

MERCED COUNTY Museum has J.A. room

MERCED, Ca. — Museum of Merced County Heritage reopened on June 12 after its renovation with one room devoted to photographs and artifacts representing the Japanese American experience.

Photographs show early farms and community gatherings, group activities in the Amache (Calif.) concentration camp, and bon odori festivities in the 1950s. One photo shows a 1920s billboard plastered with the words, "No More Japanese Wanted Here."

Rare artifacts range from a tansu wrapping silk-screened with the name and family crest of its owner to a crocheted Girl's Day doll set. A Boy's Day carp (koi-nobori) swings colorfully from the ceiling and one thousand origami cranes (semba-tsuru) hang in one corner of the room. A large display case houses numerous artworks made by Amache internees.

Each item on display was donated by Merced County residents. Acquisition, research and organization for the exhibit was accomplished by Marlene Tanioka (Livingston-Merced JACLer), chairperson, with help from:

Mr. Okano, Pat Sugiura, Fude Tanioka, Emi Tanioka, M/M William Kimoto, Danny Kuniyoshi, Suzy Miyake, M/M Bob Morimoto, Jill Bancho, K. Taniguchi, Kimi Lum, Susan Tanioka, Peter and Roger Tanioka, Mitsue Takahashi, Kazuko Tanji, M/M Ichiro Minabe, Mrs. Nagai, M/M Paul Okuy, June Asai, M/M Eric



NIKKEI ARTIFACTS—Articles on display at the Museum of Merced County (Calif.) Heritage include (above) the scrapbook/diary of Mack Yamaguchi, now of Pasadena, a San Francisco World's Fair pennant and everyday household items. The exhibit case (lower), entitled "Harvest Denied," shows the 1942 evacuation notice and photographs of barracks and group activities at Amache concentration camp.

Andow, Mr. Kajiwaru, M/M B. Kajiwaru, M/M J. Kiriwara, M/M D. Kiriwara and M/M Harry Kajioka. The Livingston-Merced and Cortez JACL also participated.

The museum is open daily

from 1-4 p.m. Classroom visits can be arranged by calling Paul Bowman at (209) 726-7426. The museum is located in the renovated Old County Courthouse, 21st and N Sts. #

Congress to get new redress bill

By RON K. IKEJIRI
Special to the Pacific Citizen

WASHINGTON — Similar bills will be introduced in the House and Senate within the next few weeks that would implement all the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

The JACL National Board at its July 1983 meeting unanimously adopted the recommendations of the commission as the basis for JACL's legislative drive. During the past 2½ months, the JACL Washington Office and National Committee for Redress have devoted all their resources toward introduction of these measures. Under direction of National Redress Director John Tateishi, the following tasks were completed:

1—The 440 members of the House of Representatives were provided with JACL briefing packets. These packets include a historical and legislative summary of the redress issue, a copy of the CWRIC recommendations, JACL's Questions and Answers on redress (PC, June 24) and news articles.

2—The 440 House staff members identified as primary legislative assistants in charge of the Commission recommendations bill were contacted personally.

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JACL Booklet on Redress

5—A JACL edition of "Personal Justice Denied," the CWRIC summary and recommendations, was prepared with photographs and edited in booklet form.

6—The JACL-printed edition of "Personal Justice Denied" was distributed to every member of the House and Senate.

7—Meetings were conducted with major civil rights, religious, and professional organizations toward the creation of a national citizens committee that would support the CWRIC recommend-

ations bill. Americans for Personal Justice (APJ) was approved by the chair of the JACL National Committee for Redress as the name for this citizens committee.

8—Meetings with leaders of the House and Senate were held regarding the timing and introduction of the Commission recommendations bill.

9—Meetings with key members of the House were held regarding their co-sponsorship of the bill.

10—Meetings with members of the House Judiciary Committee were held regarding the bill.

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San Joaquin County to remember EO 9066

STOCKTON, Ca.—A plaque commemorating the experiences of Japanese Americans who were forced into concentration camps during World War II will be erected at San Joaquin County fairgrounds. No date has been set.

The fair's board of directors, who argued over the plaque's wording on Sept. 7, still aren't sure where to put it.

Tetsuya "Al" Kato, Stockton JACL president, said the fair committee is worried that the plaque will be vandalized if it isn't placed closer to the administration building.

Fair directors Thelma Stewart and Ellsworth Beckman objected to placing the plaque in front of the administration building. They proposed, instead, to set the commemorative piece outside the fairgrounds on Airport Way for more people to see.

The board voted 7-1 to discuss the location at a later date and approved the plaque's wording. The dissenting vote was cast by Jean Reynosa, who said although she had "nothing personal against the Japanese people," she did not believe there is historical proof exonerating all Japanese Americans from charges of treason or helping the Japanese government plan the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Board president Thomas Matthews thinks the plaque's wording suggests the government was wrong in putting all persons of Japanese descent into camps.

George Baba of the monument committee argued that 1942 security concerns were based on assumptions about the militant Japanese government. "We had no control over their thinking."

The plaque will read as follows:

"Here within the confines of these grounds, enclosed by barbed wires and housed in temporary barracks under Executive Order No. 9066, more than 4,200 San Joaquin County residents of Japanese ancestry, predominantly American citizens, were interned from May 10-Oct. 17, 1942. May such usurpation of civil, social and economic rights, without specific charges or trial, never again occur."

Kato said his committee plans to apply for the plaque from the state park and recreation later this fall and to erect the monument by May.

Yoshioka makes Nov. 8 ballot

SAN DIEGO — Vernon Yoshioka qualified for the citywide general election Nov. 8 by finishing No. 2 Sept. 20 in his bid for the San Diego Community College District B Trustee post. The turnout last week was a slim 12 percent of the 86,000 voters in the district area, covering northeast San Diego.

The results:
S.D. Community College District B Trustee
Gene French (inc) 5,750 54%
Vernon Yoshioka 3,297 31%
James Clevenger 1,556 15%

Yoshioka told the Pacific Citizen the citywide race will allow his many Asian American supporters not in the district to cast their votes for him in November.

"Leadership" will be the key campaign issue in the coming weeks, he added.

"I call this primary election a mandate for change," Yoshioka said. "In Gene French's 18 years on the board, he has literally been undefeated with 64% of the vote. This time, he received only 54%. That excites me and means we'll embark upon an extremely aggressive campaign to defeat him in November."

Another Asian American name to appear in the general ballot will be Eleu Tabares, of Filipino ancestry, who also finished second in the 6th councilmanic district race.

WAR CABLES REVEAL

Japan considered Nisei unsuitable as spies

By RAYMOND OKAMURA

BERKELEY, Ca.—U.S. government officials knew from the secret "Magic" intercepts of diplomatic cables that the Japanese government had instructed its consular staffs to "avoid" the use of Japanese Americans in gathering information. Instead of providing a rationale for the mass incarceration the cables actually show there was no need for it.

A recently declassified document obtained from the National Archives by Michi Weglyn of New York (author of "Years of Infamy") indicates that the FBI, Army Intelligence and Naval Intelligence were informed of the decoded Japanese messages by July 1941. With full knowledge of the "Magic" intercepts, the FBI and Naval Intelligence recommended against a wholesale internment program when war broke out five months later.

Unknown to Japan, the United States had broken the Japanese diplomatic code (known as "Purple") and had built a facsimile cipher machine. Col. William F. Friedman, who led the American cryptanalytic team, pinpoints the first complete solution of a "Purple" message to Sept. 25, 1940. After that date, Japanese diplomatic cables were open books to American officials.

A "Purple" cable dated Jan. 30, 1941, which was deciphered by the "Magic" machine, describes the types of people who

should be given priority for use as espionage agents: "U.S. citizens of foreign extraction (other than Japanese), aliens (other than Japanese), communists, Negroes, labor union members, and anti-Semites."

The instructions go on to give lesser importance to the "utilization of our Second Generations and our resident nationals," because "in view of the fact that if there is any slip in this phase, our people in the U.S. will be subjected to considerable persecution and the utmost caution must be exercised."

This information evidently was disseminated to U.S. officials below cabinet rank several months later. A Memorandum of an Agreement Between the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Military Intelligence Division of the Army, and the Office of Naval Intelligence, dated July 3, 1941, reads:

"With the increase in tension between the United States and Japan, the Japanese Government felt that its system for securing information was inadequate to meet a situation involving war. To correct this situation all Consulates within the United States were instructed to concentrate on the obtaining of military and naval information with the accent on obtaining early information of United States naval movements."

"To this end they were instructed to minimize their propaganda and cultural activities, to concentrate their funds on the employment of agents and saboteurs, and they were specifically enjoined to avoid the use of second generation Japanese domiciled in the United States in order that there would be no retaliatory measures taken against this group."

"They were urged to employ Americans of foreign extraction, disloyal native born Americans and to utilize to the fullest extent possible the Communist Party and underprivileged racial groups such as the negroes."

The contents of the "Purple" cables were consistent with everything else the FBI and Naval Intelligence knew through

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'Sparky' condemns Soviet on KAL 007

WASHINGTON—During Senate consideration on Sept. 15 of a resolution condemning the downing of the Korean airliner, Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) called the act "incomprehensible" and "an enormous crime not only against the government and people of South Korea, but against all civil-

ized nations participating in international travel."

"Now the world has gained fresh insight into the workings of the Soviet leaders' mindset: There can be no such thing as collective error on their part—only on the part of others outside their fold," Matsunaga said.

Asian Business Assn. to cite state minority business chief

LOS ANGELES—Stim Suzuki, chief of the Small and Minority Business Procurement Assistance Div. of the Dept. of General Services, Sacramento, will receive the prestigious Outstanding Asian American Business Award on Sept. 30 at Biltmore Hotel.

The Asian Business Assn. and the Asian American Architects and Engineers said Suzuki will be recognized with the Public Agency Award. He spent 17 years as a state Office of Procurement buyer.

Suzuki was a prime coordinator of the Asian Business Trade Mission which took place in Sacramento last May, sponsored by the California Council of Asian American Business Assn., a statewide network of 25 Asian business firms.

Robert Yamasaki, presi-



Stim Suzuki

dent of "One Stop Posters" in Monterey Park, will receive a special award, presented by Assemblyman Richard Katz.

Reservations may be obtained by calling Gary Sue, (213) 321-9634 or Lynne Choy Uveda, (714) 529-9657. #

Fighter pilot Capt. Nakagawa assumes command of Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station

POINT MUGU, Ca.—Capt. Gordon Ross Nakagawa, who was captured and held for four months as a North Vietnamese prisoner of war in Hanoi, has officially relieved Capt. John Tallman as commander of the Point Mugu Naval Air Station on Sept. 16.

The 48-year-old, highly-decorated Sansei Navy fighter pilot was shot down over Haiphong, and was held until the final Operation Homecoming POW airlift flight on March 29, 1973.

Nakagawa, married to former Jeanne Takemoto of Lincoln, Calif., came to Point Mugu NAS from the Naval Air Systems Command Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where the couple are active JACL members.

The former director of the Systems Engineering Management Div. began his naval stint in 1953 when he received an NROTC appointment to UC Berkeley. He entered flight training and was designated a naval aviator in 1959. Nakagawa earned his master's in electrical engineering from Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., in 1966.

In January, 1968, he had a close call when his A-6 was struck by enemy fire, but was able to bring in his crippled aircraft back for a safe carrier landing.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Bunny Y. Nakagawa of Auburn, Calif., and his wife are parents of two sons and a daughter. #

Sansei leads Everest climb

KATMANDU, Nepal—James Sano, 28-year-old leader of an 11-member Mt. Everest expedition, reported Sept. 10, from the team's third camp at 23,524 feet that they will make a summit bid the first week of October. If successful, the team will put the first American woman atop Everest and will conquer its

treacherous west ridge for the first time in autumn.

Sano, a park ranger from Yosemite Valley, Calif., reported to the Ministry of Tourism that all five women and six men were in good health. The expedition is assisted by a group of Sherpas, five of whom have previously climbed the 29,028 foot mountain.

The third camp is situated just at the beginning of the summit pillar—the most difficult part of the ascent, which is exposed to strong winds from Tibet and involves extensive rock climbing.

Nine climbers have died on the west ridge of Everest since 1974, when the route was first attempted. It has been scaled only once before by a Yugoslav expedition in 1979 during the easier spring season.

The American team obtained special permission from the Nepal ministry of tourism to begin their climb on Aug. 24, one week before the official autumn climbing season began. "We want to take full advantage to push a route up, given the length and difficulty of the route," Sano said before leaving.

The Americans are ahead of two Japanese expeditions, one climbing the southwest face and the other the usual ridge from Nepal. #

Over 1,300 centenarians of Japanese birth honored Sept. 15

TOKYO—The number of centenarians in this country will have reached 1,354 as of the end of September, 154 more than recorded in 1982, the Health and Welfare Ministry announced, in conjunction with the annual Respect for the Aged Day on Sept. 15.

Shigechiyo Izumi, 118, of Tokunoshima in southern Kagoshima, topped the list. He is recognized as the oldest man in the world, according to the Guinness Book of Records.

Prime Minister Yasuhiro

Nakasone presented citations and a set of silver cups to 213 men and 682 women, including those residing abroad, who have reached 100 during the current fiscal year which ends next March.

Among 28 centenarians living overseas, the eldest person is Tokuji Kuramoto, 103, a native of Fukuoka prefecture, now residing in Monterey Park, Calif. Totaro Nomiya of Hawaii is one year younger.

Kuramoto first went to Ha-

waii in 1898, and later moved to Los Angeles in 1913 where he operated an inn, a hotel and later apartment houses.

Other Southern Californians receiving accolades from the government included:

Toyono Kamon, 102, Waka-yama; Tane Nakajima, 100, Wakayama; and Mitama Yabu, 100, Kumamoto, all of Los Angeles; Kishino Wada, 100, Wakayama, Garden Grove; and Rin Asano, 100, Miyagi, Phoenix, Ariz.

Two Issei centenarians

now live in San Francisco; 10 in Honolulu; nine in Brazil; and one each in Peru and Mexico.

The eldest Japanese was the late Mrs. Yaso Kobayashi, who died on May 29, 1964 at 118 years and two months. As of Sept. 26, Izumi has passed that mark. He is followed by Momu Okuma, a 109-year-old woman from Sapporo.

Matsu Maeshiro and his spouse, Makato, of Okinawa are both 100, the first time that a couple have become centenarians. #

Sen. Kennedy backs S.1520

WASHINGTON—A letter to Aiko Watanabe of Los Angeles recently revealed Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's support for S. 1520—the Senate bill providing compensation for individuals who suffered relocation and detention during WW2.

Strongly supporting the findings of the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians, the Sept. 16 letter said:

"All Americans should understand the serious injustice that was done to thousands of loyal American citizens who were forcibly removed from their homes and detained in internment camps for no reason except their ancestry. According to the Commission, there was not a single documented act of espionage or sabotage committed by Japanese American citizens or resident aliens. To the contrary, many of these same Japanese Americans served in our Armed Forces with gallantry and helped America to win the war.

"We cannot erase this mistake, but we can reaffirm our commitment to civil liberties and our commitment to reject future pressures to abandon our sense of decency. The legislation we have introduced is an attempt to make appropriate amends to those thousands of loyal Americans who were treated so unfairly by their government."

PC PEOPLE

● Book

Now regarded as a biographical and technical testament to U.S. politics, the 1984 edition of the Almanac of American Politics, co-authored by Michael Barone and Grant Ujifusa (a Wyoming Sansei), was launched Sept. 13 in Washington by the publishers, National Journal. The book has been published biennially since 1972. #

● Education

Frank Fujii has been appointed affirmative action officer at Seattle Central Community College, effective fall 1983. Fujii, who has been with the college since 1972 as director of instructional resources, is now involved in the hiring of new workers. He directs audio-visual and graphic support services. #

Dr. Takuo Ishida of UC-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine has been awarded a two-year \$34,000 fellowship to support his research in the institution's department of surgery. He will concentrate his research on cat immunology—the study of the cat's immune defense system against disease in order to bolster its own natural ability to fight malignant diseases like leukemia. #

James H. Urata, who has been serving as acting executive dean of CSC-San Bernardino for the past year, will have a new title. Urata has been named director of administrative affairs, in addition to his continuing responsibility as director of plant operations. #

● Military

Jack Matsukawa of Los Angeles assumed command of the Disabled American Veterans, Nisei Chapter 100 at an informal installation held recently at the New Otani Hotel. He took command from Kenny K. Takaki, who served as commander from 1980-83. #

● For the Record

Name caption for picture on this page last issue should have been as in the accompanying story: Robyn Y. Nishimi, Ph.D. #

Glen Marumoto, a 1979 Live Oak High School graduate who was one of the recipients of a Marysville JACL scholarship, became the first Northern California Nikkei to finish studies at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado. The son of Mr. and Mrs. George Marumoto of Live Oak is stationed at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois. In a graduating class of 920, he was the only Japanese American. #

Hawaiian-born Lt. Col. Melvin Hayashi, director of low altitude navigation and targeting infrared system for night, will become the new commandant of the Edwards AFB Test Pilot School near Lancaster, Ca. Hayashi holds a master of science degree in aeronautical engineering from Stanford University. After his first duty station in France, he was assigned to Tan Son Nhut Air Base in Vietnam where he completed 350 combat missions. #

● Flowers-Garden

Alice and Arthur T. Ito of Flower View Gardens, Inc., Los Angeles, attended the 1983 Convention of Florists' Transworld Delivery Assn., held in Honolulu, Aug. 20-25. Ito announced his candidacy for vice president next year; the election to be held in August in Montreal, Quebec. Ito is a charter 1000 Club member, past Hollywood JACL president. #

● Health

Michael Shuji Ito, Psy.D., has been appointed to the position of regional coordinator of the Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Counseling Center in Saluda, Va. An NIMH post-doctoral fellow with St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D.C., he will provide direct services as a clinical psychologist in addition to supervising other social workers, psychologists and support staff. Ito was born and raised in Los Angeles and is a member of the Washington, D.C., JACL. #

● Entertainment

Carolyn Goto rejoins the Oakland Ballet for its 1983 season, beginning Sept. 30. Goto returns after a two-year absence after performing for Ballet Metropolitan in Columbus, Ohio. The Nisei dancer has a major role in "Coke Walk" and will be in several numbers in the Oakland Ballet program. #

Mas Kawaguchi to be honored at community testimonial dinner

LOS ANGELES—Plans are underway for a community testimonial dinner to honor Masashi Kawaguchi, president of Fishing Processors, Inc., on Thursday, Nov. 3, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The \$100-a-plate banquet will benefit the Sierra Trails District and Los Angeles Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Kawaguchi is active with Hiroshima Kenjinkai, Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji, Kyodo System Japanese Language Schools and Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

Well-known for his philanthropies, the Kawaguchi Kihara Foundation, which was established by his family, contributes \$100,000 annually to various non-profit groups.

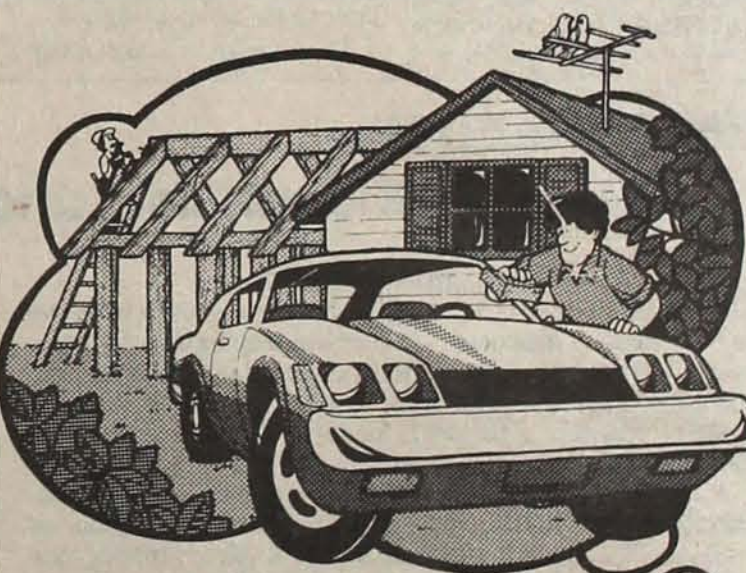
Mas Dobashi, district chair for Sierra Trails, heads the program committee, assisted by:

William Hiroto, Tom Nishikubo, Harry Yamamoto, Jun Okimoto, Ken Kawaguchi, Yae Aihara, Lucy Hamanaka, Vickie Iwata, Edwin Hiroto, Kango Kunitzugu, James Miyazaki, Kats Kunitzugu, Junichi Nakano and Larry Sasano. #

Testimonial set for Monterey's Tsuchiya

MONTEREY, Ca.—A testimonial dinner in honor of Harold K. Tsuchiya, recipient of the Sixth Order of Sacred Treasure, will be held Sunday, Nov. 13, 5:30 p.m., at Rancho Canada, the Sept. 7 Monterey Peninsula JACL newsletter reported. He is being recognized for his many services to the community and organizations.

Community sponsors include JACL, Veterans of Foreign War Post 1629; El Estero Presbyterian Church, Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Church, and Issei Kai. Tickets are \$16 per person. #



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'The Year of the Dragon' opens CSU-LA AATAP Season



Photo by Jon Takasugi

PLAY PRACTICE—Rodney Kageyama (left) and Nobu McCarthy rehearse for the opening night of "Year of the Dragon."

LOS ANGELES — Frank Chin's *The Year of the Dragon* will be presented in the State Playhouse of the California State University, Los Angeles, on Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9, becoming the second theatrical production of the Asian American Theatre Arts Project directed by internationally known actress Nobu McCarthy.

The Year of the Dragon is directed by the playwright Frank Chin, who will also be playing the role of Pa Eng.

Chin's two plays *The Chickencoop Chinaman* and *The Year of the Dragon* single-handedly established the Chinese branch of the new American ethnic theatre. Chin seeks to preserve the history of the pioneering Chinese, while defying accepted stereotypes and conventions. His subject is Chinese America—not the tourist's exotic view of Chinatown, but the drama of real people living in a physically and psychologically congested ghetto. At the heart of his work, Chin addresses fundamental questions about Chinese American identity, manhood and culture.

Japan-born McCarthy, who plays Ma Eng in *The Year of the Dragon* came to the United States in 1956. She was discovered by Jerry Lewis, who gave her a leading role in the motion picture *Geisha Boy*.

McCarthy has starred in ten major motion pictures since then, including an early James Clavell (author of "Shogun") motion picture with Jack Lord.

In 1976 she endeared herself to Japanese Americans in the nationally televised movie, *Farewell to Manzanar*. McCarthy's television guest appearances number over 100 in such shows as *Barney Miller*, *Quincy*, *Love Boat*, and *Different Strokes*.

McCarthy appeared in stage plays all over the country. Recently she completed a three-week run in the starring role of Wakako Yamauchi's play, *12-1-A*, at the East West Players.

As assistant professor and director of the Asian American Theatre Arts Project on

campus, her preparatory work for *The Year of the Dragon* was done in her acting class. In her second year as director of the AATAP, McCarthy intends to continue to help develop a multi-ethnic theater arts program as she has found teaching an invaluable experience.

About the Play

The Year of the Dragon takes place in a San Francisco Chinatown apartment around the time of Chinese New Year's. The people under consideration are the Eng family.

Pa Eng, the father, is dying and he knows it. Born in China he is now the mayor of his community and doesn't want his family to leave the security he has set up in Chinatown community.

Ma Eng a Chinese American who repeatedly sings American-written "Chinese Lullaby", remains oblivious to the conflicts others are facing around her.

Fred (played by Rodney Kageyama) the oldest son, is

an unhappy Chinatown tour guide who is struggling with his family responsibilities and the problems with living in Chinatown.

Johnny (Kei Hayashi), is the youngest son, on probation for carrying a gun. He is unaware of the frustrations Fred is faced with and is content with working the tour service.

Sis (Michelle Fong) is the visiting daughter who has married a Caucasian and moved out of Chinatown. Her perspective differs from that of others.

China Mama (played by Judy Hcy) is Pa Eng's first wife who has been sent for from China to be with the family.

The uproar begins on Fred's "first last tour of the day."

"The Chinatown of *The Year of the Dragon* is not what is seen by the thousands of tourists during the New Year's parade, but the psychological 'death camp' that is in the blood of all Juk Sing (American-born Chinese), confesses Chin.

Performances are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 7:30 p.m. on Sundays. For ticket information call 224-3344.

Women's Network to present awards

LOS ANGELES—The Asian/Pacific Women's Network, L.A., will hold its third annual Woman Warrior Awards banquet on Friday, Oct. 7, at the Biltmore Hotel. Awardees were announced as follows:

Nobuko Miyamoto, dancer, choreographer; Irene Chu, executive director, Chinatown Service Center; Dr. Jewell Cobb, president, CSU-Fullerton; Chief Justice Rose Elizabeth Bird, California Supreme Court; Dr. Margaret Yet-Su Lee, physician/surgeon; Tai Babalonja, world figure-skating champion and two-time Olympian.

The Life Achievement Award will be given to Louise Leung Larson, pioneer journalist. Tria Toyota of KNBC, a past recipient of the Woman Warrior award, will be master of ceremonies.

Labor bias charged on UC Berkeley

BERKELEY, Ca.—UC Berkeley intends to meet its affirmative action pledge by hiring 26 women and five ethnic minority scholars to professorial positions within three years and 45 additional minority and 49 more women scholars after 1989, university spokesman Raymond Colvig said Sept. 9.

The Labor Department cited 18 problem areas in the university's hiring program.

Friendship festival draws 50 sponsors

SAN DIEGO—More than 50 groups will participate in the third annual Japanese Friendship Garden festival to be held Sunday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m., at Balboa Park.

There will be a koto concert, demonstrations in martial arts, tea ceremony, sumie, calligraphy, origami, silk painting, bonsai and ikebana. Twenty-five booths and tables will conduct sales of food and sundries.

Will Hippen, Jr., San Diego's honorary consul general of Japan and president of the Japanese Garden, said all profits from the festival will benefit the first phase of landscape construction.

Asian 'Yellow Pages' to be published

SAN FRANCISCO—To meet needs of a large and growing Asian community, San Francisco will soon have its first free Asian Yellow Pages directory, the Hokubei Mainichi reported in mid-August.

The Asian Yellow Pages will be printed in Chinese and Japanese, with each business listing translated.

Anniversary

SAN FRANCISCO—A cocktail reception will celebrate the 8th anniversary of Nihonmachi Legal Outreach and victory for Choh Soo Lee on Saturday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m., at Fort Mason Center.

Convalescent nursing home planned for Nikkei in San Jose

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Plans for a non-profit convalescent hospital (nursing home) to serve persons of Japanese ancestry from the Fresno-San Francisco Bay area, the Coast area and other communities are being developed by concerned individuals.

At its first meeting on July 14 with Los Angeles and Seattle Keiro executives, the group named Dr. Tom Taketa to chair the project. Persons attending the discussion included Joe and Katie Hironaka, Dick and Lucille Hitomi, Rev. Timothy Iwahashi, Rev. Ryusho Matsuda, Luther Ogawa, Teiji and Yukiye Okuda, and Nadine Yamamoto.

Helen Kim, administrator operator of Willow Glen Convalescent Hospital, provided information. Tom Wakimoto summarized plans for land and building.

Asian films slated Oct. 8-9 at JACCC

LOS ANGELES—An Asian American Film Festival, featuring full-length dramas from Japan, Korea and the Philippines is scheduled for Oct. 8-9 at the Japan America Theatre in the JACCC complex, 244 S. San Pedro St.

Co-sponsored by Visual Communications and Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, an opening night reception will follow the 7 p.m. screening, with Asian American film and television celebrities as invited guests.

Matinee and evening programs start at 2 p.m., and 7 p.m. For titles and tickets, call (213) 680-4462, or 680-3700.

JACCC recognizes its builders

LOS ANGELES—A bronze plaque placed on the pillar at the northeast corner of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center Aug. 17 acknowledges the architects, engineers, contractors and landscape designers who had constructed the five-story building. Recognized were:

The architectural team of Kazumi Adachi, Kiyoshi Sawano and Hideo Matsunaga; structural engineer Joe Kinoshita; mechanical engineer Joe Nishimura; electrical engineer William Ishii; general contractor Ohbayashi America Corp.; landscape designers Takahashi & Takahashi.

Participating at an informal ceremony were Frank Kuwahara, JACCC president; Gerald D. Yoshitomi, center's executive director; and Kazumi Adachi who represented the professional establishments.

The building at 244 S. San Pedro St. was dedicated Mar. 2, 1980.

L.A. retiree group to meet at JACCC

LOS ANGELES—Newly organized Downtown Los Angeles chapter of the American Assn. of Retired Persons, Inc., will meet Monday, Oct. 3, at the JACCC, Room 410, 1

p.m. Persons over age 50 are welcome. Programs offered to senior citizens will be discussed, according to Mable Yoshizaki, publicist, (213) 263-8469.

'Nisei Today' topic of October series

LOS ANGELES—"Coming to Terms: The Nisei Today" is the theme of an October discussion series scheduled Sundays, 3:30-5 p.m., at Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St.

Evacuation Aftermath will be discussed by Dr. Harry Kitano, UCLA school of social welfare on Oct. 9; *My Body/My Health*, by panel of doctors/dentists led by Harold S. Harada, DDS, Oct. 16; Aging

and Retirement, Betty Kozasa, City Council on Aging, and Michael Ego, American Assn. of Retired Persons and National JACL Committee on Aging and Retirement, Oct. 23; and *Needs of the Spirit*, by Rev. Masao Kodani, Senshin Buddhist Church, and Rev. George Nishinaka, Centenary United Methodist Church, Oct. 30.

Details may be obtained by calling the JACCC, (213) 628-2725.

Sansei drama in 'West Coast Plays'

LOS ANGELES—"The Dream of Kitamura," by Phillip Gotanda, is part of the latest California Theatre Council's publication of West Coast Plays, Volume 15/16.

Gotanda's work has a dreamlike quality in which a crime from the past returns to plague a lord who may be the criminal and who has hired two bodyguards who may be the avengers (or perhaps it's the spirit of Kitamura).

For copies, write to CTC/WCP, 849 S. Broadway, Ste. 621, Los Angeles, CA 90014.

Reunion: '38 grads

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—A combined Sacramento/McClatchy high school graduates of January/June 1938 will hold a reunion Saturday, Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m. at the Red Lion Inn, 2001 Point West Way. Ruby Masuda-Matsuhara, of reunion committee, may be contacted by calling (916) 427-3411, or by writing to 5 Havenwood Circle, Sacramento, CA 95831.

Social services merge with Pioneer Center

LOS ANGELES—Japanese Chamber of Commerce Social Services, Inc., and Japanese Community Pioneer Center announced their merger on Sept. 15 to provide a wider scope of services and programs.

The JCC social services staff has moved from the fifth floor of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center to the ground floor premises, assuming a new name: Japanese Community Pioneer Social Services Center.



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Reparations for veterans?

By WES PEYTON
Chief Editorial Writer of the
Mercury News,
San Jose, Ca.

Earlier this year a commission convened by Congress urged the federal government to apologize for clapping 110,000 American citizens of Japanese ancestry into concentration camps during World War II and to pay \$20,000 in reparations to each of an estimated 60,000 survivors.

Legislation to accomplish this is working its way through Congress.

Periodically since the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians filed its report, some readers of this newspaper have inveighed bitterly against the notion of reparations. Their basic argument is that war is hell and that everybody had it rough during World War II.

Why, ask these letter writers, should the nation compensate Japanese Americans for the inconvenience of having been interned behind barbed wire for the duration? What about the soldiers and sailors who faced worse perils? Why not a bill to grant them reparations, too?

What GIs Received

In my view, these complainers miss the point. Leaving aside the question of whether it was proper or necessary to tear these 110,000 citizens away from their homes, families, businesses and educations and lock them up without a trial, let's look at what the government did to—and for—the approximately 4 million servicemen and women of World War II.

I can speak with some authority here, I was a GI and know firsthand what that meant both during and after the fighting.

Most of the two years, 10 months and six days I served were spent in the infantry. I crept, crawled, marched, ran and rode from Belgium to Bavaria, dodging along the way everything from 9mm machine-pistol slugs to V-1 buzz-bombs. I was no hero, just a survivor. I mention the infantry combat only to establish my eligibility for membership in the I-suffered-so-what-about-my-reparations? club.

But I'll decline the honor, thank you. By my calculation, the government and I have been square for years.

Plus Travel Pay Home

When the Army mustered me out at Fort Dix, N.J., it handed me travel pay to my enlistment station, San Francisco. Those few hundred dollars financed a leisurely cross-country jaunt that enabled me to sample Americana from Staten Island to Chicago, Cheyenne, Salt Lake City and points west. It was great fun, the sort of trip every young man should make at least once.

In my case, getting acquainted with Americans particularly enjoyable because it confirmed what I'd come to suspect after almost three years in uniform: Americans are individualistic, stubborn, shrewd, tough—and almost invariably kind and hospitable to strangers. Going home this way tremendously eased my readjustment to civilian life.

Next, the Veterans Administration staked me to a college education; it would have paid my campus living expenses, too, if I'd needed the money. I didn't.

Then the GI Bill

After taking my bachelor's degree, I still had enough GI Bill educational entitlement left to finance some graduate study in Paris. This time I let the government feed and house me as well as spring for my books and tuition. That \$75-a-month living allowance bought room and board on the Left Bank and as much convivial boozing as my liver would tolerate.

Home again, settled down and married, I let the Veterans Administration make it easy for me to buy my first house. My GI Bill home loan provided the newlywed Peytons with a quarter-acre in Cupertino and a two-bedroom-and-den home. Because the government-underwritten loan carried a low, low interest rate, the monthly

mortgage payments were a low, low \$55.

That's what I got from the feds. Let's turn now to the state of California.

After spending a couple of years in this newspaper's Washington bureau in the mid-1950s, I returned to San Jose. The Peytons, now including two daughters in addition to husband and wife, needed a new home. The GI Bill was behind me, but Cal-Vet sparkled on the horizon. The state's home loan pro-

gram was necessary or proper. It is said that Hawaii's APA community—from which only a relative handful were interned here or on the Mainland—is generally opposed to monetary payments.

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

The \$20,000 may seem large, but the fact that in 1940 dollars that was only about \$4,000 gives some

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gram for veterans enabled us to buy a pleasant Willow Glen ranch-style at 3% interest. That translated into monthly payments of \$81, if memory serves.

Reparations? I've had them in spades, and so has every other World War II veteran. Our fellow citizens of Japanese ancestry who were imprisoned without accusation or trial are still waiting.

I think they've waited long enough.

Taking the view that "we can't afford to make reparations", J.L. Bratton of San Jose, disagreed (Aug. 8, San Jose News) with Wes Peyton's column (above). "Where is the money coming from? We owe more money now than we can pay the interest on... It is time to begin spending only money available." He also urged "hard-working, tax-paying, law abiding citizens to let their (congressmen) know they expect a balanced budget and reduction of the national debt."

Redress for Internment

Honolulu
Advertiser
June 26, 1983

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

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

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

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

Some have called (and sued) for direct payments to camp survivors or descendants. Some say symbolic redress in the form of projects for community improvement is in order. Others say no

perspective. Actual monetary losses in many cases were much higher, and there were years of time lost and real psychological scars from the experience.

Bills to authorize redress payments have already been submitted in Congress, but California Rep. Norman Mineta, who was interned at age 10 with his family, has said action may take years.

Considering the tight budgetary times and mounting national deficit, the decision to make such payments is obviously a difficult one, especially since there are other groups wronged by official government action that may also seek payments.

No amount of money can compensate those who suffered in the camps for no other crime than their ethnic origin. If there are to be payments, as the commission says, they must be substantial enough not to trivialize the experience or the apology. And they must make some meaningful contribution to seeing that what was unfairly done to one group 40 years ago is not allowed to happen again to another in the future.

—(From Allan Beekman).

Letters:

Round Six

Re "Are Women's Concerns Real or Perceived?" (PC, Aug. 5): The nobility of women will never be vanquished; we will endure.

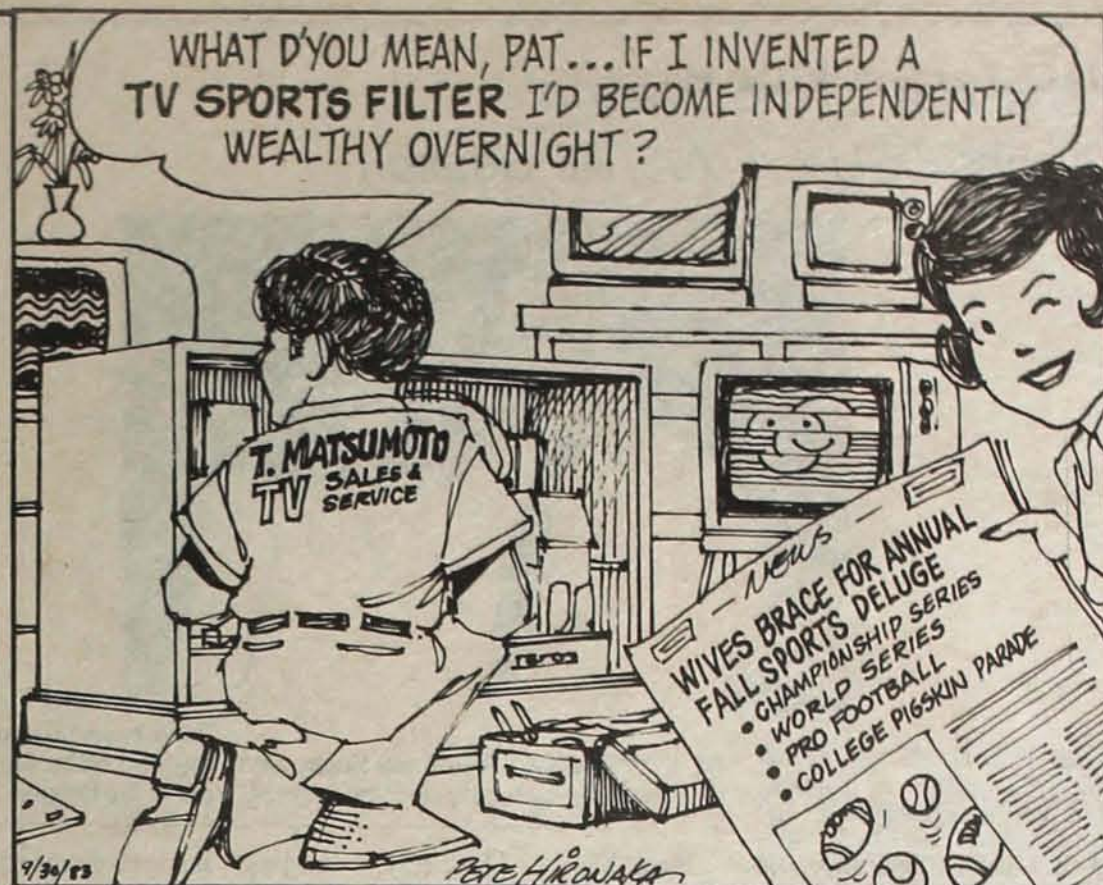
Christine Craft said it all. The court and jury in their infinite wisdom agreed with her and awarded her \$500,000.

Some men since time immemorial have never accepted women as their equal. They see us as second class citizens—an assumption that some men have willingly and gladly promoted.

Since finding the courage to write about the problem it seems that a few overblown egos have been bent out of shape. I will do my utmost to approach the issue with dignity, a cool head and a lion's heart.

As to JACL leadership positions that women assume it is only workable if she defers to the men and the decisions that they make.

I find (Dr. Yosh) Nakashima's statement unworthy of his position—"I believe that given the normal course of events, things will work themselves out and no special effort is necessary to assure women



EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

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A Time to Close Ranks

WITHIN THE RANKS of Nikkei, there undoubtedly exist various diverse views on the issue of achieving meaningful acknowledgment by our government of the gross injustices imposed upon the Nisei and their Issei parents, by reason of the summary uprooting, removal and incarceration of these innocent, helpless people in 1942. That a grave injustice was inflicted, no reasonable mind could contest. However, the diversity of views arises when addressing the question of what remedies, the terms thereof, are appropriate. And, perhaps, there may also be factors of egos: who shall lead, who shall speak, who shall get "credit" and such trivia. Even as such quibblers overlook the glaring, central theme that demands a meaningful response from that entity that inflicted the blatant indignities—as the evidence has now irrefutably established—against our Issei parents and their citizen offsprings. A cloud that continues to place all Nikkei in the shadows, even today.

It is high time that those who, for one reason or another (and, at times, perhaps no valid reason), engage in continuous fault-finding and negative criticisms, re-focus their sights upon the central theme of vindication of the suffering endured by the Issei and their offsprings.

IT WOULD BE a sorrowful shame—nay, an utter disgrace—if the noble goal of restoration of honor, for our great Nation as well as those who were caused to suffer so ignominiously, were to be lost because some vocal Nikkei persisted in causing dissipation of limited resources and energies in seeking to "vindicate" egos and petty differences; to exhaust the Nikkei in divisive "battles" at the expense of losing the "war". Rather, it behooves the Nikkei, all Nikkei, to set aside their differences—yes, even reasonable differences—when ever such threaten to scuttle the principal, all-important goal of vindication. For our Nation and for those who were so unjustly treated and, thus far, ignored.

IT IS HOPED that in this spirit, individual and groups of Nikkei will not be dominated by considerations of who will receive individual redress payments and who may not. The amount mentioned to date would not even purchase a new Cadillac. Rather, it is hoped that the Nikkei understands that all Nikkei in the 1940's were affected, suffered, no matter where they might have been in this country at those times; that the Nikkei, accordingly, will be ecumenical in approach and magnanimous in dispensation. To do so will be a tribute to the memory of the Issei.

ONE CLOSING COMMENT: All too often, whenever a minority group submits a proposal, a diversionary response is, "Is your group unanimous?" Unanimity exists only in a totalitarian society; our Presidents have never been elected by unanimity.

Rather, this column's message is a plea to all of us, without exception, to "close ranks" so that the all-encompassing, sacred goal might be realized. To the everlasting honor of all who suffered.

Salinas Valley JACL lauds redress worker

SALINAS, Ca.—Carole Hayashino, of JACL National Headquarters, was commended by Salinas Valley chapter's redress committee for her "untiring and devoted behind-the-scenes activities in promoting the cause of redress."

"As administrative assistant to the National Committee for Redress, Carole has quietly, aptly and diligently helped the committee in its arduous task", said Violet Kazue de Cristoforo, redress chair.

NOTICE TO READERS

In response to the many who have complained about the size of type being too small, as an experiment this week the bulk of copy has been set on Corona 8 pt. on either a 9 pt. body (single column) or 10 pt. body (double column). The exception has been the PC Calendar, 1000 Club Roll (6 pt. on 7 body), listing of names and PC People (7 pt. on 8½ pt. body). The increase means 20% LESS reading matter per page, but hopefully BETTER read.

—Gen. Mgr./Operations

CWRIC

Continued from Front Page

Because of the widespread membership interest in and support of the CWRIC recommendations bill, the JACL Washington Office and the National Committee on Redress is expected to report bi-monthly on redress and JACL legislative activities in the Pacific Citizen.

JACL Leadership Development (Image) ...



JACL LEADERSHIP INTERNS—Veteran Washington lobbyist Mike Masaoka (right) meets with National JACL Washington Leadership Development Program participants in his office. Pictured are (from left) B.J. Watanabe, Lorrie Noda, and John Nakahata.

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Nations spend a lot of their taxpayers' money in efforts to improve their image abroad. This effort is made in the name of public information, or cultural information, and there's nothing morally wrong with it except that the taxpayers don't seem to get much for their money.

The United States Information Agency, or maybe it's called the U.S. Information Service, I've forgotten which, has its program scrutinized regularly by Congress at budget time. It is more often criticized than praised for its accomplishments.

Judging from some of the samples I've seen, Japan's international information program must underwrite a substantial part of that nation's excellent printing industry. What the Japanese effort lacks in quality of both content and interest, it makes up in excellence of printing and sheer tonnage of output.

Now, Japanese private industry has entered the cultural dissemination sweepstakes. The Mitsui conglomerate of 28 companies recently sponsored "Close-up of Japan" in San Fran-

cisco, featuring fashions, porcelains, films and art. How successful this was remains to be seen. In any event, Close-up didn't come cheap.

The weakness of most of these efforts is that no one really has a firm idea of what is to be accomplished. But culture and information are vaguely general terms. What is culture to one viewer is simply boring to another. It might help if whoever approves these programs asked their purpose.

All this came to mind the other night while attending a concert at the University of Colorado by the Tokyo Kunitachi College of Music Kammer Chor. I was told "Kammer Chor" is German, but I've forgotten what it means. In any event, the chorus was made up of 15 to 20 men, and twice that many young women, whose voices were blended in an astonishingly beautiful musical organization.

They sang classical, secular and religious music and folk songs from many lands, including Japan. "Cielito Lindo" in Spanish (you know, the one that goes Ai yai yai yai) was beautifully done. They sang the one about Grandfather's Clock, and

even Old MacDonald Had a Farm in Japanese. At the end they had the audience singing with them and they left to a standing ovation.

The Kunitachi chorus came to the United States for a limited tour sponsored by Rotarians. They visited Colorado largely through the efforts of Prof. Kuniyaki Hata of the University of Colorado music department. At most stops the singers were housed in individual homes. It was a low budget operation.

But the thousands of Americans who heard the Japanese singers could not have gone away without being impressed by their artistry, and with a warm feeling for them. They were excellent ambassadors of good will, and they probably did more to promote grass-roots friendship between the people of the two countries than tons of booklets. Nothing promotes good relations like people to people contact, especially when the visitors are talented, handsome, personable people.

The bureaucrats ought to think about that when they sit down to plan how to spend money in the name of disseminating culture and information.

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Bookshelf—

Family Roots in Pictures

80 YEARS IN AMERICA, A Pictorial Essay of The Imon Family (1903-1983), by Richard T. Imon, 64 pages, hard cover, \$8.

With the help of Dr. Gary L. Shumway, history professor at California State University, Fullerton, 18-year-old Richard T. Imon, after two years of research, authored a pictorial essay featuring rare family photos dating back to the late 1800s.

Emphasizing the importance of family ties and their roots, Imon has warmly described the life of his great-grandfather, Motoji Imon, who was born in 1851 during the Komei period on the island of Shikoku.

Motoji Imon came to the United States in 1903, the year before the Russo-Japanese war began. He typifies the struggles faced by thousands of Issei who came to America to fulfill a dream of abundance, good life and the up-bringing of a new generation.

But Imon's documentary dates back further. It was the Imon clan in the mid-Nambokucho era (1336-1390) who aided the Emperor Go-Daigo, which resulted in their receiving the coveted crest.

The writer credits Kei Yoshida, an authority on Japanese surnames and family crests, for tracing the origin of Imon's heroics in Iyo (a prefecture now called Ehime).

The CSU-Fullerton sophomore amazingly brings the whole essay up-to-date, starting with vintage pictures and government documents. Included are old passports, alien registration cards, and even prints of family numbers issued to those who were forced into concentration camps in the spring of 1942.

Perhaps fortunately, Motoji Imon did not live to see the hectic war years. He passed away in 1941, before Pearl Harbor. His grandson, Frank

(Masao) Imon, was among the early Army draftees who were called to serve in the U.S. military before World War II. He received his honorable discharge in 1945.

For an older Nisei who may have lived in Japan for a spell, the book stirs moments of reminiscence and dreams of their furusato. For Sansei readers, "80 Years" will provide reflective conversations with their grandparents.

Even more than that, young Richard has created an interest for all Japanese Americans to look into their family background and determine their "roots". (Students at CSU/Fullerton no doubt will feel the same when they see the publication in their U.S. history class.)

A member of the university's Historical Honor Society and Phi Alpha Theta, Imon occasionally contributes to the Kashu Mainichi and is a regular feature writer for its holiday edition.

—HENRY K. MORI

Mori has been on the PC staff part-time since July 4.

On Promoting Culture from Japan

Japan trade mission ends U.S. market access tour

LOS ANGELES—Concluding its 10-day tour of America, the Japanese Market Access Promotion Mission departed for Tokyo on Sept. 19 after talks with local business leaders and government officials on Sept. 15-16.

The mission, sent by Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, comprised some of Japan's leading company executives from the fields of trading, importing and retail sales.

Isao Nakauchi, president of Daiei, Inc., Japan's lar-

gest retail chain, chaired the Los Angeles portion of the tour. Its purpose was to give American exporters concrete advice on how to attract the Japanese market and to listen to their recommendations.

The mission made it clear that there exists a considerable potential in the Japanese market for American goods, particularly consumer goods. "However, it is frequently necessary to tailor them for Japanese consumer needs," Nakauchi re-

minded his audience.

The mission paid a courtesy call on the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, was honored at a cocktail reception at the county Board of Supervisors, and received keys from Mayor Tom Bradley, the state and the Port of Los Angeles.

American traders were encouraged to use the facilities of Japan Eternal Trade Organization via its offices in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Houston and San Francisco.

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Civil rights chairs endorse redress

WASHINGTON—The 51 state chairs (including the District of Columbia) of the state advisory committees to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, in their meeting on Sept. 13, unanimously approved a resolution calling for monetary compensation to former internees.

Min Yasui, National JACL redress chair, submitted the resolution. Yasui completed his second two-year term on the advisory body as Colorado State chair this year.

The resolution endorses all recommendations of Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. These comprise an official acknowledgment that internment was unjust, a "commemorative trust fund for humanitarian and educational purposes," and the sum of \$20,000 awarded to each survivor.

Tulare County cites valedictorians

LINDSAY, Ca.—Tulare County JACL recognized graduates Jonathan Nitta (Strathmore High) and Kelly Abe (Orosi High) for their scholastic achievement and being chosen valedictorians. Other award-winning seniors from Orosi were:

Janice Shintani, Kiwanis Club scholarship awardee; and Allison Hiramoto, Lloyds Bank award.

CCDC citizenship achievement awards went to Kelley Abe, Orosi; Deanna Kitamura, Fresno; Jane Otani, Fowler; Eileen Yamaguchi, Madera; and Cedric Yoshimoto, Fowler.

PC Calendar

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. 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. Los Angeles—Jazz festival, Americana Bookstore. Info 680-2888.

● OCT. 1 (Saturday)

Alameda—Issei App dnr, Buena Vista Methodist Ch, 5:30pm.

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

West Valley—Bridge tour, El Paseo Comm Ctr, San Jose, 7:30pm.

El Cerrito—Asn Amer art show-auction, El C Comm Ctr, 3:00pm.

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

Sacramento—Fall food-craft bazaar, Japanese United Methodist Ch, 11am-6pm.

San Francisco—Chol Soo Lee victory repton, 8th army Nihonmachi Lgl Outrch, Ft Mason, 7pm.

● OCT. 2 (Sunday)

San Diego—Japanese Friendship Gdn festival, Balboa Park, 10am.

● 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) 660-0366.

● 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.

Los Angeles—Asn Pac Women's Netwk dnr, Biltmore Hotel.

● OCT. 8 (Saturday)

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

San Francisco—Asn Pac Pers Assn conf, Holiday Inn, 750 Kearny, 9am-4:30pm; Dual Perspectives. Info 952-9394, 444-4317.

● 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.

San Francisco—Fun-food bazaar, Christ United Presbyterian Ch, 10am-5pm.

West Covina—Aki Matsuri, ESGV JCC, 1203 W Puente Ave, 12p-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.

Alameda preparing appreciation dinner

ALAMEDA, Ca.—Chapter president Nancy Tajima announced that the annual Issei appreciation dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, 5:30 p.m., at Buena Vista Methodist Church. Three scholarships will also be presented to outstanding students.

"The Issei group is getting smaller and smaller," Tajima said, "but they do look forward to this occasion." She added, "We especially would like to see the young people attend to show their appreciation to their parents as well as to the Issei."

JACL Reports

Salinas Valley retiree tells of McGraw-Hill benefits

SALINAS, Ca.—After 18 years with McGraw-Hill, based in New York, Violet Kazue de Cristoforo has been active with Salinas Valley JACL volunteer work, with emphasis on the current redress/reparation issue, the Sept. 1 retiree edition of the publishing company disclosed.

A retiree since 1980, de Cristoforo, a former systems and program coordinator for CTB/M-H in Monterey, Calif., chairs the chapter redress committee. Recently, she helped to obtain a \$960 grant from McGraw-Hill Foundation's Employee Volunteer Support Program to finance a monthly newsletter.

She writes, edits and publishes a bilingual JACL newsletter which is distributed to 80 chapters in the country. The grant covers printing and mailing costs for one year.

Violet grows flowers, fruits and vegetables as a hobby. "My home resembles a mini-farm and orchard," she said. Her husband, Wilfred, is a retired high school teacher. They have a son, two daughters and six grandchildren.

M-H retirees who donate time and services to community work are eligible to apply for assistance up to \$1,000 from McGraw-Hill Foundation's Employee Volunteer Support Program.

"The McGraw-Hill News, with a 15,000 distribution to workers and retirees throughout the world, is an excellent aid to in furthering the aims of JACL Education Task Force", de Cristoforo said.

Bay area seniors have day at picnic

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Approximately 500 Japanese Americans gathered at Kelly Park on Sept. 17 for the annual picnic, sponsored by the Bay Area Japanese Senior Centers, reported Ivy Misao Down, in charge of BAJASC publicity.

Representative groups included those from Berkeley JACL, North Berkeley Senior Center, Eden, Concord, Sakura Kai in El Cerrito, Kimochi Kai and Hamilton in San Francisco, JACL Senior Program in San Mateo, Yu Ai Kai in San Jose, West Valley JACL Senior Program, Palo Alto and other Bay Area centers.

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VIOLET de CRISTOFORO

Salinas works on 50-year history

SALINAS, Ca.—With the support of the board, historian Wilfred DeCristoforo of Salinas Valley JACL is working on a project to locate and assemble all records and documents pertaining to chapter's activities since its formation more than 50 years ago.

All members are asked to search their homes and offices for any documents; and call DeCristoforo (408) 455-2213 or write to 20121 Portola Dr., Salinas, CA 93908, for turn-in of such material. Significant are projects done by members on board level.

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Chiaroscuro: Yasui Inspires Philly

By REIKO N. GASPAR
Philadelphia JACL

Philadelphia, home of the Liberty Bell and the headquarters of the American Friends Service Committee provided a natural setting for Min Yasui's dynamic speech on "Redress: An American Civil Rights Issue" on Aug. 19.

Yasui has been a tireless leader within JACL, a model for us to follow. He had spent nine months in prison under solitary confinement for his historic, heroic challenge to Executive Order 9066. His quote of Tennyson left many with greater surges of determination.

And tho' much is taken,
much abides; and tho' we
are not now that strength
which in old days Moved
earth and heaven; that
which we are, we are; One
equal temper of heroic
heart Made weak by time
and faith but strong of will
To strive, to seek, to find,
and not to yield.

—Ulysses

Yasui continued by pointing out the enormous burden on the Eastern District Council to bring forth the Congressional leaders to vote for the recommendations of the CWRIC.

Grayce Uyehara, EDC Redress Chairperson, urged members to make direct contact with congressmen and have friends write... "We must become visible in educating the public". Training sessions for members to become more knowledgeable and learn how to speak are organized by Jack Ozawa and Sumi Kobayashi.

Bill Marutani, after two

years of silence while he worked on the Commission (CWRIC), stated that this is the emergency which JACL has saved and worked for. Eloquent he pleaded that JACL use all her resources to win this legislation. This is the legislation which will show JACL's political strength.

Our time has come. The heart beat of JACL is on the line. How effective can we Japanese Americans be? Can we stand by and watch as the most vital legislation which hits at our core comes before Congress?

The time to educate the masses of the violation of our Constitution, the violation of our rights has come. We cannot depend on the National JACL and Grayce Uyehara to do it all for us. They must depend on us!

We need to go out to assert ourselves. Sumi Kobayashi with less than three hours' notice went on WDAS, a top black radio station, to speak about the Commission report and findings. It wasn't an easy job but her courage, her heart were there to tell people about us Japanese Americans who were violated and stripped of our human rights.

We need to talk before the public. We need to write in our defense. We need to call our legislators. Seabrook JACL got the NJ State Legislature to support the recommendations of the CWRIC. We have got to get Pennsylvania to do the same.

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CLIFF'S CORNER: by Dr. Clifford Uyeda



Japan's Defense

San Francisco

The uneasy U.S.-Soviet relation was transformed into raging polemics with the massacre of civilian passengers (9/1/83) by the Soviet fighter plane over the Sea of Japan. This attack was a close air-to-air missile. If the Soviets felt more threatened, would they use the medium range SS-20 missiles? Or even the intercontinental ballistic missiles?

Japan is at present agonizing over her "defense" posture. United States charges that Japan is taking a free ride and that the one-sided security arrangement can no longer be justified. Many Japanese also believe that as a sovereign nation, Japan should be expected to possess enough military force to defend herself. The importance of sea-lanes defense has been endorsed by Prime Minister Nakasone. Others conclude that the defense of Japan's sea lanes is unnecessary in peacetime and impossible in war.

The Soviet Union has responded to Prime Minister's mis-translated "unsinkable aircraft carrier" statement with a threat of nuclear attack. Is Japan defensible against the 90 SS-20s already deployed in Soviet Asia? A few SS-20s can wipe out over 10 percent of Japan's population. If only ten were to strike Japan, their explosive power would be equivalent to several hundred Hiroshima class atomic bombs.

The administration in Washington and the Pentagon seem to think that an independent Soviet attack on Japan is inconceivable. The only way Japan is seen as becoming involved in a war is through the escalation of a U.S.-Soviet dispute elsewhere. If that is so, the buildup of Japanese military forces being demanded by the United States can be seen as not aimed at strengthening Japan's ability to defend herself but is intended to turn Japan into a base for supporting U.S. forces in the event of a war with the Soviet Union.

Many Japanese are asking: Why does Washington want us to have air power to intercept Soviet Backfire bombers and have an anti-submarine capacity when the highly accurate SS-20s, even if fitted with conventional instead of nuclear warheads, can completely knock out the Japanese industrial installations? There has not been any satisfactory answer from either Washington or Tokyo.

There is also considerable uneasiness in placing too much reliance on the U.S. nuclear umbrella. French President Charles de Gaulle once expressed doubt that the United States would sacrifice New York to save Paris. In 1979 former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger stated bluntly that NATO should not pin its hope on the strategic U.S. umbrella. United States does not promise to employ its strategic weapons to protect NATO countries against the Kremlin's theater weapons. Instead, it plans to counter the SS-20 by stationing its own medium range weapons in Europe—the Pershing II and the cruise missiles. If NATO cannot be covered by the strategic umbrella, what chance is there for Japan to expect such protection?

On the several occasions that Admiral Gene R. LaRocque (U.S. Navy, Retired), Director of the Center for Defense Information in Washington, D.C., visited San Francisco he spoke of the danger of preparing for the next war by looking backward to past wars. He stated that the greatest strategic error of the Japanese Imperial Navy in WW II was their relying on the WW I model of placing battleships at the core of naval strength. It was hopelessly outdated by the aircraft carriers which were supreme in the WW II battles. Time has marched on, he stated, but we are still wedded to aircraft carriers which would be sitting ducks for multiple missile attacks. He also deplored plans to penetrate the enemy air defense with manned bombers, such as B-1s. The Admiral stated that nuclear weapons would make no contribution to Japan's defense, that it is a reckless move which only invites Soviet nuclear strikes.

Then what defense, if any, is there for Japan? It is in her peace Constitution. Professor Sumiko Iwao of Keio University mentioned during her brief stopover in San Francisco that Americans frequently ask her why Japan does not amend Article 9 of her non-military Constitution. Her reply is that it is not Japan that must change, that the rest of the world must change theirs to have a similar non-war constitution. Is it an empty dream? In the age of nuclear missiles, the world leaders still hold an outmoded view of war. We can no longer think and plan in terms of conventional war. Instead of considering nuclear umbrella, a call for nuclear disarmament would be more meaningful.

There is no cowardice in such a move. Only realism and humanitarianism. The Japanese are also aware that they lost three million lives in WW II. Many, in utter exhaustion, died in caves and on board the burning ships while their leaders in Japan accepted defeat by choosing life over death, the choice denied to many of their troops.

The advent of medium and long-range nuclear weapons has totally altered the way we view war. The hope is that Japan will reaffirm her national policy of prohibiting the introduction of nuclear weapons into Japan, and endorse a peaceful foreign policy aimed at detente in the spirit of her peace Constitution. In the meanwhile she should vigorously press forward to extract pledges from nations that non-nuclear countries will not be subjected to nuclear attacks. These efforts will be Japan's greatest contribution to her own and world peace. #

Redress: Pro & Con

By ROBERT SHIMABUKURO
Portland JACL President

With all the attention being focused on redress, we are bound to see more and more arguments against it. One type that we have been seeing often involves the fact that other groups have suffered and if the Japanese Americans are compensated, then all these other groups should be compensated. Since we cannot pay all, we shouldn't pay any. The responses to this line of reasoning have been somewhat lame. One response that I have heard is that others have been compensated—now it's our turn. The other is to claim that our suffering is unique and therefore cannot be compared.

Chiaroscuro

Whenever we respond in such a fashion, we are falling into a trap, a trap whereby we lose the support of the groups that we sorely need. To say to millions of Americans who have been denied employment opportunities and basic constitutional rights on the basis of race that they've had their chance is insulting, to say the least. Civil rights legislation benefited not only Blacks, Hispanics, and other people of color, but Asian Americans also. We benefited from that legislation too, and in a major way. Are we then to say we've been compensated?

On claiming that our case is different from others, we must be extremely careful. All cases stand or fall on their own, but all cases are tied in to others (in this case, any case dealing with official government sanction of deprivation of constitutional rights is related). To claim that we won't be setting a precedent is naive; win or lose we will be, since the basis of our judicial system is precedence. As a matter of fact, the whole redress movement would stand less of a chance had it not been for the precedence of Indian land payments, payments to white groups illegally incarcerated, etc. Every little bit helps set precedence for cases to follow, for it clarifies the rules and the laws, it helps define the type of claims that are accepted, and the size and type of payments that are allowed.

For Japanese Americans to deny that other groups with a case will ask for compensation is naive; to deny that other groups should ask is ethically and morally bankrupt. If we are successful in attaining our goal, it will be because we have put a lot of effort into making our case, it will be because we have enlisted the help of other groups, it will be because others see that not only Japanese Americans and Aleuts will benefit, but all Americans will. Comprising less than 1/2 of 1 percent of the total population, it is difficult to see how we can do it alone.

In any compensation or reparations, everyone benefits; if the coverage is general, more persons are covered; if the coverage is specific, precedence is established, and societal debts are paid off. In redress for those who were interned, we are talking about denial of constitutional rights. Win or lose, this case will be a precedent. It will define the parameters and guidelines for future cases (and don't be fooled, whether Congress passes redress legislation or not, other cases will

BY THE BOARD: Miki Himeno



led me to Hawaii in August, a high-low type of trip.

Hawaii is a natural high. Whether it was the clean air, the bluest of blue skies, the clarity of the ocean with its blue-green-purple waters, the vivid colors of exotic flowers, or just the magic of the islands, I found myself exhilarated and loving it from the moment I arrived.

During my stay I was fortunate to be able to attend a JACL convention committee meeting and a chapter picnic. The committee meets on Saturdays in the Kalanimoku Bldg. at the Hawaii state capitol complex. Newly elected chapter president Lawrence Kumabe, who is deputy attorney general, State of Hawaii, was in San Francisco meeting with National JACL staff. Convention committee chair Edgar Hamasu is deputy director, State Dept. of Land and Natural Resources. Ralston Nagata, who will be handling registration, hotel arrangements, and transportation, is on Gov. Ariyoshi's staff.

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Preview of Convention Site

After the meeting, Edgar Hamasu, Ralston Nagata and I went to Pacific Beach Hotel to meet with hotel manager Tom Okamura and were shown accommodations, meeting and banquet rooms, restaurants and views. Pacific Beach Hotel is located immediately across the street from Waikiki's famous Kuhio beach. Edgar tells me the breakers are to prevent loss



CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP—Las Vegas JACL awards \$700 to Kenneth Mayeda, son of M/M Richard Mayeda. A graduate of Eldorado HS with a 3.25 GPA and active in football and track, Mayeda has been accepted to the University of Arizona. Tom Watanabe (left), chapter president, is shown with recipient Mayeda (center), and Wayne Tanaka, scholarship chair.

follow). And each case will have its arguments. For, in the same way that most Americans still don't know the most basic facts about the camps, we as Japanese Americans have much to learn about other groups that have been denied their most basic constitutional rights. Let's not close the doors, let's listen, and learn as we are asking others to do the same.

'MAGIC' Continued from Page 1

covert investigations of Japanese American communities on the West Coast and Hawaii. In fact, an undetected burglary of the Japanese Consulate in Los Angeles during the spring of 1941 revealed that the Japanese government considered Japanese Americans to be "cultural traitors" who could not be trusted.

Intelligence experts were well aware that the standard technique of all nations was to employ inconspicuous people as spies: Japan used white people, while the United States used Japanese and other Asians.

History has proven that the "Magic" intercepts were accurate reflections of Japan's modus operandi. No person of Japanese ancestry living in the United States was ever charged with espionage or sabotage; but at least 19 white persons (mostly with German or English surnames) were charged and convicted in the courts of being spies for Japan.

The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians feels that the controversy over spies is irrelevant to their conclusion that the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans was wrong. "Such evidence [of convicted spies] provides no good argument for excluding all German Americans or English Americans from the coasts and detaining them in the interior. Equally, there was no good argument for excluding and detaining the Japanese Americans," the Commission stated. #

Plan Now for '84

Monterey Park, Ca.

My husband has this firm belief that when our parents are ailing, it is necessary to visit them, as much for ourselves as for them, so that we are not left with overwhelming guilt upon their demise. It was one of these visits to my mother that

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of sand, but they have the double advantage of sheltering the beach from waves, making it ideal for children and novices. The hotel boasts a 280,000-gallon oceanarium visible from most of its restaurants. The meeting rooms are named after fish and if one knows Hawaiian fish, one can guess the size of the room. Hotel personnel have maintained an 80% occupancy rate.

I was invited to attend the Honolulu chapter's annual picnic that Sunday at Sand Island and had the pleasure of meeting more members and their families as well as joining in such games as a two-legged geta race, blind golfing, hammering the nail, and a hashi-and-marble relay. Just as the group was disbanding, Teddy and Nanci Tanaka arrived. I visited with them only too briefly, but saw them closing the Jerry Lewis telethon in Hawaii the next day on TV. That evening I had dinner at the Honolulu International Country Club, which may be ideal for a JACL golf tournament in light of our present U.S.-Japan emphasis.

On Monday evening I, with 1,500 others, attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Steven and Thelma Nagamine, founders of the Flamingo restaurant chain.

An 'Unbeatable' Package Planned

The Honolulu chapter is putting together a convention package that will be unbeatable if attempted individually or even locally. It will be crucial for large numbers to buy into the plan to obtain the optimum package. Many special details are already included, such as pick-up, portage, some transportation, room discounts, special programs, and optional trips. Program flexibility allows for sight-seeing, shopping or relaxing.

Hawaii will be a wonderful place to renew friendships made at previous conventions. It will offer opportunities not only to delegates, but to all JACLers to visit the 50th State, to probe the Islanders' thinking about Japanese-ness and aloha, and to bridge the waters of misunderstanding, if such there be. I am looking forward to Summer '84. #

Greg Ono succeeds Scott Nagao as JACL president of Seabrook

SEABROOK, N.J.—C. Scott Nagao, who set an outstanding record in serving two consecutive terms as president of Seabrook JACL chapter, relinquished his gavel to another Sansei during a graduates recognition banquet held on June 18.

Gregory Ono, son of Aki/Esther Ono, will head the chapter. Administering the oath was Eastern District Council Gov. Teresa Maebori of Philadelphia who also presided over the all-day council meeting.

Guest speaker Congressman William J. Hughes spoke and elaborated on the recent recommendations made by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, telling his audience that he will be "in the forefront to see that justice is done".

He also announced the appointment of Timothy Mukoda (see Aug. 12 PC) to the U.S. Air Force Academy; and lauded the participation of Nikkei community at the Smithsonian Festival of

American Folklife last month.

Silver Pins

Cited for their dedicated service to the community and to JACL, the JACL silver pin was presented by Recognitions Chairperson Mary Nagao to Kanoko Masatani, Jayne Mukoyama and Joseph Raymond.

Scholarships

Chester Nakai presented more than \$1,000 in JACL Scholarship and Citizenship Awards to the following students for their outstanding achievements:

Timothy J. Mukoda, Randall J. Yokoyama, Cumberland Regional High; Marvin Louis Johnson,

Bridgeton High; Jody K.H. Hirata, Ronald C. Moore, Woodruff School.

Cabinet Officers

Cabinet officers serving with Ono will be:

Misono Miller, 1 vp; Sunkie Oye, 2 vp; Irene Kaneshiki, rec sec; Peggy Fukawa, cor sec; Ray Ono, treas; Charles Nagao, Ellen Nakamura, Scott Nagao, del; and Jane Mukoyama, hist; Board of directors—Lehora Wurtzel, Mike Minato, Chester Nakai, James Yamasaki, Joseph Raymond, Dr. Paul Morita, Mary Nagao, Kiyomi Nakamura, Vernon Ichisaka, and Kanoko Masatani.

Chicago JACL president resigns

CHICAGO — Jane Kaihatsu announced her resignation as Chicago JACL chapter president effective Sept. 30. She is relocating to San Francisco to join the production staff of "Unfinished Business," a public television film project. The film will document the personalities and events surrounding the "coram nobis" cases of Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi and Minoru Yasui.

Kaihatsu stated that she is extremely grateful to the Chicago community and JACL Midwest District Council for the support she has received over the past two years. "Being chapter president was a wonderful experience and I learned a great deal. The best part was the many Nisei and Sansei acquaintances I made, most of whom were encouraging my efforts to promote the JACL. I think the Chicago Japanese American community is terrific in that respect," she said.

Vice president Michael Ushijima replaces Kaihatsu for the interim.

Marina slates seminars on 'Your Financial Planning'

MARINA DEL REY, Ca.—Marina JACL will sponsor a series of three Thursday seminars in October under the general heading, "Planning Your Financial Future".

The first seminar will be held on Oct. 6, at the Burton Chace Park community building in Marina del Rey.

The next two seminars will be held Oct. 13 and Oct. 20, at the Nora Sterry Elementary School auditorium, 1730 Corinth Ave., West Los Angeles.

The presentations will focus on the estate planning aspect of the broad area of study commonly known as personal financial planning. All topics have been selected for both their timeliness and interest to the full economic spectrum of the Japanese American community.

Leading off will be John Bartlett, partner in the Los Angeles law firm of Williams, Williams and Furukawa. Having extensive experience in estate planning and income taxes as a lecturer and practitioner, Bartlett will also serve as a panelist in the second and third sessions covering the tax aspects of matters under discussion. Other guest speakers include Kyu Yamahata, CLU, Powell Edge, field representative of the West Los Angeles district office of the Social Security Administration, Fred Funakoshi, stock broker and vice president of H. Kawano & Co., Inc., and Michael Mitoma, chairman of the board and president of Pacific Business Bank (in organization). George Kodama, CPA, will act as moderator throughout the series.

Among the topics to be discussed in the first session will be the new simplified California will, title holding options of community property, tax considerations in making gifts, home sale strategies, how to avoid probate, taxation of social security benefits, and an overview of the implications of the unified estate and gift tax rates.

Recognizing that life insurance is an integral part of many estate plans, a major portion of the second session will be devoted to the new types of life insurance programs developed in recent years in response to criticism of traditional life insurance's high cost and low returns on cash values. Also scheduled is a presentation highlighting the extensive 1983 amendments to the Social Security Act.

The third session will deal with investment in securities including Japanese stocks which are becoming increasingly popular with the American investor. Of keen interest to nearly everyone will be a review of the many choices currently available of where one can put their savings to get the highest yields and the lowest risks. The series will conclude with a comprehensive discussion of individual retirement arrangements (IRA) with emphasis on their more complex and less commonly known considerations.

Each session begins promptly at 7 p.m. and ample time will be allotted for questions and answers. Admission is free. For information, call George Kodama, 937-1678 (day) or 822-5528 (eve).



SEABROOK JACL INSTALLATION—Taking part at the summer Seabrook JACL installation and graduates recognition banquet are (from left) Teresa Maebori, then Eastern

District Council governor; Gregory Ono, new chapter president; C. Scott Nagao, outgoing president; and Rep. William J. Hughes (D-2nd N.J.), main speaker, who spoke on redress.

West Valley ready for bridge tourney

SAN JOSE, Ca.—West Valley JACL's annual bridge tournament will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m. at El Paseo Community Center, Campbell and Saratoga Aves. Everyone can participate with or without a partner. Registration fee is \$3.50. For information, contact Helyn Uchiyama (408) 867-0255.

Check the PC Calendar for 'Info' Details

Nisei Post 1183 honors Illinois American Legion at council meet

CHICAGO, Ill.—Members of Chicago Nisei Post 1183 honored the Illinois American Legion Sept. 7 at Cook County Council meeting, said junior vice commander George Suzuki.

Arthur T. Morimitsu, representing Go for Broke, Inc., and the Chicago post, presented inscribed copies of pictorial book "Go for Broke", and "Yankee Samurai" to Dept. Commander Ed Cjaja who gave strong support to Japanese American redress cause at the national American Legion Convention, Aug. 21, at Seattle, Wash. (see Sept. 2 PC).

Illinois and Cook County Council successfully led delegates to offset the anti-Nikkei resolutions presented by Washington and Pennsylvania legionnaires.

Morimitsu cited Nisei exploits in MIS in the Pacific and the 442nd Combat Team in the European campaign and received a standing ovation.

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Detroit JACL Photo

DETROIT JACL HELPS—Kin Yee, president, American Citizens for Justice is accepting a substantial contribution for the Vincent Chin case from the Detroit JACL. Elaine Prout (right) is Detroit JACL board chair.

'Dec. 7' denies Issei who built house just before evacuation

CHICAGO—The surviving Nakamura family members once residents of quiet, agricultural town of Lemolo, Wis., won't dwell on sad memories of the 1942 evacuation, but remember their friends "back home" in Washington.

When World War II uprooted the Nakamura household, forcing all of them into concentration camps, Harry Masayuki Nakamura and his wife, Haruno, realized they would never plant or harvest another crop in the greenhouses they built.

A daughter of the Nakamuras, Eunice Nagatani, now living in Chicago, recalled that time in her own words: "It was a harsh experience for all of us. We wondered what was going to happen. It was especially hard for our parents to leave behind their belongings which they had toiled so long to build."

The pioneering couple arrived in Lemolo in 1913, the same year their first child, Takeshi, was born. The hardworking couple grew tomatoes and cucumbers in the spring and summer; chrysanthemums in the fall and winter. Every year it was the same.

Their vegetables and flowers were loaded on small steamboats and taken to the market in Seattle. In later years, the Nakamuras were even selling them to stores in nearby Poulsbo, (Kitsap County) now celebrating its 75th anniversary.

The Nakamuras' new white house, built by Lemolo contractors and almost ready for occupancy was "never lived in," Eunice re-

members with sadness. Pearl Harbor was bombed.

But she and Takeshi, both with families of their own, no longer dwell on the wartime hardships they've endured. "Our family is grateful that we have become well-adjusted here in the Midwest. Our children are all married and doing quite well and are happy in what they are doing."

Eunice had a sister, Lois, who was ill and stayed behind in a hospital. She subsequently passed away.

Last year, Pauline, one of Nagatani's offspring, and her husband, Dr. Joseph Oyama, were the first members of the Nakamuras to visit Lemolo. The trip was almost like retracing "my roots," Mrs. Oyama said.

"I can still remember my grandparents and mother telling us stories of their lives 'back home' in Washington. Once we decided to take the trip, I experienced several mixed emotions."

"I had a very special feeling as I viewed the greenhouse, the Nakamura white frame house that they built before evacuation but never were able to live in, and the old church and school building."

Commented Capt. Gunnar Olsborg, a retired Puget Sound pilot, Ocean Master Mariner, and a Seattle JACL member: "Some of my wife's family went to school with the Nakamura children. I recall the greenhouse and the operation by these people. The evacuation will remain as one of the saddest events in our U.S. history." #

Preliminary redress survey indicates most want damages

TORONTO, Ont.—Preliminary analysis on redress just completed by Toronto Japanese Canadian Citizens Association from questionnaires sent to 2,300 residents indicated the majority of the respondents were in support of the campaign.

A total of 89.3 percent of respondents, numbering 461, revealed the Canadian government should pay damages for the uprooting of 22,000 Japanese Canadians during World War II.

The Canada Times (Sept. 6) disclosed 94.7 percent of those who answered the questionnaire felt the Japanese Canadian community was justified in pursuing redress.

However, George Imai, past president of National Assn. of Japanese Canadians, said the survey was hardly conclusive and felt as far as redress is concerned, "everything has come to a halt."

"We have certain groups trying to stop or delay negotiations—which they have effectively done". Imai may have based his thinking on the fact that less than 20 percent returned the forms. Others considered the response "good". Of those who responded to date, 298 were Nisei; 78 Issei; and seven listed under "others".

The survey also indicated 98.5 percent thought Japanese Canadians were not adequately compensated for their losses.

A conference in Toronto to be attended by Japanese Canadians with Multiculturalism Minister David Collette on Nov. 11 has been cancelled, Imai said. Some community representatives feared there could be a backlash if monetary compensation was involved. #

21-story condominium in New York opposed in lawsuit

NEW YORK—Building of the \$7-million Henry Street Tower, a luxury 21-story apartment building with units priced at up to \$500,000 in the Special Manhattan Bridge District, is being opposed in a lawsuit filed Aug. 11 by the Chinese Staff and Workers Assn., the N.Y. Chinatown History Project and several residents, it was announced by the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The first luxury housing project slated for Chinatown here is being developed by Henry Street Partners, formed by insurance broker Raymond Wu; top officers Jerome Kerner and D. Kenneth Patton of Helmsley-Spear, Inc., one of the city's biggest real estate firms.

The suit seeks an injunction against the city and developers from issuing a building permit and invalidate the Board of Estimate's approval of a special construction permit.

Complicating the issue is the city's creation of the Special Manhattan Bridge District in 1981, under question in the state court of appeals.

Environmental Impact

The suit charges that the city violated the State Environmental Quality Review Act by failing to prepare an environmental impact statement for the project. Under state law, city agencies must prepare such statements whenever a

proposed project "may have a significant impact on the environment". The plaintiffs claim that Henry Street Tower will have substantial negative impacts on the neighborhood, such as increasing land values and rents, adding to the population density of an already overcrowded neighborhood, and overpowering several New York City landmarks in the area, including the First Chinese Presbyterian Church.

Charles Lai, a plaintiff, said: "There is an urgent need for decent and affordable housing in Chinatown. Luxury developments, such as Henry Street Tower, clearly do not meet this need and instead will drive out low- and moderate-income tenants and small businesses who can no longer afford escalating rents."

In addition, the suit charges that the city illegally accepted \$500,000 from the developer in return for granting the special permit. According to the restrictive declaration signed by the City of New York and Henry Street Partners, the developer is required to give the New York City Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development \$500,000 to "rehabilitate or otherwise subsidize low- and moderate-income housing in the district."

Plaintiffs claim they were deprived of adequate notice and an opportunity to comment at man-

datory public hearings, since the city never determined when, where or how these funds would be spent. They contend that the city's failure to establish specific guidelines on the use of these funds deprived them of rights under the uniform land use review procedure of the city charter and the due process clause of the New York State Constitution.

The Henry Street Partners' payment of \$500,000 to the city in exchange for the special permit is one of the most controversial aspects of the project. The city has been criticized for "selling" special zoning privileges to developers of luxury housing, and then letting the developers' contributions sit unused for long periods of time.

A similar arrangement, in which developers were allowed to build extra floor space in exchange for contributions to improve Central Park, was abandoned because of the city's inability to administer these funds. In July, 1983, Mayor Koch appointed a special commission to study whether developers of luxury apartments should be required to contribute to a citywide fund for low-income housing.

Margaret Fung, an AALDEF staff attorney, stated: "The long-range environmental impacts of Henry Street Tower and the Special Manhattan Bridge District have never been studied by the city

or fully disclosed to the public.

"Chinatown residents have been systematically excluded from government decision-making processes on zoning issues that will radically alter their community. We are asking the court to bring a halt to this project until the city and the developer have complied fully with the law."

The plaintiffs are being represented by Margaret Fung and Stanley Mark of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and Michael Shen of Shneyer & Shen. #

Four awarded \$600 Haruyama grants

NEW YORK—Four Japanese American seminarians received \$600 scholarships for 1983 from the Justin Haruyama Ministerial Scholarship Fund. They are:

Keith Inouye, Monte Sereno, Calif.; Janice Kageta, Oroville, Calif.; Shinji Kawano, Holland, Mich.; and Linda Suzuki, Gardena, Calif.

The late Rev. Haruyama, served as pastor of the Japanese American United Church here. Details may be obtained by writing to JHMSF, Inc., 255 Seventh Ave., New York, N.Y., 10001.

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WDC-area Asians #1 in schooling, study finds

WASHINGTON—Asians living in metropolitan Washington have the highest educational level of any population group here and their median income is second only to that of whites, according to a new report (Aug. 9) by the Council of Governments.

The report on the Washington area's 86,547 Asians and Pacific islanders shows that 45% of those aged 25 and older have college degrees, based on 1980 U.S. Census Bureau figures. That figure compares to 40% of the region's white population, 27% of those of Spanish origin and 15% of blacks.

The Census Bureau defines "Asian/Pacific Islander" as those of Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Asian Indian, Vietnamese, Hawaiian, Guamanian, and Samoan origin and "others" not elsewhere classified.

COG's researchers also found a correlation between the high educational background of the area's Asians and Pacific islanders and the fact that they have the fewest members below the poverty level and the highest median income of any minority group. Their median family income in 1979 was \$24,830, compared to \$22,370 for those of

Spanish background and \$19,075 for blacks.

"In terms of numbers, the Asian/Pacific Islander group here is not strong, but in terms of median incomes they are very strong and in terms of education they are remarkably strong, not only in this region but across the country," said Robert T. Grow, COG's chief of metropolitan coordination.

More Asian and Pacific islanders live in Montgomery County (Md.) than in any other Washington area jurisdiction, the report says. The combined total of the 24,175 Asian/Pacific Islanders liv-

ing in Montgomery with those living in Fairfax County (23,184) (Va.) and Prince George's County, (Md.) (17,064), accounts for 75% of the area's Asian/Pacific Islander population.

The 7,684 Asian and Pacific islanders, living in Arlington, however, make up 5% of the county's 152,599 residents, the greatest percentage of any area jurisdiction, according to the report.

Of the major Washington area jurisdictions, D.C. and Alexandria have the smallest Asian/Pacific Islander populations with 6,883 and 3,381 respectively. Asian/Pacific

Islanders make up 2.8% of the metropolitan Washington area. San Francisco, where Asian/Pacific Islanders make up 10.3% of the area's population, has the highest ratio, the report says.

The report also shows, however, that Washington area Asian/Pacific Islanders are more highly educated than Asian/Pacific Islanders in other parts of the country. Just under 83% here have high school diplomas, compared to the average of 75%. The national average for all people is only 66.4%.

The Asian immigrant group that may have received the most publicity in the Washington area were boat people from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia in 1979 and 1980, but

the largest groups in this area are still Chinese, Korean, and Asian Indian, the report said.

The 1980 census inside the District of Columbia shows (The '82 pctg. is based on the COG studies.)

Asians/Pac.I. Pop.	Pctg.	'82
Chinese	2,475	37.3
Filipino	1,297	19.5
Japanese	752	11.3
Asn. Ind.	950	14.3
Korean	338	5.1
Vietnamese	505	7.6
Hawaiian	237	3.6
Samoan	15	
Guamanian	66	0.1
TOTAL	6,635	

Business charged in copyright violation

DALLAS—A Japanese businessman has been charged with copyright infringement after he allegedly tried to sell an Irving resident 75 illegally-made circuit boards for video games.

U.S. Magistrate John B. Tolle charged that Tatsuro Yamamoto, president of Data Matic, a Japanese corporation, conspired with Nathaniel Ray Armstrong of Arlington to sell the components to the man for \$25,000. Tolle ordered Yamamoto, 50, held on \$25,000 cash bail in Dallas County Jail.

The complaint charges Armstrong and Yamamoto agreed to a sales price of \$25,000 and a delivery date of Aug. 25 for the circuit boards including Pac-Man and Donkey Kong.

Yasui resigns post in Denver

DENVER — Minoru Yasui resigned as executive director of the city's Commission on Community Relations, effective Oct. 1.

Newly elected mayor Federico Peña has appointed state Rep. Rich Castro to replace Yasui, its first director since 1967 and a commission member since 1959. At his election last June, Peña had indicated that he would be bringing in a new administrative team.

"This will now free me up to give more time and effort to redress," Yasui told the Pacific Citizen. "So it ain't all bad."

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U.S. experts on education value Japanese mothers

NEW YORK—Though most Japanese frown upon the "education mother" as the cause of overprotected, spoiled children, many American experts evaluate her highly as a key factor in the scholastic superiority of Japanese over American children, according to the current Psychology Today magazine.

George de Vos, UC-Berkeley anthropologist, says in the article that the mother (whom he labels the best "Jewish mother" in the world) is a very important influence in the education of her children.

"She takes it upon herself to be the responsible agent, reinforcing the educational process instituted in the schools," de Vos says.

According to the article in the September issue of the magazine, Harvard University psychologist Jerome Kagan concurs with the Jewish mother analogy.

While rearing her child, the Harvard University scholar was quoted as saying, the Japanese mother continually reminds him "of her deep, deep, warm feelings and that the child is the most important thing in the world to her."

"Then she says, 'after all I've done for you, don't disappoint me.' She's like the Jewish mother who says, 'what do you mean you're not hungry—after I've slaved all day over a hot stove for you.'"

Univ. of Michigan psychologist Harold Stevenson also asserts in the magazine that "Americans just don't understand that they are truly behind" the Japanese in education.

The Psychology Today article acknowledged the education gap, particularly in science and mathematics, based on re-

search conducted by Stevenson, who has made nine trips to the Far East since 1971 to evaluate cultural differences in education.

One of the studies conducted on fifth-graders in an American Midwestern city and a Japanese city showed that "not one of the 20 American classrooms did as well in math as any of the Japanese classes," the magazine said.

It further said, "The average score of the highest-achieving American class was below the worst-performing Japanese class."

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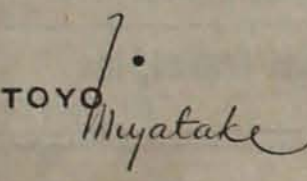
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Wonderful Kuwait

Kuwait (June, 1983)

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While banks pay interests on savings, in Kuwait, it is quite different. Here, people pile up enormous amounts of money in all kinds of banks, yet nobody will ask the financial institution for interests. Such a dishonorable, embarrassing request is beyond their Islamic pride. The Koran admonishes trying to intentionally gain from money ITSELF. You may not believe it but there are hundreds of so-called "Money Exchangers" in the market, with all kinds of currency stacked high in the windows like a grocery shop. There are no guards nor policemen around. Nothing is stolen or robbed! Not only this, the most astonishing fact is, these "Money Exchangers" do NOT EARN any interests or commissions from their transactions. In other words, they earn ONLY through daily fluctuations of the international foreign exchange rates. The balance between selling and buying money becomes their income (not profit). Such gains are not against the Koran ethics because they (human beings) have not fixed the difference. The international foreign exchange market has done it for them.

Compared to six years ago, when people were crowding all the stores to purchase anything they could get hold of, today, they say business is TOO QUIET. Visibly, from my short visit here, I cannot say it is bright. Yet, it is far better than Europe and America.

Four Reasons for a Downward Trend

There are mainly four reasons for this... Iraqi-Iran war, world recession, oil price slump and the tragic collapse of the "Souk al Manakh". (private stock exchange market).

It's incredible what happened in the Souk al Manakh! About \$30 billion debts unsolved. Nine persons hold 90 percent of this debt as the report goes. The operation started out privately with all good intentions. Large amounts of shares were vigorously bought and sold with postdated checks. The prices jumped two-folds, three-folds. Everybody eagerly jumped on the bandwagon.

But, one day in January 1983, someone was required to cash in his postdated check. (Until then, checks were trusted and floated around.) The check bounced! Defaulted because the sum was so large, the payer didn't have enough cash available on the promised date. Boom! Like an avalanche, hearing this story, everyone suddenly rushed to cash in. Imagine the chaos! Hundreds lost their life's earnings, and property.

The final curtain dropped tragically on the Souk al Manakh and that was it, the private stock exchange market still trying to solve this billion-dollar debt. In time of needs, Kuwaitis have the virtues to help one another, but there is a certain limit to this and the government has set aside an emergency fund to reimburse 6,000 small investors in cash, so they would not go bankrupt. Such grateful deals never happen in other countries. Thus, this incident

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had a deep, depressive impact on Kuwait's economy. There is no other country in the world which could take such a devastating financial punishment and still carry on normally as if nothing had happened.

The 'Religious' Iraqi-Iran War

Raging for almost three years now, there is still no foreseeable end to this meaningless war. Iran-Iraqi war has stopped the essential transit trade among merchants in this region. The effect on Kuwait's economy cannot be overlooked. When will this stupid war end? This is the question in the minds of all.

If the war had begun from political or religious (as generally thought) motives, its termination could at least be judged. But it seems it's not simple as that. It goes deeper, people say. It's an "ethnic war" between Arabs and Persians. (Iranians are not Arabs.) So, the war may go on until one side gets exhausted and succumbs. Today, it's a matter of life and the Kuwaitis calmly go on with their daily activities.

Another menacing factor to the Gulf States, including Kuwait, is ... this OIL SLICK! From the broken wells on the northern part of the Gulf, thousands of barrels of crude oil leak out daily from Iran.

The Persian Gulf is like a Scot windpiper's bag with a narrow

outlet into the Indian Ocean. Newspapers report the surface of the oil slick is already as large as the entire country of Belgium! Creeping slowly along, devouring all marine products on its way, rendering devastating effects on the environment. Not only this. It is menacing the life out of six Gulf States because they secure their drinking and industrial water from this Gulf! Each country has enormous desalination plants along the shore working 24 hours around the clock to supply the necessary drinking water. Once this oil slick starts seeping into the plants, it would be a catastrophe!

Sheik Sabah Al Ahomad Al Sabah, Kuwait's information and foreign minister, is energetically trying to intervene between Iraq and Iran, so a neutral team could cap the Iranian wells. Iraq is willing to cease war in this specific area and send a helping team. But Iran says, "No!"

"It will be an occupation of sovereign territory"! So goes on the emotional, political obstacles while the oil slick mercilessly strangles the entire Gulf.

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