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No bearing on CWRIC finding, say JACL and CWRIC officials

SAN FRANCISCO—Before interning 120,000 Japanese, alien and citizens alike, in 1942, President Roosevelt and his top advisers may have seen Japanese diplomatic cables boasting the "utilization" of ethnic Japanese ("our second generations and our resident nationals") for espionage, according to a former U.S. intelligence officer, David Lowman.

National JACL reaction of surprise was immediate to the New York Times story of May 23 by Charles Mohr. Said John Tateishi, national JACL redress director:

"This is the first I've heard of the cables... but I think this information has little, if any, bearing upon the injustices of the internment or the research of the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. In fact, it leads me to question even more seriously, some of the government's actions against Americans of Japanese ancestry."

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Controversy snags Amache WRA memorial text

DENVER, Colo.—Communication continues to be exchanged between the Amache Memorial Committee here and the Granada City Council over proper wording of a memorial plaque scheduled for dedication over the coming Labor Day holidays, according to Susumi Hidaka, AMC chair.

It is believed that Amache is the only one without a permanent memorial of the 10 wartime concentration camps detaining persons of

Japanese ancestry. Various groups have raised up \$20,000 to secure a suitable memorial at the site.

The text suggested from the So. Calif. Amache Historical Society was found to be unacceptable by the city council and what the city council prepared was unacceptable to the California group, Hidaka indicated at the Amache Project meeting here May 23.

The text now under study is succinct, stating a "War Relocation Camp existed in Gra-

Prewar civil service worker donates to Chicago redress

CHICAGO—A prewar state civil service worker in San Francisco who is receiving his first payment of \$1,250 in July from the State of California as compensation for being dismissed from his job on account of his race and the Evacuation has pledged that sum as contribution to the Chicago JACL redress fund, it was announced this past week (May 13) by Jane Kaihatsu, president.

"I will pledge this amount to the Chicago JACL since the Japanese American Citizens League has been foremost in the various drives to rectify the injustice of the evacuation," said the donor, Arthur T. Morimitsu, 70, president of the Japanese American Service Committee.

The generous contribution was not only acknowledged by the chapter but it moved the Sansei chapter president to add that she was moved by the "spi-



Art Morimitsu

rit in which he (gave)". His belief in JACL on redress has "always been strong... and this gift is testimony of his confidence," Kaihatsu commented.

Morimitsu hopes this will help the Redress effort and encourage others to remember JACL's campaign in similar fashion.

U.S.-Japan link for 21st Century viewed

HONOLULU—The 21st century will be the century of the Pacific, according to U.S. Ambassador to Japan Mike Mansfield. But before that prediction comes true, Mansfield said, the United States must develop a better understanding of the Asian countries and their needs, Jay Hartwell of the Advertiser reported.

"The development of that huge basin... will depend upon the strength and durability of the Japanese American relationship, a relationship which must be based on mutual trust and understanding," said Mansfield, who delivered the commencement address May 15 at the 72nd annual graduation ceremony from the Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa.

Mansfield received an honorary doctor of humanities degree, as did Honolulu busi-

nessman Chinn Ho and grand tea master Shoshitsu Sen.

Source of Stability

Said Mansfield: "Our bilateral relationship (with Japan) is of importance not only to our two nations alone but serves as a source of stability for the entire region."

"For the U.S. Japan is a vital market, taking more of our goods each year than any other overseas customer... In 1981, they purchased more than \$6.7 billion worth of (agricultural) goods, or 15% of our total agricultural exports."

"More investment dollars are also finding their way from Japan to the U.S. In 1981, Japan had \$6.9 billion directly invested in our country... All of this means more jobs for Americans, improved skills and training."

It also means that some Americans are concerned about Japan's effect on the U.S. economy, Mansfield said, and those people want U.S. trade barriers against Japanese goods. They also demand that Japan reduce its trade barriers for certain American goods.

Some Trade Barriers High

Although, Mansfield said, the Japanese have reduced some trade barriers, the tariffs on goods such as leather and tobacco are still too high.

"Japan... has the most to gain from the continuing existence of the (free trade) system, and it is in her own best interest to participate in the process of keeping the system healthy by doing her part to see to it that residual protectionism in her own markets does not become an ex-

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Nikkei charged with shipping U.S. stolen cars to Japan

LOS ANGELES—The Federal Grand Jury here returned a 20-count indictment May 25 against a Japanese businessman, Koichi Ishihara, on charges of foreign transportation of stolen autos.

An FBI and U.S. Customs Service investigation disclosed that Ishihara allegedly leased a large number of luxury automobiles, defaulted in their payments and had them shipped to Japan for resale.

The vehicles involved include 17 Mercedes Benzes, two Cadillacs, a Rolls Royce and a BMW, with a total value in excess of \$750,000. There may be over 100 automobiles involved in the case.

The investigation was initiated over a year ago after information was received by the Asian Task Force of the L.A. police department from members of the local Japanese community. (The story broke in the Tokyo newspapers May 13.) Operating between 1979 and 1981, Ishihara is thought to have obtained cars from U.S. car leasing firms by such means as fractional lease payments. It is believed that he then had them transported to Japan as if he bought them from the leasing firms.

Ishihara allegedly victimized auto leasing companies throughout the U.S., including lots in New York, New Jersey, Texas and California.

Nikkei from 13 nations due at PANA convention

LIMA, Peru — Representatives from 13 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, the host country Peru, United States and Uruguay) will convene here July 14-17 for the second Panamerican Nikkei Association Convention.

PANA, promoting confraternity and service among the Nikkei in North and South America, held its first convention two years ago in Mexico City. Its new charter, which was drafted by the U.S. contingent of JACLers, is expected to be ratified here. (And Chuck Kubokawa's long-awaited presentation will ap-

pear in the Pacific Citizen next week. Kubokawa, national JACL v.p., is the voting U.S. delegate on PANA's board.)

The official program from Filial Peru, hosts for the international conference, is as follows:

Thursday (July 14)
1900 hs: Dinner—Cena in local Nikkei homes.

Friday (July 15)
1000 hs: Inaugural Plenary; 1300: Lunch—Almuerzo; 1500: Simultaneous sessions on (a) PANA, (b) Nikkei Enterprises Conference, (c) College Student Exchange; 1900: Reception, Japanese Embassy, Lima.

Saturday (July 16)

1000 hs: Plenary II; 1300: Lunch; 1500: Continuation of Simultaneous Sessions; 1900: Grand Bingo/Artistic Show.

Sunday (July 17)

1000 hs: Sporting Events; 1300: Lunch; 1500: Plenary III (Finale); 1900: Reception, 30th Ann'y, La Asociacion Estadio La Union (Stadium Union Assn.)

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Up to June 15: US\$90; After June 15: US\$100. Includes city tours (July 13 or 14), 3 lunches, 3 dinners and coffee breaks, transportation, bingo/artistic show, sport tournaments.

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(Readers have a choice of travel plans. Registration forms are inside this week's issue. JACLers wishing to register with the National JACL group can do so by submitting only the registration fee to JACL Hq. and still elect to travel on their own.)



George Lurie Photo: 'Up the Creek' Denver

SHRINE AT AMACHE—Only remaining structure built by the Japanese Americans before they left the Granada WRA Center in 1945 is this brick building next to the camp cemetery. Inside is a plaque with names and a Japanese inscription, "Here at Amache, we built this town out of nothing." Those who relocated early from Amache are probably seeing this picture for the first time.

Guayule rubber test plant to be built

SACATON, Az.—The Gila River Indian Community has awarded a \$7 million contract to Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. to develop, design and supervise building of a prototype guayule rubber processing plant on tribal grounds, it was announced in early May.

While Firestone expects to have a pilot plant running in Akron in 1984, construction of the first natural rubber industry in the U.S. based on the guayule plant here is projected for 1987-88.

(The Nisei angle: Guayule plant experiments were also conducted during WW2 at Manzanar. While Gila River was also a WRA campsite, there were no guayule experiments there.—Ed.)

MANSFIELD

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cuse for her trading partners to implement protectionist measures themselves.

"We Americans, too, should come to the realization that we will not help ourselves by pointing the finger at others for our own ills. We should understand... that many of the economic problems we presently are experiencing are largely of our own creation. And raising walls of protection against foreign countries will not solve our problems."

"When people and nations are unable to obtain their needs through normal commercial transactions, they will resort to other means... A healthy and free trading system, which keeps nations bound together, is the best guarantee that there will be (international) political stability and a commitment to maintaining the system in which we all have so much in common."

Hughes to speak to Seabrook/EDC

SEABROOK, N.J.—Rep. William J. Hughes (D-2d NJ) will speak before the Seabrook Chapter JACL at its annual installation and graduates recognition dinner set for Saturday, June 18, 7 p.m. The roast beef dinner (\$16) will be followed by entertainment and dancing.

An all-day meeting of the Eastern District Council will take place on the same day.

Japan film wins at Cannes festival

CANNES, France—Shohei Imamura won the Golden Palm Award at the Cannes Film Festival May 19 for his "Ballad of Narayama", a major upset since the pre-Festival favorite was Nagisa Oshima's "Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence".

The winning film is based on an ancient peasant practice of sending the aged (when they turn 70) to die in the mountains, climbing to the summit and await death.

Deaths

Fred Ikeguchi, 67, Long Beach community leader and insurance man, died May 26 of a heart condition at Memorial Hospital. Surviving are w Yukie, d Vickee Hasegawa, Connie Juno, Wendy, br George, Joe (Florida), sis Aiko Kamm, Mary Iwanaga, Jean T. Okura, Ginger F. Ito, and 2 gc.

Michiye Makino, 94, Honolulu, widow of the founder of the Hawaii Hochi (Fred Kinzaburo Makino) died May 5. Born in Kapaa, Kauai, July 17, 1888, she was married in 1903, childless and after her husband's death in 1953, became Hawaii's only woman publisher.

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Hayakawa lands State Dept. job

WASHINGTON—Former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa has been named special adviser to Secretary of State George Shultz on Asian and Pacific relations, the State Department announced May 18.

Hayakawa, 72, retired last year from the Senate, where he had been chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Subcommittee.

He will serve as a paid consultant but, according to a department spokesman, the exact details have not been worked out. Consultants normally are paid a daily rate.

CABLES

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Noting that mass internment was enforced without trial, Tateishi said if the revelation of the declassified cablegrams are taken seriously, the suspicion of Japanese American treason "should have required even more stringent individual review for such a serious accusation to determine the question of loyalty."

Lowman, retired special assistant to the director of the National Security Agency, said the Japanese diplomatic cables intercepted and decoded in 1941 may not have justified the relocation and internment of persons of Japanese ancestry for more than two years. But he said he believed the cables cast doubt on the CWRIC finding that war hysteria and race prejudice had influenced the government to remove and detain Japanese Americans in the name of "military necessity."

Tateishi also questioned how legitimate the decision-makers view the cables. "They may have viewed them as smoke-screens. After all, U.S. intelligence agencies insisted Japanese Americans were loyal to the U.S. and because of our Japanese ancestry, they knew we would have been the least likely choice for fifth-column activities against our country."

It is a matter of record that no person of Japanese ancestry was ever charged or convicted of espionage or sabotage during World

War II. The ten who were arrested and convicted as agents for Japan during the 1940s were Caucasians.

"If in fact the government believed the alleged information of the decoded messages and had justified the mass incarceration on that information, it is even more incredulous that we (were) released from the camps on our own declaration of loyalty to the U.S. It would be similar to a judge freeing a prisoner simply because he promises to be law-abiding."

In brief: The NYT story added the CWRIC is to report June 22 on its recommendations of possible financial compensation... Lowman worked in the 1970s on the declassification and publication of decoded Japanese cables. Anyone reading these in 1941 could easily conclude that "thousands of resident Japanese were being organized into subversive organizations" ... CWRIC chair Joan Z. Bernstein and special counsel Angus Macbeth found the material "historically interesting" but doubted it undermines the findings that a "grave injustice" occurred... John J. McCloy, then Asst. Secretary of War, said Roosevelt and Secretary of War Stimson had read intercepted traffic throughout 1941... Information on Japanese diplomatic cables was published in the Defense Dept.'s multi-volume study (1977): "The 'Magic' Back-

ground of Pearl Harbor"

In the summer of 1941, Texas congressman Martin Dies and Iowa senator Guy Gillette had planned to investigate Japanese subversion and thought that action should be taken. After Pearl Harbor, both said had the investigation taken place, the attack might have been averted. Gordon Prange ("At Dawn We Slept") writes both men "were on the right track" (p. 255). Dies was advised that the President, Secretary of State and Attorney General were strongly against any investigation for fear it would upset diplomatic talks between Washington and Tokyo. Hull also knew the U.S. was unprepared for war in the Pacific and that any investigation would tip off Japan its code had been broken.

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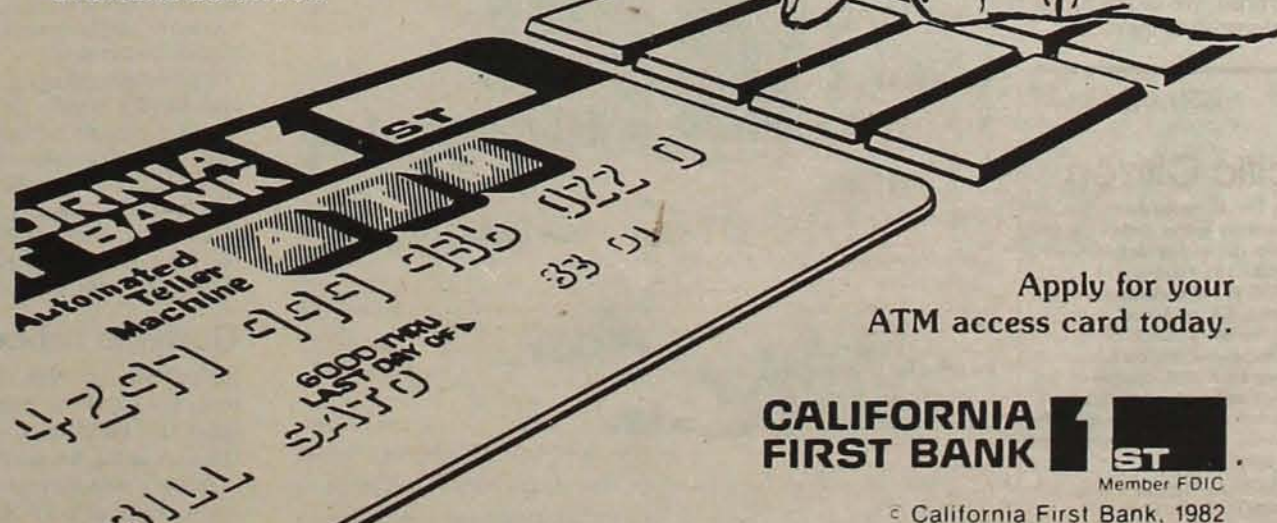
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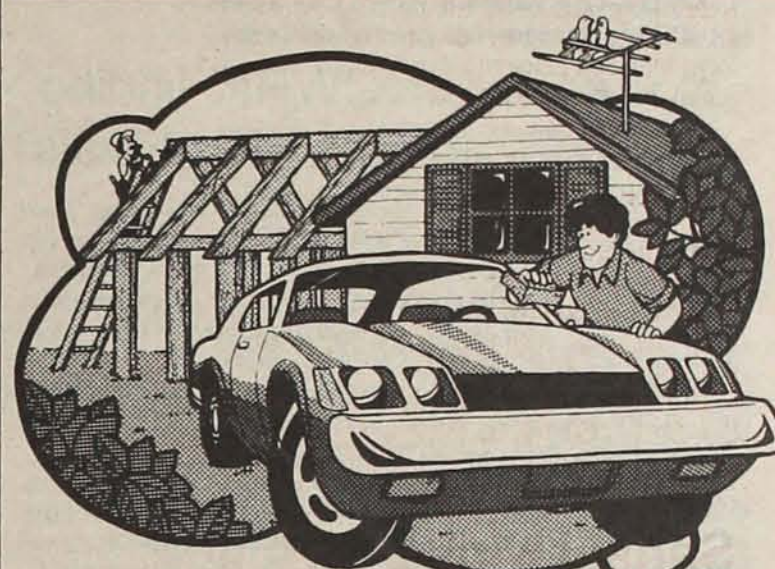
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Japan Foundation helps out Kabuki at Nippon Gekijo

LOS ANGELES—The Grand Opening Kabuki performance at the Nichibei Gekijo, the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center theater is expected to break even as was projected in the budget, it was announced last week by Cora Mirikitani, Gekijo general manager.

Except for travel and local expenses of the two stars—Kankuro and Kotaro Nakamura—and their two attendants, the costs of bringing the production here were borne by the Japan Foundation, while all local production costs were borne by the JACCC. Ticket prices for Kabuki were carefully set by mutual agreement between the Foundation and the JACCC, in order to enable the general public to see Kabuki without paying a premium price to do so, Mirikitani explained.

"Only the opening day ticket prices were set higher in order for the JACCC to be able to offer the four remaining performances at even more reasonable prices," she added. "We owe a debt of gratitude to the Japan Foundation for enabling the JACCC to (conclude) an exciting and satisfying Kabuki performance at a price most people could afford as the inaugural program for our theater."

"The reception for Kabuki here was so enthusiastic and warm that the entire troupe expressed an interest in making our theatre a regular performing stop on an annual basis," Mirikitani said. She said efforts will be made along the line, but economic realities may prohibit regular Kabuki performances on a commercial basis.

Mirikitani pointed out that negotiations for Kabuki began in July last year, with help of the Japan Koenkai support group this year.

The Japan Foundation, which opened an office in Room 508 of the JACCC Center Building with the appointment of director Motohisa Shimizu in March, sent production and technical representatives here late last November to work out details. #

Sansei wins LPGA title

SUFFOLK, Va.—Lenore Muraoka of Honolulu (who has been often confused by the press and gallery with Los Angeles Sansei golfer Gail Hirata in tournaments) realized a dream by winning her first Ladies Professional Golf Assn. title May 15 here at the Suffolk Classic. She shot a 70-73-69 for a 4-under-par 212 in the 54-hole tournament.

The Sunday game included a 12-foot birdie at the 18th hole, ending with a \$22,000 first prize. It was a three-stroke victory as Stephanie Farwig, Debbie Massey and Alice Miller tied for second at 215. #

Nisei killed in L.A. bus accident

LOS ANGELES—Misao Mitsuhashi, 54, died May 23 after a bus accident at Jefferson and Tenth Avenue. She was pinned beneath the 10-ton bus which swerved out of control after hitting a 10-inch deep pothole and careened through a bus stop.

Two other women at the stop were treated for multiple bruises. A light pole was also knocked down.

Helmsman Sulu gets stuck in Enterprise

SAN FRANCISCO—George Takei, who played the part of helmsman Mr. Sulu aboard the fictional Starship Enterprise on the old TV show "Star Trek," was a special guest aboard the USS Enterprise when it ran aground on the muddy bottom of San Francisco Bay near Alameda and was stuck for five hours.

Takei rode a helicopter to board the carrier just off the Golden Gate April 28.

He later said, "Our vessel is the Starship Enterprise, and this is the USS Enterprise. We've got a new drink—Enterprise on the rocks."



NISEI WEEK HOPEFUL—Lorraine Kuda, 21, a West L.A. JACL Sansei Club member and a CSU-Long Beach business major, is West Los Angeles JACL's candidate for the 1983 Nisei Week queen title.

Tree in memory of PC ad man planted

LOS ANGELES—A Kaffirboom Coral tree was planted and dedicated May 21 near the L.A. Police Academy in memory of Charles K. Kamayatsu by the Citizens Committee to Save Elysian Park. Seven other trees were also planted at the afternoon ceremony. Kamayatsu was the PC advertising manager at the time of his death in 1980. #

EWP's 'Angelina' opens city tour

LOS ANGELES—"Angelina," a romantic comedy written and directed by Dom Magwili, has been commissioned by the East West Players for a local tour beginning in June. This program is made possible in part by a grant from the Cultural Affairs Department, City of Los Angeles.

"Angelina" is about two young lovers, Angelina and her fiancé, Alf. They are trying to win the

blessing of Angelina's stern father, "mahigpit na tatay," a strict traditionalist who does not approve of the match.

By having the principal language of the play in Tagalog, East West Players are serving the immigrant and bilingual Filipino communities. No admission is being charged.

The tour dates: June 4, 3 p.m., 1740 W. Temple St.; June 8, 8 p.m., 323 Mar Vista Ave., Wilmington; June 9, 7:30 p.m., 1501 W. Washington Blvd.; June 11, 7:30 p.m., 1828 Sunset Blvd.; and June 15, 8 p.m., Kaiser Auditorium, 765 W. College St. #

Over 600 fete Wimp Hiroto

LOS ANGELES—Over 600 attended the Wimp Hiroto testimonial dinner at the Bonaventure Hotel last week (May 26), an occasion that attracted politicians, business leaders, cartoonists and strong cross-section of the Gardena Valley and greater Los Angeles Nikkei community.

Tritia Toyota, KNBC news anchor, emceed the opening segment while comedian Pat Morita handled the after-dinner frolics that included a slide show, entertainment and closing remarks by Vincent Okamoto and Judge Robert Takasugi. #

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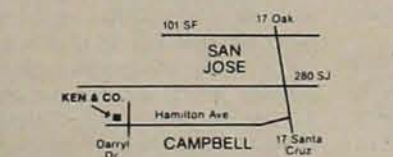
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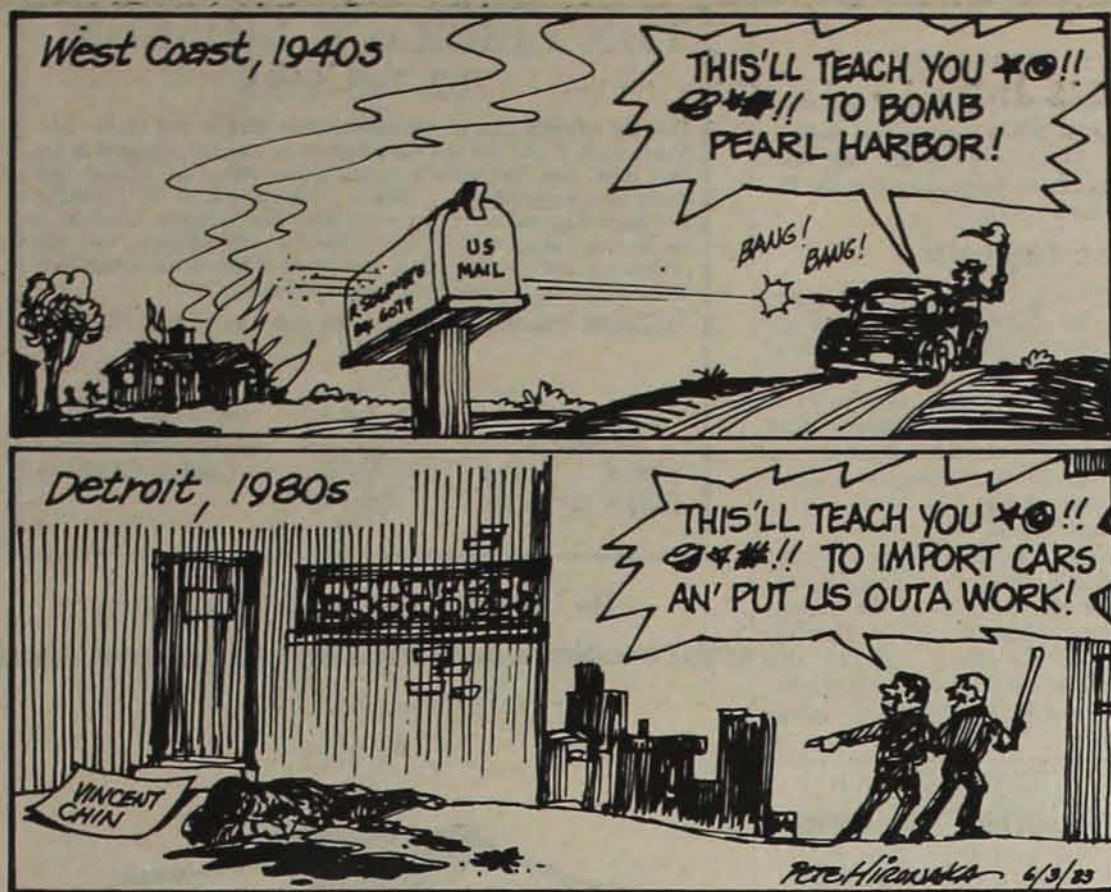


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The Nikkei to the North

Philadelphia

WE'VE OFTEN WONDERED about fellow Nikkei north of us: the Japanese Canadians. We've been exposed to precious little of their experiences revolving around the period of the 1940's. Our general impression is that the Japanese Canadians were caused to endure greater indignities, in greater numbers, over a longer period. From little bits of information that we've come across, we glean the following.

PRIOR TO THE outbreak of war in the Pacific, the Nisei in Canada were barred from entering various occupations, including the legal profession, pharmacy, as well as barred from ownership of crown lands. They were even denied the right to vote! It was not until 1949 that the right of the franchise was granted to them. It wasn't as if they hadn't tried: in 1936 they sent a delegation to Ottawa to confront the government with the denial of this basic right. To no avail.

FOLLOWING THE OUTBREAK of the Pacific war, some 22,881 persons were summarily and abruptly removed from the Western coast, primarily from British Columbia. "Notice," if it may be loosely labeled that, of 24 hours was given. Instructions were those not unfamiliar to other Nisei: bring only what you can carry. Families were broken up because the men, in many instances, were sent to road camps. Young men were not permitted into Canada's armed forces, although the British—being aware of the value of bilingual soldiers—sought to recruit the Nisei into British uniform. But the Canadian Nisei refused: as Canadians, they should serve in Canadian uniforms, they maintained. The Canadian Government relented. Chalk one up for our Canadian Nisei.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT the Canadian Nisei are also in the midst of a move to seek some concrete gesture of acknowledgement of wrong-doing by the Canadian governmental authorities during those early 40's years. But, again, our information is so sparse that it borders on rumor. It would be of considerable interest to this Nisei, who resides "south of the border," to learn of the efforts and progress of the brethren "up north." Perhaps there is some reader out there who can steer us to a definitive account of what happened to the Canadian Nisei at the outbreak of the war—coupled with some background history leading up to that period.

FROM WHERE WE reside, Canada is about 350 miles as the crow flies. Yet, we've not been there, although we've talked about it. If the Canadian Nisei are having some "Pow wow" in or about Toronto—where we understand a great number had resettled—why, we just might make some time to get up there and get the stories firsthand.

(Since this column was set, The New Canadian May 20 reports a major conference on redress/reparations is being scheduled over the Labor Day holidays at Toronto by the National Assn. of Japanese Canadians. — Editor.)

Letters

● To Fred Hirasuna

Editor:

It was nice to see Fred Hirasuna writing again (May 27 PC, Ltrs), since it's been awhile when we use to exchange letters on the Farmers vs. UFW issues in the mid-70s. I would like to see the farmers write more articles for our readers covering such topics as: (a) impact of large agri-business on the Japanese farmers, (b) subsidies for not farming your land or buying your crop by the government then dumping the produce (I've always felt that subsidy was a nice name for welfare), (c) U.S.-Japan farm trade relations (I know this was covered in the workshop, but I'm sure others would like to hear about it too.) These are only a few of the topics that the farmers may wish to write about to enlighten the city folk as I was a farmer once myself.

I took Tom Shimasaki's statements (May 13 PC, pg 9) as he made them and did not try to take them out of context, but they did have racist connotations. I was also told by someone who attended the workshop that the Mexicans coming across the border were referred to as wetbacks. I'm sure some people do not feel that some words or statements are demeaning or have racist overtones, just like some people feel that being referred to as "Japs" is okay, while others among us feel that even Oriental is unacceptable. As one person told me, "Asia is the land, Asians are the people and Oriental are the things." I used the word Oriental in my article because it was called the Oriental Exclusion Act in those days.

The world has enough hate and racism as it is and we all need to have more awareness and be sensitive to others.

So, if I've turned Fred on to write some articles again that's good. Many of us want to hear what the farmers have to say, but if we challenge some of their viewpoints I hope they don't take it personally.

HENRY S. SAKAI
Long Beach, Ca.

● 'The Other Cheek'

Editor:

One of the arguments for monetary redress included mention of a few individuals living on the poverty level. Is that a crime or a shame? I frankly admire these individuals since they must be doing something right to be still surviving whereas so many thousands of other evacuees have passed on!

If there are some who do not comprehend the activities of those seeking monetary redress and are mumbling to themselves "I thought Japanese people were different", all I can say in answer is: "they just don't seem to make them like they used to anymore!"

HASHIME SAITO
Tucson, AZ

Commentary

An Opinion by Jim Shimoura

Asian Americans seek justice for Vincent Chin

Special to the Pacific Citizen

The facts surrounding Vincent Chin's senseless death bring into focus the continuing problem of racism in America 1983, particularly against Asian Americans. It is ominous, as Japanese Americans, to think that the reason why Vincent Chin, a Chinese American, was attacked was due to a mistake in his identity. Vincent Chin's attackers thought he was Japanese. In his own words on the court record, by eyewitness accounts, Vincent Chin's killer, Ronald Ebens, was quoted as saying in the bar that fateful night, "It's because of you mother f—ers we're out of work!"

The burning hatred and scapegoating of our country's economic problems, against Asians, was brutally illustrated. Vincent Chin was attacked and killed because he was an Asian American.

The following is a brief account.

On the evening of June 19, 1982, Vincent Chin, with three friends, went out to celebrate his upcoming wedding. As a result of a shouting and pushing match in a bar, provoked by two Caucasian men, Ronald Ebens and his stepson Michael Nitz, Vincent and his friends along with Ebens and Nitz, were asked to leave. Rather than leaving quietly, as Vincent and his friends did, Ebens and Nitz went to their car, pulled out a baseball bat, "hired" a third person for \$20 to help find Vincent, and began a chase on foot and by car which, covered five blocks and lasted 25 minutes, in order to hunt him down. At the end of the search, the two killers found Vincent Chin standing in front of a fast food restaurant, approximately 1/4 mile away from the bar.

They drove up, jumped out, and started attacking. Nitz grabbed and held Chin. He was able to momentarily escape the grasp, however, this gave Ebens time to wield the baseball bat with two hands, striking him four times to the head and body.

Vincent Chin's dying words on the streets of Highland Park, Mich., were "It isn't fair."

Vincent Chin, age 27, died from multiple injuries to his head on June 23. His family and friends who were to celebrate his marriage that week; instead they gathered to mourn his death.

In the pronouncement of District Court Judge Thomas Bayles, who presided over the preliminary examination on the case, "... (T)here was a willful, deliberate, premeditated killing of a human being in this case, under circumstances which did not constitute excuse or justification." Despite the facts, and words of warning by Judge Bayles, Wayne County Circuit Judge Charles Kaufman and Wayne County Prosecutor William Cahalan allowed a plea bargain from second degree murder to manslaughter, and permitted the two killers to be placed on three years probation and fined only \$3,780 each.

In response to this ridiculous decision, the Chinese and Asian American community in Detroit formed a coalition group, American Citizens for Justice (ACJ), in order to assist Lily Chin, Vincent's mother, to seek remedy to the grievous miscarriage of justice. The Detroit JACL, a participating organization of ACJ, is actively supporting efforts.

The absence of accountability and inexcusably poor jurisprudence exercised by Judge Kaufman and Prosecutor Cahalan, stands as evidence of the government's callous disregard for the feelings of the Chin family. Even more troublesome is that Cahalan would not even consent to a meet-

ing to discuss the situation with a group of local Chinese American community leaders and ACJ attorney Liza Chan, until black community leader Horace Sheffield intervened on their behalf.

One cannot lay blame exclusively on the case's mishandling, nor simply view the inherent unjust treatment of Vincent Chin's death as a systemic failure. To look at the matter this way is to ignore the pervasive problem of racial prejudice. Examination of the case must take place at both levels, the prosecutorial process and racial attitudes fostered by society, to truly understand the tragedy.

The procedural errors, omissions, oversights, and misrepresentation of facts led to the result, probation and \$3,780 fine for the two killers, which even the most liberal proponent of the criminal justice system would find wholly unacceptable. If our judicial system is to be a moral teacher which uses its authority to shape and define prescribed conduct, and social values, it has totally depreciated the value of Vincent Chin's life.

This is not to say that Kaufman and Cahalan were swayed in their judgment by any personal bias. To accuse anyone of being a racist is one of the worse condemnations one could possibly make. I personally do not believe either men are racially prejudiced against Asians. Yet, failure to appreciate the concerns of the Asian American community were quite evident in the superficial manner the Chin case was handled. Whether the officers of the court are willing to admit it or not, they did not take into account the Asian American community's desires and chose to ignore the wider problem the case symbolizes.

The politics of race and defamatory policies have been a traditional method utilized by society to direct opinion against ethnic minorities, as a means of diverting attention from the real causes of social, political and economic crises our country has faced. Anti-semitism, prejudice against blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, Irish, Poles, etc., are representative of the long history of targeting public anger against groups who lack the influence and acuity to raise societal consciousness and eradicate the fallacies.

Asian Americans have usually been thought of as being "quiet" and incapable of formulating a meaningful response to this threat. Despite diligent efforts to combat the problem, the recent trend of using racial stereotypes and slurs against Asians to forward the interest of government, industry, and organized labor in the U.S.-Japan trade controversy, has gone virtually unabated, without a single thought by its promoters towards the possible repercussions against Americans of Asian ancestry. This is why Vincent Chin is dead. This is why ACJ was formed and has responded. This is why JACL must use its organizational resources to seek justice.

Vincent Chin's death is the epitome of the current problem of using racist campaigns and their adverse impact on Asian Americans. It is significant that Ebens was employed as a supervisor at an auto assembly plant. In that setting, being constantly indoctrinated about the "evils" of the Japanese automobile industry, Japanese management and workers, and the "threat" of Japan on the U.S. economy, is it mere coincidence that the built up anger against Asians was unleashed when Ebens came upon Vincent Chin? An equally disturbing development is the recent increase of incidents where Asians have been harassed, assaulted, or killed nationwide.

The goal of ACJ is not to vindicate, but rather to seek justice. There is a universal message which must be carried through ACJ and JACL to all segments of society, that as citizens, Asian Americans must be treated by our governmental and judicial systems with absolute regard to human rights. Failure to do so would abridge the rights of all individuals.

In a way, we share in the cause of the tragedy by our failure, as Asian Americans, to speak out and let all those who wish to exploit and promote racism against Asians for their own purposes know that we will not stand by silently. It is encouraging to the Detroit Asian American community to realize that people from all over the country have rallied to support the efforts of ACJ. The level of mobilization by individuals and groups is very gratifying to ACJ.

ACJ, through attorney Liza Chan, has attempted to seek the overturn of the sentences of Ebens and Nitz through a series of motions heard before Judge Kaufman on April 29, 1983. The fact that ACJ was allowed the opportunity to have its voice heard in court on a criminal case as an amicus is unprecedented, and testimony to the tireless efforts of the ACJ leadership and supporters in the Detroit area. ACJ is still awaiting the opinion of the court on those motions.

Also noteworthy is that the Detroit office of the FBI has instituted an investigation into possible Federal civil rights violations relating to the killing of Vincent Chin. It is hoped that sufficient evidence will be gathered to convene a Federal grand jury and seek indictments against Ebens and Nitz. ACJ and Detroit JACL need your help. The struggle continues. In Vincent Chin's own words, "It isn't fair." Justice for Vincent Chin.

ACJ and Detroit JACL must have your continuing support to correct the unjust decision in the criminal prosecution and to seek intervention by the U.S. Justice Department to prosecute the civil rights violations.

If you wish to make a contribution to support ACJ's efforts, please mail it to: American Citizens for Justice, PO Box 37343, Oak Park, MI 47237; the check payable to "American Citizens for Justice". If you wish your contribution to be tax deductible, please make it payable to "Association of Chinese Americans", with a check memo of "Vincent Chin case".

National JACL (\$500), the Midwest District Council (\$100), the Pacific Southwest District Council (\$250), the Chicago Chapter (\$200), and the Detroit Chapter (\$1,000) have already made donations to the cause.

Let Judge Kaufman and Prosecutor Cahalan know of your sense of outrage on the way the case was handled, and why the sentences should be reversed:

William Cahalan, Esq., Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney, 1441 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI 48226.

Judge Charles S. Kaufman, Wayne County Circuit Court, 1601 City-County Bldg., Detroit, MI 48226.

Let the Justice Department know of your concern about the civil rights violations involved and urge them to take whatever steps they deem necessary to properly investigate the case:

Leonard R. Gilman, Esq., U.S. Attorney, East District of Michigan, 817 Federal Bldg., Detroit, MI 48226.

William B. Reynolds, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 6543, 10th and Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D. C. 20530.

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Who's Who

Denver, Colo.

Let it be noted for the benefit of those kind enough to inquire that the unexplained irregularity with which this column has appeared in recent months was not the desire of the author, nor the result of either illness

or his lack of diligence. That having been said for the record, let us proceed with the business at hand.

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Dr. Tom Miya, dean of the School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina, has been traveling around the country speaking on the effects of lifestyle, industry and air pollution on a person's chances of getting cancer. His tour is sponsored by the American Industrial Health Council, a group of American firms and associations that work closely with federal regulatory agencies to develop scientifically sound regulations.

Dr. Miya's thesis is that more than 75% of cancer deaths in the United States could be prevented by moderating one's lifestyle. Smoking, he says, is responsible for about 30% of current cancer deaths. "Disordered nutrition," including obesity, diet and nutritional deficiencies account for about 35% of cancer deaths.

Tom Miya isn't exactly a household word, but it turns out he is a Hanford, Calif., Nisei who received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Nebraska, and his doctorate from Purdue. He has been head of the department of pharmacology and toxicology at Purdue, head of the department of pharmacology at Nebraska, and in addition to his deanship at North Carolina he is chairman of the toxicology program in the school of medicine.

All this information appears on page 2339 of the current Who's Who in America. There's a lot of other interesting data on the same page. For example:

Miwa, Ralph Makoto, Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins, now chancellor of West Oahu College in Hawaii.

Miyagawa, Ichiro, former consultant at the Redstone Arsenal, university research professor in physics at the University of Alabama.

Miyamoto, Richard Isami, born in Hawaii, received his law degree at Boston U., chief justice of the high court in American Samoa.

Miyasaki, George Joji, member of the faculty, department of art, University of California, Berkeley.

Miyashiro, Akiho, earned his doctor of science University of Tokyo, professor of geology, State University of New York, Albany.

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One of the speakers at the recent convention of the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Denver was Dr. Elizabeth Yamashita, director of the University of Oklahoma School of Journalism and Mass Communications. She turned out to be, not a Nisei or Sansei, but an Australian. I was unable to catch up with her to ask about the circumstances of her name. Thinking that she or her husband might be listed in Who's Who, I checked but found no Yamashitas. But on page 3652 there were the following:

Yamaguchi, Ralph Tadashi, attorney, Hawaii.

Yamamoto, Joe, psychiatrist, Los Angeles.

Yamane, George Mitsuyoshi, teacher specializing in oral pathology, Newark, N.J.

Yamasaki, Minoru, architect, Troy, Michigan.

Yamato, Kei C. international business consultant, Honolulu.

Yanagisawa, Samuel Tsuguo, chairman, chief executive officer and president, Varo Inc., an electronics firm in Garland, Texas.

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Many Nisei have made a career of getting their names in the Japanese American press, taking leadership roles in many good community causes as well as the petty quarrels that are part of community life. And many others, obviously, have distinguished themselves in their professions outside the ethnic community which rarely hears of them.

Mountain-Plains meets June 3-4

DENVER, Colo.—Judge William M. Marutani, member of the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) studying the impact of relocation and incarceration of Japanese Americans from the West Coast during World War II (1942-1946), will be principal speaker at the Mountain-Plains JACL dinner to be held at the Regency Inn, 3900 Elati St. (303) 458-0808 at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, June 4.

Dinner is \$16.50 per person. For reservations call Dr. William Y. Takahashi, President of Mile-Hi JACL 442-4636.

Marutani will speak in regard to the CWRIC report issued in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 24, 1983, which declared that the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast in 1942 was not based upon "military necessity". The Commission will also be issuing its recommendations to the President and the Congress of the United States before June 30, 1983, at which time the life of the Commission will expire.

The district meets from 9 a.m., with district governor Ronald S. Shibata of Albuquerque, New Mexico, presiding. Agenda items will include JACL youth programs, including the national leadership project in Washington, D.C., commencing June 19-25, state reports from Colorado (Takashi Mayeda), Nebraska (Steve Hasegawa), New Mexico (Kenneth Yonemoto), and Texas (Paul Shinkawa); national JACL board matters relating to atomic bomb survivors, Japan-United States international relations, the 1984 national JACL convention scheduled for Honolulu, aging and retirement matters, and district concerns.

A workshop on National JACL Redress will be conducted by Shinkawa of Texas, and by Min Yasui, national JACL redress committee chair. Tentatively, the session will be from 12:30 p.m. conclude by 2 p.m., enabling delegates to enjoy the Sakura Festival at the Tri-State Buddhist Temple, 1947 Lawrence St. in downtown Denver.

NISEI IN JAPAN: by Barry Saiki

Origami: the art of making friends

Tokyo

The cranes are regarded as symbols of long life, fidelity and monogamy in Japan so the crane motif can be found in many decorative designs, from paintings to ceramics. More recently, the custom of making a thousand cranes has developed. When a classmate is ill, his fellow students may fold a thousand cranes to send to the hospital along with their best wishes for a speedy recovery. In the Hiroshima Peace Plaza, one memorial is festooned with thousands of cranes folded by thousands of people. The first thousand is said to have been folded by school children in memory of those who died in the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

While paper-folding is known throughout the world, the art of Origami seems to be of Japanese origin. Assuredly, in the United States and Western Europe, people can fold hats, boats, houses, boxes and even paper balls; and over the years, I have run into a number of non-Japanese in various countries who can fold the crane. One was an American from Buenos Aires, whom I met in Acapulco, Mexico in 1970. Another was a woman in Holland. Both had learned from an Origami book. More recently, I found the napkins of a Bangkok restaurant folded into cranes. These were made by a waitress who had been taught by a Japanese businessman.

My inordinate interest in Origami arose from the fact that innumerable objects can be made from a square piece of paper, with a bit of manipulation, a smattering of intelligence and a touch of creativity and aesthetic sense. About a dozen years ago, I discovered the usefulness of the cigarette tinfoil. It had just the right texture and firmness. The penguin, sparrow or crow I folded would retain its shape permanently. I began to save my tinfoils.

Then, while I was visiting Bangkok 12 years ago, I gave some of my tinfoil animals to the Thai secretary of our affiliated company. Next day, she brought a sheet of colored aluminum foil paper and asked for larger specimen. It was perfect for Origami. The Christmas foil wrapping paper is almost as good.

Since then, I usually carry a packet of this paper in my back pocket whenever I travel (25 trips in 12 years). While sitting in the airport departure lounge, I would pass the waiting time by

Price raised on 'East West Flavors'

LOS ANGELES—Due to the cost of publishing, price of the West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary cook book, "East West Flavors", was raised June 1, to \$7 for Cook Book #1, \$9 for Cook Book #2 plus California sales tax.

Fashion Show in September is in progress with Toy Kanegai and Eiko Iwata as co-chair. Fashions from Japan and China will be shown. A trip to Hollywood Bowl is planned for August.

—Stella Kishi (277-1843)

White River Valley hails graduates

TACOMA, Wa.—White River Chapter JACL honored Gail Tsujikawa, Auburn High; Garth Hiranaka, Kent-Meridian High; and Karen Satow, Western Washington University; at the Jade Palace Restaurant in Tacoma, with Harvey Watanabe as emcee.

Garth Hiranaka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hiranaka, received a \$100 scholarship.

Karen Seriguchi, PNW regional director addressed the graduates and parents. Michiko Maebori and Frank Arima co-chaired the event.—Edith Watanabe.

Jr. JACL Olympics June 5 at Chabot

HAYWARD, Ca.—The 31st annual JACL Jr. Olympics will be held Sunday, June 5, here at Chabot College. This popular event is sponsored by the Northern California, Western Nevada/Pacific District Council and over 300 young athletes will participate.

This year, the winners of each event will receive medals, while the various division outstanding athletes will be awarded suitably inscribed sports bags. In addition, each and every athlete will be given a souvenir towel as a memento of his or her participation.

folding some birds or animals. Invariably, someone would approach me and say,

"Isn't that what you call Origami?" or

"That's great. You Japanese are real clever!"

With Origami as the conversation piece, I've had the pleasure of talking to people from Kenya, Nigeria, Lebanon, Iran, Greece, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, New Zealand, Australia and dozens of other countries at airports, on planes or in hotels. Animals and birds have universal appeal, with the peacocks being favored in Southeast Asia, the kangaroos in Australia, the elephants and crocodiles in Thailand and India and crabs and swans almost anywhere.

During my visit to New Delhi in early June last year, I received three invitations to dinners in November, when I was going to India again. But the most gratifying returns from my hobby are the reactions of the people, ranging from whimsical smiles, surprised stares to the clapping of hands.

One time in Bangkok, I made about a dozen animals for a group of Thai airport employees, when one man said, "Can you make an elephant, the national animal of Thailand?"

Four minutes later, when the elephant was finished, the group of 20 Thais gave me a rousing ovation. On another occasion, I was 16th on the waiting list of a 44-seat plane one hour before boarding. Then, 45 minutes later, after I had given a set of animals to the traffic manager, I was number 6. At boarding time, I got one of the two "no-show" seats.

Origami, like Ikebana, Judo and other Japanese art forms, can promote international, cultural good will, free of politics or economics. At no cost to anyone except my pocket money and spare time, this seemingly childish hobby has been making me a Nisei envoy of a traditional Japanese art form.

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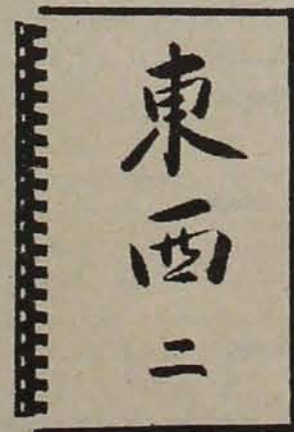
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JACL News

Chiaroscuro:

Question of Priority

("Chiaroscuro"—a romantic Italian word gracing photographic publications to describe the white & black quality of a picture—has long identified the space in PC reserved for Chapter Presidents. Much of what appears here have been in chapter newsletters, though on occasions contributions have been submitted directly.—Editor.)

By GREG MARUTANI, San Francisco JACL

(The following are my views of the Tri-District Conference held in Reno April 22-24, 1983.)

I had to make a choice between seven very interesting workshops offered at the Conference. Because of my personal interest, I attended the United States/Japan Relations Sessions I and II.

During the morning session, Floyd Shimomura, Ron Wakabayashi, and Frank Iwama presented an overview of their observations and interpretations of some of the many issues surrounding this topic.

Ron described the economic power shift from the Atlantic to the Pacific and the increasing position of Japan in the world's Gross National Product as compared with the decline of the U.S. share.

Floyd spoke about his contacts with both the Japanese and U.S. governments and his view as to what they meant. He mentioned that the role of the JACL has changed with the times and that its involvement with the U.S./Japan trade relations is another change.

Frank Iwama talked briefly about his recent visit to Japan and how his images of how the Japanese treated Japanese Americans were wrong and that while the stories he used to hear from his friends may have been true in years past, it was not the case now.

The afternoon session proved to be very interesting. Ron asked the audience to divide themselves up on how they felt about JACL's involvement in U.S./Japan trade relations by sitting on one side if they were in favor, the middle if they were not sure how they felt, and to the other side if they were opposed. I sat between the opposed and uncertain position. He then asked individuals to express their view as to why they chose to sit in that particular section.

After listening to the opinions of those in favor of JACL involvement, I was still not moved from my position. Both my concerns and questions, which I expressed, were not adequately answered at that time.

One of my concerns was that it sounded like the U.S.-Japan Committee of the National JACL, which I did not know existed before this year, had made up its mind about visiting Japan later this year. It was mentioned that the request came from the Japan Chapter of the JACL and that they are making all the arrangements. This visit was approved by the National Council during the March session.

Some of my concerns are:

Has the JACL done such a credible job representing Japanese Americans on civil rights, both at the national and local levels, that the organization can afford, both the staff and funds, to move effectively in to another arena;

What is the short, and long term plan of the U.S.-Japan Committee? Of the National JACL?

The JACL should work with organizations which have more experience working with this issue. One such organization is the Japan Society which has membership that represent both the U.S. and Japanese businesses. They are the experts and the ones who can, and will, come to terms regarding this matter.

I believe the JACL should offer its support and, where accepted, work as part of the team rather than attempt it alone. If there has been outreach and no one has accepted, then I think the National Board should consider the "whys".... #

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Fresno celebrates 60th anniversary

By HARRY K. HONDA

FRESNO, Ca.—Hailed as the biggest turnout locally of Japanese Americans at a sit-down dinner, the Fresno American Loyalty League-JACL chapter's gala 60th anniversary banquet May 23 at the Hilton Hotel here attracted nearly 380 persons—and three of the four still-living charter members of the Nisei organization founded on May 5, 1923, at the Hotel Tanigawa.

Dinner emcee Tony Ishii, recently named judge, wondered aloud while introducing the honorees where that hotel was. In the audience, the venerable old-timer and physician, Kikuo Taira, had started to raise his hands as if to reveal the locale but the gesture went undetected as Ishii quickly added, "That place is lost to memory". (The Oct. 24, 1958 PC—when the 35th anniversary dinner was covered by the same reporter—notes Dr. Thomas Yatabe, the first Fresno ALL-JACL president, in a tape message from Chicago had pin-pointed the hotel at "E" St. and Kern and that subsequent meetings were held at International Institute.)

Introduced at the age when the chapter was formed were charter members Dr. Roy Morimoto (now of Los Angeles), 23; Markai Mimura (Mrs. William Konishi, Fresno), 21; and Ena Okonogi (Mrs. James Sakamoto, Fresno), 17; and in absentia, Ken Iino of Los Angeles. Each received a plaque from Deborah Shikami, '83 chapter president, city college associate dean of students who hails from Chicago. Each responded with brief but candid remarks.

New Lease on JACL Life

Appearing in the 78-page chapter history souvenir edited by George Suda for the 60th Anniversary are the minutes of the first meeting written in the clear hand of Norman Kobayashi, secretary. It is noted that Morimoto and Mimura were elected to the cabinet. It was decided that members had to be at least 15 years old and the "social situation of Japanese in America" was among the reasons for the club's formation. It certainly wasn't the dances and parties in/out of town (that Mimura recalled were her interest in the ALL initially). Rather, the anti-alien land law became worse in 1920, the clamor for Japanese exclusion was abounding and young Nisei wanted to impress upon others "we are Americans, too".

Morimoto, in Fresno attending college in the early '20s, recalled attending the 1929 pioneer JACL meeting in San Francisco with other Stockton Nisei, including Miya Sannomiya and Al Kawasaki, adding that chapters were urged to sign up more members. Morimoto reasoned that helping people could mean greater membership and said he thought of many ways to help—such as being nice to police so the latter would better help the Japanese from not being harassed by anti-Japanese elements. He recalled Slocum Nishimura then coming from "National" to have him

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ousted as Stockton president. That soured him on JACL "even though it was very dear to me—after all I had done..." for the subsequent half-century—refusing the call to help in Chicago during WW2 and after the war in Los Angeles from old-time JACLers who knew of his leadership skills while at Stockton.

Several months ago, after the 60th anniversary committee discovered the whereabouts of Morimoto at Los Angeles, he was invited with the others. Unbeknownst to his wife, Dr. Linda Morimoto of the Downtown L.A. JACL, the octogenarian motored here to participate in a memorable festivity. It turned out to be a rendezvous with ALL/JACL's roots and a rejuvenation for he declared "Now, I have a new lease on JACL life after coming here."

Min Yasui's Stirring Message

It should be noted at the outset that guest speaker Min Yasui packed his always stirring message into 20 minutes. As in the many speeches he has been making around the country at JACL dinners, community meetings and radio talk shows, his subject covered redress/reparation and the wartime Nisei court cases.

A status report on the JACL redress efforts was given. One observation he made on the JACL guidelines (April 6, PC) was straightforward: "It is equally racist to say I want redress for me." Noting that the CWRIC recommendations are expected sometime this month, Yasui personally hoped that a trust fund would be among the recommended remedies to be used for humanitarian purposes and to protect the individual rights for all people.

Of the wartime Nisei court cases, Yasui predicted the Sansei lawyers who had engaged in research to file the "coram nobis" pleas in federal district court are going to make legal history. Over 30,000 manhours went into the 276-page document filed in the Korematsu, Hirabayashi and Yasui coram nobis pleas, he said.

Taniguchis Recognized

Evening also recognized two stalwarts of the chapter whose activities with JACL and their community cover the past decade. Dr. Izumi Taniguchi and his wife Barbara are among the few couples in JACL who have been elected chapter presidents: Izumi in 1971 and Barbara in 1978. "Izzy", as friends call him, has been Central Cal district governor, national JACL vice-president for research/services (1975-76), a PC Board member and currently on the National JACL scholarship committee.

Both were made honorary life members of the Fresno chapter. JACL national president Floyd Shimomura and national director Ron Wakabayashi presented each a scroll of appreciation.

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The other day as I was walking from the parking lot to the office, I saw "Horse" Yoshinaga of the Kashu Mainichi having a cup of coffee at Nancy's Hot Dog Stand (everybody's favorite). I stopped and chatted with him about the JACL, Pacific Citizen, employment discrimination, etc. "Horse" has been known to be a critic of the JACL so that when he said that everyone in the JA community should be a member of the JACL I was almost floored. I think what he was saying was that everyone should help, financially or otherwise, JACL realize its commitment to be an educational, human and civil rights organization on behalf of the JA community. I certainly agree, if that is the interpretation, and that we also need to develop our resources to implement those basic goals.

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Nishiyama visits Chicago

CHICAGO—On May 6 Chicago JACL leaders and Sen Nishiyama, representative from SONY Corp. Tokyo, met for an informal discussion on U.S.-Japan relations. He was here for a seminar sponsored by the National Science Foundation and Northwestern University.

As a 1982 JACL convention panelist on U.S.-Japan Relations, "I remember Sen as being quite an eloquent speaker," said chapter president Jane Kaihatsu. "I thought it was very important for us to make contact with him and

glean certain information about the current state of U.S.-Japan relations."

Nishiyama spoke for three hours on his own personal background as a Nisei in Salt Lake City, and living in Japan for almost 50 years. He had heard of the Japanese American evacuation in 1942 after seeing a photo of evacuees arriving at the camps depicted in a local newspaper. Since the Commission (CWRIC) press release in February, there has been an increased curiosity about the Evacuation in Japan, he said.

As far as the economic situation between the U.S. and Japan, Nishiyama believed the management styles are the reasons behind the disparity in productivity. To deal with the repercussions which affect Japanese Americans, Nishiyama offered this advice: "The JACL needs to have a person who is knowledgeable about the Japanese cultural ethics and current history. This same person must also be thoroughly understanding American ways. While he (and the JACL) should not even attempt to speak on behalf of the Japanese companies, this person and JACL can act as a resource for greater understanding between the two nations."

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The five high school seniors named to receive the chapter and auxiliary scholarships are Kurt Eto, University, parents: Kazuo Eto; Edith Kaneshiro, University, parents: Takeo and Yoshi Kaneshiro; Grace Maki, North Torrance, parents: Susumu and Hisako Maki; Kazuhiko Sano, Beverly Hills, parents: Dr. and Mrs. Sano; Ann Takata, University, parents: Tomoyuki and Yasuko Takata.

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