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AMACHE REMEMBERED—Marg Taniwaki, former Amache internee, reads inscription on monument at Colorado camp site, dedicated on Labor Day weekend. Inscribed on the monument are names of internees who died in action during WW2.

Cultural misunderstanding blamed in Hmong suicide

FRESNO, Ca. — A Hmong refugee who was involved in a fatal traffic accident handed himself in the Fresno County jail Sept. 22, because he didn't understand what was happening to him.

Chou Wang Vang, 44, and 13 Hmong farmworkers were riding home in a van after a day's work in an onion field, reported Sue Rosenstein of the San Francisco Examiner. The California Highway Patrol said Vang ran a stop sign and was hit by a truck. Two young children in the van were killed.

Police arrested Vang on Sept. 20. He was found dead in his cell two days later. "He thought he'd be in jail

for the rest of his life. If you kill somebody in our country, then you die," said Tony Vang (no relation), a leader in the Fresno Hmong community.

Debbie Ramirez, executive director of the Nationalities Service of Central California, told the Pacific Citizen that after the insurance company had handled damages arising from the accident, Vang "thought everything had been taken care of." It is unclear whether Vang had known a warrant was out for his arrest, or what charges had been made against him.

All visitors—including his wife and children—were de-

nied during Vang's incarceration. Ramirez believes that "if people had heard about it and could have translated for him," the suicide might have been prevented.

While police did provide a translator and have claimed that efforts had been made to explain Vang's situation to him, what often happens, Ramirez said, is that police read someone's rights perfunctorily, assuming that everyone is familiar with the legal system. "A lot more education needs to be done in this area," she added.

Understanding the American legal and social systems is complicated by differences

in culture. "We have found in our office that a person may be bilingual and can translate accurately word by word, but still not really understand underlying values. For example, there is no concept for 'mental health' for the Hmong," Ramirez explained.

Cultural differences in general make it very hard for the traditionally rural Hmong to adjust to a high-tech society, and Central California seems ill-prepared to help them. The Nationalities Service agency employs only five full-time staff members to serve a refugee population of 12,000 in Fresno County alone.

HR 4110: List of Original Co-Sponsors

CIVIL LIBERTIES ACT OF 1983

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DEDICATION— A new bronze plaque stands at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, in honor of Nisei soldiers who lost their lives in World War II. Ceremony was held Sept. 25 by AJA Veterans Council and Club 100, a day observed by veterans from Hawaii in memory of the first Nisei kill-in-action.

Extract of Redress Bill HR 4110: Findings & Purposes

WASHINGTON—Following are portions of the redress bill (HR4110) introduced Oct. 6 in the House by Majority Leader James Wright of Texas and co-sponsored by 72 members to accept the findings and implement the recommendations of Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians:

SHORT TITLE

Sec. 1. This Act may be cited as the CIVIL LIBERTIES ACT OF 1983.

FINDINGS AND PURPOSES

Sec. 2 (a) The Congress finds that—

(1) the findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians ... accurately and completely describe the circumstances of the evacuation, relocation and internment of in excess of 110,000 United States citizens and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry and the treatment of the individuals of Aleut ancestry who were removed from the Aleutian and the Pribilof Islands;

(2) the evacuation, relocation and internment of individuals of Japanese ancestry was carried out without any documented acts of espionage or sabotage, or other acts of disloyalty by any citizens or permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast;

(3) there was no military or security reason for the evacuation ...

(4) the evacuation ... was caused by racial prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership;

(5) the excluded individuals of Japanese ancestry suffered enormous damages and losses, both material and intangible, and there were incalculable losses in education and job training, all of which resulted in significant human suffering for which full and appropriate compensation has not been made;

(6) the basic civil liberties and constitutional rights of those individuals of Japanese ancestry interned were fundamentally violated by that evacuation and internment;

[Next paragraphs 6-11, referring to Aleuts, are omitted.]

(b) The purposes of this Act are to—

(1) acknowledge the fundamental injustice of the evacuation ...

(2) apologize on behalf of the people of the United States for the evacuation ...

(3) provide for a public education fund to finance efforts to inform the public about the internment of such individuals so as to prevent the re-occurrence of any similar event;

(4) make restitution to those individuals of Japanese ancestry who were interned;

[Next paragraphs 5-8, referring to Aleuts, are omitted.]

(9) make more credible and sincere any declaration of concern by the United States over violations of human rights committed by other nations.

TITLE I—RECOGNITION OF INJUSTICE AND AN APOLOGY ON BEHALF OF THE NATION

Sec. 101. The Congress accepts the findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and recognizes that a

grave injustice was done to both citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry by the evacuation ... during World War II. On behalf of the Nation, the Congress apologizes.

TITLE II—U.S. CITIZENS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY AND RESIDENT JAPANESE ALIENS

DEFINITIONS

Sec. 201. For the purpose of this title—

(1) the term EVACUATION, RELOCATION and INTERNMENT PERIOD [capitalization added] means that period beginning on Dec. 7, 1941, and ending on June 30, 1946;

(2) the term ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL means any living individual of Japanese ancestry who—

(A) was enrolled on the records of the United States Government

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Fujiyoshi fingerprinting trial drags on—no verdict in sight

KOBE, Japan — Over 60 concerned citizens and alien residents attended the Sept. 19 hearing in the human-rights trial of Ronald Susumu Fujiyoshi, an American missionary, who has refused to be fingerprinted, a requirement in alien registration. (See Sept. 16 PC).

It was the third hearing before the Kobe District Court for the 42-year-old Fujiyoshi. Two of his attorneys, Kumano and Harada, called for a ruling that would be based on justice with due process, and a thorough reappraisal of fingerprinting, rather than on exclusive national interests and prejudice against Asian alien residents and other foreigners.

Fujiyoshi's act of conscience and civil disobedience simply brought the fingerprinting injustice to more Japanese people, the lawyers said. Among those

who testified was one from California.

Nisei Witness Heard

Mary Tomita of Oakland addressed herself to the issues, declaring she was not permitted to return to the United States prior to World War II and was forced to remain as an unwanted guest.

Tomita said the discrimination faced by the Japanese Americans in the U.S. helped her to grasp a similar pre-

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Kuramoto appeal succeeds

LOS ANGELES—It took five months and four hearings, but Dr. Ford Kuramoto, director of the Hollywood Mental Health district office, succeeded in getting a letter of reprimand out of his file.

Dr. Rodolfo Garcia, acting regional director of the L.A. County Dept. of Mental Health, wrote the letter because Kuramoto's agency was late in filing a Medi-Cal reimbursement claim with the state.

Kuramoto said that a key accounting employee had resigned shortly before the billing was to have been filed and that his agency was in the process of re-staffing that position when time ran out. The billing was later submitted with no loss of revenue to the

county.

Later, Kuramoto learned that in a similar incident, a white administrator in the same department who failed to get his state billings in on time and who caused a \$60,000 loss received no reprimand.

A succession of three hearings failed to get the letter removed from Kuramoto's file, even though the officer at the third hearing, Dr. J.R. Elpers, had also handled the case of the white administrator.

Kuramoto appealed before the L.A. County Civil Service Commission on Aug. 24. The commission unanimously ruled against the department, which has not appealed the decision.

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Sacramento County redresses Nikkei employees

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Joining other city, county and state governments, Sacramento County has established a memorial fund to compensate former county employees who lost their civil service jobs during WW2.

Supervisor Ila Collin introduced the proposal that sets aside \$35,000 for the fund.

County employees of Japanese ancestry who lost their jobs between March 2, 1942, and June 20, 1946, because of the internment may apply for up to \$5,000. Survivors of former employees are ineligible.

Filing applications will be accepted from Oct. 1, 1983, and must be received not later than 5 p.m., April 2, 1984.

The following are county employees who may be eligible for repayment: Dee Itsuki, Alice Kawamura, and Shizuko Ota. Anyone knowing the location of these persons or any other eligible persons are urged to call Supervisor Collin, (916) 440-5481, or write her at 700 H St., Suite 2450, Sacramento, CA 95814. #

Boy Scouts Assn. to honor Coachella Valley Nikkei as 'Citizen of Year'

INDIO, Ca. — The title of "Distinguished Citizen of the Year" will be presented to Cherry Ishimatsu on Nov. 4, 6:30 p.m. at the Chaparral Country Club awards dinner by the Coachella Valley Boy Scouts Assn. of the Inland Empire Council.

The resident of Indio is the fourth area citizen to be honored at the annual event, and the first woman, according to banquet chair Medley Jean-sonne.

A Palo Alto High School graduate in 1942, Ishimatsu received her diploma during her internment at Fresno Assembly Center. She is the daughter of Mrs. Misuyo Yoshimura of Los Angeles, and daughter-in-law of I.K. Ishimatsu of Cupertino.

The honoree and her husband, Ray, moved here in 1949. Her first community involvement was as a member of the Junior Woman's Club.

She is a founding member of California Women for Agriculture in Coachella Valley. In 1976 when it became statewide, Ishimatsu served as its charter president. She was its southern district representative, and in 1981 helped to organize the Arizona Women for



CHERRY ISHIMATSU

Agriculture. This year, she was named by Gov. Deukmejian to the state board of the Dept. of Food and Agriculture.

Ishimatsu helped in reactivating the Coachella Valley JACL in 1965 and was its president, 1978-80. She also is co-founder of California Japanese American Republicans; a member of the Republican Women's Club; and presently scholarship chair for the Indio Community Hospital Auxiliary. #

Farmland building designer receives '83 Metal Building Manufacturers award

WASHINGTON — Hajime Ota, an active JACLer, was the recipient of the 1983 Metal Building Manufacturers Assn. award, according to the September D.C. News Notes.

The award, established in 1958 by the MBMA, each year honors an agricultural engineer for outstanding contributions to the farmstead

building design. Ota's career focus is the development of basic calorimetric data on farm animals, with particular attention to poultry. His research now aids agricultural engineers around the world in providing structures offering the maximum in facilities to meet specific climate and other design requisites. Ota retired in 1979 from the

Agricultural Engineering Research Division, USDA-ARS, in Beltsville, Maryland. He continues to offer his expertise to international professional groups through a vast array of technical papers.

One publication he authored on poultry housing has been used extensively by American universities. It has been translated into Japanese and French for use in Asia and Europe.

The newsletter said Ota is active in ASAE committees within the structures and en-

vironment division and is associated in both the Washington, D.C.—Maryland Section and the North American Region. #

Murakami concert

SAN FRANCISCO—A benefit performance, entitled "An Evening of Music with May," featuring the Hawaiian-born San Francisco Opera Chorus singer May Murakami, is slated Friday, Oct. 21, 8 p.m., at the Christ United Presbyterian Church, Sutter and Laguna Sts. #

Hawaii Jodo missions bishop named

HILO, Hawaii—Longtime Big Island religious leader Dwight Nakamura was named as statewide bishop of the Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions on Sept. 23.

The minister of Hilo Meishoin Mission for 19 years, Nakamura will assume his position at the end of November. He has been a Jodo sect minister for nearly three decades, working at Mountain View (Calif.) for several years after coming here from Japan.

His selection, succeeding Bishop Gido Shimbo, was made during a biennial conference held earlier last month. He has served as campus minister at the Univ. of Hawaii-Hilo; and was a co-organizer of the Interfaith Counseling Service, the Mental Health Assn., and the Big Island Peace Coordinating Committee.

Nakamura, a former officer in the Japanese Navy, was among the first to enter Hiroshima following the atomic blast of that city August, 1945, to care for the victims. #

City of Hope scientist wins genetics award

DUARTE, Ca. — Dr. Susumu Ohno, director of reproductive genetics at the City of Hope, became the first recipient of the newly established Kihara Prize in ceremonies held Oct. 9 in Sendai, Japan.

Long recognized for his or-

iginal and significant work in the field of genetics, Ohno is world renowned on evolutionary biology and is an authority in the mechanism which determines whether a mammalian embryo will develop as a male or a female. The Kihara Prize, which is being conferred by the Japanese Society of Genetics, is named after Hitoshi Kihara, another genetics expert. #

Fine Arts

San Francisco's Society for Asian Art Marco Polo Ball Oct. 15 at the M.H. de Young Museum in Golden Gate has six candidates vying for the honor of portraying the Venetian explorer. Among them is Hatsuho Aizawa, art agency director and an active JACLer. (He had designed the new PC logo featuring the two hemispherical zones of western and eastern Pacific regions.) #

PC PEOPLE

Book

Published by Simon and Schuster, Dr. Thomas Noguchi's new book entitled "Coroner" will be out next month, according to the 56-year-old former Los Angeles county chief medical examiner and coroner who was demoted last year to the post of physician-specialist amid allegations that he mismanaged the department. He was also charged for making inappropriate comments about some Hollywood celebrity deaths. #

Business

AT&T's advertising campaign for international (United Kingdom, Europe and Pacific Rim) calls is being continued for another year with actor Robert Ito in his second spot for the Pacific Rim campaign. Accompanied by Japanese children, Ito compares the importance of keeping in touch with one's heritage by keeping in touch through the telephone. Bridgestone Tire Co., the world's fourth largest producer, took over the Firestone plant in La Vergne, Tenn., 15 miles south of Nashville, last January. It has

recognized the United Rubberworkers who are now turning out radial truck tires. Kazuo Ishikure, president of Bridgestone (U.S.), and Nori Takeuchi, vice president, felt taking over the 12-year-old facility was cheaper than building a new plant. Union boss Tommy Powell predicts this will be the biggest tire manufacturing facility in the U.S.

Taro "Kat" Katagiri of Sun Life of Canada, Fresno, has earned the Chartered Financial Consultant diploma and certification from the American College at Bryn Mawr, Pa. A past Fresno JACL president, he is a graduate in business from CSU-Fresno and has a master's in journalism from Univ. of Wisconsin.

Church

The Revs. Jim Yanagihara and Ikuo Nishimura were transferred to San Jose Betsuin and Watsonville Buddhist Temple, respectively, the National Headquarters of the Buddhist Churches of America, San Francisco, reported. The Rev. Zuikei Taniguchi will be assigned to Alameda Buddhist Temple, effective Nov. 1. #

Health

Norman Seto, O.D., a native of Indio, Ca., who was once a patient of Dr. Robert L. Allison, has joined him in optometry practice in Indio, specializing in fitting and prescribing contact lenses. He is the son of Tom/Yoshiko Seto of Oasis. #

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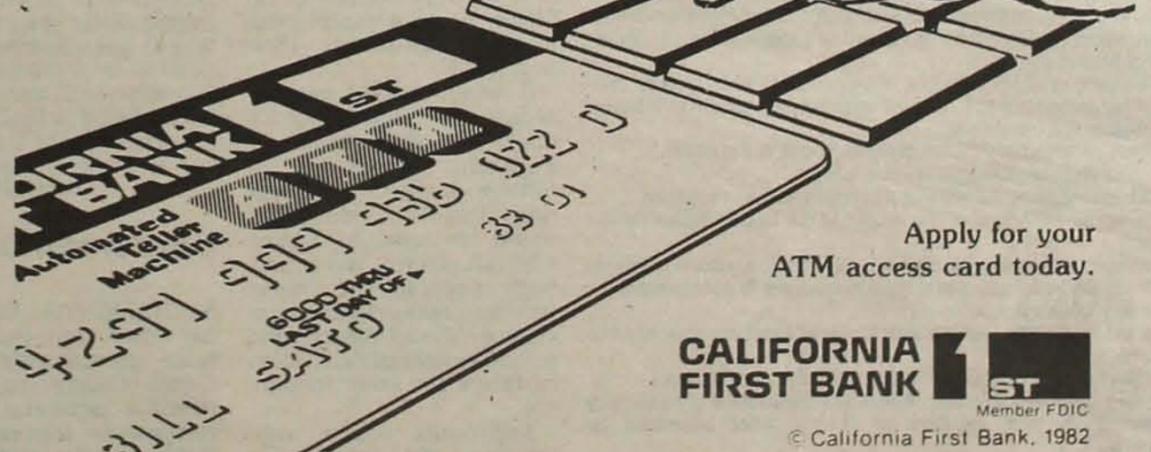
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Robert Ito

PBS to unfurl 'Silk Screen'

SAN FRANCISCO — Stimulated by charges of neglect from minority video- and film-makers, the Public Broadcasting Service recently acquired a new series of programs about Asian Americans. Six half-hour productions under the title "Silk Screen" air nationwide beginning late October or early November, depending on the local PBS affiliate.

Hosted by Robert Ito, the series promises relief from the stereotypic thugs, martial artists, inscrutable crimelords and exotic women that populate America's TV screens:

—*Bittersweet Survival* by Christine Choy and J.T. Takagi documents the flight of over 700,000 Southeast Asians to the U.S. and the hostility that greets them.

—*Sewing Woman* by Arthur Dong details the life of a seamstress from her adjustment to San Francisco's Chinatown through the upbringing of her American-born children. It is shown with *Pinoy* by Deborah Bock—the story of Pilipino labor organizer Al Masigat.

—*Tattoo City* and *Emiko*, two pieces by Emiko Omori,

study the commitment, pain and mythic images of Japanese tattooing; then the filmmaker herself. (Omori has been commissioned by JACL to create a videotape on Nisei aging and retirement.)

—*Monterey's Boat People* by Spencer Nakasako and Vincent DiGirolamo traces opposition to successive generations of Chinese, Japanese and Vietnamese fishermen in California's Monterey Bay.

—*With Silk Wings: On New Ground* by Loni Ding portrays several women practicing such professions as bartender, judge, police officer and welder.

—*China: Land of My Father* by Felicia Lowe records the journalist's journey to China and her first meetings with relatives there.

"Silk Screen" was packaged by the National Asian American Telecommunications Assn., which distributes television and radio programs and acts as a clearinghouse for information on Asian American media. Major funding for the series is provided by the Corp. for Public Broadcasting. #

Community affair

LOS ANGELES — Union Church of Los Angeles will be the site of the annual Little Tokyo Community Health Fair, Saturday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., reported Claudia Kajihara, committee volunteer. There will be six stations set up where more than 300 volunteers will help doctors and nurses check dentistry, blood pressure, oral cancer, podiatry, vision; and provide flu shots and nutrition/health counseling. Health checkup results will be given to individuals who participate in the program, said Bill Watanabe of Little Tokyo Service Center, Inc., (213) 680-3729. Last year, more than 500 persons were given free health tests. #

Reliving 1942 evacuation in film haunts extras

SONORA, Ca.—Some 200 Asian movie "extras" were creating for the cameras in Jamestown a page out of a lost chapter of America's history, the World War II evacuation of 110,000 Japanese Americans and their alien parents from the West Coast to isolated relocation centers in the middle of a desert.

For some on the set, the scene at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park was more than just Hollywood-style antics. For them, it was reliving the most profound event of their lives in the spring of 1942, The Union Democrat disclosed.

"All the memories are back," said Masanori Kato, describing his feelings as he walked on to the set last summer and saw the baggage piled on the platform, the blackened train windows and the lines of waiting "evacuees," the majority of the extras composed of "boat people."

The film, "Horizon," is a Japanese language documentary directed by Kaneto Shindo, 71, a preeminent filmmaker, who is best known in America for "Children of Hiroshima," released in 1952. James Mamara, production manager for Creative Enterprise, Inc. is associated with Shindo.

The movie will be a 1½ to 2 hour feature-length vehicle, using Fuji 125 color film. J&D Casting of Chinese Camp spent weeks locating the 200 Asians.

Several Tuolumne County residents, including Sam Sakamoto of Rawhide, who spent his early 20s in camp, and Susan Nakamura Kotarek of Sonora whose parents had been in wartime confinement, joined the ranks of extras. Nearby Lodi JACL officers were also asked to provide the needed data and personnel.

Fred Sasaki of Lodi arrived at the set wearing the suit and tie he wore the day he left his home 41 years ago. He also carried the same suitcase.

It was Kotarek who explained the filming at best. "I'm doing it for my parents in Chicago. The camp experience is a common bond, a cultural link for all Japanese Americans. Even after 40 years, reunions of former evacuees are common and frequent."

The first, stereotyped question a Japanese American of a certain generation would ask is "What camp were you in?" For Kotarek, a postwar baby, the day at Railtown was a way of understanding her parents' dismay and disappointment with their country.

Tom Maye of Lockeford said he had a vineyard. "When I left, I gave it to a Caucasian friend to keep for me—the tractor, equipment and everything." Upon his return, Maye learned his friend had made a lot of money off his land and tractor which by then was "all shot to hell." #

San Diego's Dr. Hara to be honored

SAN DIEGO, Ca.—Japanese Coordinating Council's testimonial banquet in honor of Shigeru S. Hara, M.D., will be held Saturday, Oct. 22, 6 p.m. at Holiday Inn on the Embarcadero.

The 72-year-old physician from Sacramento received his medical degree at Marquette University, 1941, after studies at Sacramento J.C. and UC-Berkeley. He interned at Sacramento County Hospital, but World War II disrupted his practice. He and his wife, nee Lorraine Kozono, a registered nurse, were moved to work at the Tule Lake camp hospital. Called to military service in 1943, he was stationed in France and returned home in 1946. He joined his brother George in private practice in San Diego.

JCC vice president Roy Muraoka said Dr. Hara's nearly 40 years of practice in the community will be recognized at the dinner. He has delivered 3,000 babies, first and second generations, and still works 4½ days per week. In October, 1965, Lorraine Hara passed away, but the family carried on: Tule Lake-born son Glenn is a UCLA med school graduate; daughter Susan from UC-San Francisco graduate in pharmacology. In November, 1970, Shig married his longtime assistant, Connie Pontecervo. Together they have five children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Hara belongs to the California Medical Assn., VFW Post 4851, JACL 1000 Club.

For tickets, call Mas Hironaka 230-4174 (w) or 233-0590 (r). The \$17.50 ticket also includes a gift for the honoree. #

Mental health treatment examined

LOS ANGELES—A conference entitled "Challenges for Asian/Pacific Mental Health" will be held Saturday, Oct. 22, 8:30 a.m.—4 p.m. at Student Activities Center, Univ. of Southern California.

Keynote speakers include: Dr. Stanley Sue, prof. of psychology, UCLA, and Dr. Steve Shon, deputy director of State Dept. of Mental Health. Frank Kwan of KNBC moderates the program.

Concurrent workshops are offered in morning and afternoon sessions:

1—*Amæ, true paradox, self-control and harmony.*

2—*Trials and tribulations of working with Asians in a therapeutic setting.*

3—*Do Asians need less medication? Issues in clinical assessment and psychopharmacology.*

4—*Asian/Pacific mental health service delivery systems: Is there a future?*

The conference is sponsored by Asian Pacific Planning Council, Mental Health Sub-committee, in conjunction with USC Asian Pacific American Student Service.

For more information: Emily Yamanaka, (213) 478-8241 or Terry Gock, 735-8471. #

Party to raise funds for redress supporter

OXNARD, Ca. — Harry and Janet Kajihara host a fundraising party for John K. Flynn, chair of Ventura County Board of Supervisors, Sunday, Oct. 23, 1-4 p.m., at their home, 1000 W. Devonshire Dr.

Flynn was instrumental in helping the Ventura County JACL obtain a resolution from the county board of supervisors supporting redress.

Assisting the fund-raising efforts are Helen Inouye, June Kajiwara, Teri Komatsu, Sharon Tera and Dorene Tsukida. Tickets are \$7.50. For info.: (805) 983-2612. #

Anthology seeks new material

SAN FRANCISCO — Literary materials for "Fusion '83," an anthology to be published in December, are being sought by the Japanese American studies area of the Asian American Studies Dept., S.F. State Univ.

Project director Jim Okutsu requests that both historical and contemporary creative material be sent to him at Asian American Studies, S.F. State, San Francisco, CA 94132 by the end of October.

Diet visitors

LOS ANGELES—Four Japanese Diet representatives were greeted Sept. 22 at a breakfast meeting, hosted by the county Board of Supervisors Michael D. Antonovich and Deane Dana. Kichiro Tazawa, Akira Nomiyama, Zanju Nariai and Saburo Okabe will lay groundwork for the scheduled President Reagan-Prime Minister Nakasone conference at the Williamsburg Economic Summit in November. #

Social scene

LOS ANGELES—A free festival, highlighted by ethnic dances, singing and musical variety act will be staged at Burton W. Chace Park in Marina del Rey, Sunday, Oct. 23, 12 noon. The program is part of the Intercultural Foundation's fifth annual "Rainbow Festival." One of the features will be a shakuhachi (bamboo flute) number by Bill Meigs. #

BERKELEY, Ca. — Live music, performances, food booths, arts and crafts, and children's activities are featured at the Berkeley Asian Community Autumn Festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22-23, on Milvia between Allston Way and Kittridge. #

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Generation count—an Issei contribution

A whimsical piece in the Japan Times by Mas Mambo, recently retired writer from its sports department, on the Japanese American custom of identifying generations generated (pardon the pun) international attention when his feature and an equally fanciful commentary by William Wetherall followed in the same paper and was then reprinted by Japanese American newspapers in California.

The Rafu Shimpō (Sept. 9) wondered whether this "sei" system should be perpetuated and is waiting for readers' reactions. The Hokubei Mainichi followed and printed a reply (Sept. 22) from Raymond Okamura, Berkeley. With reference to his mention of JAACL promoting the use of "Nisei", it was being suggested to newspapers as a substitute for "Japs" in headlines and not for "generational chauvinism".

Before PC readers give us their thoughts, it should be known that the identification of generations is an Issei "contribution" now recognized in U.S. dictionaries. Issei journalists popularized the expressions "Issei", "Nisei" and "Kibei" in their headlines and stories during the past 75 years. The Nisei community, in turn, helped spread these words.

Our belief is: "To each his own"; it'll be up to each generation to determine how they should be known in their own time. Whether or not future Japanese Americans may be able to count in Nihongo, many of us won't be around to say one way or another. This, however, is not to deny that a Sanjuyonseï may be known sometime in the 26th Century.—H.H.

By MAS MAMBO
(Japan Times)

Tokyo

How long can it be kept up?

What is meant here is the numeric generation system for Japanese Americans—Nisei, Sansei, Yonseï, etc.

It seems a laudable thing for Americans of Japanese descent to continue to identify with their cultural heritage through such designations. But can they keep going?

Last year, the fact that a Goseï—fifth generation—Miss Julie Yuriko Shigekuni, a student at UC Santa Cruz, was in this country was played up by the Japan Times. With less than 100 years having passed since Issei Japanese immigrants began settling in the U.S., she was a rarity, it was noted.

Getting the designations straight is becoming more and more difficult.

Back in May 1977, a letter writer to the Japan Times named John H. Kerncamp foresaw a generation identification crisis and advised that the system be given up. His letter, appearing in connection with an article in the

paper referring to Sansei, said:

"Although at first glance, 'Yonseï,' 'Nanaseï,' and even 'sanjuyonseï' may seem reasonable, consider the situation when a third-generation Japanese American marries a fourth-generation. The resultant children could only be accurately identified (by means of a complicated mathematical formula) as 'Yonseï-han' (fourth-and-a-half generation Japanese American). Then if a Yonseï-han were to marry a Rokuseï-han and have children...but I think you must see it by now."

He said a single term should be devised for "Japanese American" or let "Nisei" do the job. (The term "Nikkei," widely used by Japanese American publications, serves the purpose but also can include others of Japanese extraction.)

Reader Kerncamp did not take in one other important factor threatening to make generation identification a shambles—intermarriage.

The Nisei Week queen in Los Angeles last year had a family name that was not Japanese, unlike the old days

when the queens had names such as Alice Watanabe and Renko Oyama.

And a survey a few years ago was reported to have found that among the younger Sansei, seven in 10 are marrying non-Japanese.

A recent edition of the Pacific Citizen had an ad for T-shirts with slogans for what was called the "mixed-Yonseï set."

One of the slogans available was "Happa...and darn proud of it!!" "Happa," which is not in the Japanese dictionary, is a word picked up by Japanese Americans long ago, meaning "half and half."

Kerncamp was not the only foreigner in Japan to criticize generation identification adhered to by the Japanese Americans. The late John Holland, the caustic columnist of the Shipping and Trade News, did so in December 1970 while panning the holding of a Nisei convention here.

In a piece entitled "The Silly 'Sei,'" Holland noted that the offspring of Nisei are Sansei and "the numerical tabbing will probably go on for decades to come."

He added: "Certainly the Germans, Poles, Scandinavians and other U.S. retain a somewhat clannish large racial segments in the outlook, but they have not gone to the point of the ridiculous by counting their various generations, as have the Japanese. Nor do they hold conventions to discuss their lot, both in the States and let us say Norway."

"Just imagine if the Limey strains in Canada, New Zealand, Australia and other parts of our far-flung old Empire held sei conventions. Or the French in Canada tabbed their brats as quatorze-sei or something equally silly," said Holland, who never did care on whose toes he trod. #

Hibakusha 'Sanjuyonseï'

By WILLIAM WETHERALL

Nagareyama, Chiba
Mas Mambo's piece on the Japanese American numeric generation system reminded me of a newspaper article I wrote last year called "Hibakusha Sanjuyonseï" (Thirty-Fourth Generation A-Bomb Survivors). It, too, dealt with the problem of how Japanese Americans and others keep track of their generations. Both the article and its title were inspired by the following passage from Brian Branstons' "Gods of the North."

"(Icelanders) can tell you their ancestors' names for the last thousand years...I am the thirty-fourth generation since the immigration, one will tell you. The immigration is the year 874, when the first of them landed on their empty island."

Ninth-century Iceland was probably not "empty" but populated by people who were eventually absorbed into the Viking communities. Yet, Branstons, a journalist who had visited the country in the 1950s, made the point that Icelanders are very conscious of their immigrant origins, and have taken great care to mark their genera-

tional descendancy through time.

Japan is not without such traditions. The Imperial Family counts its generations from events that were probably associated with a great migration. There is also the example of Japanese potter Chin Jukan (Sim Sugwan), who traces his Korean ancestry 14 generations back to 1604, when the first of his line came to Japan from war-torn Korea.

Mambo referred to the Nisei Week Queen in Los Angeles last year who "had a family name that was not Japanese." Well, if she was a Nisei or Sansei or whatever-sei, she would have been an American, and therefore her name would have been an American name—whether it was Alice Watanabe or Renko Oyama or Janet Midori Barnes.

Mambo meant to say that Janet was not "full Japanese"—the complaint of a reader, in a letter to the Rafu Shimpō (Aug. 22, 1982), who felt that Nisei queens should not be of "mix-ancestry." Another reader of this Los Angeles paper observed that contest rules require only one

parent of "Japanese" ancestry.

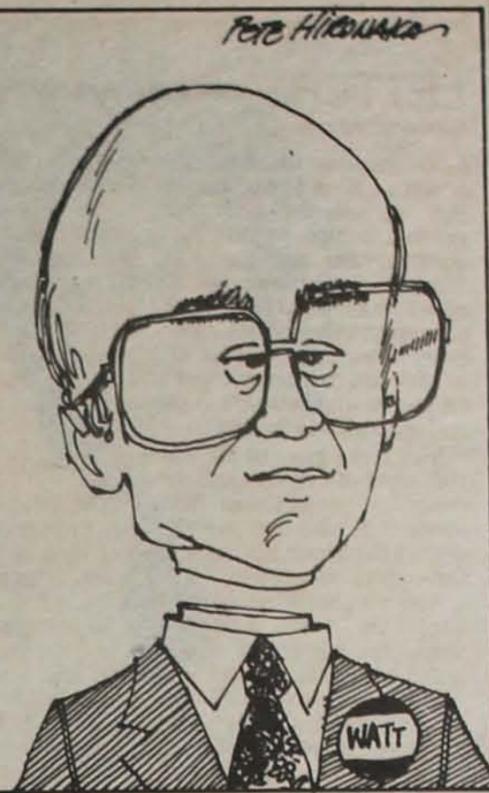
Mambo seems to miss his pluralistic target when he says that "seven in 10 (Japanese Americans) are marrying non-Japanese." Since Japanese Americans are non-Japanese (discounting a few dual nations), what is his point? Does he mean that seven out of 10 pure-Yamato Americans are marrying non-Yamato or impure-Yamato Americans (or non-Americans)?

Which brings us back to the generation-count issue. Mambo dwells on the "mixed" or "happa" or "half and half" complications. But for most Japanese Americans (of whatever race or ethnicity) it is a much more elementary issue. For example, what do you call the offspring of an Issei and a Nisei? Sansei? Nisei? Ni-ten-go? Ichi-ten-go? And how do you distinguish a prewar Issei or Nisei (socially and culturally, such distinctions are made)?

Mambo might have come closer to the mark had he explained why he felt it so laudable for Japanese Americans

SANSEI SAMURAI

NO—DON'T CREDIT ME WITH THAT. I THINK IT'S ALWAYS BEEN DETACHED.



Generational Labels

By RAYMOND OKAMURA (Hokubei Mainichi, Sept. 22)

I do not like generational labels.

A generational identity may be fine for those individuals who fit into the Issei-Nisei-Sanseï framework, but there are countless Japanese Americans who are left out. Post-World War II immigrants from Japan and their descendants, immigrants of Japanese ancestry from countries other than Japan, biracial or bicultural persons, and in-between or multigenerational persons are effectively excluded. Also, there are people whose age is inconsistent with their generation and people who are assigned to an incongruent generation due to the accident of birthplace.

My main objection to referring to people by their generation is based on the fact that the practice has tended to make the Japanese American community insular and exclusionary.

Instead of welcoming everyone of Japanese ancestry as part of the community, some narrow-minded Nisei and Sansei have tried to shut out those who are not inbred descendants of the pre-1924 immigrants. The most disgusting example of this tendency was the outcry against the Nisei Week Queen last year.

Whenever I hear a speaker at a community meeting drone on and on about the "Issei, Nisei and Sansei," I want to scream: "What about the rest of us?" Wouldn't it be simpler—and certainly more sensitive—to use the all-inclusive phrase "Japanese American" (or "Nikkeijin")?

Regrettably, generational pride has on occasion been transformed into generational chauvinism. Back in the 1950s and early 1960s, the Japanese American Citizens League (mostly through the writings of Bill Hosokawa) tried to promote the use of

to identify with their cultural heritage by counting generations. I myself find nothing wrong with this. Yet the day will come when a mother will tell her child: "Your father claims he's a pure Sanjuyonseï. But somewhere along the line, your ancestors on my side lost track—or interest." #

"Nisei" as a synonym for all Japanese Americans, regardless of generation.

It was a crass attempt at generational hegemony which was doomed to fail once the Sansei came of age. I am glad that most people have opted for "Nikkei" as the general term for persons of Japanese ancestry.

Prior to 1952 (when Issei naturalization rights were achieved), generational labels had some significance: an Issei was necessarily a Japanese subject, whereas a Nisei was by definition an American citizen. Moreover, there were vast differences in age, culture, language, ability and social relationships which made the demarcation between the Issei and Nisei extremely sharp.

But with the advent of

near-universal citizenship, new immigration, and interracial or intercultural marriages, generational identities have become less and less meaningful. Today, it makes little difference if one is a Sansei, Yonseï, Shin-Nisei or hip Shin-Issei.

Flamboyant immigrants like Rocky Aoki, Sam Hayakawa, Thomas Noguchi and Yoko Ono have shattered the stereotype of the self-effacing Issei.

Culturally and linguistically, people within the same age group are remarkably alike; and the technicality of one's generation serves only as a conversation piece.

Just as the term "Kibei" has become obsolete, I expect that the "sei" numbering system will fade away in the next decade or two. I look forward to that time. #

Letters:

● 'Support Lowry'

With so few U.S. senators openly in favor of redress for Japanese Americans, it came as a pleasant surprise to learn that Mike Lowry (D-Wa.), one of the most articulate and outspoken advocates of redress in the House of Representatives, is running for the Senate seat recently vacated by the death of Henry "Scoop" Jackson. While not a citizen of Washington state, I plan to contribute to Lowry's campaign, and hope that other redress supporters around the country will also.

For those who may not know Mike Lowry, he has been a staunch supporter of the fundamental rights and liberties of all Americans during his five years in Congress, and his support for redress for Japanese Americans has been an important cornerstone of his legislative agenda. In fact, Lowry has presented the issue to countless labor, civic and other constituent groups in a way that has sensitized and won over many who previously opposed redress. However, this strong stand has not been without a price: it has cost him some of the financial base he needs to win this election, which makes it all the more important that we Nikkei do our part to help him.

When told about Lowry's Senate campaign, Rep. Norman Mineta was recently quoted as saying, "Mike Lowry is my good friend, and I look forward to seeing him in the Senate. His leadership on issues of concern to Americans of Japanese ancestry has been invaluable. For the past five years, Lowry has worked tirelessly on behalf of civil rights and civil liberties for all Americans. Not only is Mike a respected and effective legislator, but Mike Lowry stands up for what he believes in."

Anyone wishing to contribute to Lowry's campaign, which is urgently in need of funds, should make checks payable to, "Mike Lowry for U.S. Senate Committee (Nikkei for Lowry)," P.O. Box 4242, Seattle, WA 98104.

PHILIP TAJITSU NASH
New York

● Amache synergy

I wish to convey my deepest gratitude to the Pacific Citizen for your news coverage of the Amache Memorial Fund. It gave us encouragement and the incentive to carry on the project to its culmination.

We (Denver Central Optimist Club) were a group of amateurs tackling a job without the slightest knowledge of

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fund-raising or the obstacles which we were to encounter. But we learned and progressed as we pushed forward toward our goal. At times it seemed insurmountable with the legal hassle and unforeseen technicalities. However, we were very fortunate to have had so many wonderful people who believed in us and supported to the end.

Min Yasui gave us the initial word of encouragement when the project was first conceived, and we are indebted to him for his support throughout our project.

Another man who told us to keep the faith and we would see the fruits of our labor was Bill Hosokawa.

We were also grateful to have individuals such as Thomas Shigekuni (of Torrance, Ca.) who supported us 100%. Min Tonai (of Los Angeles) made an extra stop in Denver to confer with the steering committee. Concerned people from the Amache Historical Society in Los Angeles, like these two gentlemen, helped us immensely. Sakaye Kawashiri and Tami Tanabe from the Northern California area sent us materials and information to aid in our drive. Individuals and organizations, large and small, all were instrumental in making this a success.

The steering committee spent many hours to complete this project by sacrificing weekends, vacations and fishing trips. Their families which supported them without reservation brought about the completion of this project.

After the dedication, our visitors thanked us again and again, which was the ultimate

reward that no amount of riches could ever purchase.

But this was not accomplished by us alone. We were only the mechanics of the total operation, and without the help of all concerned individuals this project could never have materialized.

NOBUO FURUIYE
Denver, Colo.

● American Red Cross

The following information has been brought to my attention by a local JACL member who wishes to remain anonymous.

Before the war, this person was drafted into the Army and was assigned to Camp Shelby with the 442nd Regiment. At this time there were concerns by Japanese American draftees about their parents, brothers, etc., being forced to evacuate from the West Coast. Many confused conversations and suspicions of allegiance among the GIs took place. Also, many Caucasian officers were prejudiced against any Japanese Americans in the service.

During this person's tour of duty, he attained the rank of technical sergeant. Suddenly he was dishonorably discharged as a conscientious objector and stripped of his rank to a private. This has been on this person's mind for 40 years. For the past two years, he has corresponded with local, district and Washington authorities to clear his discharge record in order to be classified as a normal citizen. Recently he appeared before a service review board in San Francisco. He immediately received his

change of status from dishonorable to honorable discharge, full restoration of technical sergeant rank and retroactive restitution of pay (which he is not concerned with).

The American Red Cross was instrumental in this matter and it is this person's wish that if anyone has a similar case, he should contact them, as they are more than willing to assist in any way.

GEORGE IKEMIYA
Reedley, Ca.

Letters to the Editor (200 words maximum) on items appearing in the PC are welcomed.

● Japanese cars

On reading the President's Corner column of 10-7-83, I am left with the impression that the burden of blame for the trade friction between Japan and the U.S. rests on Japan, as though Americans are inherently blameless.

My memory bank tells me that years ago Americans complained bitterly that a new car was good for only three years—just about the time the owner completed payments on it. Then along came Japan-made cars that last, last and last. To what avail? Complaints arose, spread and still persist that they're Japan, not American-made. Do we hear of complaints against German imports or of backlash against German Americans? No. To me this proves beyond doubt that Japanese are targeted on racial grounds primarily by those who doggedly cling to the doctrine of white suprem-

acism, a gross insult to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

If Japanese manufacturers are motivated strictly by greed, that's one thing, and a stemming of it is in order. But I tend to believe that they're simply filling a much-needed service.

A local TV station, KTTV, which shows the Dodger baseball games, is not a bit apologetic about advertising Nissan-Datsun automobiles. Neither should we Japanese Americans be and attempt to

discourage Japanese car makers, if they're good at producing fuel-efficient cars. Why not instead encourage American car manufacturers to copy Japan for a change, when change is called for.

MARY TANI
Los Angeles

● Nikkei Karma

Whatever happens to you, happens because of you! Such is the simple definition of karma or atonement. The evacuation episode was necessary to enable the evacuees to undergo grave injustices, losses, and suffering as they had, likewise, caused the same things to others in the distant past. I received this information through the process of "ishin-denshin" (telepathic communication), which is fundamental to Zen Buddhism.

Homosexuality is due to karma. Do homosexuals receive compensation for serv-

ing out their karma? Of course not! So, why should the evacuees be given monetary redress for having been given the opportunity to repay their karmic debt?

HASHIME SAITO
Tucson, Ariz.

● Term paper

I am a high school student working on a term paper on the history of the Japanese Americans. Would you please send me a copy of "Personal Justice Denied." If there is any cost involved, please let me know and I would be glad to pay it.

SCOTT SUGIURA
Turlock, Ca.

To obtain a copy of the 467-page "Personal Justice Denied," write Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Gov't Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Be sure to include the stock number: 052-003-00897-1. The cost is \$8.50 and

you can pay by money order, check, Visa or MasterCard. Stocks of this report are sometimes carried by local JACL chapters, JACL district offices and federal bookstores as well. #

● Let me know

Please notify me when my subscription runs out so I may renew it. I found that the news I get is particularly interesting! As a person who helped begin the organization of the JACL in Honolulu, Hawaii and as a vice-consul now at the American Consulate General in São Paulo, Brazil, I find all the news you print is of relevancy and interest. Keep up this work!

ANNE H. TAKEMOTO
São Paulo, Brazil

You should either contact Kay Kaneko of the Honolulu chapter and renew membership (you don't have to live in chapter area) or send us \$16 for a year's subscription. —G/MO.

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Halberstam's Essay on Japan

The Japanese, and Japanese Americans as well, often are exasperated by the seeming inability of U.S. media to understand them. One day, editors seem to be fully aware of the vast cultural, historical and legal gulf that differentiates Japanese Americans from just plain Japanese. The next day they'll publish a story that confuses the two.

The Japanese also have much to complain about, and there's no better example than the Oct. 9 issue of Parade, a syndicated Sunday supplement distributed to millions of newspaper readers. You probably saw it.

This issue was dominated by a single story titled "The Japanese Challenge." It was a thoughtful, deep-probing and not unfair essay and analysis of contemporary Japan. The author was David Halberstam, formerly of the New York Times and one of the most competent of contemporary reporters.

What did the editors do? To "sell" Halberstam's story, they put a sad-eyed geisha on the cover, complete with fancy hairdo and painted lips. What connection a geisha has to do with a story about the dynamism of a nation that poses a great economic challenge for this country, only the editors would know. The kindest way to describe it is irrelevant.

Halberstam's essay contains one paragraph about the possibility of Japanese rearmament. He writes: "Japan, I think, will rearm in the relatively near future, not because the Pentagon wants it but because the Japanese will deem it a mandatory part of their national destiny. There is already an increasingly powerful force within the country that does not think Japan can be Japan, worthy of its past, unless it re-arms."

The rest of the paragraph speculates on Japan, not as a potential military antagonist, but as a competitor in supplying weapons to third parties.

But the editors saw fit to use a headline that says: "The Japanese will rearm because they will deem it a mandatory part of their national destiny."

* * *

What does that headline do? Inevitably it conjures mental pictures of banzai charges and kamikaze pilots in World War II. That, obviously, isn't what Halberstam intended. He points out that Japan is an ally, and that militarily the Japanese are to be feared as rivals in the sale of arms. "Anyone," he writes, "who thought that the Japanese were formidable competition in cameras, television sets and autos need only imagine how strong they will be as arms salesmen."

Whether Japan should or should not rearm is not the point here. Halberstam did not address the issue. The facts are that the United States under several presidents has urged Japan to bear a larger share of the Free World defense burden, and the Nakasone government is moving in that direction. And we as individuals may or may not agree that this trend is wise.

But Parade's editors did nothing to enhance understanding by their choice of headline and cover photo. They distorted the thrust of a responsible piece of writing. And that, as the saying goes, is a matter to be deplored. #

JACL credit union declares 7%

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — The National JACL Credit Union board at its fall meeting declared another 7% dividend for the quarter and assets are nearing the \$5.7 million mark, CU president/manager Terrell T. Nagata announced.

Judging from the response, JACL credit union's recently reduced loan rates have been attractive, especially the 11.9% APR for new cars for up to 60 months, he added. Other current loan rates are 13%, used car, up to 42 months; 11%, share secured, up to 60 months.

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- OCT. 21 (Friday)
San Francisco—Ctr for JA Studies mtg, JAA Bldg, 8pm; Yuji Ichioka, spkr, Origins & Causes of Japanese Emigration, 1885-1907.
San Francisco—JCCNC benefit concert, Christ United Presbyterian Ch, 8pm; May Murakami, singer.
Los Angeles—APAAC mtg, Golden Dragon Res't, dnr 6:30pm; mtg 8pm, Noli Zosa, Tong Soo Chung, Allan Seid, Ferdinand Galvez, spkrs.
- OCT. 21-22
Fresno—BCA-IBS Nembutsu Retreat, Airport Holiday Inn.
- OCT. 22 (Saturday)
San Diego—JACC testim dnr for Shigeru Hara, MD, Harbor Inn, 1355 N Harbor Dr; 6pm, cocktails; 7pm dnr.
Berkeley—Minutrip to State Capitol (Go For Broke Exhibit), 9am fr Wells Fargo, 9800 San Pablo Ave; Info 465-7811.
Contra Costa—Monte Carlo Nite, Maple Hall, 1 Alvarado Sq, San Pablo, 7pm.
Washington, DC—Aki-no-Ichi Festival, Wakefield Forest School, 4011 Iva Lane, Fairfax, Va, 11am-3pm.
Union City—So Alam Cty Buddhist Ch luau, 5:30pm; 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd; Info (415) 471-2581.
Portland—Folkfest/UN Assn Fair, Neighbors of Woodcraft Hall, 1410 SW Morrison, 11am; Info 222-7049/225-1157.
- OCT. 22-23
Los Angeles—Great Leap Inc. dance concert, JACCC Theatre.
San Francisco—June Watanabe Dance Co debut, CSU-S.F. McKenna Theater, Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm; Info 457-6707.
Berkeley—Autumn festival, Berkeley HS, 11am-5pm.
- OCT. 23 (Sunday)
Contra Costa—Golf tourn, Alameda South Course, 7:30am.
Marina del Rey—Rainbow Festival, Burton Chace Pk, 12-6pm.
Los Angeles—JACCC Discussions: The Nisei Today, JACCC, 3:30pm; Betty Kozasa, Michael Ego, Aging & Retirement.
- OCT. 24 (Monday)
San Diego—Vernon Yoshioka campaign art auction, Fat City Res't, 2137 Pac Hwy, 7pm; Info 299-3718.
- OCT. 26 (Wednesday)
San Francisco—Asn Bus League charity fashion show, Sak's 5th Ave, Union Sq, 6pm; Info 986-4252.
- OCT. 28 (Friday)
Sequoia—Financial Wrkshp I: Insurance & Wills, Palo Alto Buddhist Ch, 7:30pm; Bud Nakano, Ken Fujii, Chenin Tana, spkrs.
- OCT. 28-30
Washington, DC—Asn Law Students Assn. conf, Georgetown Univ Law Ctr.
- OCT. 29 (Saturday)
Oakland—East Bay Issei Housing construction kickoff dnr, Oakland Airport Hilton; Info 538-6407 day, 538-9104 eve.
San Francisco—Kimochi Monte Carlo Nite, Buddhist Ch, 6-11pm.
- Placer County—Goodwill dnr, Buddhist Ch, Penryn, 6pm; Keisuke Yawata, pres, NEC Electronics USA, spkr.
- OCT. 29-30
Carson—China-giftware sale, A&T Int'l Trading Ctr, 2808 Oregon Ct, Torrance; 9am-3p.m.
- OCT. 29-NOV. 6
Los Angeles—Fifth year celebration, Japanese Village Plaza.
- OCT. 30 (Sunday)
Los Angeles—JACCC Discussions: The Nisei Today, JACCC, 3:30pm; Rev Masao Kodani, Rev George Nishikawa, Needs of the Spirit.
- OCT. 31 (Monday)
Contra Costa—Hallowe'en party, EB Free Methodist Ch, 7-9pm.
- NOV. 1 (Tuesday)
San Leandro—Bay Area JA Sr Ctrs mtg, Eden Ctr; Info 834-1358.
- NOV. 3 (Thursday)
Sacramento—JACL/Stepping Stones info wkshps series, Summit Bk hosp rm, 1331 Bdwy, 7:30pm; Ron Wu, PhD, "Dynamics of Grief".
Los Angeles—Testimonial dnr for Masashi Kawaguchi, Hyatt Regency.
- NOV. 4 (Friday)
San Jose—Annual mtg, Issei Mem Bldg, 7:30pm.
- NOV. 4-4
Nat'l JACL—Board mtg, Mas Satow Bldg, San Francisco.
- NOV. 6 (Sunday)
NCWNPDC/Marin Cty—Bd elec, qtrly sess, Dominic's Harbor Res't, San Rafael, 9:30am.
Berkeley—East Bay Issei Housing benefit Japanese music concert, Comm Theater, 1900 Alston Wy, 3pm; Yoko Takahashi, composer.
- NOV. 8 (Tuesday)
Stockton—Nominations, Calif 1st Bank, 7:30pm.
- NOV. 9 (Wednesday)
Portland—Bd mtg.
Orange County—Bd elections, BofA Tower, #800, Orange, 7:30pm.
- NOV. 11-13
MPDC/Houston—Dist session.
- NOV. 12 (Saturday)
Cleveland—Holiday Fair, Euclid Jr High; Info 439-3215.
- NOV. 13 (Sunday)
Monterey Peninsula—Harold Tsuchiya dnr, Rancho Carada, 5:30pm.
Stockton—Reno trip; Info Mabel Okubo 463-7945.
- NOV. 18-19
PSWDC/Las Vegas—Qtrly mtg, election, Hacienda Hotel, Chartered bus tour pkg info (213) 820-3592.
- NOV. 19 (Saturday)
San Francisco—Spaghetti-crab feed, Christ United Presby Ch, 5-8pm.
Portland—ACLU MacNaughton Awd dnr, Benson Hotel; Joan Bernstein, spkr; Min Yasui, honoree; Info 644-6270.
San Francisco—Nisei & Retireem't wrkshp: Nisei Attitude on Widowhood; Info 2832 Santiago, SF 94116.

After a struggle, a new club is born

CAMARILLO, Ca.—One of the state's finest youth facilities began operation in mid-September when Camarillo Boys and Girls Club, at 1500 Temple Ave., began accepting membership cards to at least 1,500 youngsters, executive director Shig Yabu announced.

The original Boys Club at 2825 Barry St. became inadequate and had to be demolished, Yabu said, in reporting on the new \$1.2 million addition.

Incredibly, with donation of time and material, the new site cost only \$700,000. "Money-wise, we've been blessed. We've lucked out the whole way. There is a \$63,000 balance," Yabu disclosed.

The club's beginning in 1967 hardly resembles the today's towering complex. It

was in 1971 when seven acres of property then belonging to the Adventist Church became available. Yabu said the club bought 1.2 acres, and the library and the park and recreation department bought the rest.

Despite its humble start, Yabu never doubted a new group eventually would be built. "I expected something—even back then in the beginning. I had already worked at Boys Clubs in Santa Monica and San Diego, and I knew how beautiful clubs could be.

The first phase of the new club, started in January of 1975, was a \$132,000 project that produced a few offices, a game room, a learning center and restrooms. It took seven months to build. #

Artists combine 'Best of Both Worlds'

LOS ANGELES — Great Leap's new production, "Best of Both Worlds," premieres Oct. 22-23 at the new Japan America Theatre in Little Tokyo. Musicians, dancers, taiko drummers, visual artists and martial artists come together in a performance based on the work of singer/songwriter Nobuko Miyamoto.

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Great Leap, a Los Angeles-based arts organization, is funded by National Endowment for the Arts, California Arts Council, and other foundations.

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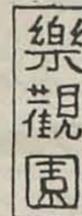
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Testimonial dinners—no matter when or how they are presented—are evenings to remember for a long time. If it seems dinners of this sort come when a person is about to retire, the big bash here for Mitsuo Inouye, M.D., the first of October was not such. Rather, it was a four-hour break with about 500 friends enjoying a grand peek into his past, hearing the encomiums of the day and surveying all the tokens of appreciation bestowed him stacked on the table before him. Dr. Inouye is not about to retire—not at age 58!



The Venice Japanese Community Center community service award dinner in honor of the man who attends to the health needs of his patients as well as his community allowed for an enduring contemplation of the community itself. In local history, the name of the late George Inagaki looms immediately—and his widow Yuki, children Patty and Chris, were recognized during the dinner. It was at one of the many Venice-Culver JACL installation dinners that Inagaki had emceed where Dr. Mitsuo Inouye was called upon to introduce the colleagues and friends sitting at his table. That was one way the wider community had met him.

And speaking for JACL at this testimonial, Frances Kitagawa (of one of the pioneer Venice Issei families—the Wakamatsus) stated he is a person "much beloved by the elder Issei and Nisei" ... Min Ioki, president of the VJCC, said the community was "fortunate and thankful" ... Gerald Yoshitomi, executive director of JACCC, called the graduate from UC-San Francisco Medical School "a healer to make for a better world" ... Dr. Thomas Noguchi, ever beholden for Inouye's leadership in his recent encounter with L.A. County, declared the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Masao Inouye of Menlo Park "had brought honor to the family name"—reminding us in Nihongo of this proud tradition.

Whenever remarks and presentations were in Japanese, Dr. Inouye promised to get back to his books. Emcee Jack Fujimoto, himself a Nihongo instructor and now president of West Los Angeles College, tackled the job of interpreting and translation as well as keep the party rocking and rolling along as an emcee should.

There were at least 15 organizations in the Venice area parading to the rostrum to present their mementos. When someone noted the stack of gifts to one side, the honoree promised to hold an auction after the dinner. An hour later when all the presentations were opened before the audience, he quipped, "The auction is off ..." It was a scintillating array—especially the Hotei-san from the VJCC, the hand-made wooden sword from the Iaido Club and a frame of old Japanese coins. Other organizations remembering him were:

Aikido Club, Boy Scouts Troop 764 and Parents, California First Bank—West L.A. Branch, Fishing Club, Judo Club, Karate Club, Kendo Club, Marina Gakuen, Marina Gardeners Assn., Shodo Kai, Venice Pioneer Project (his brother Ich was handed most of the credit here for assuming the role Mits had), Venice Youth Council, Venice Gakuen, Venice-Santa Monica Free Methodist Church, Venice Hongwanji, VFW Nisei Memorial Post 9938.

Many of these organizations use the Venice Japanese Community Center as their base. In the response Mits emphasized that his role in the community was but a part of what others are doing through the community center. "It's really a

community effort," he insisted, and turning out of the community at this testimonial was, in a way, an opportunity to reflect on the past and plan for the future.

Yes, lots of people helped him and Mits helped a lot of people—that's what makes any community tick! People helping people! Actually, Mits, the family physician, was both catalyst and synthesizer: a catalyst because he made things happen, a synthesizer because he also rolled up his sleeves and helped to make things happen.

About the Honoree/Family and Profession

His community mentor, Dr. Takao Shishino, handled the personal history. This was before Mit's wife Lily Ann narrated the slide show—the best production yet of its kind. She confessed to having notes for all the slides, but it was too dark in the room for her to read. As a consequence, she added touches only a spouse could tell ... Born on April 27, 1925 in Atherton, Ca. (San Mateo County), he grew up in the Peninsula, finished high school in Heart Mountain, Wyo., where he was sports editor; denied entry at Univ. of Michigan during the war, he entered Coyne Electrical School (Illinois Tech), Chicago; trained at Ft. Snelling (MIS) from 1944 and served with the U.S. Occupation in Tokyo until 1946; discharged, he resumed his college work at UC-Berkeley in '47 (Shishino and Inouye dormed at Euclid Hall those days), was graduated Phi Beta Kappa in '49; continued into medicine, finishing in '52 (marrying Lily Ann Harada about this time) and interning at Kaiser in '53. In 1954, he moved to Southern California and began his family practice at Venice ... The Mits Inouye family—Jon (who worked briefly on the PC staff), Dr. Sharon Helford (senior resident in ICU-CCU, UC-San Francisco Medical Center), Bradley (graduate student in Oriental literature at Columbia) and Caron (marine biology student); his mother Kiyoko, older brother Ich, older sister Toshi Otsuji and mother-in-law Mary Yoshiko Harada and family were introduced (Sharon and Bradley in absentia).

His professional colleague, Dr. Akira Nishizawa, condensed a two-page listing of his medical and community activities and awards typewritten single-spaced in dignified fashion. Of the roles and recognition in medicine, Nishizawa remarked

Mingei show

HAYWARD, Ca.—An exhibition of Japanese folk art and crafts opens Nov. 20 at Sun Gallery, 1015 E St. Bob Hanamura, director, invited families to participate in the event to lend their collection, or sell handiwork items during the holiday season. He may be contacted by calling (415) 581-4050 or 824-4999.

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Inouye showed a flair for leadership on sensitive issues, encouraged the hospital (twice chief of staff, Washington Hospital) to render optimum care with maximum efficiency. He was an outstanding facilitator and innovator in geriatrics (board of trustee, Culver-West Convalescent Hospital), raised funds for poison center (L.A. County Medical Assn., public health and community health) and got the U.S. health community to recognize the plight of the Hiroshima atomic bomb survivors (health consultation clinics for the hibakusha) ... In reciting Inouye's community career, most dear were his chairing the building fund drive for the Venice Japanese Community Center between 1967 and 1972 (it was virtually paid off at the outset), serving as medical adviser to community groups, athletic functions, health fairs and chairing Noguchi's support group, Concerned Americans for Responsible Progress (CARP) ... Interspersed here were messages from Dan Inouye, Spark Matsunaga and Norm Mineta. But the sender of the final note was revealed until the end. While it was being read, we knew it was from his patient and confidant, Mike Masaoka, whose prose is unmistakable. "It would be a better world," Mike had written, "if more individuals (were) like you ..."

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Addressing the Topaz Reunion ...



(Jerry Enomoto, past president of National JACL, gave the following speech at the Topaz Reunion dinner held at Presidio Officers Club, San Francisco, Sept. 24.)

When Mas Kawaguchi asked me to speak at this Reunion, I was both honored and nervous. Honored because I wasn't a Topaz graduate and I felt good that old friends thought enough of me to ask. Nervous because I really didn't think a reunion was a place for speeches and, most important, I didn't know what to talk about.

When I expressed these misgivings, Mas suggested that I had done some things that most Nisei had not had a chance to do, and that I did go to Tanforan, which was the first stop enroute to Topaz. I was invited to just talk about those experiences and perhaps reminisce.

I chose "Perspectives" as the title because I once wrote a column in the Pacific Citizen under that heading. I liked the word because it seemed to capture the essence of many things, like how we look at life, how we put things in balance, that is, put things in the right perspective. So often our ability to do that affects how we feel about ourselves and consequently whether we are happy or unhappy.

An Alien and Frightening Experience

Some years ago the respected and now retired editor of the Denver Post editorial pages, Bill Hosokawa, wrote a book entitled, "Nisei—The Quiet Americans," in which I am mentioned. Speaking of the fact that many Nisei were too young to grasp fully the significance of the events of 1941, Bill writes, "Jerry Enomoto, penologist with the California state prison system and national president of the JACL from 1966 to 1970, provides a case in point. He was a 15-year-old San Franciscan on Pearl Harbor day. He recalls now that the outbreak of war was just another incident in his busy young life, that the curfew regulations were simply an inconvenience and that the experience of evacuation and camp life was a ball."

Taken out of context words often paint a distorted picture. Those words certainly need to be put in their proper perspective. What I tried to get across was that, as teenagers, we did not react to the evacuation in the same way that older Nisei and our Issei parents did. Certainly it is one thing to be a high school sophomore and quite another thing to be starting a job or family, or losing a life-long business, when the uprooting occurred. Yet even a high school sophomore remembers things like sitting in the yard at Lowell High School hearing President Franklin D. Roosevelt's declaration of war against Japan piped over the PA system and glancing uneasily at my non-Japanese American schoolmates. I remember running home through the streets of San Francisco to beat the curfew, an alien and frightening experience that was far from simply an inconvenience. I recall sitting in the middle of a pile of luggage on Buchanan Street waiting to be picked up for the ride to Tanforan.

It is difficult to forget the introduction to the stable in Block 71 at Tanforan, with its half door and the whitewash that couldn't quite hide what it had been. The toughest thing I remember was watching all my friends leave for Topaz. When you're a teenager, such an experience seems like the end of the world.

Doing One's Best in a Lousy Situation

At the same time I remember some other things too, like the "Stablemates," a group that was organized at Tanforan. I thought about stenciling "Stablemates" on a T-shirt and wearing it tonight but chickened out. I think that we all got a healthy kick out of the semi-delinquent hell we raised, like cutting school, crashing other people's dances and making off with the refreshments, and the heaviest thing that I think we did was to throw a security guard into the fountain when he got on us about something.

I'm sure that we haven't forgotten the high school classes held in the grandstand, or sitting in those same stands at a talent show and listening to the late Goro Suzuki, later to gain fame as Jack Soo, singing Old Man River.

The reality of camp life wherever each of us experienced it was that we were teenagers and sought the outlets that teen-

'Perspectives': What It Means

agers seek. We lived a life as close to reality as the camps permitted and, in our enforced all-Nisei society, probably attained for the first time a level of social satisfaction and leadership hitherto unattained. For example, at Tule Lake's Tri-State High School graduating class of 1943 I was one of four commencement speakers, something highly unlikely had I graduated from Lowell.

None of the above suggests that the camp experience was a "ball" for any of us. That would be akin to a claim that the government did us a favor by getting us out of the West Coast "ghettos" and broadening our horizons, or that the camps

'The honest truth is that we made the best we could out of a lousy situation.'

were like a vacation for the Issei and prolonged their lives, or that we needed to be locked up for our own protection. The honest truth is that we made the best we could out of a lousy situation and, in so doing, made some good friends and some warm memories.

Beginning Anew

As I go on reminiscing, I remember leaving Tule Lake and passing through the county seat and seeing a sign "Open Season on Japs" in a store front—a great sendoff. I recall vividly one morning going to work in Chicago seeing a startling headline in the Herald American—"10,000 Japs Flood Chicago." I remember having a panicky reaction that we were now going to be "evacuated" from Chicago.

At the same time I have some good memories of a reunion with some old friends out of Topaz, as well as a gathering at which a former Tule Lake high school teacher played a recording of the speeches given at the commencement. I'm sure we can all remember some wonderful human beings who tried to give us a quality education in the abnormal camp setting.

Books written about us in recent years have credited us with an amazing comeback against great odds. Reference is made to the Japanese Americans in visible, high-level posts from the Congress of the United States to local government and our representation in almost every professional field. Perhaps this is immodest and "enryo" is called for, but I believe that we deserve this credit and can be proud of ourselves. However, I hope that we are mature enough not to become smug and self-satisfied. In this regard, we have waited over forty

years for the concentration camps to be seen in their proper perspective. The recent report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians tells the full story in a factual and objective way.

It is a sad commentary on how far we have come and how far we have yet to go to note the irrational and racist reactions to that report from some quarters. It is unfortunately apparent that some of our fellow Americans still can't tell the difference between Japanese Americans and Japan.

I have been asked lately about what chance do I think we
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REDRESS CONTRIBUTION—Midori Watanabe, Greater L.A. Singles JACL president, presents a check for \$865 to Harry Kajihara, PSWDC redress chair, at district council session Aug. 28 at Little Tokyo Towers. The new chapter was chartered after the 1982 National Convention, which had passed a resolution asking members to pledge at least \$5 per year toward the campaign to have redress legislation enacted.

JACL redress pledges top \$100,000 mark

SAN FRANCISCO — JACL chapters continued to meet their redress pledges, National Headquarters announced Oct. 3, updating the summary published in the Oct. 7 PC, with a total \$9,460 acknowledged between Sept. 15 and Oct. 3.

Current total stands at \$101,511.47.

Various amounts (to be posted in the next summary scheduled in the Nov. 4 PC) came from:

Cleveland JACL, Clovis JACL, Dayton JACL, Lake Washington JACL, Las Vegas JACL, Marysville JACL, Milwaukee JACL, Puyallup Valley JACL, St. Louis JACL, Seabrook JACL, Sequoia JACL, West Valley JACL, and White River Valley JACL.

JACLers to receive new benefits

SAN FRANCISCO — JACL members nationwide can now obtain discounts on Hertz rental cars through a group plan approved by the National JACL Board at its meeting in July.

Hertz will provide JACLers with a 15% discount on Hertz Daily Standard Unlimited Mileage Rate in the U.S. and other discounts throughout the world, including a 20% discount in Japan.

Chapter membership chairs should receive JACL/Hertz ID cards in the mail by late October. Members should contact chapter leadership for information on distribution of the cards.

To take advantage of the program, JACL members must show their ID cards to the Hertz counter representative at the time of rental.

JACL program director Lia Shigemura stated that: "Not only is Hertz offering JACL members discounts on car rentals, but in addition they have generously agreed to pay JACL a percentage of the Hertz revenue generated by our members."

Tire Systems discounts Also taking effect shortly is another group discount program sponsored by Tire Systems, a membership-only tire, battery, and auto service dealership. This program can also provide substantial savings to our members; however, Tire Systems are currently located in the Seattle, Portland, Northern and Central California areas

Computer industry president to speak

PENRYN, Ca. — Placer County JACL holds its 43rd annual Goodwill Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 29, 6 p.m., at Placer Buddhist Church hall, 3192 Boyington Rd., disclosed Hugo Nishimoto, v.p. for program/activities. Keisuke Yawata, president of NEC Electronics USA, Inc., in San Mateo, Ca., is guest speaker. NEC Electronics USA is

the American division of Nippon Electric Co. and the parent company of Electronic Arrays, which is completing its \$500-million high-tech plant in north Roseville, Ca.

The following chairpersons have been appointed to the dinner steering committee:

Roy Yoshida, publicity; Ellen Kubo, fin.; Hike Yego, guests; Hugo Nishimoto, catering;

Players gear up for volleyball match

SAN RAFAEL, Ca.—Northern California - Western Nevada-Pacific JACL District holds its seventh annual volleyball tournament Sunday, Nov. 20, at Terra Linda high school gym, 320 Nova Albion Way.

JACL chapters and Japa-

nese American Youth groups may enter teams. All players must be JACL or JAY members or have membership within the family.

Teams are scheduled for seed play in morning rounds, and championship and consolation rounds in the afternoon. Of the six players on court, at least two must be women.

The tournament begins at 9 a.m. Rubber-soled shoes must be worn on the courts.

Registration is \$30 for initial team entry, \$10 for additional chapter teams.

For further information, call Dennis Sato, (415) 897-8006.

George Nishikawa, Tad Yamashiro, arrangements; Toki Okusu, Amy Tokutomi, reception; Cosma Sakamoto, Mike Hatashita, hospitality; Herb Tokutomi, entertainment; Dick Nishimura, refreshments; Shig Yokote, photography.

Tickets to the dinner are available from Tsuda Gro-

cery, Auburn; Goto's Market, Penryn; Main Drugs, Loomis; and Calif. First Bank (Ellen Kubo), Roseville. No tickets will be sold at the door. All reservations made after the hall capacity of 225 is reached will be placed on stand-by, Nishimoto said.

Record numbers view camp monument at Puyallup

PUYALLUP, Wa.—When the Western Washington State Fair closed its gates on Sept. 25, a record high of 1,199,722 visitors had passed through the turnstiles, having viewed for the first time at the annual event an 8-ft. bronze sculpture designed by George Tsutakawa—a sobering reminder of the past when the fairground was used for another purpose in 1942.

Tsutakawa has said that of all the art pieces he has created, this has received the most publicity. At one point, he withdrew his design when the fairground officials, amid complaints from the American Legion and local merchants, had shifted the site of the monument to the parking lot.

The controversy-laden memorial project, a joint undertaking of the Seattle and Puyallup Valley chapters, was initiated more than two years ago by Henry Miyatake and Emi Somekawa.

A 60-page scrapbook of media coverage, official documents and photographs was presented at the September meeting of the Seattle chapter for the historian's records by committee chair Roger Shimizu. On the committee were:

Miyatake, Somekawa, Karen Seriguchi, David Hoekendorf, Akio Hoshino, Kaz Ishimitsu, Kazie Katayama, Ben Nakagawa, Mako Nakagawa, Ken Nakano, Ken Okuma, Massie Tomita, Tom Takemura, Tom Shigio, Puyallup Valley reps.

PSW District Redress Pledges (1)

Following is a supplementary report to the National JACL chapter redress report on pledges received Oct. 10 from PSWDC redress chair Harry Kajihara, showing actual amounts raised by the chapters (which is not indicated in the national summary since the PSW commitment is by way of "lump sum" payment from the district council as a whole).

As of Oct. 5, the PSWDC has submitted a total of \$38,445—fulfilling its 1982-83 pledge to National. San Fernando Valley has already submitted funds far in excess of its three-year pledge assessment. Greater Los Angeles Singles, chartered after the 1982-83 redress pledges were assessed, graciously contributed the full 1982-83 amount. Venice-Culver, Selanoco and San Luis Obispo chapters have already submitted pledges for the FY1984.

The 1982-83 (FY'83) pledge submitted acknowledged as of Oct. 5 follows:

CHAPTER SUMMARY: PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT (Special)							
Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd	Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd
Arizona	335	1,670	1,670	Pan Asian	177	870	870
Carson	109	525	525	Pasadena	135	635	635
Coachella Valley	109	545	545	Prog. Westside	25	130	130
Downtown L.A.	188	690	690	Riverside	143	435	435
East Los Angeles	662	3,220	3,220	San Diego	482	1,475	1,475
Gardena Valley	871	4,235	4,235	San Fernando Vly	345	1,725	12,918
Gtr L.A. Singles	865	865	865	San Gabriel Valley	194	990	
Greater Pasadena	31	140		San Luis Obispo	83	415	630
Hollywood	229	1,145	1,000	Santa Barbara	119	600	600
Imperial Valley	44	220		Santa Maria	86	430	250
Las Vegas	40	185		Selanoco	354	1,740	1,900
Latin America	61	285	50	South Bay	181	885	885
Marina	150	665	665	S.E. Cultural	21	80	
New Age	82	410	200	Venice-Culver	267	1,310	1,710
North San Diego	63	310		Ventura County	191	930	930
Orange County	539	2,685	2,685	West Los Angeles	1,182	5,455	2,882
Pacifica	53	260	60	Wilshire	138	670	670
TOTAL				7,689 37,615 43,330			

Books from Pacific Citizen

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Some books listed previously are out of stock at the PC.

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Presidential Classroom '84 extends invitation to JACL

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, Inc. has again extended invitation to JACL chapters throughout the country to participate in the annual program which provides students a firsthand exposure to federal government operations.

"Great Expectations: Our Challenge for 1984" is the theme of the 1984 winter and summer classes in which over 3,000 high school juniors and seniors will join at the nation's capital.

The 1984 Classroom program is particularly challenging because it is a presidential election year, ad-

vised Cynthia Hearn Dorfman, project's dean of students.

For details, write to: A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, Dean of Students, 441 N. Lee St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

David Ushio, pres., Mesa Corp., serves as secretary to the PCYA board. As the JACL national director at the time, he organized the first group of JACL-sponsored participants in the 1970s.

The 1983 JACL participants were:

Contra Costa—Dawn Take-ta, Christine Uesugi; Fresno American Loyalty League—JACL—Eilene Yamaguchi;

Cortez—Victor Yamamoto; Placer County—Helene Nakamura; San Jose—Monica Urata, Paul Endo; Selanoco—Cheryl Kumada; Tulare County—Bradley Nii; West Valley—Lisa Murai—West Los Angeles—Ann Takata, Edith Kaneshiro; Mt. Olympus—Kristin Kobayashi; Washington, D.C.—Curtis Watada, Jeffrey Nekobo, Lani Marumoto, Dojun Yoshikami; Seabrook—Timothy Mukoda; and Dayton—Tina Clary. #

Presidential Class applications open

SAN JOSE, Ca.—One student will travel to Washington, D.C., next year for the 1984 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans under the sponsorship of San Jose JACL, which is reserving the week of Mar. 10-17.

Leading government policy-makers present 15 seminars during that week. Students meet with representatives of the news media, diplomatic

corps, public interest groups, business and labor. Seminars are followed by question-and-answer sessions at on-site locations, including Capitol Hill, the State Dept. and the Dept. of Justice.

The local JACL requirements for Presidential Classroom are that the student be either a senior or junior of good scholastic standing and of Japanese descent and that his or her parents be current members of San Jose chapter.

The chapter will screen applicants and award one student tuition and registration (\$425), hotel accommodations, all meals during the program, curriculum materials, instructional staff transportation within the city, health and accident insurance, theater tickets and special activities. The student's family will pay for transportation costs to and from Washington, D.C.

Interested students should contact their counselor for applications or call (408) 292-2914. Deadline for returning the applications and supporting materials will be Nov. 15.

Contra Costa JACL's deadline for PCYA applications is Oct. 28 for any one of eight classes during Jan. 28-Mar. 17 and June 16-23, according to Masa Sato, chapter scholarship chair (524-1313). #

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Tell Them You Saw It In the Pacific Citizen

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"It took quite a bit of time," said John Saito, JACL-PNW regional director, "but it really couldn't have been done any faster because we had to exhaust the grievance process within the department" before the case could be taken to the Civil Service Commission. Saito represented Kuramoto at the department hearings and worked with the attorney presenting the case before the commis-

Support for Kuramoto came from the Asian Pacific Legal Defense and Education Fund as well as JACL. APLDEF was formed in 1981 by individuals who worked on the Carole Fujita case to provide counseling and assistance to Asian and Pacific Americans who experience employment discrimination. For further information about APLDEF, contact Saito at the JACL regional office, (213) 626-4471. #

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judice suffered by the Koreans in Japan.

Representing the Pacific and Asian American Ministries (PAAM) of the United Church of Christ, Fujiyoshi's sponsoring body, Tomita submitted a letter written by U.S. Rep. Ron Dellums, a Black member of the Congress to Akira Hatano, the Justice Minister of Japan.

Dellums' Letter Dellums questioned the prosecution of aliens refusing to be fingerprinted and protested strongly the denial of a re-entry permit to Fujiyoshi and a number of others.

Alien residents brought to trial have increased, and courts are rushed to settle the

It's Lowry vs. Evans for U.S. Senate

SEATTLE—U.S. Rep. Mike Lowry defeated Seattle Mayor Charles Royer, 172,172 to 99,227, in the Oct. 11 primary that decided who would run against former Gov. Dan Evans in the specially called Nov. 8 senate race.

cases before 1985 when over half of the 670,000 Korean residents will be required to register, and get fingerprinted as part of re-registration.

Cathy Morikawa, another American, is awaiting judgment in her long, drawn-out case. The Justice Ministry, since October, 1982, has denied re-entry permits to anyone who has declined to be fingerprinted.

The defense attorneys also protested the arrest and forcible two-day detention of Kim Myong Gwan, a Seika University instructor.

While Fujiyoshi's lawyers called on the prosecution to answer charges of injustice, denial of due process, and legalized discrimination, the chief judge asked them to "deal more with the legal aspects of the case." The fourth hearing is set for Oct. 27, in the same court. #



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have of getting monetary redress. Not being privy to any inside information, I don't know. My guess is that the chances aren't good. But whether that is true or not, the effort is well justified. When I see some of the arguments against it, I find myself wondering whether we are afraid that our hard-won acceptance will be threatened if we dirty ourselves by daring to ask for money.

Several years ago I left a very visible post in California state government under circumstances that were well-publicized at the time. Although a bit more subtle than the usual racism, I believe that racism had something to do with what happened. I believe that there is indeed a mentality that still thinks that Asians are passive, complacent and submissive to authority, and that decisions affecting us can be imposed without consultation and that we will roll over and comply. I suggest that we confront that mentality whenever it arises and deal with it. The older I get the more I come to appreciate the fact that we can get along without a lot of things as long as integrity and self-respect are retained.

It has been my sad experience that the bureaucracies that deal in human services too often forget who they are in business to serve. Human values somehow get lost in the establishing of priorities. The needs of people are sometimes sacrificed to ego trips. Worst of all, we fail to listen and when you don't listen you lose both communication and understanding.

I really think that we ought to all congratulate ourselves for being here at this reunion. Some of us have felt personal tragedies and miss loved ones who are not with us. We have all come a long way from those days in Tanforan and Topaz and, as we recall with warmth those memories, we should also count our blessings that we are able to gather tonight in good health to renew old friendships. All of us have come together on occasions when we have lost loved ones and said, "We've got to get together, we seem to see each other only at funerals," but sadly we never do. I suggest that, as we enjoy this reunion, we promise ourselves that the ties re-established here are not lost. #

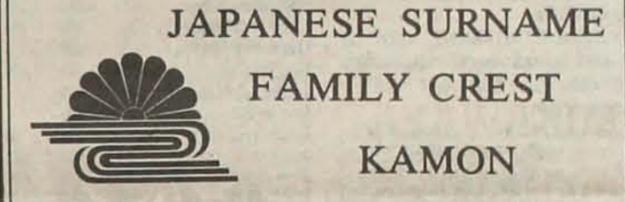
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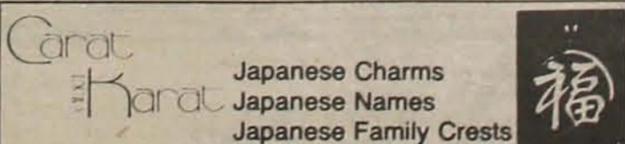


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CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

Sec. 202. (a) The Attorney General shall review all cases in which U.S. citizens and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry were convicted of violations of laws of the United States, including convictions for violations of military orders, where such convictions resulted from charges filed against such individuals during the evacuation, relocation and internment period.

(b) Based upon the review required by subsection (a), the Attorney General shall recommend to the President for pardon consideration those convictions which the Attorney General finds were based on a refusal by such individuals to accept treatment that discriminated against them on the basis of their Japanese ancestry.

(c) In consideration of the findings contained in this Act, the President is requested to offer pardons to those individuals recommended by the Attorney General pursuant to subsection (b).

CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION FINDINGS

Sec. 203. Departments and agencies of the United States Government to which eligible individuals may apply for the restitution of positions, status or entitlements lost in whole or in part because of discriminatory acts of the United States Government against such individuals based upon their Japanese ancestry and which occurred during the evacuation, relocation and internment period shall review such applications with liberality, giving full consideration to the historical findings of the Commission and the findings contained in this Act.

To Be Continued

Central California tries to cope with growing Hmong population

FRESNO, Ca.—The rapid influx of Hmong refugees, most of whom are resettling here from other U.S. cities, is straining the county's ability to provide social services.

Of the more than 12,000 refugees in the county, 10,000 are Hmong, according to Ben J. Kelly, county's director of Social Services.

Meantime, more than 200 refugees a month apply for welfare assistance. At that rate, some 15,000 will be getting assistance by the end of the next fiscal year.

The federal government contributes to welfare for only 36 months, and officials here say local government cannot afford the ongoing costs too long.

There are 7,000 refugees, mostly Hmong, in Merced County, and 10,000 more in San Joaquin County.

7,000 Hmongs Since 1982

Large family size, language and education difficulties and cultural differences are given as reasons that most of the Hmong population are not fully employed and assimilated into the community within the three-year time.

An increase of 7,000 Hmong since 1982 has been noted,

most of them doing farm labor.

The refugees are not eligible for welfare if they work more than 100 hours a month, so many Hmong elect not to work at all, rather than lose the aid to their families.

Kelly pointed out to state and federal officials who visited Fresno that the Reagan administration is committed to training Hmong people to lead and teach members of their own community, because it is more efficient than training outsiders.

New England Scene

The growth of Central California's "boat people" population more often than not begins in Fitchburg, Mass., where the refugees are first brought together.

Hmong who have followed family connections, church resettlement assistance, and available factory jobs in the sleepy city of 43,000, some 40 miles west of Boston, soon are beckoned to the West Coast.

As many as 28 percent of the 640,000 Indochinese refugees in the United States have moved in this "secondary migration" from places like Minnesota, Rhode Island, Washington, and Maine.



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