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MARCH FOR JOBS—Approximately 50 Japanese Americans participated in the Aug. 27 March for Jobs, Peace and Freedom in Washington.

Upper Photo: (from left) Ron Ikejiri, Washington JACL Representative; Gerald Yamada, Washington, D.C. JACL president; and K. Patrick Okura, past national president (Pat participated in the first March of Washington in 1963, having traveled from Omaha, Neb.) wait for march to commence. They were invited to the VIP platform.

Lower Photo: Benjamin Hooks, executive director of NAACP, talks with reporter. In background is Dr. Arthur Flemming, member of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.



Reischauer defends A-bomb over Hiroshima, not Nagasaki

BOSTON, Mass.—Former U.S. Ambassador Edwin Reischauer defended the use in war the world's first atomic bomb over Hiroshima but said the drop of the second A-bomb over Nagasaki was a mistake, according to a piece published Aug. 31 in the Boston Globe.

Reischauer argued that if the U.S. had not resorted to atomic weaponry, Japan would have probably refused to surrender, choosing instead to fight to the end until the entire army and most of the civilians were annihilated. The outcome would have been a political division of the country under separate U.S. and Soviet occupation after the war, saying this was the best possible scenario Japan could have expected.

The Harvard professor called the use of the single atomic bomb should have been enough, but that the Americans decided to use the second one simply because they happened to have one. It was lucky for mankind that it was used earlier than later when more destructive nuclear weapons were built, he added.

Strongest Symbols Against Future Use

Reischauer stressed, however, that both Hiroshima and Nagasaki have become the strongest possible symbols against

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Marutani orders all-male high school to admit females

PHILADELPHIA—The all-male Central High School, a more academically rigorous school than other city schools, was ordered Sept. 8 to admit female students. The order was signed by Judge William Marutani of the common pleas court.

While Philadelphia city school district has on appeal an earlier order ending the male-only history of the school, Marutani ruled in favor of three girls who sued in an attempt to gain admission. He also ordered the district to post a memorandum in all public schools stating that qualified girls could now register to attend Central High.

Jesuit Weekly Comments

The Jesuit weekly "America" quickly commented on Marutani's decision in its Sept. 17 issue. While noting that he was "a county judge (doing) what Federal judges refused to do"—ordering the admission of girls to Central High School, a male bastion for 147 years, it had two points of its own to make, in as much as the Jesuits have been in teaching since the 16th century.

"It (the government) may be doing both sexes a great favor

by continuing some single-sex schools. Courts should intervene only in cases of clear discrimination in educational opportunities."

The other point was: "It would make more sense for the judge to tell Philadelphia to make the necessary improvements at Girls High." Girls High and Central High are the top public high schools in the city.

Text of Editorial: Equality, Not Identity

Saturday, Sept. 17, 1983

Usually, it is Federal judges who are the activists in civil rights decisions. In Philadelphia, however, a county judge has done what Federal judges refused to do: order the admission of girls to Central High School, a male bastion for the last 147 years. According to Judge William M. Marutani of the Philadelphia Common Pleas Court, Central High is a better school than its counterpart, the Philadelphia High School for Girls.

Both schools have outstanding academic records, with 98% of the boys and 87.8% of the girls going to college. But according to Judge Marutani, Central High has more courses for gifted students, higher scores on scholastic aptitude tests and a higher rate of college acceptance. Accordingly, the Equal Rights Amendment added to the Pennsylvania Constitu-

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Court orders government to open Korematsu camp case

SAN FRANCISCO—Federal District Court Judge Marilyn Patel ordered the U.S. Attorney to respond by Sept. 27, to allegations that the government lied to the Supreme Court in *Korematsu v. United States*, the landmark decision upholding the legality of the evacuation into internment camps of over 110,000 Japanese Americans.

Fred Korematsu was convicted in 1942 for refusing to obey military orders leading up to the mass racial internment. His conviction was up-

held by the Supreme Court in 1944 when the High Court accepted government representations that the internment camps were justified by "military necessity."

Korematsu's lawyers discovered that government attorneys suppressed key evidence from the FBI, Federal Communications Commission, Office of Naval Intelligence and Army Intelligence which flatly contradicted the government claim that Japanese Americans were a threat to security.

"In effect, there was no military necessity for the camps", according to Dale Minami, lead counsel for Korematsu. "This Supreme Court precedent rests upon a foundation of fraud and deceit."

Minami further said "that the response to our petition will be extremely significant because it will be the government's official defense of the internment camps and those responsible for setting them up."

Judge Patel also set Oct. 25,

as the deadline for Korematsu's lawyers to file briefs answering the government's response. Nov. 4 has been set aside as the trial date. #

Sen. Inouye warns let's keep our cool

HONOLULU—The Soviet attack on the Korean Air Lines flight has all the appearances of "murder", Hawaii Sen. Dan Inouye said here Sept. 1. But he cautioned against "shooting from the hip" in reaction until all facts are known.

Specifically, Inouye said he disagrees with Democratic Leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia who said the United States should cancel its new grain sale to Moscow. "To cut the wheat deal and do this and this and this is foolish," Inouye said.

"Emotions are high now but I hope my colleagues keep a cool head."

Inouye is a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, which, he said, has been receiving briefings from the outset.

(A 28th Japanese national—Hiroko Ikeda—was listed among the 269 passengers and crew aboard the ill-fated Korean Air Flight 007, the Japanese Foreign Ministry reported Sept. 3. She was traveling under the name of H. Stevens, wife of a Bostonian. The Sept. 9 PC had listed 28 Japanese surnames though the KAL passenger list had originally indicated 22 were from Japan.—Ed.)

'Go for Broke' exhibit opens at State Capitol

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—State legislators, led by Gov. George Deukmejian, on Sept. 14, honored Japanese American veterans with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony at the State Capitol, opening a special exhibit/story of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Central Postal Directory and the MIS (military intelligence service, Pacific theater). Exhibit is expected to be on view through October, 1983.

Among the government officials to attend were Speaker of the House Willie Brown; Chief of Staff Steven Thompson; Los Angeles county supervisor Mike Antonovich; and other community leaders.

The guests were informed that the unparalleled combat record of the 100/442nd Combat Team and the intelligence specialists who served in the Pacific Theater were vital factors in nullifying almost 600 discriminatory laws and statutes after World War II.

Of the Nikkei soldiers, it was Gen. Mark W. Clark who said: "These are some of the best god-dam fighters in the U.S. Army. If

you have more, send them over."

Matsui Statement

Rep. Matsui, in his statement for the dedication, thanked the Nisei GIs and their families "for the many sacrifices that they made in their heroic contribution during WW2". He also hoped that the exhibit would be "an inspiration to all of us to continue the struggle to educate the American people about the injustice of internment".

The text of the statement follows:

"Let me take this opportunity on the dedication of the exhibit depicting the patriotic deeds of the Nisei who served in the 442nd RCT, the 100th Battalion, and Military Intelligence Service to thank them and their families for the many sacrifices that they made in their heroic contribution during WW2."

"Despite the internment of over 120,000 American citizens of Japanese ancestry, over 33,000 young Japanese American men and women volunteered to serve in the Armed Forces. Fifty percent volunteered from internment camps."

"In combat in the European the-

ater, the 100th Battalion and the 442nd RCT distinguished themselves as the most highly decorated unit in American military history. In two years of combat these brave Americans earned 18,000 medals for bravery and heroism, eight special Presidential Unit Citations and 9,000 Purple Hearts. However, this heroism in battle had a significant price. The Japanese American units suffered the highest combat casualty ratio in the history of the Armed Services."

"In the Pacific theater, 6,000 Nisei served in the military intelligence and language service. These men and women monitored Japanese radio traffic, decoded

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Third Nikkei sits on Hawaii high court

HONOLULU—Hawaii Circuit Judge James Wakatsuki, 54, was confirmed Sept. 2 at a special Senate session to a 10-year term as associate justice on the Hawaii supreme court.

Receiving a 19-5 vote, Wakatsuki expressed his gratitude that a clear majority had approved despite allegations he was being repaid for his past loyalty to Gov. George Ariyoshi, who had selected him from a list of six candidates submitted by a judicial selection commission to fill the final vacancy on the five-member court.

Two other Nikkei on the high court are associate justices Edward Nakamura and Yoshimi Hayashi. #



Judge James Wakatsuki

Ground-breaking for Kinenhi Sept. 23

SALINAS, Ca.—Ground-breaking ceremony for Kinenhi (monument) to be erected at the former Salinas Assembly Center will be held Friday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m., at Sherwood Park, reported Violet Kazue de Cristoforo, coordinator for Salinas Valley JACL.

The monument memorializes internment of Japanese Americans in the Salinas Rodeo grounds at the outbreak of World War II. The City Council voted to provide \$1,000 to pay for the California Historical Landmark plaque No. 934, and a

walkway to the monument site. From Watsonville will be a group of Issei, most of whom were interned at the assembly center.

With a Feb. 1, 1984 completion date, the bronze monument for "Salinas Temporary Detention Center" is to be dedicated on Feb. 19, the day E.O. 9066 was issued.

The Rev. Yoshiaki Takemura of Salinas Buddhist Church will deliver the invocation, while the Rev. Umeko Momii of Lincoln Ave. Presbyterian Church gives the benediction. #

UC-Irvine Ph.D. selected Congressional Science Fellow

WASHINGTON—The American Society for Microbiology announced the selection of Robyn Y. Nishimi, Ph.D., a recent graduate of UC-Irvine, as the 1983-84 ASM Congressional Science Fellow to work as a special legislative assistant on the staff of a senator, representative or congressional committee.

The Congressional Science Fellowship was initiated in 1977 for the purpose of encouraging microbiologists (1) to contribute their special skills and knowledge of science to government policy-making, and (2) to acquire public policy experience which can be used to educate scientists and stimulate science-government interaction.

Nishimi received her bachelor's degree in genetics from UC-Davis in 1978 and her Ph.D. in biological sciences from the department of mi-



Dr. Ruby Y. Nishimi

crobiology and molecular genetics at UC-Irvine this year.

"The fellowship provides an exciting and unique opportunity for me to interface my scientific background with public policy formation," said Nishimi, the seventh ASM Congressional Science Fellow. #

Director's own program results in return of stolen radio, shoes

CAMARILLO, Ca.—Camarillo's Boys and Girls Club does a lot of neat programs for the community, besides its members working hard to become good citizens.

Harold Kinsch, who conducts Cam 'n' Eggs column in the Camarillo Daily News, recently said even the club's executive director Shig Yabu benefited from one of his own programs.

"One service, furnished free of charge, by the way, is engraving valuables with identification in case they are stolen and later recovered," Kinsch said. "Not only did Shig get back a stolen radio, which he had engraved with his name, but also a pair of running shoes."

Yabu, an active JACler who is membership chair of Ventura County chapter, said he knew the radio was ripped off but was un-

aware his shoes were missing too, until police returned them.

Kinsch related that a transient dropped at Shig's office to "apply for a job," but the Nikkei executive politely told the man he could not use him, but advised where he might go to seek employment.

"If he couldn't get a job, he would take whatever he could get. After leaving the director's office, the guy entered Yabu's car and made off with his radio and Nike running shoes," Kinsch's column surmised.

Later, the suspect was arrested for starting an illegal fire. Among the checked items lifted by the transient was the radio with the name "Shig Yabu" engraved on it. Officers had a hunch, the suspect also heisted the shoes he was wearing.

Yabu asked, "What shoes?" He dashed to his car and discovered the athletic footwear was, indeed, missing. #

Deaths

David H. Bergamini, 54, Tokyo-born reporter, died of cancer Sept. 4 at Stamford (Conn.) Hospital. His 1971 book, "Japan's Imperial Conspiracy", on prewar imperial Japan touched off an international dispute. He had argued the Emperor was personally responsible for Japanese aggression in the 1930s and 1940s. The controversy resulted in the Emperor to hold his first meeting with the reporters to defend his role as a constitutional monarch. He spent four years in Japanese detention during WW2 and was a reporter/assistant editor for Time Inc. in Tokyo during the 1950s.

Miyoko (Ito) Ichiyasu, 65, died Aug. 18. Surviving are h Harry, s Alan, d Elisa, 2 gc, br Yoshio, sis Sayoko Nakata (New York). A UC-Berkeley graduate who received her diploma at Tanforan, she studied at Smith College, Mass., and Art Institute of Chicago. #

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Calif. reparation recipients recognize Priscilla Ouchida

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Community leaders and well-wishers expressed appreciation to Mrs. Priscilla Ouchida for her role in the passage of AB2710 on Sept. 7 at a testimonial dinner held at Fuji restaurant.

Also honored were Assemblyman Patrick Johnston of Stockton, and Sen. Ralph Dills, Gardena, co-authors of the bill.

Among the more than 200 who attended the program were many recipients who had benefited from

the Japanese American State Employees Reparations legislation this year.

A moving recounting of what took place to formulate, plan and implement the eventual approval of the legislation was given by Janet Masuda, one of the key witnesses at the hearings. Sumio Miyamoto was recognized for his input and dedication.

Ouchida responded in her modest manner, giving full credit to those around her who had put much time in the undertaking.

1983 American Japanese literary award goes to 'Loom'

LOS ANGELES—Ruth Aiko Sasaki's "The Loom" won the 1983 American-Japanese Literary Award established in 1979 by novelist James Clavell.

Ruth Aiko Sasaki, a Sansei, born and raised in San Francisco, wrote the first draft of "The Loom" while enrolled in the Creative Writing program at San Francisco State University in 1978; since then it has undergone many revisions. The final draft was completed this winter in Japan where Sasaki was teaching English at the Language Institute of Japan.

Well advanced in her career in the field of English language textbooks, the author's overwhelming passion to write led to the completion of "The Loom" from the first draft in 1978 to its final in 1983. "The Loom" is a story of a Nisei woman, but above all a mother whom every reader can well share with the author.

At present Sasaki has left her post at the Language Institute of Japan, and has decided to remain the summer to write and enjoy Japan. She plans to return to San Francisco in October of 1983. #

● Award

The 1983 distinguished service award to a Hawaii state employee was presented to Carole Shirakata, secretary to the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility administrator, for her exemplary work and willingness to volunteer for activities benefiting the juveniles at the facility. #

● Business

Kazuo Hidaka, 48, active in fast-food franchising in Japan who visited Big-Boy's corporate headquarters in Glendale, Calif., has been appointed president of Big Boy-Japan which currently operates 30 restaurants. Hidaka represents Mitsubishi Corp., Japan's largest trading company. #

● Entertainment

Susan Inouye, dancer/choreographer, and Tatsuo Hirano, a student of Shaolin Kung-Fu, will premiere a new work, "Choreographers in Concert, 1983", on Oct. 8-9 at Academy West Theatre, Santa Monica. Information may be obtained by calling (213) 382-6928. #

9 Asian Americans from L.A. start at Yale

NEW HAVEN, Ct.—Nine Asian American students from Los Angeles area have begun their freshman year at Yale University: Amy Yamashiro, Gardena High; Howard Cheng, Franklin; Ryan Shiotani, North Torrance; Helen Ligh, Schurr; Vernon Takeshita, Schurr; Harumi Kuno, Rolling Hills; Daniel Levy; James Monroe; Ada Chun, Arcadia; and Noriko Aso, Corona.

They are among 400 Asian American students from all parts of the nation, and part of the 5,000-member undergraduate student body at Yale, founded in 1701.

Details on admission and financial aid programs may be obtained by calling Don Nakanishi, chair, Central Los Angeles, Yale Alumni schools committee (213) 222-2543.



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Present at the dinner, Atty. James Purcell of San Francisco, an early friend of Nikkei state workers who were dismissed in 1942 because of their ancestry, was extolled by Henry Taketa who had worked with Purcell during 1942-43.

Presentations made to Ouchida were: engraved plaque by Ruby Matsuhara; Imari plate—Gene Itogawa; certificate from Con-

gressman Matsui's Office—Reiko Kawakami; gift—State Sen. LeRoy Green; resolution County of Sacramento—Supervisor Ila Collin; resolution California State Legislature—Sen. Ralph Dills, gift from recipients and community—Karen Yamamoto.

With Masuda on the organizing committee were Karen Yamamoto, Ruby Matsuhara, Gene Itogawa and Toko Fujii. #

Tanimuras buy Spreckels farm

SALINAS, Ca.—A 704-acre Spreckels farmland was sold for a reported \$11.6 million to a longtime Salinas Valley grower family, the five Tanimura brothers—George, Charles, John, Robert and Tom, according to the Salinas Californian Aug. 30.

While the Spreckels sugar plant was not part of the sale, all the agriculturally zoned land around the community of Spreckels was involved. It was the second largest row crop land purchase in recent history, said real estate broker Brian Rianda, who handled the sale. Amstar Corp. is retaining about 700 acres within town. #

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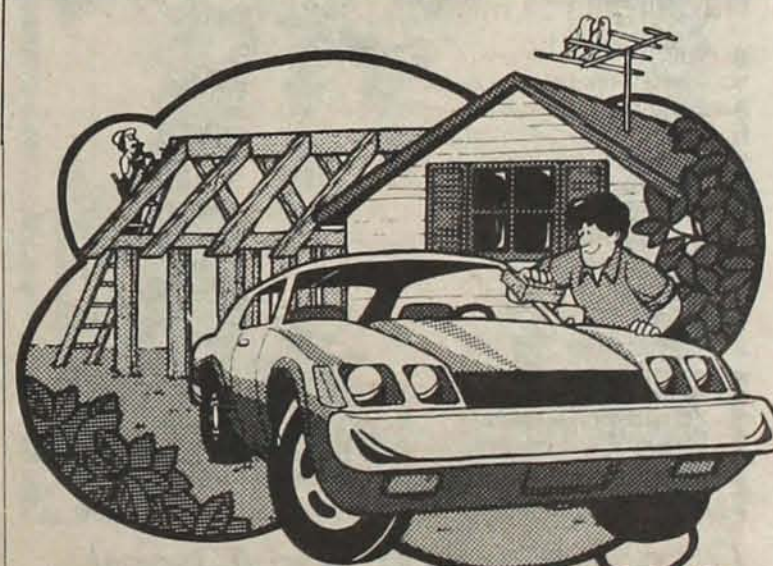
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Ventura County Nikkei uncertain over CWRIC recommendations

OXNARD, Ca.—Willis Hirata, owner of Willis Pharmacy, was 27 when he and his family were sent to Gila River Relocation Center in Arizona.

In an interview two years ago, the active JACLer and a 1000-Clubber said the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II was a "gross injustice".

In an attempt to right the wrong, the Congress in 1980 created the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians which finally issued its recommendations, asking Congress to pay \$20,000 to each of about 60,000 surviving Nikkei internees, here and across the country.

Though they would benefit financially from the restitution now under consideration, many of the former evacuees feel the "compensation will only stir up anti-Japanese sentiment," reported Amy Madsen in the Ventura County Star-Free Press recently.

'On the Fence'

Hirata said he doesn't know what to think about the CWRIC recommendation. "I really haven't made up my mind on what's fair and what's unfair," he said. "A lot of us who were in camp are thinking about it. I'm still on the fence".

Some in Ventura County who once spoke freely about their internment now refuse to discuss the matter publicly. Others do reluctantly.

One Oxnard man who was a college student when the 1942 West Coast removal took place said, "the monetary



Star-Free Press Photo
WILLIS HIRATA

compensation isn't worth the trouble it would cause".

He said people don't understand that "we weren't the enemy. The people most affected were our parents. They've accepted it and don't want to stir it up," he said.

Dilemma on Speaking Up

Another Ventura woman who also asked to remain anonymous, said:

"Some people I notice on TV are working for it (restitution), and feel very strongly. But more of us have our own personal opinions that we want to keep to ourselves. If you make a comment either you're being disloyal to your own people or you are being so pro-Japanese that you stir (other) people up".

Hirata concluded that if Congress decided to follow through on the CWRIC recommendation on payments, many people would not turn it down. #

Hawaii gets \$1 million to study heptachlor

HONOLULU—Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) announced on Aug. 11 that the Hawaii Pesticide Hazard Assessment Project at the Univ. of Hawaii will receive \$1 million from the Environmental Protection Agency over the next five years to continue its study on the effects of heptachlor.

Matsunaga had urged the EPA to consider action to monitor the aftermath of the statewide milk

contamination incidents of January and March, 1982, when pesticide was discovered in excessive levels in nearly all of the milk sold in the stores. #

East West Players will dedicate 1983-84 season to Yuki Shimoda

LOS ANGELES—On the threshold of its 19th year, the East West Players dedicated the 1983-84 season to the late Yuki Shimoda, reflecting on their own growth as the nation's oldest Asian American theater company.

Shimoda, who began his career in the early 1940s, as a performer/dancer in the Chicago Opera Co., eventually was hired for Broadway roles, played a vital part in the development of East West Players, publicity coordinator Emily K. Kurada said.

Shimoda's generous bequest also helped EWP to initiate the purchase of the theater property at

4424 Santa Monica Blvd.

Listed among Shimoda's film and stage credits were "The Tea-house of the August Moon", and "Auntie Mame". When he moved to California, he did a host of TV commercials and guest appearances. He played a leading role in "Farewell to Manzanar", a semi-documentary about Issei and Nisei interned in relocation camps during World War II, he himself a victim of the evacuation.

It was Mako, an EWP artistic director, who said when "Hokusai Sketchbooks" was in production in January, 1981, he asked Shimoda whether he would be able to get

involved with his professional know-how and talent. Shimoda was then recovering from his cancer operation.

After consulting with his doctor, Shimoda started rehearsal but during the run, he became weaker and could no longer continue the show.

Two of the season's play, the FDG/CBS selection and the play, "The Grunt Child", signify a new direction for East West Players, noted Mako. "For 18 years EWP has dedicated itself to making Asian American works. Now the new desire is for us to produce the best possible, regardless of its

content."

The group has expressed the desire to commit a whole season to comedy and another to musical theatre. #

'Live Oak Store'

LOS ANGELES—"Live Oak Store", written by Hiroshi Kashiwagi, debuts Wednesday, Oct. 5, 8 p.m. at East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd.

The show is produced by Jim Ishida/Keone Young, and directed by Shizuko Hoshi.

Ticket information may be obtained by calling the theater, (213) 660-0366. #

Dance company

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca.—The June Watanabe Dance Co. of San Rafael makes its San Francisco debut at CSU-SF's McKenna Theater Oct. 22-23 with a wide-ranging and witty repertoire. Watanabe will perform "Mitsuyuki", a solo adaptation of a Noh dance. #

'Year of the Dragon'

LOS ANGELES, Ca.—"The Year of the Dragon" will be presented at CSU-Los Angeles, on Sept. 30, Oct. 1-2; Oct. 7-9. The play is directed by Frank Chin of Asian-American Theatre Arts. Reservation and ticket information: (213) 224-3344. #

Gardeners group donates \$5,000 to JACCC's theatre program fund

LOS ANGELES—A \$5,000 check from the So. Calif. Gardeners Federation was announced on Aug. 25 by the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center. The contribution will go to Japan America Theatre's program development fund.

Cora Mirikitani, manager, and Gerald D. Yoshitomi, JACCC director, said funds will provide an ongoing base of support to write presentation costs.

Artists, promoters and sponsoring organizations are principal contributors. They will be acknow-

ledged on a recognition plaque in the theatre's Green Room.

Ted Koseki, SCGF president, said "Our organization had a significant part in building the James Irvine Garden, adjacent to the main complex. It won a White House landscape award in 1981. We are happy to lend our hand in donating to the JAT fund."

Frank Kuwahara, JACCC president, noted that the "Beginning Century II" capital fund is going well, in accepting the latest contribution. #

Support group

LOS ANGELES—Kiwanis Club of Little Tokyo is one of support organizations helping events at Latino Adoption Fiesta Week, Sept. 24-30, as proclaimed by the county Board of Supervisors. #

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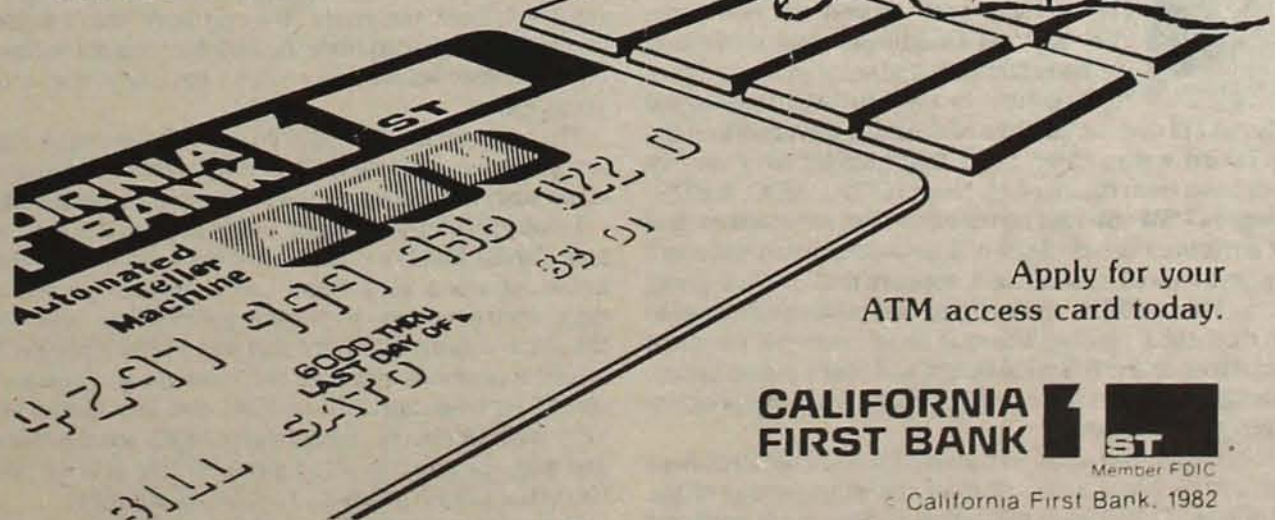
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WW2 internees say redress pay won't exactly ease pain

By BILL FUKUBA
(In the San Jose News)

Payment of reparations to interned Japanese Americans is the proper ameliorating response to the injustice of a government internment of its own citizens for reasons of ethnic prejudice during World War II. This decision of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians was applauded by many. But a Mercury News editorial (see July 1 PC) supporting this decision touched off a number of letters opposing monetary compensation to the victims.

It seems that they have not been listening very carefully, those who discount the commission report, "Personal Justice Denied", by stating our own POWs suffered much harsher treatment in the hands of our enemies than the Japanese Americans in our internment camps. This is confusing the issue because the United States government was not responsible for the criminal behavior of the Japanese and German leaders during World War II. Those responsible for their crimes against humanity were executed by hanging.

In the case of the internment of Japanese Americans our involvement is with constitutional laws and the Bill of Rights and, rather than the degree of physical suffering, whether this episode in our history should have occurred at all.

The commission's concern is the possibility of remedial legislation to correct a needless violation of constitutional rights and the advisability of additional measures to discourage future transgressions upon the Bill of Rights. Those who have been entrusted with protecting our individual freedom also bear the burden of seeing that our heritage of American democracy is passed on to posterity.

We have learned nothing from history if the withdrawal of First Amendment rights from German Americans during World War I was followed 25 years later "...with summary sanctions against an ethnic group on a scale unknown in our history..." the internment of Japanese Americans. The quotation is from "Personal Justice Denied."

It would be highly irresponsible of our elected officials if they did not seek effective ways to ensure that such an invasion of personal liberty does not happen a third time. Those who argue against taking any corrective or remedial measures today because we cannot attend to all of the injustices of the past are in effect taking a posi-

tion against progress and the hope for a better society.

Reparation is highly acceptable because it satisfies a two-fold purpose. It would be a meaningful restitution for losses suffered by those who were interned. Most important, it would be a firm warning to those who in moments of passion might be tempted to usurp the freedom of whichever one of our minorities might be in disfavor at some particular time in the future.

In this nation of many different races we are all members of one minority group or another. All of us are vulnerable, easy prey to the whims of the day were it not for the protective shield of our Constitution and our heritage of liberty.

Whenever a step is taken to add to the confidence that we and the generations to come will remain free, whenever safeguards to freedom have been secured and whenever the cause of liberty has been strengthened in any way, we all benefit.

Letter writer H.E. Otto Jr. claims that internment shielded Japanese Americans from serving in the armed services. Not true. Japanese Americans were drafted out of the internment camps in large numbers. The per capita number of Japanese Americans serving in World War II was

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among the highest of any group, higher than the national average. The 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, composed entirely of Japanese Americans, suffered the highest casualty rate of any group. Shielded from the U.S. military service? Japanese Americans knew more than our share of mutilations and the supreme sacrifice of death.

William H. Hastings, another dissenter, repeats the discredited argument that Japanese Americans were interned for their own protection. Is it not twisting reason and logic to the point of absurdity to suggest that 110,000 law-abiding people should be locked up for protection from a handful of law-breakers? Rumors and threats may have been prevalent, but there were only a few isolated cases of violence against Japanese Americans. Oddly, the culprits were mostly non-whites.

The simple truth is that selfish economic interests on the West Coast succeeded in driving out the Japanese Americans by using ra-

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cial prejudice and war hysteria for their own serving purposes.

A word of explanation is due lest people get the wrong impression from Hastings' assertion that the internees received "adequate housing, wholesome food, medical attention, ample sanitation and recreational facilities." After the initial trauma of being uprooted from our homes we faced another jolt when we were herded into assembly centers.

At Portland, adequate housing meant 2,000 people packed into one large building with gunny sacks to be filled with straw for our mattresses. At Pinedale, ample sanitation meant no toilet facilities except smelly outhouses and com-

munity bathrooms with overhead pipes punched with holes to serve as showers. At Tanforan, one internee's first meal consisted of two slices of discolored cold cuts, overcooked Swiss chard and a slice of moldy bread. In all centers, medical facilities were primitive at best. Of course, conditions improved when the WRA took over. Much of the improvements, however, came about through our own patient efforts.

Degrading and unpleasant as internment was, what set this event apart from other occurrences is that never before was such a wholesale disregard of constitutional rights promulgated as it was under Executive Order 9066. A dangerous precedent was established and still remains unrepudiated.

Finally, after 40 years, a congressional committee is recommending a sensible conclusion to this shameful chapter in American history. Failure to carry out this act of repudiation might leave the individual freedom of all citizens

Delinquents behind the shed



in a permanently precarious position.

Now is as opportune a time as any to prove to ourselves and the rest of the world that such a gross disregard of civil liberties as took place in 1942 will not happen again in these United States.

Japanese Americans' Claims

Monterey Peninsula Herald
Monday, June 27, 1983

Many Californians are angered by the proposal that the federal government pay \$20,000 in compensation to each Japanese American forced to move away from the Pacific Coast during World War II. It is not just the cost (\$1.5 billion), it is the principle of the thing.

Why should we pay the Japanese Americans for their losses and their suffering? Did the Japanese government pay damages to the families of American servicemen killed in action in the Pacific? How about the American survivors of the Bataan march and Japanese prison camps—shouldn't they receive \$20,000 each? Why single out Japanese Americans for compensation?

First of all, it must be said that there is no chance Congress voluntarily will accept the recommendation of its Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. What may happen is that the courts will find the federal government liable and award dam-

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EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

In 'Gassho'



Philadelphia
THE OTHER WEEK we were invited to appear at the Sayonara Banquet of the 38th Annual Eastern Buddhist League convention hosted by the Seabrook Buddhist Church congregation. There were some 300 delegates in attendance from throughout the East, including Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Twin Cities, New York, Washington, D.C. and Toronto, Canada. There were no less than twelve Buddhist ministers present, including the Rev. Donald Castro, reportedly the first (postwar) Caucasian to minister to a Nikkei congregation.

ALTHOUGH WE DO not happen to be Buddhist, the occasion was one of distant nostalgia. Kazuo Ikeda reminded us that this writer had participated in the national finals of the oratorical contest at the 1941 YBL convention in Seattle. We'd almost forgotten that. But having been reminded, we remember that Min Tsubota (Seattle), had been the kozo's oratory coach.

AS BOTH ISSEI parents were Buddhists, as a fidgeting kozo I vividly recall having been required to sit through a number of *sekkyo's*, being the object of reprimanding stares by my mother if the fidgeting became a bit too active. And though we never did understand the prayer chants, as a youngster we used to give a facsimile thereof.

THE NEW OFFICERS of the YBL were installed with past-national president of JACL, Shigeki "Shig" Sugiyama, assuming the presidency. We could not help but admire Shig's continuing service to the community. The induction was by a beautiful candlelight ceremony, with each officer lighting a candle. Previously, on behalf of the twelve ministries represented, candles were also lit and placed at the head table. It was indeed an impressive, dignified proceeding.

VICKI AND I were seated next to the Rev. LaVerne Sasaki, who has a church in Mountain View, California. We could not help but being struck by the resemblance of the Reverend with our long-time good friend, Col. K. William Sasagawa (Sunnyvale)—at least when Bill was younger. Indeed, it turned out that the two are acquainted with one another. Rev. Sasaki, the third of his line to answer the call to the ministry—his father and grandfather having been Buddhist ministers—is the leader of Christian and Buddhist ministers in his area. We were impressed by his outgoing congeniality.

SPEAKING OF CONGENIALITY, we were also warned by the personality of the out-going EBL president, Dr. Ben Chikaraishi (Chicago). He was "outgoing" in both senses. We have little doubt that Ben will continue to be a stalwart, in or out of office.

ALL IN ALL, it was a most enjoyable, and rewarding, evening for us. Indeed, the next national confab in 1984 is fixed for Cleveland, and if we happen to be in that area—why, we might just stop in. We can always use a bit of rejuvenation.

BY THE BOARD: by Henry Sakai



Sansei Momentum

Long Beach, Ca.

A year ago after the 1984 convention, it looked like JACL had turned the corner. Membership had stopped its yearly decline and had a slight increase, financially we had stabilized and were showing a positive posture. In addition JACL had elected

its first Sansei president and five of the eight governors on the National Board were Sansei. Since that time three of the five governors have been replaced by Nisei (OCD, MDC, & EDC) and it appears PSW will also do the same. I'm sure that each of the new governors are dedicated, hardworking and excellent JACLers, but viewed as a whole it appears that JACL is going backwards. We should be encouraging and preparing Sansei to keep the momentum going. The four Sansei were all excellent representatives on the National Board and spoke out on issues, articulated their district's concerns, and brought some progressive thinking to the Board.

In addition I don't see a Sansei running for National President next year or for that matter not many running for any of the national offices. This doesn't mean that all Sansei are good and Nisei are bad, but the leadership of this organization should be swinging towards the Sansei—not away from them. If that happens it will be the biggest setback for JACL since the fiasco at

the 1972 convention when the establishment in power wanted to get rid of the so-called Sansei radical element (ironically our present National Director was one of that Sansei group) and it set JACL back ten years. We certainly aren't faced with the turmoil that resulted from the 1972 decision but without continuing the Sansei leadership we don't have any Nisei around in ten years either.

There are many excellent Nisei in the organization but there are also a number of excellent Sansei that need to be encouraged or pushed to take over the leadership responsibilities.

I was especially disappointed to hear that John Tani (MDC) and Teresa Maebori (EDC) are not returning to the Board. I know John is a very frank and outspoken person and had a difference of opinion with some members in MDC, but he was the same way on the Board and was a strong person and taking adverse positions when he felt necessary. Teresa was also a strong representative from EDC and articulated her position very well. Of course, Tony Ishii (CCDC) left the Board last fall and was also an articulate representative as is the present PSW Governor Cary Nishimoto, both being attorneys.

I'm not questioning the capabilities of the Nisei replacements but let's support and encourage the Sansei to take over, after all many are in their thirties and a few in their early forties already.

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



The Amache Pilgrimage

Denver, Colo.

Over the Labor Day weekend, as was reported here last week, folks from Southern and Northern California, Portland, Chicago, Honolulu, and sundry way points flew into Denver for an Amache WRA camp reunion and dedication of a monument at the campsite.

A trip like that doesn't come cheap. First there's the air fare, which is a substantial item these days. Then there's a couple of nights at a hotel, plus \$25 for the bus trip to the Amache campsite and another \$25 per plate for the banquet and dance, plus breakfasts, taxi and other incidentals. Double the tab for a couple; some families brought several children with them.

What motivates people to spend that kind of money to take part in a concentration camp reunion? Motives aside, it is obvious that some have that kind of money to spend for travel, and they find it important to spend it that way.

But oh yes, the motives. There must be as many motives as there are people. Here may be some of them:

A sense of pilgrimage, to go back to the scene of a very important part of one's life, to refresh fading memories as one does when he goes back to visit the old home town. A desire to acquaint one's children with a bit of their heritage and history. A morbid desire to relive in a small way the pain and discomfort of the Evacuation and, incidentally, to contrast it with one's current way of life. A hope of meeting old friends, of pleasant socializing and sharing recollections of long-ago experiences. And perhaps even a subconscious need to recall one's past and be

strengthened by the memory of travails overcome.

Whatever the personal and private reasons that people go to camp reunions, it is obvious to any observer that they are not bitter affairs. The public stance, of course, is that the Evacuation and incarceration were traumatic experiences, and indeed they were. One cannot be scorned and rejected by one's own country, uprooted from home and community, suspected wrongly of disloyalty in a time of national crisis, and made to suffer great economic loss and personal discomfort, without trauma.

But the reunions indicate there is another side to the experience, and that would be the resilience of the human spirit.

We all share the experience of being asked whether we aren't still bitter about the Evacuation. I suppose some are. But it would seem to be difficult to remain bitter for 40 years about something and still retain a healthy mental equilibrium. The anger may be closer to the surface in some individuals more than in others, but the good cheer evident in the reunions doesn't seem to be a put-on show to camouflage deep-down bitterness.

Readers shouldn't make the mistake of assuming the Evacuation was simply a glorified community picnic. The fact that it is still an issue disproves that interpretation. But the fact that happy reunions can be held indicates that the victims of a tragic experience have been able to put it behind them and go on with the business of living without permitting it to warp the rest of their lives. That they can smile and laugh while doing everything they can to make sure the nation never repeats its mistake is by no means incongruous. #

Letters:

● More Nikkei generals

Your article on the promotion to Major General of Walter K. Tagawa, left out mention of two other general officers of Japanese ancestry. They are General Ito and General Ono. (Pacific Citizen 9-2-83)

I am aware of the following former and current general officers of the U.S. Army.

National Guard past commanders of the 29th Infantry Brigade, Hawaii National Guard.

Brig. Gen. Edward M. Yoshimatsu, NGUS-(ret)

Brig. Gen. Francis S. Takemoto, NGUS-(ret)

Brig. Gen. Thomas Ito, NGUS-(ret)

U.S. Army Reserve

Maj. Gen. Walter K. Tagawa, USAR

Active Army

Brig. Gen. Theodore Kanamine, USA-(ret). Last assignment: Chief of Staff, First US Army, Fort Meade, MD

Brig. Gen. Allen K. Ono, USA. Current assignment: Deputy Commander, Western Region, US Army Training Command (TRADOC).

Gen. Ono is a nominee for promotion to Major General, in the active force. The President has approved his promotion, and now waiting Senate confirmation. (Army Times, Aug. 29, 1983) Allen Ono comes from Hawaii.

I also recall a Japanese surname among flag officers in the naval reserve. He was listed as Commodore (Admiral) equivalent of a brigadier general. Since all flag officers must be confirmed by the

U.S. Senate, our Hawaiian Senators may know the names of all Japanese American flag officers in the U.S. Armed Forces.

TOM TOKUHISA

Chicago

Re: Sept. 2 PC page 3 (Walter Tagawa)

(My husband) Bill wants to set it straight. Major General Arthur U. Ishimoto was the first Nikkei major general. However, he is an Air Force Officer. He was appointed Adjutant General of the Hawaii Army & Air National Guard in grade of Major General, AF. He is a Honolulu native and an electrical engineer. He retired recently and was succeeded by another Asian, Major General Alexis Lum (Hawaiian-Chinese) who is also an engineer.

Not mentioned in the article was Thomas Ito of Aiea, Hawaii (Hawaii National Guard) and Brig. Gen. Allen Kenji Ono of Honolulu who is a member of the regular Army Adjutant General Corps.

ESTHER LEE

Washington

Thanks, both of you, for completing our slim file on the subject.—Ed.

● Pedagogic perceptions

The letters of Profs. Befu and Masugi (PC, Aug. 12) reflect the singular disease common to academics, the preoccupation with pedagogic ideas and modus operandi to compel facts to conform to their perceptions.

For Prof. Masugi, Truth and "color-blind" Constitution, a more

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Bookshelf

Peter Irons' story of the Japanese American Internment Cases

'Justice at War' a masterful revelation

'Military necessity' judgment compelled JACL to accept the un-American orders

By MIKE MASAOKA

JUSTICE AT WAR: The Story of the Japanese American Internment Cases, by Peter Irons; Oxford University Press, New York, N.Y.; \$18.95.

The amazing, revolting, and unpardonable "sins" circumscribing the internal and external politics and machinations of the judiciary in the so-called World War II evacuation test cases are painfully described in Peter Irons' "Justice at War: The Story of the Japanese American Internment Cases".

The first and only volume that exposes the breakdown in our generally vaunted legal and constitutional system insofar as these test cases is concerned is highly recommended to all victims of Executive Order 9066 that authorized that 1942 arbitrary military movement, to all the Japanese Americans, and to all others interested in American justice in times of wartime emergency.

Law Professor Irons began his research in 1981 as a legal historian, "intending simply to write an account of these cases from their inception through their final decision". He was interested in the forty-odd lawyers who participated in both sides of the litigation, examining the different legal strategies and tactics employed in determining vital and unsettled issues of constitutional law against a background of wartime pressures and passions.

'Legal Scandal Without Precedent'

His research, however, "reveals a legal scandal without precedent in the history of American law," according to the author. "Never before has evidence emerged that shows a deliberate campaign to present tainted records to the Supreme Court."

"The Justice Department files in these cases—released in response to (a) Freedom of Information request—include documents in which the Government's own lawyers charged their superiors with the 'suppression of evidence' and with presenting the Supreme Court a key report (General John DeWitt's *Final Report*) that contained 'lies' and 'intentional falsehoods'." (His) research also uncovered military files that disclose the alteration and destruction by War Department officials of crucial evidence in these cases. Rather than expose to the Court the contradictions between this evidence and claims made by Justice Department lawyers, military officials literally consigned the offending documents to a bonfire.

"The responsibility for this legal scandal extends beyond the ranks of the government's lawyers. Leaders of the American Civil Liberties Union bear much of the blame for the outcome of the Japanese American cases..."

... "there are limits to the adversary system. Lawyers not only represent their clients but also function as officers of the courts, sworn to the canons of fairness and justice. The same code of ethics—supported by judicial decisions—requires that lawyers present to the court only that evidence they know to be truthful, and that they contain their briefs and arguments within the bounds of the trial records. In addition, lawyers are commanded to avoid any appeal to racial prejudice. Violation of this injunction constitutes a serious breach of legal ethics."

"... Forced to defend wartime orders that restricted the liberties of 'all persons of Japanese ancestry', Government lawyers devised a two-pronged strategy: they first argued that 'military necessity' had prompted the issuance of the internment orders; and they justified their application to all Japanese Americans on the grounds that the 'racial characteristics' of the members of this minority predisposed them to the commission of acts of espionage and sabotage."

Prosecutors Relied on War Dept. Records

"In searching for evidence to support these claims, Justice Department lawyers relied upon the War Department for supporting records. The resulting debates over the veracity of these records, which centered on the *Final Report* of General John L. DeWitt—the West Coast military commander who both recommended and supervised the internment program—are recounted in detail in this book. Briefly summarized, these debates centered around the suspicions of two Justice Department lawyers, Edward J. Ennis and John L. Burling, that DeWitt's claims that Japanese Americans had committed acts of espionage were untrue. The corroboration of their suspicions by the FBI and the Federal Communications Commission led to a dramatic showdown with Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy. Determined to alert the Supreme Court to the falsity of DeWitt's charges, Ennis and Burling had inserted a crucial footnote in the Government's Supreme Court brief in the Korematsu case, informing the Court of the 'contrariety of evidence' on the espionage allegations. Justice Department records of this last-ditch battle charged that McCloy intervened with Solicitor General Charles Fahy and prevailed upon him to remove this explicit confession from the brief."

"This episode, perhaps the most significant of the many conflicts over the Japanese American cases, highlights the ethical dilemmas faced by the lawyers who participated in them. Those like McCloy, who remained unbending in defense of the internment and unrepentant about their roles in the wartime cases, felt no sense of conflict between conscience and duty. Ennis represents the larger group who felt this conflict keenly

during the war and who later confessed their complicity in depriving Japanese Americans of their constitutional rights. But even Ennis, forced to choose in 1944 between the dictates of his professional role and the demands of his conscience, swallowed his doubts and signed the Government's brief in the Korematsu case..." (Subsequently Ennis explains that he did not resign at the time because he feared that his successor would be much more inclined to accept the military's views than he.)

More Details on How E.O. 9066 Was Issued

The volume begins and ends with the legal and philosophical differences between Ennis and McCloy regarding the government's treatment of the Pacific Coast Issei and Nisei, with the two coincidentally being the ranking officials on duty when Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941, and being the two major former Government witnesses before the Commission on Warime Relocation and Internment of Civilians at the concluding public hearings in Washington a year ago this past summer.

Researcher Irons notes the extensive debates between the War Department and the Justice Department, with McCloy and Colonel Karl Bendetsen leading the winning side against Ennis and James Rowe, Deputy Attorney General. All four, incidentally, are still living; all four also testified to the Commission. While there is not much that is new about the facts leading up to the issuance of Executive Order 9066, there is considerably more detail as to how the various major decision-makers operated and why.

But the "guts" of this fascinating documentary have to do with the four major test cases, the Yasui case dealing with the travel restrictions, the Hirabayashi case involving the curfew, the Korematsu case challenging the evacuation, and the Endo case questioning the legality of detention. Author Irons divides the four litigants into four categories describing their respective motivations: Minoru Yasui, an attorney, as "The Legalist"; Gordon Hirabayashi, a Quaker and student, as "The Moralist"; Fred Korematsu, a welder and unionist, as "The Loner"; and Ms. Mitsuye Endo, a California State civil employee, as "The Recruit". Their backgrounds and activities leading to their participation are aptly described by their categorization identities.

Troubles Facing National ACLU Recalled

How each of the Nisei litigants became a test case, how each came to be represented by their respective counsel, and how the ACLU became involved in all of the cases except for Endo make

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EDC/MDC Convention Report: (2)

(Continued from last week)

New York

In addition to the workshops on redress, the EDC-MDC convention focused on three other concerns: working with other Asian American organizations, Japan/U.S. relations, and coping in the white corporate environment. All three workshops were well-attended and given enthusiastic reviews by participants.

Lillian Kimura chaired the "Pan Asian Dialogue" workshop. Her panel consisted of Kim Hahn, legal counsel, Korean American Assn. of New York; Randhir Sandhu, national vice president, Association of Indians in America; Robert Wu, national president, Organization of Chinese Americans; and Ron Wakabayashi, JACL National Director.

The panel and workshop participants saw the need for joining together on issues like redress, racial violence and immigration since we have more political clout as a unified Asian American community. At the same time, the participants recognized that there are differences and historical animosities among the various Asian groups that must be overcome. Finally, they recommended that presidents of Asian organizations form a coalition to deal more effectively with Asian American issues.

Japan/U.S. Relations

Washington JACler Hideki Hamamoto led a panel discussion on Japan/U.S. relations. David Nikaido, patent attorney specializing in Japan/U.S. matters, Floyd Shimomura, JACL National President, and Virginia Petrie, executive director, Associated Japan America Societies, all spoke on the issue from their unique perspectives.



New York JACL Photo by Fujio Saito

WORKSHOP CHAIR—Eastern District Governor Teresa Mae-bori (Philadelphia) presents certificate of appreciation to Hideki Hamamoto (right) of Washington DC chapter for his chairing a key EDC-MDC Convention workshop of 'Japan/U.S. Relations'.

There was a consensus that Japanese Americans have a stake in improving Japan/U.S. relations (many Americans still associate us with Japan) and that the JACL can play a role in the Japan/U.S. dialogue.

Suggestions made were to continue working with the leaders of both countries and to educate the community-at-large by urging that Japanese language and history classes be taught in local schools.

Dr. Lindy Sata, chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, St.

Louis University, led a workshop on the issues confronting Asian Americans in the work environment. Sata asserted that Asian Americans have not been able to break down the barriers to upper management. The reasons Sata discussed included stereotyping, exclusion from the "old boy" network, a lack of understanding of power, and low expectations of career success. The workshop participants agreed on the need to establish chapter support groups to continue the dialogue and to help people deal more effectively with these issues.

Grand Finale

Social highlights of the weekend included a theatre party for the Broadway show "Dreamgirls" and the grand finale of the convention, the Saturday night "New York, New York" dinner-dance.

New York City Council President Carol Bellamy set the tone for the evening by relating amusing anecdotes on the City. She also noted that the New York City Council unanimously passed a resolution in 1981 urging the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians to recommend appropriate monetary compensation to those affected by E.O. 9066.

Following the benediction which ended the formal portion of the evening, Washington chapter members presented a musical skit called "Taro and Hanako", funny and poignant story of Issei men in America and their wives in Japan. The skit alternated musically between old American favorites like

"Clementine" and Japanese folk songs.

The other entertainment highlight was a version of the Village People's popular song "YMCA". New York chapter members donned wigs, funky eyeglasses, lab coats, hats, polyester dresses and other costumes and disguises and enthusiastically belted out JACL-inspired words to the familiar tune.

"It's fun to be in the JACL
It's fun to be in the JACL
Potlucks, picnics, PC
Workshops, bazaar, sushi
All those and more you'll
see!"

The audience gave this "off-off Broadway" show enthusiastic reviews. There were even suggestions that the troupe go "on the road" to present this show to each JACL chapter to increase spirit in the organization.

Over \$3,000 Raised

New York chapter members Julie Azuma and Kan Domoto headed an effort to raise money for redress at the dinner-dance using a "contribution tree" on which names of donors were hung. An additional fundraising effort during the convention had Mine Okubo on hand to personally autograph copies of her book "Citizen 13600" which were sold to attendees. These two activities raised over \$3,000 for the national redress program.

John Tani and Teresa Mae-bori, outgoing MDC and EDC governors, chaired the closing session of the convention. This session included a slide presentation of the Vincent Chin case by Jim Shimura of the Detroit chapter, workshop reports, special awards and presentations, and the passage of six resolutions:

1—Endorse the "mobilization for jobs, peace, and freedom" and urge active participation at the second march in Washington D.C. on Aug. 27, 1983.

2—Urge the national, district and chapter officers to improve contacts with officers of other Asian American organizations to work on common concerns and to gain their support for redress.

3—Demand that the U.S. Department of Justice take appropriate measures to complete a thorough investigation of Vincent Chin's death and take actions as prescribed by law, to ensure that civil rights of Vincent Chin are enforced; and endorse the efforts of the American Citizens for Justice and the Detroit chapter of the JACL in seeking justice and equality by our judicial system concerning the death of Vincent Chin.

4—Resolve that to spread the word about redress, our chapters establish speakers bureaus and provide appropriate materials and workshops to hone the speakers skills and to petition national JACL to develop materials and provide proper assistance to this end.

5—Reaffirm our commitment to redress and:

(a) Demand that all entities of the JACL be mobilized to work diligently towards the achievement of the CWRIC recommendations as embodied in the proposed legislation.

(b) Commit chapter representatives to the convention to work effectively in their respective communities and states to achieve the passage of redress legislation in Congress.

(c) Resolve that the JACL entities work cooperatively and openly to insure communication and determination of necessary information to carry out our lobbying efforts at the grassroots level.

(d) Resolve that the EDC/MDC receive necessary funds from the national redress budget to carry out our responsibilities for getting support from members of Congress in our districts.

6—Express the delegates heartfelt appreciation to the New York Chapter, the convention committee and co-chairs B.J. Watanabe and Ron Osajima for the most successful EDC/MDC joint convention. (The convention committee consisted of Julie Azuma, treas; Mark Hashizume, regis; Gerald Kubo, transp; Julie Nakahara, welcome pkge / facil; Hisayo & Woody Asai, hospitality; Vi Takahashi, theatre party; Shig and Jean Kariya, dinner-dance; Dawn

Narita and April Osajima, youth activ; Ida Nakano, graphics; Mitsy Kamada, pub; Peter Raith and Annie Chang, program pub'n; and Jan / Tom Kometsani, co-pilots.)

Sunday Afternoon

By the close of the convention on Sunday afternoon, participants seemed tired but stimulated. The weekend was a "shot-in-the-arm" to many JACLers who discovered new ideas and programs to implement in their chapters, or who simply enjoyed the networking and socializing that is an important part of every convention.

Although many agreed that the convention was a success, an important measure of that success will be seen in the activities of the districts and local chapters. The goal of the convention planners was to encourage JACLers to "make their moves" in the key areas that were highlighted during the weekend. Resource materials were distributed, concrete suggestions for action made, and resolutions passed, but the real test is whether or not action will be taken in these areas in the coming months and years.

The New York Convention hopefully provided a few concrete means to some important ends and stimulated JACLers to "make their move".

NOTE: The Youth Activities part of the Convention will be covered in a separate article.

PC Calendar of Events

JACL-sponsored events are prefaced with name of the JACL unit (chapter, district, national) in boldface. Social affairs of Nikkei community/church groups are listed as a community service. Where fees/reservations are involved, an "info" contact is required. Items should be submitted in writing to the PC Calendar editor.

● SEPT. 23 (Friday)

Contra Costa—CARP forum: Why JACL?, East Bay Free Methodist Ch, 5395 Potrero, El Cerrito, 8:00pm.

Salinas Valley/Watsonville/Gilroy/Monterey Peninsula—Kinenhi Proj Groundbreaking, Sherwood Pk, Salinas, 10:00am.

● SEPT. 23-25

San Francisco—Topaz reunion: Fri mixer, Nakamura Res't, 8:00pm; Sat slide show, Masao Satow Bldg, 1:30pm; Sat dnr, Presidio Officers Club, 6:00pm; Jerry Enomoto, Dr Harry Kitano, spkr; Sun urban picnic, Christ United Presbyterian Ch, 12n-4pm; Info Machiko N Ota, 16 Citadel Ct, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

● SEPT. 24 (Saturday)

Salinas Valley—Srs Reno fun trip; Info 455-2213.

● SEPT. 24-25

Penryn—Autumn Festival, Placer Buddhist Ch.

San Francisco—Aki Matsuri, Japan Ctr; Info 922-6776.

Gardena—22nd annual Cultural Show, Nakaoka Mem Ctr; Info 327-0220x341.

● SEPT. 25 (Sunday)

Stockton—Spaghetti feed, Buddhist Ch, 4-7pm; proceeds to Redress Fund.

● SEPT. 28 (Wednesday)

Marina—WLA Sasei—WRAAP awareness workshop: Intimacy—What It's All About, McKay Lounge, Loyola Marymount Univ, 7:30pm; Dr Harry Kitano, Amy Mass.

● SEPT. 30 (Friday)

Los Angeles—Asn Assn/AA Archt & Engrs dnr, Biltmore Hotel, 7:30pm, Rep David Drier, spkr; Info (213) 321-9634, (714) 529-9657.

● SEPT. 30-OCT. 2

Los Angeles—Stage: The Year of the Dragon, CSU-LA; Info 224-3344.

● OCT. 1 (Saturday)

Riverside—16th Sendai Festival, Canyon Crest Towne Ctr, 11:00am; ondo, 6:00pm.

Culver City—Venice JCC testimonial dnr for Dr Mitsuo Inouye, Pacifica Hotel, 7:00pm; RSVP Sept 20, 397-7929, 822-6428, 827-3651.

● OCT. 3 (Monday)

Los Angeles—Organizational mtg, Amer Assn of Retired Persons, JACCC #410, 1:00pm.

● OCT. 5 (Wednesday)

Los Angeles—"Live Oak Store" by Hiroshi Kashiwagi, East West Players. Info: (213) 680-0366.

● OCT. 6 (Thursday)

Marina—Seminar: Planning Your Financial Future, Burton Chace Pk Comm Bldg, 7:00pm; John Bartlett, spkr, Estate Planning.

● OCT. 7-9

Los Angeles—Stage: The Year of the Dragon, CSU-LA; Info 224-3344.

● OCT. 8 (Saturday)

Norwalk—VFW Autumn Dance, South Comm Ctr, 14615 S Gridley, 8:00pm; Info 636-9842.

● OCT. 8-9

Chicago—Movie: Chan Is Missing, Parker Aud, 2247 N Clark St, 7 & 8:30pm.

Los Angeles—Vis Comm'n-JACCC Asn Amer Int'l Film Festival, Japan America Theatre, 2 & 7pm; Info 680-4462.

● OCT. 9 (Sunday)

Los Angeles—JACCC Discussions: The Nisei Today, JACCC, 3:30pm; Dr Harry Kitano, Evacuation Aftermath.

West Covina—Aki Matsuri, ESGVJCC, 1203 W Puente Ave, 12n-9pm.

● OCT. 11 (Tuesday)

Stockton—Gen'l mtg, Calif 1st Bank, 7:30pm.

● OCT. 12 (Wednesday)

Orange County—Bd mtg, Res't Tsukasa, 18120 Brookhurst, FV, 7:00pm.

● OCT. 13 (Thursday)

Marina—Seminar: Planning Your Financial Future, Nora Sterry School, 1730 W Corinth, West LA, 7:00pm; Life Insurance, Soc Sec changes.

● OCT. 15 (Saturday)

Sacramento—Sac'to & McClatchy '38 reunion, Red Lion Inn, 6:30pm; Info 427-4311.

● OCT. 16 (Sunday)

Las Vegas—Luau, Paradise Park, 10:00am; Info 876-4988.

West Los Angeles—Auxy Brunch-Fashion Show, Hyatt Regency-Broadway, 10:15am; Tritia Toyota, me; Info 473-9969, 477-4763, 472-4361, 822-3892.

Los Angeles—JACCC Discussions: The Nisei Today, JACCC, 3:30pm; Dr Harold Harada, My Body/My Health.

● OCT. 20 (Thursday)

Marina—Seminar: Planning Your Financial Future, Nora Sterry School, 1730 W Corinth, West LA, 7:00pm; Investments, Japanese stocks, IRA.

● OCT. 21 (Friday)

San Francisco—Ctr for JA Studies mtg, JAA Bldg, 8:00pm; Yuji Ichioka, spkr, Origins & Causes of Why People Left Certain Parts of Japan, 1885-1907.

● OCT. 22 (Saturday)

Berkeley—Minitrip to State Capitol, 9:00am fr Wells Fargo, 9800 San Pablo Ave; Info 465-7811.

Portland—Folkfest/UN Assn Fair, Neighbors of Woodcraft Hall, 1410 SW Morrison, 11am-7pm; Info 222-7049/225-1157.

● OCT. 22-23

San Francisco—June Watanabe Dance Co debut, CSU-San Francisco McKenna Theater, Sateve, Sun mat; Info 457-6707.

● OCT. 23 (Sunday)

Marina del Rey—Rainbow Festival, Burton Chace Pk, 12-6pm.

Los Angeles—JACCC Discussions: The Nisei Today, JACCC, 3:30pm; Betty Kozasa, Michael Ego, Aging & Retirement.

Riverside slates

16th annual festival

RIVERSIDE, Ca.—Canyon Crest Towne Centre will be the site of the 16th annual Riverside JACL Sendai Festival on Saturday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m., commemorating sister city relations.

Chapter president Clifford MacNiven said Inland Empire Bonsai Assn. will have an all-day display, while flower arrangement/demonstration will be under supervision of Kuniko Nakabayashi.

The Mike M. Masaoka Fellows

Membership in the Masaoka Fellows is achieved by individual or corporate contributions to the Mike M. Masaoka Fund, a perpetual fund from which proceeds would annually support the general operations of the JACL, to which Mike has devoted over 40 years. Contributions to the fund, c/o JACL HQ, are categorized as follows:

Fellow—\$1,000-\$2,500; Emeritus—\$2,500 minimum; Sustaining—\$200 for five years; Amicus—Less than \$1,000.

Report No. 3: July 19-Aug. 22, 1983 (Report 2: see Aug. 12 PC)

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DANCE-A-THON—David Nakayama, National Youth Director (second from left) is the "guest D.J." at the Youth Dance-A-Thon, held at the National HQ. Others are members of Alabaster Sight & Sound, who provided the evening music (from left) Scott Takeda, Nakayama, Gordon Chinn and Jon Chisaki.

FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR: David Nakayama

Dance-a-Thon

San Francisco

Raising over \$1,000 is hard for any community group to accomplish, but the 18 youth of NCWNP-DC have done a fantastic job in doing just that. The Dance-a-Thon, which was held on Aug. 19 at National Headquarters, was one of the most successful events I have ever witnessed.

As part of a pilot project of the National Youth Program, the Dance-a-Thon was developed to assist local JACL Youth groups in fund-raising. Contrary to my own thinking, this event was not that easy to plan and execute. Sandy Doi and Frances Morodomi, co-chairs, really worked their hearts out. Frances had called me two days before, explaining that a number of youth were not going to attend and that she was sorry more could not come out. Upon hearing this depressing news and thinking this project would be a total "bomb", I explained that we should just continue and that whatever monies raised would be an asset.

So 18 youth came out to the Dance-a-Thon. I crossed my fingers, hoping we would break even. As the dance progressed, my friend Scott Takeda and I added up all of the pledges. To our surprise, it did in fact total more than the goal of \$1,000, after subtracting the expenses. My prayers were answered.

The format of this fundraising will be available to any interested JACL youth group. While it is not easy, the standard set by the NCWNP-DC Youth can be met. For additional info, write me at National Headquarters.

I want to thank those who came and helped make this pilot project a success:

Dorothy Chang (who collected over \$300 in pledges), Frances Morodomi (NCWNP-DC youth rep.), co-chair Sandy Doi, Edwin Noma, Sharon Chow, Marilyn Fong, Sabrina Gee, Geraldine Chin, Ryoshin Imai, Tony Lee, Luri Suyeiro, Sherri Chin, James Sakata, Ellen Nagasawa, Gordon Chinn, Scott Takeda, Jon Chisaki, Jonathan Chinn, Steve / Char Doi, and especially National staff members Lia Shigemura and Carole Hayashino (both of whom collected \$400 in pledges).

Keeping Track:

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ages, just as American Indians were paid damages after the courts found that treaties with them had been violated.

So the question turns on the necessity of the war-time relocation of the Japanese Americans. There is every indication now that it was not necessary. It appears that the executive branch of the federal government withheld relevant evidence during World War II when it argued, successfully, before the Supreme Court that the relocation was justified.

However, it doesn't seem to us that reparations at this late date are going to rectify matters. They would merely punish contemporary American taxpayers, many of whom were not alive at the time and none of whom had anything to do with the injustice.

What is profoundly important is the lesson that the government, even if seems to be doing the will of the majority, must never violate the rights of a minority and suspend the safeguards of liberty except under the demonstrable threat of clear and present danger.

MONTEREY, Ca.—The writer of the Monterey Peninsula Herald editorial, "Japanese Americans' Claims" (June 27) was not only unfamiliar with the events preceding the relocation/internment, but was also uninformed of the findings of the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians, charged Violet K. de Cristoforo in the Herald's Letter Box (July 13).

The writer is unaware that the basis of American jurisprudence is founded upon the principle of monetary redress for lost freedom, de Cristoforo, redress chair of Salinas Valley JACL said.

She cited an example: A Washington, D.C. case in which the

court awarded \$10,000 per person in damages to 1,318 Vietnam peace demonstrators for just two or three days' false imprisonment in 1971.

"Can we, in conscience, oppose the payment of a modest \$20,000 to each of the 60,000 surviving internees?"

Aki Hane, of Watsonville, viewed Herald's editorial as another "stench of yellow journalism your paper practiced during the war years—look back 40 years."

Another "Letter Box" contributor, Jack Brennan, Monterey, believed the editorial compounds and proliferates dangerous attitudes by mistakenly equating the actions of the Japanese government as the responsibility of the Nikkei population.

"I was appalled by The Herald editorial—which fell considerably short of the normally high standards of your paper," said Shigeo Kihara, Monterey.

"What the Japanese Americans are now seeking is to have Congress repeal Public Law 503, passed on Mar. 19, 1942, for the purpose of implementing Executive Order 9066; secondly, to declare that internment was unnecessary and wrong," Kihara added.

Donovan W. Moore, Monterey, reminded that U.S. citizen- evacuee could appeal confinement by a writ of habeas corpus in any federal court. Those who remained did so by choice. U.S. government has no need to apologize for protecting their lives and property which were stored in 11 warehouses on the San Francisco waterfront, and elsewhere by Dep. Atty. Gen. James Lynch, opined Moore.

Jack Davis, of Carmel, was to the point: Is it possible that you (the editorial writer) failed to understand the difference between

Japanese Americans, bonafide citizens, and the Japanese citizens of a foreign country at war with the United States? While German Americans and Italian Americans were not put into camps, the Japanese Americans were easily identified; small in number; and were weak politically.

"How dare you, under the guise of principles, establish an analogy between the suffering of servicemen caused by a foreign enemy and the imprisonment of American citizens by their own govern-

ment", Jacalyn Mahler, Monterey, criticized the Herald.

Richard Criley, Carmel, credits the JACL for campaigning the repeal of the Emergency Detention Act of 1950, "an infamous legislation which Congress repealed in 1975". The Japanese American concentration camps were kept intact while FBI compiled a file of tens of thousands to be interned on presidential order during the McCarthy era. Criley said, fortunately, internment never came about.

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Redress Phase 4: The New York Hustle

By B.J. WATANABE

Washington

In early August, John Tateishi sent a memo to (JACL) chapter presidents and redress chairs requesting that contact be established with members of Congress to advise them on upcoming redress legislation and to request their support and co-sponsorship.

In the New York area, in response to this, a redress task force of 8-10 persons was assembled, assignments made and contacts with congresspersons sought. New Yorkers recently were "called to action" at the EDC-MDC Convention which featured several redress-related workshops.

The stimulating convention experienced together with the "marching orders" moved the N.Y. task force to action and, as a result of a three-week campaign, they have received indications of support or co-sponsorship from 18 out of 48 congressional offices contacted so far. Further work will be done in effort to get the "others on board".

The New York chapter has an especially challenging task: its 200 members are spread across three states which have a combined total of 54 congresspersons and six senators. That's almost as many as California, Oregon and Washington combined.

Undaunted and Committed

The New Yorkers, however, are undaunted. Because of the firm commitment to redress, the chapter is solidly behind any effort to advance the cause. In the fundraising arena, the New York chapter has raised over \$4,000 (above and beyond "pledge money") by direct appeal and by selling autographed copies of Mine Okubo's "Citizen 13660".

Fundraising will be a continuing effort and, in addition to maintaining legislative contacts, future

plans include mobilizing a speakers' bureau to educate and solicit support from white community groups and a letter-writing campaign to legislators.

In the little time that I spent on the "hill" with different legislative aides about this issue, one common thread I have noticed is that constituents' letters and calls are noted and have impact.

Often I've spoken with aides who have mentioned that they had recently received a letter or call from Ms. —, urging support for this redress legislation. Contact like this sticks in their minds and is invaluable. Local support and movement on this issue is critical; without solid support from the home district, members of Congress are reluctant to act. Unfortunately, most contacts received from constituents on this issue is negative, thus making it very difficult for the congressperson to be supportive.

"Spread the Word"

Write your Congressperson! Call his/her Washington or district office, talk with the staff person who handles judiciary matters (the area in which this bill would fall), and let them know you want their support. Get your friends, neighbors, fellow church-goers or service club members to write and start "spreading the word" on this.

Those of us working on the congressional offices in Washington will keep in close contact with the local JACL chapters and districts to exchange information and to work in tandem. We are planning weekly updates on the work being done both in Washington, local districts and chapters. #

B.J. Watanabe of New York JACL is volunteering her time on redress legislation on Capitol Hill.—Editor.



HISTORIC GATHERING—Officials of the PSWDC JACL and Los Angeles Lodge of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance meet during the PSW quarterly meeting Aug. 28 at Little Tokyo Towers. They are (from left) Judge Ernest Hiroshige, guest speaker who with Leslie Furukawa were responsible for bringing the two civil rights groups together; District Governor Cary Nishimoto, CACA lodge president Dr. William Y.S. Tom, CACA lodge secretary Howard Quon, and PSW regional director John Saito.

Nomination forms for PSWDC seats ready

LOS ANGELES—Nomination forms for those seeking election to any PSW District Office in the upcoming District-wide election on Nov. 19, at Las Vegas, are available through the JACL Regional Office, (213) 626-4471.

Offices open for election are District governor, vice-governor, secretary, treasurer, and six at-large board positions. Candidates should try to be present for the election during the fourth quarterly District Council meeting at Las Vegas.

Nomination forms should be completed and returned to the PSW Regional Office before Nov. 10, in order to be listed on the written ballot. All others including floor nominations must be write-ins. Forms received before Sept. 30 will be distributed to the chapters for consideration by their respective boards.

Candidates must be current members in a (JACL) PSW chapter which is in good standing. #

LETTERS

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incompatible coupling I can't imagine, are alleged to be "our friends". Historically, the color-blind appellation is attributed to Supreme Court Justice Harlan who was the sole dissenter in the Plessy v. Ferguson case (1896) which handed down the "separate but equal" equation. The "color-blind" Constitution became a reality in the late 1960s, a bit too late for us and long overdue for the Blacks. The ever elusive Truth like a Mozart quartet is quite another thing and is, anyway, a cosmic conundrum best left to angels. Moreover, facts are more important than Truths and if repeated

often enough, become commonplace and we accept them as Truths even if contrary to experience. Hence, the infallibility of the Constitution-and-Truth is no more assured than the infallibility of the popes.

Prof. Befu's Aristotelian exercise which includes something for everyone is bogged down by the weight of verbosity among other things. He uses logic to bolster or promote his prejudices and perceptions. Logic is his weapon, a sword perhaps, but why does he keep stabbing his foot? From my experiences in real life, I see no reason not to take the money and

Consul General keynoter for PSW quarterly at Las Vegas

LOS ANGELES—The Hon. Yoshifumi Matsuda, Consul General of Japan, will be the honored guest and keynote speaker at the noon luncheon of PSW's Fourth Quarterly District Council meeting on Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Hacienda Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Also highlighting the affair will be National President Floyd Shimomura, National Director Ron Wakabayashi and U.S.-Japan Relations National Committee Chair Frank Iwama.

Boosters and chapter delegates have already filled two buses for the PSW-sponsored tour package, arranged by George Kanegai of the West Los Angeles Chapter in coordination with Tom Watanabe, Las Vegas Chapter President.

Registration forms are available at the regional office (213) 626-4471 or by contacting George Kanegai (213) 820-3592. Tour package of \$70 includes two nights and three days at the Hacienda Hotel (Nov. 18, 19, 20), roundtrip transportation from either Downtown L.A. or West Los Angeles with pick-up in

Riverside or San Fernando Valley, all portage at the hotel, all taxes and gratuities at the hotel, registration fee for the PSW meeting, Saturday luncheon, Saturday dinner hosted by Las Vegas Chapter. Deposit of \$35 is due upon making reservations, balance due by Nov. 5. #

MARUTANI

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tion in 1971 requires that Central High admit girls.

The judge's decision seems straightforward enough: Girls are entitled to equal educational opportunities. If Central High has been substantially and continuously better than Girls High, it can no longer be exclusively male.

Two points, however, suggest caution before giving whole-hearted endorsement to Judge Marutani's decision. Equality of educational opportunity is not an easy matter to judge in cases like this, and the standard should not be identity in curriculum, facilities or achievement. Single-sex high schools still have a great deal to recommend them, especially for serious and gifted students. The government, of course, must not favor one sex over the other, but it may be doing both sexes a great favor by continuing some single-sex schools. Courts should intervene only in cases of clear discrimination in educational opportunities.

Second, the remedy of admitting girls to the boys' school is not necessarily better than the remedy of requiring the government to improve educational opportunities at the girls' school. If Judge Marutani's order is sustained on appeal, the most likely result is that both of Philadelphia's top public high schools will go coeducational: The boys displaced by girls at Central High will seek admission to Girls High. If all the girls at Girls High are to get an even better chance at top quality education, it would make more sense for the judge to tell Philadelphia to make the necessary improvements at Girls High. #

REISCHAUER

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any future use of nuclear weapons.

He said he wrote the article to express his support for a similar argument put forth by Dr. Taro Takemi, immediate past president of the Japan Medical Association, who declared in the Journal of the American Medical Association in early August that the U.S. decision to drop the A-bomb on Hiroshima probably prevented wide-spread starvation and "saved" Japan.

"The military had driven Japan to a stage that if it could not win, it would not surrender," Takemi said. "It surely would have lost the war and many people would have starved if the atom bomb had not been dropped."

Japanese Attitude Toward A-Bomb 'Changed'

The article appearing during the week the 38th anniversary of the Hiroshima attack was being observed, Takemi said:

"When one considers the possibility that the Japanese military would have sacrificed the entire nation if it were not for the atomic bomb attack, then this bomb might be described as having saved Japan ...

"It seems to me that the attitude of Japanese toward the atomic bomb has changed dramatically since that day. I believe that the majority of Japanese people now agree with my current position."

Takemi was studying nuclear physics in Tokyo when the first A-bomb was dropped by the U.S. on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945. He said he and researchers knew what caused the explosion as soon as they had checked the scene. He took the data to Count Nobuaki Makino, his wife's grandfather, and told him President Truman had warned Tokyo risked the same fate. On Aug. 8, Makino had an hour and 40 minute audience with the Emperor, urging he accept the Potsdam Declaration. The Emperor said he would accept a truce. The government had cabled its acceptance hours after that meeting. The next day Nagasaki was bombed.

Takemi said he was surprised the second bomb was dropped. He also said he was the only witness to a conversation between Makino and U.S. Ambassador Joseph Grew, shortly after war broke out between the two nations. Makino felt then that Japan would inevitably lose the war and begged the U.S. not to bomb Japan's ancient capitals, Nara and Kyoto. Makino told him, "Although the Emperor indicated his opposition to the war at every point, the military not only didn't listen, they even conspired to have him abdicate."

Brief Notes on Count Makino

(Makino, b. 1861, was lord keeper of the privy seal from 1925-1935, an appointment equivalent to being the No. 2 adviser to the Emperor on state matters under the old Imperial House Law of 1889. He had studied in the U.S. (1872-74) and entered the Foreign Ministry. While foreign minister in 1913, he undertook to arrange an agreement with U.S. to guarantee the future status of Japanese after California had passed its anti-Japanese alien land law. Although he had opened negotiations, his successor, Takaki Kato, did not pursue the matter. In 1919, he was Japan's delegate to the Versailles Peace Conference and a proponent for the League of Nations. As a senior statesman in prewar Japan, Makino is regarded among the chief pro-U.S. personalities.—Ed.) #

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Vision meaning eyesight usually becomes worse as one gets older. Vision meaning insight though, always improves with age.

Take, for instance, my case of growing up in the Japanese American community of West Los Angeles. Japanese American sports leagues, Japanese language school, and church all made me aware of the many fellow Japanese Americans that lived nearby. But, of the other Japanese American communities in the L.A. area, such as Crenshaw and Gardena, I either didn't know they existed or else didn't really care because those people, in my eyes, didn't really affect me or my community at all. Similarly, it's a shame that today many high school students in these disperse Japanese American communities have never even seen Little Tokyo, the supposed center of the L.A. Japanese American community.

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'Chan Is Missing' billed as Chicago redress fundraiser

CHICAGO, Ill.—The all-Asian produced movie "Chan is Missing" will be presented by the Chicago JACL for its annual benefit movie fundraiser Oct. 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at the Francis Parker School Auditorium (2247 N. Clark St.). Donation is \$5 and proceeds will benefit the Chicago JACL redress program.

"Chan is Missing" is a feature-length film produced entirely by an Asian American cast and crew. With a premise of a colorful mystery, it encourages audiences to re-examine the usual stereotypes of Asian Americans through a tour of San Francisco's Chinatown community.

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So, is it a matter of not caring, or is it a matter of not seeing? Not only until my family moved up to Sacramento during my high school years did I finally realize that these Japanese American communities exist not only throughout L.A., but also throughout the state and even throughout the nation, and moreover, that all of these communities are all tied together simply on the basis of their similarity.

Thus, as I grew older, I was able to better see what "Japanese America" is really about.

The JACL Washington, D.C. Leadership Program (June 19-25), a week-long, in-depth orientation of the national political arena and the role Japanese Americans play and can play in it, opened my eyes even further.

A matter of caring. The Leadership Program was coordinated and presented by a group of people who care about the future of Japanese Americans in this country and who were willing to put their time and effort into this "investment" program for that future. To these people I again give thanks to for allowing me to learn from their experiences and for orienting me with the intricacies of politics on "the Hill".

A matter of seeing. A successful program opens eyes, and from that new vision a caring will emerge. In his opening remarks to the participants of this Leadership Program, JACL Washington representative and major coordinator of the program, Ron Ikejiri, stressed that Japanese Americans need to develop a national picture, rather than focus in completely on their own separate communities. The guest speakers, from Congressmen, to staffers, to lobbyists, to businessmen, all spoke to encourage us to see that: "Hey, there is a place for Japanese Americans here in Washington, and there ought to be more of us here." In addition, they all spoke of the personal level of politics in Washington, for connections mean action there. Unless Japanese Americans receive the support from connections on issues affecting Japanese Americans nationwide, such as the redress legislation, Japanese American concerns will continue to be neglected.

Thus, the theme of the program was that of involvement. Up until now, it's been the Nisei who've held the responsibility for Japanese American affairs, and Sansei were able to sit back and observe the progress. Passivity does not lead to leadership though, and if Sansei, like myself, are indeed taking the baton from the Nisei to lead the Japanese American community, we must be capable and motivated enough to handle that responsibility. We're running a race against racism, and in overcoming each hurdle, we're seeking a better Japanese American community overall.

So, in order to become leaders, we younger people must be able to set goals, understand legislative processes, and deal effectively with people. We saw and listened to leaders in Washington describe these ideals as they pertained to their own decision-making positions.

But we were only eight people, and though the lessons learned from these leaders ran deep inside each one of us, no doubt others can benefit just as much from this type of program. Only when enough of the Sansei and Yonsei become capable of "seeing" for themselves, will the Nisei then be able to sit back, observe the progress, and finally commend themselves for the tremendous part of the race they had run during their lifetimes.

This Leadership Program is definitely a step in the right direction, and by all means, should continue annually or even bi-annually if possible. Without such educational programs, the Japanese American young people will remain ignorant and uninvolved. With the continuation of such programs, the potential of future leaders will begin to manifest.

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DR. IRONS

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for most interesting reading, especially as they concern the late Roger Baldwin and the National ACLU. The differences between the philosophies and the tactics of even the attorneys for the defendants are remarkable, considering that all the cases involved Japanese Americans and their constitutional rights. Little known to most Nisei are the troubles that developed between the National ACLU and its two California branches, one in Northern California and the other in Southern California and between their two lawyers—Wayne Collins and A.L. Wirin of San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively.

The great differences within the Federal Establishment are even more astounding, with McCloy and his Washington counsel, plus the influence of DeWitt and Bendetsen from the West Coast, pitted against Ennis, Burling, and Rowe, in which the attorneys from the Justice Department were overmatched, what with the chief counsel for the War Relocation Authority, Philip Glick, adding his prestige to that of the War Department. Still, considering the odds against them, Ennis, et al, fought well and consistently. Their immediate "boss", the Solicitor General, however, tended to side with the War Department in agreeing to the hard-line arguments to be advanced as the "Government's lawyers".

The internal bickering among the attorneys for both the Government and the defendant Nisei in the trial stage and then on appeal are both interesting and intriguing to me as a layman, with the climax of course coming in preparations for the brief and the oral arguments to the nine justices who constitute the nation's highest tribunal.

'We Are a Government of Men'

Reading "Justice At War" persuaded me that, in fact, we are a government of men, and not of laws as so many others would have us believe. Learning how Chief Justice Harlan Stone maneuvered and tried to influence unanimous opinions in the various cases, and the methods resorted to by the several justices are only matched by the political chicanery too often attributed to the legislature and the Administration, as in the Watergate affair.

Throughout the time involved in the trials, the War Department's thesis was that dictated by DeWitt and its attorneys not only to deliberately mislead and even misinform the judges and justices but also to prevent the judiciary from learning about the opposition of the FBI, the Navy Intelligence, and the FCC. Indeed, War Department lawyers did not even check with its own Army Intelligence but relied solely on DeWitt's personal views and observations. General Mark Clark, for instance, then on General George Marshall's staff, questioned the need for mass evacuation and internment. This is the same Mark Clark, who later commanded the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Italy. Indeed, it is said that the Chief Justice wrote the unanimous opinion in the Hirabayashi case without knowing that Navy Commander Kenneth Ringle had submitted his confidential report to the Navy refuting charges of espionage, sabotage, or disloyalty on the part of resident alien Japanese and their citizen children. And this same information was not presented to the Supreme Court in the Korematsu case, even though the Roosevelt Administration, with the concurrence of the War Department, before Pearl Harbor authorized the Navy to be in charge of intelligence activities on the West Coast having to do with those of Japanese origin, and not the Army.

Author Irons reveals too that McCloy and his associates actually "lied" to Ennis and Burling about the date for the release of DeWitt's *Final Report*, promising even to "file it away" after it had been revised in certain respects as to certain conclusions

drawn by the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command.

National ACLU Board and President Roosevelt

As for the ACLU, the author alleges that its national board severely compromised the best interests of the four defendants by subordinating their personal and partisan loyalty to President Franklin D. Roosevelt for the civil violations at issue. Local ACLU lawyers initially decided to attack the basic constitutional issues involved in the military orders, but loyalty to Roosevelt "led the ACLU's National Board to prohibit such constitutional challenges in subsequent appeals" and to focus instead on the Army's implementation of Executive Order 9066.

Prof. Irons has reason to believe—in my personal opinion too—that had the participating attorneys acted in good faith and allowed the litigation to run their normal courses, the Yasui, Hirabayashi and Korematsu decisions might have well been completely the reverse of what were announced, that is to say that the time and travel restrictions and the evacuation and removal of those of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast States would all have been declared unconstitutional in every respect.

His careful and thorough investigation of the facts in these cases caused Peter Irons to become involved as the lead attorney pro bono publica in the coram nobis cases instituted in January of this year in cooperation with several Sansei attorneys to seek to reverse the unwarranted majorities in the Yasui, Hirabayashi, and Korematsu convictions on the basis that the United States court of final appeal erred and should correct those errors which deprived the petitioners of their due process rights, including the prosecution's use of false evidence and the suppression of other evidence as to the "military necessity" that justified their exclusion and exile from their West Coast homes and associations in the spring of 1942.

Since I was in the Army with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team at the time much of this action and deceit took place, much of what the author mentions is a real revelation to me, and I am sure will be to most others who were the victims of this wartime tragedy, as well as almost every citizen whose rights at one time or another may be threatened because the Supreme Court acted as it did and rendered its judgments as it did. In other words, to most Americans—and especially Japanese Americans—"Justice at War" is "must" reading, for it can happen again.

JACL Amicus Brief on Korematsu Case Applauded

As a JACLer, I was pleased to learn that most of the participating lawyers, on both sides, applauded the JACL amicus

(Friend of the Court) brief submitted in the key Korematsu case. The brief, which was in the tradition of the sociological Brandies-type documents, rebutted point-by-point every racial and other "fact" and/or argument reported by DeWitt as reasons for the grim and terrible actions he ordered under an improper presidential delegation of war powers.

Also, I am pleased that this authoritative publication makes clear that the JACL was not against litigation as such, as implied in the CWRIC Report, recording that National JACL President Saburo Kido in early summer 1942 persuaded San Francisco attorney James Purcell to undertake what became the Endo detention case, the one case involving habeas corpus that every Government lawyer feared most. This leads to the speculation that had only the JACL-inspired Endo case been carried up to the Supreme Court, perhaps those nine justices might have not only invalidated Executive Order 9066 but also ruled only on the most narrow of grounds in each instance.

Finally, as one quoted in this book as being among those most responsible for JACL's fateful decision to "collectively, cooperate and collaborate" early in 1942 as the supreme patriotic gesture under those tragic circumstances, may I note—as I have done on many occasions—that it was the "military necessity" judgment of the Army that compelled JACL to accept those un-American orders—and nothing else.

"Justice at War" eloquently and logically demonstrated that the Machiavellian activities of the War Department's counsel convinced the nine justices of the Supreme Court of the United States that, in fact, a "military necessity" threatening the security of the West Coast existed "beyond reasonable doubt".

If they could so persuade the Supreme Court two years after the event of evacuation and exclusion, how can any one seriously argue that the JACL should have ignored and denounced as falsehood and misinformation the "military necessity" assessment of the Army, of members of the United States Congress, and many other public officials and presumably responsible newspaper editors, etc., given to JACLers two years earlier? We had no evidence with which to challenge the official, public judgment of our own Government, even though we might have suspected much that was later proved to be deliberately contrived and constructed.

In any event, read Peter Irons' masterful revelations and begin to better understand the monstrous machinations that took place to deprive us as an ethnic group of our constitutional rights and our dignity as citizens and human beings. Such a reading will cause one to appreciate even more the appropriateness of the recommendations for remedies issued by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians recently.

Story on Collin's effort with Nisei renunciants wins contest

SAN MATEO, Ca.—A story of the wartime Japanese American renunciants, Tule Lake and the long, successful effort the late San Francisco attorney Wayne Collins Sr. fighting for them has been told by a San Mateo man.

John Christgau, a teacher of English at San Mateo High School, wrote on "Collins vs. the World: Wayne Collins, Sr., and the Tadayasu Abo case" and won the recent essay contest of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California Historical Society.

The essay prize competition was for the best piece dealing with any

aspect of the history of the Northern District of California.

An abridged version of Christgau's article was printed in 13½ pages of the summer 1983 issue of the organization's publication, the Historical Reporter.

Renunciants at Tule Lake

The renunciants started after the War Relocation Authority decided to start closing its relocation centers, sent so-called "disloyal" evacuees to Tule Lake and rumors spread that the WRA was going to send evacuees to "unfriendly" resettlement communities.

A fanatical pro-Japanese group in camp, the Hokoku Kai, held demonstrations and urged renunciation. Several thousands did so.

The U.S. nationality act did not permit any individual to renounce his American citizenship while in the United States. This law was changed by Congress on July 1,

Capitol mini trip set by Berkeley CL

EL CERRITO, Ca.—A minitrip to the State Capitol will be sponsored by Berkeley JACL on Saturday, Oct. 22, with Wells Fargo Bank, 9800 San Pablo Ave., as departure point, 9 a.m.

Upon arrival in Sacramento at noon, a gourmet luncheon will be served in the Board Room, D.O. Mills and Co., 111 K St., disclosed trip coordinator Joe Oyama.

The governor's mansion visit is scheduled for 2 p.m., then Sutter's Fort before 3:45 p.m. departure time. Registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 7. Information may be obtained by calling Oyama (415) 465-7811, or Terry Yamashita 527-7980.

Pete wasn't on a Labor Day weekend holiday, after all! It was delayed! Reference to his Poston II reunion comment needs an explanation: he was the guest speaker and did a fantastic job.—GM/O.

1944 to permit renunciation (and subsequently annulled by Congress).

Collins' Fight Starts

Christgau said Collins filed his first case to have renunciants annulled on Nov. 13, 1945.

He had said earlier that "those I represent have been submitted to gross indignities and suffered great loss of rights and liberties than any other group of persons during the entire history of the nation, all without good cause or reason."

"These internees, faced with a loss of citizenship rights, are confronted with a threatened involuntary deportation to Japan," Collins had said.

The renunciants' cases were first heard before Judge A.F. St. Sure and for more than a dozen years after the 80-year-old jurist died before Judge Louis B. Goodman.

Judge Goodman ruled for Collins' clients and his ruling was partially upheld by the court of appeals, restoring U.S. citizenship to a number of renunciants.

Fight Ends in 1968

However, Collins fought for another decade for the rest of his clients, finally winning his case for nearly all of them. The case was finally concluded on March 6, 1968 when Judge Alfonso Zirpoli, who took over the case after Judge Goodman died in 1961, ordered the "withdrawal and dismissal" after the government restored the citizenship rights of the last plaintiff.

Judge Zirpoli let Collins have the last word in the case and in a statement Collins said the "abusive treatment of these citizens was halted by the commencement of these proceedings... in this court."

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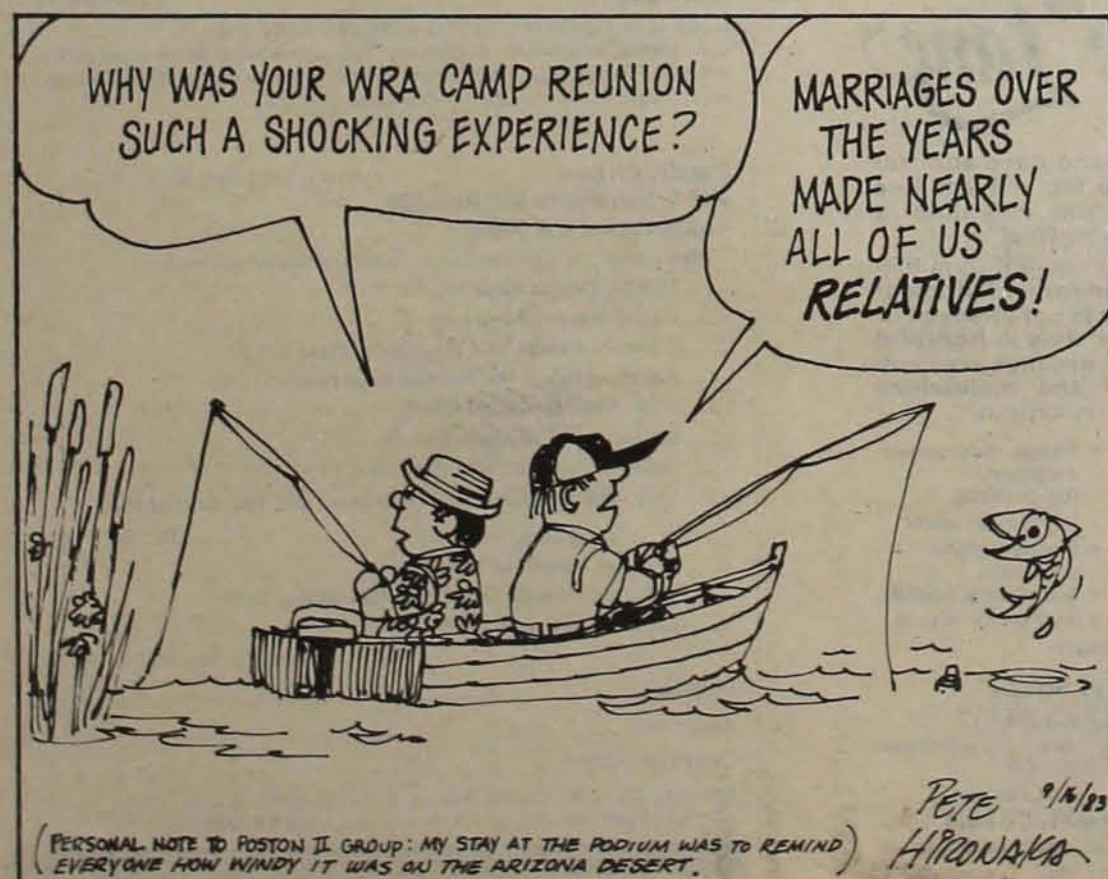
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Contra Costa CARP meeting resumed

EL CERRITO, Ca.—A forum titled "Why the JACL?" which will update activities and projects on both chapter and national level will be on the Contra Costa JACL Committee on Aging and Retirement Program agenda Friday, Sept. 23, 8 p.m., at the East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Ave.

Other topics include health insurance, youth scholarship and leadership seminar, 1984 Hawaii Convention and chapter building project, reported William Nakatani.



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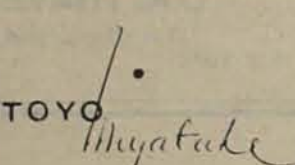
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My first meeting with my wife's aunt got off to a good start and I was beginning to relax when, as anticipated, she asked me how my name was written. I wrote it out. "So, that's how," she said, admiring like. "I've been wondering and puzzling over it, but for the life of me I couldn't figure it out." "Just hearing it, few people know how to write it," I told her. "Seeing it for the first time, most people won't know how to pronounce it, or pronounce it any way from Kai to Kohi to Kyohi. I've had trouble with it all my life." "It's an intriguing name, though. Distinguished," said Obasan. "It must have an interesting history. You must be proud of your name."

I was neither proud nor ashamed of my name. But for a period after the war it carried an aura of notoriety about it. A Konomi so-and-so, member of the National Diet (corresponds to parliaments of other countries) from Fukui Prefecture, opened the

first commercial Turkish bath in Japan. It was an instant smash hit. Turkish baths became the hottest thing for investors, like motels of the '30s and condominiums of the '70s and more recently, video game arcades of the past few years in America. A new category of entertainers came into being: *Toruko Jo* (Miss Turkish). Ostensibly sybaritic establishments of health-oriented relaxation, they were quite a bit more.

Of course I did not tell this to Obasan. For I had reasons to suspect that this politico-entrepreneur traced his genealogy to a common ancestor with me in some distant past. But a sudden impish whim came over me. "For all I know," I said, "it might be a Korean name. Or it might be a modification of some name which was originally Korean, at any rate."

An awkward silence fell over the company. The conversation became polite and remote. The sense of kinship which I felt I had begun to establish with Obasan was gone. I could see my wife was very uncomfortable. I knew I had committed a booboo.

The next day my wife tore into me in high wrath. "That was a totally gratuitous, a most cruel joke you told Obasan," she accused. "She had been dying to meet you and hear from your own lips what a fine samurai family you were descended from. But you have to tell her that your name is a Korean name. Do you know she's crushed. To think that her niece has married a Korean!"

I was flabbergasted at this unexpected consequence of my waggish remark. But the whole affair was ridiculous. What was so bad about a Korean husband for her niece, even if I said I was a Korean, which I never did. It was only a stupid gaffe, at worst, that I did not anticipate Obasan's unreasonable prejudice.

And what I told her was not something I pulled out of thin air. I was merely voicing a vague suspicion which I had been nursing since my student days at USC. One day I was shooting the breeze with a Korean friend named Char when he asked me how my name was written in Kanji, and I showed him. "Why, we have this name in Korea, too," he said, and appeared pleased. "Only we pronounce it 'Hubi'."

Here we were interrupted, and our dialogue ended. That was the last time I was with Char, and I never had the chance to ask for an elaboration on his statement. I was reluctant to accept it as given, for I knew that there were very few two-character family names in Korea, and I needed some concrete illustrations to convince me. I regret to say that I have been intellectually too lazy to pursue the subject seriously, although the phenomenon of the concurrence of a name in Korea and Japan certainly is intriguing.

But my time is getting short. My best hope for getting an explanation for the how and why of my strange family name seems to be in some happy chance encounter with such explanation somewhere in my rambling sorties into the uncharted wilderness of antiquarian trivia.

East Bay Issei autobiographies completed for book in English

BERKELEY, Ca.—Fourteen women writers, born between the years 1883 and 1915 (nine are in their 80s, three in their 90s), have completed the Issei Autobiography Project with a luncheon Aug. 27 at the North Berkeley Senior Citizens Center.

The project began in July, 1980, when a small group of Issei gathered to write short essays of their past, said Sharon Date, chairperson of the East Bay Japanese for Actions, sponsor of the project.

"A debt of gratitude goes to Jin Konomi (who is a Pacific Citizen

contributing columnist) and Michie Norikane, who accepted the task of translating these common-folk stories into English," Date added.

It was Mrs. Mizue Kato, a graduate student from Tokyo's Ochanomizu University, who encouraged the Issei elders to "write from their hearts". Arrangements have been made with a printer in Japan to publish 2,000 hard-cover copies at a cost of \$15,000. The book will include pictures and other documentary items.

The lunch was sponsored by the Sumitomo Bank, Albany Office.

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messages and interrogated Japanese prisoners in all corners of the world: from the frozen tundra of the Attu to the jungles of the Pacific.

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