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JACL Headlines...



ADDRESSING JAPAN CHAPTER—Lawrence F. Snowden, president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (center), recently spoke before the JACL Japan Chapter in Tokyo and met with H. Dick Yamashita, Chapter Secretary (left) and Barry Saiki, Chapter President (story, Pg. 10).

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Marutani gets support from Philadelphia Inquirer editorial

PHILADELPHIA—Court of Common Pleas Judge William M. Marutani received a boost of support in his quest to win a seat on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as the Philadelphia Inquirer, the state's largest newspaper, endorsed him for the post.

Marutani, 60, will be on the May 17 primary ballot for both the Democratic and Republican parties, along with six other contenders. Since all the candidates have filed on both tickets, noted the Inquirer, it is possible that one could win nominations for both parties in the primary election—and thus the seat.

"Among the six other candidates, several have acceptable qualifications. On the vitally important questions of independence from political involvements and from special interests and judicial demeanor—the substance and appearance of judicial integrity—Judge Marutani stands out above all others," said the Inquirer in its April 17 editorial.

Born in Kent, Wa., Marutani was interned at Tule Lake during World War II, and then attended Dakota Wesleyan University and later entered military service (MIS). He received his law degree from the University of Chicago.

He was appointed Judge of the First Judicial District in 1975 by the Pennsylvania governor and elected in 1977 for a full term with the highest votes in both the primary and general elections.

Marutani is also a member of the U.S. Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

Coram nobis fund raiser nets \$14,000

LOS ANGELES—The reception held March 31 to raise funds for the coram nobis cases of Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi and Min Yasui was called a "tremendous success," netting over \$14,000, reported Leslie Furukawa, president of the Japanese American Bar Association.

The funds will be used to offset the costs incurred by the attorneys who are working to win reversals of the convictions of the three litigants, who defied evacuation and curfew orders aimed at Nikkei during World War II.

In addition to JABA, the sponsoring organizations of the event included the JACL PSWDC; the Japanese American Democratic Club; the Little Tokyo Business Association; the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Japanese American Republican Club.

These organizations extended their thanks to the following Patrons (who contributed \$250 or more) and Sponsors (\$100):

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Asian Pacific Heritage week full of activity

LOS ANGELES—The week of May 7-14 has been designated Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, in celebration of Asian/Pacific communities and contributions in America. A proclamation was signed by Reagan in Washington, D.C. on March 29 declaring Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week.

Events and festivities scheduled for the week in Los Angeles are as follows:

MAY 7

Asian Arts/Crafts Fair & Kite Making/Flying, 10:00 AM—5:00 PM, at Castelar Elementary School (Chinatown), sponsored by Mayor Bradley's Asian/Pacific American Heritage Committee and Castelar Elementary School. CONTACT: Tommy Chung or Bill Chun Hoon (626-3674).

Nutrition Education Seminar, 12:30 - 4:00 PM, at Little Tokyo Towers, Dining Room. Sponsored by American Heart Association, Asian Pacific Nutrition Project, in conjunction with KNXT-TV. CONTACT: Ron Kuramoto (413-6141 or 797-9617).

Annual Installation Dinner Dance, 7:00 PM, at Queen Mary Hilton, Long Beach. Sponsored by Filipino Association of S.E.L.A. CONTACT: Perry Barit (921-7005).

21st Annual "Mothers of the Year" Luncheon, 12:00 - 3:00 PM, at Golden Ballroom, New Otani Hotel and Gardens. Sponsored by JACL and Japanese Women's Society of Southern California. CONTACT: Pat Ogawa (628-2725) or Ethel Kohashi (487-7330).

MAY 7 - 14

Art Exhibition, "East Meets West", by Leading Asian Artists Louis Newman Galleries, Mon. 10:00 - 6:30 PM, Tues. - 10:00 - 9:30 PM, Sun. 1:00 - 9:30 PM, at Louis Newman Galleries, Beverly Hills. CONTACT: Louis Newman Galleries (278-6311).

Performance: Korean Cultural Exchange Program, sponsored by Korean American Cultural Exchange Foundation. CONTACT: Soong Kim (738-9797). Korean boys and girls choir group and folkloric dance group from Korea will perform.

Exhibition: "On the Move - Asians in America", 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, at Bridge Gallery - Pedestrian bridge between City Hall and City Hall East. Sponsored by Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association, Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, and the Aerospace Corp. CONTACT: James Okazaki (485-2284 or 280-1397). Visual display of historical photographs, documents, cartoons, and drawings of Asian America.

Displays Related to Asian Pacific American Heritage Week, sponsored by Los Angeles City Public Libraries CONTACT: Kristina Morita (626-7755 ext 321 or 912-8296).

MAY 7 - 21

Exhibition: Lotus Watercolor Society Artwork, at 5505 Wilshire Blvd. sponsored by Korean Cultural Service. CONTACT: Ryew Kim (936-7141 or 465-3342) Opening reception, May 6, 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

MAY 8

Annual Luau of the Hawaiian Club, 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM, at Gersten Pavillion, Loyola Marymount University. Sponsored by Asian Pacific Supportive Services. CONTACT: Nancy Au (642-2892).

MAY 9

Lecture: The Cultural Influence of Mothers to Their Daughters, 11:30

Former asst. sect'y of war says redress drive is unjust

NEW YORK—John J. McCloy, the former assistant secretary of war under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, said in a New York Times column April 10 that the current redress efforts by Japanese Americans will "perpetuate injustice."

In 1942, McCloy was responsible for the implementation of the orders which called for the evacuation and internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans and their resident alien parents.

Here is the unedited text of McCloy's column, entitled, "Repay U.S. Japanese?":

"Forty years after the event, the Japanese American lobby is pressing to have the Government provide additional large-scale damage-claim payments—a lump sum possibly running into billions of dollars—to American citizens or resident aliens of Japanese descent who were evacuated from the West Coast and temporarily relocated during World War II, or their surviving next of kin. If we bow to this lobby, we will perpetrate injustice.

"The issue was forcefully brought to our attention last month, when the tax-payer-funded Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, after conducting a study, issued its report, 'Personal Justice Denied,' deploring the evacuation. The commission, created during the 1980 Presidential campaign, is expected to recommend 'appropriate' remedies. Any cash compensation for previously unproved charges, payable without further necessity of proof, would supplement payments of damage claims and for loss of property totaling \$38 million made in 1950, when evidence and testimony on possible damage was relatively fresh and available. The Congressional commission, which charged that military considerations did not motivate the relocation, called none of today's Government officials to testify in defense of Franklin D. Roosevelt's action and made no effort to show the steps taken to insure the welfare of the relocated Japanese.

"The matter demands to be put into true perspective. I was made acutely conscious of this after Japan's Ambassador to the United States remarked to me recently that revisionist historians 'are now agreed' that Mr. Roosevelt invited the attack on Pearl Harbor in order to enable him to engage America in the war against Nazi Germany at an earlier date. This is revisionism gone mad. Mr. Roosevelt may have been an adroit politician, but no one in his right mind can accuse him of being a traitor.

"We all share the conclusion that the evacuation was traumatic for the 120,000 resettled. The key officials involved are on record as regretting the

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AM. Sponsored by Asian Pacific Women's Network of L.A. CONTACT: Mary Wong Lee (956-1800 ext 3508). Feele Lee, Ph.D. will speak.

MAY 9 - 14

Asian Pacific Island High Blood Pressure Week Screening Services, sponsored by Asian Pacific Islander Task Force on High Blood Pressure, CONTACT: Keith Umemoto or Liza Javier 680-3675. High blood pressure screening and information. All days: 11 AM - 12 PM, at the following locations: May 9, Chinatown; May 10, Little Tokyo Service Center; May 11, United Methodist Church; May 12, Indochinese Service Center; May 14, Korean Youth Center.

MAY 10

Filipino Kite Demonstration and Exhibition, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, at 1828 Sunset Blvd. Sponsored by Search to Involve Filipino Americans and Central City Action Committee. CONTACT: Royal Morales or Maryanne Hayashi (484-6083).

MAY 11

Chinese Interagency Council Cultural Heritage Luncheon, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, at Golden Dragon Restaurant. Sponsored by Chinese Interagency Council. CONTACT: Sheila Chau (221-1165) or George Poon (223-6402).

Scholarship Awards Dinner, 5:30 PM social hour, 6:30 PM dinner, at Miriwa Restaurant, 740 N. Hill St. Sponsored by Asian American Educators Association. CONTACT: Jackie Ota (278-8120). Awarding 11 scholarships to Asian Pacific American seniors in L.A. Unified School District.

MAY 12

Luncheon and Guest Speaker: "Newcomers and Neighbors - Future Trends in Immigration", 12:00 PM, at Miriwa Restaurant, 740 N. Hill St. Sponsored by Pacific Asian American Roundtable. CONTACT: Mike Woo (464-1178) or Mike Eng (387-2257). Omer G. Sewell, Dept. Dir. of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service will speak.

MAY 13

Annual Heritage Dinner Celebrating "Our Children: Our Future", 6:00 PM cocktails, 7:00 PM dinner, at L.A. Hilton Hotel. Sponsored by Mayor Bradley's Asian Pacific American Heritage Committee. CONTACT: Christine Ung (485-4420). Featuring performances by talented young Asian Pacific children.

MAY 14

Program on Legal Rights and Remedies Regarding Social Security and Health Benefits, Simple Wills and Probate, Immigration, 1:00 PM, at Little Tokyo Service Center, 244 San Pedro. Sponsored by Japanese American Bar Association of Los Angeles. CONTACT: Carole Morita (678-4177). Community Law Day program will include presentations by practitioners, and pro bono consultation and referral services.

"Readings in Filipino Culture", 2:00 PM, sponsored by Filipino American Educators Association. CONTACT: Helen Brown (374-8340).

Open House: Use of the News Media by Community Organizations, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Sponsored by Asian American Journalists Association. CONTACT: Teresa Watanabe (744-8460) or Bill Sing (972-4767).

For further information on these and other events during the month of May, see the Calendar for 1983 Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, organized and coordinated by Mayor Tom Bradley's Committee on Asian/Pacific American Heritage (485-4420). #

Nikkei mayor leads fight against PCB tainted site

UNION CITY, Ca.—About 30 Union City residents rallied April 2 near a Pacific Gas & Electric chemical storage site, to demand that the utility company quit storing dangerous PCBs in this residential area, the Nichi Bei Times reported.

Mayor Tom Kitayama noted that PG&E had filed for a municipal use permit under a new city ordinance.

Kitayama said the utility would have to pay a fine of \$500 a day if it had not sought the permit, although PG&E had been storing PCBs in Union City without a city permit since 1978 and claims it needs no city authorization to operate its Decoto Pipe Yard, across from Kennedy Park.

PG&E has a permit from the state Department of Health Services to operate a hazardous waste facility, and it has filed suit in U.S. District Court against the city, saying it requires no city permit.

A PG&E spokeswoman noted that only one acre of the 30-acre facility is used to store the cancer-causing PCBs.

Kitayama said that in his view the PG&E facility "does not involve big capital investment—a metal building and a concrete pad. We asked them to move it out of the city. Instead, last March 25, they sued us."

He said it will be June before PG&E's application for a city use permit can be processed through Union City agencies.

He said residents object that the pipe yard seems to be the place where PG&E brings contaminated equipment and PCB-tainted soil from throughout the state.

Community anxiety flared anew March 23 when a quantity of PCB contaminated soil being shipped here spilled on the Nimitz Freeway outside of the town. The clean-up caused a massive traffic jam.

● Science

A presentation on avian candidiasis, a current major disease in poultry and pet birds was given at the 32nd Western Poultry Disease Conference at UC Davis on Feb. 8-10. Bryan Mayeda, D.V.M., veterinary medical officer in pathology at the regional state veterinary diagnostic laboratory at the California Department of Food and Agriculture in Sacramento, spoke at the conference, which drew participants from across the U.S., Central and South America, Canada, Mexico, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

PCB stands for polychlorinated biphenyl, the designation given to a group of organic compounds commonly used in industrial applications as electrical transformers.

PCBs are considered a dangerous, life-threatening pollutant. Scientists have determined that PCBs are toxic to various animals, particularly fish but including humans. They have also been linked to birth defects in humans.

PG&E is currently replacing transformers that use PCBs. #

● Military

Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga of Hawaii recently announced in Washington his nominees for military academies. Among those nominated for West Point was Jason T. Tanaka of Honolulu, a Kalani High School senior. For the Merchant Marine Academy, Matsunaga named ten students, among them Neal T. Izumi of Honolulu, also a Kalani High School senior. For the U.S. Air Force Academy, the senator nominated 20 students, and one of his principal nominees was David H. Kaneshiro of Hilo, a senior at Waiakaa High School.

● Awards

Takeru Higuchi, regents professor of chemistry and pharmacy and chairman of the department of pharmaceutical chemistry at the University of Kansas, has been named the 1983 recipient of the American Pharmaceutical Association's Remington Honor Medal.

Higuchi's professional career includes director of the Alza Institute of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, president and chair of the INTER Research Corporation which he established, and vice president of Merck Sharp and Dohme Research Laboratories.

In 1981 the APhA's Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences established the Takeru Higuchi Research Prize and Endowment Fund to recognize the highest accomplishments in the pharmaceutical sciences.

Higuchi is originally from Santa Clara County and presently resides in Lawrence, Kansas, with his wife, Aya.

Philip Matsumura of San Jose was the recipient of the Thomas P. Ryan Hall of Fame award for his work as a microbiologist in the areas of molecular biology and microbial physiology. The award was named in honor of the first superintendent in San Jose's East Side Union High School District, and a co-winner of the award was former Heisman Trophy winner Jim Plunkett, now with the Los Angeles Raiders. Matsumura is currently a lecturer and head of the molecular biology department at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is the son of San Jose JACLers Mr. and Mrs. Phil Matsumura.

In Washington, D.C. two Oahu high school juniors, Kendra K. Yoshimoto of Castle High School in Kaneohe, Hawaii, and Eric M. Wakahiro, a student at Kaiser High School in Honolulu, Hawaii, have won Japan-U.S. Senate Scholarships, according to a joint announcement made March 2 by U.S. Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii.

Kendra, the daughter of Mrs. Pamela Yoshimoto of Kaneohe, and Eric, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Y. Wakahiro of Honolulu, will spend two months in Japan this summer as the guests of two Japanese families.

The students were among 12 Hawaii semifinalists who competed for the scholarships funded by the Government of Japan and administered by Youth for Understanding, a non-profit, international student exchange organization.

Seattle mayor may have eased tensions with Asian leaders

SEATTLE—Mayor Charles Royer apparently eased tensions between himself and the Asian community April 12 after a meeting that left the community leaders blaming their problems with the mayor on a "lack of communication."

Alan Sugiyama, an Asian leader who chaired the gathering between Royer and the group, emerged from the closed-door meeting and said the community leaders were concerned that Royer did not have an Asian department head and that Asians are underrepresented on some of the city's commissions, boards and in exempt city positions.

But all in all, Sugiyama said, the mayor has "come a long ways" and that his "overall record is very good" with respect to Asian hiring in the city.

Royer was unavailable for comment after the meeting, called after tensions developed over Royer's dismissal of Arlene Oki

from his personal staff last month.

Oki, a prominent member of the city's Japanese community, was transferred by Royer to the Department of Human Resources to work on issues involving Asian refugees. Oki joined Royer in 1977, during his first campaign for mayor, and had since served on his staff.

The hour-long meeting to address concerns raised by Oki's dismissal was attended by representatives of the Asian Women's Caucus, Chinese for Affirmative Action, Asian Family Affair, Asians for Political Action, Asian Executive Director Coalition and Asian Businessman's Association.

The meeting also was attended by Alan Kurimura, a Japanese American recently appointed to Royer's personal staff to fill Oki's position.

"The mayor has done some good things, no question about it," Sugiyama said. "But there are still some things we would like to see

done."

Sugiyama said one of the three vacant city department head positions should go to an Asian. While Sugiyama said the mayor made no promises to the community leaders, he did ask for their help in finding qualified Asian candidates for the position, Sugiyama said.

About 10% of the member of the city's boards and commissions are Asian, said Sugiyama, but on some boards such as the Library Board and the Seattle Housing Authority there are no Asians.

In addition, he said, only five of the 124 city employees who are classified exempt—a category that includes department heads and directors—are Asian.

One Asian group, the Seattle JACL, boycotted the April 12 meeting. The group's president, Mako Nakagawa said the group did not receive an invitation.

"We do not need to slip in the back door, but (should) be invited," said Nakagawa.

Nakagawa and Royer aide Tom Keefe have exchanged a series of angry letters for the past month. Nakagawa has accused Keefe of "gross rudeness and arrogance" in a phone conversation, while Keefe has replied "the Tom Keefe you describe is not the Tom Keefe known by other members of the Japanese community."

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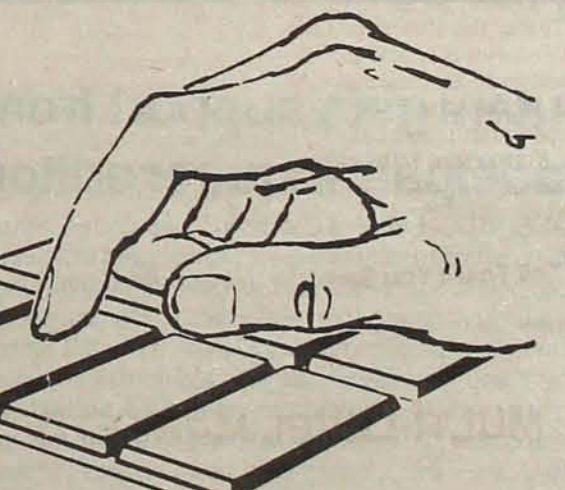
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Radio series on camp issues slated in San Francisco May 2

SAN FRANCISCO—"The Japanese American Incarceration: More Than a Memory," a new radio documentary series, will be broadcast on May 2, at 6:30 p.m. over San Francisco's KQED-FM (88.5). The two half-hour programs, produced by award-winning Stan Kadani and Barbara Noguchi, focuses on the camp experience in a historical, social and political context, and how Japanese Americans responded to their imprisonment. In addition, the second part of the series explores the impact of the camps on Japanese America, the continuing legal questions, and the redress and reparations issue.

A live call-in session will follow the airing of "More Than a Memory" that will include panelists Joan Bernstein, CWRIC Chairperson; John Tateishi, JACL National Redress Director; Dale Minami, national coordinator of a committee to re-open the Supreme Court cases which upheld the incarceration; military historian Eric Saul; and Chet Tanaka and Tom Kawaguchi, veterans of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

"We wanted to present not only what happened to Japanese Americans, but also give people a feel for the atmosphere, the racism of the times," said producer Stan Kadani.

The documentaries include interviews with government officials, historical experts such as Roger Daniels, and victims of the testimony presented before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

"Hopefully these documentaries will help the public better understand the current redress efforts. For as we note in the programs, there's more public outcry over redress than there ever was regarding the mass incarceration over 40 years ago," said Barbara Noguchi.

The documentaries were funded through a grant from National Public Radio's Satellite Program Development Fund.

For more information, call (415) 387-7411.

AAJA journalism scholarships offered

LOS ANGELES—The Asian American Journalists Association offers scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 for Asian American students pursuing careers in broadcast or print journalism.

AAJA is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the professional skills and roles of Asian Americans in news organizations, promoting community access to the news media and encouraging accurate news media portrayals of Asian Americans.

High school seniors and college students attending accredited institutions may apply for the scholarship awards, which will be based on scholastic achievement, demonstrated journalistic ability and the desire to pursue a news media career and community involvement.

Application deadline is midnight, May 20; the awards will be presented in June. For applications and more information call Elaine Woo (213) 744-8000 or Patrick Lee 743-2684, or write to the Asian American Journalists Association, 244 S San Pedro St., Rm. 411, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Asian women writers' to hold readings

LOS ANGELES—Mitsuye Yamada and Nellie Wong will read their works as part of the Ninth Annual Women Writers Series on May 21 at 8 p.m. at the Woman's Building, 1727 North Spring Street. The event is co-sponsored by the Asian Pacific Women's Network, and will be signed for persons with hearing impairments. Admission is \$4, and \$3 for members of the co-sponsoring organizations.

The readings by the Asian women writers is one of six evenings focussing on writers of diverse cultural backgrounds in this year's Women Writers Series, "Interwoven Texts: the Fabric of Culture." The series is funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information, call (213) 222-2477. For persons with hearing impairments, call TDD Dial-a-News: 383-3808.

VC Media Group to Hold Grants Wkshp

LOS ANGELES—An all-day workshop on Media Grantsmanship for independent film and video producers, sponsored by Visual Communications, will be held on May 7, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center (2nd floor), 244 S. San Pedro St.

The workshop will be led by Steve Tatsukawa, Manager of Program Development at KCET-Los Angeles, and will include topics such as understanding the grants environment, targeting projects to the right agency, the "nuts and bolts" of proposal writing, and grants management.

Enrollment is limited to 20. Registration fee is \$25.00, which includes a grants information package. For more information, call Visual Communications, (213) 680-4462.



NUTRITION PROGRAM PLANNERS—Getting ready for the upcoming nutrition program presented by the American Heart Association of Los Angeles are (l to r): Gary Fujimoto, CSU Long Beach student volunteer; Emily Yamanaka, Director of the Western Region Asian Project; Debra Nakatomi, Manager of Community Affairs, KNXT-TV; Bill Watanabe, Director, Little Tokyo Service Center; and Keith Umemoto, Coordinator of the Asian Pacific High Blood Pressure Task Force.

AHA slates nutrition program

LOS ANGELES—The American Heart Association (AHA) of Los Angeles will present a nutrition program at the Little Tokyo Towers on May 7, 12:30-4 p.m. AHA spokesperson Ron Kuramoto expects that the Nikkei seminar will also be very informative, and stated that the Heart Association is hoping to make an impact in the Asian community regarding heart disease.

According to KNXT's Debra Nakatomi, who has been active in planning this event, "This nutrition seminar will provide information on how to cook Japanese and other Asian foods in a low sodium manner and yet keep it tasty and appealing. There will be bilingual nutrition lectures, an entertaining skit, and also a cooking demonstration. Free recipes and recipe boxes will be given to each attendee, so everyone, Issei, Nisei or Sansei, is encouraged to attend."

The seminar is free. Little Tokyo Towers is located at 455 E. 3rd Street. For more information, call Ron Kuramoto at (213) 413-6141.

Placer County health program for Nikkei set

LOOMIS, Ca. — Placer County Health Department has established a preventive health care program for adults which is available to local Nikkei residents, according to Kazuko King of the county library's information and referral service. The purpose of this program is to help improve the quality of life through preventive health care, especially for the elderly.

Mrs. King is particularly interested in encouraging Nikkei elders to take advantage of this program offering a physical screening examination for men and women 60 years of age and older at no charge. For those between 21 and 60, a sliding fee scale is used for charges. Low income persons will not

be charged for this health evaluation.

The screening includes medical history, nutrition assessment, medication review and blood pressure check, as well as testing for heart disease, diabetes, kidney and liver diseases and colorectal cancer. Breast exams and pap tests are performed for women. Also included is vision and glaucoma testing, and a blood panel is done to determine any blood chemistry abnormalities or anemia.

For more information or to make an appointment, call Mrs. King (who is bilingual for the benefit of Issei) at her home (652-7398).

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Senior care center to discuss exercise

LOS ANGELES—The support group for families who care for someone experiencing memory loss and loss of thinking and reasoning capacity will meet on Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Union Church, Third and San Pedro Streets. The topic of discussion is the importance of exercise for older people.

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Chicago's Heiwa Terrace: 'pride and joy' of Nikkei

By BETTY NAKANISHI

CHICAGO—Two-and-one-half years have elapsed since the Japanese American elderly and handicapped began moving into Heiwa Terrace, the congregate housing facility on Chicago's north side built through the joint efforts of the Nikkei community and the federal government.

Today Heiwa Terrace thrives as the pride and joy of Chicago's Nikkei. The ground floor is a show place with its shoji-doored dining room, airy lobby area accented by Japanese murals and Ikebana, a craft room, a library, an assembly hall equipped with a large-screen television set, a beauty/barber shop, and staff offices. A Japanese garden is nearing completion to add further to the building's aesthetics.

The 12-story building's 200 apartments are fully occupied, with vacancies quickly filled by applicants on the ever-present waiting list. Complying with the requirement of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that no more than 80% of the apartments be occupied by Asians, Heiwa Terrace currently shows the following ethnic percentages: Japanese, 55%; Koreans, 15%; Taiwanese, 4.5%; Chinese, 1.5%; Filipinos, 4%; Caucasians, 17.5%; and Blacks, 2.5%. Residents with incomes below a designated maximum, which is adjusted annually by HUD, pay 25% of their monthly income for rent, with HUD providing funds for the balance.

Heiwa Terrace is more than "just a place to live." Residents are provided with meal service, recreational and educational programs, other social services, and contact with the community through special events on the premises. Directing the affairs of the housing facility is the JASC Housing Corporation Board, which is currently composed of the following: Ben Yoshioka, president; Yojo Ozaki, vice president; Alice Murata, secretary; Hiroshi Nakano, treasurer; and directors Noboru Honda, Yutaka Kanemoto, Helen Mukoyama, Betty Nakanishi, Tom Teraji, Ted Uchimoto, Richard Yamada, Sr., and Ben Yamagiwa.

The Japanese American Service Committee of Chicago (JASC), a social service agency that serves Nikkei, other Asians, and the mentally handicapped, spearheaded the drive that culminated in the building of Heiwa Terrace. The JASC applied for financing in 1976 under Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 and became one of three parties granted funding in Illinois in 1977. A JASC fund-raising committee rallied financial support from the Nikkei community to pay for the amenities not covered by government funds. A lengthy screening of persons applying for apartments was conducted by a volunteer committee from the Nikkei community.

Meal service and staff-supplied social services were instituted during 1982 through funds and staffing authorized by the JASC Housing Corporation Board. A three-times-a-week dinner program for interested residents was begun in October following surveys of residents' nutrition needs and desires. Residents pay \$1.50 per meal, purchasing the dinner plan a month at a time; the balance of the meal cost is temporarily subsidized by the Heiwa Terrace general funds. In addition to providing dinners with a nourishing, balanced evening meal, the program serves as a valuable function in socialization for the residents.

The social service program at Heiwa Terrace was formalized with the addition of a social service counselor to the staff in May, with funds for the position coming from HUD. The counselor's duties include program activities, counseling, social service, and administration.

Activities include an art class, ballroom dancing, monthly bingo, a bridge club, movies in various languages, folk dancing, health-and-aging discussions, mah jong, a nutrition class, photography instruction, ping pong, Tai Chi, and various crafts. Funding for the photography class, for which an enlarger has been purchased, came from the Chicago Council on Fine Arts.

Since residents first started moving into Heiwa Terrace, the JASC has been providing on-site services, which include casework counseling, group counseling for Issei, homemaker help, and meals on wheels. Some of the residents also participate in the JASC's Sheltered Workshop, Adult Day Care Center, which includes transportation, and group outings. Residents are also served by Asian Human Services, which conducts counseling for Chinese/Taiwanese, Korean, and World War II relocation camp internees, and presents English/acclimation classes.

Volunteers and continuing monetary donations from the Nikkei community are playing a major role in enhancing the quality of life for the residents. Professional hair designers contribute their services at the on-site beauty/barber shop. The Japanese garden is evolving primarily through the efforts of volunteers, who provided landscape gardening as

Japan gov't honors insurance leader

NEW YORK—Coy Eklund, retired chairman of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U.S., became the first American insurance industry leader to be awarded the Order of the Rising Sun by the Japanese government at a ceremony in Tokyo on April 6.

Mr. Eklund, a present Equitable director, received the honor at the Ministry of Finance for his pioneering role in fostering closer ties between the Japanese and American business communities, especially bonds between the two nations' life insurers.

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1981. Additionally, Equitable, the third largest American life insurer and leading pension fund manager with total assets under management over \$48 billion, administers employee benefit programs to many U.S. subsidiaries of major Japanese corporations, including Mitsubishi, Toyota, Honda and Mazda.



Coy Eklund



Chicago's Heiwa Terrace for seniors

well as manual labor and raised funds for the plantings. Volunteers conduct monthly bingo sessions, give lectures, teach craft classes, and help in many other ways. Members of the local JAYS, the JACL-affiliated youth group, have contributed their services in such activities as a spaghetti dinner in the Heiwa Terrace dining room and escorting interested residents to a Major League baseball game.

Through self-help, residents are doing their part in making congregate living a success at Heiwa Terrace. A residents' council, composed of two representatives from each floor, meet monthly to air residents' concerns. In a "buddy system," residents keep tabs on each other.

Events held at Heiwa Terrace by various groups have involved residents in community activities. The JASC has held two of its annual Japanese food festivals and its 35th anniversary annual meeting there. Heiwa Terrace has also been the site for two JACL annual scholarship luncheons and two reparations meetings. However, the use of Heiwa Terrace is limited only to those events that include resident participation.

Nikkei arrested for supplying chemicals to PCP drugmakers

PARAMOUNT, Ca.—A Japanese American man, arrested March 21 at his Paramount plastic and chemical warehouse, is today being called "California's largest dealer of supplies for PCP (Angel Dust) production."

A team of about 50 Los Angeles County Sheriff's State Attorney General's Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement swooped down on Joli Plastic and Chemical Corp., in Paramount and arrested Jonathan Sasuga, 68, and two of Sasuga's employees, Enrique Munoz and Guillermo Flores, both 32. All three were charged with selling chemicals to "persons knowingly involved in the manufacture of PCP," according to Thomas Wadkins, supervising special agent for the BNE.

The arrests culminated a year-long investigation by local law enforcement agencies on the activities of Sasuga. According to agent Wadkins the probe disclosed that "Sasuga was the largest source of precursors and chemicals in the state used in the manufacture of PCP, methamphetamines and possibly synthetic cocaine."

Wadkins added that the investigation found that Sasuga was a major supplier for out-of-state PCP makers.

Undercover BNE agents reportedly made six purchases of pyridine, cyclohexanone, iodine crystals, magnesium shavings, bromobenzene, sodium bisulfate, disodium cyanide and other paraphernalia which is used to make Angel Dust, a hallucinogen sometimes inducing erratic behavior that it is popular with youth.

Arresting deputies and agents were followed to the Garfield Ave. warehouse by cameramen and reporters from major news media

who had been tipped-off to the impending arrests by law enforcement agencies. Also ready with quick reactions to the Sasuga arrest was District Attorney Robert H. Philibosian who described the substances seized in the raid as "enough to almost turn on the whole state of California."

State officials said the raid was the first conducted under several new state laws that make it a crime to knowingly sell chemicals that will be used in the manufacture of illegal drugs or to fail to report such business transactions.

Chemicals purchased by undercover agents alone reportedly was enough to produce 13,360 ounces of PCP, which would carry a street value of \$3.3 million.

Agents said that Sasuga not only sold the substances but offered advice as to a better means to process and synthesize a purer form of the drug. They added that the Japanese American also offered to make 10 pounds of methamphetamines valued at \$192,000.

Law enforcement agency news releases said Sasuga's arrest will eliminate the largest source of PCP chemicals in the state.

Sasuga was being held in L.A. County Jail in lieu of \$150,000 bond.

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Keiro Nursing Homes to benefit from Wimpy Hiroto's testimonial

GARDENA, Ca.—Two Los Angeles Keiro Homes, South Bay Keiro and Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, will be the beneficiaries of the community testimonial for JCI Executive Director William T. "Wimpy" Hiroto on May 26 at the Bonaventure Hotel.

The \$150-per-person banquet will honor Hiroto, who has served at the JCI's director for the past eight years, successfully completing a \$1.5 million building drive.

Among the honorary dinner chairmen for the event are Sens. Daniel K. Inouye and Spark Matsunaga; Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui; L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley and many other state and local officials.

Co-emcees of the event will be KNBC-TV Newsanchor Tritia Toyota and actor Pat Morita.

For ticket info call Kenzo Okubo (213) 626-1830; Ruth Shingu 530-0700 or Mrs. Yoshiko Hayashi 770-2878.

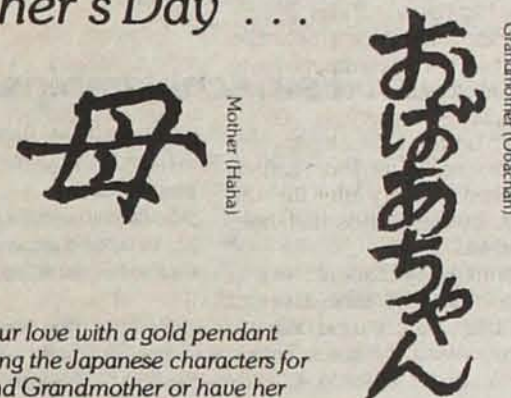
Trees planted at Amache Memorial site

GRANADA, Colo.—One hundred and twenty Russian olive saplings were planted by members of the Denver Central Optimist Club and the Arkansas Valley JACL at the site of the proposed Amache Memorial Site here.

The trees, which were chosen for their ability to survive the harsh weather conditions at the site, were set into the grounds of the former Amache Relocation Center on April 10.

The mayor of Granada assured the groups that if the weather in the area should turn dry, he would have the fire department use their equipment to irrigate the land.

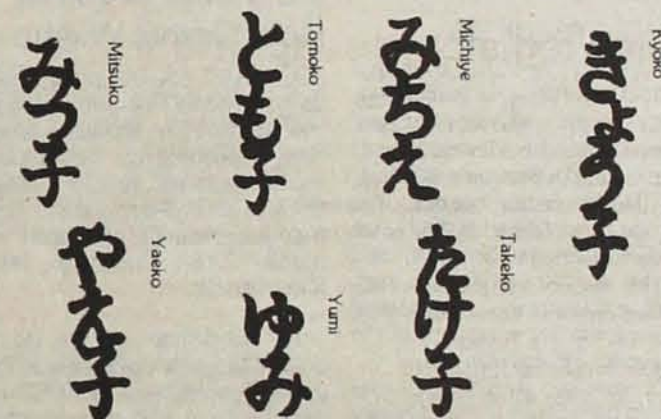
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VA official's use of funds questioned by Wash. Post

WASHINGTON—Paul T. Bannai, director of the Veterans Administration's Department of Memorial Affairs, might have taken numerous personal trips at government expense over the past 16 months, reported the Washington Post April 5.

The Post noted that the former California Assemblyman had billed the government for a trip to a Veteran of Foreign Wars reunion where he joined World War II friends.

Bannai, the first Japanese American to serve in the state legislature on the U.S. mainland, also charged the government for trips home during the Christmas holidays and for a golfing trip to South Carolina with several VA officials who paid all their expenses out of their own pockets, said the Post.

An insurance-realtor, Bannai earns an income of \$67,200 a year as head of the VA's extensive national cemetery network.

According to the Post, Bannai's federally-funded travels also allowed him to attend at least two board meetings of a California bank, on whose board he serves, and to visit friends and relatives in Oregon and Illinois.

Bannai admitted during an interview with Post reporters that he had conducted personal business and had taken vacations during some of the 26 business trips he has charged to the government since he was hired by the VA in late 1981. The Japanese American official stressed, however, that his private and personal business actions were scheduled only after the official VA business trips had been mapped out.

According to officials at General Services Administration, General Accounting Office and the Office of Governmental Ethics, the Nikkei official's travels fall into a "gray area."

"It's a bit like asking which came first, the chicken or the egg," an unnamed GAO official said. "If the official travel was already planned, then there probably wasn't anything improper

Allen registers as Japan lobbyist

WASHINGTON—Richard Allen, ousted from his job as presidential national security adviser after receiving \$1,000 from a Japanese magazine, has registered as a foreign agent to lobby for a number of Japanese firms, the Justice Department said April 11.

Allen joins a number of former federal government officials who have turned to the lucrative field of lobbying for foreign interests upon leaving government service.

The Justice Department's Office of Foreign Registration said Allen has signed on with a consortium of Japanese companies, including Mitsubishi and the Bank of Tokyo.

Allen resigned Jan. 4, 1982. He had been on paid leave of absence since Nov. 19, 1981, while he was being investigated for possible misconduct surrounding the acceptance of \$1,000 from Japanese journalists for arranging an interview with First Lady Nancy Reagan.

Allen also was investigated for having accepted several wrist watches from a former business associate, and errors in his financial disclosure forms.

A Justice Department investigation and a White House investigation cleared Allen of any wrongdoing.

Allen was retained on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board on a per diem basis of \$190 and later hired by the Republican National Committee as adviser for national security.

Tenants for Gardena housing picked

GARDENA—Two hundred names were drawn lottery-style recently at the Gardena Japanese Cultural Institute to determine who will have priority for tenancy in the soon-to-be-completed JCI Gardens senior citizens housing development.

JCI Gardens is made up of two, three-story buildings at 162nd St. and Gramercy Place in Torrance. The \$4.8 million complex offers 100 one-bedroom units and communal, social and recreational facilities.

More than 400 senior citizens from throughout the greater Los Angeles area have submitted applications for residency in the low-cost housing project. The drawing of names, which was conducted by JCI executive director William Hiroto was the first step in a screening process to determine who will get first crack at the 100 units.

about conducting personal business too. The question is: 'How do you know?'

Reported the Post: Bannai's most frequent destination has been Los Angeles, according to his travel vouchers. It also is the site of his home, his insurance and realty business and where his wife, a college professor, lives.

Last July, in an excursion typical of his travels, Bannai charged the government \$840.72 for a trip to the annual convention of the Disabled American Veterans.

The convention began in Las Vegas on a Monday. Bannai flew to Los Angeles three days ahead of time. Friday he attended the monthly meeting of Republic Bank's board of directors, on which he serves. He then spent the weekend at his home. He did not charge the government for his expenses in Los Angeles.

Sunday he flew to Las Vegas. He spent one day at the DAV convention, then flew back to Washington.

Bannai said he decided to fly to Los Angeles because he wanted to visit the VA cemetery in Riverside, not because of the bank board meeting.

"If I'm in town, I try to attend the bank meeting," he said. "I have tried to resign from the bank several times, but they always refuse..."

Although officials of the Riverside cemetery kept no records of Bannai's visits, the cemetery manager said Bannai had visited the facility several times.

In fact, Bannai's first government-financed trip was to Riverside cemetery. He flew there Dec. 23, 1981, and stayed in California, visiting Riverside and other cemeteries until Jan. 4, 1982. That trip cost \$623.71. Bannai did not bill the government for most of his lodging because he stayed at his home.

According to his travel vouchers, Bannai listed trips to Riverside and other cemeteries in the Los Angeles area as the justification for five of his six trips to Los Angeles.

Asked why he visited the River-

side cemetery so often, Bannai replied: "That is where I plan to be buried... I have special interest in it."

The only trip that Bannai made to Los Angeles that didn't involve the Riverside cemetery was in February 1982, when he charged the government \$573.04 to attend what he described as a four-day "Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention."

According to VFW officials, what Bannai actually attended was the annual California reunion of 14 VFW posts whose membership is comprised largely of Japanese Americans.

Bannai, who belongs to one of the posts, performed no official functions at the convention. When he paid his registration fee, Bannai identified himself as a VFW post member. In an interview, he said the trip was a valid government expense because he was "formally invited to attend as a VA official."

"We invited him. We always invite all officials at the VA," said Robert Wada, who invited dignitaries to the reunion. Wada added that he assumed Bannai came because he is a member of a California post.

This February, Bannai irritated some of his VA peers by charging the government \$232.75 for travel to Florence, S.C. Each year, several VA officials have gone to a

South Carolina resort to play golf and "simply get away," a VA official said.

All of the VA employees, including Bannai, declared annual leave to attend the outing. Bannai later charged his travel expenses to the government because he said he visited VA facilities on the way home from the golfing holiday, wrote the Post.

Birmingham-Hitachi expand city ties

TOKYO—Major Richard Arrington, Jr. of Birmingham, Alabama, and Hitachi's Mayor Tomeji Tachibana agreed April 12 to expand their sister city relationship in cultural, economic and various other fields, Hitachi officials said.

Arrington and his 14-member delegation arrived in Japan April 11 to discuss ways of expanding ties with Hitachi, a city of 206,000 north of Tokyo. The two cities

established a sister city relationship on April 23, 1982.

The officials said Arrington and Tachibana, however, did not go into details on sister city projects.

Dudley Pewitt, Vice President of University of Alabama and a member of the delegation, suggested an exchange program linking his university and Ibaraki University in Hitachi, they said.

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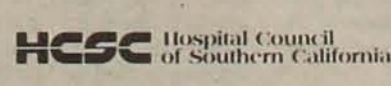
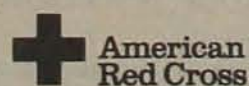
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necessity for the action—in particular Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, Attorney General Francis Biddle and Earl Warren, then Attorney General of California.

"The historic reality is that the wartime Japanese Government made the evacuation necessary. If any compensation is owing, the responsibility lies with that Government, whose sneak attack set in train the dislocation, death and misery of millions, including the privations suffered by the innocent ethnic Japanese on the West Coast. After all, the dead American sailors, marines and soldiers of Pearl Harbor, Iwo Jima and Okinawa and the dead Japanese and their next of kin will never be 'compensated' for their 'dislocation'. A bitterly learned lesson of this century is that it is wrong and fruitless to saddle later, innocent generations with the blame and costs of their forefathers' errors.

"In hindsight, we know the powerful Japanese fleet made no serious effort to follow up its destruction of nearly our entire Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor by attacks on our then defenseless West Coast. But at the time we did not know what might happen. The consensus of prudent, responsible officials, without rebuttal from any quarter, was that an attack was possible, accompanied by sabotage by the ethnic Japanese heavily concentrated around vulnerable West Coast defense installations. History shows Japan has favored surprise attack, as witness the surprise assault on Port Arthur in the Russo-Japanese War.

"In early 1942, timing the logistics were critical. Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, responsible for Coast security, feared sabotage in coordination with attacks. It was not feasible to carry out immediate personal evaluation of 120,000 Japanese Americans and resident aliens without segregating them into manageable groups. Hence, Mr. Roosevelt had the army carry out relocation on grounds of military necessity. The Supreme Court later supported the relocation's main features.

"In 1942, only the Army was capable of the difficult logistical task. It was most reluctant to carry it out. But only the Army had procedures to insure that the job was done humanely and efficiently. The Army wanted to end the burden of relocation at the earliest opportunity. In 1943, the hairbreadth defeat of the Japanese at Midway might have provided such an opportunity. Thereafter, the possibility of an attack on the Coast decreased. Still, we were in a two-front war and Japan retained a surface force advantage over us in the Pacific. It was not practical to reverse the earlier move, and our military leaders remained concerned about Coast security.

"An insufferable element in the commission's effort to condemn our officials is the imputation of 'racial prejudice' and 'war hysteria' to the deceased statesmen for their support of relocation. The Coast had a record of anti-Japanese prejudice (the rubric was 'The Yellow Peril') but to associate ignorant prejudice with Mr. Stimson and other senior officials is an affront to their memory and a total misconception of the facts and of their characters.

"Is it reasonable to ask the present Japanese generation to provide monetary compensation for the victims of Pearl Harbor and the train of victims that followed, including the evacuees? Is it fair, even rational, to saddle today's generation of Americans with such costs? It is fantastic 38 years after the war to attempt to equalize the sacrifices of all its victims.

"I raise these questions without even citing the many steps our wartime Government took to eliminate anti-Japanese prejudice and to ease the evacuees' plight. What have we come to when Americans are asked to shoulder the blame, to finance and conduct inquiries into their 'guilt' and pay for the consequences of an indisputable act of aggression by Japan?"

Ed. Note: Tom Kometani, President of the New York JACL, has sent a rebuttal to McCloy's column to the New York Times, on behalf of the Chapter.

Truman once held racist views

INDEPENDENCE, Mo.—Harry S. Truman gained a reputation for advancements in civil rights as president, but racial slurs are scattered through letters he wrote as a young man.

"I think one man is just as good as another so long as he's honest and decent and not a nigger or a Chinaman," the young Truman wrote in a 1911 letter to his future wife, one of 1,400 Truman letters recently opened to scholars.

Referring to an uncle, Truman wrote: "He does hate Chinese and Japs. So do I. It is a race prejudice, I guess. But I am strongly of the opinion that negroes (sic) ought to be in Africa, yellow men in Asia and white men in Europe and America."

Other letters, whose contents were reported April 10 in The Kansas City Star, include slurs about Jews, Italians and other ethnic minorities.

Later, however, in a 1939 Senate campaign, Truman told a nearly

all-white gathering that blacks should be treated better. "I believe in the brotherhood of man," he said, "not merely the brotherhood of white men but the brotherhood of all men before the law."

As President, Truman integrated the armed forces, backed anti-lynching legislation and repeal of poll taxes, created an employment commission to protect minority rights and supported the creation of Israel.

Dr. Philleo Nash, a White House adviser on minority affairs to Truman and to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, said in an interview that Truman overcame the racism "that was part of our basic culture" during his youth.

"He was a man of his generation, of his region, of his background—the farm—and he moved with the times and literally learned in the job," Dr. Nash said. "And when the time came, he did what was right." #

Letters

● Amache Memorial

Editor:

On Sunday, April 10, 12 members of the Denver Optimist Club made the five hour trek to Granada, Colo. to plant 120 Russian olive saplings at the Amache Memorial Site.

When we arrived at the old Amache Relocation Center a pleasant surprise awaited us. The Arkansas Valley JACL members were there to help us with the planting. These wonderful people have supported our project from its initiation, and have continued to lend us a helping hand, not only with moral support but monetary support as well.

Words are inadequate to express our gratitude to the members of the Arkansas Valley JACL for their generosity. As a fellow JACLer, a big Thank You!

The mayor of Granada has also assured us that if the weather should turn dry, he would take care of the watering by have the local fire department use their water tanks. It is reassuring to know that these people in this remote area are in full support of our mission.

NOBUO FURUIYE
Denver, Colo.



'A Different Light': Focus on Women

Sexism in Language

By LIA SHIGEMURA

San Francisco

An integral part of any culture is its language. Language not only develops in conjunction with society's evolution, but also reflects society's attitudes and thinking. Language not only expresses ideas and concepts but actually shapes thoughts. If one accepts the axiom that the dominant white male culture discriminates on the basis of race and sex, then we should also expect our language—an indispensable transmitter of culture—to discriminate unfairly as well.

Words and names, many say, are not important. The importance lies in the actual "being" of the individual. Categorical names such as "jap," "nigger," "spic," or "chink" could then be easily disregarded with a tolerant chuckle. Fortunately, however, we are aware of the significance and implications of these names regarding the majority culture's perception of the derogated group. Our awareness of racist language has been forcibly sharpened.

Unfortunately, derogatory language about women is more subtle and complex. Sexual terms describing women (slut, whore, broad...) are abundant and function primarily, even in the context of humor, to depersonalize and degrade women. These blatant sexual terms, however, are obvious put-downs. More pervasive and serious are the hidden put-downs that masquerade as compliments and unfortunately, women are as likely to use them as men. Take for example, "girl" and "lady."

When the term "girl" is used by middle-aged women and men to refer to a mature female, it flatteringly sug-

gests youth and attractiveness. However, the subliminal message is that the person is immature, child-like, helpless, frivolous, and inconsequential. The word "girl" when describing a woman, is not one that demands or even requests respect. It implies that the so named "girl" is willing to have the world lead her by the hand because she really can't take care of herself.

Many feel that the use of the word "lady" for a woman is more chivalrous and polite. However, it has been suggested that the more demeaning a job, the more likely a woman holding it will be called a lady. Although we easily talk about bag-ladies and cleaning ladies, it is unlikely that we would talk about the lady who's a Supreme Court justice.

The hurt or oppression that is caused by sexist language is not as apparent as the products of racism. Ghettos of women, or concentration camps filled exclusively with women are difficult to find. However, oppression does exist; women's psyches, emotions and self-perceptions have been subliminally impacted upon, and the behaviors of men and women tend to reinforce the prevailing attitudes of our society.

Change is a difficult and slow process. The first step in constructive change, however, is to broaden our awareness of the impact and implication that our language can have on entire groups of people. There is power in language. Let's choose to learn what that power is, and then learn to harness that power to help women and all people in our quest for equality.

Ed. Note: Lia Shigemura is the JACL's National Program Director. #

Asian American women making inroads into the work force

BOSTON—Asian-American women are making their mark in a widening diversity of fields in the U.S. work force. Although they are considered the least vocal of women's minority groups, inroads into the professional world have been made by determined individuals from Filipino, Korean, Japanese, Chinese, and Southeast Asian backgrounds.

"The stereotype of Asian-American women as passive, the Susie Wong-type servant, is beginning to break down," says Elaine Kim, associate professor of Asian-American studies at the University of California, Berkeley. "It's getting a lot better now, especially in California."

While Asian-Americans may not face blatant discrimination, they do encounter it in more subtle forms, says Janet Wu, State House reporter for WCVB news, the Boston affiliate of ABC. As a first-generation Chinese-American in a highly visible profession, she has had people comment to her: "I don't even think of you as Chinese."

While they may mean it as a compliment, she says, "To me it implies, 'You're almost good enough to be white.' But I'm not white and I'm proud I'm not white. Americans are tolerant in many ways, but they have a lot to learn culturally."

Unemployment Low

Despite lingering stereotypes, unemployment is generally not a problem for Asian-American women. Sixty-four percent of these women are in the work force, compared with 58% of white women and 62% of black women.

According to Professor Kim, however, under employment in terms of

pay and skill level is a major characteristic of Asian-American working women.

As project director of Asian Women United of California, an organization studying educational and employment issues affecting Asian-American women, Ms. Kim sees a pattern of both immigrant and American-born Asian women employed in jobs for which they are overqualified, based on their educational level. Although lack of English skills may be an obstacle, under employment also affects those who are fluent, she says.

Viewed in a larger context, pay levels of Asian-American women fall below those of U.S. women as a whole. In 1981, U.S. women earned only 64.7 cents for every dollar earned by a man. U.S. Department of Labor figures show that income levels of Asian-American women vary fall roughly between 38 and 48% of white men's income.

Cultural Conflicts

For Asian women working to gain equity in the workplace, cultural beliefs may hinder progress. In the Chinese community, for example, Janet Wu says, "Their first instinct is 'work hard, be quiet, and you will see your reward.' But that doesn't work in this country. There are a lot of people in my generation—in their early 30s—who are trying to be more vocal."

According to a recently published study of Asian-American women in the work force, "With Silk Wings" (San Francisco: Asian-American United of California, \$10.95), while some Asian-American women have established careers with higher levels of salary and responsibility, most

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Euphemisms among Japanese Americans

Denver, Colo.

Judge Bill Marutani's subject at the recent Relocation and Redress conference at the University of Utah was "The Tyranny of Terminology." He showed clearly that certain words which we have come to accept as the proper ones really do not reflect accurately the sense of what we wish to say.

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continue to be clustered in low-profile, low-status, low-paying jobs, primarily in the clerical ranks. Other traditional occupations for Asian-American women include jobs as garment factory workers, seamstresses, waitresses, cannery workers, and domestic servants.

Many recent Asian immigrants with limited English abilities and few marketable skills choose to establish family-owned businesses as an alternative to a low-paying menial job. Wives in these families often work or little or no pay to help the business survive. In many cases, the younger members of the families do their share of work as well.

Asian-American families often sacrifice a great deal to provide for their children's education as a steppingstone to a professional career. Children are expected to excel in school and often grow up with this idea: "To make your way in this country you have to be better than everyone else."

Practical Education

Asian-American students, particularly those with immigrant parents, tend to view their college education in highly practical terms and choose majors that will ensure a good return on their parents' and their own investment.

This may help explain why some professions considered nontraditional or white women are traditional to Asian women, such as accounting or computer programming. In today's market, Asian-American women are able to take advantage of the expanding opportunities in technical and scientific fields. In communication-related fields, however, while American women are found in acting, journalism, and creative writing, Asian-American women generally are not.

In addition to individual efforts, affirmative action has had a positive effect on expanding career opportunities for Asians in the United States. Elaine Kim reports that more than half of the 150 Asian-American women interviewed by Asian Women United during the past two years found their current jobs as a direct result of affirmative action, particularly in fields such as law and medicine, dentistry, architecture, and engineering.

With more employment opportunities opening up, Ms. Kim voices a primary concern for Asian-American women: "The dilemma we have is, are we going to give up our cultural identity and become white women in disguise?" She believes the challenge is to maintain a strong sense of self and maintain ties to the Asian community while fitting effectively into work situations.

'American Way'

Janet Wu, whose family observed Chinese customs including food, language, and traditions, says: "There was a generation that tried abandoning Chinese ways of doing things. That's denying something that you are. For some things I believe the Chinese way is right; for others, I think the American way is better. Asians should take advantage of the fact that they can pick and choose."

Many Asian-American women regard their careers not only in terms of self-fulfillment, but as a contribution to their families and community.

Sookie Choo, a New York lawyer whose law as a career because she saw a need for bilingual lawyers to serve Koreans who may not understand English or American laws.

Sharon Maeda, a Japanese American who lives in Los Angeles, sees the news media as a powerful force in promoting understanding among people. As executive director of the Pacifica Foundation, which operates the largest noncommercial radio network in the U.S., she develops programs to serve minority groups, women, and the poor.

Helen Chin-Schlichte, who has worked for Massachusetts state government since 1949, says, "One of the reasons I stayed in public service is, I thought I could help my people."

Mrs. Chin-Schlichte devotes much of her free time to helping the Chinese community in Boston gain access to the state bureaucracy, to work for better housing and other needs. In this capacity she sees herself as a role model for other Chinese women.

"They need to work within their own community to assess its needs. But they also need to become involved in outside activities so the larger community can see who we are and what we can do."

"I have Asian women come to me to talk about their careers and some of their feelings. 'Why is it we stand out?' they ask. I tell them we stand out not because of our yellow skin or slanted eyes, but because we are bright, motivated, and we work hard to achieve."

—Christian Science Monitor

Slide show on Heart Mountain, 442nd

GARDENA, Ca.—A program on the Nikkei experience during World War II entitled, "Citizens of America—Enlisted and Detained," will be held on May 7, 3 p.m. at the Ken Nakaoka Memorial Center, 1700 W. 162nd St.

Two slide shows will be presented, one the Heart Mountain internment camp and the other on the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

The program is jointly sponsored by the Gardena chapter of the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRP) and the newly-formed Torrance Chapter of the JACL.

For example, take the word "evacuation." He pointed out that evacuation has a certain compassionate and high-sounding connotation, as when the Red Cross evacuates victims of a flood without regard to race, creed or whatever. But, Marutani points out, the so-called evacuation of Japanese Americans was conducted on a selective basis, and the truth is that "we were kicked out."

The evacuation camps were really internment camps and were said to be under the "supervision" of the military. Marutani says supervision really meant the evacuees, or rather the "kicked outees," were under lock and key. And while they were said to be placed in the camps under guard for their own protection, the guns that guarded them were pointed inward.

Those who went through the experience know all this, but they have accepted euphemisms that a guilt-ridden government came up with to make their actions somewhat less offensive.

By accepting such euphemisms, we become party to the effort to make the evacuation look like what it was not. And by continuing to use the euphemisms, we encourage our friends to see a picture quite different from our perception of what the experience was all about.

That's an important message from the good judge

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



O-Haka Mairi

Philadelphia

IT HAS BEEN fourteen years since my mother died during one of her trips to Japan. As fate would have it, she was stricken while visiting her home town of Hiroshima. Her ashes were brought back by the family (all of her four children, plus a daughter-in-law were present during the terminal period) and the ashes were placed at the Sunset Memorial Mausoleum and Columbarium located in Berkeley—actually Albany-El Cerrito, I believe. She was a member of the Buddhist Church of Berkeley. Moreover, three of her four children reside in the Bay Area.

AND IT HAS been our practice during the past fourteen years, to pay a visit to the columbarium whenever we are in the area. And during those years, we're saddened when we see additional nameplates or inscriptions being added. Sunset is located on a hillside that overlooks the bay, and it is quite a beautiful sight. I've often thought that my mother would have admired the view.

NEAR A MAUSOLEUM building, there is a gravesite from which one can view the San Francisco-Oakland bridge (or a good part of it) as well as the bay. And there are located a number of Nikkei headstones with a few Anglo names mixed in. Some of the Nikkei names I noted: GOTO, MIZUHARA (Kikui, Aiko and Vicki), NAKAHARA (Tosaburo and Kichi), SAKAMOTO, SUMIDA and TOBATA—to name a few. On the side facing the road the family name is in English; on the side viewing the bay the names are in *kanji*. On one occasion, when we ended up with more fresh flowers than we could use, we simply placed some of the flowers at these graves.

BUT WHERE OUR mother's remains are deposited is a modest place within the mausoleum building itself. Alongside her name are a number of others, including a gentleman who had been born in 1874 and died 85 years later in 1959: Matsutaro Kunitaki. I sadly noted two additions in 1982: Junichi Kamo, 1893-1982 and Sunaye Ishino, 1910-1982. Also I sadly noted that Tora Yokoyama passed away at age 29 years, 1945-1974. Almost everytime we've visited, there has been a bouquet of flowers in mother's vase. Perhaps some of the other visitors place extra flowers there. On occasion, I have done so.

ON A NEARBY table there is a package of *senko*, and although I do not happen to be a Buddhist I invariably

which all of us can well take to heart.

But there are other loose and thoughtless uses of the language that we might think about.

How often have we had friends ask: "Have you ever been back to Japan." And we answer as though the question were: "Have you ever been to Japan?"

It's impossible to go back to anything unless you started there. Yet we've heard Nisei say "I'm going back to Japan for a vacation," and thereby, thoughtlessly, we promote the idea that we are different and alien and don't really belong here.

And how often have we referred to whites as "Americans" as differentiated from us, who are "Japanese." The undeniable fact is that we're all Americans, but of various ethnic backgrounds. But if we refer to "them" as Americans, it perpetuates the misconception that somehow, "we" are not Americans at all.

In the broad view of the times, how we use words may be a small matter, but not an unimportant one. Words are what we use to create mental images, mental images create perceptions, and perceptions are the basis on which we think and act.

We can do ourselves a lot of good by insisting on accurate and proper use of language, both by "them" and "us". #

light up one of them and use prayer beads that belonged to my mother. This is all in keeping with my mother's views. Early in my boyhood, when I had been invited to attend a Christian Church by one of my classmates, I asked my mother's permission; she allowed that I certainly wouldn't learn anything other than worthwhile things there, so I was allowed to go. Well, that sort of ecumenical approach certainly justified reciprocity, which I would provide in any event.

I'M NOT SURE, really, just why I do this—visiting her place of repose everytime: whether I do this for myself, for her, or maybe for both of us. But it is a ritual that I've kept up so far, and fully expect to continue as long as I'm around. #

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Cultural factors hamper mental health service

TORRANCE, Ca.—A psychiatrist recalled receiving a telephone inquiry from a third generation Japanese American woman asking that an appointment be made for "us."

The caller explained that her mother-in-law had left her husband and that there were three family members who wished to accompany the couple in an effort to resolve their marital differences.

The problem, as the young woman saw it, said Lilly Nakamura, a private practitioner who received that call, was one involving, not just the mother-in-law, nor she and her husband, but the extended family.

"This belief system is uniquely cultural," Nakamura said at an Asian American mental health symposium held April 7 at Del Amo Hospital in Torrance.

The characteristics of this way of thinking, found among the Asian American population, she said, are "we before I. Unity takes precedence over individual needs. Absence of the self is considered a virtue and many tales are told extolling sacrifice."

These attitudes are accompanied by verbal and emotional restraint, the use of indirect communication, and the avoidance of confrontation.

This conflicts, Nakamura said, with the goals of occidental psychotherapy, which are individuation and assertion of self, "rather than submitting blindly to the should, ought to and must of parental mandates."

In another instance, a Japanese American man, who feared his wife would kill herself if he left, concocted an elaborate scheme which involved staying away from the family for weeks at a time at his cabin in the mountains.

"He was trying to wean himself away. He couldn't give himself permission to leave his family," Nakamura said.

In most cases, she said, the marital partner does not give his or her mate any warning that he or she is planning to leave. The separation is abrupt. The injured party then comes to see a psychiatrist, not for counseling, but to handle a crisis such as severe depression or attempted suicide.

Another speaker, Dr. Keh-Ming Lin, an assistant professor of psychiatry at UCLA, noted that the rate of Asians seeking psychotherapy is about half that of the general population. Yet he does not believe this indicates Asians enjoy a higher level of mental health than do other ethnic groups.

From his clinical experience, he observed that "whenever an Asian patient does come in, they are more likely to be more sick, more psychotic. They will suffer for a long time before asking for help."

A study done of Asians living in Seattle, he said, showed an average delay of four years from the onset of symptoms until the person came in for counseling. The reason for the delay, according to Dr. Lin, is due to a stigma against mental illness.

"The Asian person will use herbal medicine or acupuncture before they'll see a psychiatrist," he said.

About one-half of the Asians in this country are recent immigrants and refugees. These persons, Dr. Lin said, represent a "high risk" group for mental disturbances. Difficulties encountered by immigrants include the loss of important relationships and the adjustment to minority status, an unfamiliar environment and an unintelligible culture.

He said that if therapy does not include the family, it will usually prove ineffective.

Sachiko Reece, a Japanese-born mental health counselor with the Asian-Pacific Counseling and Treatment Center, has had many dealings with Japanese foreign exchange students.

Some need help in overcoming frustration, which they experienced in their home country when they were not able to pass stiff entrance exams into Japanese universities. Others she sees are exceptional students who "collapse" when they are removed from their families. In other cases, teachers call, afraid to give a student a low grade because he or she has threatened to commit suicide.

Another group of Asian students she works with are children who are referred by school counselors because they are too quiet and withdrawn. "The parents get very upset when they get letters from school saying their child needs psychotherapy. They say, 'That's no problem. That's good child.'"

Reece said that often the mother and father are similarly withdrawn.

—Gardena Valley News

Join the JACL

Pierce County, Wa. Nikkei plan reunion

TACOMA, Wa.—Over 700 former residents of Tacoma and the Valley are expected for the Pierce County Reunion to be held in Tacoma on August 12, 13, and 14.

Early responses indicate that former residents now residing in Japan, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, California, Idaho, Utah and Oregon will be coming.

Three day program of open house, banquet and social, tour of Tacoma and to Mt. St. Helens, and a picnic on the final day is planned.

Tak and Mary Ikeda are chairing the Reunion and can be contacted at 815 South Jay St, Tacoma, WA 98406.

Chi Alpha Delta to hold Charter Day fest

LOS ANGELES — The Chi Alpha Delta Alumnae and Actives will hold their 54th annual Charter Day banquet on Sunday, May 15 at Fung Lum Restaurant, 222 Universal Terrace Parkway, Universal City, at 1 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Shizzie Akazaki, Assistant Superintendent of Children's Center for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

For reservations, call Shelley Amuro, (213) 327-7377; Ellen Kojima, 398-2124; or Joanne Nishi, 553-3332.

Burglary attempt foiled in Li'l Tokyo

LOS ANGELES—A burglary suspect was arrested while attempting to steal two expensive but decorative swords from a shop in Little Tokyo.

The suspect had broken a window at the Bunka-Do gift shop on First Street after midnight April 12, according to police.

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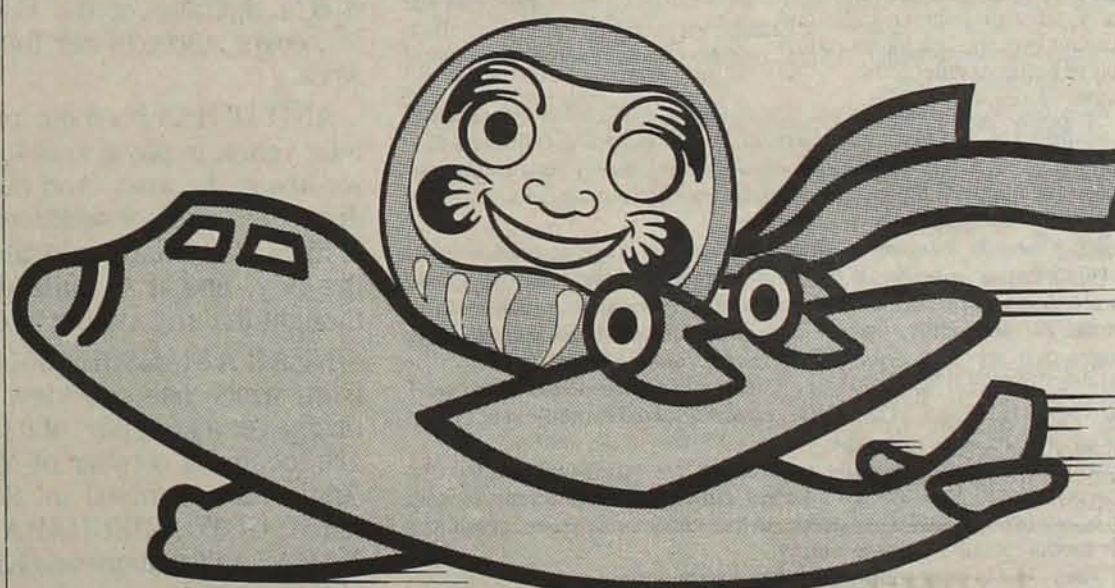
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Oscar nomination may be key to success for JA filmmaker

LOS ANGELES—Filmmaker Michael Toshiyuki Uno didn't win the Academy Award he had been nominated for in the Best Live Action Short Film Category on April 11 at the glittery Oscar presentations at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, and on top of that, the young matinee idol presenting the awards butchered the pronunciation of the 12-year old third-generation Japanese American producer-director's name in reading the list of nominees.

Uno made it clear that even if he didn't win an Oscar, the fact that a committee of his industry peers had selected his film, "The Silence," as a nominee was career-boosting and personally "validating" in itself. And, at the same time, he showed he is savvy enough to know that an Academy Award nomination can get you in a lot of important doors but you must show something once on the inside.

Former Racer
To say that Uno took a somewhat roundabout course in getting to the point where today he is considered one of the hottest new filmmakers in Hollywood would be a gross understatement. An animated and effusive Uno discussed how he became involved in film, his life and his future seated in a cluttered room of a Larchmont district cosmetic firm that he is now using as an office.

The son of a Japan-born mother and a Nisei mathematician father, Uno grew up in the Exposition-Normandie area of Los Angeles and attended Los Angeles High School. He attended UCLA initially as a physics-science major but admitted he spent most of his time during his first quarters at UCLA hanging around with streetracers and pouring money into high-powered cars.

As strange as it may seem, it was his involvement with cars that led to his realization that he wasn't cut out for a life in physics.

A quick segue to a story Uno likes to tell about his father... "My father always wanted to be a musician, and so he sometimes took a different view of things. He used to tell me he used to have to hide his saxophone and practice in a car. His parents strongly discouraged him, but that's what he really wanted to do. Instead, he became an engineer/mathematician," Uno said.

"So when I told him I was going to major in physics, he asked me, 'Why do you want to do that? You can't do that; number one, you can't sit still long enough, and number two, you talk too much and you're better at other things,' Uno remembered with a smile. "I really didn't listen to him then, but what he was basically doing was encouraging me to either go to law school, think about writing or to do something I really wanted."

Uno's father never got a chance to see that his son had heeded his words. He died in 1977.

"I wished my dad had lived long enough to see my films. Because he gave me the freedom, he planted the drive; he's the whole reason I'm doing this today," Uno reflected.

Uno dropped his physics major early on at UCLA and eventually earned his undergraduate degree in political science. Then, the combination of a love interest and a desire to get into journalism landed him in Washington, D.C.

The romance angle didn't pan out, but Uno used the experience he gained during years of tinkering with engines to land a job with "Super Stock" magazine, a hot-rodding publication with a nationwide circulation. He spent two years honing his writing and photographic skills.

Inspiration
He left "Super Stock" after two years and about the same time, had an experience that would profoundly affect his future—he attended a screening of films by a then little-known Los Angeles Asian American film group, Visual Communications. He would later say that seeing the V.C. films exposed what he calls a "latent inclination" he had long had to get involved with the theater and film. "The impulses had been kicking around since high school."

Uno was free-lancing, penning an occasional article for a martial arts magazine here and there, when by chance he saw an ad in the Washington Post for a research assistant's position for a film series on Asian American history. A Springfield, Va. group known as the Educational Film Center needed contacts with the West Coast Asian American communities and Uno fit the bill.

With EFC, Uno wrote a half-hour documentary which produced his first film, "Emi," showed a Philadelphia Nisei woman's reunion with pre-World War II neighbors, friends and memories on Bainbridge Island, Wash. His second effort came in 1980-81 with "Fujikawa," another documentary piece which used an old Japanese American boatbuilder and tuna fisherman as a vehicle to relate the history of the vital pre-war Japanese community on Terminal Island. Both "Emi" and "Fujikawa" were segments of the six-part "Pearls" series on Asian Americans that the film center produced under an Office of Education Emergency School Assistance Act (ESEA) grant. The series is aired periodically over the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and is available to schools.

Emmy Nomination
Uno's third major project, a short dramatic film on the relationship of two schoolgirls—one white and one Asian—"Side by Side" won a 1981 National Daytime Emmy Award nomination for the young director/editor.

The quality of these films won Uno an American Film Institute Directing Fellowship and set the stage for the making of "The Silence." Out of the hundreds of aspiring young filmmakers from around the nation who apply for AFI fellowships, Uno was one of 26 selected in 1981. He went on to survive the heated competition among the fellows to become one of the two fellows selected to produce a second-year film.

The Silence
In searching for a concept for the

second-year project, Uno became involved with men at the Vietnam Veterans Center in Venice. From his encounters with the vets, he was inspired to co-write the script and screenplay for "The Silence" with Paul Hensler, who had worked on Francis Ford Coppola's "Apocalypse Now."

Uno and co-producer Joseph Benson cast young actors Timothy Van Patten and Lynn Kuratomi to play the leads. Van Patten starred in the successful television series "The White Shadow," playing the role "Salami." Kuratomi, a Sansei actress who hails from L.A.'s Silverlake area, was a virtual unknown.

Synopsis
Uno explained the plot of "The Silence": Setting—Vietnam War. Lead character, Jason (Van Patten), is separated from his patrol at nightfall. He and a buddy encounter a Viet Cong patrol at a jungle crossing and both are wounded. When Jason recovers consciousness the next morning, he finds himself surrounded by bodies, and as he is searching for survivors and medical supplies for his wound, he encounters a Vietnamese apparently scavenging from the dead. He lies very still, and when the "scavenger" gets to him he is able to wrestle the Vietnamese to the ground, and he finds it is a young woman (Kuratomi). Since he is wounded, the woman is able to overpower, knock him out and drag him off to the tunnel-like bunker where she lives. Jason doesn't know what to think about his captor. Maybe she's crazy, definitely a threat. She doesn't talk. Then, as he tries to escape, he realizes that, all along, she's been trying to keep him alive. She hadn't been scavenging. She gathers unclaimed bodies of American and Viet Cong and gives them a proper burial.

Those who were able to see Uno's "The Silence" in its two brief runs in L.A. earlier this year, compare it favorably to Japanese director Kon Ichikawa's "Burmese Harp," which Uno has yet to see.

Nomination
Shot in 16mm in three weeks last year in Newhall, "The Silence" was up against some well-financed competition in the Best Short Film category. The eventual winner, "A Shocking Accident" by Christine Oestrencher was shot in 35mm and enjoyed a big budget in comparison to "The Silence," which cost \$50,000 to make. Other nominees included "Ballet Robotique" (Bob Rogers), "Split Cherry Tree" (Jan Saunders) and "Sredni Vashtar" (Andrew Birkin).

Two-hundred films were submitted for Academy consideration on the short film category, before a series of cuts pared down the field to the final five nominees. Asked if he thought getting nominated was as good as winning, Uno replied, "I'm told that, and I believe it. The thing that a nomination does is that if you want meetings with executives or agents, it can get you in anywhere."

The filmmaker added, however, that the Hollywood film industry is always willing to tackle the kind of material Uno likes to do.

Despite the nomination, Uno says there will still be obstacles. "I have a predilection for strong stories... 'The Silence' ain't 'Meatballs' and it isn't 'Animal House' and a lot of the films being made today are those kinds of films," he said. "I don't think I'm extraordinary. There are people out there that are every bit as good that will do that type of material."

As thrilling and pleasing an experience as having his second-year AFI "student" film nominated for an Academy Award, Uno says more substantial gratification comes from the nomination gives him and the members of family and friends who supported him for the past years of searching and struggle.

Uno lavishes praise and thanks on filmmakers and others who helped him along the way, but he usually dwells the longest on the reactions of his friends and family.

He confides that one of the most satisfying reactions to the film came from his sister, who commented after seeing "The Silence" that she had not really realized "he was in that league."

He thinks again of his father. "He would sometimes get irritated and ask me, 'What kind of a job do you think you're going to get with a political science degree? How much money are you going to make?' Then he'd think about it more and say, 'Well, okay, worry about that later. Just do what you're doing well.'"

Uno plans to do just that.

—Rafu Shimpo

Banquet marks theater opening

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American Cultural and Community Center will celebrate the inauguration of its theater, the Nichibei Gekijo, with a Grand Opening Commemorative Banquet on Friday, April 29, in the California Ballroom of the Bonaventure Hotel. A no-host cocktail hour is set for 7:30 p.m., with the banquet and program to start at 8:15 p.m.

Keynote speaker will be Special Ambassador from Japan, Nobuhiko Ushiba, who is officially heading the Kabuki troupe being sent by the Japan Foundation to inaugurate the Nichibei Gekijo. Also attending will be Inomatsu Usami, executive director of the JACCC's

Japan Koenkai, which raised over \$4 million for the theater's construction.

"The construction of the Nichibei Gekijo with such strong support from Japan signals a new era for the role that Japanese Americans can play in increasing mutual understanding between America and Japan," said JACCC President Frank Kuwahara. "It is a more positive role, which will be helped greatly by having such a facility as the Japan America Theatre available."

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JAs can serve as bridge, says commerce president

TOKYO—The president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan told members of the JACL Japan Chapter that Nikkei can play the role of a "bridge" in U.S.-Japan relations, because of their ancestry, language and understanding of both cultures.

Lawrence F. Snowden, head of the ACCJ, spoke before the Chapter at a dinner meeting in the Sanno Hotel here on March 29.

Snowden said that in playing the game of semantics, one could say that there are "lots and lots of pure Japanese and very few, if any, pure Americans."

He noted that such semantic distinctions directly relates to U.S.-Japan relations.

"The number one problem that everyone seems to finally settle on is a lack of understanding on both sides," said Snowden. "And I must agree, there is a lot of misunderstanding and it does relate to that cultural question of whether there are pure Japanese and pure Americans."

He said that Japan is basically an "insular" country, homogeneous in nature, but it goes all over the world seeking trade and raw materials useful to its economy. America, on the other hand, is made up of people of different ancestries, a "melting pot" nation.

The cultural differences, noted Snowden, "exert a considerable influence on the efforts of Japanese and Ameri-

cans to completely understand each other."

The ACCJ, said Snowden, approves of Japan's recent efforts to liberalize its own trading policies in order to open its own doors to more imports. Such measures help to insure against the growing sentiment in the U.S. calling for protectionist legislation.

Snowden said he has been lobbying in Washington, D.C. to tell government officials there that Japan is making an effort to ease the trade friction that exists between it and the U.S.

What can Japanese Americans do? Snowden said that "by ancestry, language and understanding of each side, (Nikkei) already have one foot on the shore of each country and that makes you extremely valuable in the kind of people-to-people program we need, to insure that trading problems don't jeopardize our basic relationships."

The ACCJ has a membership of 1,200 members and 500 Americans owned or controlled companies that are involved with Japan.

Snowden, a U.S. veteran of World War II, Korean and Southeast Asia, had served as chief of staff for the U.S. forces in Japan from 1972 to 1975, and was awarded the Second Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Emperor. He was the first foreigner since 1976 to testify before the House of Councillors of the Japanese Diet. #

Fresno/A.L.L. 60th yr. celebration slated for May 22 at Hilton Hotel

FRESNO, Ca.—The American Loyalty League/Fresno Chapter of the JACL will hold a gala dinner at the Fresno Hilton Hotel on Sunday, May 22, to celebrate its 60th year of service to the community.

A no-host hospitality hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$13.50 per person and may be purchased from anniversary chairman Mr. Fred Hirasuna at (209) 431-4348. The public is cordially invited.

Minoru Yasui, National JACL Redress Committee

Mom's day lunch deadline May 2

LOS ANGELES—The deadline for the Downtown JACL/Japanese Women's Society of Southern California sponsored Mothers of the Year Luncheon is Monday, May 2.

Telephone reservations will be accepted by Chiyeko Nakatani (213) 269-3928; Takayo Kato, 286-7608; Yoneko Kato, 288-2725 or Frank Hirata, 972-5474.

Mother's to be honored at the New Otani Hotel and Gardens on May 7, 12 noon include: Fusako Hamaguchi, 93; Aya Nakaoka, 84; Hatsuko Nasu, 83 and Kayo Takasugi, 88.

Name cards will be provided at the door for persons with advance reservations.

Chairman, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Yasui, now of Denver, Colorado, is famed for his arrest and imprisonment for challenging a Portland, Oregon, wartime curfew which applied only to Japanese American citizens and their parents.

The 60th Anniversary Celebration will be dedicated to Fresno's Barbara and Izumi Taniguchi for their active service during the last ten years.

Special honorees will be the four known living charter members of the Fresno JACL, the oldest continuing JACL chapter in the United States. The honorees are Mrs. Ena Okonogi Sakamoto and Mrs. Markai Mimura Konishi of Fresno, and Dr. Roy Morimoto and Mr. Ken Iino of Los Angeles. #

French Camp offers JACL scholarship

FRENCH CAMP, Ca.—The French Camp JACL Scholarship is open to all high school seniors whose parents are members of the French Camp JACL. The form is available by contacting Al Pagnucci, scholarship chairman at 982-1519. #



MILWAUKEE JAYS 'RECRUITS'—The Milwaukee JAYS recently held an Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic for area Nikkei children 12 and under. The hunt at the home of JAY's advisors Dave and Reiko McKendry was held to help the Milwaukee JAYS locate and recruit future JAYS members.

MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi



Strength in Numbers

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Numbers are the name of the game. Isn't that the conventional logic of empowerment? Either on a balance sheet or on a membership roster, the bottom line becomes how much or how many.

Taking these two subjects of funding and membership separately, let me comment that as far as the JACL is concerned, we are doing moderately well. On the financial side, we have overcome the financial difficulties from the past several years, and have moved to the point, when borrowing funds to cover the year-end cash flow is no longer required. We remain poor in program dollars, although the \$17,000 allocated to that line this fiscal year is up \$17,000 from the previous year. Our membership numbers have held over the past year, which is a positive sign in the current economy.

Because our financial base is in membership revenue, the two sets of numbers are interrelated. The 26,770 members that we count represent a substantial percentage of the Nikkei population, if you compare the percentages with other ethnic organizations. That number is probably an undercount, since family membership is counted as two, rather than a calculation for all family members. Still, there are over 700,000 Nikkei out there than could be recruited.

There are about 500,000 Nikkei represented between Hawaii and Southern California, areas where we have the smallest percentage of membership. Hawaii's historical development and ethnic concentration can explain why we haven't had a larger membership in that area. The greater Los Angeles area has a great deal of potential, but has a great deal of organizational competition. Having said why we haven't had a stronger membership base in these areas, our membership folks might address how we can build on these obvious markets.

I wrote to our Vice President for Membership and Services, Vernon Yoshioka, pointing out that there were several nuisances in the membership system. There are 45 membership categories and subcategories. There is no uniform dues amount from chapter to chapter. There are varying rebates to chapters for different kinds of membership. Even with computerization (which we really don't have as yet), it would make sense to study and refine the system to make it less complex and labor intensive.

A 5% increase in the membership translates into a 200% increase in the program budget. #

Fresno/A.L.L. to show 'Fast Lane'

FRESNO, Ca.—The American Loyalty League/Fresno Chapter of the JACL, will present the Sansei Theater Production's acclaimed one man show by Lane Nishikawa. "Life in the Fast Lane", on Friday, June 3, 8 p.m. at the Northwest Church, 5415 N. West Avenue.

Admission is \$5.00. For tickets or information, call the

Nikkei Service Center at (209) 237-4006.

"Life in the Fast Lane" originates from San Francisco where it was called a verbal "tour de force." It is a dynamic play that weaves together stories about growing up Asian American.

The presentation is a fund raiser for the Chapter's redress efforts.

PSWDC Nisei Relays in June

SANTA ANA, Ca.—The 32nd Annual JACL-PSWDC Nisei Relays will be held June 5 at Santa Ana College, 17th and Bristol Streets.

The track and field meet is open to persons whose parents have been JACL members for at least three years. There are different entry categories for men and women at various age levels, and medals and trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place winners.

For more information and

registration forms, contact Jim Mita, Registrar, 1451 W. 171st St., Gardena, CA 90247. Deadline for entries is May 21.

Relays committee member Mack Yamaguchi is also seeking persons to serve as "Nisei Relays Princesses" to assist the Awards Committee in the presentation of medals and trophies for the winners. Interested persons should contact Yamaguchi at (213) 797-7949.

Placer to fete A/P Heritage Week

LOOMIS, Ca.—Placer County JACL will observe Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week in May with a program of exhibits, activities and demonstrations depicting various aspects of Pan-Asian culture at the Loomis Library.

The overall heritage pageantry will run from May 3 to May 25 with a variety of exhibits on display for the library visitors, such as, calligraphy, haiku (poems), bunka shishu (embroidery) and koi (carp). The program's main events will take place on two successive Saturdays, May 17 and 24.

Placer County Librarian Dorothy Sanborn was so pleased with Placer County JACL selection of Loomis Library as a locale for the cultural celebration that she has declared May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month for the library. She also agreed to participate in one of the events.

Opening ceremony is scheduled for May 14 at 1 p.m., with words of welcome by Kay Miyamura, chap-

ter president, and the presentation of the book, "Go For Broke" to the library.

Other events of the day include: bonsai demonstration and display; exhibit and narration of the Japanese yoroi (armor) and kabuto (helmet); karate demonstrations; and films on Japan and odori. #

S.F. scholarship deadline extended

SAN FRANCISCO—Applications for the San Francisco Chapter JACL Scholarship for 1983 are still being accepted. The deadline for the scholarship has been extended to May 28. For more info contact Hiroyuki Arima, 83 Cityview Way, San Francisco, Ca. 94131 (415) 573-0628.

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Youth Program: Staying Alive

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At the last National Convention in Gardena, the JACL Youth showed great optimism and enthusiasm toward the revitalization of the National Youth Program. Although there are several programs which are being implemented, the enthusiasm, which determines the success of these programs, has been diluted, or even lost, in certain areas of the country.

One specific aspect, which may be identified as a problem spot in the Youth Program, is the lack of adequate interaction between the District Governors and their District Youth Representatives. Communication between these two officers is crucial if the Youth Program is to become fully integrated into the mainstream of the JACL.

Before the National Board Meeting in March, I was able to gather some information about the Youth Program through the use of a questionnaire which was answered by both the Governors and District Youth Representatives. I found that in most districts, the perceptions of, and objectives for, the Youth Program greatly differed in the eyes of each officer. There was no evidence of collaboration between the two officers reflected in the responses I received. I feel that only after this communication barrier is broken, will the Youth Program be working at its full potential.

On the brighter side, through the meetings at the Convention, and the questionnaires, some programs have been identified as necessary and have been implemented. A chapter "application" is being developed to recognize the individual chapters.

David Nakayama, the National Youth Director, has completed the revision of the National Youth Program Manual which will be distributed to the districts. This manual contains the "A thru Zs" of the formation of JACL Youth Chapters (including definition of roles within the JACL, ideas for organizing a group, and programs which can be used at the chapter level).

The National Youth Representative, Paul Nakasone, is currently working on a National Youth Directory. Besides providing an accurate account of the youth membership nationwide, it will also provide an opportunity to raise some revenue. Those wishing to purchase advertisement space are urged to contact Paul at P.O. Box 962, St. John's University, Collegeville, MN 56321.

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Support for this program would be greatly appreciated.

The National Youth Council is also very proud of the recent formation of Youth groups in Houston, Seattle, South Bay, West L.A., Orange County, Selanoco, Latin America, Chicago, and the revitalization of the Washington D.C. Youth group.

■ When you use the word Asian, I feel that I cannot speak for other Asian groups because I really don't know what's happening in all the other Asian groups and I will not pretend to. I think the key thing is to respect our individuality, respect our differences, and also commonalities.—Tom Kim (1979).

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Supplementing the news release by PANA Chairman Charles Kubokawa (PC, March 25, Page 6), the Unique Adventures, Inc., "Specialists in Latin America," will be handling the tour arrangements for those JACL members attending from North America. The principal carrier from the Pacific Coast will be Varig Brazilian Airlines, and from the Midwestern, East Coast and Rocky Mountain states, Eastern Airlines.

Tour packages will include round-trip airfare from the point of origin and 5 nights at the Lima Sheraton Hotel, via Los Angeles or Miami respectively, as noted above. For West Coast departures (Wed., July 13), morning flights will be from your home city to Los Angeles International Airport where you then connect with Varig Flight #845, departing LAX at 12:30 p.m. and arriving in Lima at 11:40 p.m. Meeting service upon arrival and transfer to the hotel is included.

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These are the basic suggested schedules. Extended tours to Ecuador/Galapagos and Brazil are post-Conference activities.

A lower airfare was quoted for San Francisco departures for seven nights stay (basic package rates are based on 5 nights stay), thus necessitating an additional 2 nights in Lima or utilizing one of the suggested optional 3 days/2 nights tours.

We have not received the official PANA Conference registration form from the host country, but have been advised the registration fee is \$100.

For an application form, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to JACL-PANA Conference, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115 (or see the ad on Page 10, this issue.)

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Gerontologist George Yoshida will conduct a "Dialogue Between Generations" during the morning session.

On tap to review developments in housing and ambulatory care for the elderly will be Steve Nakajo, executive director of Kimochi Kai in San Francisco.

A representative from East Bay for Action will also discuss the \$2 million housing project for the elderly in the East Bay.

Marge Oishi, physical therapist, will conduct a wheel-

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For more info contact workshop chairpersons Lucy Kishaba, Rev. Don Castro or Mike Otani at (707) 823-2252.

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