges that racism led to the internment, he notes, "We were not above reproach at that time and this contributed to our incarceration."

The implication Mr. Suguro seems to be making here is that because the Issei kept cultural ties with Japan (just as most immigrants in this country keep close ties to their homeland), it is somewhat "reasonable" to use this fact as an "excuse" for the internment. Is Mr. Suguro, in part, "blaming" the Issei for the internment, simply because they retained "Japanese" traits? This sense of reasoning is almost identical to that

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these funds would come from the \$4,000 that was allocated to the IRC by the National Council at the National Convention last year.

The purposes of the U.S.-Japan program were spelled out in a brief summary by Shimomura:

1.) To inform the Japanese about:
—the current status of Nikkei;
—the backlash caused by U.S.-Japan trade friction on Nikkei because of historic racial prejudice;

—how the Japanese have in some ways benefitted from the 55 years of effort JACL has spent trying to create a "racially tolerant and accepting society towards persons of Japanese ancestry";

—how Japanese Americans can be a tremendous human resource in helping the Japanese and Americans resolve mutual misunderstandings arising out of Japan's new economic presence in America.

2.) To learn from the Japanese:
—more about the current status of their economic and political development;

—what plans or strategy the Japanese have developed, if any, to mitigate or eliminate the backlash caused by their trade policy in the United States;

—what role, if any, does the Japanese believe Japanese Americans and the JACL can play in the present trade dispute;

—the level of understanding the Japanese have about U.S. attitudes toward them;

—what Japanese attitudes are toward the United States.

3.) To develop lines of communication with key governmental, business, academic, and political leaders so that the JACL can keep them informed of our concerns and they can keep us aware of their concerns.

4.) To symbolize—by the trip itself and by the (hopefully) high level of contacts made—that JACL has progressed to the point where it is being accorded the respect that an organization representing over 30,000 members of Japanese ancestry deserves in the international arena.

Shimomura felt that the delegation should visit Japan as representatives of JACL (and funded by the League) rather than as "guests" of the Japanese, so that the delegation could "speak more freely" on the issues.

Met with Officials

Shimomura had met with U.S. and Japan officials in Washington, D.C. last February, through arrangements made by JACL Washington Representative Ron Ikejiri and consultant Mike Masaoka.

Shimomura conferred with Al Seligmann, director of the Office of Japan Affairs in the State Department. He also met with Japanese Ambassador Yoshio Okawara and Counsellor Hiroshi Fukuda to discuss ways the JACL could assist in establishing better U.S.-Japan relations.

According to National Treasurer Frank Sato, who attended the meeting between Shimomura and Seligmann, the State Department official had advised JACL to "stay out of the international arena" in the issue of U.S.-Japan trade. Seligmann noted, however, that JACL could play a better role at a "grassroots" level here in the U.S., in the area of educating the American public on Japanese attitudes.

Shimomura said that JACL is merely feeling out the issue at this time, for it is too early for the League to get deeply involved in the matter at this point. However, he said:

"Japanese Americans have reached a point in this country where I don't think we're afraid of our own shadow. We're

which was used against the Nikkei during World War II.

Remember, Mr. Suguro, the Issei were denied U.S. citizenship during those years, and they weren't given that right until 1952.

While I said that I wouldn't speak for the JACL, there is one observation that I would like to point out. Mr. Suguro says that JACL should not become "a propagandist, apologist and defender of Japan." Why should Japanese corporations, with all of their wealth, need JACL to be their spokesperson? I'm sure they're channeling enough money into the major media outlets (print and electronic) through advertising to gain some favorable influence in that area.

And speaking of defenders, there is one figure in this country who happens to be adamantly opposed to protectionism, and is a strong advocate of free trade and better U.S.-Japan relations: President Reagan (despite whatever one's opinion of him may be, whether good or bad).

Mr. Suguro also uses the argument that "Sansei activists" oppose Japan corporations, therefore, the Sansei are "against" Japan, too. That's a very narrow viewpoint of the matter. I believe these Nikkei "activists" (as Mr. Suguro calls them) are actually concerned with a larger issue: fairness. Whether it involves Japanese or American corporations and entities (remember, it's the American redevelopment agencies which allow such Japanese companies to "move out" Nikkei businesses) the Nikkei "activists" are actually opposed to the unfair treatment that these companies are giving to Nikkei and other groups, and I don't think it really matters whether the source of these unfair practices comes from Japan or any country.

On the matter of articles in the Pacific Citizen, granted, I'll accept the fact that some of the articles appear in other news media forms. But to suggest that Nikkei read such magazines as "The East" and "PHP" to get news on this issue is debatable, for one must question just how "objective" these publications are when dealing with the U.S.-Japan issue.

Finally, Mr. Suguro says, "My view is that you can't have it both ways. One cannot be a servant of two masters. We have enough problems with our own country without trying to take on Japan's as well." I don't think many Nikkei will argue with Mr. Suguro's views. But the reality is, while Japanese Americans might prefer to have it one way or the other, and wish that they wouldn't "have it both ways," when the heat's on, Japanese America, unfortunately, gets the shaft at both ends.

willing to go out and try to play a little more influential role in all issues, including U.S.-Japan issues."

He also said JACL should maintain "open communication" with Japanese representatives here in the U.S.

'Positive Backlash'

Shimomura also said the work of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment has produced, in a sense, "positive backlash" for the Japanese, in that the educational aspect of the redress effort has prevented the anti-Japanese sentiment that has surfaced (because of the trade issue) from getting out of hand.

"I think what we do to protect Japanese Americans benefits the Japanese," said Shimomura.

He noted that the civil rights advances made by JACL for Japanese Americans have in many ways helped the Japanese—for these advances have created a more "tolerant" environment for Japan corporations here in the United States.

JACL, noted Shimomura, could help the Japanese learn more about the experiences of Japanese Americans, and therefore the Japanese could become more sensitive to the attitudes that non-Asians have toward Asians here in the U.S.

He also said that the Japanese are now very "public relations conscious" here in America, and that they are "looking for all the friends they can get."

Several of the district governors were concerned over whether JACL might be perceived as an "advocate" or an influential spokesperson for the Japanese. John Tani, MDC governor,

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Fremont readies for 50th year

FREMONT, Ca.—Plans are underway for a 50th Anniversary celebration and reunion of the Fremont JACL (formerly the Washington Township Chapter) at a dinner party in early February 1984.

The exact date and locale for the event have not been set at this time but the Golden Anniversary Committee with Mrs. June Handa as chairperson, wishes to alert all former residents of the Washington Township area (including the towns of Centerville, Newark, Mission San Jose, Irvington, Alvarado, Warm Springs, and Niles) regardless of whether they were or were not members of the JACL Chapter to schedule the early part of February, 1984, for a trek back to their "Hometown" to renew acquaintances and to share cherished memories.

Further updates will be issued by the Fremont Chapter as particulars for this Golden Anniversary party become more definite. Any information as to the whereabouts of the former Washington Township residents will be greatly appreciated by the Anniversary Committee.

Please mail all information to Mrs. June Handa at 36471 Coronado Drive, Fremont, Ca 94536 or call 793-1810. #

Hollywood sets 1000 Club brunch

LOS ANGELES—The Hollywood JACL Chapter will host its Second annual 1000 Club Champagne Brunch at the Sheraton Townhouse, 2961 Wilshire Blvd., on Sunday, May 1, 1 p.m. Due to limited seating early telephone reservations through Mrs. Yuki Kamayatsu (213) 413-6815 are highly recommended for 1000 Club members and others interested. Cost of \$15 per person includes tax and tip for an outstanding champagne brunch buffet. #

Gardena installs 1983 officers

GARDENA, Ca.—The Gardena Valley JACL Chapter installed its 1983 officers March 5 at the Nisei Veterans Hall.

Gardena City Clerk May Doi was installed as president.

Under her will be Karl Nobuyuki, 1st vp, memb; Chester Sugimoto, 2nd vp, prog; Jonathan Kaji, 3rd vp, youth; George Morimoto, senior exec vp; Fern Haning, rec sec; Miyo Fujikawa, corr sec; Johnny Fujikawa, treas; Stuart Tsujimoto, ins comm; and Grace Setsuda, schol chair.

Serving as board members for 1983 will be: Albert Dohi, Dorothy Dohi, Ronald Doi, John Fujita, Karen Mizusaki, Ami Nagahori, Herbert Okamoto, Hana Shepard, Pam Shimada, Ron Shiozaki, May Sutow, Mayko Tarumoto, Lou Tomita and Michi Tomita.

Outgoing president Karl Nobuyuki was presented with a plaque by Mayor Don Dear and City Councilman Paul Tsukahara and James Cragin.

Ron Shiozaki, a past district director, delivered the opening address and introduced guest speaker Cary Nishimoto, district governor.

The installation was conducted by Dr. Roy Nishikawa, past national JACL president.

Rev. Sam Tonomura of the Japanese Evangelical Missionary

Society delivered the invocation and Deena Hard, Miss Gardena Valley JACL gave the queen's address. Rev. Sam Tonomura gave the benediction. #

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National Council, perhaps, might have to decide on such matters at the 1984 Convention in Hawaii.

So the chapters shouldn't have to worry about being asked for more money beyond the current pledge system, at least for now, according to Shimomura.

\$50,000 figure

Other decisions by the National Board concerned the Redress Guidelines:

—On the Committee's recommendation of \$50,000 in reparations payment per internee, the Board voted to take the proposal "under advisement" until the CWRIC releases its recommendations on reparations.

—The Board accepted the Redress Committee's guideline recommendation that payments be made directly from the government to eligible individuals first, with residual amounts placed in a Japanese American foundation. The Redress Guidelines had originally called on Congress, should it authorize reparations, to make payments into the treasury of federally chartered corporations first, from which individual payments would be made.

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The National President also said that one of the more positive aspects that might come out from JACL's role in the issue is the effect it would have on American perceptions of the League.

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