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HANAMATSURI IN LITTLE TOKYO—Priests of the Los Angeles Buddhist Church Federation, hundreds of Nikkei Buddhists—and one elephant, carrying a shrine—took part in the Hanamatsuri procession on April 10 which marked the observance of the birth of Buddha in India which took place some 2,500 years ago.

Manzanar pilgrimage to mark 10th year for state historical site

LOS ANGELES—Final plans for the 14th annual Manzanar Pilgrimage were announced recently by the Manzanar Committee of Los Angeles, which sponsors the annual event.

This year's program will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the naming of Manzanar as a state historical landmark. Manzanar was the first concentration camp built by the U.S. government during World War II, to incarcerate persons of Japanese ancestry residing on the West Coast.

The former campsite is 212 miles north of Los Angeles along Highway 395, on land now owned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. An historic bronze plaque, which rests near the original sentry guard house at the entrance of the site, was cemented into place by the late Ryo-ozo Kado, a stonemason, who was well known for the gardens and grottos he designed for the Catholic Diocese in Southern California.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation recognized the site as an historical landmark in 1972, followed by over a year of negotiations between the state agency and the Manzanar Committee over the wording on the plaque. After a public campaign launched by the Committee to support their position on the wording of the plaque (which uses the term "concentration camps" to describe Manzanar and the other centers), the state agency agreed to the Committee's wording of the plaque and on April 14, 1973, the

landmark was placed on the site.

The theme of this year's pilgrimage is "The Gardens of Man-



Manzanar Obelisk

zanar." The program will include self-guided tours of the camp, followed by a pot-luck lunch. Religious services will be held in front of the obelisk in the cemetery area. Warren Furutani and Sue Kunitomi Embrey, founders of the Committee, will discuss the history of the landmark.

The pilgrimage is open to the public and free of charge. The Committee, however, regrets that it will be unable to provide bus transportation and encourages carpooling for the 4½ hour drive. Maps and handout materials are also available through the Committee. For more information call (213) 662-5102 or 825-1006.

U.S. opinion makers say Japan unfair

WASHINGTON—A poll of 505 American "opinion leaders" showed that 76% consider Japanese trade policies very unfair or "somewhat unfair," according to a summary released April 14 by a U.S. company.

It found 20% who considered Japanese policies as very fair or "moderately fair."

The poll was taken in February by Opinion Research Corp. for LTV Corp., a large American conglomerate. Its questions were put to business executives, union leaders, representatives of public interest groups, public officials, teachers, and news people. They were not identified by name.

"While the views of these opinion leaders are not representative

of all such groups, the prominence and influence of the respondents make their views highly important," the summary said.

It found that 89% of its sample "strongly favor" negotiating with Japan for a fair and stable exchange rate between the dollar and the yen. Putting pressure on unnamed foreign governments to open their markets to imports was favored by 88%.

Judgments by the sample on trade policies of other leading industrial countries: France, 46% fair and 41% unfair; West Germany, 79% fair and 12% unfair; Britain, 82% fair and 10% unfair; and the U.S. itself, 92% fair and 5% unfair.

Tony Ishii elected judge in Selma-Parlier District Court

FRESNO, Ca.—Taking the bench as judge for the Selma-Parlier Judicial District Court is Anthony W. Ishii. Ishii was appointed judge for the area in an open meeting of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors April 5.

Ishii was one of three finalists recommended to the board by an oral examining committee. The Board of Supervisors heard presentations by each of the three finalists before making its final selection. The two other finalists with Ishii were Roberto D. Rabago of Reedley and Phillip Setrakian of Fresno.

After interviewing the candidates, board Chairman Jeff Reich said the court "would be well served no matter who we selected."

A vote was then called for. Reich supported Setrakian, while Vernon Conrad, representative for the court district, preferred Ishii. Supervisor Deran Koligian favored Ishii, as did Sharon Levy. The supervisors voted unanimously to appoint Ishii.

The three finalist were among 25 who applied for the \$38,021-a-year position.

The vacancy in the Selma-Parlier Judicial District came in January when Judge Mario Olmos was sworn in as judge of the Fresno County

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Detroit Asian group filing a \$6 million suit in slaying case

By CYNTHIA OGAWA

DETROIT—A \$6 million suit is being filed by Asian Americans here against two men who were given probationary sentences for the slaying of a Chinese American.

Vincent Chin had been beaten to death by Ronald Ebens and Michael Nitz after a scuffle in a Wayne County tavern. However, Circuit Judge Charles Kaufman, who presided over the case, allowed the men to plea-bargain for a reduced charge from second-degree murder to manslaughter. Both Ebens and Nitz each received a \$3,768 fine and a sentence of three years probation.

A group of Chin's friends and other concerned individuals formed a group known as American Citizens for Justice, and they are filing a civil action for wrongful death suit against the defendants.

ACJ is requesting Judge Kaufman to reconsider his sentencing of the two men, which ACJ alleges was based on misinformation and lack of adequate retrieval of facts. Although this is an unusual procedure, ACJ feels that because of the circumstances of the case and the possible ramifications of the outcome, the action should be pressed.

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West Coast press contributed to WW2 internment, says prof

NEW YORK — Many West Coast newspapers contributed to the climate of "absolute fear" following the attack on Pearl Harbor, which eventually led to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, says a communications professor in the March 19 issue of Editor and Publisher.

Lloyd Chiasson, of Loyola University at New Orleans, had studied over 300 editorials from 27 newspapers in Washington, Oregon and California for his doctoral dissertation.

The editorials covered the period from Dec. 8, 1941 to April 1942, the five-month span wherein President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued EO 9066 and sent 120,000 Nikkei into "relocation centers." Chiasson's study also included the period from December 1944 to January 1945, when the camps were ordered closed.

"The newspapers did aid and abet the government in taking away the rights of citizens," wrote Chiasson, who added that many newspapers "enhanced the climate of fear."

Wrote the researcher: "Newspapers reacted like the rest of the public. They were scared after Pearl Harbor and that fear blocked out any great democratic beliefs that we had."

Chiasson said his research "found 100% support across the board for the government and lack of support for constitutional rights."

Eighty-eight of the editorials Chiasson studied specifically dealt with the internment order. He said the "key reason" cited by the editorials in support of the internment was

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INS guidelines ruled 'too broad' by court

SAN FRANCISCO—The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that guidelines established for the Immigration and Naturalization Service's controversial roundups of illegal aliens in the Los Angeles area are "too broad."

The court ordered a Los Angeles district court to narrow a preliminary injunction that permitted night searches and the questioning of subjects on their immigration status.



HELPING ESCORT PROJECT—An \$800 donation from the JACL PSWDC Trust Fund was presented to the Little Tokyo Service Center Nikkei Escort Project. The Escort Project provides transportation and translation services to non-English speaking frail elderly or disabled people. Shown, Yo Abe (right), of the Hollywood JACL Chapter, which sponsored the grant request, presents the check to Kathy Masaoka, Escort Project Coordinator. Looking on is John Saito, JACL PSWDC Regional Director.

N.Y. Nikkei protest 'Jap' headline

NEW YORK—Responding to the headline, "'No nuke' Japs Protest Visit by U.S. Carrier" which appeared on page 5 of the March 21, 1983 issue of the New York Post, Concerned Japanese Americans (CJA) sent a letter to the Post "demanding a public retraction of the headline and an end to the legitimizing of racist slurs in the New York Post or any other media."

The letter continues, "We found the use of the racist pejorative 'Japs' particularly insulting and insensitive in the context of the news item: the protest of Japanese people against nuclear armaments. It is important to remember that the Japanese people were the first victims of nuclear arms in Hiroshima and Nagasaki."

The United States carrier referred to is the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Enterprise which arrived at the southwest Japanese port of Sasebo on March 21 and was greeted by a protest march of 7,000, the largest of several anti-ship gatherings during

the day.

The mile-long march, organized by the General Council of Trade Unions (SOHYO) and the Japan Socialist Party, the nation's largest opposition party and a vocal opponent of Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone's advocacy of stronger Japan-U.S. security ties, contended that the Enterprise carried nuclear weapons in violation of Japanese law.

Although the march was generally peaceful, six people aboard a fishing boat was arrested for throwing smoke bombs at Japanese patrol boats and injuring one Maritime Safety Agency crewman. But before they were apprehended they managed to slip by patrol vessels and splash red paint on the hull of the giant carrier.

Despite the protests, the ships stayed at Sasebo, a U.S. naval base, through Friday to give their crews of more than 6,000 relief after participation in the U.S.-South Korean joint maneuver "Team Spirit '83."

—New York Nichi Bei

Seattle treasurer Lloyd Hara repays city for items misused

SEATTLE—City Treasurer Lloyd Hara has agreed to repay the city \$413 for municipal equipment, stationery and postage he used for non-city business.

The settlement was accepted April 6 by the city's Ethics Board and signed by the Sansei official, who said he would not contest several complaints brought against him by ethics investigator Alan Miller.

Specifically, Miller found that Hara directed an aide to write and mail letters in January to 19 municipal finance officers asking that they join the American Society for Public Administration.

Miller also charged that the treasurer sent letters, on city stationery, involving his activity in the JACL and that Hara instructed his assistant, Patricia Allen, to prepare the 1982 JACL mailing list and send letters to the chairman of the King County Democratic and Republican Central Committees to set up a JACL program.

In a third complaint, Miller found Hara used city equipment to send social letters to nine colleagues he met at a seminar. He also charged Hara with soliciting jobs outside City Hall for friends, again using city personnel, equipment, stationery and postage.

A fifth complaint said Hara used city equipment to send a letter to Gov. John Spellman thanking him for meeting with Asian elected officials.

Hara, contending he was being singled out for practices common in City Hall, earlier asked the ethics board for an advisory opinion on Miller's charges. The board last month found Hara may have done too much private work on city time.

The settlement was based on the cost of the work, had Hara paid for the work outside City Hall.

In a separate issue, Hara said he would not contest another charge that he used city equipment to mail campaign literature. Specifically, Miller found that Hara asked his aide, Allen, to send a letter to William Sullivan, president of Seattle University, asking for his support in the 1983 campaign. Hara is finishing his first term as city treasurer and is seeking re-election next fall.

In a second complaint, Miller charged that Hara used city facilities and equipment to send letters to six supporters regarding a campaign meeting. "Although we do not fully agree with the conclusions reached by the administrator, we nevertheless do not wish to contest the findings," Hara said in a letter prepared by his attorney.

Hara agreed to pay the city \$20 for the campaign work. It will be up to the city attorney to decide whether any further disciplinary action should be taken against Hara.

—Seattle Times

● Government

Gerald H. Yamada was one of five senior career managers from the Environmental Protection Agency invited to the White House for lunch on March 16. President Reagan met with the EPA managers in the Roosevelt Room to hear their views on various issues confronting the embattled EPA.

Yamada was recently named as Deputy General Counsel of EPA. In that capacity, he serves as the senior career attorney at EPA.

● Sports

In Toronto, Patti Sakaki of the University of British Columbia won her fourth consecutive all-around gymnastics championship and led her school to its first national championship at York University recently.

She is a former member of the Canadian national program and may represent Canada at the World University Games in Edmonton this summer.

Fire department employee sues chief, alleges slander

SEATTLE—A former employee of the Seattle Fire Department has filed a lawsuit accusing Fire Chief Robert Swartout of slander, reports the Seattle Times.

Lois Nagamatsu, a fire-prevention aide until her job was cut from the 1982 budget, is seeking at least \$200,000 in damages. She has accused Swartout of telling other department employees that she has mental problems, after she filed a complaint against the fire marshal. Nagamatsu worked in the fire marshal's office.

Swartout refused to comment on the lawsuit when interviewed March 30.

Nagamatsu and Linda Schulz, another fire-prevention aide, lost their jobs in the 1982 budget cut. The two women appealed, but Swartout has defended the women's dismissals as a necessary budget action.

The Seattle Civil Service Commission, after a lengthy hearing, ruled in favor of the women and ordered they be reinstated with back pay. The ruling was later upheld in King County Superior Court.

● Organization

Janis Saito, former chairman of the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) at Hawaiian Airlines, has been named air safety director for the union's nationwide operation.

The Hilo-born Saito recently moved to Washington, D.C., where she will be headquartered. The AFA is the only flight attendants' union with a fulltime, fully-staffed air safety department.

Saito will monitor and try to eliminate hazards to the safety, life and health of crews and passengers as well as do research and administer the union's air safety programs.

Saito worked as a flight attendant for 13 years. She was chief union spokeswoman for the Hawaiian master executive council and also was involved in congressional campaigning and legislative activities.

and the city appealed to the state Court of Appeals.

Nagamatsu and Schulz argued they lost their jobs because of a discrimination complaint they filed against Fire Marshal Bobby Lee Hansen.

In the slander suit filed in King County Superior Court, Nagamatsu said Swartout defamed her after he saw the discrimination complaint. About a week after the department's investigation report was turned in, Swartout allegedly said that the Fire Department "would be better off without the plaintiff," the lawsuit states. "He also said the plaintiff had mental problems and should get psychiatric treatment."

Nagamatsu said the alleged statements by Swartout damaged her reputation and "she has been subject to public scorn and ridicule." She has received threatening telephone calls and her health has been damaged, according to the suit.

● Awards

Dennis Randall Abe, a senior at USC, has been awarded the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Post Graduate Internship in Accounting.

The FASB Post Graduate Internship is designed for individuals who are planning a business or academic career with an emphasis in accounting. The FASB is the governing body for the accounting profession.

Currently, Abe is active in Beta Alpha Psi, a national Honorary Accounting Fraternity and served as its vice-president last fall. He is also a member of the Accounting Circle which is a support group for the USC School of Accounting. In addition, Abe was pledge vice-president for Delta Sigma Phi, a national social fraternity. Last semester Abe earned a grade point average of 3.40.

Kim fails to win college board seat

LOS ANGELES—Retired Col. Young O. Kim, a highly decorated veteran of the 442nd, was unable to capture enough votes to win a seat on the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District, Office No. 5.

During the April 12 elections, Kim garnered only 19,179 votes, placing him fourth behind incumbent Hal Garvin (first, with 117,729 votes), J. William Orozco (49,034), and William Perry (39,484).



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Obituary

Kumao Egami

Private funeral services were held April 5 at Fukui Mortuary for Mr. Egami, 89-year-old Fukuoka-ken born, naturalized citizen, who passed away April 1 at Minami Keiro Nursing Home following a prolonged illness. Rev. Dr. Roy Yamamoto of the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society officiated. Surviving are: George, three d. Mmes, Sachiko Mitver of Japan, Nancy Matsumoto and Luisa Fujii both of Illinois; ten grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren.

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Asian Studies Ctr
conference slated

LOS ANGELES—"Relevancy and Recognition," a conference sponsored by UCLA Asian American Studies Graduate Students Association will be held on April 23, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at the UCLA North Campus Facility (Rooms 20 and 22).

The morning panel for the conference entitled, "Recognition of Diversity in Asian American Studies," will consist of Alan Nishio, Vice President of CSULB campus and President of Little Tokyo People's Rights Organization; Rose Ibanez, member of the Union of Democratic Filipinos and the Committee Against the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill; Yuji Ichioka, Japanese American Historian; Eui Young Yu, Director of the Center of Korean American Studies at CSULA; and Sucheta Mazumdar, UCLA Asian Women Coordinator and Board member of Asian Pacific Family Center.

The afternoon panel, "Relevancy of Asian American Studies," will include Tritia Toyota, KNBC anchorwoman; Amy Uyematsu, Editor of Roots; Tony Ricasa, instructor of Asian American Studies at UCLA and CSULB; and Alex Saxton, Labor History professor at UCLA.

For more information, contact the UCLA Asian American Studies Center (213) 825-2974. #

Asian museum slates
ikebana classes

PASADENA—Two classes in the Nageire method of ikebana will be held on April 28 and May 5, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena.

Tuition for each class will be \$6 for Pacific Asia Museum members, \$7 to the general public. For reservations and more information, call Pacific Asia Museum, 449-2742. #

Photos sought for LT centennial

LOS ANGELES—In 1984, Little Tokyo will celebrate the one-hundredth year of its existence as the social, cultural and economic center of the Japanese community in Southern California. A 120-page pictorial history book is slated to be produced by the Little Tokyo Centennial committee as a major part of the commemoration activities.

Visual Communications—the producers of the Asian history book, "In Movement," and the feature-length dramatic film, "Hito-hata" will publish a book of historical photographs depicting various facets of life in Little Tokyo dating back to 1884.

The entire community is being asked to participate in this project so that the best photographs from the widest selection can be included in this historic volume. Of particular interest are photographs that portray street scenes and interiors of Little Tokyo establishments, religious and cultural activities, significant events and little-known facts about Little Tokyo.

If you have any relevant historical photographs, please contact Mike Murase at Visual Communications, (213) 680-4462. Prints, family albums or negatives are acceptable and all originals will be returned to the owner with proper acknowledgments if photographs are used. #

Japan artists slated for SJ Matsuri

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Eleven leading Okayama, Japan artists and three Sister City residents will participate in the sixth annual Nikkei Matsuri festival on Sunday, April 24, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fifth and Jackson Streets in San Jose's Japantown.

The works of the artists—oil paintings, silk screenings, calligraphy, etc.—are currently on display at the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, 377 S. First St. The works will then be moved to the Buddhist Church on April 24, where the artists will participate in the festivities.

Other activities are planned at the Buddhist Church and the Wesley United Methodist Church auditoriums as well.

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NO SMILES—East West Players will present Harold Heifetz's play, "No Smile for Strangers," which focuses on the love affair and marriage of a Japanese girl and Filipino boy in Hawaii. Shown (l to r): Mako, Muni Zano, Art Tizon. The play is currently showing at the EWP Playhouse, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., For ticket info call (213) 660-0366.

Law review scholarships offered

LOS ANGELES—The California Asian Judges Association and the Japanese American Bar Association are offering scholarships to law students and graduates planning to take the Summer 1983 California Bar Examination, to help defray the costs of bar review courses. Two scholarships are being offered in Southern California and two in Northern California, each in the amount of \$200.

Scholarships will be judged upon financial need, involvement with the Asian Pacific community and scholastic achievement.

The deadline for filing applications for the scholarships is May 6. Applications should be sent to the CAJA Scholarship Committee, c/o JABA P.O. Box 888, Los Angeles, Calif. 90053. #



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Superior Court. Olmos was one of three last minute appointments made by Governor Jerry Brown, who was leaving office.

Ishii says he applied for the position because he was interested in serving in a decision-making capacity.

Ishii's roots are local. He is a 1964 graduate of Reedley High School and 1966 graduate of Reedley Community College. In 1970 he received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Stockton School of Pharmacy and his law degree from University of California-Berkeley in 1973.

His first law position was in the Sacramento City Attorney's office. Ishii returned to Fresno in 1975 to work in the Fresno Public Defender's office.

Ishii went into private practice, handling civil and criminal law cases, four years ago.

"I had wanted to work in a decision-making capacity and when the opening in a rural area where I have experience came up, I was very interested," said Ishii. "I feel I have an understanding for the rural community".

Along with his law experience, Ishii has served on the Task Force for Rural Economics and as co-chairman of the Small Business Development Board.

"We (my wife and I) feel very good about the communities I'll be serving," he says. "I really appreciate the vote of confidence the Board of Supervisors and the people in Selma have given me."

Though Ishii and his wife Jeanette, who is employed by the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, have no immediate plans to move to the Selma or Parlier area from Fresno, they are considering it.

Ishii says he will be taking over his new job as soon as it is practical, though no specific date for a swearing-in has been set.

Ishii was the JACL's CCDC Governor in 1981-82, and chairman of the Resolutions Committee at the 1982 National Convention (a post he has been named to again this year). He is also the local chairman of Asian Pacific American Advocates of California.

Both he and Jeanette are members of the Fresno/A.L.L. Chapter, and are active in community affairs. #

Rep. Phillip Burton: friend of Asians

SAN FRANCISCO—Congressman Phillip Burton, who died April 10 of heart failure, was considered a great friend of Asian Americans for his work and support for the community.

The Cincinnati-born Burton, who was 56 at the time of his death, had been a champion for the Chinese American community and had also supported legislation for Japanese Americans as well.

In 1964 Burton had worked to amend the Walter-McCarran Immigration Act so that the quota for Chinese immigrants would be raised from 200 to 20,000. He had also appointed the first Chinese American postmaster of San Francisco, Lim P. Lee.

Most recently, Burton had played a key role in retaining the Fifth Preference immigration category in the controversial immigration bill which passed in the Senate but failed to win House approval.

He had also sponsored and sought passage of the Amerasian bill, which allowed the Amerasian children of U.S. servicemen to enter the United States and acquire American citizenship.

Burton was a supporter of the 1978 bill which granted federal civil service retirement credit to Nikkei who were interned during World War II for the time they spent in the camps.

He also backed the legislation which created the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in 1980.

Japanese retiree donates his savings to aid U.S. unemployed

FLINT, Mi.—Local officials visiting Japan couldn't find any companies there that wanted to move to Michigan, but they did net \$2,250 from a retired artist to help the city's unemployed, the mayor said April 11.

Tatsuo Togawa said he saw mayor James Rutherford on a Tokyo television talk show speaking about the city's economic problems and wrote to offer his help.

Rutherford and other members of the Flint Committee for Japanese Investment visited Japan in February looking for Japanese companies to locate in Flint. Michigan Employment Security Commission figures show Flint had 25.5% unemployment last month.

Togawa, a World War II veteran, wrote the show's host saying he had saved about \$2,250 from his pension and wanted to share it with the city because he appreciated U.S. efforts to rebuild Japan after the war.

"I feel everything the United States did for Japan after World War II brought peace and a new

beginning for us," Togawa wrote in Japanese on a pure silk paper scroll. "I feel I owe something besides my gratitude to the United States."

"Since last year I have lived on my retirement pension. The Japanese government takes care of us very well because of the boost it received after the war from the United States," he said.

The city is planning a tribute to Togawa, Rutherford said. About 40 letters from Flint citizens thanking Togawa have been received, he added.

CWRIC report copies at S.F. Library

SAN FRANCISCO—The Center for Japanese American Studies Library at 1759 Sutter Street has copies of the full report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), available for purchase.

The cost of the report is \$8.50. The library is open in the morning and may be reached by calling (415) 567-5006.

Letters

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

Chicago Election

Editor:

"The real losers in the election, are the voters, because race was the primary issue instead of the candidates views on running the city."

Sounds to me like the city is in the south, the time period is pre-1970, and the speaker was the loser of the election.

What! You say the city is Chicago, that bastion of Democratic Party politics; where 80% of the blacks reportedly are Democrats!! You mean to say that the election was held on April 12, 1983!! Now, I suppose you'll say the speaker was L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley!!

Unfortunately, all true (in my idealistic splendor, I would have preferred that the opening quote had been sour-grapes from a loser, instead of an objective observation from a respected elected official).

I suppose there are Nikkei in Chicago who voted strictly on the basis of race—against, Harold Washington, and for Bernard Epton—just as their counterparts in California had done five months earlier when they voted for George Dukemejian, instead of Tom Bradley, for Governor.

After over 40 years of trying to "assimilate" into the mainstream of society, too many of us have been lured into a state of euphoria (maybe too many hand-made cigarettes?) believing, "I finally made it; I'm accepted!" And, like most white folk, we harbor racist attitudes about all people of color. But unlike white folk, we Nikkei wear white hats.

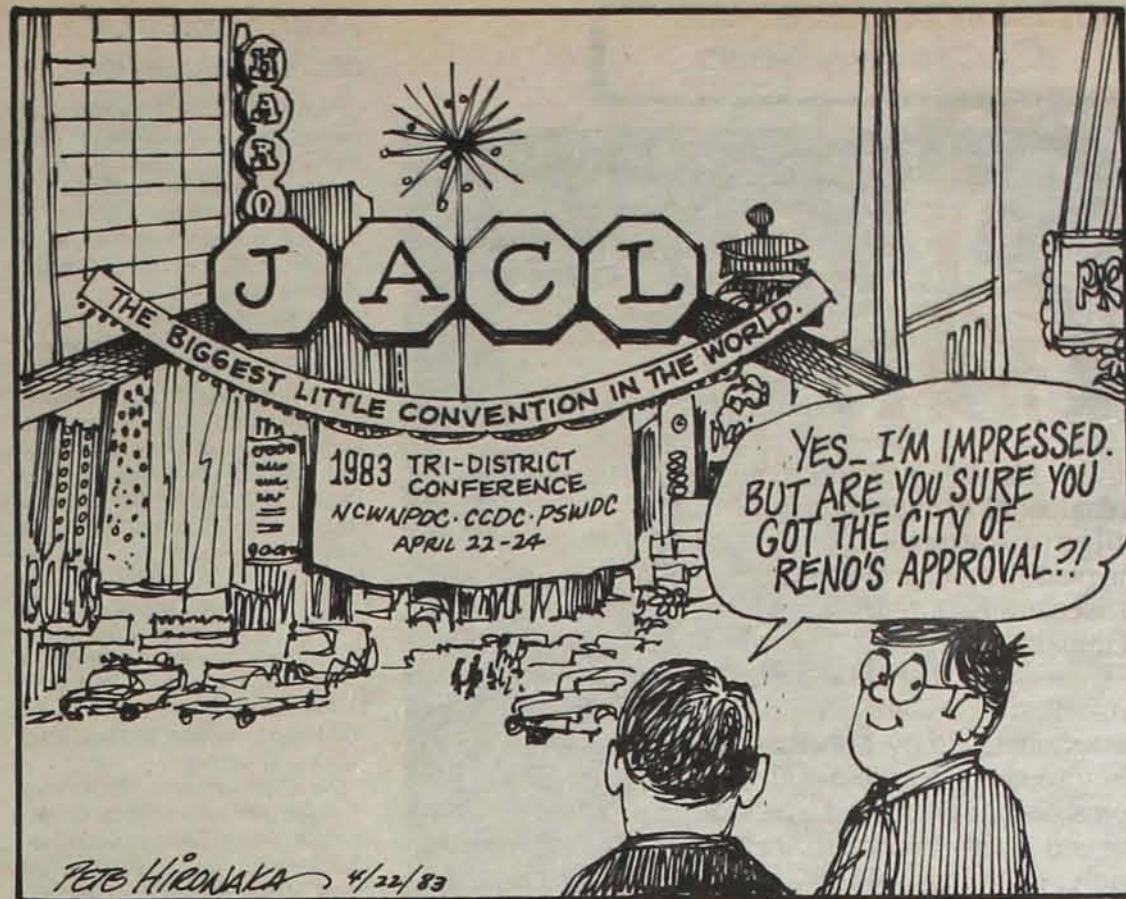
Isn't this "assimilation" attitude akin to the "work-hard-and-don't-make-waves" attitudes that earned us desert "vacations" in 1942? Aren't we once again beginning to make an economic impact (with redress) on this Nation? Think about it!!

Isn't it about time we realize that it doesn't matter that you belong to a mainstream country club, or that you are Republican, or that your daughter married a "round-eye", or that you drive a Chevy?? We DO differ from "other" almost-white folks, because we can't change the color of our skin or the slants of our eyes. As we found out in 1942, to coin a phrase, "A Jap's a Jap!"

Isn't it about time we develop stronger working relationships and strategies with other people of color? And if so, JACL seems to be the ideal organization (this seems to answer the often asked question, "Why JACL?") to promote this plan.

Questions, questions, won't I ever have any answers? One more question, then an answer.

If JACL is to partake in a rela-



tionship of this magnitude with other people of color, is our current leadership qualified to represent us?

No!

BERNI SUZUKI
Los Angeles, Ca.

Opposes Reparations

Editor:

Arguments and pleas voiced by the "silent majority" falls on deaf ears as the young activists press on. Pray for them as they have fallen by the way side of life's path as they continue seeking monetary redress which is undesired by the majority. It is the egos of the activists that is firmly in control of their bodies. Observe the actions and comments by the Issei and older Nisei—who confronted untold numbers of obstacles and emerged victorious—for the most part they have subdued their ego to the point where they are able to say they do not desire monetary redress. Their "treasures laid up in heaven" is of greater importance. This precious reward is ample for their great victory over evacuation.

Fortunate are those who have passed on with their victory intact and untarnished. The actions of these misguided activists is slowly tarnishing and sullifying the victory of those still remaining, but they too shall depart with their victory intact. It is the ego that is behind the deafness and blindness of these activists. Which is greater: The activities of the ego (the activists) which has already resulted in backlash, tarnish the victory, forgotten Bushido, created a disturbing situation, etc.—all negative! Or the activities of those who have subdued their ego sufficiently

so that the mind could rationalize and express the desire of the soul. After all the untold sufferings undergone and countless obstacles met and subdued—these people have created no backlash—only admiration and respect! Not only have they displayed "Bushido", they have displayed a proud soul and spirit. They are truly honorable souls. Really a pity they are not permitted to depart peacefully with "a job well done". And their ethnic heritage remains intact.

Those opposing monetary redress should adopt a tactic of the activists—write to Congressmen of the South and Midwest, enclosing a copy of Rev. Herbert Nicholson's letter. Also write to editors of newspapers to let the public become aware of the fact that the monetary redress campaign is the work of a few young, very vocal activists; and that the silent majority do not desire monetary redress. This fact is verified by Rev. Nicholson's letter. His letter discloses an accuracy unattained by any official poll taken thus far!

HASHIME SAITO
Tucson, AZ.

Offensive Term

Editor:

In the March 25, 1983 edition of the Pacific Citizen, you carried a picture of Hannah Tomiko Holmes. In the caption below the picture, you referred to Mrs. Holmes as a "deaf mute."

On behalf of Mrs. Holmes, a personal friend and Member of our Board of Directors and other hearing impaired members of our community, I would like to point out the term "deaf mute" is an offensive term. It is a term that engenders many of the bias and prejudices that continue to discriminate

against the deaf.

I strongly recommend that in any future articles that the hearing impaired be referred to as "deaf" or "hearing impaired."

MARK M. MAYEDA
Executive Director,
Asian Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
Los Angeles, Ca.

Our apologies to Mrs. Holmes and all other hearing impaired members of the community, for the oversight.—Editor.

'Perception' Debate

Editor:

I admire the way you handled Mr. Ed Suguro's letter ("A Problem of Perception," PC April 1). I have nothing to add to the concise statements, by which you have responded to Mr. Suguro. Yet, I felt a need to express my thoughts because I have come across quite a few Nisei who have perceptions similar to Mr. Suguro's.

As you pointed out, such a perception is "even bordering on being dangerous." I believe these JAs are sincere and well-meaning. For this reason further discussion on the subject is beneficial to all JAs.

I would like to see many JAs participate freely in the discussion and at the same time beg everybody to be compassionate with each other.

A wrong perception is very likely the result of our having a scar in our minds; a scar created by our past experiences, i.e. by intense emotional responses, such as indignity, humiliation, deprivation, etc., by racial oppression, concentration camps and other factors.

NOBUYUKI NAKAJIMA
Sheffield Lake, Oh.

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Members of ACJ, who are interested in the outcome of the case, also plan to file amicus briefs in the court to provide additional information that had not been previously examined. On April 14, ACJ submitted a request for the court to formally recognize it, in order that the group may file the briefs.

Helen Zia, press officer for ACJ, feels that there have been "a lot of mistakes" in the case, by both the judge and the prosecutors. Zia said that the case has brought the somewhat fragmented Asian communities in Detroit closer together.

Kin Yee, president of both the ACJ and the Chinese Welfare Council, said, "We need all the support we can get right now. We are grateful that people from different parts of the country have taken an interest in this important issue."

Several community groups are participating in the ACJ, including the Detroit JACL, Detroit Chinese Engineers Association, Organization of Chinese Americans, On Leong Merchants Association and other Filipino, Korean and Nikkei organizations.

Both Asian and non-Asian residents of Detroit have expressed their outrage and disbelief through letters to the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News.

Nickie McWhirter, a columnist for the Free Press, wrote on April 25 that Judge Kaufman has "offended the entire Oriental community by seeming to put so little value on the life of one of

its members."

She added, "You (Kaufman) have raised the ugly ghost of racism, suggesting in explanation of your sentence that the lives of the killers are of great and continuing value to society, implying they are of greater value than the life of the slain victim... How gross and ostentatious of you; how callous and yes, unjust."

Letters had also appeared in the April 6 edition of the Free Press, expressing anger toward the assailants and sympathy for Chin's family.

Dawn Johnston of Ann Arbor, Mi., wrote: "Vincent Chin was the victim of a malicious act. His assailants deserve to pay the price for committing such an act, regardless of any previous established record of 'moral integrity.'"

"I sincerely hope the Chinese community will band together and appeal this decision," said Joanna Cohen of Mt. Clemens.

"I hope that Chin's estate has more success in the civil courts than justice has in Kaufman's criminal court," wrote Thomas E. Brown of Traverse City.

Jacqueline and George Saito of Novi said, "Our further concern is whether Judge Kaufman's value system is indicative of his own bigotry or reflects a discounting attitude toward minorities that persists in our society."

Persons interested in supporting the Vincent Chin case should contact: ACJ Legal Defense Fund for Vincent Chin, c/o Kin Yee, 17726 Denby Ave, Detroit, Mich. 48240. #



Crucial Months

San Francisco

The redress campaign will soon reach a critical point. With the 1984 elections on the horizon, JACL's plans are to get a bill into the Congress just as soon as the recommendations are released by the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians. With the presidential elections taking center stage, our efforts will have to attempt to get the Congress to take action in the next 12 months or so. The National Board's decision to accelerate our redress program was based on this way of thinking.

The efforts that take place in this time period are important. There are several items that are in the works that should help us. I understand that the June issue of Esquire magazine will feature an article on Nikkei. National Geographic also has a feature planned for either the end of this year or the beginning of next year. Certainly, the release of the CWRIC recommendations before the end of June this year will draw some attention.

The various camp pilgrimages and the Day of Remembrance events in the first half of 1984 are ideal occasions to have large demonstrations of community support for the redress effort. The organizers and planners of these events on the local level should gear up for a concentrated effort for a well publicized, well planned and well attended event, now.

The next 12 months are a critical period in the campaign. It's been a long struggle to get here, and this push should be worthy of all the contributions and sacrifices that got us to this point. It's "go for broke" time. #

PRESS

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that "military necessity" was more important than constitutional guarantees.

Other editorials dealt with "comments on Japanese aliens, warnings about community vigilanteism and the possibility of sabotage," Chiasson said.

One newspaper he studied, Antioch (Calif.) Daily Ledger, "saw its role clear enough to give background information to its readers," Chiasson said. "The newspapers didn't base their editorials on facts. They were largely based on rumors."

He noted that although the fear of sabotage after Pearl Harbor was widespread, "not one Japanese American was ever convicted of fifth Column activity or sabotage."

Chiasson charged that many statements in the editorials contained racist stereotypes of Japanese Americans as "sneaky, sly" people "who can't be trusted."

The Medford Mail (Ore.) Tribune was the only newspaper Chiasson scrutinized that did not editorialize at all on the internment issue and the Colusa (Calif.) Sun Herald cautioned against vigilanteism in an editorial but never discussed the internment.

Chiasson said the newspapers he studied, the Corvallis (Ore.) Gazette-Times and the San Diego Union were the papers most guilty of racism, often making mention of the color, physical characteristics and personality traits in its coverage of the internment question. Other newspapers found to have acted irresponsibly were: Longview Daily News, Spokane Chronicle and the Daily Olympian in Washington; and the San Francisco

Chronicle and the Sacramento Bee in California.

The researcher said the Los Angeles Times, Bakersfield Californian and the San Bernardino Daily Sun engaged in Stereotyping Japanese Americans.

Sometimes, Chiasson found, the editorial policies of certain newspapers turned suddenly as the war in the Pacific developed.

For the first 90 days following Pearl Harbor, Chiasson said, The San Francisco Chronicle was "one of the most open-minded" newspapers. But when the government cited "military necessity," the Chronicle reversed its stand 180 degrees.

After Japanese Americans had spent up to three years in the desolate detention camps they were ordered confined in, the camps were ordered closed. Chiasson's study found that 11 of the 27 newspapers that had editorialized for the internment had no comment on the opening of the camps.

"They were long-winded when it came to putting people away. When that changed, they had nothing to say," Chiasson noted. "They couldn't have been proud of what they wrote."

Chiasson found that the seven newspapers he characterized as being the most racist when the internment order was issued, "tended to stay that way" when the camps were closed.

He said the San Diego Union and the Corvallis Gazette-Times stated in editorials that Japanese Americans should "be put out of the country."

Chiasson said he hopes to have his dissertation become an appendix to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians' report. #



The Importance of Preserving History

Denver, Colo.

A high school student called the other day and asked whether I would mind answering some questions about the Evacuation.

I said I would be happy to do so and we had a nice little chat during which it became evident she had done her homework and was seeking some personal observations to round out her paper. When we were through talking I asked how she had become interested in the subject.

"Well," she said, "I saw just a brief mention in a textbook and it was so unbelievable that I decided I wanted to find out more about it and picked it for my project."

Good enough. One of our complaints is that historians and authors of textbooks tend to gloss over the Evacuation as just a small chapter in the story of a World War that resulted in the death and maiming of millions of people and the destruction of entire nations.

From our own point of view the Evacuation was a critically important page of history and no story of World War II, or of American democracy, is complete without a good deal of attention to it. The books that have resulted from JACL's history project help to document and publicize the episode. Likewise, the recent report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, a remarkably thorough study, lays out the facts in a manner that future writers cannot ignore. In other words, there is no excuse for pleading ignorance or overlooking a significant part of American history in producing textbooks.

Why is the Evacuation such an important part of history? Because under the pressures of wartime hysteria

and the historical burden of racial discrimination the nation betrayed its democratic heritage. It is important for future generations to know of this failure and ponder over what went wrong, not in self-flagellation but to make certain the error is not repeated. And it is to the nation's credit that Congress created the Commission and provided the funds necessary for it to seek out the truth.

All this is in striking contrast to the situation in Japan where residents of Okinawa have been complaining that government-approved textbooks distort history.

Okinawa, it will be recalled, was invaded by more than a half million American troops in the waning days of World War II. The Japanese garrison was only a fifth of that number. In the bitter battle for control of the island, the U.S. suffered some 12,500 dead. Japanese losses were something like 66,000 regular troops, 84,000 local who were pressed into military service, and 95,000 non-combatant civilians, many of whom came under fire from both sides.

Some Okinawans contend that troops from the main Japanese islands acted more like an occupation force than defenders of the homeland and they treated Okinawans like unfriendly natives rather than fellow Japanese.

None of this, Okinawan dissidents complain, appears in the approved textbooks. It should be noted, however, that the Okinawan complaints on which this material is based appeared in a lengthy article in the Japan Times newspaper. It was also the press that aired thoroughly the recent controversy over distortions in government textbooks relating to Japan's war in China and Korea. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



Philadelphia

THERE ARE ALWAYS some within any particular minority group who seem to take some perverse pride in claiming that (s)he has endured more suffering from racism than another of that same minority group. Supposedly, for some strange reason we've not quite been able to fathom, it's supposed to be some kind of "badge of honor" to have been victimized more than one's own peer in that same minority group. Among our fellow Black Americans, this particular syndrome is labelled "being Blacker-than-thou," the implication being that the darker one's skin is (figuratively), the more suffering that person had to endure.

BEING SOMEWHAT ISOLATED here on the East Coast so that our opportunities for social intercourse with fellow Nikkei throughout our land is limited, we nonetheless suspect that there are some Nikkei who adopt this sackcloth-and-ashes syndrome and, strangely enough, relish in it. For these Nikkei, the Blacker-than-thou test is whether or not one was confined in a detention camp in the 1940's. If you happened to be among those who, for one reason or another, was not confined, you're somehow deemed wanting, that you did not suffer enough—indeed, some would contend you did not suffer at all. You're almost caused to be apologetic.

Hogwash!

THIS WRITER SUFFERED the bitter trauma of the uprooting and being hauled off to detention centers where we endured a total of some six months of confinement. In the fall of 1942, with great trepidation we passed through the barbed-wire gates of Tule Lake for the last time, clutching a bulging suitcase, to face an unknown and perceived hostile society. During a train stop, we recall sitting at a lunch counter in Omaha, where the customer (white) next to us was ranting and railing about "them Japs" and then turning to us and granting the dispensation that "you Chinese, however, are okay." We didn't correct him. About our ancestry, that is.

AND MORE FOLLOWED. We recall having passed an employment test (welding) in Milwaukee, but upon the personnel manager seeing our ancestry, throwing us out. There were many other jobs from which we were barred. I'll not forget one evening when the three of us Nisei had but one can of pork 'n beans to share. And in order to appear reasonably well-groomed, we naively entered a neighborhood barbershop, only to look in the mirror with horror at the disgraceful "chop job" that was inflicted upon us. And we meekly paid for it. (It was all we needed to be charged with some offense of failing to pay a barber's bill.) And we recall the one job we did get: it was shoveling coal in a bin which was so low that we could not stand up straight.

Sackcloth and Ashes

THE INSULT THAT was heaped upon the Nikkei following the issuance of Executive Order 9066 fell upon all Nikkei, whether in a detention camp or not. Indeed, in our experience, both in and out, at times it was even worse being out. Nikkei who were "out," were excluded, like all the others; they were barred from many places and many jobs; they endured castigation and open slurs; they were no less branded.

SO, IF THERE be among us Nikkei today those who would seek to engage in the senseless (and untrue) differentiation between those who were "in camp" and those who were "out"—stop. You know not of what you speak, particularly since you were not then "out" to know what it was like.

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The event is co-sponsored by the Downtown Los Angeles JACL Chapter and the Japanese Women's Society of Southern California.

Fusako Hamaguchi, 93, was born in Kochi, Japan, in 1890, and came to San Francisco in 1916, marrying Karo Hamaguchi.

She and her husband were engaged in the hotel and apartment business since 1921, and although her husband passed away in 1975, Mrs. Hamaguchi still manages the Gramercy Manor Apartment.



Fusako Hamaguchi

Mrs. Hamaguchi is the mother of Sumako Hamaguchi, better known as Fujima Kansuma, the founder and instructor of the Fujima Kansuma Japanese classical dance school in Los Angeles. Mrs. Hamaguchi also has another daughter, Meriko.

Aya Nakaoka, 84, was born in Yamaguchi prefecture in 1898, married Yasutaro Nakaoka and came to Los Angeles in 1918. They operated a hotel in Little Tokyo and, in 1924, moved to Welteria and then to Torrance to operate a berry farm. Aya was active in the Japanese American cultural programs of the P.T.A.s at Welterian Elementary School and The Fern Avenue School.

During World War II, she and

her family were evacuated to the Jerome and Rohwer relocation camps in Arkansas, and, after spending several years in Chicago and Cleveland, they returned to Gardena in 1952.

Aya is the mother of the late Ken Nakaoka, the first Japanese American mayor of a major city in mainland U.S. Her daughters are: Gladys, Martha, and Sue. Mrs. Nakaoka is blessed with 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Hatsuko Nasu, 83, was born in Kumamoto prefecture in 1899, attended Shokei girl's high school, came to the United States in 1918 and married Taro Nasu in 1920. Taro died in 1944 at Rohwer relocation center.

Hatsuko spent 20 years at New Orleans with her children before her return to Torrance in 1965.

She was active in Kumamoto Kenjin-kai Fujin-kai and became its president in 1934. Again, in 1974, she was elected to the same post which she held for 8 years until 1980. She has supported the Keiro Nursing Home, the Japanese Retirement Home and the Japanese Chamber Social Welfare Service and, in 1976, received commendation from Kumamoto prefecture governor.

Her son, Yoshio, is a vice president and the chief estimator of Dillingham Construction Company; and daughter Masako, married to Michiyoshi Shimizu, works at Pru-



Hatsuko Nasu

dential Life Insurance Company.

Kayo Takasugi, 88, was born in Okayama prefecture in 1895, married Hidesaburo Takasugi in 1920 and came to the United States the following year.



Kayo Takasugi

She and her husband operated a restaurant in Tacoma, Wa. until 1942, when they were sent to the Tule Lake relocation center. Hidesaburo died in 1944 at the relocation center.



Aya Nakaoka

Ego to discuss possible AARP Chapter in Northern California

SAN MATEO, Ca.—Michael Ego, area representative from the national staff of the American Association of Retired Persons in Long Beach, Ca., will be the speaker at a meeting in the JACL Community Center on Friday, April 29, 2 p.m. Ego will discuss the possibility of forming a Bay Area Nikkei chapter of AARP.

All persons interested in joining AARP, and those already members, are invited to attend. The San Mateo JACL Community Center is located at 415 S. Claremont St. For more info call (415) 343-2793.

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Kayo, a widow with four children, came to Los Angeles in 1945 and worked as a seamstress. She became a naturalized citizen in 1954. She is a member of the Konkoy Church, Konkoy Church Fujinkai, Okayama Club, Meiji Club and Hyakudo Kai.

Kayo's children are: Terry, warehouse manager at Toyo Trading; Misao, a legal secretary at California Attorney General's office; Mitsuo, a Ph.D. in immunology and microbiology at U.C.L.A.; and Robert, a U.S. District Court Judge. Toshiko died in infancy.

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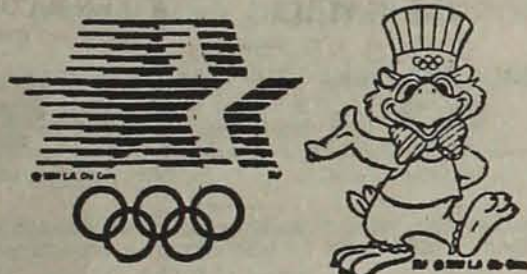
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French Hospital of Los Angeles, 531 W. College Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 ☐ Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Little Company of Mary Hospital, 4101 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503 ☐ Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. 3 p.m.; Sunday, April 24, 10 a.m. 3 p.m.

City of Carson Shopping Mall, Avalon and Del Amo Blvds., Carson, CA 90745 ☐ Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

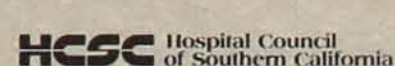
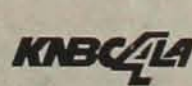
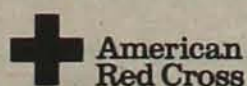
Harbor UCLA Medical Center, 1000 W. Carson Street, Torrance, CA 90509 ☐ Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Gardena High School, 1301 W. 182nd Street, Gardena, CA 90248 ☐ Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Guardian Angel Church, 10886 Lehigh, Pacoima, CA 91331 ☐ Sunday, April 24, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Puente Hills Mall, Azusa Avenue and Colima Road, City of Industry, CA 91748 ☐ Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, April 24, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Health Fair is sponsored by the American Red Cross, KNBC, Chevron, the Hospital Council of Southern California and the National Health Screening Council for Volunteer Organizations, Inc.



JACL to meet with NCRR, WCCR at Tri-District this weekend

SAN FRANCISCO—Representatives of the JACL will meet with representatives of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR) and the Washington Coalition for Redress/Reparations during the Tri-District meeting in Reno on April 22-24.

JACL Redress Committee Chair Min Yasui, Redress Director John Tateishi, National President Floyd Shimomura, National Director Ron Wakabayashi and Redress Com-

mittee Assistant Carole Hayashino will meet with Bert and Lillian Nakano, Naomi Kubota, John Ota and Gerald Sato of NCRR and two representatives of WCCR.

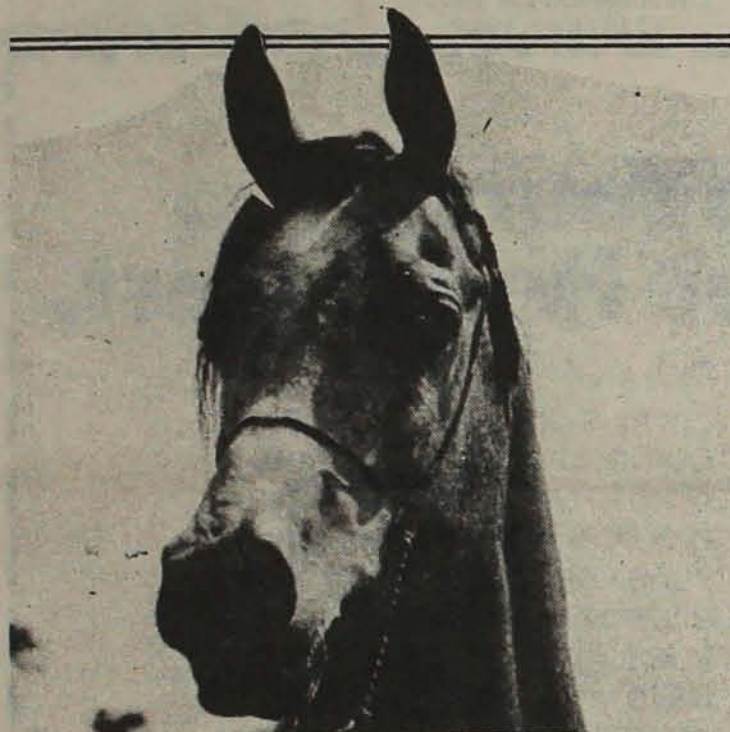
The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the redress efforts of JACL, NCRR and WCCR and the cooperation among the groups in developing a united effort to seek redress.

The meeting will take place after the April 23 sessions.

Salt Lake offers scholarships

SALT LAKE CITY, UT—The Salt Lake JACL Chapter offers local awards to deserving students who are chapter members or whose parents are affiliated with the Chapter. This year, the awards program will be open to students at the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as high school graduating seniors.

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French Camp JACL to hold picnic

FRENCH CAMP, Ca.—The 34th annual community picnic sponsored by the French Camp JACL will be held at Micke Grove Park on Sunday, April 24, 11 a.m.

JACL members and friends are invited to the picnic for a day of relaxation, entertainment, and fun. Beer and soft drinks will be provided. Tickets for door prize drawing will be distributed until 1 p.m. at the entrance gate. Everyone is urged to bring their lunches and join in on the fun.

Clean-up of Sac'to memorial sites set

SACRAMENTO—The annual spring clean-up of Okei's Grave and the Wakamatsu Colony Memorial at Gold Hill, El Dorado County is set for Sunday, May 1, 9 a.m., announced Placer County JACL president Kay Miyamura.

Sacramento JACL has been cooperating in this activity for many years. Any members and friends who wish to participate are asked to contact Tom Fujimoto (916) 428-7877, for more information.

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