Calif. Democrats support redress at Feb. 5 convention

OAKLAND, Calif. — Delegates to the California Democratic Party's platform convention voted unanimously on Feb. 5 to approve a platform that includes support for compensation to Japanese Americans interned during WW2.

"To Japanese Americans, who make up an important part of the Democratic Party, the California Democratic Party condemns the internment of Japanese American citizens during the Second World War," Los Angeles Assemblywoman Maxine Waters told the 1,200 convention delegates. Waters presented the "equality plank" of the party's Democratic platform, which supports recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, bilingual programs, the Equal Rights Amendment and discrimination legislation, freedom of choice regarding abortion, affirmative action, the inclusion of gay men and women in civil rights legislation, and the strengthening of the social security system.

Tom Hiseh, national chair of the Asian/Pacific Democratic Caucus, told Paul W. Heytman, national JACL director, that his association had endorsed the Democratic platform with the understanding that the state party would support the redress movement. The national JACL platform was scheduled to be delivered by the keynote address following the two keynote addresses. (See Page 7 Inside. News about the redress movement has been widely covered in Japanese American newspapers.)

"We have some 10 to 15 Asian American delegates to the 1986 Democratic convention in San Francisco," Hiseh said.

"Sanga Moyu" in U.S. postponed

LOS ANGELES — Yasuhiro Hanada, president of United Television Broadcasting System, announced on Feb. 22 that showing of "Sanga Moyu," the dramatic NIH series based on Teyoike Yamasaki's "Fatassu no Suzoku," has been postponed indefinitely upon notification from the NIH representative. It was set to air on Ch. 56 last Saturday at 7 p.m.

(A inc. San Francisco, Fuji TV general manager, Yukio Shoji said Sanga Moyu, scheduled to air on Mar. 18, has been postponed to April 19. Quoted by a consultant of national JACL director, Robert Tateyama, said NIH told JACL that the timing of the broadcast in the U.S. was unfortunate in view of the current campaign for redress. It may convince some voters that the U.S. government was justified in internment of Japanese Americans during WW2 because of the "two fathers' theme."

Instead, two Tokugawa Ieyasu features were to be substituted, followed by a four-part NIH dramatic series, "Mariko," from Mar. 18, UTB announced. Based on a book with the same name by Kunio Yanagida, "Mariko" relates the life of the daughter of Tennessee-born Genn Hidenori Terasaki, the Japanese diplomat in Washington at the time of Pearl Harbor. Mariko's mother died in Japan during the death of Hidenori. In 1961, Mrs. Terasaki had written of her WW2 experiences in Japan in "Bridge to the Sun" that was subsequently made into a movie starring Carroll Baker and James Shigeta. Mariko is married to Mayne Miller, a Wyoming attorney.

Japanese American Reactions Noted

JACL chair Kenichi Sato of Los Angeles and the JACL branch in Washington, D.C., both called the convention's decision "offensive." Guardians of previous internments said the decision "was a gross violation of the rights of all citizens — rights that are eroded in the Bill of Rights."

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Salinas shows plaque

SALINAS, Calif. — A memorial garden and plaque to commemorate the 42nd anniversary of the internment of Japanese Americans has been unveiled in Sherwood Park, Salinas, a WW2 temporary detention center.

In thanking the donors, Bert Nakano of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, who spoke of the importance of "the entire electoral process," Nakano continued, "The Asian agenda, which lists redress and reparations as one of the key issues, must be aggressively raised to all presidents, Congress, and congressional candidates. It goes without saying that each and every one of us must get their redress register to vote."

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Political Support

Pledge of support came from U.S. Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Salt Lake City) and Edward Roybal (D-Salt Lake)."
**Lions Club fetes Susuki**

**LOS ANGELES—Takeo Susuki has been honored as “Man of the Year” by the West Los Angeles Lions Club for 34 years of community service.**

As senior museum scientist and geology lecturer in the UCLA earth and space sciences department, Susuki has been a friend to a generation of students and a prime source of fossil lore for geologists around the world.

His community services might tax the energy of a platoon of volunteers. Among his many involvements are the West Los Angeles JACL, whose earth science section he founded, Westside YMCA, Los Angeles-Nagoya sister city project, Friends of the Santa Monica Mountains and the Seikan tunnel project in Japan.

He has organized fossil field trips for schoolchildren, serves as the department’s, university’s, city’s, state’s, and county’s official source for foreign professors, and has become an authority on the history and paleontological significance of the region.

During the Lions Club luncheon at Ross Island Temple, Susuki was honored by the community organizations he has served and was showered with congratulatory proclamations from Governor George Deukmejian, Mayor Tom Bradley, state legislators, county supervisors, city counclumens, overseas friends and UCLA.

**Awards**

Sarah Caswell Angell Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution presented a good citizens award to Dexter (Mich.) High School senior A. C. Deitl on Feb. 11. The school’s student government president, Deitl is a cheerleading captain and member of the 1984-85 staff. She plans to attend the Univ. of Michigan and major in science.

**Government**

LOS ANGELES—General membership of the Los Angeles Council on Aging begins today with an open house 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the city council offices. "A Time to Be Alive," the theme, will feature guest speakers, information about resources and an opportunity to learn about upcoming activities. There is no charge and all are welcome.

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**People in the News**

**Dave Nakagawa** heads church group

**GARDEN GROVE, Cal—Dave Y. Nakagawa, vice moderator of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, was recently elected president of the 300-member California Society of Periodontists.**

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REDRESS PHASE FIVE: Minoru Yasui

New England and Eastern Seaboard

There are four active JACL chapters on the Atlantic seaboard: New York, Philadelphia, Seabrook, N.J., and Washington, D.C. The New England Chapter in Boston apparently does not have a sufficient number of active members to mount an effective campaign for redress on a state-wide basis. All JACL representatives in New England are determined to accomplish the ultimate success of redress. We are most grateful to Gracie Yuhara of Philadelphia and her active corps of volunteers to maintain our efforts.

Massachusetts, with 11 members in the U.S. House, according to the latest survey by Americans for Democratic Action, is ranked as having the most liberal House delegation of any state. In the Senate, Sen. Paul Tsongas (D-Mass.) is a co-sponsor of S 2116, the Senate redress bill. He is up for re-election in 1984. In 1978, Tsongas beat by a fairly close margin of 53%-47% former senator Edward W. Brooke, who was involved in a messy divorce. Brooke later was a volunteer to Ethiopia, and as a liberal, captured the Atlantic in 1984.

In New England, there is a strong sense of the ultimate success of redress. We believe that the New England states, specifically the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island, have a vested interest in the redress movement and a strong commitment to justice.

New England is a state with a long history of activism and a tradition of social justice. The New England chapter of the JACL has been active in promoting redress for Japanese Americans, and has supported the efforts of the National Conference of State Legislators in its efforts to achieve redress.

There are also five other New England states, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island, that are actively supporting redress. These states have a strong sense of justice and a commitment to achieving redress for Japanese Americans.

In summary, the New England states, including Massachusetts, have a strong commitment to the ultimate success of redress. The New England chapter of the JACL is actively working to achieve redress for Japanese Americans and is committed to the principles of justice and equality.
Putting Out Some Fries, Lighting Others

BY OZZIEE IMAI
Chair, Ethnic Concerns Committee

Lodi, Calif.

National JACL’s Ethnic Concerns Committee had its first meeting in January. The committee comprises eleven members plus one representative from each district. Because of distance, district representatives will communicate their concerns by letter to the rest of the committee.

We came to conclusions on some topics at the January meeting and formed subcommittees to pursue others.

The following missions and objectives were developed:

Missions: (1) To explore civil rights issues as they impinge on the Nikkei; (2) to promote awareness of the historical experiences of a broad range of individuals of Japanese ancestry; (3) to develop appreciation of Japanese American heritage.

Objectives: (1) Identify incidents and issues; (2) gather basic information necessary to understand issues; (3) take action after assessing the issues and making recommendations for action; (4) encourage local chapters to make similar findings to National JACL and other appropriate parties; and (5) monitor.

The majority of the committee’s concerns deal with acts of racial discrimination. I am sure that this will be a continuing problem but I hope that our committee will be more than a “put-out-the-fire” operation. We need to develop an effective educational program. I encourage readers to send us suggestions as to how we can best deal with this important issue.

The Term “Jap”

We received a letter from a Nikkei woman living in Tulsa, Okla. stating that when she was in Atlanta, Ga., she turned on the television to watch WAGA TV’s Thursday evening news on December 7. After some seconds she noticed a broadcaster was using the term “Jap” during his commentary.

She contacted the station. They suggested she contact the program’s executive producer. She wrote a protesting letter. As of this date, a response has not been received by her.

In cases such as these, the committee strongly recommends that local chapters take appropriate action. We think this would be more effective. If help is needed, however, we certainly will be more than willing to do what is necessary.

We also received a letter from a Nikkei citizen who objected to the term “Jap” used in one of her elementary textbooks. The words were used in quotes to describe how in the early 1900’s, other Californians discriminated against the Japanese.

As much as we abhor the word “Jap,” it was the committee’s opinion that this term was not used improperly in the context in which it was presented. At times, we realize that it is very difficult to decide whether such a term is being used improperly. We hope that she understood our point of view.

Advice to Young Asians

“Dear Diane,” a book written by an Asian woman, contains a section in which a young Korean girl, apparently about 17 or 18 years old, poses a problem to “Diane.” A young Sansei boy asks the Korean girl for a date. Her parents object strongly.

She states that her parents protest even before they meet him. She asks what can be done to change their minds.

“Diane” answers that Japan’s colonization of Korea may have an effect on the girl’s parents. She further explains that her parents lived through those times and do not have fond memories of the Japanese, and that they associate the Sasebo with those memories.

“Diane” suggests that while the young Korean girl may not be able to get her parents to accept him as an individual, she should be patient, put off the first date for a few weeks, and have a small group, including him, over to the house for some activity and introduce him to her family.

One member of our committee felt that since the problem is not the girl’s or her family’s, the focus of “Diane’s” answer should be directed at her parents. The young boy need not ingratiate himself by doing chores and by saying that he will wash the car. He should avoid the topic and focus on the girl’s parents.

The committee member suggests that a possible solution would be to explain that this very problem has been around for generations of Americans. Inter-ethnic social intercourse is a fact of life in our heterogeneous society. Statistics showing figures of marriages among young Asian Americans can be shown. Without intending to be cruel, a suggestion could be made that one of the options open to the parents in a free society is to consider moving to a more homogeneous society more acceptable to them.

Another alternative might be to explain to the parents that having come to a heterogeneous, multi-ethnic society, one must often find ways of selecting associates other than on ethnicity alone. Perhaps this means that we must examine our own prejudices and see what we value and then make our choices based on similarity of personal values.

I thought that “Diane’s” response was good after reading it initially but after thinking about the comments made by our committee member, I agree that “Diane’s” response is not altogether sufficient.

If the girl’s parents were Caucasian and her father was killed as a result of the bombing at Pearl Harbor, would we have responded in the same manner as “Diane” did? I don’t think so.

A meeting has been scheduled with “Diane” to discuss her response.

Textbook Revisions

It is known that information pertaining to the Japanese American experience is lacking in our state textbooks. A subcommittee has been formed.

Our immediate objective is to get Asians on the various state education committees that evaluate textbook materials. There are also positions for boards to perform these tasks. Mike Honda, principal of McKinley School in San Jose, is presently a member of the State Commission of Instructional Materials, whose tasks are to evaluate the content of textbook materials. His term on this commission will expire during October 1985, and we need to start looking for someone, preferably an Asian, for his replacement. We also need persons to join the Commission on Legal Compliance, whose function is to make sure that legal requirements are met.

The Board of Education is charged with the constitutional responsibility of education in California and is the ultimate authority. Some who select members for this group are the governor, the attorney general, and the superintendent of schools and others.

Please pass on to us names of those who would be suitable for nominations for the state board of education. Specific information describing these bodies will be forthcoming.

Meanwhile, we welcome any comments, suggestions or criticisms regarding ethnic concerns—Ozzie Imai

SEABOARD

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Check Those Ads in PC

Denver, Colo.

Sometimes when you have nothing better to do, you might take a close look at the advertisements being published in Pacific Citizen these days.

While most advertisers pay good money for space in which to peddle their wares, the successful ones are quite canny about where they make their pitch. For example, you wouldn’t advertise hernia trusses in House Beautiful. Nor would you advertise a Florida condominium or a golf course for sale in any old publication unless you figured its readers had money to invest.

Here are some of the items advertised in recent issues of Pacific Citizen:

Vacation tours to Japan (2-159), Australia and New Zealand (2-1000), Britain and Scandinavia (2-995), Greece and Egypt (2-995) A 21-day tour of China for $3,077.

A bar and restaurant in Pennsylvania for $25,000.

A six-building apartment complex with 69 units in Saskatchewan for $1,250,000.

A 10,000-acre ranch in New Mexico, no price given.

A concrete building requiring development in downtown Salt Lake City for $1,500,000.

A townhouse in a Colorado ski resort for $195,000.

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An invitation to open up a $1,000,000 line of credit. A film studio in Vancouver, B.C., for $2,200,000.

A 5,000-square-foot brick home with swimming pool on 81 acres in South Carolina for $350,000.

It is flattering that advertisers believe there are substantial numbers of Japanese Americans in position to spend or invest the kind of money required to take advantage of the opportunities listed above. And no doubt there are numbers of them—attorneys, doctors, real estate developers, businessmen—perhaps more than we realize, with just such assets, built up magnificently enough after the economic devastation of the Evacuation just decades ago.

But chances are that for every reader of the Pacific Citizen in position to invest a million claims or consider a $6,000 vacation trip for man and wife, there are about 100 more who are in the middle class who have to be satisfied with mutual fund investments and of course some with serious concerns about the price of rice and gasoline and whether Social Security will cover the pension check and the cost of living.

Advertisements directed to the fat cats are well come so long as payment is prompt, and I hope they get the kind of response that will encourage continued advertising.

But deep in the back of my head is a suspicion. Are these advertisers, like so many others, confusing Japanese Americans with the Japanese from Japan? Are they mistaking Japanese Americans with the well-heeled Japanese who in the manner of Saudi sheiks are looking for opportunities to invest their millions abroad? #

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  Fresno Mission with St. Joseph's Church, 9pm.

- MAR. 3 (Saturday)
  Denver-Asian American for Dr. Min Yasui. Hyatt Regency Hotel, 6pm.
  Berkeley—AA Fair: Student, Union City Cultural Center, 2pm.
  Barcory Wm. Sam, 'Taking a Stand in '94,' 4100 NW.

- MAR. 4
  Sacramento—Yokoyama, Buddhist Church America.
  Los Angeles—Premier of Buddist Art: Light of Asia, LA Country Club.

- MAR. 9
  Fresno Mission with Gifu, Gakuen University, Satellite College League. (Site: 1450 34th St., 2pm).
  Salt Lake—JANA's Tournament, Oakridge College.

- MAR. 7 (Wednesday)
  West Los Angeles—View Your Family. Headlight, Hypocenter, Norton News, San Jose Morning Post, (260 SRF, 7pm, Gen Nowayama, 880, Thomas.)

- MAR. 8-9
  Fresno Mission with Gifu, Gakuen University, Satellite College League. (Site: 1450 34th St., 2pm).

- MAR. 15 (Monday)
  Oakland-Plano, Japanese American Bilingual/EQ Program, 7pm.

- MAR. 12 (Thursday)
  Oakland—Japanese American Historical Society, 7pm.

- MAR. 10 (Wednesday)
  Los Angeles—Annual Financial meeting, First Northside Bank.

- MAR. 11 (Thursday)
  Los Angeles—Japanese American Historical Society, 7pm.

- MAR. 13 (Friday)
  South Bay—Japanese American Historical Society, 7pm.

- MAR. 14 (Friday)
  Los Angeles—Japanese American Historical Society, 7pm.

- MAR. 15 (Saturday)
  Whitehorse—Japanese American Historical Society, 7pm.

- MAR. 16 (Sunday)
  Isabella—Japanese American Historical Society, 7pm.

- MAR. 17 (Monday)
  Los Angeles—Japanese American Historical Society, 7pm.

- MAR. 18 (Tuesday)
  Los Angeles—Japanese American Historical Society, 7pm.

- MAR. 19 (Wednesday)
  Long Beach—Japanese American Historical Society, 7pm.

- MAR. 20 (Thursday)
  Los Angeles—Japanese American Historical Society, 7pm.
1984 Convention package, tour details announced

SAN FRANCISCO—Brochures and registration forms for the 28th Biennial National JACL Convention Aug. 12-17 are being distributed through Headquarters, regional offices and the chapters.

As the official convention travel agency, Hawaiian Adventure and Gelco Travel Services are organizing the hotel, travel and tour packages during pre- and post-convention periods.

Convention host, the Honolulu JACL, has selected the Pacific Beach Hotel in the heart of Waikiki Beach as the convention headquarters. The hotel will house the National Council sessions.

Basic convention costs per person through Gelco include:

- Occupancy (7 Nights) ........................................ Double $210
- Single $260
- Third person $20
- Fourth person (w/din) $15
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- Child, up to 12 w/din $35
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- Hawaiian Adventure Excursion Services.

Letters

Documentary Novel

Sunlight is 8 minutes old by the time it reaches the earth, and my PC’s day 1 is 3 minutes old by the time it reaches the earth, and my observations are not accurate. I apologize to him if he has any views since changed.

Frankly, his letter puzzled me. He claims to have read my critique of Toyoko Yamashita’s Nakoko in Far Eastern Economic Review (Oct. 21, 1983). He expresses the belief that (1) my observations are not worth the time it takes him to read them, (2) I have completely missed what Yamashita tried to do in her novel, and (3) I have no basis for claiming that her novel is "flawed by errors which suggest her lack of intimacy with the subject matter"—because a minor indiscrepancy is not supposed to be factual and so should not be expected to represent something accurately.

If Ted was present at the August 5, 1983 Japanese Chapter JACL dinner in Tokyo where I asked him, "Mr. Yamashita, would you classify your novel as a social satire, a social parody, a social tract, the documentary novel?" then he must have heard her reply, "I don’t know what you’re talking about." and always denied that he was incorrect. I strongly interpreted this as meaning, "I’m not a social tract, a social satire, a social parody, a social tract, and I always denied that I was." So I regarded "shogun" as being in any sense a statement about any aspect of Japanese society, and Yamashita, who has gone on to write two more books since she wrote this one, has never been quoted as saying that she would not have written the same book.

Clayville’s Disclaimer

James Clavell made no pretense of being possessed by a "social mission" (as Morimura Bi) to set the historical record straight. He very modestly claimed, "I’m not a sociologist, but I feel that I have a moral obligation to people who have been wronged, and I think he would rather have the record straight, and if hisester was anticipating something along the following lines: "If Ted could have written a more accurate book, I think he would have done so."

Clayville’s Disclaimer

The opening ceremonies Aloha banquet will include greets from dignitaries and with a Japanese theme—sushi, sake, katsuri, tempura and Shogun steak. The opening ceremonies will be gone rather than anticipated. Ted, who is an extremely astute lady, would not be going rather than anticipated. Ted is not a social tract, a social satire, a social parody, a social tract, and I always denied that I was correct.

On Thursday, the fourth day of the convention week, delegates will be treated to the hotel for a "Day in Gardenia," beginning at the Mas & Chas, Gardenia Memorial Library. The banquet will be held at an exclusive beachside location in Ewa, Hawaii. The local fans and top Japanese vocalists will entertain at the Fusu Matsuri while the bento and drinks will be served by the chaplains. The gourmet dinner and entertainment package is being offered by Pacific Beach Hotel at the Sunco Banquet Ball.

For travel information and registration, contact Group Dept. Gelco Travel Services, 560 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301. (415) 231-2000 or (888) 821-2494 except Calif.

Training Contract

Cablevision of Sacramento plans to establish training programs for semiskilled and unskilled local residents. We invite all groups interested in bidding on our installer training program contract to attend a pre-bid conference March 8, 1 p.m., at Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St., both starting at 1 p.m.

Company engineers will explain plans for a cable television system serving Sacramento, Folsom and Calistoga and spec sheets for bidding will be distributed.

Cablevision of Sacramento, an equal opportunity employer, will hold a bidders’ conference on external and internal cable wiring of single-family residences March 6 and of multiamult homes March 7 at Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St., both starting at 1 p.m.
month or two. Facilities and assistance are desperately needed but not one Japanese Canadian nursing home or hospital any longer exists across the entire country. What does this speak of? It speaks of neglect, dereliction, broken and have not been able to unite on this most crucial need. It speaks of a governmental bureaucracy that has been unable to garner sufficient accord and assistance to do and to assist. No single group in Canada has been so plundered and abused by officialdom as the Issei. That same officialdom which has been implicated in this ongoing victimization.

To speak on one endeavor alone, a group of professional people in Toronto approached a federal agency in 1976 for assistance in opening a naming home in departmental university at which point they decided to seek assistance for a geriatric complex instead. This application is on file and is yet waiting to be reviewed.

Japanese Canadians are a minority among minorities, minute in numbers but of great symbolic significance at home and internationally. There was a time when I believed that a people who had suffered in a particular or unique way faced a particular calling to liberation and a particular responsibility. But I no longer think that that form of uneness and specialness appeals to me. One over Bahere I now draw the calling to liberation is universal and individual. Each person and group that has suffered, regardless of identity or their cause, has a responsibility to follow their heart to uncompromising compulsion within that points to it. It ignores what is popular, or what will simply win, or what will give us short-term but long-term confusion and in confusion lies our capacity to recognize what suffering is and where health lies and to identify with both. I believe that it is the ideal we are seeking and which speaks of hope, and hope, and condition, and in every person that magnetizes the compass of justice and points us to home.

As far as the rest of us, the Nisei, the Sansei, and others—the sheep, like the sheep are called by the gospels—amidst the amber of the world as conscience and consensus pertaining to questions of redress struggles are in progress. Names of people, of naming and among us we can cut through the corruption that rages in times like these—when power struggles with power. Instead of using the crooked and their compliance as pawns for quack and easy political expedients ends, instead of declaring their urgency as an excuse to forestall the wholesome process of dialogue, we should maintain the clarity of our distinct and separate needs that neither the Issei nor the rest of us should be deprived of healing. It should not be required of Japanese Canadians, it should not be required of any survivors of suffering arising from crimes committed against us.

But my experience is that we are suffering now, and we are surrounded by a host of questions.

Naming Our Enemies

In naming our enemies, I believe that we should begin from that which is known as the Issei. We know them as enemies. When we can see clearly the face of the enemy within. Believe we can more accurately identify the enemy on the outside—in the community, the country, and the planet.

I am aware of three enemies, three fears that I have been facing lately. First, I have been tyrannized by the simple need to be liked. It has been one of the most painful experiences of my life to be publicly vilified, lied about and identified by some Japanese Canadians as an enemy because of my belief in the need for an open dialogue among us. My fear of being found guilty, my fear of being found wrong.

My second fear arose from an awareness of blindness—from my fear of being unable to recognize the friend within ones who had been friends and the friend among the Issei and Canadian enemy of Japanese Canadians fosters a course that is factually alarming and self-destructive. This second fear also drove me.

But my third fear was that by silence I would be bowing down to the tyranny of fear itself. By silence, I could be a collaborator, could proceed, could become a heir of execution where action was required.

I know that before our collective story is ended, we will be required to make judgments and of each other for reasons of many kindly. It behooves us then to wield the weaponry of our truths with great care.

In this fully-completed story-telling time, I believe the strong from within us should be silent that the weakness from within might speak.

In silence—We cannot all hear the crying in the ball but. I believe that when we listen, we can recognize specific voices calling us out of specific sufferings and the voices that call our names are the ones to which we are each accountable.

Excerpted from an address delivered to the Canadian Caucus on Human Rights, Ottawa, Dec. 8, 1980. Kogawa is the author of the award-winning "Obasan."
Thoughts on Dual Loyalties

Tokyo

Pointed objections have been made about the title and the context of Toyoko Yamasaki’s novel “Futatsu no Sokoku.” Or Two Fatherlands. The primary critics declare that Nisei have only one fatherland, the United States, and that there is something wrong with an individual who believes in two fatherlands. Right or wrong, loyalty cannot be dismissed in a simple manner.

To most of us, loyalty to our country is a cut-and-dried issue. One is either loyal or disloyal. However, if loyalty is the premise completely acceptable to a monocultural person, who was born and educated in one country.

Yet, even among our American youth today, the question of loyalty is not cut and dried for some, who offer conscientious objections to military training or who refuse to participate in what they conceive to be an “illegitimate war,” as in Vietnam. Then, there are some who do not owe loyalty to any country, but to money or their ideologies, and in some cases, their theologies.

MOSHI-MOSHI: by Jin Konomy

Ofuuro no Aji

Albany, Ca.

Some years ago an old friend of mine from USC days came to San Francisco on a trip around the world. After the usual round of the city’s tourist spots it came time for a reunion dinner. And what did he have in mind? Why, nothing less than an authentic Japanese restaurant. That, less than a day out of Japan, and for the first American meal in 21 years! What a japajuy guy, I marveled.

I’ve always wondered about the why of this episode. I’ve also wondered: does an Italian on a world tour feel for his first American meal in New York? Or a Swede in a similar situation. Does he look for a smorgasbord in the massive Manhattan directory?

Not knowing the answers to these questions, I am not in a position to generalize—or rather, particularize—about the Japanese. But if my limited observation can be compared to the random sampling of opinion polls, I do believe there are great many Japanese are like my friend. Wherever they go in the world, comes the meal time, they tend to gravitate to the local Japanese restaurants. If they are stationed abroad for lengthy tours of duty, they regularly eat Japanese as a matter of daily routine. For them eating native is for special occasions, either in the nature of a treat, or of unwelcome necessity.

How deep the reluctance for this necessity is may be gauged by the term, ofuuro. To themize. To bear them use this word, you would think they are performing an act of martyrdom. Oyo is sideways, not straight up as things should properly be, according to Japanese thinking. Ofuuro is any meal except Japanese or Chinese.

Food preference is an addiction. The types of foodstuff and styles of cooking on which you were weaned usually tend to determine your taste through life. So the nostalgic yearning for the pies and stews and roasts—“like mom used to make” seems a universal phenomenon. In Japan the most craved dishes are the ofukuro no aji, or the taste of the Old Lady. These are usually the specialties of the old provinces, or special dishes in the family traditions, which only mothers can cook. Ofukuro, literally “honorable bag,” is an enduring term of the deepest love, though not too elegant. This also explains the inalienable commitment of some Nisei, including yours truly, to such useless foods as komagudzu and tsukemono.

But why the general Japanese apathy toward cuisines other than the Chinese? Why are they (not) a bit more curious, adventurously? When non-Nikkei Americans and other foreign go to Japan, they are eager to sample whatever dishes their hosts offer, and they usually end up by becoming converts of Japanese cuisine. Do we not see any such behavior on the part of Japanese tourists in America. The only American dishes they generally enjoy seem to be fried chicken and hamburgers.

I anticipate some flack on this last paragraph, especially from those who believe in Japan in recent years. What of the plethora of restaurants in Tokyo and other leading cities which offer exotic cuisines from all over the world from Turkish to Mongolian to Polynesian? Will you not say Japanese taste is ecumenical?

These were exactly the questions that had puzzled me for some time. Recently I came upon a book in which many questions concerning Japanese taste including the above are most provocatively and entertainingly answered. I would like to present these answers in my next article.

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From the Young Director: David Nakayama

Carleton-JACL Scholars

Last November, U.S. News & World Report conducted a national survey, using polls from 1,388 college presidents, in the top undergraduate institutions in the United States.

Carleton College, located in Northfield, Minn., was rated fourth overall of the national liberal arts colleges and universities. According to U.S. News & World Report, “Carleton College... emerged as the top liberal-arts college outside of the East... for its general excellence and its impressive graduate school placement record.”

The JACL and Carleton College conduct a program to recruit students to the top-rated college. Chapters are encouraged to nominate entering freshmen students, who are assisted by grants, scholarships, loans and work study opportunities. These educational benefits are important at Carleton College, and are of great assistance to promising students.

Applications and information on the Carleton-JACL Scholars program are sent directly from the college. If you know of young scholars planning to attend an undergraduate institution in the future, suggest that they contact Carleton College.

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The contractor for the repairs was John A. Smith. The contract number is 123-456789. The cost of the repairs was $12,345.67. The repairs were completed on time and within budget.

For more information, please contact the project manager at (310) 123-4567.
Kazuyoshi Miura case attracts

Japun's media to Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES—The widow of a Japanese tourist killed here this month during the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo expressed sympathy for the family of Michel Polak, a 39-year-old Canadian man who was murdered here yesterday. In an interview with the LA Times, she said she and her husband were taking pictures in the snow-covered mountains when they were attacked by three men on the morning of the 12th. Her husband, 35-year-old Noriko Miura, was killed in the attack.

The family of the Canadian victim has been notified of the incident. Michel Polak, 48, was a father of two children and a member of the Canadian national team. He was killed in a hotel room in the city of Sarajevo, according to the police.

The case is the second death of a Japanese tourist in the city in recent weeks. On February 12, a 26-year-old Japanese woman was found dead in a hotel room in the city of Sarajevo, reportedly beaten to death by a group of unidentified persons. The woman was a member of a tour group from Japan and was staying in the city for the Winter Olympics.

In a statement released today, the Japanese Embassy in Sarajevo said it was "deeply saddened by the tragic death of Michel Polak." The embassy expressed its condolences to the family of the victim and reiterated its commitment to ensuring the safety and security of Japanese citizens in the country.

The embassy also called on the authorities in Sarajevo to investigate the case thoroughly and bring the perpetrators to justice. It said it would continue to work closely with the authorities to protect the safety of Japanese citizens in the city.

The embassy also reaffirmed its commitment to promoting cultural exchange and collaboration between Japan and Sarajevo, and to strengthening relations between the two countries.

The embassy also thanked the Japanese community in Sarajevo for its support and assistance in providing information and assistance to the family of the victim.

The embassy said it would continue to monitor the situation and keep the family of the victim and the Japanese community in Sarajevo informed of any developments.

In a related development, the Japanese Foreign Ministry on Thursday issued a travel advisory for Sarajevo, warning Japanese citizens to exercise extra caution while traveling in the city. The advisory advises Japanese citizens to avoid going out alone at night, to avoid areas with high incidents of crime, and to remain vigilant at all times.

The advisory is the result of the recent incidents involving Japanese tourists in Sarajevo, and is aimed at ensuring the safety and security of Japanese citizens in the country.

The embassy also thanked the Sarajevo authorities for their cooperation and coordination in handling the case, and praised the efforts of the police in investigating the case. It said it would continue to work closely with the authorities to ensure the safety and security of Japanese citizens in Sarajevo.