

News in Brief

Jackson endorses Nikkei redress

NEW YORK—Asians for Jesse Jackson announced on Mar. 1 that the presidential candidate has issued a statement calling for swift passage of HR 4110 and S 2116, with two amendments: "the allocation of funds equal to the number of Japanese Americans interned," and parity for the Aleuts.

Jackson's support was hailed by Asians across the country, including Bert Nakano, National Council for Redress/Reparations; Evelyn Yoshimura, Asian Pacific Americans for Jesse Jackson in Los Angeles; and Lyle Butch Wing of the San Francisco Bay Area committee. Wing stated that the endorsement "shows Asians can have a significant impact on the 1984 elections."

Bill Chong, national campaign vice chair, called Jackson "the only hope left for Asian Americans in the presidential race," now that Sen. Alan Cranston is no longer a candidate.

Virginians oppose Viet temple

ANNANDALE, Va.—Vietnamese residents of Fairfax County who want to build a Buddhist pagoda with a Japanese-style water garden are being opposed by some neighbors, the Washington Post reported Feb. 25. The matter was to be heard Mar. 6 by the county board of zoning appeals.

The board received more than 15 letters opposing the Nam-Tuyen temple because of additional traffic and the structure's size—36 by 108 feet and about 30 feet high—according to Frank N. Vinh, chair of the Vietnamese Buddhists Assn. building committee. Vinh told Post reporter Paul Hodge that the temple would create only 22 parking spaces for its 500 members. Buddhists do not congregate at the same time, he explained. "People call the monk and set a precise time to come." The Vietnamese Buddhists currently use a rented house in Arlington, and "we rarely have more than 10 cars a day," Vinh added. "People come and worship in silence. There is no singing or music."

The board also meets April 17 to review a permit request for N. Virginia's first Islamic mosque on state Route 7 near Seven Corners. It, too, has encountered community opposition.

Asian lecturer settles with U/Calif.

BERKELEY, Ca.—Merle Woo, fired from her teaching post at the Univ. of California at Berkeley in 1982, announced a settlement in her discrimination case Feb. 17. The board of regents approved giving Woo a two-year teaching contract with the university's dept. of education, a cash sum of \$48,584, and attorney's fees of \$25,000. Woo was fired from the Asian American Studies program, she said, because she was an outspoken trade unionist, a lesbian, and a militant socialist.

7 Nisei compensated for job loss

OAKLAND, Ca.—Alameda County board of supervisors chair John George presented checks for \$5,000 to seven former county employees during a ceremony held in a Berkeley church on Feb. 21. George apologized on behalf of the county, pledging "that the error shall never be repeated."

Presented with checks were Ernest Iiyama, Tamaki Kawamura and Ruby Kawamoto of El Cerrito; Maru Iijima, San Leandro; Yuki Katayama, Oakland; Yuriko Domoto Tsukada, New Rochelle, NY; and Tomiko Domoto, Chicago.

Calif. to remember every Feb. 19

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—The California state legislature issued a resolution that recognizes Feb. 19 of each year as "A Day of Remembrance" and that asks that "a time be set aside so that Californians might reflect upon their shared responsibility to uphold the constitutional and moral rights to all individuals at all times."

Clifford Uyeda, past JACL national president, said the legislature's action means "we will not longer have to go back each year for a resolution, but can plan a program for that day as an official Day of Remembrance." Uyeda added that in obtaining the resolution, "We are indebted to Karen Sonoda and Margine Sako from the office of the Speaker of the Assembly, Willie Lewis Brown, Jr."

AFL-CIO leaders endorse redress legislation

BAL HARBOUR, Fla.—Officers of the 13.7-million strong AFL-CIO issued on Feb. 23 a resolution endorsing the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and legislation providing monetary compensation for Japanese American internees of WW2.

The labor federation's executive council, which was convened for its annual winter meeting, comprises president Lane Kirkland, secretary-treasurer Thomas Donahue, and representatives of 31 international unions.

In a strongly worded statement, the labor leaders said the internment was a "unique and tragic national experience [that] requires unique remedy. The AFL-CIO supports S 2116 and HR 4110."

Anticipating one objection, the statement also said that "the legislation now pending before Congress to implement the [CWRIC] recommendation does not seek to place blame or impugn the motives of those who pursued these policies 40 years ago. It seeks to redress the constitutional wrong and to resolve that such a violation of basic American democratic principles will not happen again."

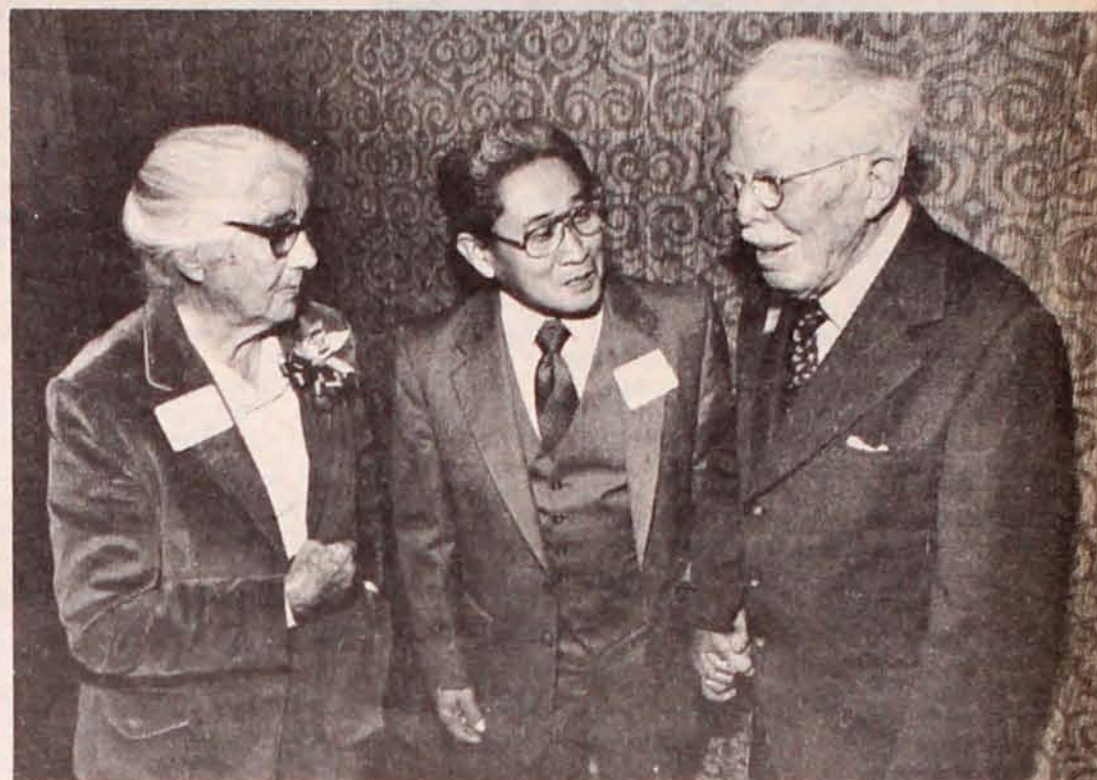


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WARTIME FRIENDS — Gerda Isenberg (left) of Woodside, Calif., and Frank Duveneck (right) of Los Altos, among the few who helped Peninsula Japanese Americans dur-

ing their internment and resettlement, are greeted by Albert Nakai, president of Sequoia JACL Chapter prior to ceremonies honoring them and 14 others. (Story on p.11)

In Washington, Sponsors of HR 4110 greeted the endorsement warmly. Jim Wright (D-Tex), the bill's prime

sponsor and House majority leader, declared: "The internment was a grotesque aberration of our political

system and by supporting redress the AFL-CIO executive committee is helping to

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National board adopts recommendations of committee chairs

SAN FRANCISCO—At its meeting held Feb. 24-26, the JACL national board, among other actions, accepted the resignation of Washington representative Ronald K. Ikejiri, effective Sept. 30 (see story, page 7); tightened the process for submitting resolutions to the national council; suggested campaign guidelines for national candidates; approved streamlined procedures for membership renewals; and discussed

the Japanese television drama "Sanga Moyu."

The board also re-organized the redress program and granted it an additional \$42,225.

Several national committee chairs traveled to San Francisco to present proposals to the board. They were: Min Yasui, redress; Tony Ishii, resolutions; Mollie Fujioka, nominations; Joanne Kumamoto, membership; Irene Hirano, women's concerns; Marshall Sumida, veterans affairs; and Gene Takamine, ways and means.

Setting Policy for the Biennium

In his report to the board, Tony Ishii of Fresno, Calif., raised several concerns stemming from his experience as resolutions committee chair at the 1982 Gardena convention. First, JACL chapters submitted only 16 resolutions prior to the convention; 18 resolutions came up during the convention itself. And consideration of the resolutions was deferred until 3 p.m. on the last day of business.

"It is not fair to the delegates," Ishii said, "to have to decide on an issue with no feedback from their chapters." Nor is it fair to the chapters, who have no chance to discuss beforehand resolutions that arise at the convention. Ishii also felt that

National redress program expanded; lines of authority redrawn. Story on page 4.

resolutions drawn up during the convention tended to be less well thought-out than ones submitted earlier, and that some of these were personal statements rather than legislative matters.

Ishii emphasized the importance of the resolutions process, through which members at the grassroots level can set national policy. He urged the governors to ask chapter presidents to think about issues that should be brought up in Honolulu and to stress to them the desirability of getting resolutions in early.

Forms for preconvention resolutions will be mailed to chapters by April 16. Deadline for resolutions with fiscal impact is June 13. Three weeks prior to the convention, copies of all resolutions will be sent to chapter presidents for review.

Ishii recommended that district governors appoint a representative to the resolutions committee, which would consolidate similar resolutions and draw up a "consent calendar" for

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National group protests use of Asian stereotypes in Denver fundraiser

DENVER—Guests at a fundraising event held Jan. 28 for the Asian Art Association of the Denver Art Museum came dressed in outfits depicting such "Chinese" characters as the detective Charlie Chan, villainous Fu Manchu and prostitute Suzie Wong.

The event has produced a furious response from the national organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), a chapter of which is located in Denver.

"We were appalled to read of the stereotypic and insulting occurrences that took place," said the executive director of OCA, Laura Chin, to Lewis Story, interim director of the museum.

Stereotypes

"Although the event was a fundraiser for you," the letter continued, "it appears nonetheless as a disgusting display of ignorance and perpetuation of stereotypes."

Chin informed the Denver Arts Museum director that the "Charlie Chan and Fu Manchu characters are not Chinese," but instead "stereotyped characters created by Hollywood and are products of white racism."

The OCA director characterized the "Suzie Wong and Dragon Lady" images as "perpetuations of exotic/erotic stock images of Chinese and Asian women."

According to Chin, the fundraising event, called "A Night in Old Shanghai," showed the continued biased images of Chinese and the limited personal experience that the museum has had with the Chinese American community.

She described the museum and the Asian Art Association as "out of touch with the Chinese American community."

"We would urge that the Denver Art museum and the Asian Art Association work with our OCA Denver chapter to develop closer communications links with the Chinese American community so that a celebration of this kind does not again inflict damage and bad feelings," the letter concluded.

Asian Art Association curator Ron Otsuka, who took part in the celebration, was also sent a copy of the letter.

—East/West



SACRED TREASURE—Dr. John Maki (left) receives Japanese medal

Japanese gov't honors political scientist

AMHERST, Mass. — Dr. John Maki, professor emeritus of political science at the Univ. of Massachusetts/Amherst, was honored recently by the Japanese government in a special ceremony in the university's campus center.

Masukane Mukai, deputy consul general of Japan presented Maki with the Third Class of the Order of the Sacred Treasure "in recognition of the meritorious services rendered in raising the level of Japanese studies in the United States, and in promoting friendly relations between our two countries."

In his formal remarks, Mukai praised Maki for the 30 years he devoted to teaching

Japanese history, constitutional law and foreign policy, first at the Univ. of Washington, and later at Univ. of Massachusetts, where he chaired a new program in Asian Studies.

Mukai told Maki: "You have introduced Japan to Americans through your many publications and public lectures. And you and your wife have contributed much to promote relations with Japan, particularly with Hokkaido, where your historical predecessor, Dr. William Clark, worked so effectively as the first president of Sapporo Agricultural College [later Hokkaido University]."

AFL-CIO

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ensure that such egregious acts cannot be repeated. We who support redress welcome AFL-CIO to this cause."

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Cal.) voiced cautious optimism about redress prospects. "It has been just over a year since the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians issued its first report," he noted. "We have come a long way in that time. The AFL-CIO executive committee joins 94 members of Congress in endorsing the Civil Liberties Act, and with the help of JACL and its members we will continue to gain support. This is a long process and a great deal remains to be done, but we are well on our way."

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Cal.) also pledged to continue his efforts. "The endorsement by the AFL-CIO for redress legislation," he stated, "is only further confirmation that the treatment of Japa-

nese Americans... in WW2 was not only an assault on the 120,000 Japanese Americans held in concentration camps but also an assault on the basic principles of equality and justice that this country is founded on. This is another important step... and I will be making every effort to see that redress legislation becomes a reality."

deaths

Kono, Rev. Juhei C., 86, Seattle, Wash., died Feb. 14. Hiroshima-born pastor emeritus of Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. Surviving are w Hisako, ss Masami, Arthur H. Kono, ds Midori Thiel, Sumi Yoshioka, sis Fusayo Ishii, Japan.

Tagawa, Sandra Ann Megumi, 33, Hacienda Heights, Calif., died Feb. 23 at Queen of the Valley Hospital, West Covina due to an auto accident. Surviving are h Don Katsumi, s Kevin Masaru, sis Jeanne Kaneko, and p Toshiyuki and Hanako Kaneko.

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People in the News

● Courtroom

Honolulu District Judge Marie Milks on Feb. 6 was appointed to the Oahu circuit court bench by Gov. George Ariyoshi. The position established by the legislature last year is subject to senate consent. Milks, 39, has been a district court judge since 1980, and was secretary to Patsy T. Mink when she served in the U.S. House, 1966-68.

● Government

Gov. John Spellman of Washington appointed accountant and financial analyst Michiko Fujii of Seattle to a 6-year term on the state board of tax appeals, making her the highest-ranking Nikkei in state government. A long-time JACLer, Fujii previously worked

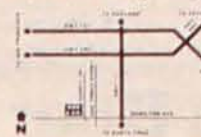
in the trust dept. of Rainier National Bank. Husband Frank and daughter Ann are Seattle Chapter board members.

● Military

Twenty nominees to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point were named by Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) on Feb. 7. Principal candidates are Michael Guerrero and Nathan K. Watanabe, whose parents are M/M Louis Guerrero from Mililani and M/M Herbert Watanabe from Hilo respectively. Ward K. Honbo of Kaneohe, son of M/M Alvin Honbo, is first alternate; Eric T. Sakae, son of M/M Eugene Sakae, second alternate. Among the ten nominated to Merchant Marine Academy were Shannon E. Kawane of Kalaheo; and Michael S. Woo, Hilo. #

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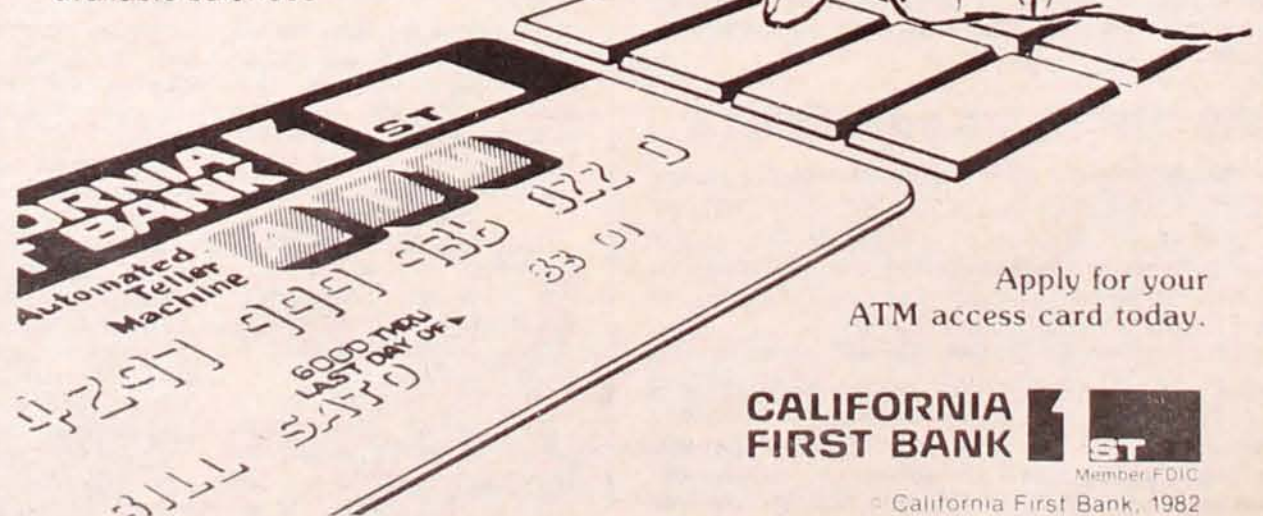


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Asians to gather for statewide conference

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Asian Pacific American Advocates of California (APAAC) will hold its third annual statewide conference on Saturday, March 10, here at the Woodlake Inn.

The conference theme is "Bigotry and Violence: Barriers to Asian Pacific Americans Becoming or Being Full-Fledged Americans."

Chaired by Sidney Chew, Sacramento APAAC Region president, outstanding Asian Pacific American leaders have accepted invitations as speakers and panelists in 13 workshops focusing on various issues reflected in the conference theme. The workshops will examine the following topics:

(1) Redress and Reparations for Japanese Americans lead by Ron Wakabayashi, Richard Ka-

tsuda, and Floyd Shimomura;

(2) Violence Against APAs explored by Diane Tomoda, Randy Shiroi, Steve Koyasuko, Annie Cho, and Vanhsy Chanphengxay;

(3) Psychological Dimensions of Violence Against APAs featuring Drs. Allan Seid, Steven Shon, Herbert Wong, Roger Lum, Josephine Gampon, and Michael Tateishi;

(4) Equal Employment Opportunities for APAs will be chaired by Stim Suzuki and Larry Asera;

(5) Business Opportunities and Resources for APAs will be considered by Jon On, Eugene Wong, Raj Desai, and Gerald Paular;

(6) Simpson-Mazzoli Bill and Immigration will be lead by attorney Hiram Kwan;

(7) Citizenship and Voter Registration will be illuminated by attorney Stewart Kwok, H.C. Nofoaluma Tuasosopo and Remigio Aragon;

(8) Why Bilingual Ballots will feature Henry Der;

(9) Licensing for Foreign Medi-

cal Graduates will be investigated by physicians Noli Zosa, Thuc Trankiem, Maria Fe De Guzman, and Joe Villarica;

(10) Issues Concerns, Programs for Refugees will be handled by panelists Lucretia Lee, Kay R. Campbell, Debbie Ramirez, S. Ly, Samnang King, and Boun Nhoek Nhouitham;

(11) Equal Opportunity and Education for APA Children will be chaired by Dr. Cecie Fontanoza and educators Helen S. Chin, Lita David, Jessie Furukawa and Leland Yee;

(12) Grantsmanship and Resources for New APAs will be explored by Dr. Han Vo Qui and Sudarshan Kapoor; and

(13) Media, Arts and Asian Stereotypes will be lead by K.W. Lee and Lonie Wong.

The opening session will feature Sandra Yep, Channel 3 of Sacramento, keynote speakers and pre-lunch workshops.

After the workshops and conference summary session, a no-host social hour will precede the installation and awards banquet. For information, call APAAC, (916) 443-3215.

Historian uncovers Gen. Patton's plan to detain JA leaders of Hawaii in 1930s

HONOLULU — Discovery of a 1930s plan devised by the late Gen. George Patton, calling for the detention of 128 Japanese American leaders, was uncovered by historian Michael Slackman.

Put together by Patton sometime between 1935 and 1937 pursuant to verbal orders from Maj. Gen. Hugh Drum, the senior Hawaii Army officer, it was never put into effect and was abandoned before the outbreak of World War II, Slackman said.

The list included several persons who later achieved prominence as judges or legislators. Slackman, in an article in the current journal "Biography," said he came across the article while researching the Arizona Memorial in the National Archives last May.

The plan was based on the assumption that the Japanese Americans were disloyal, and they would have formed a "fifth column," working against the U.S. from within, in a time of war or crisis.

The Patton list included Wilfred Tsukiyama and Masaji Marumoto, both of whom later served on the Hawaii Supreme Court; Tom Okino of the Big Island and Benjamin Tashiro of Kauai, later circuit court judges; and Toshio Anzai of Maui and Noboru Miyake, both of whom have served in the state legislature, Slackman reported.

Patton was chief of military intelligence in Hawaii when he drafted the idea.

Community affairs

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—The 13th annual Spring Food Festival takes place Sunday, Mar. 11, at the Japanese Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsors are Sacramento YABA and Fujinkai. For more information, call Ted Yoshimura or Eleanor Nobuyee, 446-0121.

BERKELEY, Ca.—Nikkei Drop-In Center provides a free bus ride for seniors attending the Mar. 10 New Year's celebration at Mountain View Buddhist Temple, 575 Stierling Rd., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Riders should be at N. Berkeley Center, corner Hearst and Martin Luther King Way (Grove St.), by 10 a.m. For meal reservations (\$8), call Amy Maniwa, 525-3395.

SAN FRANCISCO—Telephone contacts for San Francisco Bay Area Nisei Widowed Group, which meets the first Sundays of the month at locations to be announced, are: San Francisco—Elsie Chung (221-0268); Marin County—Harry Murata (453-9248); East Bay—Yuri Moriwaki (482-5398) and San Jose—Satsuki Santo (258-8177).

LOS ANGELES—A celebration of the second annual International Working Women's Day is held Sunday, Mar. 11, at the Castelar School, 840 Yale St., 3 p.m. Honored are Sue Embrey, Juana Penland, Shigeko Sasomori, Kaz Suyeishi, and Nobuko Miyake Stoner. Program is sponsored by Asian Pacific Americans for Nuclear Awareness and UCLA Asian American Studies Center.

LOS ANGELES—Retiring Rinban Horyu Ito of Higashi Hongwanji Temple will be honored at a testimonial luncheon, Sunday, Mar. 11, at Hyatt Regency Hotel. Ito came from Japan in December 1953 to serve as head minister of the Higashi Hongwanji, succeeding Rinban Kankai Izuhara. Rev. Gyoko Saito will succeed Ito at the Little Tokyo temple which moved from First and Mott Sts. in 1970.

LOS ANGELES—General membership of the Los Angeles Council on Aging begins its 1984 activities on Saturday, Mar. 10, 9:30 a.m. at City Hall, led by Betty Kozasa, president. Among the committee chairs is Mabel Ota, for legislation and advocacy. Mandates of AB 2860, which will change the long-term care of state's elderly, will be explained at the public meeting.

Cultural events

NEW YORK—Wakako Yamauchi's new play, "The Face Box," a psychological ghost story set in Southern California, run through Sunday, Mar. 25 at Pan Asian Repertory, 120 W. 28th, Wednesdays to Sundays. Tickets are \$10 and \$12 with discounts for students, seniors and groups of 20 or more. Ron Nakahara directs cast of Michael Chin, Kati Kuroda, Natsuko Ohama and Koji Okamura.

LOS ANGELES—In conjunction with the Asian Pacific Heritage Festival, Mar. 1-31, an art show featuring works by Eddy Kurushima premiered Mar. 1 at the University Religious Center, USC campus.

Fresno reunion slated for autumn

By MIKE IWATSUBO

FRESNO, Ca.—Memories of Fresno's Nihonmachi, once a thriving business community, are due for a re-awakening. Committees have been formed to plan a reunion of pre-war Fresnoans, and a gala affair is scheduled for Sept. 28-30.

Tentatively, the three-day affair calls for a tour of Fresno, much changed since pre-war days, banquet and dancing for Saturday night, outdoor picnic, Sunday brunch, and time for visiting and reminiscing.

Invitations are extended to all ex-Fresnoans, and a gathering of several hundred from throughout the United States and Japan is expected. Names and addresses of known former Fresnoans are being solicited by committee members. In charge of registration and invitation is Chisato Ohara, 1041 N. 8th St., Fresno, CA 93702.

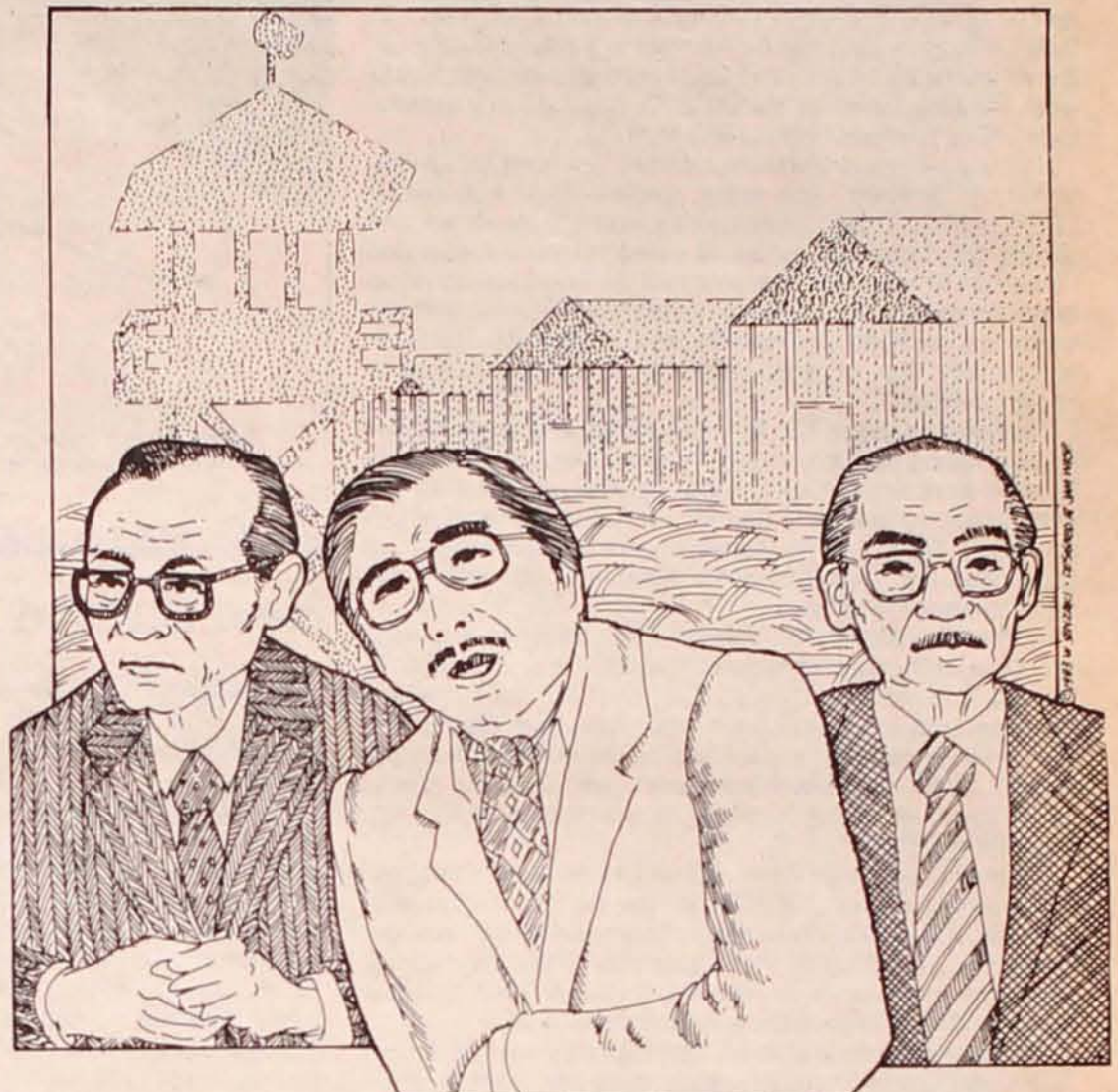
Many Nikkei left Fresno prior to orders to assemble at respective concentration camps and relocated to the East Coast. A few have never returned and this reunion will mark a get-together of people from an exodus of four decades.

Pre-war Fresno was one of California's thriving Japanese business communities, encompassing several blocks with dozens of gift shops, clothing stores, several hotels, a tofu factory, sweet shops, and fish markets.

Asians a minority for Commerce Dept.

WASHINGTON — Americans of Asian Pacific ancestry are eligible to receive business development assistance from the Minority Business Development Agency, the Dept. of Commerce announced Feb. 6. "I am proud of the major role my late husband Phillip, played in expanding the designation of 'socially or economically disadvantaged minorities,'" Rep. Sala Burton said. Previously, the law included only Black, Hispanic, Native American, Eskimo or Aleut Americans.

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Focus on a Sub-committee

Denver

The redress bill in the House, HR 4110, has been assigned to the House sub-committee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations. The chair of that sub-committee is Sam B. Hall (D-Texas). Because he represents a district in the extreme northeast corner of Texas, abutting Louisiana, and is from the small town of Marshall, Texas, JACLers unfortunately have no direct contact with him.

Hall is a former prosecuting attorney. He is reputed a conservative. However, with prime sponsorship of HR 4110 by Jim Wright (D-Texas), the majority leader in the House, and adding the emotional values of 442nd veterans designated "honorary Texans" for their rescue of the Texas lost battalion in the Vosges forests in France during World War II, perhaps we have some hope of persuading Hall to treat HR 4110 sympathetically. But we need influential contacts with him to accomplish this.

The sub-committee has five Democrats and three Republicans. Among the Democrats, Barney Frank, of Mass., and Howard Berman, of Calif., are co-sponsors of HR 4110. We must have a majority of five for the bill to be reported out favorably. The other two Democrats are Romano Mazzoli, of Louisville, Ky., and Frederick Boucher from the southwestern corner of Virginia.

On the Republican side, Thomas Kindness from near Dayton, Ohio, is the ranking minority leader. Peter Hironaka, of Dayton, and Frances Tojo, of Cincinnati will try to contact Kindness with a delegation of constituents from his district. The other two Republicans are Bill McCollum from the Orlando area, and E. Clay Shaw from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Again, as JACLers, we do not have any direct contacts in Florida. Can anyone help?

We need to persuade three additional members of this sub-committee to support HR 4110. Anyone having contacts with Mazzoli, of Kentucky, Boucher, of Virginia, McCollum of Orlando, Fla., and Shaw of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., are urgently requested to be in touch with the National JACL Redress offices, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.

We know that no action will be taken by the full House Judiciary Committee until hearings have been held by Hall's sub-committee. There are some indications that such hearings may yet be scheduled during the late spring of this year. John Tateishi, JACL redress director, can prepare testimony, line up favorable witnesses, actually testify before the sub-committee, and take care of myriads of details.



Peter Hironaka 3/9/84

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JACL REDRESS PROGRAM

New lines of authority drawn; clearinghouse set up

SAN FRANCISCO—A major revamping of the JACL redress program was approved by the national board Feb. 25 upon recommendations from the redress staff and district governors.

Authority for operations in the San Francisco headquarters and in the Washington, D.C., office rests with redress director John Tateishi. General policy is to be determined by a new National Advisory Council, chaired by Minoru Yasui. The council will comprise individuals and representatives from community organizations across the country.

The former National JACL redress committee was dissolved. Tateishi will appoint 8 regional coordinators to handle legislative activities in the 8 JACL districts. They, in turn, will oversee 36 area coordinators to be placed in charge of the 114 JACL chapters. Each chapter is responsible for contacting its U.S. representatives and senators.

Bill Yoshino, Midwest regional director, directs the newly established clearinghouse for information that is relayed between chapters and national coordinators. Tateishi des-

cribed the clearinghouse as a "pivotal" operation requiring Yoshino to gather information, to analyze it, and to request appropriate action from national, regional, and community organizers.

Various Considerations Taken into Account

Several pressures molded the redress program into its current form. The board was reminded during discussion that the redress director and chair needed a good measure of autonomy to run an efficient campaign, but that JACL members required an accounting of operations; that participation from the entire community was essential to the program's success, but that legislative contacts on Capitol Hill required different sensitivities from contacts made by constituents.

Executive director Ron Wakabayashi, for example, noted that all JACL committees are advisory, and that most committees can be managed at the volunteer level. But redress, he said, is a daily operation. It cannot be conducted by group process.

Bill Marutani, former member of the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians, echoed the need for a strong redress director and urged JACL to work with the general public. "You can't ask John [Tateishi] and Min [Yasui] to do everything themselves," he told the board. "They can only coordinate the coordinators.... We cannot have the national director or the president be the boss. They have their own fish to fry. The national board cannot run a redress program. Give it to the people in the communities. Let them run it."

"We need to expand into the community and include non-JACLers," Marutani continued. "Redress is not exclusively our project. It belongs to the people."

Tateishi was confident that the revised structure would work. "It took several months to develop a strategy," he said. "For the past six years we've been operating blindly. Now chapters will know why they're being asked to do something, like writing letters at a certain time.... Things have got to be done in coordination."

Progress Seen

Tateishi reported that HR 4110 has garnered co-sponsorship from 92 house members and that other representatives fall into the following categories: 7 members would vote yes for redress on the house floor but will not co-sponsor the bill; 99 members are sympathetic but undecided; 61 are sympathetic but are opposed to monetary compensation; 13 are opposed; and 166 are undecided. These numbers are respectable, Tateishi said, and show that redress has a real possibility of passage.

Redress assistant Carole Hayashino announced that a detailed handbook, progress report, and timeline will be sent to all chapters within the next few weeks.

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EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



The Peripatetic Nisei

IT WAS BOUND to happen; it was only a matter of when and precisely where. Somehow, I "felt it in my bones," that somewhere I'd run across a Nisei I knew during our travels through Japan. After a couple of weeks and bumping into no Nisei, we began to think that maybe it wouldn't happen and so we simply forgot about it. Well, it did.

WE WERE IN Hiroshima's Grand Hotel waiting for Vicki's (that's the frau) sisterto show up. As I wandered about the lobby, I noticed this fellow who somehow did not seem to be one of the denizens. While racially, a Nisei is pure Japanese and thus presumably can blend right in, nonetheless there is that indefinable "something" — bearing, movement, a certain mien — that sets him apart from the Japanese. However, since we'd been in Japan for a while by then, I thought I was just imagining. Yet there was that "something" about his fellow standing nearby. There definitely was.

IN THE MEANTIME, as it turned out, this other fellow also was apparently going through the same mental sifting. He decided to take a chance (he later said) and came over and inquired: "You're not, by any chance, from the States, are you?" And upon receiving a reply in the affirmative equally in Americanese, we

immediately compared notes. It was Eiichi Sakauye from San Jose where we had briefly met a few months previously during my visit to that city down The Peninsula. So right there in the lobby we exchanged experiences, even as Vicki was waving at me from afar that her sister had arrived. (Eiichi took a few pictures which he mailed to us.)

THIS EXPERIENCE OF unexpectedly meeting in Japan some Nisei from the States apparently is quite common. We recall the time we were walking along the Ginza in 1946 when we saw Tosh Koiwai (initially from Seattle) whom we'd not seen since 1942. John Nitta (Terminal Islanders knew him as "Shigeru") on one of his many trips to Japan tells of visiting a nightclub one evening in Tokyo, when he heard a laugh that could only come from one person: it was lawyer Tom Hayashi from New York.

THE ONE THAT truly caught this writer by surprise — "floored" might be the more apt term — happened while we were stationed with the U.S. Army of occupation in Kyushu. One day we had occasion to 'phone headquarters in Osaka, and this required us to go through the Japanese telephone network. So in my inimitable *Nihongo* I requested from the operator a long-distance connection (*shigai onegai shimasu*), the city, telephone number, and ending up with my name and rank. There was a pause at the other end and for a moment I thought we had been cut off. The Japanese operator then switched to perfectly enunciated English and inquired if I had lived in Kent, Washington (I had) and if I knew Joe Kadoyama (a friend from my childhood). At that I, of course, inquired as to her identity and it turned out to be one of Joe's former girlfriends who had lived in Auburn. The long-distance call waited and we chatted for a while. It included by solemn report to her that Joe had perished on Okinawa when a U.S. Army transport plane crashed during landing.

WHEN WE MAKE our next visit, we'll supplement this week's column. (But it may be a few years hence.)

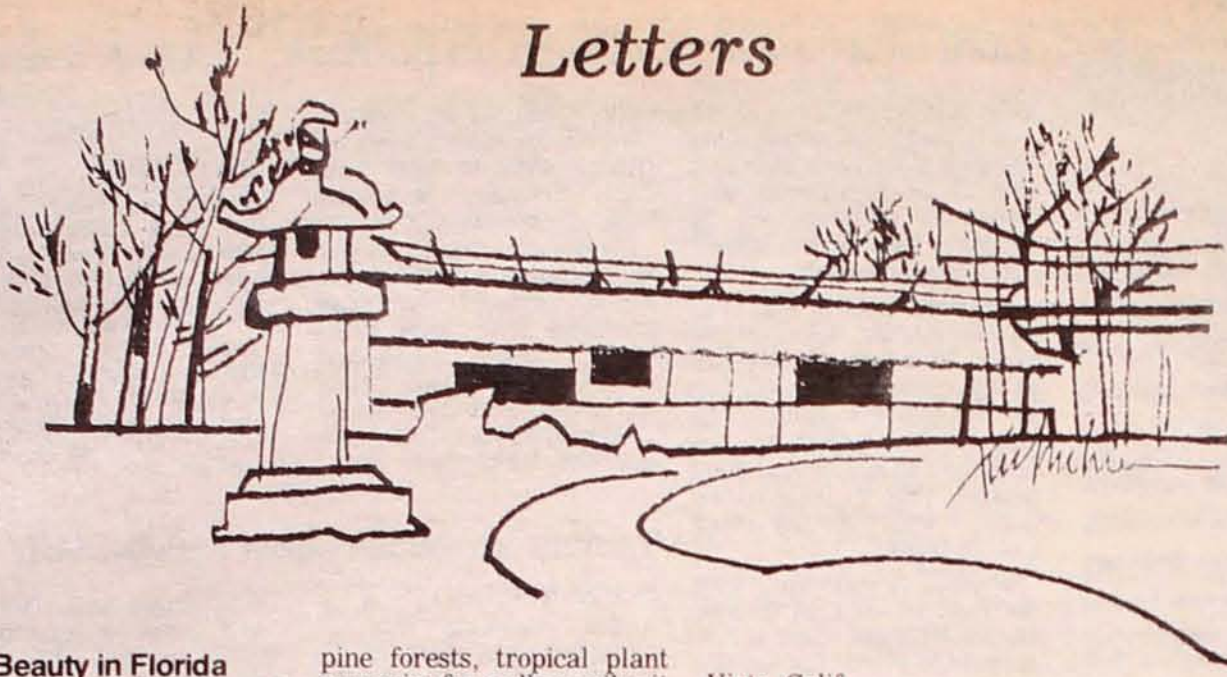
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Letters



● Beauty in Florida

If it wasn't for the article in the Pacific Citizen re the Murakami Museum in Del Rey Beach, Florida (Dec. 9) we would not have made the journey on our return from a month's motor trip in Florida.

George Morikami was not only a hard-working, frugal person but a man of confidence and vision. The museum is a living monument, not only to him but to all those who settled and pioneered with him to make a new start in a new country, foreign as day and night.

Off Route 95 one travels by

pine forests, tropical plant nurseries for endless miles it seems and one approaches this beautifully landscaped museum, lily pond with turtles, bridge to cross, a stone lantern to greet one, waterfall to hear in the distance. One enters the Japanese structure, typical of Japanese public places, and takes shoes off to replace with paper slippers to walk on rice mats.

There are photo portraits of the founders and those of the activity on the farm. Among one of the founders was Tamemasu Kamiya, one of whose daughters, Masako Kamiya Suga, resides in

Vista, Calif.

A recent acquisition by the museum of a sculpture by Isamu Noguchi stands in a atrium-like area. I don't know if it is going to be the permanent site for the piece. It is very handsome work of art.

Within the building are a number of rooms which tell much of the history, culture, festivals of Japan. Also there is a very fine gift shop. Other than the office staff, the museum docents and other help are volunteers.

When one is in Florida the Morikami Museum is a must; it is a rewarding and

memorable trip.

HENRY FUKUHARA

Deer Park, NY

P.S. Enclosed is a bamboo stick drawing of the museum.

● Additional Nikkei names for Vietnam war memorial

I am thankful that Sachio Saito took the time and trouble to write the article "Nikkei Names on the Vietnam Memorial" in the Feb. 3 PC. I wish to have my late son's name added to that list.

He served with the Marine Corps (1st MAW):
Kozai, Kenneth B. Kohei; 1st Lt MC, 15W5, 29 Oct 43-29 Nov 69.

MISATO KOZAI HEARD
Denver

With reference to your Friday, February 3, 1984 issue, "Nikkei Names on the Vietnam Memorial", the name of our nephew is missing from the list. His name is:

Cpl. Tom Dennis Sugiura
Monterey Park, CA
United States Marine Corp
2 Oct 46-2 Sept 68
Panel 45W, Line 29, 2nd Name

Parents: Tom Shuji and Miyoko (Wakayama) Sugiura

We were in Washington, DC on Oct. 1, 1983 and visited the Vietnam Memorial. We have a picture that shows our nephew's name is engraved 8 lines below Ohara, Steve Masao. 45W21.

Please add the above name to your list. Thank you.

M/M YOSHIO WAKAYAMA
Gardena, CA.

This is in regard to "Nikkei Names on the Vietnam Memorial" (Feb. 3 PC).

My wife spotted part of name in a photograph of the memorial that was run in local paper. It read "Hachir," which occurred to her might be Hachiro. checked with the photographer, Bob Hines, and he confirmed for me that it was indeed Hachiro. Unfortunately, that was the end of the photo.

Perhaps some reader or possibly Sachio Saito can fully identify Hachiro inasmuch as Hachiro does not appear on his list.

ROBERT M. AKAMATSU
Madison, Wis

According to a list just received, he could well be Hachiro Imae, P/Sgt Army, 41, of Kahu, Hawaii. Over 100 names appear in this Honor Roll compile for the first Japanese American Veterans—Vietnam Era reunion and memorial held last Nov. 19 in Los Angeles. Our thanks to the unknown contributor who furnished us the names.—GM/Op.

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Night of Noh in Northern Colorado

Fort Collins, a pleasant little college and high-tech town in northern Colorado not far from the Wyoming line, is hardly the kind of place one would go to see the ancient Japanese Noh drama performed. But that's what we went there for one recent evening, driving 70 miles up I-25 through the gathering darkness in plenty of time to make the 8 p.m. curtain.

The performance, part of a cultural series at the University of Northern Colorado, was presented by a real live professional company from Japan. How they and their costumes found their way to this part of Colorado, I do not know nor did I have time to find out.

Noh, as everyone ought to know, is not the liveliest of the performing arts. The program notes explained: "Noh is a highly stylized, lyric, masked-drama which utilizes chant, songs, symbolic dance, rhythmic percussion, and poetic image to express themes of human longing and the unreconciled spirits of the dead. Shamanistic dance, Buddhist prayers, Chinese dance, and rustic festival entertainments are all incorporated in this complex art."

If my recollection is correct, and stop me if I'm wrong, Noh was performed in ancient Japan for court nobles and others of the elite. But whatever its considerable merits as entertainment, it was too dull for ordinary folks and that led to development of the more popular Kabuki.

In the face of this kind of history, you would hardly expect to draw much more than flies in Fort Collins with Noh. That's what I thought, and I thought wrong. They priced the tickets at \$8 per, which isn't cheap even in these inflated times, and filled the 260-or-so seats at Lory Student Center Theatre.

From what I could see of the audience, most seemed to be campus student types with a sprinkling of older persons who could have been faculty or townspeople. There were also others who had driven up from Denver.

Some unidentified gentleman came out on the stage to introduce the program. He noted that Noh was quite unlike other types of drama, but that was not out of keeping with other differences between matters Western and Oriental. For example, he said, it is customary and certainly not considered uncouth for Japanese to eat noodles to the accompaniment of vigorous slurping sounds. In fact, he continued, loud slurping is considered a sign of enjoyment. That may be so, although I had always figured that slurping was favored because it was a way to get the broth along with the noodles.

Then, moving from the ridiculous to the sublime, the speaker said that it is not considered bad manners, or insulting to the actors, for members of the audience to doze off in the middle of a particularly slow segment of a Noh play. That, he continued, is done quite frequently. With that he invited us to enjoy the play as we willed.

There were two Noh plays, "Yashima," which was abbreviated to eliminate the slowest portions, and "Hagoromo" (The Robe of Feathers), with a Kyogen comedy "Uri Nusubito" (The Melon Thief) in between.

We sat back secure in the knowledge that it was okay to nap. But I doubt that there were very many in the audience who did fall asleep. Despite the slow pace, despite the unintelligible lyrics and the interminable drumming, the performance was marked by a dignity and a majesty that bridged time and disparate civilizations.

I am not accustomed to driving upwards of 150 miles to watch drama that I do not understand. I can do that right here in Denver when Hollywood's latest modern masterpiece comes to the neighborhood movie and popcorn emporium. But viewing Noh in Fort Collins was a worthwhile experience and I'm glad we did it. Think of the performers from Japan; I doubt they flew all the way across the Pacific and knelt for two and a half hours on the hard wooden floor of the stage just to put a bunch of Americans to sleep.

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Lodi Chapter hears Ikeda on politics; installs Takeda

STOCKTON, Ca. — Lodi JACL held its installation banquet at On Lock Sam's on Jan. 21. Dr. Ken Takeda was sworn in as president by Frank Iwama, National JACL legal counsel.

Keynote speaker was Gladys Ikeda, district chief for State Sen. John Garamendi (D-5th), who spoke on Asian involvement in politics. "It was well received by the audience as she gave a good insight into a little-known area," said publicity chair Cub Daijogo.

Special acknowledgments were given to Don Morita, Harry Tanaka, Yoshie Yamauchi, and Cub Daijogo for managing and maintaining the Lodi Community Hall. Honored guests included Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Arakawa, California First Bank; the Rev. and Mrs. Seikan Fukuma, Lodi Buddhist Church; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ikeda; Mr. and Mrs. Tetsuya Kato, Stockton JACL; the Rev. and Mrs. Saburo Masada, Cal-

vary Presbyterian Church; Alan Nishi, French Camp JACL; and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rushing, Sumitomo Bank of Stockton.

Master of ceremonies was Mas Okuhara, who was assisted by banquet committee members Scott Davis, Chris Iwata, Keith Kanegawa, Jeanne Matsumoto, David Morimoto, Ron Oye, Calvin Yamada, Mickey Daijogo, and Mary Kanegawa.

Toriyama heads Diablo Valley JACL

WALNUT CREEK, Ca. — Akiko Toriyama was installed as president of the Diablo Valley JACL Chapter at the Boundary Oaks Golf Club on Sunday, Jan. 29.

In 1940, Toriyama's husband, George, presided over the pre-war Contra Costa Chapter. The internment disrupted the existence of that chapter, and it was not until 1977 that the Diablo Valley JACL was organized to serve those residing in central and east Contra Costa County. Its first president was Hiroshi Morodomi, followed by Jack Nakashima, Yukio Wada, Mollie Fujioka, Roy Takai, and Carl Mune.

LODI JACL

Ken Takeda, pres; Ron Oye, 1st vp; Sachiko Ishida, 2d vp; Calvin Yamada, treas; Terry Oga, rec sec; Sumie Okuhara, memb; Keith Kanegawa, imm past pres; Hiroshi Kanegawa, bldg fund; Cub Daijogo, hist/pub; Jim Morita, ins; Bessie Okuhara, tel cmte Board: William Hinkle, Jun Kawamura, Tom Kurahara, Al Takata, Lucille Yamamoto; Tom Chikaraishi, Yosh Mataga, Kaz Matsura, Phil Nagata, Michiye Yenokida.

Lia Shigemura, National JACL program director, installed the 1984 officers, and Ben Takeshita, vice president for general operations, spoke on the impact of U.S.-Japan relations on American Nikkei. Mollie Fujioka was master of ceremonies.

DIABLO VALLEY JACL

Akiko Toriyama, pres; George Fujioka, vp/prog; Roy Takai, vp memb; Leah Hamachi, treas; Masumi Deguchi, Akira Hara, redress; Wilma Hayashi, ins; Nancy Hisatomi, hist; Shizu Kawai, schol; Ed Kubokawa, Gilbert Matsuoaka, nwsltr; Carl Mune, ex officio; Masaye Nakamura, Sumi Nakashima, Sukeyo Oji, East Bay Issei Housing; Tom Oshiro, hosp; Yukio Wada.

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Pam Shimada, pres; Fern Han-ing, exec vp; Chester Sugimoto, 1st vp; Ronald Doi, 2d vp; May Doi, 3d vp; Karen Mizusaki, Miyo Fujikawa, Hana Shepard, rec secs; Ami Nagahori, cor sec; Jonathan Kaji, treas.

Arizona Chapter offers student aid

GLENDALE, Ariz.—Eight scholarships are available from the Arizona JACL in addition to those offered by the national organization. Deadline is Mar. 16. For application forms; contact Doris Asano, 1548 W. Golden Ln, Phoenix, AZ 85201; 997-0679.

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delegates. The consent calendar would list resolutions to be approved en masse. Five chapters or more could pull any resolution from the calendar for discussion. (These would generally be chapters opposed to the resolution.)

Resolutions drawn up during workshop discussions may be presented to the national council with five chapter signatures. All resolutions will be considered on the last convention day.

Board Action: The board approved the resolutions process as outlined.

Campaign Spending To Be Kept Low

Mollie Fujioka of Walnut Creek, Calif., announced that representatives from each district have been appointed to the national nominations committee. They are: Seichi Hayashida, Intermountain; Miyo Senzaki, Pacific Southwest; Stanley Nagata, Central California; Ted Inouye, N Calif/W Nevada/Pacific; Harvey Watanabe, Pacific Northwest; Joe Tanaka, Midwest; Haruye Saiki, Mountain Plains; Teresa Maebori, Eastern; and Paul Nakasone, Youth.

Fujioka asked board members whether a ceiling should be placed on campaign expenditures, to be observed voluntarily. Highly extravagant campaigns may discourage less-affluent members from running for office, she said, and cited the Gardena convention as a particularly "clean" one, partly because candidates agreed to host only one hospitality night each.

Board Action: The board voted to set a \$1,000 guideline for campaign spending, to cover both informational materials and hospitality nights (whether hosted by the candidate or the district).

Tax Deductions for Delegates

Frank Iwama, national legal counsel, rendered a legal opinion that, for official convention delegates, "reasonable unreimbursed expenditures for travel, meals, and lodging... are deductible as charitable contributions."

JACL bylaws authorize each chapter to send two official delegates to the convention. Chapters not sending delegates may vote by proxy, and persons carrying a proxy vote also qualify as official delegates.

Membership: New Programs

Joanne Kumamoto of Los Angeles traced the gradual decline in JACL's corporate membership over the past several years. Kumamoto felt that the structure of corporate membership should be re-evaluated. Dues, for example, might be consolidated into one category. Benefits to members might be expanded to include advertisements in the conven-

tion booklet or in the holiday issue of the Pacific Citizen. Six corporations are currently members of JACL.

Board Action: The board approved Kumamoto's request to develop a corporate membership plan, marketing strategy, and solicitation materials.

Rose Ochi, vice president for membership, reviewed a proposal for computerized membership renewals. Under the proposed system, the separate expiration dates for the PC subscription and membership would coincide for each member; automatic reminders would be sent every year; and members would send renewals directly to national headquarters instead of chapters. The PC would generate quarterly reports for each chapter, showing which members renew and which do not.

Chapters would send membership cards out and would remind those who had not renewed. Chapters would also conduct recruitment drives and thus retain personal contacts within their communities.

Board Action: The board authorized the development of a plan to revise the membership renewal system, subject to approval of the final budget; requested the ways and means committee to review bylaw amendments necessitated by such changes; and asked staff to determine the availability of VISA® and Mastercard® for dues payments.

Marshall Sumida of San Francisco reported that MIS veterans, particularly those in the Japan Chapter, are concerned about JACL's objections to the airing of "Sanga Moyu" in the U.S. Generally, the feeling among these veterans, Sumida said, was that the truth about the individual who actually committed suicide is worse than Yamasaki portrayed in "Futatsu no Sokoku," the novel on which the television drama is based, and that JACL should let well enough alone. Moreover, he said, Yamasaki's novel should be considered fiction, not a scholarly work. Arguments about historical or cultural validity therefore do not apply, he concluded.

Board members were also informed that JACL is receiving much of the blame—or credit—for the postponement of "Sanga Moyu" in the U.S.

While not issuing an official statement, board members felt that JACL should make it clear that their concern regarding "Sanga Moyu" centers around the possibility of its being adapted for an American network (ABC, NBC, or CBS). Its being shown on cable or Japanese-language stations is much less distressing. The board believes that the Nikkei community, familiar with its own history, can assess the accuracy

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Ikejiri to leave JACL post; successor sought for work on nation's Capitol Hill

SAN FRANCISCO — Floyd Shimomura, National JACL president, announced to the national board on Feb. 24 that Ronald K. Ikejiri, the organization's representative in Washington, D.C., has decided to leave JACL on Sept. 30, the end of his current contract.

Ikejiri told the board that his six-year relationship with JACL had offered "a great deal of gratification and a great deal of challenge" and said that he would work with his successor to ensure a smooth transition in the Washington office.

Search Begins

Acting on a recommendation from the district governors' caucus, the national board resolved on Feb. 25 that:

1. The new Washington representative be hired as an employee of JACL, not as an independent contractor;
2. The position be advertised as soon as possible;
3. A search committee be formed to assist the national director in identifying qualified candidates;
4. The national director recommend a candidate for ratification by the national board at its May 25-27 meeting; and
5. The responsibilities of the Washington office be transferred within 60 days of the candidate's ratification by the board.

Board members were urged to actively seek potential candidates for the Washington office.

Under the newly developed structure for the redress program, the Washington representative works under the direct supervision of redress director John Tateishi.

Frank Iwama, national JACL legal counsel, was requested by the board to explore the possibility of representation in Washington by a legal firm, should such an arrangement be needed in the interim. #



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NEW YORK—Random House publishers, confident that Americans will want to read first-hand accounts from Nikkei victims of the WW2 internment, has ordered 21,500 copies of John Tateishi's "And Justice For All."

Tateishi, national director of JACL's redress program, spent 2½ years conducting interviews and writing the 288-page book, due for release in May. He assembled 25 interviews, the publisher's release reads, in a "poignant, woeful, bitter, and inspiring oral history."

Sac'to JACL travel plans for '84 set

SACRAMENTO, Ca.— Continuing a travel program that has attracted Northern and Central California JACLers for several seasons, the Sacramento JACL has scheduled three this year: (1) a superior-rated summer tour of Europe June 15-July 8 escorted by Tom Okubo; (2) Japan for "first-timers" Oct. 4-26 with Frank Oshita; and (3) the Caribbean cruise from Miami Nov. 10-18, escorted by Harry Inouye.

Arrangements are being handled by Miyamoto Travel, 2401 - 15th St., Sacramento; (916) 441-1020. #

Tri-chapter JACL installation held

EL SEGUNDO, Ca.— About 150 persons enjoyed entertainment and dancing provided by the Venice-Culver, Marina and Torrance Chapters at their combined installation dinner held Jan. 28 at the Hacienda Hotel.

Torrance Chapter presented The Hockettes, a tap-dancing group from Lomita. Marina members donned costumes and lip-synced to records by Michael Jackson, Sha Na Na, and the Andrews Sisters. And psychic consultants Barbara Connors and the Rev. Noreen Leach told fortunes.

Marina Chapter presented Ed Goka with an inscribed clock for his two years' service as president, and Akimi Kodama with a decorative plate for extraordinary volunteer effort on behalf of the chapter. Fred Fujioka was master of ceremonies.

TORRANCE JACL

George Nakano, pres; David Ueykawa, 1st vp; Toshi Dojiri, 2d vp; Jay Chuman, 3d vp; Lori Shitakubo, rec sec/hist; Katherine Tsubokawa, cor sec; Sophie, Kuto, treas/memb/1000 Club; Chris Kiyomura, schol.

VENICE-CULVER JACL

Akemi Wood, pres; Greg Wood, 1st vp; Richard Saiki, 2d vp; Jane Yamashita, sec; Hitoshi Shimizu, treas; Frances Kitagawa, ins; Tak Shishino, 1000 Club; Fred Hoshiyama, del.

MARINA JACL

Sam Sunada; Shirley Chami, 1st vp; Edward Goka, 2d vp; Susan Kamiya, Barbara Yamashita, rec secs; Dorothy Shimizu, cor sec; Loreen Okayama, treas; George Kodama, memb; Michiko Machida, redress; Sam Miyashiro, 1000 Club; Elma Nishi, ins; Naomi Ogami, hist.

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Redress Income

National JACL Headquarters has purchased 7,000 copies of "And Justice For All." To encourage distribution JACL will give a complimentary copy of the \$18.95 book for each donation of \$25 or more to the redress campaign. All donations to JACL are tax deductible.

Headquarters will also give a 30% discount to chapters on each case of books (20 copies) ordered before publication. Chapter discounts on case orders will be 25% after publication.

Chapters will then be able to sell the book to raise funds for local activities or to fulfill their redress pledges.

Sales from "And Justice For All" could generate as much as \$80,000 in income, estimated JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi. #

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and artistry of "Sanga Moyu." The general American public lacks this ability.

Some members also expressed concern that "Sanga Moyu's" theme of divided loyalties may well harm national redress efforts. And finally, members stated that JACL will continue to exercise its freedom of expression.

Other Actions

Dispatching a number of other matters, the board:

—authorized the spending of up to \$1,500 by the women's concerns committee for 1984. Of that amount, \$1,000 will buy 200 kits to be distributed to chapters, district leadership and staff. Irene Hirano, committee chair, said the kits will contain "resources, bibliographies, reprints, and instructions on how to develop local programs."

—approved a request from Gene Takamine, ways and means chair, to spend up to \$2,000 for certificates, pins and other forms of recognition for contributors to the Mike Masaoka Fund. The money spent is to be returned to the fund from its generated interest.

—authorized expenditures of up to \$500 by the ethnic concerns committee for operating expenses.

—authorized Ben Takeshita, vice president for general operations, and the finance committee members to allocate funds for convention workshops.

—endorsed HR 3105, which establishes an Office of Ethnic Affairs within the Federal Communications Commission (see Jan. 27 PC).

—reaffirmed support for Betty Waki, Houston teacher categorized as "white" under the Singleton ratio.

—ratified the appointment of Joanne Kumamoto as national membership development chair. Kumamoto, an independent

planning consultant, works with the Los Angeles mayor's office and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center. Her husband, Alan, is former JACL youth director.

—increased the proxy fee for chapters not attending the national convention from \$10 to \$25.

—deleted the requirement that a nominee for the Japanese American of the Biennium be a U.S. resident.

—endorsed a proposal from Ed Yamamoto of Columbia Basin (Wash.) Chapter to plan a 1000 Club trip to Japan following the convention, provided that all travel arrangements are made through Gelco.

—endorsed the national singles convention hosted by the Greater Los Angeles JACL Singles Chapter, May 26-28.

—approved recognizing Masayo Duus for her works on Japanese Americans.

—endorsed the Japanese American Travel Club of Los Angeles.

—took no action with regard to a request from the United Hellenic American Congress to condemn the formation of the "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus."

—endorsed Mile-Hi Chapter's testimonial dinner for Minoru Yasui.

—voted to present a certificate of appreciation to Tyler Tanaka for his granting JACL the use of computer facilities.

—heard reports from the regional directors and met Tim Otani, newly hired director of the Pacific Northwest.

All members of the national board were present:

President Floyd Shimomura; vice presidents Ben Takeshita, Charles Kubokawa, Miki Himeno, Rose Ochi; secretary/treasurer Frank Sato; legal counsel Frank Iwama; youth chair Alysa Watanabe; youth representative Paul Nakasone; PC board chair Hank Sakai; governors Yosh Nakashima (caucus chair), Mike Suzuki, George Sakaguchi, Hid Hasegawa, Denny Yasuhara, Maude Ishida, Harry Kajihara, Ron Shibata.

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PORTRAYED BY YAMASAKI

Moral Strength of MIS Nisei

By JOHN F. AISO
Los Angeles

The dialogue reported in the Jan. 20 edition of the Pacific Citizen states that it is "a summary of the English translation of a three-hour dialogue between Mrs. Masayo Duus and Mrs. Toyoko Yamasaki which appeared in the January 1984 issue of Bungei Shunju."

Without access to the complete text of the English translation referred to one cannot appraise either the quality of the translation or the workmanship of the encapsulation. But juxtaposing the summary against the Bungei Shunju text, it appears that certain portions of the observations and interpretations presented by both, or either, Mrs. Duus or Mrs. Yamasaki which are indispensable to a fair presentation of the dialogue to an unbiased reader were omitted or inaccurately reported.

Mrs. Yamasaki explains it was NHK, not she, which considered the title "Futatsu no Sokoku" gloomy and harsh, and that it preferred "Sanga Moyu" as lending itself to more affable acceptance by the Japanese.

She explicates that the expression "Futatsu no Sokoku" is used in the sense of Japan being the fatherland from whence one's ancestors came and of America being the motherland in which one is born and raised (Such a dual meaning may be found in Kenkyusha's New Japanese-English Dictionary, 4th edition, 1974. It defines "Sokoku" as (1) one's homeland [fatherland, motherland], (2) one's mother [native] land, and (3) the land of one's ancestors. It does not limit itself solely to "fatherland.")

What Was Omitted

Omitted also is Mrs. Duus' discerning observation that the Sansei are of the generation of the 1960 Civil Rights Movement. Hence, "they differ from the Nisei in the manner in which they express themselves." This suggests to one who has studied a foreign language a difference in thinking.

She queries rhetorically, since "Futatsu no Sokoku" translates as "two country," isn't it natural that JACL objects and persists in being a stickler against the expression.

Mrs. Yamasaki observes, "I would like the people to appreciate that as a stern factual reality of life 'Futatsu no Sokoku' was a milestone in arriving at the concept of one's single motherland ('Hitotsu no Sokoku'). I wish the Sansei who espouse the expression 'one fatherland' to appreciate this [fact]."

Yamasaki's Purpose

Her purpose in writing her novel (a work of fiction although set against historical occurrences and episodes experienced by Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II) is set forth in Bungei Shunju:

"[O]f the 442nd which fought so brilliantly on the European front much has been written and even cinematized, but practically nothing has been said of the MIS soldier of Japanese ancestry in the Pacific Theatre of Operations....dubbed to be MacArthur's ears, they were the ones who obtained the intelligence against Japanese forces. Like the atomic bomb they were an American secret weapon. It has been estimated that due to their exploits the Pacific War ended two years earlier than anticipated and the lives of 1,000,000 American soldiers saved. It has been said that there was secret understanding between Truman and MacArthur that the public announcement of the MIS accomplishments would not be made public until the appropriate time. However, both of these persons died and the pertinent documents only gathered dust and were not declassified until the latter part of 1970. Confidentiality of intelligence being scrupulously observed in America, the MIS soldiers themselves preserved their silence in keeping with governmental orders. By portraying the existence of these MIS soldiers, I hoped to depict the mental and spiritual anguish experienced by persons caught between 'Futatsu no Sokoku' and to the well-springs to which the human spirit turns for strength."

(Further comment on this facet is deferred until later while we dispose of other matters.)

The section heading "The Underpart of America" could be more happily translated "The Ignoble (or Shameful) Part of America" which conforms to more normal use of the Japanese word, "Chibu," which is more descriptive of the text which follows.

No Reference to 'FDR'

As to the naming of Imperial Valley, Mrs. Yamasaki may be in error in her attribution thereof to a Roosevelt. However, nowhere does "Franklin Roosevelt" appear in the Bungei Shunju text. True, the Japanese adjective "kokatsu" may be translated "sneaky" in common context, but in relation to high-level diplomacy or politics "shrewd" might be preferable. To say that Theodore Roosevelt was a shrewd President might even be complimentary rather than disparaging.

Noting the volunteering for (MIS) military service raised the possibility of brother meeting a brother and compelled to attack him as an enemy, Mrs. Yamasaki says that just thinking of the spectral possibility stills one's speech! Mrs. Duus agrees, "That is certainly true. I also heard from Japanese American soldiers assigned to the European front of brothers fighting brother because they were respective members of American and Japanese armies fighting each other."

After Mrs. Yamasaki comments that Japanese people must think of and appreciate the Japanese Americans more, she adds, "If it were not for the presence of MIS soldiers the post-war occupation of Japan would not have been carried out so smoothly."

Returning to the overall question of "Futatsu no Sokoku," Mrs. Yamasaki does bring out in her novel that to the younger Americans of Japanese descent there was only one "Sokoku." She skillfully tells of Isamu, the teen-ager and youngest of the Amoh brothers, who volunteers for the 442nd in face of his father's disapproval and gets killed in the rescue of the remnants of the Texan Battalion.

The Bilingual Nisei GI

Of more pertinence to the eldest brother, Kenji, who is the hero of Mrs. Yamasaki's story, Mrs. Duus notes that in 1942 Nisei who possessed a working knowledge of Nihongo and a knowledge of Japan, its people, customs, traditions and culture constituted only a minority of the Nisei. Minority, Yes! But it cannot be denied that they did exist in fact and that they waged war in the Pacific area against Japan as American soldiers.

They were the more elderly Nisei. They surely did experience "Futatsu no Sokoku" as a milestone on the way to one "Sokoku." They at birth were automatically both citizens of the United States and subjects of Japan. They were American citizens by virtue of birth in the United States (jus soli) and simultaneously subjects of Japan because of procreation by a Japanese national father (jus sanguinis). The Japanese law enabling expatriation from Japanese nationality ("Kokuseki Ridatsu Ho") was not promulgated until these senior Nisei were already teenagers or older. Absent affirmative acts of expatriation either by choice or negligence, their dual nationality continued. Consequently, they were subject to Japanese military service if drafted within Japanese territorial jurisdiction.

The second Amoh brother, Tadashi, probably fell into this category. This situation was not a phenomenon peculiar to Japan and the Nisei. A similar situation was experienced by a substantial number of Americans of Italian, German, or other continental European descent during World War I.

The MIS Formula

The Nisei most qualified for performing MIS functions were naturally the "kibei" most fluent in the Japanese language (including regional dialects "hogen") and most thoroughly versed in Japanese geography, customs, psychology and military terms and training. If they were not fluent in English they were teamed up with Nisei who were

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As of Feb. 1, the following chapters lead in the percentage and numerical categories:

GROUP 1 (25-100)	GROUP 2 (101-250)
%—Olympia (172%)	%—Carson (96%)
#—Honolulu (+46)	#—no chpt over 100%
GROUP 3 (over 251)	
%—Watsonville (110%)	
#—Watsonville (+34)	

The contest membership count as of Feb. 23, 1984, for all chapters and districts is as follows:

PNWDC	July '83	Feb. '84	CCDC	July '83	Feb. '84
Columbia Basin	32	6	Clovis	132	8
Gresham Troutdale	134	124	Delano	47	9
Lake Washington	46	8	Fowler	123	3
Mid-Columbia	101	4	Fresno	450	88
Olympia	25	43	Parlier	135	63
Portland	185	99	Reedley	176	5
Puyallup Valley	204	139	Sanger	209	1
Seattle	445	167	Selma	136	3
Spokane	138	100	Tulare County	255	253
White River Valley	65	1	Total	1,663	434
Total	1352	691			
PSWDC	July '83	Feb. '84	EDC	July '83	Feb. '84
Arizona	324	148	New England	25	37
Carson	116	111	New York	73	56
Coachella Valley	105	97	Philadelphia	163	59
Downtown L.A.	218	207	Seabrook	183	
East L.A.	685	412	Washington D.C.	329	55
Gardena Valley	841	191	Total	857	207
Greater LA Singles	210	53	MP DC	July '83	Feb. '84
Greater Pasadena	35	1	Arkansas Valley	60	56
Hollywood	232	11	Fort Lupton	90	78
Imperial Valley	43	9	Houston	31	10
Las Vegas	41	30	Mile Hi	98	30
Latin America	25	14	New Mexico	62	40
Marina	145	79	Omaha	107	19
N. San Diego	61	2	Total	453	233
Orange County	562	45	MDC	July '83	Feb. '84
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Pan Asian	126	102	Cincinnati	80	32
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San Luis Obispo	77	27	Twin Cities	163	23
Santa Barbara	131	59	Total	1,686	816
Santa Maria	25	7	Feb '84 TOTAL	Feb '84	Feb '84
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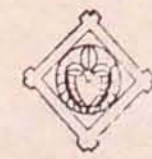
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Sequoia Chapter honors wartime friends

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Ca.—White Peninsulans who endured harassment and vilification for helping Japanese Americans during their WW2 expulsion, internment and resettlement were hailed by the Sequoia Chapter at its 32nd annual installation banquet on Jan. 29.

The 16 honorees aided hundreds of Japanese Americans from Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. Albert Nakai of Atherton, newly re-elected chapter president, praised them for making "difficult sacrifices for Japanese Americans victimized by a terrible injustice."

Presented with certificates of appreciation were:

Frank Duveneck, Los Altos; Gerda Isenberg Woodside; Elizabeth and Joe Goodman, Los Altos; Ray Meyer, Mountain View; Don Kauffman, Redwood City; Grace Minton Bruhofer, Mountain View; Marjorie Minton, Mountain View; Paul Myers, Los Altos; and Barbara Barett Locke, Los Altos Hills.

Cited posthumously were:
Mr. Josephine Duveneck; Frank and Anita Bar-

rett, Palo Alto; James Edmiston, Palo Alto; Earl Minton; Doretha Kauffman; and Navy Cmdr. Arnold True, Portola Valley.

Isenberg, 82, who joined several Quaker-led groups in visiting the internment camps and giving aid to the detainees, cited "the great discipline of the Japanese Americans in not fighting the internment at the time. If you had fought, we never would have been allowed to make contact with you."

Don Tamaki and Lori Bannai, guests speakers at the event, said "great courage" was shown by the many whites who braved public censure to help the internees, by those who volunteered for military service from behind barbed wire, and by Gordon Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu and Minoru Yasui, who fought the government's internment order.


Tamaki and Bannai are members of the legal team whose petition to vacate Korematsu's conviction and to find government misconduct in his Supreme Court hearing was granted last November by federal judge Marilyn Hall Patel.

Even after the superhuman sacrifices made by the 100th and the 442nd, there still remained certain militant anti-Japanese Americans who calumniated the Nisei by smugly charging, "Sure, the American Japs will fight in Europe, but you can't get them to fight in the Pacific against Japan." The MIS Nisei demonstrated these charges to be completely groundless.

Important to bear in mind also that in many quarters in Japan the image of the Japanese American Occupation personnel is that of the brash gum-chewing drivers of dust-raising jeeps, facetiously throwing candy bars to barefooted kids, black-marketing with their cigarettes, and exploiting young Japanese girls driven to the sacrifice of themselves to somehow obtain food, medicines, or other essentials to sustain their starving parents and younger siblings. One of Mrs. Yamasaki's aims was to antidote that conception by bringing attention to the Japanese that there were serious-minded, educated, and highly motivated Nisei who performed high-level occupation duties despite the fact that it was not easy at times to reconcile their duty to America with their sentimental ties to the Japanese people. To their credit, the MIS Nisei proved that in the final analysis they were not deterred by blood or sentimental ties in fighting for their country against the land of their ancestors, which Mrs. Duus adds, "is the American way."

If those who did not serve in the MIS during World War II or who have not read "Futatsu no Sokoku" in Japanese choose to attack "Futatsu no Sokoku" as being detrimental to the image of Japanese Americans, so be it. To criticize is their right and privilege; but is it unreasonable that we who personally experienced one or another of the episodes so masterfully narrated by Mrs. Yamasaki ask that the attack on "Futatsu no Sokoku" be done intelligently (knowing all of the facts) and with objective fairness, which is truly the American way?

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LITTLE TOKYO LIFE (No. 8):

'100 Years in Pictures'

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Imagine—access to over 65,000 pictures—26,000 from the Visual Communications archives; 18,500 in the Toyo Miyatake Studio collection of the postwar era; and an additional 21,300 from nearly 100 private collections—to be used for a pictorial history: "Little Tokyo: 100 Years in Pictures."

That's the bounty that faced the staff from Visual Communications and Asian American Studies Central, Inc., which accepted the commission from the Little Tokyo Centennial Committee in early 1983 to have a "souvenir booklet" ready by January 1984, when the Centennial would begin. Thanks to a host of people in the community who answered a plea for material, Ichiro Mike Murase as the writer and Michael Nakayama as designer/art director have produced a 168-page softcover book (5 3/4 x 10 3/4") with nearly 200 pictures, each one properly captioned and thus enhancing the value of the pictorial history.

The opening lines of the preface say it succinctly: "This book of photographs is a medley of images, a montage of experiences, and a mirror of Little Tokyo's past. But mostly, it is meant as a monument to the people—past and present—for whom Little Tokyo has been 'home' for one hundred years." Then follow the credits and 20 pages of text, which capsule the Japanese American story in Los Angeles through six periods: Sojourners—1885-1906, Planting Roots—1907-1924, The



Huntington Library Archives

An 1894 View of First St.—The earliest known photograph of the future Little Tokyo district, as featured in "Little Tokyo: 100 Years in Pictures."

Heydays—1925-1941, Barbed Wire and Bronzeville—1942-1945, Home Again—1946-1962, and Changes—1963-1984.

Happily for the readers, the emphasis focuses on the first three periods—for these are the pictures which were hard to come by, let alone identify. The front cover, for instance, is 1919 vintage of the Kataoka Family (who ran the jewelry store on First and San Pedro—that building still stands) sitting on the front porch steps. A rare 1894 photo (see inset) from the Huntington Library shows an eastward view of First St. from top of Bunkerhill, where the Music Center is today. Back then, Bunkerhill was much higher. I recall the hill being sliced away to open up more land for the Music Center in the '50s. The big square building in the middle right is Natick Hotel on the corner of First and Main. There was a novelty and stamp store in this building near the corner where many a young Nisei in the '20s and '30s had frequented and started their stamp collection. Where First St. seems to end is Alameda. As Angelinos know well, First St. there makes about a 30-degree turn north-easterly and continues. Beyond Alameda are tall trees, probably remnants of the orchards and groves that spread toward the Los Angeles River. The low hills clearly visible in the background are Boyle Heights.

I suppose looking at old photos of the Little Tokyo area like this and determining where the changes occurred and what remains adds to the warm glow a centennial should generate. But if you don't know the territory, the connection we are attempting to make can fizzle out cold.

This book is obtainable from Little Tokyo Business Assn., 244 S. San Pedro St., #501, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (\$23 postpaid).

FEEDBACK—Our Sacramento legislative contact Phil Jordan, who served "Buta Dofu" for the Kashu Mainichi and Hokubei Mainichi English sections under the pen-name "Joe Dahn" (actually the romaji rendition of Jordan) about a decade ago, has reminded us many of the pictures in the Mason-McKinstry book, "The Japanese of Los Angeles 1869-1920," (PC, Jan. 24) come from the Akita Family collection—Hana, Yone and Minoru. (Which ones are not specified by Mason, however.) For instance, two pictures (circa 1907) show five women—first in kimono and then in Western dress.

These same photos without individual identifications also comprise page 95 in Hosokawa's "Nisei: The Quiet Americans." So here they are (from left) of the women in kimono: Mrs. Kuratani, Mrs. Kawano, Mrs. Takagi, Mrs. Yamashita, Mrs. Akita. Takagi's husband was a dentist, while Akita was the wife of the bamboo merchant who came to Los Angeles in 1887, opened a restaurant at 304 E. 1st St. by 1890 (the only Japanese business in the area at the time, says Mason) and then a bamboo factory some five years later at 504 S. Broadway.

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