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CONGRATULATIONS!—Los Angeles County board of supervisors congratulate two Nisei women who were decorated by the Japanese government: Peggy K. Nakaki (left), recipient of the Order of the Precious Crown, 5th Class; and Sakaye Aratani, Order of Sacred Treasure, 4th Class. Presenting the scrolls is Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, board chairman, who recently returned from an L.A. county trade mission in Japan.

Canadians stir redress push

TORONTO, Ont.—More than 300 people attended a public meeting May 15 on the question of Japanese Canadian redress at the JC Cultural Centre in Don Mills.

The sponsor of the first meeting, Sodan Kai, a Toronto-based group recently formed of local Sansei and Nisei interested in a full public discussion of Japanese Canadian redress, has announced a second meeting to be held again at the JC Cultural Centre on July 17.

Speaking in May before the mostly Toronto-Hamilton residents were JACL National Redress Chairman John Tateishi; NCJAR Chairman William Hohri; Gordon Kadota, president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians; and George Imai, chairman of the NAJC's National Redress Committee.

"The meeting provided a general introduction to the topic, describing the redress activities in the two countries," a Sodan Kai spokesperson said.

"At the (second) meeting, we want to provide the opportunity for all interested local JCs to offer their opinions on the redress issue, and to share their feelings about the wartime experience."

George Imai speaking on behalf of the reparations committee of NAJC said that Canadians of Japanese origin will ask for \$50 million from the Canadian government in compensation for the uprooting, detention and evacuation suffered in British Columbia.

The money, Imai said, would establish a foundation geared to community needs, racial harmony and human rights.

Imai said such a foundation would build a nursing home for older Japanese Canadians, "who bore the brunt of frustration, misery and loss before and during the war." It would also "embody the long-awaited apology and signify, at the same time, the end of a horrid chapter in Canadian history."

A mass evacuation was ordered Feb. 24, 1942. Soon after, 22,096 Japanese in B.C. including 17,225 Canadian citizens, were uprooted and herded inland, then interned in detention camps. Families were separated and property and possessions confiscated and auctioned at bargain prices.

Imai said that action was based on racial prejudice, since Canadians of German and Italian heritage "were allowed to live out the war as normal citizens."

In 1950, a special federal commission, chaired by Justice Henry Bird, awarded \$2.5 million in compensation to Japanese Canadians but the Japanese community has never accepted that as full payment.

Oregon Nikkei retirement home seen

PORTLAND, Ore.—An Oregon Nikkei community retirement home project has been formally organized here with fund-raising campaign now underway to raise \$25,000 as "seed money" for study and research. George Azumano is campaign chair.

The steering committee, with Bones Onishi as interim chair, had envisioned a retirement-nursing home complex at the outset, but a recent project board decision showed preference for a retirement home that would meet special health, dietary and cultural needs.

Local groups in support include:

Nikkeijin Kai, Portland JACL, Gresham-Troutdale JACL, Mid-Columbia JACL, Buddhist Churches (Oregon, Nichiren Kokyo, Daihonzan, Henjyoji), Tenrikyo, Epworth Methodist Church, Valeda Women's Club, Trans-Pacific Women's Society, Oregon Nisei Veterans.

'Neo-Nazi' operating anti-Asian telephone hotline identified

CORTE MADERA, Ca.—The neo-Nazi racial antagonist suspected by Marin County Sheriff's Dept. to be responsible for publicizing and operating the "Right Wing Hotline" that has anonymously stirred up hatred against minorities in the Bay area, especially Asians, has been identified.

Tom Niederreuther, 22, suspected of being responsible for the "White Power Headquarters" telephone hotline has been ordered by his father to cease his associations with neo-Nazi activities.

Niederreuther has had an obsession about Adolf Hitler since his youth, according to his father, Dr. Erich Niederreuther, a firm supporter of civil rights.

According to Phil Bronstein of the San Francisco Examiner, the son filled his room with Nazi posters and considers Hitler a hero.

The crusade started when racial hate flyers were posted in the 1200

to 1400 blocks of Noriega Street in the Sunset District of San Francisco, and later throughout the rest of the Bay area.

The flyers advertised a "Right Wing Hotline" and provided a telephone number to call for a tape-recorded message.

East/West called the number early in June to hear the message. "Lasting only a few—but long—minutes, the recorded voice became increasingly loud and frenetic. The message declared:

"White Power Headquarters would like to congratulate Davis High School student James Pierman [who will be tried as an adult for murder] for permanently removing a Vietnamese invader [Thong Hy Huynh (See May 20 PC)] in self-defense from Aryan society."

"White people are constantly killed or assaulted by non-whites in this country," continued the re-

corded voice. "But for the most part, these crimes against white people receive little or no attention from the Jewish mass media. The race of the criminal is almost never revealed. But when James Pierman killed a non-white in self-defense, the Jewish media made it into a national news event," the message claimed.

Charging that the Vietnamese receive "huge" welfare grants that permit them to live "here in affluent Marin County," the message then went on to lament that "hard working white people are stranded in non-white garbage dumps like San Francisco." The message concludes with a Corte Madera post office box to which listeners can write for additional information.

Another message claimed that "a total of 80 percent of the crimes (in California) are committed by non-whites," and urged action to halt the flow of non-whites into the state. It also criticized the Senate for passing the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill because it would grant amnesty to many aliens currently in the United States illegally.

The anonymously recorded messages enraged the Asian communities to whom the attacks were directed.

The Chinese for Affirmative Action, a community-based civil rights organization in San Francisco, stated its alarm, not only about the messages but also over the increasing racial hatred and tension being directed against Asian Americans, particularly immigrants and refugees.

Henry Der, executive director of CAA, said: "It is more than coincidence that this 'Right Wing Hotline' flyer was posted in commercial areas with a number of Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese,

Thai, and Korean restaurants.

"While the overwhelming majority of Sunset residents are law-abiding citizens, racial conflicts and tensions based on misunderstandings of Asian Americans have flared up in the past.

"Economic hard times make persons or groups of individuals more vulnerable to racial misunderstanding and misperception," Der said. "Recorded telephone messages like the 'Right Wing Hotline' give considerable credence to baseless fears and apprehensions about racial minority groups."

Although Niederreuther's First Amendment rights of freedom of speech are respected, the CAA is calling on state and local officials to reduce racial tension in the state and city.

"We do not want to deny its (the White Power Headquarters) First Amendment rights (but) at the same time, we want to make sure it does not promote civil rights violence against Asians and other groups."

Der admitted that the message does not explicitly advocate the "killing of Asians, but—maybe implicitly (it does)."

A spokesperson from Pacific Telephone told East/West, "We cannot censor the message. We have no right of pre-censorship. As a public utility everyone has a right to phone service, and we are charged with providing it. Only a court can act as the censor and the action must be brought by some person."

Assistant Attorney General Marian Johnson speculated that the attorney general may not be able to stop it unless these are "fraud, misrepresentation or something illegal" involved.

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No amount of reparation can compensate 'victims'

SAN FRANCISCO—When World War II broke out, there were four million resident aliens in the United States. Of these, 1.1 million were citizens of Japan, Germany and Italy.

All were classified as "enemy aliens", but only the West Coast persons of Japanese ancestry, including the American citizens, were rounded up and placed in concentration camps until at least December of 1944.

Commenting on the recent recommendations made by the nine-member Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, Knight News writer Jim Hampton in the San Francisco Examiner asked:

"How much would it take to compensate 'a special class of victims' for the insult, the uprooting, the loss of property, income, and opportunity?"

A congressionally-created Commission on June 16 announced that the government should pay each of these survivors \$20,000, or \$1.2 billion all told. Another \$300 million should be devoted to scholarships for Japanese Americans, aid to the group's elderly and other forms of indirect compensation.

"No amount of money can fully compensate the excluded people for their losses and sufferings," said Joan Z. Bernstein, head of the commission. "...These injustices cannot neatly be turned into dollars and cents..."

Nor can Congress be expected lightly to spend \$1.5 billion to right a 40-year-old wrong. Not when Congress faces a string of \$200-billion-plus budget deficits in the years just ahead, Hampton added.

"Still the Japanese Americans are a 'special class of victims'. They lost not only their property but their freedom from early 1942 to late 1944 because of wartime hysteria and prejudice."

Ten weeks after Pearl Harbor, on Feb. 19, 1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 which resulted in the confinement of 41,000 Japanese aliens and more than 70,000 citizens in 10 separate detention camps, all but two outside of California.

The Japanese American Citizens League, based in San Francisco, has been trying since the 1970s to persuade the government to pay reparations to the former internees, many of them deceased.

For the record, the commission's sole member, Rep. Dan Lundgren, (R-42nd Ca.), cast the lone vote against the reparations recommendation.

"Yes, the Japanese Americans were treated unjustly—but no more so than the American Indians and American blacks," Lundgren was quoted as saying.

"How ironic that in a country founded on justice, there's still so much injustice to spread around," Hampton's commentary concluded. #

United Church of Christ backs redress

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The 14th General Synod of the United Church of Christ endorsed the payment of reparations to Americans of Japanese descent who were imprisoned in the United States during World War II.

The 705 delegates to the 1.75 million member denomination's biennial decision-making meeting voted unanimously for a resolution supporting Japanese Americans.

A delegate described how 70 percent of his San Diego congregation was imprisoned:

"Up to 70 percent of my congregation in San Diego were held prisoners behind barbed wire and watchtowers with soldiers for three to four years," said the Rev. Yoshi Kaneda.

"They're the victims who suffered for 40 years in silence," Kaneda is pastor of Ocean View United Church of Christ, San Diego.

The U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians recommended a payment of \$20,000 each to those who were interned.

The United Church of Christ is a 1957 union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches. #

Cast named for 'Sanka Moyu', NHK's 1984 historical drama

LOS ANGELES—Koshiro Matsumoto, who played "The Man of La Mancha" on Broadway, will take the role of Kenji Amou, Los Angeles newsman, MIS instructor and eventually language monitor at the Tokyo War Crimes trials. Yoko Shimada, the Lady Mariko in "Shogun", will become Nagiko, another Nisei news writer in Los Angeles, who dies tragically from radiation suffered in the Hiroshima atom bombing. Toshiro Mifune, hero of countless motion pictures in America and Japan will play the role of Kenji Amou's father, Issei immigrant from Kagoshima to Imperial Valley, then to Little Tokyo, to Manzanar and back to Little Tokyo.

"Sanka Moyu" is based on best-selling author Toyoko Yamasaki's Nisei/MIS drama, "Futatsu no Sokoku" (Two Fatherlands), a tribute to Nisei who were loyal to the land of their birth and who acted nobly in accordance with the finest traditions of their cultural heritage. The story starts in Little Tokyo, shifts to Manzanar Relocation Center, to Camp Savage, Minn. to Brisbane, Australia, to North Luzon, Philippines, and finally to Occupied Japan and the Tokyo War Crimes trials.

Shooting on location is scheduled to begin in Los Angeles in September, 1983.—Shig Kihara. #

'Next Step' on redress moves to be aired

SAN FRANCISCO—A community forum on redress and reparations entitled "The Next Step" will be conducted Saturday, July 23, at Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St., from 1 to 4 p.m.

Among the speakers will be Bert Nakano, National Coalition for Redress and Reparations; Floyd Shimomura, JACL; Dr. Arthur Flemming, CWRIC; and Dale Minami, Committee to Reverse Japanese American Wartime Cases. A questions and answers period will follow.

The forum is being sponsored by the NCRP with support from the California State Bar Assn.'s Legal Services Section and Nihonmachi Legal Outreach.

The redress/reparations movement enters a new period following the recent release of CWRIC recommendations, the sponsors said in urging public attendance. #

People in the News

APAAC founder appointed despite Deukmejian's nay

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Dr. Allan L. Seid, president of Asian Pacific American Advocates of California (APAAC)—a state-wide coalition composed of over 450 organizations, was appointed by Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti to the California Citizens Mental Health Advisory Council.

Seid was reappointed last year



Dr. Allan Seid

to the California Board of Education by then Gov. Jerry Brown, but Republicans in the Senate blocked confirmation by withholding their votes. Seid fell one tally short of the two-thirds necessary for confirmation.

Many Republican senators, among which was minority leader William Campbell, wanted newly elected Gov. George Deukmejian to appoint Seid.

But Deukmejian withdrew Seid's nomination over Roberti's objection and the consternation of numerous Republican senators and prominent Republican leaders in the transition advisory team.

"Dr. Seid's qualifications for service to his fellow Californians are far too valuable to be lost," Roberti said in appointing Seid to the 15-member health advisory council.

Seid serves on the clinical faculty of Stanford Medical Center, a psychiatrist in private practice in Palo Alto and directs Asian Americans for Community Involvement's mental health program, which serves immigrants, Indo-Chinese refugees and American-born APAs.

Chicago psychologist wins fellowship

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Glenn T. Fujiura, 28, doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at Indiana University, and a doctoral candidate in special education here at the Univ. of Illinois, was awarded a \$3,000 university fellowship to continue his research design and analysis on the evaluation of services to adult populations.

The son of Chicago JACLers Henry and Gladys Fujiura, Oak Lawn, he has worked in community-based facilities and sheltered workshops.

San Jose graduate wins USC fellowship

By PHIL MATSUMURA

SAN JOSE—Tish Miye Okabe, who received her bachelor's degree in sociology and public relations from Univ. of Southern California in May was awarded a Pre-Doctoral Merit Teaching Fellowship by its graduate school. It provides doctoral candidates an annual stipend of \$10,000 and 24 units of tuition; and is renewable.

The daughter of San Jose JACLer Dr. Masayuki and Shirli Okabe of San Jose was a junior-year initiate into Phi Beta Kappa, inducted this year into Phi Kappa Phi, and was vice-president of the USC chapter of Mortar Board.

Tish was president of Sigma Phi Omega, an Asian sorority, and a public relation intern for the Office of Asian Pacific American Student Services this year.

● Awards

Cal State L.A. student Darrel Kunitomi was presented the 1982-83 Best Actor Award for his portrayal of the bandit Tagomari in the CSULA play "Rashomon", becoming the first Asian American to receive a major award in acting in the school's 30-year history. He has also played in Wakako Yamachi's "The Music Lessons", "Our Town", "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead", and "Macbeth". He will be performing in the professional production "The Bridgehead" at the West L.A.'s Odyssey Theatre. He plans to continue studying drama at CSULA under instructor Nobu McCarthy in the Asian American Theatre Arts Project.

Prior to entering USC, Tish was active in the San Jose Buddhist Church as chairman of Jr. YBA, assistant Sunday School teacher, church organist. She pursued her interest in classical Japanese dancing with Bando Mitsusa Kai and bowled in the San Jose Nisei Jr. League.

● Awards

Kenneth K. Tanaka and Dr. Alan H.K. Kan have both been named Asian Pacific Americans of the Year at the Aerospace Corp. in El Segundo. Tanaka was chosen from among administrative employees while Kan was selected from among the company's scientists and engineers. Tanaka, group controller for the non-profit organization, is responsible for supervising the overhead budget and is active in the Japanese community helping at a senior citizens' center. Kan, an expert on surface physics and photosensitive devices, is head of the surface science department at the company's chemistry and physics laboratory.

● Sports

Ed Kaihatsu of Chicago emerged as one of eight U.S. national fencing champions in the men's foil open division matches held recently at Univ. of San Francisco. George Nonomura of San Francisco was also a finalist. Both are now eligible for international competition. Ed is the son of Omar and Rose Kaihatsu, an NCAA all-American first team member; while George has been a fencing instructor for many years.

Professional colleagues honor Nisei entomologist Tamaki

SPOKANE, Wa.—Dr. George Tamaki of Yakima, a 20-year veteran in entomology, was accorded the C.W. Woolworth Award June 21 at the Pacific Branch meeting of the Entomological Society of America meeting here. It is in recognition of the respect his colleagues have for him and his work.

At 51, he is the youngest recipient of the award since its inception in 1968. Award is named for Prof. Woodworth, who founded the first entomology department on the west coast at UC Berkeley in the 1890s.

Tamaki was born in Los Angeles, but spent his early years in San Francisco. His family was evacuated first to Tanforan and later to Topaz, Utah. After WW2, his family settled in Berkeley where he finished his junior high and high school education. Active in basketball, he was a member of the San Francisco Barons.

He graduated in 1960 from UC Berkeley, with a BS degree in entomology and accepted a position at his alma mater as a laboratory technician for research on the biology and ecology of the spotted alfalfa aphid. He also carried out graduate studies for his Ph.D. in 1965. He then accepted a position with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

at Yakima, Wash. as a research entomologist, responsible for a program of research on the biology, ecology, and control of insects affecting potatoes, sugarbeets, and other vegetables and field crops in the Pacific Northwest.

USDA/ARS Entomologist

Tamaki has remained at Yakima throughout his career with the USDA. In 1979, he became Research Leader of the Vegetable and Field Crop Insects Research Unit at the Yakima laboratory. He currently is leader of Insect Ecology and Behavior Research.

Tamaki has maintained a strong interest in sound biological and ecological approaches to agricultural insect control, with emphasis upon the green peach aphid, the redbacked cutworm, lygus bugs, and the Colorado potato beetle. During his career he has written 86 publications covering biological and ecological approaches to pest control.

He served as technical USDA/ARS adviser for insect control on vegetables and served as a member of a team developing the new USDA/ARS strategic program and plan, regional technical projects, research programs in India, Pakistan, Poland, and cooperative research programs with Israel. In

Hawaii's top writing honor presented

HONOLULU—Gov. Ariyoshi, in a special ceremony June 16, presented Maxine Hong Kingston the 1982 Hawaii Award for Literature. The award has been made since 1974 by the State Foundation on Culture and Arts and the Hawaii Literary Council to an outstanding writer.

Her first two books were highly acclaimed: "Woman Warrior" (1976), which is in the process of becoming a movie, is the story of her childhood in Stockton, Ca., intermingled with myths and fairytales of old China her mother told her as a girl. "China Men", published in 1980, brought the same acclaim and with it international fame. She is working on her third novel.

● Education

Peter I. Ohtaki, Jr. of Menlo Park has been awarded a B.A. degree, magna cum laude, in economics from Harvard University, where he was president of Phoenix-SK Final club, active with Harvard-Radcliff student assembly and Hasty Pudding club. He is the son of Peter and Rose Ohtaki, of Menlo Park.

Fifteen-year-old Jeffrey Akinori Suzuki of Fullerton, Ca., graduated from Whittier Christian High School and will attend Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. He attended the Project for the Study of the Academically Precocious at Arizona State University and won the highest honor in forensics at school. Suzuki was news editor for the school newspaper, belonged to the Chess Club and CSF and writes short stories in his spare time.

● Organization

Kiyoshi Kay Iizuka of Torrance, was elected governor of the Lions District 4-L3 at a convention in Palm Spring. An 11-year member of El Camino Lions with a perfect attendance, he will preside over 42 clubs in communities from San Pedro to Malibu, along the Southern California coastline. The new governor will attend the Lions Club International Convention in Honolulu this month where he will be installed with 643 other district governors from 157 countries. Iizuka is married to the former Ruby Miyana. They have two grown children.

● Religion

National Headquarters of the Buddhist Churches of America announced the appointment of the Rev. Hiroshi Abiko, currently of the San Jose Betsuin Temple, to the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple effective Aug. 1. Abiko, born in Los Angeles, is a graduate of CSU Sacramento and the Ryukoku University of Kyoto, Japan. He has been serving the San Jose Betsuin Temple since 1971.

1980, he represented USDA/ARS on a team developing a cooperative research exchange program with the government of Hungary.

In addition to his responsibilities in research, he serves as an Adjunct Professor of Entomology of

Washington State University and is a member of the Graduate Faculty of Oregon State University, in which capacities he has guided the academic and research programs of numerous master's and doctoral students.



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New JACCC theatre presents Sunday noon chamber music

LOS ANGELES—The Laguna Beach Summer Music Festival and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center will present the Laguna Chamber Orchestra, directed by Masatoshi Mitsumoto, on Sunday, July 24, 3 p.m., at the JACCC theatre.

The afternoon concert will feature flutist Louise DiTullio in music for flute and orchestra written by Mozart, Vivaldi, Elgar, and Tchaikovsky.

Conductor Mitsumoto, an accomplished cellist, is a graduate of the Tokyo University of Fine Arts. He studied at the Paris Conservatory on a French government scholarship and later at the Univ. of Southern California. He founded the chamber orchestra in 1977 for the Summer Music Festival. This will mark the first time the orchestra will appear in Los Angeles.

While a professor at the Univ. of

Nevada, Las Vegas, from 1970 to 1980, Mitsumoto created the Las Vegas Symphony, which he still conducts periodically. He now serves as an artistic consultant for the Japan America Theatre.

Currently based in Los Angeles, Mitsumoto works for a variety of groups and orchestras such as the Japanese Philharmonic of Los Angeles and the Pacific Symphony, and for studios in recordings and movies.

The orchestra will play Mozart's "Symphony in D (La Finta Giardiniera)," "Overture and Finale (K. 121)," and "Flute Concerto in G (K. 313), Vivaldi's "Flute Concerto in G," Elgar's "Sospiri, Op. 70," and Tchaikovsky's "Serenade for Strings, Op. 48."

For tickets, call the JACCC box office, 680-3700. Seats are \$10 for orchestra and \$8 for balcony. There is a \$2 discount for students and senior citizens. #

Noguchi sculptures to show at JACCC

LOS ANGELES—Isamu Noguchi occupies a distinctive position in the history of modern sculpture. Born in Los Angeles in 1904, the artist studied in Europe, and went on to assume a career of international stature.

Opening July 9 at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center's George J. Doizaki Gallery will be an exhibition of selected works by the artist. Entitled

"Isamu Noguchi—Multiples," the exhibition will feature two of Noguchi's multiple edition sculptural series—his Akari light-sculptures and his recent series of galvanized steel sculptures.

The exhibition is part of the opening celebration this summer of the JACCC Plaza, designed by Noguchi, which will be dedicated July 26. #

'Intimacy vs. Isolation' series on tap

LOS ANGELES—A three-week series in September at Loyola-Marymount University on "Intimacy vs. Isolation" is being co-sponsored by the Marina JACL, South Bay JACL, West Los Angeles JACL Young Adults and the Western Region Asian American Project. Focus will be Asian American identity, developing and sustaining relationships.

While participants and groups are still being asked for the program, those scheduled to speak include Ken Mitsuhashi, Warren Furutani, Ake-mi Kikumura, Sam Chan, and members of East-West Players and Cold Tofu.

Workshop on vacation pics offered

LOS ANGELES—A workshop, "Photography for Travelers", designed for vacationers, will be held on Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. under sponsorship of Visual Communications.

Freelance photographer Ed Ikuta of West Los Angeles will emphasize in the workshop a practical hands-on approach, addressing the areas of choosing photographic equipment and film, safeguards in packing for travel, hints and techniques in photographing, as well as preserving and sharing those memories. Pre-registration is encouraged by July 22 through Nancy Araki, Visual Communications, (213) 680-4462. Fee is \$10. #

Trade strains U.S.-Japan ties

TOKYO—A Foreign Ministry official expressed fear June 2 that Japan's huge trade surplus with the United States would become a serious bilateral political matter this year. (JACL is sending a special mission this fall and perhaps face this question head-on.—Ed.)

If the current surplus trend continues, Japan may chalk up more than the \$12 billion top of last year, the unnamed official told Asahi Evening News.

Given U.S. presidential elections next year and prospects of little progress in talks on pending issues such as beef and orange trade, the trade imbalance will probably be a target of American pressure in and after this fall, according to a top Foreign Ministry official.

Bilateral economic relations are worse than they were immediately before the outbreak of war between the two countries in 1941, the official said.

He said the United States may call in Japan to adopt surplus-cutting measures and urged the Government to consider a "drastic change in thinking" about the trade imbalance. #

Why Japan prefers hakuin teacher

TOKYO—Several weeks ago a letter to the editor by Marion Iwasaki was reprinted from "The Japan Times" (See June 17 PC). She claimed she was discriminated against because of her race when seeking employment as a teacher of English.

She complained that schools preferred to hire Caucasian teachers, and that one school bluntly told her that they were hiring only white Americans.

Ms. Iwasaki is Honolulu-born. She has lived in Japan for seven years and married a Japanese three years ago.

Quite a volume of follow-up letters appeared in "The Japan Times" after hers was printed. Surprisingly, many of them were unsympathetic. One language school principal wrote in support of hiring Caucasian teachers.

One rather cynical letter perhaps hit the nail on the head. The writer pointed out that many Japanese attend English schools, not to learn the language, but for social or trendy reasons. They want to be entertained. The schools know this well, and make sure classes are taught by a "real" foreigner. Thus they hire Caucasians, not native English speakers of Oriental ancestry.—(Hawaii Hodyn)

The Pollsters

● In this format, we hope to provide a quick review of issues tallied by pollsters around the country that would be pertinent to our readers.

Los Angeles Times Poll
May 22, 1983

Have you purchased at least one Japanese product in the last three years? 53% —

Would you support a tariff against Japanese products that would increase their price? 60% —

Do you think import competition from Japan does more harm than good in the United States? 56% —

Do you believe there should be less trade with Japan? 42% —

Do you believe there should be more trade with Japan? 15% —

Gallup/Newsweek Poll
May 22, 1983

Do you favor taxes on foreign imports to protect American jobs? 55% 36% —

Would you buy American if the U.S. and imported goods were of equal quality and price? 94% —

Would you buy American if the imported good was sold for \$25 less? 48% —

Onion crop damage

GREELEY, Colo.—Weld County farmers suffered extensive damage caused by the June 4 hailstorm, the worst since 1965, according to Paul Hoshiko, National Onion Growers Assn. president, of Kersey. #

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'World's biggest' dictionary of scientific terms available

TOKYO — An English-Japanese and Japanese-English dictionary of 250,000 scientific and technical terms—claimed to be the largest scientific dictionary in the world—was recently published in Tokyo.

Previously, the largest scientific dictionary contained some 100,000 words, according to Junichi Kabe, an editor.

The Japanese-English section of the two-volume Dictionary of Science and Engineering, produced by Interpress in Shinjuku Ward, is also the largest Japanese-English dictionary published.

Non-Japanese businessmen and translators who are not familiar with kanji can also consult the book, because

every entry is followed by its hiragana equivalent.

The book contains translations of terms used in more than 100 fields of science and technology, such as electronics, computer engineering, ship-building and chemistry.

These entries include the 98,684 words and phrases designated as "scientific terms" by the Education Ministry, 50,000 computer terms, 43,961 Japanese Industrial Standards terms, 33,000 plant engineering and 10,000 military terms.

The book is actually a combined version of the 20 dictionaries published by Interpress.

The two volume set is retailing in Japan for ¥88,000

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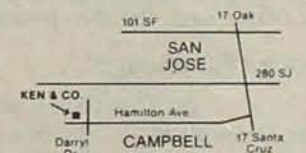
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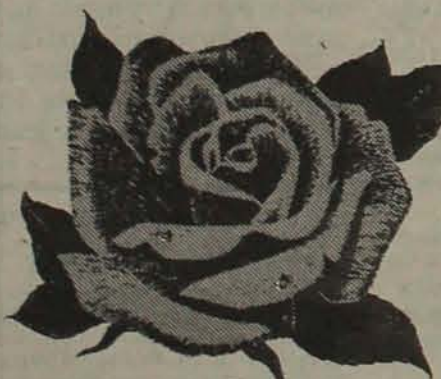
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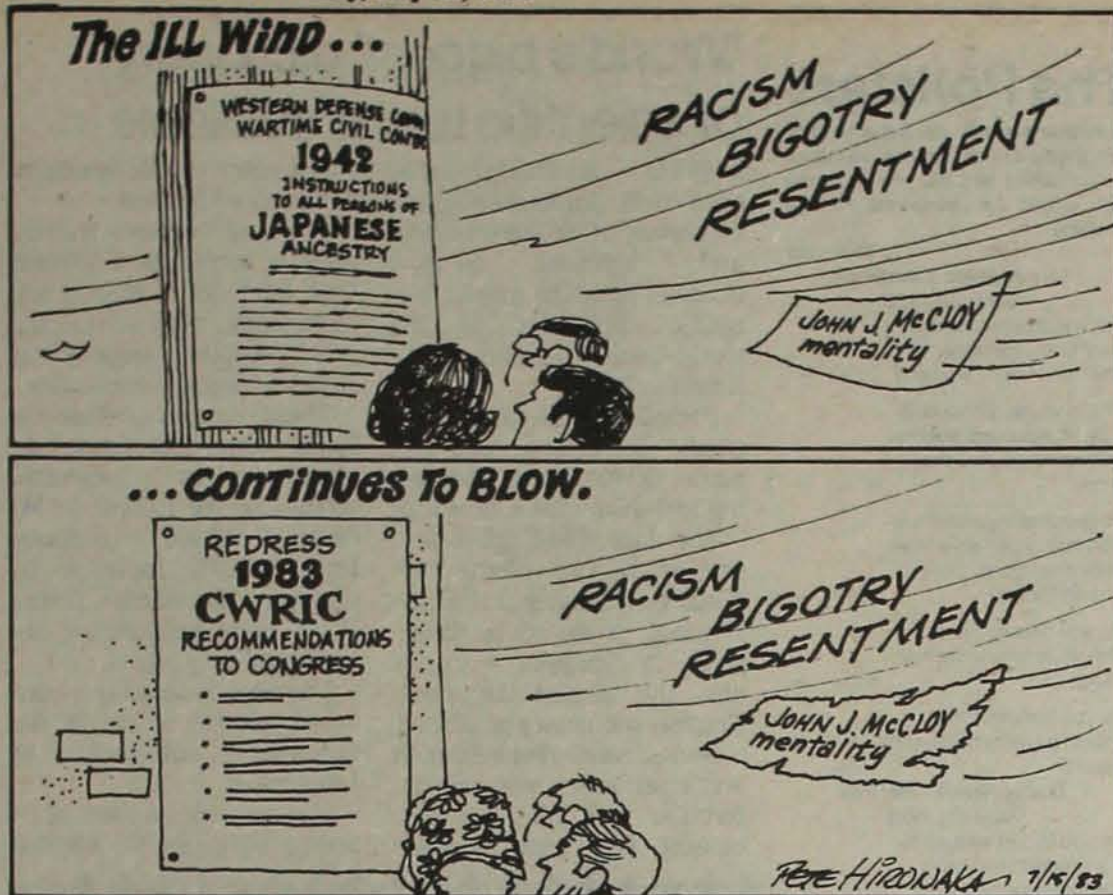
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Keeping Track:

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Conscience Money

Wall Street Journal
Thursday, June 23, 1983

We Americans are endlessly touching—the wonder of the known world, actually—in our persistent drive to right one national injustice after another. For instance in 1980, 35 years after the end of World War II, Congress appointed a special commission to find out whether the Roosevelt administration was justified in moving 120,000 Japanese Americans out of their West Coast homes and into detention camps. The commission has now reported. It says we were wrong. It further says we should pay each surviving Japanese \$20,000.

The commission has called the relocations a "grave injustice." It says that what motivated the U.S. government to order the moves was "race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership." Joan Bernstein, the ex-Carter administration official who chairs the commission, has further

said that "no money can fully compensate" for "two-and-a-half years behind the barbed wire of a relocation camp, branded potentially disloyal because of one's ethnicity alone." So the commission has urged Congress to set up a new foundation to educate Americans about this wartime wrong of ours.

In a television debate on this issue John McCloy, once a World War II defense official, said he was shocked that the commission had taken no account of the wartime pressures under which President Roosevelt was operating. Ms. Bernstein, in her turn, said she was shocked at Mr. McCloy's moral insensitivity. The new political ethics were attacking the old.

All things considered, though, Mr. McCloy had the greater right to be shocked. Our government did unquestionable harm to the Japanese Americans. And this harm turned out to be unnecessary, because the Japanese in this country did not turn out to be the security risk that some had feared they would be. But at the time of the relocations, the government did

have evidence that it might have a security problem on its hands. This evidence may have been misleading; official interpretations of it may have been distorted by "war hysteria" or even racial prejudice. But the government did not act with deliberate viciousness, and was moved by what it thought were the imperatives of war.

There is a more important point. Let us leave aside the horrible acts that were perpetrated on American soldiers and civilians during World War II; this country did things during that war that make the Japanese relocations look like a couple of months at summer camp. We dropped nuclear bombs on Japanese cities. We bombed German population centers. Most awful of all, we refused to bomb the railroad tracks carry Jews and others to their deaths in the Nazi concentration camps.

These are things that must never be forgotten. But the lessons they teach us are moral ambiguity, not of pay-him-for-his-sandwich-court-room justice. It is not certain by any means what purpose is to be served by continuing to rake over old guilts and there is always the suspicion that those who insist on doing so will be not at all disturbed if this country becomes progressively less able to act effectively in the face of the world's complication. It may seem laudable that we have acquired such a highly developed taste for the language of injury and compensation, but an inability to act often yields larger tragedies than the ones that result from forthright action.—(from J. Tateishi).

An Affirmation of Values

Los Angeles Times
June 19, 1983

The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians has emphasized, in recommending \$1.5 billion in payments to Japanese American relocated in World War II, that this cannot compensate for what was done to them in the hysteria of World War II. That is correct. "No amount of money can fully compensate the excluded people for their losses and sufferings," the commission concluded.

Nor will a proposed official apology make amends for what was done to these Americans, taken from their homes to situations that bore an ugly resemblance to concentration camps, often with a substantial loss of property, always with a denial of due process.

But to do less than the commission has proposed would only prolong and exacerbate the tragedy. Scarcely half the 120,000 people forced into relocation are living. Each would receive \$20,000 under the plan. The total level of compensation would fall at the low end

BOOKSHELF:

88 Shrines of Shikoku

Oliver Statler is widely known for his Japanese Inn. In 1947 he arrived in Japan to work with the United States Army. He retired from the civil service in 1964 and remained in Japan for many years. In 1968 he undertook the Shikoku Pilgrimage for the first time, and the following year he settled on the island to engage in an intensive study of the Pilgrimage. Since 1977, he has been a Fellow in Asian Studies at the University of Hawaii. Fellowships from the University of Hawaii and from the Guggenheim Foundation have enabled him to complete his many years of research and writing *Japanese Pilgrimage*.

By VICTOR E. OKIM

Director JACCC Franklin D. Murphy Library

JAPANESE PILGRIMAGE, by Oliver Statler. New York: Morrow and Co. 1983. 349 pp. \$17.95.

Pilgrimage is defined in the Encyclopedia Britannica as a journey to a saint's shrine or other sacred place, undertaken for a variety of motives. Its purpose is to gain spiritual enlightenment, signifying an act of thanksgiving for the sake of devotion.

In Japan, many places and shrines are centers of Buddhist pilgrimage. Besides pilgrimages to the famous Buddha images preserved at Nara and Kamakura, pilgrims gather before the images of

the great saints. In the Buddhism text, the holy places of pilgrimage are described as ladders to heaven by divine sages and saints. Pilgrimage reflects the attitude of deep devotion which associates gratitude to a master of the Way with thought of reverence to the Way which may come with such remembrance.

In *Japanese Pilgrimage*, which is beautifully illustrated, Oliver Statler accounts history with personal observation, legend with personal knowledge and experi-

Letters:

Government 'goof'

You've heard about the flooding along the Colorado River? It's being called a government goof.

There's also a place along the Colorado known as Poston II, a place where I spent four years incarcerated due to another government goof. Seems Uncle Sam's very good at this.

Now you know that those flooded out river people are going to be suing and for plenty. I'm being offered a paltry \$20,000 for my "flooding" and nothing as an heir for my deceased mama-san and papa-san who were also in that same camp.

I've learned to fight. I have ideals today concerning equality. It's been said that I was graduated from Orange Coast College only because they wanted to get rid of me. Well, what a delightful separation!! And there's this something in my legal thinking thanks to OCC that recalls precedent and that heirs cannot be left out just because a commission says so.

We'll see, we'll see.
CHIYEKO HEDANI
Costa Mesa, Ca.

(Ed. Note—Hedani is conductor of "Maru Corners" in the *Santana Wind*, the Orange County JACL publication.)

RIP: Ken Asamoto

It isn't very often that you get to meet a person who is truly a unique person. Someone who is capable of having an impact on the lives of everyone he meets.

Well, the people of Cleveland have had the pleasure of meeting such a man. His name was Ken Asamoto. (d. June 12, 1983).

Ken belong to many organiza-

of the range of estimates of the actual value of the losses suffered in the internment period of 1942 to 1944. In that sense it is hardly generous, but not unreasonable.

The Japanese American Citizens League has welcomed the proposal as a "symbolic recognition of the personal suffering loyal Americans were forced to experience."

The commission's own words express just what it is that we will be doing in this response: "Anything we do now must inevitably be an expression of regret and an affirmation of our better values as a nation, not an accounting which balances or erases the events of the war."

Redress for internment

The Honolulu Advertiser
Sunday, June 26, 1983

The Commission on Wartime

tions and was involved in not only the Japanese community, but the Cleveland community as a whole.

But as he once told me, it's not enough just to belong. You must care and love something so much that many times you have to sacrifice many personal pleasures, so that others might have the same opportunities as you did.

So if you had to write a two word summary of Ken Asamoto, it would have to read "he cared".

My heart goes out to his family and friends, for his death leaves a void that cannot be filled.

Ken, we'll miss you.

TOM NAKAO JR.
President,
Cleveland JACL

RIP: Rev. Nicholson

In memory of Uncle Goat—the Rev. Herbert V. Nicholson. He gave his life to aiding the Japanese and Japanese Americans. He was especially active in succoring the concentration camp's victims of WW2. Please print the following, which I think is most apropos:

I shall pass through this life but once.

Any good, therefore, that I can do

Or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature,

Let me do it now.

Let me not defer it nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

(Author—Etienne de Grellet)

Dear Herbert, you have not lived in vain. RIP.

DENNIS A. ROLAND
Astoria, NY

"H" Force survivor Burma/Thai RR & River Kwai Bridge.

Relocation and Internment of Civilians, after painstakingly studying the imprisonment of 120,000 Japanese Americans in makeshift concentration camps during World War II, has made its recommendations.

Its basic finding was that internment just after the Pearl Harbor attack was a "grave injustice" which resulted from "race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership."

Most alarming, perhaps, was the news that by mid-1943—after the Battle of Midway the previous year had removed any Japanese naval threat to the West Coast and the loyalty of Americans of Japanese Ancestry was verifiable—government officials including J. Edgar Hoover realized internment was unfair and unneeded but President Roosevelt prolonged it past the 1944 elections for political reasons.

ence. The author undertakes a religious journey with his close friend, Horikawa, as a guide. He depicts in detail their two-month, one thousand-mile journey to the eighty-eight Sacred Places of Shikoku. Statler searches for the inner meaning of the pilgrimage, with a devotion to Kobo Daishi, the saint whose life and legacy inspired the pilgrimage. Kobo Daishi lived from 774 to 835. Born on the island of Shikoku, he was ordained as Master in China and returned to Japan to establish a new school of Buddhism. The school, known as the Shingon Sect, preaches that every man has within him the seed of Buddha that can be nurtured to reach enlightenment during this life.

Buddhism was introduced to Japan in the sixth century via China and Korea. Until the 12th century Buddhism was the religion of the aristocracy only, but from about the 13th century it became very popular among the common people. Then, Zen became widespread among the Samurai class. Today, Buddhism is the principal religion of the Japanese people. In Buddhism, the ultimate state is one of self-enlightenment attained by awakening to the truth. Nothing is everlasting. All is impermanent or transitory. The emphasis is placed on ridding oneself of hate and jealousy through infinite love. The goal is to attain tolerance, peace, and equality. Buddhism has cast a tremendous influence on every aspect of Japanese culture, including art, literature and architecture, and on the moral and ethical principles of the Japanese people.

Japanese Pilgrimage, is the fascinating story of the author's own spiritual search. He tells accounts of malevolent spirits, herbal medicines, and mysterious stories and incidents. The historical facts and other materials used in this book are thoroughly researched through many scholarly publications and documents.

Statler describes a Japan that foreigners or outsiders seldom encounter. His contents are deeply and uniquely Japanese. The journey is unending because the route is circular. A circle has neither beginning nor end. In the author's own words: "This circuit around Shikoku will pull me back to try again. And again. It is a striving, and that goes on. What is important is not the destination but the act of getting there, not the goal but the going."

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



PR for AJAs

Denver, Colo.

During this nation's decade of rebellion, when the "establishment" was considered to be the enemy of progress and reform, the idea of public relations was anathema. Public relations was considered "plastic," artificial, and it dishonestly put a false gloss on truth. JACL had a public relations committee to seek ways of improving the image of Japanese Americans, but it died a natural death because of lack of support.

Even so, public relations is a huge industry. Its practitioners, who command fancy prices for their services, are in demand because their clients recognize the importance and advantage of presenting their interests in the best possible light. In our society, in which there are so many matters competing for public attention, it is not realistic to expect support for any particular cause simply because it is good, pure, right and noble. It is necessary to "sell" that idea.

What all this is leading up to is the contention that the Japanese American cause is badly in need of public relations. In a sense, it was inadequate public relations that made it easier for the U.S. government to uproot us and lock us up in desert camps back in 1942. We had kept a low profile until then, minding our business, avoiding crime, staying off of relief, making good grades in school, maintaining close family ties.

But we didn't bother telling people we were good citizens until our freedom was endangered, and by then it was too late.

During the war the War Relocation Authority expended a huge amount of time and money to carry out a public relations campaign on our behalf. In large measure the men of the 442nd were conducting a public relations campaign as they went into combat. Their efforts worked. But times change and people forget. Public relations require continued diligence.

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Time Magazine's recent cover story about immigrants in Los Angeles is an excellent case in point. Japanese Americans did not belong in that report which focused on the influx of new immigrants. The Japanese first came to Los Angeles a century ago, and for all practical purposes immigration stopped after the Oriental exclusion act of 1924. Most Japanese Americans today are of the well-assimilated third, fourth and fifth generations in this country.

Yet the editors of an influential news magazine, in addition to publishing grave distortions, have lumped Japanese Americans together with recent immigrants, presumably because of a common Asian background. In their eyes, we're still different, still outsiders, still an alien element. An effective, continuing public relations campaign would go a long way toward preventing acceptance of such misconceptions.

The strategy of persuading Congress to approve a commission to investigate the 1942 evacuation was a fine bit of public relations. Getting an impartial body, under Congressional mandate, to look into history and recommend redress makes the chances of winning something far more likely than if an organization like JACL made a direct demand.

And yet our public relations is in such disarray that even the redress commission's impressive findings stir suggestions that somehow Japanese Americans were responsible for Pearl Harbor and deserve what they got.

As public relations counsellors will tell you, getting one's story across requires a continuous and endless effort, and that is something an organization like JACL cannot neglect no matter the urgency of its other priorities.

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JACL News

Eden Township fetes 8 scholars

SAN LORENZO, Ca.—Top recipient at the 1983 Eden Township JACL dinner was Edwin Yoichi Noma, Eden AAYS president, who headed his class of 264 students at Hayward High with a 4.0 GPA. He was awarded the \$300 chapter scholarship. The son of Sammes and Amy Noma of Hayward plans to continue at Stanford University in the fall.

Other scholarship winners were: \$200 Chapter Award—Brian Nakashima (Arroyo High), son of Mich/Dianna Nakashima, ranked ninth with 3.79 GPA in class of 368; \$250 Teru Sugihara Memorial—Janis Kiyo Kuritsubo (Castro Valley High), daughter of Ruby Kuritsubo; \$150 Sumitomo Bank-Southland Branch Award—Kathleen Sato (Mt. Eden High), daughter of Sam Sato, Hayward, presented by Jerry Sasaki, mgr.; \$150 Calif. First Bank, Fremont Branch Award—Tammy Tamiko Lem (Tennyson High), daughter of Edward and Amy Lem, Hayward, presented by Judy Kato, mgr.; \$150 Eden JCC Awards—Janet Sachi Nakanishi (Mt. Eden High), daughter of Makoto/Yoshiko Nakanishi; Donna Kay Sakata (Tennyson High), daughter of M/M Hiro Sakata, Hayward; AAYS Award—Elaine Chow (Hayward High), daughter of M/M T.S. Chow.

Guest speaker Dale Minami, an Oakland attorney, told his work trying to reverse the historic U.S. Supreme Court decisions against Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi and Min Yasui. Bob Sakai was evening chair.

—By Mrs. T. Miyamoto

• KEEPING TRACK . . .

On compensating internees?

SAN FRANCISCO—On the question, "Should Japanese Americans interned during WW2 be paid reparations?", nearly 30,000 responded to the Chronicle telephone poll taken June 21 and were split 49% (14,518) yes, and 51% (15,214) no. The story appeared June 23.

(Telephone polls where the yeas dial one number, the nays dial another are conducted in the fashion of "man on the street". Chronicle writer George Snyder, further, was able to intercept some calls and had talked to about 20, he explained to the Hokubei Mainichi. Results cannot be considered accurate as there was no way for the paper to monitor those who dialed more than once.)

Those who were opposed to reparations for interned Japanese Americans seemed to blame Americans of Japanese ancestry for actions of the Japanese government. "What about the Bataan Death March?" asked one called. "They should give every American survivor of that march \$40,000. If Japan had won the war, what do you think they would have done to the rest of us?" . . . A WW2-vet from Alameda said: "You should have seen what they did in the Pacific. Let the Japanese government repay the POWs they captured and jailed during the war. If they do that, then fine." . . . There were other reasons: "We should pay more to the Indians. We owe more to the Indians whose land was taken here than the Japanese," one housewife said. "We all went through a lot. Maybe they should repay the soldiers who fought the war," a 53-year-old secretary commented.

If bitterness marked many of those who voted no, compassion and legal concerns about internment without due process seemed high in the thoughts of those in favor of reparations.

"I have many Japanese friends. They went through hell. We have a big responsibility for this," one San Francisco woman noted . . . A 63-year-old educator added, "The Japanese were the only people put into concentration camps in the United States and their property misappropriated by the government—just like Nazi Germany" . . . "The Germans and Italians weren't taken to concentration camps. It was ripoff," a 35-year-old computer operator said. Reparations should be paid because the decision to intern Japanese Americans was a "clear case of racism."

Some Nikkei who were interned also spoke with Snyder: "Money would never be enough," a woman who spent three years in the camps said . . . Another woman was in favor because her family suffered greatly and unfairly. "Besides, I could use the money."

Voices Across the USA

Rosemary Banks, Orange Cove, Ca. told the Fresno Bee (June 21) the American Indian is entitled to at least that much (\$20,000) because the U.S. government had also "interned" on reservations. "In a very short period of time, a way of nomadic life was snuffed out. They were taken away from their beautiful environment, robbed of their hunting (not that there were any buffalo left to hunt), introduced to disease, alcoholism, and finally, cheated out of thousands of acres of land that had water, forests, game, gold, silver, uranium and religious significance."

David Casey, San Diego, was amazed (San Diego Tribune, June 22) by CWRIC's recommendations. "These Japanese Americans were well-housed and well-fed during their internment. How did the Japanese treat our people who were caught in their country during the war? They were imprisoned and shot or tortured. . . I put my life on the line because of Japanese treachery, and I resent using one bit of my tax money to pay for them for what was brought on them by their own country. What has the Japanese government done for the survivors of the Bataan march? If reparations are to be made, let it be made by the Japanese government, whose treacherous action caused them to be interned."

USA TODAY ran opinions and their photos of seven responding to the same issue: 3 yeas, 3 nays, 1 mixed.

The yeas—Gregory Pierce, 25, Nashville, Tenn., "What happened shouldn't be forgotten, but neither should the injustices that have been—and still are—perpetrated against other minorities . . . Dorothy Schwartz, 71, North Tonawanda, N.Y., "We should do something. They were American citizens just like you and I" . . . Walter Klie, 71, Sanibel Island, Fla., a WW2 naval veteran who was rescued in the Pacific after his carrier sank, "Still, I felt sympathy for them after I got back. Many of them were loyal, innocent American citizens."

The nays—Bob Reddy, 71, Danville, Ill., "After what the Japanese did to us at Pearl Harbor, we don't owe them a thing" . . . Kay Crosswhite, 33, Sheridan, Ark., "We're paying too many people for too many things as it is . . . Frankly, we can't afford to do anything for them. I certainly don't think they should try to sue" . . . Jewell Tester, 48, Mason, Mich., "In a state with such a tremendously high unemployment rate, I just can't see us paying people for something that happened years ago. Maybe a verbal expression of regret, sure—but not money."

The single mixed reaction—Vincent Turrini, 27, Fairfax, Ca., "History shows that what we did to the Japanese as a result of our own fears was wrong. Still, who could have acted rationally immediately after Pearl Harbor? Instead of cash, why not give them scholarship funds, or something they can collectively benefit from?"

Summer seniors awarded \$200 scholarships from Placer CL

LOOMIS, Ca.—Three \$200 scholarships were recently presented to Sansei graduates by the Placer County JACL which also administered presentation of the California First Bank-Roseville \$200 award to four 1983 Nikkei seniors of area high schools, reported Mark Nitta, chapter community services vice president.

From a field of eight candidates, the JACL selected Helene Sachiye Nakamura, 18, Lincoln High School; Jon Ken Takahashi, 18, and Harry Isamu Toda, 17, both from Del Oro High School.

Vickie Setsuko Yoshikawa, 18, was the second recipient of the California First-Roseville program established last year. She is also a graduate from Del Oro.

Nakamura, daughter of Robert and Tsuneko Nakamura of Newcastle, 3.34 gpa, majoring in forestry research, plans to enter Sierra College, Rocklin, then transfer to UC Davis for a bachelor of science degree;

Takahashi, son of Milton and Setsuko Takahashi of Loomis, with 3.05 gpa, majoring in physical therapy, plans to enroll at California State University—Sacramento, for a master's in the profession; and

Toda, son of Yoshikazu and Mitsuyo Toda of Loomis, majoring in electrical engineering, has been accepted by UC Santa Barbara's College of Engineering, will seek a bachelor's and master's degrees in the electrical engineering field.

Yoshikawa, daughter of Ted and Karen Yoshikawa of Loomis, majoring in English/journalism, will enroll at UCLA for a master's degree and a career in the news media as her goal.

Roy Yoshida

Sansei leads new JACL club

OLYMPIA, Wash.—The new Olympia chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League gained official status on July 1, a culmination of a 12-year effort by Paul and Edna Ellis, erstwhile members of Puyallup Valley JACL.

Dr. James Tsujimura of Portland, past National JACL president, will address the group at its charter banquet July 16 (previously scheduled July 9 at Tyee Restaurant). Dr. Homer Yasui, PNWDC governor, also of Portland, is conducting the installation of officers.

For several years, Olympia area leaders had been meeting every two months for potluck dinners and a program to plan the new chapter. Composed primarily of Nisei, postwar immigrants from Japan and Caucasians, the Olympia group numbered about 46 as early as 1977. When Ted Masumoto Jr., a Sansei, became area vice president, he recruited a substantial number of other younger Japanese Americans to bolster the growth of the new chapter.

Charter officers (see June 17 PC) are being advised by Dr. John Ishii, president of St. Martin's College, and Dr. Ellis, who has organized a JACL chapter for a second time. His first was in 1943—the New York JACL.

New York honors single scholar

NEW YORK—The New York JACL awarded its 1983 General Scholarship of \$500 to John Toyoji Kiyasu at a joint scholarship dinner with the Japanese American Association of New York at the Sheraton Hotel June 18. He is the son of JACL members John and Lily (Nomura) Kiyasu of Garden City, Long Island, and is a National JACL Freshman Scholarship winner for 1983. He will attend UC Berkeley, where his father and grandfather were once students.

The Lucile Nakamura Memorial Scholarship for Social Work usually awarded at the same time, was not given this year because of the lack of a qualified candidate, it was announced by Cromwell D. Mukai, scholarship chair.

Leo Izuka, Keiko Kimura, Chiho Tokita and Nobuyuki Ueno received the awards of the Japanese American Association of New York.

Ambassador Shinichiro Asao, Japanese consul general at New York, was guest speaker. Mrs. Gean Kariya was emcee.

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Lodi JACL to host baseball reunion

Ed. Note—Lodi YMBA Templars is remembered by old-time Nisei sports fans as one of the powerhouses in Northern California baseball play. Then a local correspondent and sports writer for the Nisei press, touting their forthcoming baseball reunion is Fred Oshima (now retired in Salinas, Calif., after spending much of his adult life postwar in the St. Louis area), who comes up with vintage writing... when Nisei sports columns graced the Japanese vernaculars regularly. The Oshima by-line was also popular on the Rohwer (Ark.) Outpost.

By FRED K. OSHIMA

Lodi, Ca.

There was nothing quite like it in its day and perhaps there still isn't in the annals of Nikkei sportsdom, particularly in terms of a very durable, successful baseball program—a high-flying flannel knickered athletes in the midst of an agriculturally rich San Joaquin Valley, where the community's rabid enthusiasm, loyalty and financial support nearly bordered on fanaticism.

During pre-World War 2 era, the Lodi YMBA Templars was the glamour team of California and a consistent headliner of the strong Northern California Japanese Baseball League, reputed as the toughest Nisei loop in continental United States.

After the reorganization of the league in 1938, the streaking Templars went on a relentless, victorious rampage. They were nosed out in a title play-off the first year by the powerful San Jose Asahis and their talented Hinaga Brothers—Russel, Chickie and George, but returned with a back-to-back gon-falon in 1939 and 1940. They topped the season by winning the California state championship series and mythical national crown over the star-studded San Pedro Skippers during Nisei Week in Los Angeles

and at the annual Lodi Grape & Wine Festival before a sell-out Lawrence Park crowd of 2,000.

In 1941 the defending champions, riddled by Selective Service made a drive for a third consecutive pennant, but the young rookie-loaded nine was nipped in another play-off tilt by the strong neighboring Stockton Yamatos by a single run.

As it stands historically, only Pearl Harbor and the devastating Relocation Center rape kept the mighty Templars from generating an awesome diamond dynasty, well into the forties with the San Pedro Skippers, Southern California's perennial kingpin.

● This remarkable sport's legacy will be celebrated by the Lodi JACL on July 23 and 24 with a unique baseball reunion that spans some 68 thrilling years. The two-day affair will take place at the newly built Lodi Japanese Community Hall and will be co-chaired by two well-known ball players, all-star pitcher Red Tanaka and Mas Okuhara, distinguished 1975 San Francisco Nichi Bei Times "Top Athlete of The Year" award winner.

This once-in-a-lifetime gathering is expected to draw a full house of 350 former horseholders from all over the country and Japan to reminisce and renew baseball memo-

ries that dates back to 1915. Reunion information featuring a banquet and golf tournament is available by writing to 724 S. California St., Lodi, CA 95240.

When people think of Lodi, they automatically speak in terms of its nationally famous fresh Flame Tokay grapes and on the lighter side in this case, with the district's illustrious far-famed baseball organization. And here in this conservative farming community, located 80 miles east of San Francisco, grape and baseball complimented each other and the Tokay City managed to develop a rich tradition with the national pastime.

In this Golden State's early turbulent ethnic scenario, Lodi's picturesque Nihonmachi served as a soul-stirring socio-economic beehive for thousands from throughout the West Coast during the developing stretch of the reckless 20th century. It was picking and packing countless boxes of Tokays through endless hot dusty rows of grape vines for eastern markets during the day and off to Japanese town on notorious Main Street at night for rest and relaxation.

The town's popular baseball team in this respect, filled a much needed void and played a significant role along with imported Chambara movies as a major entertainment attraction. The pride of Tokay town was a rallying point for the predominantly Hiroshima-burg and to this day continues to support ball teams for statewide competition.

The well-balanced flag-winning

Templars was a factor in Nisei baseball and they ruled the strong eight-team NCJBL that included Oakland Merritts, Alameda Tai-ikus, Sebastopol Sakuras, Mt. Eden Cardinals, Walnut Grove Deltans, San Jose Asahis and Stockton Yamatos.

The all home-grown nine was superbly whipped into a smooth cohesive playing unit by hard driving Coach Nobu Matsumoto and captained by Matsuo Okazaki. Matsumoto was the first Nisei to make the Lodi High School varsity as a regular second sacker in 1923 and also performed for the potent Stockton Yamatos during the late '20s. Matsumoto today is a dapper gentleman farmer and was recently honored by his fellow Lodi Rotarians as the club's citizen of the year.

Captain Okazaki in this sports-minded city is a legend that comes over the pike once in a generation and is still regarded as one of the great all-around Nikkei athletes in the country. Better known to the fans and his playing peers as "Oki", this celebrated superstar was an outstanding triple sport phenom, playing brilliantly in baseball, football and basketball.

Okazaki's dazzling diamond achievement however was first superseded by his spectacular debut on the gridiron as a diminutive pig-skin carrier for the Lodi High Flames in 1931-32. "Oki" led the varsity to the 1931 Northern California prep championship and was heralded as one of the premier offensive backs in state high school grid circles.

The popular Nisei will-o-the-wisp became an instant celebrity all over town, a household name

and during the football season, in a rare unprecedented recognition, his father's Chugoku Grocery and Hotel was serenaded by the school's marching band prior to the annual big game with the Stockton High Tarzans.

Okazaki's transition into baseball was smooth and with equal distinction and for many years led the Templars as an all-star infielder with his dependable glove play and lofty .350 plus lifetime

batting average. On special occasions, he performed for the semi-pro Lodi Wine Guild nine. A successful independent retail operator today, "Oki's" leisure time priority now lies along the nearby winding Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers as a ardent crafty fishing enthusiast.

Both Matsumoto and Okazaki are serving on the reunion staff as historian and with the reception committee respectively. #



THE 24TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP program, sponsored jointly by JACL and San Fernando Community Center, saw 15 students winning various awards: Robert Mikawa, Stanley Oda, Carmen Gomez, Saul Vargas—the Eugene Oda Memorial; Jon Oda—SAM award; and Gregory Higa—Boutique. In addition, Mikawa and Stanley Oda were recipients of national honor scholarships, the Col. Walter Tsukamoto Memorial and Giichi Aoki Memorial, respectively. Russell Kojima received the Financial Aid Award. The JACL-JACC scholarships went to Steven Horio, Patricia Ige, Julie Iko, Sachiko Kato, Grace Kimura, Yumiko Nakawatase, Jan Nakamura, and Aileen Ojirō. Shown are (from left): seated Patricia Ige, Robert Mikawa, Carmen Gomez; and standing Dr. Jack Fujimoto, guest speaker, West Los Angeles Community College president; Stanley Oda, Gregory Higa, Jon Oda, Saul Vargas; and Betty Yamaoka, program committee. #



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Bataan survivors seek damages

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—Rep. Manuel Lujan Jr., (R-1st NM), is sponsoring a bill for two Bataan death march survivors who want to sue Japan and firms which used Americans in forced labor camps from 1942 to 1945.

Agapito Silva Padilla and Leo Padilla of Albuquerque, say if Japanese Americans interned during World War II have the right to seek damages from the U.S. government, then they should be able to sue the Japanese government.

Leo Padilla said he has talked to other survivors of the 1942 march and subsequent forced labor in Japanese war production.

UW archives set for Seattle JACL

SEATTLE, Wa.—Access to Seattle JACL material at the Univ. of Washington Library has been expanded beyond the previous limitation to graduate research students, it was announced in the Seattle JACL newsletter last month (June).

Kathryn Bannai and Shea Aoki had assisted the UW Library staff identify and sort early records, and eliminate duplication. #

Keeping Track:

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So, while a few people may still argue about "justifiable circumstances," most Americans will agree on the validity of some further formal national apology. Whether there should also be financial redress is a far more complicated and controversial question. It has divided even the AJA community.

Some have called (and sued) for direct payments to camp survivors or descendants. Some say symbolic redress in the form of projects for community improvement is in order. Others say no payment is necessary or proper. It is said that Hawaii's AJA community—from which only a relative handful were interned here or on the Mainland—is generally opposed to monetary payments.

The commission has recommended that \$20,000 be paid to each of the approximately 60,000 surviving camp internees—though none to heirs—for a total of about \$1.2 billion and that another \$300 million go for scholarships and an educational foundation to promote understanding of what happened.

The \$20,000 may seem large, but the fact that in 1940 dollars that

"I imagine every one of them would be interested in seeking damages," he said. #

Seminar slated on pre-trial tactics

LOS ANGELES—California Asian Judges Assn. and the Japanese American Bar Assn. will sponsor a seminar, "How to Approach a Mandatory Settlement Conference", July 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at New Moon Restaurant, 912 S. San Pedro St. Justices Arthur Gilbert and Elwood Lui are luncheon speakers. Conducting the seminar are L.A. County superior court judges Hiroshi Fujisaki, Harry Mock and Jack Tenner. For details, call Lynn Shinomoto (213) 552-1919. #

Las Vegas summer-fall plans announced

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—The Convention Center South Hall will be the site of Japan Fair, Las Vegas '83, over the Sept. 23-25 weekend with local JACLers assisting. The fair will feature some 300 participants and 300 booths promoting trade and cultural projects.

Other chapter events for rest of the year are:

- 1—Japanese movie, "Miyamoto Musashi", Aug. 7, 1 p.m., at Red Rock Theater.
- 2—JACL picnic, latter part of August, at Mount Charleston or Lee Canyon. (Details were to be set at the July 11 meeting.)
- 3—JACL luau, Oct. 16, at Paradise Park.
- 4—PSWDC fall convention, Nov. 18-19, at Hacienda Hotel. Las Vegas JACL will host the Saturday dinner (approx. \$5 per person).

A small reception was held for Mako, actor-director of East West Players, when he appeared June 29 at the UNLV's Ham Hall to serve as consultant for a college production involving Kabuki. #

HOTLINE

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"They're not forcing their message on anybody," Johnson said. "It is your choice to call the number." At the same time, however, she concurred with Der about possibly stopping the message through other ways. There are laws governing the posting of signs on utility poles and public property, and the Corte Madera flyers could not be placed on private property if the owners did not wish them there.

CAA has also sent a letter to the mayor, asking that she and the Dept. of Public Works monitor closely the use of utility poles. Der pointed out that flyers cannot be posted on these poles and that department personnel, or anyone can tear them down.

When interviewed by Bronstein of the Examiner on two different occasions concerning the hotline, Niederreuther changed his story, first claiming he did not know the "H. Schmitz" whose name appeared on the White Power Head-

quarters flyer and later saying the man had rented a room in the family's house but had now moved.

Marin County Sheriff's Dept. which has been monitoring the younger Niederreuther for the past eight months said the suspect has no known link to violent organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan, the Nazi Party, the Christian Defense League and others, as first suspected.

Dr. Niederreuther has ordered his son to stop his association with neo-Nazi activities.

"I will disinherit him" if he doesn't discontinue his racist activities," said Dr. Niederreuther, who said he might send his son to stay with relatives in Germany. "They'll heal him. They laugh at Hitler worship over there." #

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was only about \$4,000 gives some perspective. Actual monetary losses in many cases were much higher, and there were years of time lost and real psychological scars from the experience.

Bills to authorize redress payments have already been submitted in Congress, but California Rep. Norman Mineta, who was interned at age 10 with his family, has said action may take years. Considering the tight budgetary times and mounting national deficit, the decision to make such payments is obviously a difficult one, especially since there are other groups wronged by official government action that may also seek payments. No amount of money can compensate those who suffered in the camps for no other crime than their ethnic origin. If there are to be payments, as the commission says, they must be substantial enough not to trivialize the experience or the apology. And they must make some meaningful contribution to seeing that what was unfairly done to one group 40 years ago is not allowed to happen again to another in the future. —(From Alan Beckman)

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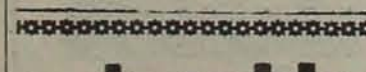
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Fubutsushi, literally wind and thing as poetry, is as the Japanese perceive some mundane, yet especially endearing experience—event, spectacle, thing, or whatever that is characteristic or symbolic of the seasons. The carp streamers waving in the breeze over rooftops are one for the spring. For the summer there was the spectacular and most extravagant display of fireworks over the River Sumida to signal the opening of pleasure boating season. On the evening of the seventh day of the seventh month by the lunar calendar there were the *Tanabata* and many things connected with it. On this night, as legend had it, the two heavenly lovers, *Kengyu* the cattle drover (Altair) and *Shokujo* the weaver maiden (Vega) had their once-a-year tryst, but separated as they were by the Silvery River in the sky they could never hold each other in their arms. The sad romance used to pull on the heart strings of sentimental young women. These were some of the most familiar *fubutsushi* of the summer.

And when the last page of the summer was peeled off the wall calendar, the people began to look forward to the voices of insect vendors hawking their wares of singing insects through the streets. The *suzumushi* (*Homoeogryllus japonicus*) and *matsumushi* (*Xenogryllus marmorata*), both indigenous to Japan and Taiwan, were highly valued and were treated with care. They were contained in small cages of bamboo slivers, and carried in latticed crates slung on yokes.

As social conditions and with them life styles changed, so did the store of *fubutsushi* change. Some disappeared and were forgotten. Others came on scene for a while, only to fade out without trace. But some were so firmly fixed in the people's affection that long after they had passed on their names have continued to live in the language, still exercising their evocative magic.

But more and more *fubutsushi* of the past, even of the recent past, are living only in the people's nostalgia. And as those of the pre-Now generations die off these, too, are fated to die off.

I often wonder: What are the distinctive *fubutsushi* of today's Japanese life, and will any of them be remembered by the future generations?

The question is an aspect of a bigger question: What sort of culture are the contemporary Japanese developing, and is any part of it distinctively Japanese? My wonder is prompted every time some Japanese culture program is presented. The features are invariably *chanoyu*, *ikebana*, and martial arts and so on. But this begs a still further question: What do I mean by "distinctly Japanese"?

Probably I should consider myself fortunate to have some most endearing memories of *fubutsushi* of long ago. #



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MARINA DEL REY, Ca.—The Greater L.A. Singles JACL will hold a steak bake July 22, 7:30 p.m. at Burton Chase Park here. Reservations are requested by Aki Ohno, 2007 Barry Ave., Los Angeles 90025. Cost is \$6.50 plus a white elephant. Bingo and dancing are to follow. #

West Valley CLer's volunteerism cited

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Saki MacFarlane, a West Valley JACLer long-time volunteer for Friends Outside was presented with the YMCA of Santa Clara Valley's Community Service Award. A former Sunnyvale elementary school teacher, the Los Gatos woman began her volunteer career with Friends Outside 14 years ago. The local community group serves families of prison inmates. #

CLers to attend Giants ball game

PENRYN, Ca.—The Placer County JACL bus excursion to that well-known diamond wind tunnel called Candlestick Park in San Francisco will leave here July 30 for "Japanese American Day" festivities with the Giants crossing bats with their arch-rivals from the Southland—the Dodgers.

Hugo Nishimoto and Ellen Kubo (916) 652-6658, co-chair, said the bus leaves the Buddhist Church parking lot here at 8:30 a.m. The \$20 fare includes round trip and admission, first come-first serve.

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