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## Lowry bill stipulates pay to 'all registered' by EO 9066



Rep. Mike Lowry

Special to the Pacific Citizen  
Seattle

To supporters of Congressman Mike Lowry (D-7th Wa.), it was no surprise that he was the first legislator ready to introduce in Congress a redress bill immediately following the premature announcement of the CWRIC recommendations on June 16. Those who have worked for redress in the Pacific Northwest for nearly a decade know that Lowry's commitment to seek justice for the victims of E.O. 9066, dates back to his initial term in 1978 when he won election to Congress.

Noted for his forthright stand on civil rights issues, Lowry holds the distinction of being the first to introduce a direct compensation redress bill, HR 5977, in 1980, a bill which died in the Judiciary Committee when the Commission bill was favored by Congress.

The current Lowry bill, HR 3387, and Sen. Alan Cranston's bill, S 1520, were introduced simultaneously on June 22, the intended date of the CWRIC report release.

Except for the omission of the dollar amount, the Cranston bill basically follows the provisions of the Lowry bill which stipulates that upon enactment the office of the Attorney General is to disburse directly tax-exempt individual payments of \$20,000 to all Americans of Japanese or Aleut ancestry who were registered in the prohibited military zone in 1942, with unclaimed, or amounts for the deceased to be allocated to a trust fund for community services (such as educational, health, housing, cultural needs, etc.) in areas populated by eligible individuals.

The trust fund of residual amounts is to be maintained by the Secretary of Treasury with such amount to be invested per Sec. 9702, Title 31, U.S. Code, and disbursed by an appointive Board of Directors, at least one-half of whom would be eligible individuals or direct descendants, geographically representative of the Japanese American or Aleut population.

Basic provisions are in line with the CWRIC recommendations, integrated with features of the January 1983 National JACL guidelines.

### Method of Payment

With the total cost of the bill estimated to be approximately \$2.4 billion, Lowry pointed out that, "Payment of this amount could be spread out over a three-year period in the case of the direct individual payments, and even longer to reach the ceiling on the residual trust foundation. But even a quick comparison with the military bud-

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## Nisei school official reinstated after grand jury investigation

STOCKTON, Ca.—A former Stockton Unified School District purchasing director—whose immediate dismissal was urged by the 1981-82 San Joaquin County grand jury—has been given a new job with the district after pledging to retire next February, according to Bill Cook of the Stockton Record staff.

Teddy T. Saiki was placed on paid "administrative leave" in January and removed from the district's payroll about two months ago.

His reinstatement is part of a "compromise and settlement agreement" negotiated between Saiki and district representatives.

As part of the agreement, Saiki's last evaluation and subsequent letters involving "disciplinary action" are to be removed from his personnel file and he is to receive back pay for the period his pay was stopped.

The evaluation was dated about a week after the grand jury issued a report charging that more than \$1.3 million in district funds had been spent improperly because business

office controls were inadequate.

In its report, the jury claimed that Saiki, a 19-year district employee, "abrogated his responsibility in a number of instances" and contributed to the alleged abuse of the district's "pay on invoice" procedure.

The jury said Saiki was unaware of state laws and regulations that applied to his job.

Jurors called for the immediate dismissal of Saiki; former data processing manager Forrest File, who committed suicide last October; former controller Earle Ennis; and former accounting manager Louis Ward. The last two recently retired.

The jury claimed all failed to exercise their responsibilities.

No criminal charges or civil actions have been filed against Saiki.

In his new job, Saiki will prepare an inventory of the district's portable buildings, then work on completing an inventory of the district's real property.

His salary will be \$24,329 a

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## CENSUS BUREAU DECLARES...

# Names and addresses 'not furnished' in 1942

Special to the Pacific Citizen

WASHINGTON — A background paper shared with the Washington JACL Office this past week (Aug. 8) addresses the contention that in 1941-42 the Census Bureau had provided names and addresses of Japanese residents to the White House and the FBI, thus assisting in their removal and detention.

The paper, "Census Confidentiality an Inviolable Tradition", with a letter from C.L. Kincannon, acting Census Bureau director, notes staff research came to the conclusion that "the Bureau did not fur-

nish names and addresses from its census records to the war authorities in 1942".

The various stories, such as passages found in Toland's "Day of Infamy" and Burnam's "The Rise of the Computer State", erroneously contend the Census Bureau had furnished names and addresses of Japanese Americans to the White House and the FBI, Kincannon explained in citing the problem.

"These stories... are not based on any facts that we have been able to verify," he added, and do a great disservice to the Census Bureau and

its reputation for protecting the confidentiality of its raw data. Research by staff of the events during 1941-42 showed the stories "do not ring true on a number of counts and most certainly cannot be substantiated", Kincannon emphasized.

The background paper (below) should be maintained in an appropriate file to ensure against inaccurate stories receiving further dissemination, the Washington JACL Office was advised.

### Census Confidentiality an Inviolable Tradition

(From U.S. Bureau of the Census) Washington

Various publications and commentators have made charges that during World War II the Census Bureau gave names and addresses of Japanese Americans to other government agencies. These charges are totally unfounded. There is no solid evidence that shows such a disclosure ever occurred. The Census Bureau—concerned that such inaccurate charges could undermine public trust in a 200-year-old American institution—has investigated the matter thoroughly. Here are the facts.

At the outset of World War II, Administration and Congressional leaders encouraged all Federal

agencies to set aside routine work and focus on mobilization and defense. Under this policy the Census Director, Mr. J.C. Capt, made sure that government agencies had necessary statistics on industrial production, shipping, and the distribution of goods and services.

The Director also complied with two requests of the War Department. First, he sent a Bureau statistician to the Western Defense Command to assist the War Relocation Authority in compiling its own data and in the use of 1940 census data.

In addition, the Director tabulated available statistical data on an accelerated schedule showing the number of Japanese Americans in states, counties, and subdivisions. These counts were based on previously collected 1940 census data scheduled to be published from 1941 through 1943. The War Department used these statistics to plan the evacuation and relocation program. Insofar as we can determine, the Bureau compiled most of these statistics in two weeks between mid-February and mid-March 1942. None of this information contained names, addresses, or social security numbers.

### 'Does Not Ring True'

The undocumented charge that the Census Bureau delivered names and addresses of individuals does not ring true on several counts:

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## Governors show resistance to CWRIC recommendations

PORTLAND, Me.—It may have not occurred to John Spellman, the Republican governor of Washington, that he would meet strong resistance when he sought approval of his resolution at the National Governors Assn., conference on Aug. 2 to grant government compensation to survivors of World War II internment camps (see Aug. 12 PC).

The same redress and reparation resolution introduced June 29 by Spellman at the Western Governors Conference in Kalispell, Mont., was passed unanimously by 11 governors at the time.

Spellman, however, discovered that instead of what he thought was a decent thing to do, he had provided in microcosm an example of the consequences of the national budget-policy stalemate, commented Thomas Oliphant of the Boston Globe in a Seattle Times article Aug. 3.

The leader of a state with a considerable number of Japanese Americans quickly faced opposition from Richard Lamm, ordinarily the Reagan-fighting Democratic governor of Colorado.

With President Reagan on the one hand and Congress and the governors on the other stuck in antagonistic positions, and with deficits still rising and beginning to take interest rates back up with them, the nation's agenda of relatively uncontroversial but still unmet needs is growing, Oliphant said.

Lamm said: Merits aside, such a commitment did not square with the governors' carefully arranged, bipartisan approach to reducing the deficit adopted six months ago. Instead, he proposed that the resolution's language on the Japanese Americans' case be restricted to an apology.

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## Japanese women scholars to conduct 1st research in U.S.

TOKYO—Research into the postwar life of Japanese immigrants in the United States who were interned during World War II is being conducted for the first time by a group of Japanese women scholars this summer.

The internment of Japanese immigrants began in 1942 and a total of 120,000 Japanese were interned for about three years across the country. Stories of their hard experiences and books relating the facts of the internment have been published here recently, but none of them report on the postwar life of those interned.

However, it is believed that the Japanese immigrants, most of whom did not have good command of English, had more difficulty in resettling themselves after the war, surrounded by discrimination and prejudice.

The group to research their postwar history consists of Professor Teruki Kachi of Shoin Women's University and five other women scholars who belong to a group on immigrant problems formed by Kachi eight years ago in Tokyo.

Several hundred first- and second-generation Japanese Americans are to be interviewed.—Asahi Evening News

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Tracy Lynn Isawa, daughter of John and Colette of Torrance, captured the title of Nisei Week Queen at the Coronation Ball Aug. 13 at the Beverly Hilton. Her sponsor was the South Bay JACL.



Photo by Scott Takahashi



Photo by Jon Takasugi

**1983 NISEI WEEK QUEEN AND COURT.** (From left) Robin Oshiro, E. Los Angeles JACL; 1st Princess Elva Tamashiro, E. San Gabriel Valley JCC; Lorraine Kuda, W. Los Angeles JACL; Terri Tasaka, Pan Asian JACL; Miss Tomodachi Geraldine Nakauchi, Twin County Optimist; Queen Tracy Isawa, South Bay

JACL; 1st Princess Elva Tamashiro, E. San Gabriel Valley JCC; Lorraine Kuda, W. Los Angeles JACL; Connie Takimoto, San Fernando Valley JACCCC; Denise Watari, Gardena Valley JACL.



## Bob Matsueda: fighting racial stereotypes as stand-up comic



Bob Matsueda

By JON TAKASUGI  
Los Angeles

While many Asian American performers struggle to stay away from racial stereotypes, only a few fight to abolish them. One of these is Sansei standup comedian Bob Matsueda.

He made his first Southern California appearance July 16 at the Amerasia Bookstore and Gallery in Little Tokyo before a capacity crowd.

Bob, in his street-civilized manner, raps about his experience as a Japanese American reminding us of all those awkward and uncomfortable moments in our lives. Sexuality plays an important part in development and Bob finds no reason to overlook that fact. Because he deals heavily with the sexuality

of Asian women, Bob is quite controversial with the Asian Pacific women's movement.

A native of the Bay Area, Bob at age 24 attends law school at UC Davis and performs during the summer months.

Bob's act has been called crude, crass and uncivilized. It's also been described as funny. Whatever people think about the act, it is 100% Bob Matsueda—no frills, no B.S.

"Breakin' It Down," produced by Shinobu Productions, was Bob's first record (\$7.50). In it he talks about incidents which many of us have experienced. Mispronounced names, language barriers, religious differences, media-supported stereotypes and misrepresentations are all described in minute detail, Matsueda style.

Bob has an amazing ability to probe and openly speak about topics with which most people are only secretly familiar. Bob is right on target when he talks about the confrontations Asians face. In taking the audience through his life he also takes them through their own—humorously.

Unfortunately, Bob's album hasn't sold well. He refused to sell

the album to Tower Records because they wanted to buy the album cheap, and Bob wants to try to keep the record in the Japanese community at stores like Amerasia.

Bob also has a second album on the way which he hopes will do better. In this album entitled "Bob Matsueda: Live in J-Town," he said he concentrates more on the act to get across his message.

What separates Bob from other performers is the fact that he isn't doing all this for the money. In all of his performances he has volunteered his time. "I have to prioritize (my) time," Bob said. "So all of the shows are community benefits."

Bob isn't doing this for the fame. So why does he do it?

Self-expression is my motivation Bob says. "I express what I feel; not just only for a laugh."

And Bob does feel a lot. Not only does he do benefits, like the one at Amerasia, but he also helps out at the Asian Legal Services Outreach and is active in the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, both in Sacramento.

"Stereotypes really bother me," Bob said. His act displays this. You'll never see him walk on stage

buck-toothed and say "Harroo, my name is a Babu." It's more like "Now listen b-tch, that's Matsueda; none of this Matsuda sh-t."

Bob has political and social aims in his comedy. He believes that Asians should support each other rather than getting involved only when their individual groups are affected.

But he does not want his act to be a rhetorical device. "I don't want people to think I'm propagandizing."

Bob's next show is at the Jefferson Auditorium in Berkeley on Aug. 19 at 8 p.m. He will also be at Fuji's in Sacramento on Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. The price for both shows is \$5. For information on the Sacramento show call (916) 444-2826. #

## Bella Vista Optimist honors scholars

WHITTIER, Ca.—The 15th annual Glenn N. Nishizawa Memorial Scholarship presentation was held July 19 at a dinner meeting of the Bella Vista Optimist Club of Montebello here at the California Country Club.

The winner of this year's \$600 scholarship was Judy Kwan, Mark Keppel High School; the \$300 award to June Katayama, San Gabriel High School. A special \$125 donated by the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Smith of Alhambra, was awarded to Rudy Arciniega, Wilson High School. #

## Donor of 3.5 acres to Asian Nursing Home given ovation

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Angelo Tsakopoulos, the donor of the 3½ acres land for Asian Nursing Home, appeared at the forum Friday evening, July 29, at Crocker Art Museum and won an ovation from the participants.

Tsakopoulos, a Greek immigrant, said, "Hellenic culture is the same as Asian culture which is in the sense of taking care of the elderly. Donating the land is a service to our society and our people."

Although the nursing home project has a 10-year history, the federal policy constantly changed, one time it was considered inactive.

However, according to Winston Ashizawa, vice president of Asian Community Center (ACC), "the needs still exist."

Three years ago, the project became active again, especially since Tsakopoulos donated the land, the project has been "snowballed," Ashizawa said proudly.

"Chewy" Yasushi Ito, president of ACC, told Nichi Bei Times that time has changed. "We need such a nursing home. For a long time, to put elderly to nursing home was against traditional family structure. Nowadays, because young couples must work it prevents them from caring for their beloved elderly relatives," said Ito.

Fund raising is the most critical task ahead, according to the ACC official. An estimated \$1.7 million construction project of 99-bed facility designed to meet language, dietary and culture needs of the Asian community will be needed from community support.—Nichi Bei Times.

## Deaths

Joe Amano, M.D., 57, of Ogden, Utah, died July 29 of heart attack. Born in Helper, Utah, and WW2 Army veteran, he was graduated from Univ. of Utah college of Medicine, was a diplomate of the Board Certified in Family Practice, headed the Davis County Medical Society in 1978, and was a paramedic adviser for the State of Utah. He is survived by w Norma, s Joe Jr., Alan (all of Clearfield), m Masa, br Yosh, sis Helen Matsuda (Helper), Bessie Waki (Salt Lake City).

Mosaburo Shinoda, 98, founder of M. Shinoda, Inc., wholesale flower growers in San Leandro, Ca., died July 26 at East Oakland Hospital. Since 1946, he devoted his life to growing roses and serving the community. The venerable Issei pioneer of Eden Township who was naturalized in 1954 was decorated by the Japanese government several times, the most recent being the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th Class, in 1976. Surviving are w Mitsuko, s Henry Shigeru, Minoru, Fred Mamoru, d Aiko Shinoda, Rose Mariko Mayeda (Watsonville), 4 gc and 2 ggc.

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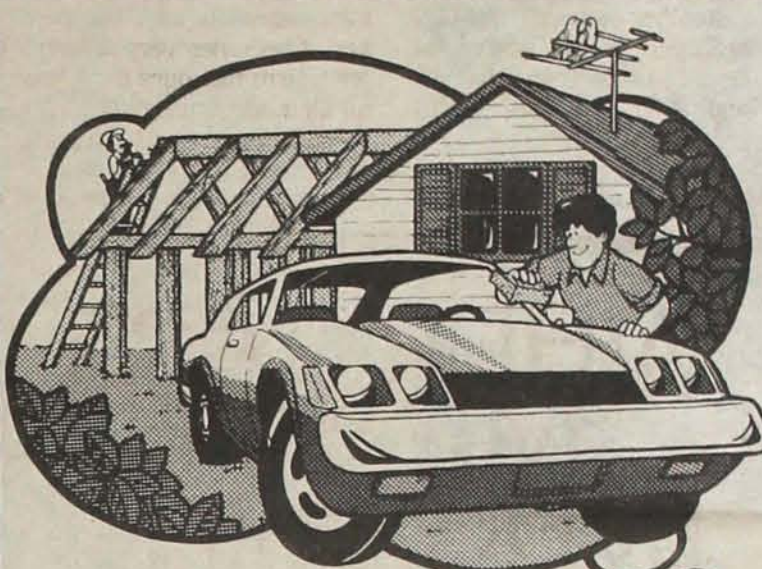
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## Iino accounting firm says merger with bigger companies a necessity

LOS ANGELES—Sho Iino Accountants Professional Corp., a Los Angeles-based firm is getting a lot of attention from the nation's Big Eight accounting establishments which want to take over the independent Japanese American company, The Wall Street Journal reported July 29.

"We're trying to fight them off right now," says Thomas Iino, managing partner and son of the firm's founder Sho Iino, who is believed to be the first Nisei CPA to open an office in Southern California.

Another pioneer Nisei CPA is Shigeji Takeda, who has offices in Little Tokyo. Both he and Iino Sr., are UCLA graduates.

Iino said his company is "pursuing possibilities of a

merger with a larger firm, and is presently in an exploratory period." He declined to give any details but said a merger may take place by year's end.

"While we may soon become a part of a national firm, we will continue to maintain our autonomy in serving our clients. We will benefit greatly from the additional resources and the talents with the expansion.

"Our Japanese clients, particularly in the last five years, have become very active and aggressive in this country, and it becomes very difficult for a firm like ours to handle all their accounting needs."

While the semi-retired partner says he leaves the bulk of the work to his son, he "does

drop in now and then" to check the operations of the Sho Iino Accountants Professional Corp. which has about 50 employees. He added:

"The cultural differences between East and West are so wide that professional services have to provide the types of people who can work with that culture."

So the Iino corporation may be among the last of its kind—a medium-sized accounting firm that caters to Japanese companies doing business in the U.S.

**Further Mergers Underway**  
Professional mergers have become a "fad of sorts," Iino said. The Philadelphia law firm of Pepper Hamilton & Scheetz is taking over Mori and Ota of Los Angeles.

Many experts admit that reaching Japanese companies is almost impossible

without some contacts within the community. Japanese firms choose professional people based on references from those already established in the U.S.

O'Melveny & Myers, one of Southern California's largest law offices, hired Mitch Michino about two years ago to strengthen its ties to the Japanese corporate community. Also on the staff is Justice John F. Aiso, of the state appellate court, ret. His bilingual talents have drawn many Japanese clients.

Other recent merger were Coopers & Lybrands, Los Angeles, with Matsumoto & Yamada; and Frank Sogi law firm with Kelley Drye & Warren.

"We came to the realization that our clients have been growing rapidly... requiring needs we could not fully ser-

vice," Sogi said.

Yukuo Takenaka, who heads Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.'s 60-member Japanese practice says overseas executives sometimes have difficulty with their limited English, lacking much in conversational skills.

## Olivers to hear Judge Takasugi

MONTEBELLO, Ca. — U. S. District Judge Robert Takasugi will be guest speaker at the 23rd annual Olivers Awards dinner on Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Sportsman restaurant here from 7:30 p.m. The club was founded in Little Tokyo by the late Nellie G. Oliver in 1917 to provide recreational programs for the Nisei youth. #



## NISEI WEEK Kamon Exhibit

Kei Yoshida first introduced the Kamon to the JA community 12 years ago. During that time, she has created the "bronze JA Kamon", so all JA's can eternally preserve their family histories and the memory of the Issei's for their descendants. Now, at our 12th annual Nisei Week Kamon Exhibit, Kei Yoshida will be displaying the results of her 12 years of research work—an introduction to her original method on "How JA's can self-research their family histories through their Kamon, surname and ancestral birthplaces."

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## Puyallup memorial to be unveiled

PUYALLUP, Wa. — The state's first historical monument to WW2 internment of ethnic Japanese will be dedicated on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2 p.m., at Puyallup Fairgrounds, which was dubbed "Camp Harmony" by the 7,200 Seattleites who were detained here for five months in 1942.

George Tsutakawa's bronze memorial (see May 27 PC),

### Ueno-eki Centennial

TOKYO—The Ueno railroad station is celebrating its 100th birthday this summer. The station opened July 28, 1883, and is still growing with Shinkansen terminals for Tohoku scheduled to open in two years. #

symbolizing the strength and beauty of the Nikkei community, will be seen by millions who flock to the Puyallup Fair each year. It will be unveiled during a program of speakers, exhibit and entertainment, opening with the Seattle Taiko sounds. Among the speakers will be state Sens. Marc Gaspar (D-Puy.), George Fleming (D-Sea.), and Rep. Dan Grimm (D-Puy.), who have demonstrated extraordinary support for the monument and for redress.

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## Comments and Letters

Interviewed on the air July 26, San Francisco attorney Melvin Belli was heard over Dayton, Ohio, radio WHIO proclaiming his unqualified endorsement of the Japanese American redress effort. He was being called on a local radio talk show hosted by D.L. Stewart.

Columnist Paul Greenberg openly wonders why opposition exists to redress from both sides of the issue: Sam Yada of North Little Rock, Ark., in his 70s now, agrees with the CWRIC recommendations—\$20,000 for each surviving inmate of the camps—but he's not pushing it. He says he doesn't need the money and he'd probably give most of it to charity. Yada and his wife had spent three years at Rohwer. Greenberg (of the Freelance Syndicate) then asks: "Why that fierce look on some people's face when reparations are mentioned? Why the adamant opposition from someone like John J. McCloy... who is quoted as saying their treatment was the 'most benign episode' of

the war?" Greenberg found that to be "nonsensical" unless he had the Nazi death camps in mind. The piece, titled "The justice of reparations", appeared in the July 24 Sunday Examiner-Chronicle, San Francisco.

"The record must be set straight. There were 120,000 Americans incarcerated in internment camps during World War II by our American government," wrote Henry T. Tanaka, past national JACL president, in the July 2 Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"It is totally inappropriate to compare the treatment of Americans by the American government to the treatment by the Japanese government during World War II. 'In time of war, in the name of national security and without a declaration of martial law, was it right for our government to incarcerate its own citizen solely on the basis of stereotyped ethnic identity?'

"As a citizen and one of the victims," Tanaka said, "I applaud the

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thoroughness and careful attention to details reflected in the report of the President's Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians."

Under the column: "Letters," the active Nikkei JACLer emphasized that the internment experience should never happen again to any American at the hands of his own government.



## 'Soroche' a greater headache than Peru's 'state of emergency'

BY CHUCK KUBOKAWA  
(Nat'l JACL Vice President/PANA Treasurer)

Palo Alto, Ca.

Our recovery of bio-rhythm and adjustment to environmental changes took over three days since returning from the Pan American Nikkei Assn. conference held in Lima (July 15-17). Whether a mild case of *soroche* (discomfort encountered at 11,000 ft. altitude) affecting most of us who went to Cuzco after the conference is also in question.

PANA Conference II was a complete continuum of experience from one extreme to the other. First, Peru had declared a state of emergency in two of its departments (as "states" are called there). That was extended to the entire nation while we were there ... and Kazuo Ito (editor of the Overseas Japanese Quarterly in Japan) had passed a rumor the conference was cancelled. Newspapers in Canada reported "martial law" in Peru, thus 30 concerned Nikkei there decided not to go ... The rumor and misinterpretation of the news can be blamed for those who cancelled out and missed a great experience and fellowship with our Latin American Nikkei.

Lastly, the passing of the Canadian Issei delegate the day after the

conference closed was saddening, but it brought home the fact that the Lima Nikkei turned out in force to make his final hours most comforting after being stricken during the conference ... Language was no problem because of the Nihongo-speaking Nisei physician, who took personal charge. As George Imai of Canada stated in his closing remarks (while Mr. Kawashiri was hospitalized), "This type of cooperative effort is what PANA is all about!!! Muchas gracias for everyone and everyone's help."

... To personally convey PANA's condolences and prayers of the Peruvian Nikkei, Luis Sakoda (PANA conference chair) of Peru and Carlos Kasuga of Mexico (PANA president) flew to Toronto for the funeral on July 25. The U.S. sent a telegram and koden to the final rites.

### Last-Minute Way of Planning

The magnitude of the PANA conference in Lima would demand at least a year or two of preparation by the people in the U.S., but in Latin America, only three months of intensive and some last-minute planning did the job. Indeed, some was truly "last minute". Only those who have served on a convention committee and attended PANA-2 can best appreciate what is meant here. ... Time is not as critical a factor as we experience in the U.S. When meetings are scheduled for a certain hour,

you can be late 30-45 minutes and still be "on time". Convention planners in Lima were patching the schedule at these "last-minute" sessions on stage.

On the other hand, some decisions are made before the question is called. Such is the parliamentary procedure Latin American style. One must be flexible, patient and open-minded to the last minute.

The one big lesson coming out of all the changes, etc., is that one must forget being rigged (y'mean "rigid"?), the U.S. way and follow the Latin American style of conducting a conference.

### One Soothsayer Didn't Warn About 'Soroche'

With concern over Peru's political problem, one U.S. delegate paid a soothsayer \$40 for a reading to ease her mind about going to PANA-2. The sayer related the trip would be totally enjoyable and happy for the family—hence, the trip was taken. But the prophet failed to tell her she would have a bad case of *soroche* in Cuzco ... *Soroche* is that condition which affects the body due to lack of oxygen in the system because of thin air at the high altitudes. The headache is worse than a migraine or a mean hangover ... Those who venture to Cuzco again (or for the first time), there is a prescription drug to prevent high altitude sickness. One learns about these after the fact.

Though the reports show 120 officially listed from the U.S., there were five more who went on their own from here ... There were two who were mugged because they wandered off alone into the rough part of Lima ... One couple's baggage was sent back to the U.S. in midst of their continuing trip to Brazil and Argentina (a sneaky way to get a new wardrobe) ... One person lost his passport ... Two lost their baggage but the airlines retrieved it in time ... One couple was left behind because their names were missing from the flight manifest ... Another was stranded at remote Machu Picchu as there was no hotel reservation ... One bought several rolls of film, only to find a stone in one of the film containers in the carefully re-packaged box ... Some forgot to bring home purchases made at Cuzco. Such were the few unscheduled incidents on the road to Peru. If others have equally personal perspectives to share with PC readers, pass them on to the editor ... Like who fell into the shallow pool at the Lima Sheraton lobby?

While delegates were reporting in by Thursday of convention week (about 24 were on pre-conference tours, starting five or seven days earlier), a group of 16 had departed Tuesday while the majority left Wednesday. In the 16 (besides my wife Beth, daughter Lisa and me) were the Carlos/Violetta Beppus & children, Betty Morinaga, Juan Kudo, Ron Wakabayashi, Tak Tamura, Frank Klatt, George Shimamoto and the Luis Chinen family ... Greeting us at the Lima airport were Augusto Ikemiyashiro, Jose Yoshida, Luis Sakoda and Isaac Higa, who followed our bus to the hotel, where we engaged in some last-minute conference planning as I was worried about what to tell the 24 due from Cuzco checking in Wednesday morning and the rest of the U.S. contingent by midnight. The "final" plans, decided the next day, now seem minor: (1) one didn't have to bring a pole to be in the fishing contest, (2) the art show—to my knowledge—didn't take place, (3) conference tickets and programs would be ready on the second day, (4) home visit schedules would be in order by 6 p.m. Thursday—an hour before they came to pick us all up.

Another Canadian enjoying the home visit commented in Nihongo: "Why don't these peoplespeak English? I can't understand why..." For a moment she felt quite at home and had forgotten she was in Peru ... Some of the others returning to the hotel at 3:30 said they had *karaoke* singing—an "in" thing in Latin American communities. There will be more in 1985 in Brazil—so start practicing.

As a PANA official, I missed some of the side trips and sporting events, but was happy to learn our U.S. delegation made a clean sweep of the fishing derby prizes—Jack and Mary Nakagawa of Chicago winning the top two and a plaque (for the biggest one that got away) for Floyd Shimomura ... Anyone having the bowling and golf tournament results can forward them to the PC.

### Woman from U.S. Speaks Up at PANA

What made a lasting impression upon delegates returning to their respective countries was Grayce Uyebara, Philadelphia JACLer, who quietly inquired about the "absence of female representation on the PANA Board". The question had the Latin American delegates looking at each other, squirm in their chair and think about the subject matter ... but no response. Sensitized to such matters and fortunate to be from a nation spearheading women's rights, it was necessary for us to share with our Latin American friends the experiences we have had in the strife for equal opportunity.

(To Be Continued)

## EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



## Justice Delayed

Philadelphia

THERE ARE SOME self-anointed "Americans" who purport to exercise a self-given "power" to pronounce who, among us, are Americans and who are not. They claim the finality—nay, a jealous monopoly—of some secret standard by which commitment and loyalty of citizens are to be measured. Invariably, scratching just below the veneer of such pronouncements, is a not-well-hidden, irrelevant factor such as race. These devious and cynical self-arbiters will piously proclaim they are not racist, even as they seek to smear minority Americans by racial association.

CURRENTLY, THE NIKKEI in America are being subjected to just such a nefarious attack. The central theme of this particular racism spews its poisonous palaver by referring to the Pearl Harbor attack and other actions of the Japanese military forces during World War II, in the same breath as "explanation" for the infamous acts of uprooting and incarcerating Issei and Nisei—the aged, the infirm, the infants, the pregnant women, the bewildered youth, and such other "dangerous elements". Some four decades later, when the incontrovertible facts are laid before all who would see to see, they tenaciously clutch to the jingoistic racism that had currency in the early '40s.

Some people never learn. They do not wish to acknowledge truth; they do not understand the meaning of justice. Even after four decades.

A FALL BACK position for these hoary moss-backs is: "Let bygones be bygones." "Why bring it up now, 42 years later," they tell us. Well, as proud Americans, we want the record clear; we want our country and our fellow citizens to openly recognize that our Issei parents and the Nikkei were not disloyal, that there was no justification of the summary treatment inflicted upon us in contravention of every protection imbedded in our Bill of

Rights, that our country made a mistake—a serious mistake—that hopefully it will not repeat. Over all Nikkei there continues to hang the pall of unjustified condemnation as enunciated by the highest court of our land in the *Hirabayashi*, *Yasui* and *Korematsu* cases. And any recognition of the wrong must be manifested by that medium long prevalent in our Anglo-American society. It would be an insult to change the "rules of the game" against the Issei and Nikkei, when everyone else was and are being given the benefit of a standard rule. We don't want a different deck of cards used against us, as some would seek to do.

WE ARE REMINDED that Jim Thorpe's descendants recently were able to have the Olympic Committee reverse its stand by reinstating the gold medal award which had been granted to Jim Thorpe, only to be denied him because Thorpe had participated in some semi-professional activities before entering the Olympic contest. And that was 70 years ago. And it involved only a medal, a piece of metal. But it was important to Thorpe's descendants. Similarly, the descendants of that doctor who, pursuant to his Hippocratic oath, had set the leg of John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, also sought to clear their ancestor's name—more than a hundred years later.

IN THE CASE of the Nikkei and the few surviving remnants of the Issei, the very people affected, the victims, are alive today as the clouds of yesteryears continue to hang over their heads, affecting their dignity and their lives. It is not a piece of metal that we seek to have restored; we did not associate with any assassin. We were just plain Americans, and continue to be so. And as any red-blooded American worthy of his salt would, we seek to have our names, our reputation, cleared.

It's that simple. And those who continue to be motivated by racism be damned. Let justice be done. Now. #



FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



## Amache Camp Memorial

Denver, Colo.

Amache WRA camp in south-eastern Colorado, on the fringes of the Depression-era Dust Bowl, had a reputation as the most placid of the 10 wartime centers in which Japanese Americans were confined. Perhaps it was because Amache was the smallest of the camps with a population that rarely exceeded 7,000. Perhaps it enjoyed a sensitive and sympathetic staff of administrators. Perhaps it was the relatively benign attitude of the area's residents who, having survived dust and drought, could sympathize with the displaced people behind barbed wire.

Whatever the case, little of the unrest and seething anger that marred life in some of the other camps reached Amache. Nor was it felt in the nearby town of Granada.

Thus it is something of a surprise that plans to erect a monument on the campsite—as has been done without noticeable incident at each of the other wartime camps—has been attended by a bit of controversy. Nothing serious, mind you, but controversial nonetheless. Let us start at the beginning.

Efforts to build a memorial had surfaced from time to time, but no meaningful action was taken until the Denver Central Optimist Club, whose membership is largely Nisei, accepted it as a club project. With Sus Hidaka as chairman, the club sent teams to the site—a five-hour drive from Denver—to undertake some cleanup work, plant and water trees and build a wire fence. Meanwhile, the club started a fund drive.

Early on, it was discovered that the spot projected for the memorial was not on federal property, as was the case at other camps, but that the land had been deeded to

the town of Granada. The town council was willing to grant a right-of-way to the monument site and it looked like smooth sailing. Then a certain elderly Californian, who seems to have dedicated what remains of her life to denying there were any "concentration camps", got to the Granada councilmen.

The upshot was that the town council insisted the straightforward and accurate language of the proposed inscription on the memorial be watered down. The council and the Optimists argued and negotiated and finally reached a compromise that, while adequate, was more bland than the Optimists would have liked to see. There is no mention of injustice, no reference to sentries and barbed wire. It merely states that 31 volunteers for military service from the camp lost their lives, and that 120 others of the 7,000 relocated to Amache died there. The war dead would be named.

As this is written, there is talk of erecting a second "monument in exile" in Denver's Sakura Square in what passes for the city's Japantown. Gov. Ralph Carr, who had the courage to welcome West Coast evacuees to Colorado, already is commemorated there.

In any case, a ceremony to dedicate a monument is planned at the old campsite on Saturday, Sept. 3. A bus caravan will leave Denver early that morning and the dedication will be made at noon. On Sunday there will be a reunion banquet and dance at the Regency Hotel, which has been designated as reunion headquarters.

Hidaka reports strong community support in Denver and from a sister committee in California called the Amache Historical Society. A substantial attendance is expected from California. A \$30,000 budget has been set up. You can get in touch with Sus Hidaka at 3020 Ellis Lane, Golden, Colo. 80401. #

MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi



## Lessons from Lima

San Francisco

Isac Higa is a Peruvian attorney, who has a passing resemblance according to some people to the JACL National Director. Isac played on this perception at the final plenary session of the Pan American Nikkei Convention in Lima, and invited me to the rostrum from where he had chaired the session. Standing next to each other, I think the passing resemblance faded some. I am taller than my Peruvian friend.

At the final dinner of the convention, our American delegation was fixated on assembling Isac and me to photographic sessions. I began to feel like a bit of a freak with all the attention. In retaliation, I took off my name tag and placed it on Isac. Then taking Mrs. Higa in arm, we paraded through the banquet hall causing a modest uproar, especially among Isac's Peruvian comrades.

Isac called me cousin because of the similarity that others found in our appearance. I counseled him that my father jumped ship in Lima before making entry into the United States, so that there may be some substance to the visual irony.

The look-alike phenomenon was great fun in the convention setting. It symbolized the common background that we shared. In more substantive terms, the face-to-face encounter with South American Nikkei, provided a basis upon which to share and cooperate on areas of mutual interest.

With the growth of the economic role of Japan throughout the world, Nikkei in many nations are studying this development, and how this may touch our lives. There is also interest in studying our collective histories as an immigrant group from Meiji-era Japan. I am sure that these meetings will also be the foundation for additional exchanges in areas of commerce, sports, karaoke contests and other areas over time. Some of these areas have more congruent development than others, lending to easier facilitation.

George Imai was moved by the quick and attentive action by our Peruvian hosts, when one of the Issei members of the Canadian delegation was struck by a heart attack. I went to the hospital with Julio Kato of Brazil to offer the best wishes of the American delegation. Unfortunately Mr. Kawashiri later passed away. Luis Sakoda, president of the Peruvian host group, and Carlos Kasuga of Mexico, president of PANA, accompanied George Imai and Mr. Kawashiri's daughter back to Canada. The response to the tragedy, I think, demonstrated the thread that runs through the Nikkei psyche, which makes great sense of the effort to join together for these periodic meetings.

Any of the attendees can vouch for the warmth and hospitality that is extended. In spending my final day in Peru with Julio Kato, who will coordinate the 1985 PANA Convention, I received a solid sense that we can anticipate a marvelous experience in Sao Paulo. For the delegates, who attend these meetings for only the travel aspect, it really is a boost to have friends to give you advice on your visit. And there is some considerable comfort to having people you know in a visit to a foreign country, especially knowing that there is a thread that ties you together in a special way. #

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get for one year shows that this sum is relatively small.

"We are spending over \$240 billion on military appropriations this fiscal year. \$2.4 billion is just one percent of this amount. But what are we supposedly spending it for? To protect individual liberties, individual property rights and Constitutional guarantees. All of these rights were denied Japanese American during World War II. I feel that we as a nation are being less than consistent if we devote these immense resources to protect these rights, yet we have not compensated those who were deprived of these rights in our own land."

When Lowry received a special assignment for a congressional on-site study of the Nicaraguan situation in July, the Central American trip conflicted with his scheduled meeting with the NCCR to discuss the redress bill.

### Lowry's Remarks

Taking his place, Ruthann Kurose, his administrative aide who has been a major source of strength on the bill, delivered to the group his letter of regret which said,

"I am very impressed by the courage of the Japanese American community despite having suffered such a great injustice. The response of the Japanese American community demonstrates an unmatched spirit of loyalty and patriotism."

"Although we can never fully rectify this grievous injustice, we can provide meaningful compensation to the survivors. I am convinced that justice requires an official apology and monetary compensation. The cost of \$20,000 per eligible individual is not great compared to the magnitude of the injustice. Americans of Japanese ancestry lost their property, jobs, dignity, and three years of their lives—because of actions taken by institutions designed to protect us all. They are entitled to meaningful compensation for these immense losses."

Lauding the careful and extensive research of the CWRIC,

Lowry feels that the recommendations will be a strong base of support in legislative efforts to attain redress. Regarding the key co-sponsorship of Rep. Norman Mineta, and the support of other colleagues, Lowry wrote,

"I would also like to commend the efforts of my colleagues Congressman Norm Mineta and Congressman Bob Matsui. They have played a key role in persuading government to accept responsibility for its actions and will be critical to achieving success in the coming legislative debate in the House."

### Cooperation Offered

Pleased with the announcement that similar redress legislation is expected to be introduced by the Nikkei congressional delegation in the near future, Lowry stated,

"I will work in total cooperation with Congressman Mineta, Congressman Matsui, and the many other responsible citizens and legislators, in support of this common goal. Remedies are being sought through state, local, and federal legislation and through the judicial system. We have many views on how to accomplish our goal, but we all share the belief that redress is a fundamental requirement to achieve justice. If we are to accomplish our goal in the immediate future, we must operate at our fullest potential by identifying points of unity and opportunities for concerted action."

"It has been my privilege to have an opportunity to work toward clearing our government's shameful record and providing assurances that Constitutional guarantees still stand for all citizens regardless of race, creed or national origin." Lowry concluded.

As of the end of July, 41 cosponsors have signed on the Lowry bill, including key House members such as Congressman Don Edwards (D-Calif.) and Congressman Hamilton Fish (R-N.Y.). The most recent co-sponsor to HR 3387 is high-ranking Thomas Foley (D-Spokane). #

## STOCKTON

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year plus normal fringe benefits. This is about \$5,400 a year less than he earned as purchasing agent.

The agreement prohibits either Saiki or the district from instituting or joining any action, law suit or proceeding against each other that involves Saiki's work for the district.

The waiver specifically prohibits claims of defamation, libel and slander, or the recovery of funds from either side.

Another provision of the agreement is that neither side "voluntarily discuss or comment on the substance of this agreement."

However, the settlement itself is a public document. Among other things, it calls for:

—Saiki to execute an irrevocable written commitment to retire from the district no later than his 55th birthday in February 1984.

—Saiki to be paid, at the annual rate of \$24,329, for the period he was on unpaid leave, less 16 1/4 days of vacation time he had accrued at the time.

—Upon his retirement in February 1984, Saiki will be eligible for the same health benefits as any other classified management employee retiring at 55 with at least five years of service.

Saiki was hired by the district as a buyer in June 1964. He became assistant director of purchasing in July 1974, and was appointed director of purchasing in July 1980. #

## GOVERNORS

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The governors' federal budget position—not unlike the one a bipartisan majority of Congress has tried without success to recommend to the president—favors sharply curtailed increases in military spending, tax increases, restraint on the growth of benefit programs and a tough line on additional discretionary spending in hopes of reducing what will otherwise be a recovery-threatening string of \$150 billion to \$200 billion deficits.

Democrat Robert Nigh of Oklahoma, noting the presence of more than a few American Indians in his state, termed compensation for past injustice "a precedent we should not take."

Perhaps better known for his battles against Reagan's concept of a New Federalism, Republican Richard Snelling of Vermont suggested the governors instead vow never to let such an injustice occur again.

"Bills to authorize redress have been introduced in Congress," quoted an editorial in the Honolulu Advertiser on Aug. 4. "But the governors' vote indicates how they face several hurdles, including for AJAs and others to make the point how their wartime treatment was different from injustices suffered at other times by blacks, Indians and Hispanics."

Republican Bill Sheffield of Alaska advanced the case of the Aleuts under his jurisdiction if the precedent were to be set. #

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## PC news editor appointed

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca.—Appointment of Karen Seriguchi, currently Pacific Northwest District Council regional director, to the position of news editor for the JACL publication, the Pacific Citizen, was announced last week (Aug. 10) by Ron Wakabayashi, National JACL director, and Henry S. Sakai, PC Board chair.



**Karen Seriguchi** issues as they affect Asian/Pacific Island Americans, but the theater and performing arts as well.

A stalwart supporter of civil rights, she will attempt to implement this conviction in her work at the PC. She stated her feelings that "people of color should develop shared sensibility, in that we need to exchange information to do so".

She joined the JACL staff in October, 1980, as a part-time secretary at the PNW office in Seattle. She hails from Detroit.

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First, lists of names and addresses would have been superfluous for evacuation purposes since the military authorities were interested primarily in identifying concentrations of Japanese Americans. The combination of aggregate statistics from the 1940 census and information from local authorities and military intelligence units would have been sufficient.

Second, even in 1942, Census Bureau officials, particular Census Director Capt. understood clearly that releasing names and addresses from census records would have been a direct violation of the law. Former Bureau officials who worked closely with Director Capt. have said that disclosing information about individuals would have been unthinkable. Even if Capt. had been given an order contrary to law, he would have had to tell these officials of his intentions. There is no indication or record that any official considered the Bureau's actions illegal.

Third, Dr. Calvert Dedrick, the Bureau statistician who was assigned to the Western Defense Command, has stated many times that during all of his work on the West Coast, for which he had the highest security clearance, he never at any time saw any information from the Census Bureau showing the names and addresses of individuals. He repeated this statement in sworn testimony before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians during its 1981 hearings in Washington, D.C.

**Practical Considerations**  
Fourth, as a practical matter, a full listing with names and addresses copied from the census forms would have taken several months, thousands of employees, and almost certainly would have been no secret. In 1942, the Bureau used punch cards and tabulating machines and did not have names and addresses on punch cards. That information appeared only on census forms. It would have had to extract names and addresses clerically, a laborious, time-consuming task.

The 1940 census counted 132 million Americans, of which approximately 127,000 were Japanese Americans. Nearly 94,000 lived in California. To find the names and addresses of those Japanese Americans, the Bureau would have had to search 3.3 million census forms, not to mention the labor and time needed to copy the information by hand to some kind of a listing.

In one version of this unfounded allegation, the Bureau supposedly listed the names and addresses in just one week and distributed them to the FBI, 48 governors, and the military commanders in each state. The Bureau would have needed to reassign virtually all its 4,000 clerical employees to accomplish this task. It is beyond any stretch of imagination that 4,000 people would have been able to keep such a secret for 41 years. Also, the listing for California supposedly consisted of 50 single-spaced pages. A listing of 50 pages with 50 typewritten

single-spaced entries per page could consist only of about 2,500 entries, whereas the number of Japanese Americans in California alone was 93,717.

In summary, we conclude that the Bureau did NOT furnish names and addresses from its census records to the war authorities in 1942.

**Balancing Concepts**  
The Census Bureau has a serious obligation to protect the confidentiality of information furnished by respondents. This obligation is taken so seriously that Census Bureau directors have faced the threat of contempt of court charges rather than break this confidentiality. And the Supreme Court has upheld the Bureau's adherence to strict confidentiality rules.

The collection of information represents a trade-off between the individual's right of privacy and the government's legitimate need to know; neither of which is absolute. This balancing of privacy rights and information needs is a crucial part of the whole census process of taking a population count or conducting a household or business survey. Whether statistics are used to strengthen or abridge individual rights depends not on the statistics themselves but on the public policies created through the use of that knowledge and on the people elected and appointed to establish and implement those policies.

The same balancing concept applies to the use of information technology. Computerized record systems have developed now to the point where they can make the transfer of information easier and, at the same time, increase the risk of improper use of personal information. Computer technology also may be applied to safeguard information, and this is how such technology is used at the Census Bureau. In spite of all the computer capabilities available, we do not store personal names, addresses, or social security numbers from censuses in computers or on computer tapes or disks.

**72-Year Rule**  
The only place an individual identity is maintained in the Census Bureau is on a microfilm reel of the population census questionnaires. These reels are securely stored for 72 years. Information can be retrieved only when an individual requests his or her own census information or that of an immediate family member for his or her own benefit, such as proof of age. This is done under strict security measures. After 72 years, the National Archives is permitted to release such information for genealogical and other research purposes.

To gather statistics, the Bureau must have public cooperation. To cooperate, the public must have confidence that personal information is kept confidential. To preserve that public confidence, the Bureau conducts its affairs with an even hand in an open way. In return, it asks only that its operations and safeguards be fully reported in a fair and balanced manner.

BY THE BOARD: Ron Shibata

## Mi Casa es Su Casa

Albuquerque, N.M.

Mi Casa es Su Casa is a term used in my native New Mexico as a gesture of hospitality. The term means "My House is Your House". Although there are many cases of this kind of attitude in New Mexico, I was pleased to learn that you can also find this kind of attitude in other parts of the country. I most recently learned this in Portland, Oregon. Although they may not know the term, the Homer Yasui's certainly know the meaning of the words.

One of the nice things about being a low-paid public servant is the very liberal vacation policy. During the month of May, I found myself in the position of having to either use my accrued vacation or lose it. Well, I always like a vacation whether it is planned or not. After picking up an old college roommate in Santa Rosa, Calif., we headed north. Our ultimate goal was to see Mount St. Helens. At an earlier JACL board meeting, I told Homer Yasui that I might come to the Northwest. If my plans fell into place, I would give him a call and perhaps, we could have a drink. As my travel plans were not very structured, I wrote Homer and told him that I would either be in Portland on a Saturday or a Sunday. As it turned out, I arrived in Portland on late Sunday afternoon. After resting a bit from driving some

400 miles, I called Homer and asked if he wanted to have a drink. Instead, he invited me over to his house for dinner and even provided taxi service for two (2) tourists. On the way to the Yasui's I suddenly realized that I had really inconvenienced the Yasui's by my indefinite travel plans. Homer, my apologies to you and your wife for ruining your weekend. The hospitality extended by Homer Yasui and his wife Miki to two strangers will be remembered by both of us for many years.

Although we found Mt. St. Helens to be very quiet and uninteresting, I found the hospitality of the Yasui's in a full eruption. Homer, my friend and I thank you for a very memorable weekend which turned out to be the highlight of our trip to the Northwest. You and your family are wonderful people. You do subscribe to Mi Casa es Su Casa.

Over the years of involvement in JACL, I have found that one of the most rewarding aspects of the job is the opportunity to meet and make friends from all over the country. I encourage other JACLers to do the same and to learn the meaning of Mi Casa es Su Casa.

Homer, I look forward to extending the meaning of Mi Casa es Su Casa to you and your family if you ever happen to be in this Land of Enchantment.

## WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: by Ron Ikejiri



### Aug. 3 Update

Washington

The JACL Washington Office has engaged the public relations services of Wise and Wrenn, the consulting firm that handled the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians press and media coverage the past 2½ years. The initial contractual period is for 60 days, beginning Aug. 8.

Their principal focus will be to create a national citizens organization that will work towards educating and informing the American people of the findings and recommendations of the CWRIC. Additionally, Wise and Wrenn will be responsible for the monitoring and dissemination of information relative to the Congressional actions upon the introduction of the CWRIC recommendations.

During the August recess period, each JACL chapter has been instructed to contact their respective House and Senate members to brief them on the findings and recommendations of the commission and to seek their support for the commission bill.

John Tateishi, JACL redress director, is developing a 20-30 page brief, easy to read, of the findings and recommendations of the CWRIC. The targeted date for completion of the brief is Sept. 30, 1983 or earlier—to coincide with the proposed introduction of the commission bills in the House and Senate.

Being forwarded to the PC (which I hope can be printed) is a page from the July 18 Congressional Record containing Sen. Daniel

Inouye's statement on the Senate floor regarding the JACL memorial service held May 30 at Arlington National Cemetery, where the 40th anniversary of the 442nd Infantry RCT was commemorated and Maj. Orville C. Shirey (ret.), who served with the 442nd through WW2 and had authored, "Americans, the Story of the 442nd Combat Team", was the keynote speaker.

We are going to march on Aug. 27, when the 20th anniversary of the historic 1963 March of Washington will be commemorated here at Lincoln Memorial. The JACL Washington Office is coordinating JACLers' participation. We remember seeing the photos taken of the JACLers in the 1963 March on Washington (that was on Aug. 28) being led by Pat Okura (then national president), Bill Marutani (national v.p.), EDC governor John Yoshino, Washington D.C. president Ed Mitoma, and then Washington rep Mike Masaoka. (Send us pictures of the 1983 JACLers on the march.—Ed.)

## The 1000 Club West L.A. slates benefit fun night

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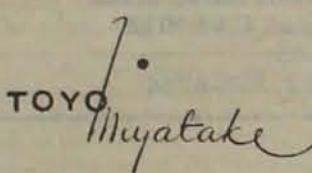
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## Bakersfield Sansei seeks spot on '84 U.S. Olympic judo team

BAKERSFIELD, Ca.—You'd better not mess with Dr. T. When he was six years old, Dr. George Tatsuno used to get bullied on the school bus by other Bakersfield youngsters because of his Japanese heritage. His father decided it was time for George to learn judo to defend himself.

"After that, nobody messed with me," said the 31-year-old chiropractor.

Tatsuno learned his lessons well. The third-degree black belt won the 189-pound masters division of the United States National Judo Championships in Los Angeles recently.

Winning the national championship puts Tatsuno in a favorable position to make the 1984 Olympic Team. Judo has been an Olympic sport since the Tokyo Games of 1964, and is also the only martial art sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union. The U.S. has won only two bronze medals in Olympic competition.

He is a charter member and teacher at the Doryoku Judo Club of Bakersfield. He practices the kodokan style of judo, which was developed in Kodokan, Japan.

### National Jr. Olympic Champion in 1968

Tatsuno graduated from Bakersfield High school. In 1968, he was National Junior Olympic Champion. While attending UCLA he was on the judo team for two years and was team captain in his senior year of 1974. In 1977, he won the Iowa State Championship.

Judo and chiropractic are both integral parts of Tatsuno's life. Judo led him to his current occupation.

"If it hadn't been for chiropractic, I would have had to retire from judo in 1974," Tatsuno said.

While training in 1974, Tatsuno suffered a herniated fifth lumbar disc. After numerous trips to the UCLA medical center, a chiropractor literally set Tatsuno straight.

This convinced the then psychology major to continue his studies in chiropractic, which he did at Palmer College in Davenport, Iowa. He also is a certified acupuncturist, having studied in Waseda, Tokyo.

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The first judo school in the United States was in the White House. Though it's an ancient art form, judo was introduced to the United States 100 years ago, when Dr. Jigoro Kano came here to teach President Theodore Roosevelt.

Tatsuno's primary motivation to improve his judo knowledge was Henry Yoda. Yoda died at Tatsuno's house the day after holding a clinic in Bakersfield.

Yoda studied under Professor Yamauchi, a ninth-degree black belt, who studied under Dr. Kano, Roosevelt's teacher.

Gene Mauro, who came with Yoda to Bakersfield, told Tatsuno that

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"I'd rather take care of the players and help Olympic Judo Coach Paul Maruyama," said Tatsuno. He helps 1980 Olympians Steve Seck, Miguel Tudela and Jimmy Martin train. The American team is looking forward to 1984 since the 1980 boycott kept them from participating.

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Rome (Apr. 30)

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It's then postponed for tomorrow or procrastinated for next year's meeting. *Pazienza! Pazienza!* Life is long in Rome!

2. Once in Italy, all your belongings will disappear ... It's what most people think. But I feel safer in Rome than in New York.

The victims, unfortunately, are the tourists who are exalted with the friendly atmosphere of "la dolce vita—the sweet life" and forget to look after their handbags and cameras. Things are stolen in any country—not just in Italy.

On Sunday, many families and people come to the Villa Borghese Park with piles of food to eat and enjoy listening to the wonderful music being played on a temporary stage.

Everything is lying around and could be snatched away anytime. Yet nothing is ever touched. Because it's a commune in itself protecting each other and nobody breaks the "Code of Honor". Once you are "one" of them, nothing happens.

3. Receiving change is another frustrating experience, if you don't know the exact denomination of the Italian currency, 2,000 lire and 1,000 look alike. So do the others. After calmly re-checking the change in the hotel room, you are shocked to find there is a shortage!

You foam with anger but it's too late. Don't forget you are responsible for yourself for being tricked. Always carefully check and re-check the change on the spot. Not afterwards. If you are good in Italian, no such tricks are played.

4. Not to haggle over prices but to bargain is still one of the pleasures left in Rome.

■ *I prezzi hanno assolutamente fissati. Non sconti!* (The prices are absolutely fixed. No discounts) would be the first reaction.

■ *Ecco, questo non è molto simpatico. Certo che si può arrotondare un poco?* ... Sono stato in Roma molti anni fa nella bella epoca. (Look, it's not so friendly, I'm certain you could arrange it a bit. Many years ago, I lived in Rome during the good old time).

■ *Arrotondare???* ... Sì, arrotondare. This magic word "arrotondare" is Italian slang for discount and goes right to the heart of the simpatico Italian (meaning to take off sharp edges of a thing and round it off). Finally, she laughs and rounds off 10 percent. This *ees* Italian. Both customer and seller are happy.

5. In Rome, any small bistro or restaurant gives you superb food you can't forget. Troubles arrive when you pay. Looking over the bill which is written in Italian, you discover some words (although you don't understand much of it) that were not written on the menu.

"I didn't order any Cop, 3000 lire (\$2.60) for a Cop!? What's this?" Thinking you are being cheated.

"My dear Signore, it's a charge." (A smile around the lips of the waiter but sarcasm). (Thinking this stupid tourist doesn't know anything). ... a charge for the Coperta. (Cover). "Ah!"

It usually comes on top of the bill, followed with the list of dishes ordered. Abbreviated COP for Coperta, Italian restaurants customarily charge for the table cover because it's changed each time it's used. Eat well and drink well in Italy. And don't forget to pay the Cop!

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