

## Protests put 'Sanga Moyu' on shelf

LOS ANGELES — Protests from the Japanese American community have persuaded Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NHK) to postpone the American showing of "Sanga Moyu," the corporation's major year-long series about the Kibei and Nisei during WW2.

Officials from NHK and United Television Broadcasting, distributors of the program, made a joint announcement at a press conference called March 19 in Little Tokyo.

Yoshimichi Otsuka, president of UTB-Japan, emphasized that "Sanga Moyu" has been postponed, not cancelled. No date for its future broadcast has been scheduled, however.

NHK received about 100 written complaints about the program from Japanese Americans, most charging that the book on which the series is based, *Futatsu no*

*Sokoku*, casts serious doubt on the loyalty of the Kibei and Nisei during the war.

Producers of the series have stressed that "Sanga Moyu"—episodes of which are still being filmed—differs significantly from the novel.

### JACL Position

Media reports of the controversy, including a March 26 article in *Newsweek*, have assigned to JACL much of the responsibility for "Sanga Moyu's" postponement.

National JACL director Ron Wakabayashi, who met with series producer Susumu Kondo on March 9, reported that Kondo had recommended to NHK that the whole of "Sanga Moyu" be shown in Japan first. Then, officials could evaluate it from an American perspective.

Wakabayashi said that he had written NHK at the beginning of the year, stating that JACL had no formal position, but that members of the organization were con-

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**ADVOCATES**—Sandra Gin Yep of Sacramento (left), award-winning television newscaster, and Gen. Dewey K. Lowe, McClellan Air Force Base commander, attend a banquet during the state conference of Asian Pacific American Advocates of California, held March 10 at Woodlake Inn in Sacramento. Yep and Lowe were among the conference speakers.

## News in Brief

### Teacher claims he killed Chinese woman because of 'fear of Asians'

NEW YORK—John Cardinale, 39-year-old public school teacher, pushed a young Chinese woman into an on-rushing subway train because "he has a psychotic phobia about Orientals," said his attorney. Martin Geduldig told reporters that his client experienced "certain problems" while he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand from 1972 to 1974.

Ly Yung Cheung, 19, was waiting for a subway train in Chinatown after her day's work at a garment factory. She had been in the country about 4 months with her husband of 10 months.

Cardinale's school district was initiating disciplinary proceedings that could have resulted in his dismissal. Witnesses said Cardinale was swearing at the board of education before pushing Cheung and shouted "We're even!" as she fell to her death.

### L.A. employees should file yearly

LOS ANGELES—Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reminded former Japanese American employees of Los Angeles County government who qualify for compensation because they were discharged at the outbreak of WW2 that they need to re-apply each year.

Under Hahn's leadership, Los Angeles County was the first in the nation to undertake a compensation program for former Nisei employees. "To be sure," Hahn said, "the \$1,250 [per year] is hardly enough to compensate those who were victimized for the financial and emotional cost of this experience. But it is an important symbol to all Americans."

Questions about the program may be directed to the county's personnel office, 974-2613.

### Asian delegates for Jackson chosen

LOS ANGELES—Several Asian Americans were elected March 11 as candidates for placement on the June California primary ballot as delegates for Jesse Jackson. Results from the advisory caucuses, held in all 45 congressional districts, will guide the Jackson campaign in selecting his delegates.

Among the candidates selected in Los Angeles were Sue Embrey, Irene Hirano, Bruce Iwasaki, Bert Nakano, and Craig Wong. San Francisco Bay Area candidates include Julie Hatta, Patty Hirota, Victor Hsi, Ying Lee Kelley, Donna Kotake, Cynthia Ong, Michael Pon, and Mabel Teng.

### Mineta's House leadership noted

WASHINGTON—A *Wall Street Journal* study on statecraft in the House of Representatives, in comparing the two huge Democratic blocs from New York and California, noted last week (Mar. 23) that Rep. Norman Mineta "retains a foothold in the leadership, and he may make a bid for the chairmanship of the House Democratic Caucus."

California's 45 members have influence because they generally work together—a legacy of the late Phillip Burton of San Francisco. Rep. Robert Matsui told the *Journal* that he remembers Burton as the "conscience"—and whip—of the Democratic delegation.

## Holocaust panel criticizes American Jewish leadership

NEW YORK—American Jewish organizations could have saved "tens of thousands" of European Jews from the Nazi extermination camps if they had taken more aggressive measures, said a private American commission.

American Jews failed to do more because they were hampered by internal struggles, were fearful of antagonizing President Franklin Roosevelt and of stirring up anti-Semitic backlash, were unwilling to pay bribes or use other illegal

means to rescue victims of the Holocaust, and believed that U.S. and British governments would exert themselves to help save Jews.

Those conclusions, to be issued in a 300-page report due April 11, are the result of more than two years' study by the American Jewish Commission on the Holocaust. Chaired by former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, it comprises 34 prominent Jewish Americans aided by 14 scholars.

In an interview with *Los Angeles Times* reporter Bob Drogin, Goldberg noted, however, that the American Jewish organizations in the 1930s and 1940s were relatively small and had little political clout or money. He blamed President Roosevelt and other leaders for imposing immigration policies that blocked the admission of European Jews and for refusing to aid Holocaust victims until 1944.

(It has been widely reported that John McCloy, then-assistant secretary of war, was the person who advised Roosevelt to reject the pleas of American Jewish leaders to bomb the gas chambers at Auschwitz and rail lines leading to death camps.)

### Quiet Diplomacy 'Led Nowhere'

The author of the report, Prof. Seymour Maxwell Finger of the Graduate School of City Univ. of New York, said that "upper-class" American Jewish leaders felt they had to use quiet, behind-the-scenes diplomacy to rescue the European Jews. This prodding "was in essence leading nowhere," Finger stated. "They might have saved tens of thousands more if they'd been less cautious, more willing to use extra-legal means."

But paying bribes to Nazis or sending food would have violated trading-with-the-enemy laws. "By and large, they saw themselves as patriotic Americans, completely devoted to President Roosevelt, and they would not do anything to break a law or interfere with the war effort," Finger said.

### Report Attacked from 2 Sides

Jewish leaders have already assailed the commission's report. Will Maslow, general counsel of the American Jewish Congress and its former executive director, said the question of paying bribes was "nonsense," given the magnitude of the

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## Yasui files notice of appeal

PORTLAND, Ore.—Peggy Nagae, attorney for Minoru Yasui, filed on Mar. 2 a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco in the case of *Minoru Yasui vs. United States of America*.

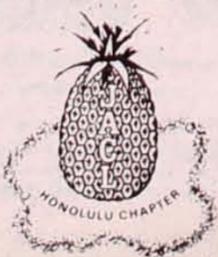
Yasui is appealing the Jan. 26 decision of U.S. District Court Judge Robert Belloni, which granted the government's motion to dismiss Yasui's petition for a writ of error coram nobis. The petition charges that there was no military necessity for the curfew, exclusion, and internment of Japanese Americans during WW2, and that the government knew this but suppressed and destroyed evidence to obtain convictions in the three Supreme Court cases of *Yasui*, *Hirabayashi*, and *Korematsu*.

Belloni did vacate Yasui's 1942 conviction for violating military curfew orders in Portland, and further dismissed the indictment under which he was charged. Attorneys for Yasui and the Justice Dept. had both requested these actions from the court. The government, however, also moved to dismiss Yasui's petition.

Belloni ruled in favor of the government, stating, "There is no case or controversy since both sides are asking for the same relief for different reasons. The Petitioner [Yasui] would have the court engage in fact-finding which would have no legal consequences. Courts should not engage in that kind of activity."

Yasui, on the other hand, believes that the government's failure to answer the petition's allegations is tantamount to an

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# People

## Kagawa project hires director

SALINAS, Calif. — The Rev. Dr. Andrew E. Newcomer Jr. of Walnut Creek has been named administrator of the American Committee for the Kagawa Centennial Project, announced by ACKCP president Umeko Momii. The project was founded to reacquaint Americans with the life and



Dr. Andrew Newcomer Jr.

teachings of Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa preparatory to celebrating 1988 as the 100th anniversary of his birth.

A dynamic Christian pastor and reformer, Kagawa spent the best years of his life in the Kobe slums working to improve the living conditions of the dispossessed. He organized co-ops for farmers and consumers to give them control of their livelihood in what he termed "brotherhood economics."

His influence was worldwide. During his many trips

to the United States, Kagawa inspired the founding of the Iesukai and preached in many Japanese American churches and at youth conferences. As a peace advocate Kagawa suffered persecution and imprisonment in Japan during World War II, but emerged from the war to revive the suppressed Japanese Christian movement and to advise the MacArthur occupation on social policies. He died in 1960.

Administrator Newcomer will develop seminars and workshops focused on the writings and activities of Kagawa and arrange for the translation of essential portions of his voluminous publications as well as a biography. Funds will be sought for these projects and for the support of the Kagawa Archives and Resource Center built in Tokyo in 1982.

Dr. Newcomer comes from an active ministry in the Presbyterian Church and has held posts in its national office and the Louisville seminary. He recently served as interim pastor in Maui, Hawaii.

The Northern California Japanese Christian Church Federation in its January meeting in Stockton passed a resolution submitted by the Rev. Frank Omi to support the ACKCP and is appointing a liaison committee to assist the project. A dinner for Bay Area supporters of the program is planned for May 5 at the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley. #

## Nisei farmers re-elect Kubo

FRESNO, Calif. — About 1,500 members and friends of the Nisei Farmers League attended its 13th annual banquet Feb. 10 at the Hacienda Inn. Harry Kubo begins his 14th year as the league's president.

Guest speaker was Robert Billings, director of the White House Liaison Office, U.S. Dept. of Education, who emphasized the need for discipline in the classroom.

Kubo, reporting on his recent term, said the NFL "is in the black."

Farms of NFL members, he said, are on the average about 75 to 80 acres large.

"These are family farms, and the family farm is certainly the backbone of this nation. It's our home and we hope to have our group stay on the farms."

"Through blood and sweat they have this land," he continued. "For many of us, there were three to four years in the relocation center. We came back and had a goal and only in this country could we come back and own a piece of land."

"I think we've laid the foundation. Let's make it grow for our children and our children's children," he concluded. #

## Sansei says he wasn't impressed with Washington's politicians

WASHINGTON—Three Washington state teenagers got VIP treatment from official Washington during their Jan. 30-Feb. 3 visit. Two were impressed. One, 18-year-old Sansei scholar Michael Ishii from Seattle, was not.

Ishii, who had been considering a political career but now has changed his mind, said: "It's a shock to me. I knew it was big, but I wasn't ready for this." Politicians, Ishii felt, "are all real good at evading, I don't want to call it a game, but I guess it is."

He and two others were Hearst Foundation recipients of \$2,000 scholarships and a free trip to the nation's capital. The trip persuaded Ishii to become active in minority affairs such as getting reparations for Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II, and to educate himself about the arms race, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer quoted him on Feb. 3.

Ishii, senior class president at Tyee High School said among the most impressive things to him were the other students in the program.

"I'm sure out of this group there will be senators and maybe even a president," he said. #

## Issei founder of Maui potato chip company dies at 56

KAHULUI, Hawaii — Dewey Kobayashi, potato chip king of Maui, died at his home Mar. 13 at the age of 56.

Kobayashi became famous throughout the United States for refusing to mass produce his popular hand-turned Kitch'n Cook'd brand chip.

The Maui chip gained attention when the *Wall Street Journal* featured it in a front page article in October 1975.

In the article, Kobayashi stated he wasn't interested in franchising his product on the mainland.

"I'd have to go there all the time," he was quoted as saying. "Who wants to leave Hawaii?"

In February 1976, *Parade* magazine reported that con-

noisseurs considered Kobayashi's chips to be "the tastiest, crunchiest, most flavorful, satisfying potato chips in the world."

Kobayashi was born in Hiroshima, Japan. His family later moved to Hawaii and was interned during WW2 in New Mexico and Montana. It was there they learned about potato chips.

When the war ended, Kobayashi helped his parents run a grocery store in Kahului before they took over a small potato chip business.

The staff consisted of Kobayashi, his wife, Sadame, and his parents. The family soaked the potatoes in a bathtub until the operation was

moved to a new plant, which eventually employed more than 30 people.

Within 10 years, the company went from a \$25,000 business to a \$250,000 enterprise, but Kobayashi still put in a 12-hour day.

"Tell people not to write in for mail orders," Kobayashi

told *Parade*. "I just can't fill them. And I don't want to disappoint people."

He is survived by his wife and his father; a son, Mark; a brother, Takayuki; two sisters, Mrs. Masashi Kimie Taniguchi and Mrs. Harry Colleen Fujikawa; and two grandchildren. #

## Wheat Ridge Center superintendent becomes agency medical chief

DENVER — Dr. Kayo Sunada, after serving as superintendent at Wheat Ridge Regional Center for 16 years, has been named medical director of the Colorado Department of Institutions.

In his new role, which became effective Feb. 2, Sunada monitors and administers to the medical needs of the 1,136 mentally retarded residents at the state's three regional centers in Grand Junction, Pueblo and Wheat Ridge.

The move was applauded by Dr. Frank Traylor, CDI director, who oversees the operations at Ridge and the

other two centers. "We need advice from the best man in the field, and he [Sunada] is the best one around," he said.

When he left Ridge, Sunada acknowledged that he experienced "the pangs of separation." Most of his remarks focused on the efforts of employees to help meet a budget shortage.

The workers, he said, had volunteered since mid-October to take leave without pay. By next June, those efforts are expected to contribute about \$70,000 towards the \$340,000 budget deficit at Ridge. Sunada was working long hours in the dual capacity of superintendent/medical director.

"I always felt I was here to serve the needs of the Colorado citizens, to work with the staff, to work with the parents and improve the conditions of our clients. If I couldn't do that, I would be the first to admit I should leave." #

### Press Row

Teresa Watanabe of the L.A. Herald Examiner received a first place award for best editorial at the Greater Los Angeles Press Club's 26th annual journalism awards banquet, held Mar. 3. Watanabe won for her writing on money and politics.

### Organizations

Shoko Katayama is the new administrator of Japanese American Assn. of New York. A native of Yokohama, Japan, Katayama came to the U.S. in 1959 to study psychology. He is currently working on his Ph.D. dissertation at Columbia Univ., entitled "The Intellectuals and Ideology: The periodization of their consciousness and involvement in social issues." He is advisory board member of the Asian American Mental Health Demonstration Project and the Japanese American Counseling Center.

### Religion

With Wilbur Choy, first Asian American bishop of the United Methodist Church, about to retire this year, at least three candidates have been suggested for 1984: Perry Saito, local pastor in Wauwatosa, Wis., and member of the UMC board of higher education and ministry; Roy I. Sano, faculty member, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Ca.; and Hae-Jong Kim, local pastor in Leonia, N.J., and member of the UMC general board elected by the Western Jurisdiction in 1980.

### deaths

Charles Leong, 72, newsman, author and civic leader, died Feb. 23 of cancer at his home in San Francisco.

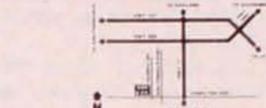
Leong is thought to be the first Asian American to edit an American college newspaper, *The Spartan Daily* of San Jose State College. In 1941 he co-founded *The Chinese Press*, California's first English-language paper for the Chinese community. In WW2 he served with the "Flying Tigers." After the war he worked as copy editor for San Francisco's *Examiner* and *Chronicle*. Recently he contributed columns to the *Hokubei Mainichi* and *Asian Week*.

Surviving are his wife, Mollie, and sons Eric and Russell Leong.

Clarence Mitchell, 73, of Baltimore, Md., long-time director of the NAACP Washington Bureau, died March 18 of an apparent heart attack. He retired in 1978 to chair the Leadership Conference of Civil Rights, a coalition of 150 groups working for civil rights. (JACL is a founding member.) #

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## Little Tokyo Service Center announces special community support campaign

LOS ANGELES — Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) held an open house on Friday, Feb. 17, to help inform the community of its services. Basic programs, such as information and referral service, the escort/interpreter program, and legal referral, have been augmented by the Nikkei stroke group, high blood-pressure education project, and Nikkei family counseling, among other programs.

Mike Murase, LTSC president, announced that the center provides services no one else is providing, and because of the lack of available funds, it is becoming more and more necessary to seek private support. Murase gave the example of the Nikkei escort project, aimed at assisting the frail elderly and disabled who are non-English speaking, which has been operating on a skeleton crew

without grant funding for the past three months. Another program facing demise is the Nikkei stroke program, which has been operating on a volunteer basis.

Grace Iino, selected by the board as fund-raising campaign chair, added that the LTSC grants do not cover such necessary items as telephone, insurance and office supplies. Also, new programs for Nikkei youth and young adults could be developed if additional funds were available. Iino stated, "LTSC board members are looking for 400 annual contributors—people who would be willing to donate \$100 or more each year to help the LTSC continue its programs. We're especially looking for new contributors, those who are not already underwriting umpteen different groups." Iino added that 79 persons have agreed to be annual supporters thus far. #



**LEAFY GREENS**—Midori Watanabe (left) and Grace Iino foliate LTSC tree. Each leaf means a pledge of \$100 or more.

## Testimony sought from former internees

SAN JOSE, Ca.—A city commission is seeking former residents of San Jose who are willing to give oral accounts of their wartime experiences.

Richard Tanaka, spokesperson for the Commission on the Internment of San Jose Japanese Americans, stated that the commission's purpose "is to construct as accurate a picture as possible of San Jose as it pertains to this period of history."

In addition to testimony from Japanese Americans, the commission is also soliciting accounts from Anglo and other community leaders who had some involvement with the internment.

**Difficult to Dismiss**  
City councilmember Jerry Estruth first suggested on April 12 of last year that the council undertake an examination of the Nikkei internment from a local perspective. The belief, said Tanaka, was that in focusing on the San Jose experience, resi-

dents would find it more difficult to dismiss the internment as a distant, clinical experience.

Estruth, joined by councilmember Susan Hammer and Mayor Tom McEnery, then formed a commission to assist in retrieving accounts of the internment experiences of San Jose residents and to make recommendations regarding redress.

Comprised of politicians, public interest lawyers, business people, and academics, the commission is collecting both written and oral records on the internment and post-war relocation.

Anyone interested in contributing to the record should contact Tanaka at (408) 295-5446 or 251-6371 or by mail at 14811 Whipple Ct., San Jose, CA 95127. #

## Runners to help Kimochi Senior Center

SAN FRANCISCO—Kimochi, Inc. has announced that it is now accepting entries to the 3rd Annual Kimochi-Cherry Blossom Run to be held on Sunday, April 22. The five-mile run is sanctioned by The Athletic Congress (TAC) and follows a TAC-RRCA certified course.

Divisions for men and women are: 18 and under, 19-29, 30-39, 40-45, 46-50, 51-55, 56-60, 61-65 and 66 and over.

Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each division. Every runner will receive the popular Kimochi-Cherry Blossom Run T-shirt, Crystal Geyser Mineral Water and race results.

The run begins at 9 a.m. and a shuttle service, provided by Municipal Railway, will be available from Japantown to the starting point from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. for 60 cents per person.

Entry fee is \$8 before April 9 and \$10 if registering on race day. All proceeds will benefit the Kimochi Senior Center.

To register, mail check payable to Kimochi, Inc. to Kimochi-Cherry Blossom

Run, 1581 Webster Street #10, San Francisco 94115. Include name, address, phone number, age as of race day with date of birth, sex, T-shirt size, and if planning to use the shuttle service. Also included must be a self-addressed, stamped envelope (4"x10") with each entry. Envelopes must be included with each registration as race number, tags and instructions will be mailed to entrants.

For more information and/or entry forms, contact Kimochi at (415) 931-2294 or (415) 563-5626.

## Senior internship in Congress open

WASHINGTON — Congressional internships for active older Americans are available each spring (May 7-11 this year), according to Betty Kozasa of Los Angeles who attended in 1981. Those interested should contact their senator or member of Congress immediately about opportunities, degree of assistance and support.

Interns gain insight into the legislative process at the federal level, see the nation's

capital first-hand, meet with legislators who serve on committees dealing with elderly issues and meet with agencies which administer the Older American Volunteer programs, such as FGP, SCP and RSVP.

Kozasa, who assisted at Sen. Cranston's office, was present at the time when the Older Americans Act was renewed and changes in social security were being discussed.

## Community affairs

DETROIT—American Citizens for Justice hosts a rededication dinner at Sheraton Southfield Hotel, Saturday, March 31, at 6 p.m. Kaz Mayeda, president of Detroit JAACL, is master of ceremonies. Honorary co-chairs are city councilmember Maryann Mahaffy and Horace Sheffield of the Detroit Assn. of Black Organizations. For information, call Min Togasaki, 851-3614 or Grace Yu, 646-5904.

SEATTLE—Northwest Network for a Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific holds a conference at University Unitarian Church, 6566 35th Ave. NE, Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. That evening the award-winning documentary "Strategic Trust" shows. For registration, call 632-0500.

## Educational concerns

MONTEBELLO, Calif. — Applications for the Rev. Joseph K. Fukushima memorial scholarship are now being accepted by the Montebello Plymouth Congregational Church. Up to \$500 is awarded to third- or fourth-year college students or graduates pursuing studies that develop skills to further Christian living and to provide community service. Applications must be received by May 31. For forms and information, contact the Board of Trustees, Montebello Plymouth Congregational Church, 144 S. Greenwood Ave., Montebello, Calif. 90640, (213) 721-5568. #

## Cultural events

NEW YORK—"Pacific Overtures," revives at the York Theatre, 2 East 90 St., through April 13. Evening performances are at 8 p.m., weekend matinees at 3 p.m. Cast includes Gerri Igarashi and Ron Yamamoto. For reservations, call 534-5366.

SAN FRANCISCO—Kei Takei, leading choreographer and creator of the epic dance cycle "Light," brings her Moving Earth Co. to Herbst Theatre on Friday and Saturday, March 30-31, at 8 p.m. For information, call 775-5967.

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — June Watanabe Dance Co. opens its spring season with two concerts at Marin County Showcase Theatre, Friday and Saturday, March 30-31, 8 p.m. Featured are premieres of "E.O. 9066," funded by the Calif. Arts Council, and "Sonata for Six," set to "Sonata for Violin and Cello" by Maurice Ravel. Tickets may be charged by phone at (415) 472-3500. For further information, call 924-0187. #

ANAHEIM, Ca.—Cultural arts, traditional music and stage performances will be enjoyed at Disneyland during the park's 8th annual Festival Japan, March 31 and April 1. Hours are 9 a.m. to midnight on Saturday and to 9 p.m. on Sunday. A parade begins 5 p.m. on both days, followed by fireworks at 8 p.m.

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- Aids the National Director in carrying out the programs of the JAACL.
- Prepares proposals, explores funding sources and secures funding for JAACL programs.
- Develops a work plan for the Washington Office, which shall be reviewed and approved annually by the National Director.
- Writes reports on current legislation and activities in the Federal government affecting the JAACL for the Pacific Citizen.
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- Provides other duties as required by the National Director or his/her designated representative.

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- Must possess knowledge of Japanese American history, community and characteristics, and possess an appreciation of minority ethnic contribution and circumstance in the United States.
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- Ability to understand the Japanese language is desirable but not required.
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EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



## For Just Three Pennies

Philadelphia  
THERE ARE ABOUT 750,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry in the United States. Looking at the total of some 220 million Americans altogether, that number doesn't sound like much. How much influence can less than one-half of one percent of the people have, and what contribution could they possibly make?

ONE OF THE principal means in forging our destiny and helping to shape our society is through political power. From the scant knowledge that we have, we conclude that there are three ingredients leading to such power: (a) ability to produce votes, (b) financial resources, i.e. money, and (c) control of the party machinery. From this neophyte's perspective, this last ingredient can, in many situations, become inconsequential by being overcome by use of the mass media which by-passes party machinery. So if a candidate, or cause, has access to a generous war-chest, the potential for success is greatly enhanced. With money one can reach the voters directly through television; with money one can hire an army of workers; with money, voters' views can be influenced. Not always, but everything else being equal, a bulging treasury can do wonders.

So it follows that if one had a choice of only one of the three ingredients, finances (money) may be the most advantageous choice.

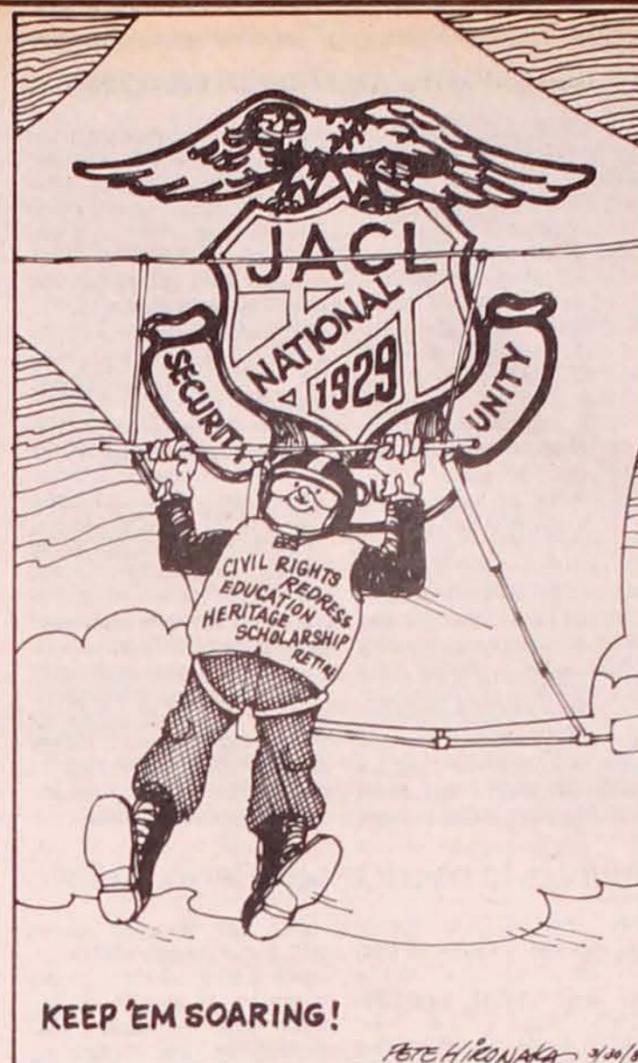
NOW, GETTING BACK to those three-quarter mil-

lion Nikkei. If, on a per capita basis, the Nikkei contributed to a common pool a sum of just three cents a day for one year, at the end of 365 days there would be amassed a fund of over \$8 million dollars! Yes, for only three pennies a day per person. Make available to a campaign director a fund of \$8 million and (s)he'll ask you to name your objective "and it'll be done."

INASMUCH AS NIKKEI, at least those on the Mainland, cannot lay claim to being able to produce a large bloc of votes (except in some limited spots) and generally do not have control of party machinery, there remains the third ingredient: financing. This should be one of the principal focuses for the Nikkei in order to participate in the political process. (We hasten to add that the Nikkei should not hesitate to run for political office. Do so. This society could sorely use some of the cultural values that you can bring to a public office.)

THERE IS SOMETHING in the Nikkei's cultural psyche that leads him/her to believe that "right will triumph"—eventually; that in the meantime, we need to be patient even as wrong reigns. We're not sure when that millennium of "eventually" is to dawn upon civilization, but of one thing we are certain: we, all of us, are on this trip but a brief time and then it will be gone. "Eventually" should be in our own lifetime; there should be no reason why it should not be so.

SO, FOR JUST three pennies a day per capita, we have the magnificent potential to make a difference. For just three pennies. #



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FOTE HIRONAKA 3/20/84

REDRESS PHASE FIVE: Minoru Yasui!

## The Deep South

Denver, Colo. The Confederate States of the Deep South numbered 13 during the Civil War (1861-1865). The South has 129 members in the U.S. House and 26 senators, roughly one-third of the House and one-fourth of the Senate. Without significant Southern support, redress cannot succeed in Congress.

Our contacts are limited. Sen. Jeremiah Denton (R-Ala.) came on as a co-sponsor of S 2116. Twelve states of the South (all except Florida) will hold elections for Senate seats this year. Democrats and Republicans hold six seats apiece. All of the Democrats seem safe for re-election, but four or five of the Republican seats may be taken over by Democrats — which could mean that power in the U.S. Senate would shift from Republican leadership to the Democrats. If such a shift takes place, it could also mean a boost in chances for favorable consideration of redress in the 99th Congress.

Because both Missouri and Texas have JACL chapters, and since we discussed Virginia as an Eastern seaboard state and will be discussing Oklahoma as a Great Plains state, we will cover only 10 states of the Deep South, plus West Virginia, in this column.

ALABAMA: Sen. Howell Heflin (D) is up for re-election this year, but having won by 94% in 1978, he seems safe enough in 1984. The junior senator, Jeremiah Denton (R), is retired rear admiral, and was a POW in Vietnam who blinked out "torture" in Morse code with his eyes when forced before newsreel cameras as a prisoner. Alabama has seven congressional representatives.

We knew the Tom Sawada family in Mobile during the early 1950s, when JACL was involved in the naturalization drive for Issei, but we've lost touch. We need help in contacting Alabama's congressional delegation.

ARKANSAS: The senators of Arkansas are two former governors. Sen. Dale Bumpers (D) is far removed from the segregationist policies of a Gov. Orval Faubus, but is not the internationalist as was Sen. William Fulbright. Junior senator Dav-

id Pryor (D) is up for re-election in 1984. Interestingly, his father was a personnel officer at the Rohwer WRA camp in the early 1940s, and Sen. Pryor remembers visiting the camp as a young boy. Arkansas' four representatives could be helpful to redress.

There appears to be a small scattering of Nikkei in the Little Rock area who have recently moved to that area. In Little Rock, Sam Yada is well known for his spearheading the dedication of a memorial in 1982 at the Rohwer campsite.

FLORIDA: As a premier sun-belt state, Florida could become the fourth most populous state in the United States, behind California, New York, and Texas. Sen. Lawton Chiles (D) is ranking minority member of the Senate budget committee, as well as third ranking in the Senate governmental affairs committee, to which S 2116 has been assigned. Sen. Paula Hawkins (R) is the other senator from Florida, and she squeaked through the 1980 elections by a 53%-48% margin. As a Mormon from Salt Lake City, she might be reached by Nikkei Mormons?

Florida's 19 members of Congress are a significant bloc of votes. We know that Ray Kitayama, who moved his nursery business from Colorado several years ago, is now in the Miami area, and could be very helpful.

Representatives Claude Pepper, 83, Dante Fascell, 67, and William Lehman, 70, all of the Miami area, together with Rep. Charles Bennett, 73, of Jacksonville, would remember WWII years, and would be aware of the contributions of Nisei GI's of that period.

GEORGIA: Sen. Sam Nunn (D) is up for re-election in 1984, but in view of his 83%-17% romp in 1978, his seat seems safe. Nunn is the ranking minority member of the Senate Governmental Affairs committee, which will be holding hearings on S 2116. Sen. Matt Mattingly (R) squeaked through in 1980 by a hair-breadth's 51%-49%, and is ranked as a Reagan conservative.

Georgia's 10 representatives are an important bloc of votes, especially in the Atlanta area. Though there are a number of Japanese corporate interests in Atlanta, we do not have any contacts with Nikkei in Georgia. Please send us names, addresses and telephone numbers of friends or relatives in Georgia.

KENTUCKY: Sen. Walter Huddleston (D) comes up for re-election in 1984, and his 61%-37% victory in 1978 indicates he would have no troubles in 1984. Sen. Wendell Ford (D) is ranking minority member of the Senate Rules committee, and with his liberal background, could be helpful to redress. Of Kentucky's seven representatives, Romano Mazzoli (D) of Louisville, is probably best known for his work on the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill.

Again, we do not have any direct contacts in Kentucky, as would assist with the redress effort. Please send us names, addresses and telephone numbers.

LOUISIANA: Sen. Russell Long (D) is the second most senior member of the Senate, having been first elected in 1948. He was Democratic majority whip in 1965, and chaired the Senate finance committee, until he had to relinquish that post to Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) in 1982. He would be a powerful figure in a Democratic-controlled Senate. The other senator, Bennett Johnston (D), is eighth ranking minority member of the Senate appropriations committee, and is up for re-election in 1984.

Eight members in Congress are from Louisiana. We know of James Yenari in New Orleans, who was a watchmaker-jeweler, but because of crippling injuries, he is no longer very active. We also understand that there is an older Nisei, James Imamura, who operates a nursery in the Baton Rouge area, but we do not have close contacts with Nikkei in Louisiana.

MISSISSIPPI: Sen. John Stennis (D) is the oldest member of the Senate, at the age of 82. He was first elected in 1947, and has been ranking member of the Senate Appropriations committee, and will be a powerful figure if the Democrats regain control of the Senate. Sen. Thad Cochran (R) became a U.S. senator mostly because of a three-way race, with only 45% of the total vote, because Charles Evers drew off 23% of the votes from the regular Democratic candidate. He is up for re-election in 1984, and if the Democrats put their house in order in Mississippi, there will be another Democratic senator from that state in 1984.

We know that the 442nd Regiment trained at Hattiesburg, and we keep wondering what our contacts could be. Rep. Jamies Whitten (D) has been in Congress since 1941, and is chair of the House Appropriations committee. He should be well aware of the exploits of the 442nd RCT. Rep. Trent Lott (R) is Republican minority whip in the House. The other three Congressmen from Mississippi also need to be contacted.

NORTH CAROLINA: Sen. Jesse Helms (R), the ultra-conservative, is up for re-election in 1984. It is reported that popular former Gov. James Hunt (D) is out to oust Helms. Helms is a big money-raiser for the New Right, reportedly having raised \$10 million in 1972 to aid Republican conservatives. He will not be easy to beat. Sen. John East (R) is a conservative mate of Helms, and sits seventh on the Senate judiciary committee. The 11 representatives in the House from North Carolina constitute another significant bloc, and need to be cultivated.

We have a young nephew, Robert Yasui, in the Triangle area of Greensboro-Winston-Salem and High Point area of North Carolina, but know of no other Nikkei in North Carolina.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Denver, Colo.

The Shiga family lived on the corner of 18th and Weller streets when we were kids in Seattle. I don't know where they came from or how long they had lived in that corner house, but I think we were already in the neighborhood when they arrived.

There were Pop and Mom Shiga and five kids, Yoshiko, Michiko, Sakiko, Andy and Mayko in order of seniority. Pop Shiga drove a Packard at a time when almost everyone else rode street cars or had Chevies or Fords. I have no idea where he got the money although he did run a knit goods store on Jackson street with machinery in the back where they manufactured sweaters and wool socks and things like that.

Pop Shiga was a splendid cook. I don't know where or how he learned, but he used to whomp up great platters of excellent chow mein and roast duck. He ate well and enjoyed living well.

## The Shigas of Seattle

After we left the neighborhood we sort of lost touch although the Shigas continued to live in the house. I think Mrs. Shiga died about this time, and Pop Shiga went alone to Japan for a while. My recollection is that when war came the Shiga family headed for Montana, Helena, I think it was, where they had friends, and thus escaped the trauma of evacuation and camp life.

More recently, every now and then I'd hear bits and pieces about the Shiga family. Yoshiko is still living in Seattle, as is Andy who has prospered as a businessman and real estate investor in the University district. Someone referred to him as the "mayor" of the district and once, when we visited his store, he showed us around the area with obvious pride.

Michiko is widowed and living in Florida where she went to see whether the climate would help her husband's allergies, or maybe it was asthma, I've forgotten which. Mayko, the youngest, lived in Madison, Wis., and the first of the siblings to die. She was a nurse and once she dropped in on us

when she came to Denver for a professional meeting.

Back in the fall of '82 I happened to be in Washington, D.C., when I heard that Sakiko, who lived in nearby Kensington, was ill. Her husband, Bill Himel, said she would enjoy seeing me, so I dropped by for a few minutes.

It was the first time I'd seen her since the war. Nearly 40 years had passed, but she was still a very attractive woman. She said she had been stricken by the Big C back in 1974, had made an excellent recovery, but it had come back again and it didn't look very good for her. We tried to have a good visit, and I think we succeeded.

A few weeks ago I was in Washington again and Etsu Masaoka, providing transportation from one meeting to another, brought word that Sakiko had died the night before. For her it was surcease from pain and suffering.

But suddenly I became aware of the swift passage of time, and felt a sense of loss which I knew I shared with her family and friends. #

## Veteran JACL bowlers recognized at national tournament in San Jose

By PHIL MATSUMURA

SAN JOSE, Calif. — New records by the winning T&J Appearance teams, in men's doubles by Art Nish and Tony Figuiera and a sensational one-man performance by 19-year-old Figuiera of Hawaii highlighted the week-long 10th annual Japanese American National Bowling Assn. tournament, which concluded March 10 with 204 teams and more than 1,000 bowlers participating. The successful event was sponsored by San Jose Nisei Bowling Assn.

At the awards banquet attended by some 500 at the San Jose Hyatt, new JANBA officers began their three-year terms. They are:

Ozzie Shimada, Watsonville, Calif. pres.; Yuji Okumura, Salt Lake City, men's vice pres.; Jean Sunada, Golden, Colo., women's vice pres.; Gish Endo, San Francisco, treas.; and Alice Inami, San Jose, sec.

Appreciation was expressed to outgoing president Wat Misaka for his six years of leadership.

### Predecessor JACL Tournament

The tournament paid its respects to the late Jitsuo "Maki" Kaizumi of Salt Lake City, who died last November. Kaizumi was a pioneer in the world of Nikkei bowling and was instrumental in starting the Intermountain Nisei tournament, which became the National JACL tournament in 1947. He chaired the first national tournament and took leading roles in the two other national events in Salt Lake City.

The National JACL tournament was discontinued in 1974 and the new JANBA was organized the same year.

Veteran bowlers who bowled in the first National JACL tourney in 1947 and who have participated regularly in the following years were recognized. They were:

Eiko Nomura, Los Angeles; Jun Kurumada, Salt Lake City; Takeshi Mayeda, Denver; Ed Tsuruda, Los Angeles; Shozo Hiramizu, Los An-

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## YASUI

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**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Sen. Strom Thurmond (R) at age 81 is still a power to be respected; if he decides to run for re-election in 1984, he probably would be successful. He heads the Senate judiciary committee, and as such, could have an effect upon any redress legislation. The other senator from South Carolina is Ernest Hollings (D), important as second ranking minority member of the Budget committee, and fifth ranking minority member of the Appropriations committee. The six Congressmen from South Carolina also need to be courted in regard to redress. We have no contacts in South Carolina.

**TENNESSEE:** Senate majority leader Howard Baker (R) has announced his retirement in 1984, and his seat seemingly will be taken over by the Democrats. Sen. James Sasser (D) is fifth on Budget, sixth on Governmental Affairs, and ninth on Appropriations committees. If the Democrats win a majority, he will be important in any consideration of redress legislation. Among the nine representatives from Tennessee, Rep. Albert Gore Jr. (D) of the central Cumberland plateau, should be a supporter of redress, given his background.

We know Dr. Roy Yamahiro of Memphis. He is vice-president for development at the Federal Express Corp. However, he tells us that the Japanese in the Memphis area are almost all from Japan as corporation employees, as are the Japanese management types at the new Nissan Motors factory in Tennessee.

We need contacts in the Nashville area, which is the home base of Sen. James Sasser.

**WEST VIRGINIA:** West Virginia was not a part of the Southern Confederacy, having broken off from Virginia during the Civil War. Although Sen. Jennis Randolph (D) age 81, has been serving since 1932, he is retiring in 1984. Undoubtedly, his seat will be taken by another Democrat.

The other West Virginia senator, Sen. Robert Byrd (D) was relegated to the position of minority leader when the Republicans took over in 1982. However, if, as indicated, the Democrats resume control of the U.S. Senate in the 99th Congress, Byrd will be influential as majority leader, second of Appropriations and third on Judiciary committees.

With Gov. John D. (Jay) Rockefeller IV (D) who went to West Virginia originally as an anti-poverty worker, and with four Democratic representatives, West Virginia could give redress a boost — but we have no contacts in that state.

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We are looking at 129 House seats and 26 Senate votes from the Deep South in the Congress of the United States. We need to inform those representatives and senators about the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians report and recommendations, and persuade at least 65 Southern representatives and 14 Southern senators to aid in our redress drive. Who can help us in the Deep South? Please send us names, addresses, and telephone numbers.

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From the Youth Director: David Nakayama

Part Three of a Five Part Series



## Applying for Scholarships?

San Francisco

JACL's 1984 national scholarship program is under way. During the last few months, national headquarters has received over one thousand requests for information and applications. This is a clear indicator that financial aid for education is important for students and our Japanese American communities.

I would like to offer some suggestions to students applying for scholarships and financial aid. These suggestions come from JACL chapters, regional offices and my own observations of the National JACL scholarship program.

1. When requesting information and an application, YOU, the student and hopeful recipient of the award should be the one to make the request. Don't have your mother, brother or friend request the information. YOU should. If you don't have the time to ask, why bother to apply?

2. Read the application procedures carefully. When a "self-addressed, stamped envelope" is requested to obtain an appli-

cation, send one. When it says "print or type," make sure your application is legible. In the JACL scholarship program, a number of potential recipients fail to receive awards, because the committee cannot read the application. Also, make sure your application is complete. Those that are not completed are not even considered.

3. Should you decide to apply and you ask someone to submit a "letter of reference," you had better send in an application. Each year we receive letters of reference (each of which a person spent time to write), only to find no application that accompanies the letter. Also, tell your reference when the letter must be submitted. We receive many letters of reference past the application due date, thus making your application incomplete and not eligible for an award.

I hope these suggestions are helpful to applicants of scholarship and financial aid programs. Remember, there are only 40 awards in five categories, and the applicants overall are in the top percentile of American students. The competition for awards is difficult enough without missing your chance on a technical error. #

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## Utah to sponsor health fair April 7

SALT LAKE CITY—As result of a grant from Chevron U.S.A. to National JACL, the Salt Lake Chapter is sponsoring a health fair, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Northwest Multi-purpose Center. All Asians, Asian Americans and other interested participants are invited to attend if 18 years or older.

Tomiye Ishimatsu, chapter board member, is site coordinator as well as chair of the Minorities Committee for the Utah Health Fair Council. She is coordinating other minority health fairs, including one being held at the Utah Opportunities Industrialization Center April 14, with the Black population being the primary focal group.

The JACL Health Fair is being held in conjunction with the Utah Health Fair Council and offers free health screenings, health information, and blood tests at cost. The screenings include blood pressure, anemia, vision, glaucoma, oral hygiene, height/weight and foot checks. Health education comprises among the many informational materials, a medic-alert from the Salt Lake County medic team and brochures on safety, heart disease, cancer and hypertension.

National JACL has provided English and Japanese-language material on cancer, heart disease, and cancer checks. Nutrition and diet information is available in English, Japanese, Chinese and Laotian. The health screening and health histories are in English, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Laotian, Cambodian, Vietnamese languages.

Interpreters will be provided by the chapter and the Asian Associations of Utah, and special information on drugs and compatibility by members of the chapter. For further information on blood tests, costs and required fasting, interested participants

are urged to call the Utah Health Fair Council, (801) 533-4545. Except for the cost of the blood tests, which are optional, participation in the health fair is free. #

## Contra Costa eyes Inagaki award

RICHMOND, Ca. — President Fred Takemiya recommended at a recent board meeting that the Contra Costa JACL chapter set as one of its goals the Inagaki Chapter of the Biennium award.

Contra Costa has been active. It has offered scholarships for 25 years. Its building committee has received \$35,000-40,000 in pledges. Through its CARP program, organized and headed by Tom Arima, it offers chapter members and the community monthly seminars on such topics as aging and retirement, health, recreation and finance.

The chapter also publishes a monthly newsletter for its members, "The Rappa," written and edited by Esther Takeuchi. It has raised money for the National JACL redress program and supported local legislation and education through its redress chair, Ernie Iiyama. In spite of rising fees, it has increased membership enrollment through membership chair Natsuko Irei.

In addition, some of the chapter's board members are also on the boards of other community organizations. Akiko Helwig, for example, is president of the Richmond-Shimada Commission, and Raymond Fujii is president-elect of the Contra Costa Farm Bureau.

Takemiya recommended that the chapter keep a careful record of chapter functions through photographs by Toshiro Tokiwa and that the chapter carefully publicize its activities. #

## SINGLES CONVENTION

### 'Getting to Know You'

By Midori Watanabe

Los Angeles

The first national JACL singles convention will be held May 25-27 — only two months away. Because we want every convention to experience the warm hospitality and friendship of the Greater Los Angeles Singles Chapter, many innovations are being planned.

Chair Sally Kuriyama reports that, in addition to the new, luxurious South Bay Hotel, many homes are extending their hospitality to those who so desire.

Robert "Rusty" Kimura is chairing a committee that provides sightseeing during the convention weekend. Choices should be indicated on the registration form.

Kazue Yoshitomi, chair for the Saturday evening dinner/dance, has persuaded another JACL single, George Takei, one of the stars of "Star Trek," to be master of ceremonies. His wit and charm will be an added feature for this gala evening. Harry Kitano, professor of social welfare at UCLA, will reveal some pertinent findings on the status of Nikkei singles in his major address.

#### Helping Other Singles

Plans are being formulated for a national council of JACL singles. All attendees will be asked to state their needs for social, educational, or political activities as they relate to singles. Efforts will be made to assist any group in forming a JACL singles chapter in their locality. Plans for the next singles convention can be considered at this time also.

Akira Ohno informs us that Lawrence Kumabe, Honolulu Chapter president, has stated that planners of the JACL national convention in August would like to include singles activities then. In this way, the singles convention in May can serve as a springboard for the national convention.

Tayeko Kaili and her committee for the souvenir program booklet are having phenomenal success in obtaining ads from local business and professional firms. So the bandwagon continues to roll on, and our theme, "Getting to Know You," gains momentum as we receive inquiries and registration requests from places as far as Louisville, Ky., and Spokane, Wash.

#### Registration

The package deal for the convention is \$60 for registrations received by April 25. Registration forms have been mailed to all JACL chapter presidents. Additional forms are available from: Meriko Mori, Liaison; Greater L.A. Singles JACL; 1927 Federal Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90025. #

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C. Harvey Gardiner **Pawns in a Triangle of Hate** 1981: 248pp List: \$25.00

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 Los Angeles—Stanton Macdonald-Wright's "The Haiku Series," woodblock prints, 244 S San Pedro  
 ●To APR. 29  
 Denver—Exh of watercolors by Rya Nakazono, Ken Caryl Rnch House  
 ●MAR. 30 (Friday)  
 Los Angeles—JETRO medical eqmt seminar, Hyatt Regency 9am; info 626-5700  
 ●MAR. 31 (Saturday)  
 Seattle—Casino nite, Bush Hotel  
 San Francisco—Health fair, Christ United Presbyterian Ch, 10am-3pm  
 San Jose—Health fair, Wesley Methodist Ch, 566 N Fifth, 9am-2pm  
 Los Angeles—Wkshp on female sexuality sponsored by Little Tokyo Srv Cntr, 9am-3:30pm, 244 S San Pedro; info 680-3729  
 Sacramento—Issei potluck dinner, Jpn Un Methodist Ch, 6929 Franklin Blvd; 5:30pm, info Yuki Oshima, 756-2972/443-5911  
 ●MAR. 31-APR. 1  
 Cleveland—Food bazaar, Buddhist Ch  
 Mt Olympus—Fund-A-Rama, Central Jr HS, 3031 S 200 East, Sit Lk Cty, 6:30-9pm  
 ●APR. 1 (Sunday)  
 PNWDC—Mtg, Seattle Chapter hosts, JACL ofc, 316 Maynard S, 9am  
 Contra Costa—Issei apprec dnr  
 Los Angeles—Am Assn of Retired Persons mtg, 244 S San Pedro, 1:30pm; info 293-3165, 263-8469  
 College Prk, Md—Wash. Toho Soc ann'l Spring Recital, 2pm, Tawes Fine Arts Bldg, UMD  
 Los Angeles—Chi Alpha Delta Sorority charter day banq't, Proud Bird Res't, 12n, gst spkr Alan Moriyama

●APR. 7 (Saturday)  
 Milwaukee—1000 Club whing ding  
 Boston—Mitsuye & Nellie' doc film, As Am Res Wrkshp, 27 Beach St, 3:30pm; 426-5313  
 New York—Farewell dnr for Ruby Schaar, Time-Life Bldg Tower Suite, 1271 Ave of Americas, 6pm; info Harako Brown, 358-0173/353-5897  
 Berkeley—Masayuki Koga on shakuhachi, St John's Presby Ch, 2727 College Ave, 8pm; info 681-4723  
 ●APR. 8 (Sunday)  
 Tacoma—Rev Sunya Pratt testimonial, Sherwood Inn  
 New Mexico—Reception for Miyamura fmlly and others in JA Family Album Exh, Newman Cntr, 1815 Los Lomas Rd NE, U/NM campus  
 Cincinnati—Potluck dnr & health fair, Maple Ridge Lodge, Mt Airy Forest, 2pm  
 Los Angeles—Hanamatsuri, Japan America Th, 244 S San Pedro, 10am; parade 11:30am; info 620-8861  
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 Chicago—Go for Broke/MIS photo exh, Daley Center Plaza  
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 West Valley—Bridge & Bowling Nite; JACL clubhse & Saratoga Lanes, 6pm  
 Boston—Sewing Women' doc film, As Am Res Wrkshp, 27 Beach St, 3:30pm  
 ●APR. 15 (Sunday)  
 San Francisco—Jpn Comm'ty Progressive Alliance anniv bnqt, Christ Un Presbyterian Ch, 1700 Sutter, 5:30pm; bnqt for NCRH; info 921-8841

MOSHI-MOSHI: by Jin Konomi



## Amino Acid

What makes the traditional—meaning prewar—Japanese food, especially *ofukuro no aji* ("my old lady's taste," namely her specialty dishes), so soul-satisfyingly good? Some food researchers of Japan thought they found the answer. It is a special taste factor, independent of the four elementary taste senses of the classical food science (sweet, salt, sour, and bitter). They named it *umami*.

One scholar stated it has no name in western languages. I thought such thinking silly. I proposed "delectability" for its English equivalent, if you recall my article of some time ago on *konnyaku*.

*Umami* is a complex of many tastes and flavors derived from various *dashi*, such as *katsubushi*, dried shrimp and shellfishes, *iriko* (dried whitebait and other small fishes), and *konbu*, and seasonings such as *shoyu*, *miso* and Japanese vinegar. By the way, Japanese-English dictionaries give broth and stock as English counterparts for *dashi*. The two terms do not cover the manner in which the above-named materials are most frequently used. I propose "flavor aids" as a better translation. I will be gratified if you enter the term in the margin of your dictionary above the *dashi* entry.

In recent years caterers, restaurants, makers of ready-to-eat foods, and even household cooks have come to depend increasingly on synthetic chemical flavor aids, such as monosodium glutamate and inosinic acid.

Traditionalists deplore the use of chemicals as sacrilege to the noble art of cooking, but as far as the majority of the people are concerned, it seems acceptable. For the active principles of the various *dashi* are amino acids. That of *katsubushi*, *iriko*, shellfishes, shrimp and other dried fishes is inosinic acid; that of *konbu*, glutamic acid. *Miso* and *shoyu*, which are essentially the same thing, contain glutamic acid, leucine, and asparagine, all amino acids.

When you begin your dinner with the customary potation, you are tasting an amino acid as well as alcohol, for *sake* is brewed with rice which is high in protein. The vinegar in the *sunomono* is different from Western vinegar, for it also is made from rice, and has a mellow taste, which is of an amino acid. Fish is high in amino acids. *Nimono* is cooked in *shoyu*. The soup is either *miso* flavored, or consomme with *katsubushi* flavor. The dinner is rounded off with tea. The most significant principle of its taste is theanine, another amino acid which is found only in green tea.

The revered, drooled-over *ofukuro no aji* turns out to be nothing more than the tastes of amino acids, in the light of unsentimental science.

Tomomi Kono, a leading food researcher and author of many books on Japanese alimentary culture, takes a critical view of such amino acid dependency in his provocative book *Tabemono to Nihonjin* (Food and the Japanese). The biggest culprit is *shoyu*, which in his view has a singularizing influence on Japanese taste perception, cuisine, and Japanese mentality.

Weaned, raised, and thriving on *umami* all through life, a great many Japanese have a narrowly limited taste perception, with the part of the brain for the perception of other types of taste undeveloped or atrophied. Cooking follows a few simple recipes in which ingredients are treated singly, their identities preserved to the end products. There is no lateral interactions between ingredients as in western cooking. In the end all dishes come out tasting very much alike. People accustomed to such a diet tend to shy away from gastronomic adventures. Confronted with unfamiliar food, they seek the haven of the nearest Japanese restaurants. My friend of my recent article was one of them.

Such timidity carries over into other areas of behavior. Good conservatives tend to be intellectually conservative, and are intolerant of deviations from the normal. In their view drink and sweets do not, and should not, mix. (I wonder if any of you recall my story, "Pork and beans a la japonaise?" I was astounded to see my boss Mr. Takayama reach for *mochigashi* as he sipped brandy) They do not even approve of people having two unrelated careers.

Here allow me to inject my observation. Ohgai Mori was a brilliant army surgeon who was also a brilliant writer. Though he was talented enough to excel in both careers, such was the adverse official criticism of his avocation, that he was forced to resign from the army. He went on to become one of the greatest writers of the Meiji and Taisho eras. Another observation. There are very few renaissance-type men in contemporary Japan of the mold, let alone the calibre, of Isaac Asimov, for instance.

But change is coming. The children of today prefer cereals, toast and milk to *misoshiru* for breakfast. School lunches use more and more western-type menus. Teenagers snack more on McDonald's hamburgers and Kentucky-fried chickens than on old-time sweets such as *daifuku* and *yakiimo* (roasted sweet potato). Rice consumption is steadily declining. Will the Japanese develop a completely westernized food taste? That is problematical, but they will not be addicted to *umami* forever. #

### ● Success in Northeast

If JACL is to be successful in the redress campaign, we need to have our own house in order, and have our facts straight.

Min Yasui's commentary on redress in the March 2 *Pacific Citizen* ("New England and Eastern Seaboard") contains several errors. It also misrepresents the efforts of the New England Chapter of JACL in the redress campaign.

The first error is the statement that there are only "four active JACL chapters on the Atlantic seaboard," explicitly omitting the New England chapter. Quite to the contrary, our chapter has been very active during the past six months, especially on the redress issue. During that time we have been in frequent touch with the national office, have elected a new slate of officers, have initiated a new members drive, and have participated in many local activities.

On redress, we have been very active politically, and have initiated a letter-writing campaign covering all six New England states. Notices of our events have appeared periodically in the PC Calendar of Events. These facts could have been determined (via a telephone call to me or any of my officers) before the article appeared.

The second error appears in the second sentence of the commentary, which states the New England Chapter "apparently does not have a sufficient number of active members to mount an effective campaign for redress on a statewide basis." The fact is, 46% of the Massachusetts congressional delegation have already signed up as co-sponsors of the redress legislation. That compares to 13% for the delegation from Min Yasui's own state of Colorado.

Massachusetts compares very favorably with California (which has 49%) and is substantially ahead of every other state in the Eastern U.S. (New York has 42% of its

representatives and senators co-sponsoring the legislation, and Pennsylvania has 24%).

A third error in the article is the analysis of the political situation in New England. Twice it is stated that Paul Tsongas has a safe re-election situation in 1984. The fact is that more than two months ago Sen. Tsongas announced he was retiring from the U.S. Senate and would not be a candidate for re-election. The article also refers to Sen. Gordon Humphrey of New Hampshire as "an anomaly." Senator Humphrey is in no way an anomaly. Just the opposite: he is and always has been a typical New Hampshire (i.e., conservative) Republican.

### Accomplishments

In order to set the record straight, I would like to point out the following facts about the New England Chapter's efforts on redress. First, we initiated and carried out a major political campaign in support of legislation establishing the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. As reported in the PC in 1980, New England had the best record of any region of the country in obtaining support for this legislation, despite the fact that we have an extremely small membership base (now 43).

Second, once the CWRIC had been created, our members lobbied for the commission to hold a forum in Boston. This effort was successful, and the New England JACL was by far the smallest chapter in the country to participate in hosting a commission appearance. Furthermore, we believe that the list of eminent witnesses submitted by the New England JACL, including Prof. Peter Irons, had a significant role in strengthening the commission's recommendations on monetary reparations.

Third, our efforts on behalf of redress are spread over a six-state region (since we are the only chapter in the New England region). Most other chapters have at most one state, or more frequently,

part of a state to worry about. We cannot promise success in all six states, but we are doing our best.

The most unfortunate part of the commentary is that it fails to recognize the work that our members have been and are putting into the redress effort. It seriously weakens the motivation—especially of our newer members—to do more. It does not inspire us or our friends to greater and greater efforts, if our accomplishments are going to be so carelessly dismissed in the pages of the PC.

KEI KANEDA

President  
New England JACL

Our apologies to New England JACL for failing to correct an obvious fact—that Eastern District Council (as most of our readers are aware) has five chapters.

With regard to Sen. Tsongas's retirement: Minoru Yasui submitted a number of columns at the beginning of the year, describ-

ing the legislative outlook around the country, to be run serially in the PC. His assessment of the senator's chances for re-election was made before Tsongas's announcement.

### ● Where's the Beef?

A few years ago, among all the illustrious columnists in the PC, there was a columnist who signed herself TOMI THE GOMI. Her column was like a tiny hamburger in the middle of the big hamburger buns. Many of my friends also wondered why she didn't write any more. Perhaps if I used a magnifying glass to help my failing sight, I might be able to locate it. Maybe she was swept up IN THE DUST PAN and was deposited in a trash bin by mistake and is waiting patiently to be retrieved.

As a faithful and loyal reader of the PC, I say "Come out wherever you are, Tomi the Gomi!"

DENISE HOSHIZAKI  
Los Angeles

## 1000 Club Roll

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From PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: by John Saito



## Blame or Credit?

Los Angeles

At least for this week redress has taken a back seat to the discussion around the NHK production of *Sanga Moyu*. Very few of us can make valid comments on the book *Futatsu no Sokoku*, on which the television series is based, since the book has yet to be translated from the original Japanese, and the series has not been shown publicly outside Japan.

The program was to have begun in the Los Angeles area on the last Saturday in February, but a few days prior to that, NHK decided to postpone it. NHK made reference to complaints that the program was "anti-American."

A local vernacular newspaper reported that the JACL was responsible for the stoppage. I was at the Feb. 24-26 national board meeting in San Francisco, and when that article was quoted, board members expressed mixed feelings. Two questions in particular came up: "Does this organization really have that much power?" and "How can we take blame or credit for the postponement when JACL does not have an official position?"

On March 19 I received a call from the local UTB-TV station inviting me to attend a 2 p.m. meeting with officers from NHK and UTB-Japan at the New Otani Hotel. The purpose of the

meeting was to hear how the community felt about *Sanga Moyu*. Unbeknownst to me, a 3 p.m. press conference had been scheduled down the hall to announce the cancellation ("indefinite postponement") of the series.

At our 2 p.m. meeting there was no hint of cancellation. In fact, David Stanton of the *Los Angeles Times* stated that his impression from the discussion was that most people wanted to see the series.

In covering the conference, *Kashu Mainichi* (March 19) indicated that the program's cancellation was due in part to negative letters (100+) from the Japanese American community, but mainly because of JACL's objections, expressed through Floyd Shimomura, Ron Wakabayashi, and Mike Maesaka.

But the timing of NHK's decision just does not make sense to me: Ron and Floyd visited NHK in October of last year during their trip to Japan. If their opinions swayed NHK, why did NHK wait four months before deciding to cancel the U.S. showing?

Which raises the question: Was there someone or some organization more influential than the JACL who expressed concern between November and March to NHK? So powerful that it would be easier to scapegoat the JACL, a relatively weaker organization? #

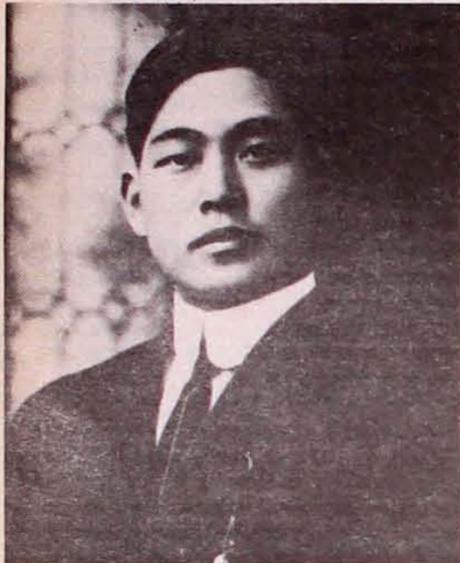
LITTLE TOKYO LIFE: (No. 11)

By Harry Honda



## A Kotani Sequel

Los Angeles  
A major "feedback" to this series comes from Tom Masamori, freelance Denver photographer, who was fascinated by Bob Okazaki's story (No. 9 of this series) on the first Issei movie cameraman in the early years of Hollywood, Henry Kotani, his uncle on his mother's side. It's "major" since two photographs from his mother's family album were sent to us. [Tom doesn't expect to see these in print but probably this is the first



Henry K. Kotani

time Kotani's picture has ever been published in the Nikkei media: (1) the large shot shows a Japanese baseball team ("A" for Asahi?) with the "x" indicating where Kotani is shown in front and which was posted from Los Angeles Feb. 19, 1914, to his sister, Chiyo Oka,

who was living in Pescadero, Ca.; and (2) a full-length picture inscribed to his "little sister" and dated July 23, 1913.]

Included in the Masamori package was an interesting newspaper clipping from the Honolulu Advertiser (Apr. 27, 1982) about his mother Chiyoko Masamori, then 82, of Sunnyvale, Ca., who had met her older sister Sawano Terada, 87, of Palolo Valley for the first time after 82 years—in Honolulu. Written by Advertiser's popular human-interest columnist Bob Krauss, the reunion with all the children on both sides also present, the two sisters were hardly able to get a word in edgewise. It was pegged as "the happiest mix-up in Honolulu history." How come the two sisters were meeting for the first time is explained in this way. Her father and mother had other children before they moved from Japan to Hawaii, where the family operated a hotel in Honokaa (Big Island) about 1900. Tom, who has been trying for years to establish the fact that her mother was born in Hawaii (the records in Hawaii do not show it, so he's seeking leads for a reliable witness at this late date to testify Chiyoko was born on the Big Island), said his mother remembers a few things that somebody told her: "One is that as a very small child, perhaps a few months old, she was given to a family named Oka at Honokaa because her mother had died (of childbirth)... Her family name was Kotani.

"The Okas took mother to Japan. At age 3, they brought her back to Hawaii and at age 6 took her to San Francisco. In San Francisco, mother's brother Henry Kotani recognized her on the street and asked, 'Are you, Chiyoko?' It was the only time they met." The meeting took place at the hotel where newly-arrived Japanese from Hawaii and Japan would stay. That's how she knew she had brothers and sisters. According to Tom, Henry knew of Chiyoko as he was the oldest of the Kotani



Chiyoko Masamori Collection

**HORSEHIDERS, 1913-4**—Inasmuch as the postcard above was postmarked Feb. 19, 1914, this picture of a baseball team sporting A's on their uniforms could have been taken in 1913. Henry Kotani (kneeling 2d from left) sent this to his younger sister, Chiyoko Oka.

children and since he couldn't get along with his stepmother, left for San Francisco to go to school and evidently put himself through as a houseboy. But there is another version to the story, Tom continued. "The Okas cut off all contact because they didn't want to lose their adopted daughter. They had taken out a birth certificate in Japan." [At this point, can someone tell us whether the family register—Koseki—also designates the birthplace of those entered, if born overseas?]

As years went by, Sawano in Honolulu knew she had a younger sister who had been adopted but had no idea where she was or whether she was still alive. And each time Tom visited Honolulu for a 442nd reunion, he tried to locate the Kotani sister, but knew it would be difficult as she had married. Tom also heard her mother's brother had gone into films in Hollywood and then went to Japan.

In the spring of '82, Tom's brother Harold was visiting in Japan and while talking to a cousin in Hiroshima, where the name Henry Kotani came up. His cousin, a movie buff, recognized the name. She helped Harold to meet with Henry's widow in Tokyo, who gave him the address of Henry's sister (Sawano) in

Hawaii. Harold stopped in Honolulu on the way back and found the Terada family in Palolo Valley. A week later Tom was notified, who decided to take his mother to Hawaii to meet her sister as soon as possible. "We didn't want to wait."

Tom said Henry Kotani and his mother exchanged letters, but they never met again. The two photos are the only mementos of her older brother of those days. She did not hear from him after he returned to Japan.

**More Feedback**—This episode was entirely unexpected for the Little Tokyo Life series—thanks to Tom Masamori. He was hoping Bob Okazaki (he must be in or is pushing the 80s) can help him... Our Tokyo contributor of years past—Mas Manbo, who says some nice things about the series and the Issei-English (Nichibei-go) lists, wonders if a sample of the hilarious Kichizaemon columns written in broken English in the Rafu Shimpo of the 1930s might be reprinted in the PC. He thinks most Nikkei would most likely have fits seeing it back in print. We'll find something—for these columns were a part of Little Tokyo Life the high-school-age Nisei of that era should remember. #

The following discussion is excerpted from the Jan. 28 Japan Times Weekly:

**When is a foreigner not a foreigner? That is a question many Americans of Japanese ancestry come to ask themselves after living in Japan for some time. Problems might start with small incidents. On a train, they might get looked at suspiciously by Japanese persons who fail to realize that they are foreign and presume that they are showing off their fluency in English.**

**Bigger obstacles lie ahead. There have been cases of English-language schools refusing employment to Japanese Americans on the grounds that their students want to be taught by "genuine," that is, white Americans. Companies in other fields might be more willing to hire Japanese Americans for their abilities, but problems still crop up.**

**Norihiko Shirouzu of the Japan Times Weekly talked with three Japanese Americans living in Japan. Mayumi Nishi, 23, from San Francisco, Calif., has been in Japan for two years and is an English teacher in Tokyo. Michael Uehara, 26, works as a writer in Tokyo, and Sachi Natori, 32, is an announcer for an English-language TV station in Tokyo. Natori is married to a Japanese and has lived in Tokyo for 6 years.**

### 'Genuine Americans'

**Uehara:** I think the expression "genuine American" is a Japanese one. It is a distinction that the Japanese make about Americans, but which Americans don't make about themselves. [Japanese] have a conception of what America is. You can see it in the advertising... all these blond-haired, blue-eyed people. That's what the Japanese mean by "genuine Americans."

It is an aggravating distinction. It is purely Japanese.

**Nishi:** I think genuine Americans are American Indians. What makes America what it is, is the fact that there are people from all over the world, from Asian countries and European countries. In a way it is sad that Japanese people are not aware that there are Asians, Blacks and Europeans who are Americans. It is superficial and limited to look at white Americans as the only Americans.

### Problems

**Natori:** They expect you to be able to speak Japanese at first—"they" being people who you really don't know.

I had one crushing experience. I had been here about six months. I was in Ueno station, and I couldn't get around that station, and it was getting late, and the station was so big, and I didn't know what I was doing. So I went up and said in my terrible Japanese, "Shibuya wa doko desu ka?" And the station attendant was mad. He pointed up to a sign and said "Baka!" I couldn't get all that he said, but it was to the fact that I was stupid because I couldn't read *kanji*. They don't understand why you can't speak Japanese.

Of course, I love it here and I love Japanese people. But Japanese, generally speaking, are pretty selfish, all the way up to politicians, because they have that isolationist background. They can't get out of that. They want you to conform to the Japanese way. How many times have I heard someone say, "This is the Japanese way"? I say, "Wait a minute. We are in the world. We aren't Americans, we aren't British, we aren't Japanese. We are people." That's what I want to stress.

### Ways of Thinking

**Uehara:** According to Japanese people's

image of us, we think like them. But I don't think like Japanese.

**Natori:** The environment we grew up in is different. No matter how hard I try to think like a Japanese, it just doesn't come out that way naturally.

The culture here is really hard. Some of the things the Japanese do, I can't understand it. For example, the gift-giving. I think it's nice to give *o-seibo* and *o-chugen* to people who have done something for you in the past. But I think—I might be wrong—but I think sometimes the Japanese use it to say "Please remember me next year when I call on you." It's kind of obligating. I don't want that, you know. I always like it when it means "Thank you for helping me in the past. I don't want anything from you in the future, but thank you for your help in the past." I don't like the *yoroshiku* in the future part.

**Nishi:** I think it is ridiculous to say that a Japanese American's way of thinking is similar to that of a Japanese. Japanese Americans are Americans. And Americans are quite independent when it comes to giving their own answers and responses. My way of thinking is my own individual way of thinking.

### Experiences

**Uehara:** For me, the triumph really comes when somebody looks at me as a person. You realize that you are not really satisfied being stereotyped. And I have learned that Japanese people are individuals too. Because of social pressures, they accept stereotypes, as opposed to looking at individuals. Because the pressure is so great, they have to. But a lot of them still care. They look at me as an individual.

In relations with people here on a personal level, they really don't know who I am. So

they struggle to put me into a box. Because of that, they watch me very carefully. They watch to see how I react to a situation. If you are a white American, they just watch how you fit in. But they have to watch me carefully. Therefore, I have developed very good relations with Japanese. They have told me that they have to watch me as a person, as opposed to watching me just as a foreigner. That is an advantage. In general, I have a better chance of being perceived as a person than a white American does.

**Natori:** The people that I work with have accepted me as a kind of unique person with no country of [my] own. You're maybe floating out, like Hawaii, somewhere between the two countries. They treat you as a very special person. And that's one of the positive things I have found about being a Sansei here. I'm treated as a little queen sometimes. People are so kind to me. They don't think you're a barbarian blue-eyed blond. They like the little mix between American and Japanese. They like that mixed-up little person, you know. And a lot of people ask me about the concentration camps, you know, "Were your mother and father there, or your grandparents?" And then they really feel that you're a part of their blood. So there are a lot of wonderful relations that you have here with people.

I think that the Japanese, generally speaking, still have a long way to go from the isolation period and that type of attitude. They have got to really open up and accept people for what they are, instead of making everyone conform to Japanese ways. A lot of Japanese thinking is great, but a lot of it is still backward. They have got to accept people more, and not try to re-create them. #

(Response on page 10.)

## Fremont JACL celebrates 50th year

By JUNE HASHIMOTO  
UNION CITY, Ca.—Fremont Chapter JACL celebrated its 50th Anniversary on Feb. 4 at the new Holiday Inn. About 150 persons attended from near and as far away as Arizona and Washington, D.C., to renew acquaintances and memories of the past 50 years.

Past president Frank Nakasako served as master of ceremonies for the event. The Rev. Y. Matsubayashi offered the invocation. Floyd Shimomura, JACL national president, was the guest speaker and shared his experiences and thoughts of his recent trip to Japan.

The highlight of the evening was past president Kaz Shikano's historical rundown of the league's activities over the past 50 years. The chapter was formed in 1934 as the Washington Township JACL by "young men and women mostly just reaching the age of 21." In 1957, the chapter was renamed the Fremont JACL. Mr. Shikano also presented the first president of league, Harry Konda, a plaque and gavel with an inscription of gratitude for his contribution to the chapter in its infant years.

Of the 35 past presidents who served the chapter, 25 were present to receive certificates of recognition from past president Ted Inouye, who served as chapter president for seven terms. Ted Inouye was presented the Fremont JACL Chapter's gold pin by 1984 co-president Aileen Tsujimoto, for his outstanding service to JACL and the community.

Rep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.) was presented a certificate of appreciation from co-president Judy Kadotani Kato for his efforts and support of HR 4110: Civil Liberties Act of 1983.

JACL ten-year service silver pins were presented by Ted Inouye to Aileen Tsujimoto, Moss Kishiyama, Yutaka Handa, Frank Nakasako, Gail Tomita, and June Hashimoto.

June Handa, chair of the reunion committee, also presented to the chapter a past-presidents' album recording the chapter's first 50 years of leadership. #

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## Sonoma to host NCWNP district meeting

COTATI, Ca.—N. Calif./W. Nevada/Pacific District Council meets Sunday, April 8, from 11 a.m. at Green Oaks Restaurant on Hwy 116. After lunch the district council caravans to Sonoma State

Univ. to reconvene. Sonoma Chapter hosts the meeting. Chapter delegates who are not able to attend are requested to call regional director George Kondo, (415) 921-5225, by April 4. #

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## TOURNAMENT

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geles; Fuzzy Shimada, Santa Clara; Wat Misaka, Salt Lake City; Tad Yamada, Los Angeles; and Ichiro Kaminaka, Los Angeles.

An invitation to the 1985 tournament was extended to all by Dubby Tsugawa of Sacramento

Vince Itani, president of the San Jose association, took care of the awarding of the trophies and honors to the various winners. Ozzie Shimada, tournament chair, expressed his appreciation for the many contributions of flowers, food, program covers, car loans, the support of many businesses through booklet advertising, the participation of all the bowlers and to his hard-working committees. #

## Applications available for JACL Hayashi law scholarships

WASHINGTON — Applications for the annual JACL Thomas T. Hayashi Memorial Law Scholarship are now being accepted by the Washington JACL office, according to Mike Masaoka, chair of the scholarship committee.

University graduates who expect to enter an accredited law school this fall (1984 academic year) may obtain application forms and necessary information by writing to:

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1730 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.  
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The Thomas T. Hayashi Memorial Law Scholarship, named in honor of the late New York Nisei attorney and JACL leader, is the only national JACL scholarship which is not administered by national headquarters but rather by the Eastern District Council, which Tom Hayashi helped to establish in the late 1940s.

This is the ninth year for the awarding of this scholarship to encourage Nikkei to enter the profession of law as a means to correct injustices and to promote United States-Japan relations.

Formal applications must be received by the Washing-

ton JACL office no later than July 15, to be considered for this year's scholarship. The award amounts to \$700 for each of three years (based upon satisfactory grades each year) for a total grant of \$2,100.

The scholarship award is based on the applicant's academic record and extracurricular activities, plus financial need, if any. Consideration of applications is based on the following priorities: (1) member of JACL or JAYs, or child of a JACL member; (2) any person of Japanese ancestry residing in the United States, and (3) any Asian American residing in the United States.

Masaoka emphasized that the July 15 deadline for receipt of applications will be strictly observed in order that the selection committee, chaired by Dr. Tom Tamaki of Philadelphia, will have adequate opportunity to review the applications and announce the scholarship winner by September 1.

Last year, since additional funds were available from the interest on the original scholarship funds, two three-year awards were presented, one to John Tatsuo Nakahara of Mill Valley, Calif., and the other to Jeri Christine Okamoto of West Linn, Ore. #



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## When in Rome . . .

In response to the discussion among Sansei (see page 8), the Japan Times Weekly published the following letter on Feb. 18:

As an American of Japanese ancestry, I expected to find your Jan. 28 article on Japanese Americans to be interesting and informative. However, I was disappointed (as well as amused in retrospect) by the comments made by Mrs. Natori, Miss Nishi and Mr. Uehara on the trials and tribulations of being a Japanese American in Japan.

First of all, I find it difficult to sympathize with the statement, "They (meaning the Japanese) expect you (Japanese Americans) to be able to speak Japanese—they're being people who you really don't know."

I think it is unrealistic to expect the average Japanese who does not come into direct contact with Americans on a regular basis to be able to tell that the Asian face he/she is seeing for the first time carries an American passport.

Mrs. Natori also states that the Japanese don't understand why Japanese Americans can't speak Japanese when they look Japanese. The answer is because this is Japan: Japanese Americans look Japanese and the Japanese don't know any better. The Japanese reach the only conclusion they are capable of reaching.

Finally, regarding Mrs. Natori's comment of Japanese being, generally speaking, selfish because of an isolationist background is an inaccurate and dangerous generalization to make because it is not based on fact. I think it is very fine what she stresses—"We are in the world. We aren't Japanese. We aren't British. We aren't Americans. We are people."—in response to the Japanese desire to make foreigners conform to the Japanese way. What she says may be true, but although we are in the world, we are also in Japan. I think this point should be remembered by all foreigners.

If a survey of Japanese Americans in Japan were conducted, a certain degree of dissatisfaction with how they are perceived by the Japanese would no doubt be found, as Mr. Uehara states. My belief is that the dissatisfaction on the part of the Japanese American probably stems from not having certain expectations fulfilled.

I think that, unlike their white American counterparts, Japanese Americans are more

susceptible in this regard. However, unless these expectations are tempered with a certain degree of awareness and realism, frustrations and disappointments will occur.

Contrary to what Miss Nishi says, I don't think it is ridiculous to say that a Japanese American's thinking is similar to that of a Japanese. The history of Japanese Americans in the U.S. is not that long and the cultural behavior patterns, attitudes and customs which were passed down by the first, second and, perhaps by now, third generations are a part of young Japanese Americans today. This does not mean that Japanese Americans and Japanese can understand each other completely. There are just some points of similarity.

In my experience I have found that the Japanese Americans in Hawaii and California adhere more strongly to certain traditional customs long discarded by their counterparts in Tokyo.

Finally, Miss Nishi's statement—"Americans are quite independent when it comes to giving their own answers and responses."—is a well-worn generalization that is often mentioned to illustrate how different Americans are from the Japanese. There are many exceptions to this rule in the U.S. but Americans tend to forget this when they are in a foreign country.

As a Japanese American and as a fluent speaker of Japanese, I have encountered my share of misunderstandings. While I have been told that I am not a "real American," I have also encountered surprised looks because the Japanese did not expect me to be able to speak Japanese so well. Such incidents can become irritating after a while if I let them bother me.

However, I have experienced being mistaken for everything from Japanese to Korean while I was growing up in the U.S., Europe and Asia. I have been asked by my fellow Americans (in as well as outside of the U.S.) why I spoke English "so well"—sometimes there are Americans who cannot tell who is American just by looking. Frankly, I find this to be much more irritating than being mistaken for a Japanese by the Japanese. I feel this way because at least Americans should know better that there are all kinds of Americans.

MARION J. OKADA  
Tokyo

## CORAM NOBIS

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admission of error. Hence, Yasui feels the judge should have granted his petition.

### All 3 Cases May Be Appealed

Although District Court Judge Marilyn Hall Patel granted Fred Korematsu's similar petition for a writ of error coram nobis last Nov. 10 in San Francisco, Justice Dept. attorneys have filed a notice of appeal in that case.

Gordon Hirabayashi, the third man who defied the military's curfew and exclusion orders in 1942, presents his petition before Judge Donald Voorhees on May 4 in the U.S. District Court in Seattle.

It seems likely that, regardless of Voorhees' decision, the Hirabayashi case will be appealed by one party or the other. Thus, all three of the WW2 test cases may eventually be heard before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco at some time in the future.

Attorneys of record representing Minoru Yasui in his appeal are Peggy Nagae of Eugene, Oregon; Don Willner of Portland; and Frank Chuman of Los Angeles. Amicus curiae briefs were filed by the ACLU Foundation of Oregon, the Constitutional Law Clinic of Rutgers Law School, David Kairys for the American Friends Service Committee, and Henry Kane of Beaverton, Oregon.

## SANGA MOYU

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cerned that the series could adversely affect how Japanese Americans are perceived. More specifically, Wakabayashi said that, if the series followed the novel, it could foster a misconception that the internment was militarily justified. Yet, he stated, "JACL cannot say the

program shouldn't be shown."

"Sanga Moyu" was to have aired with English subtitles in Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York and Honolulu. "Meiji no Gunzo" and "Miyamoto Musashi," two historical dramas, will be substituted.

## Coram Nobis Defense Fund

Contributions acknowledged by Seattle JACL Coram Nobis Legal Defense Committee for the period ending Mar. 19:

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Actual amounts acknowledged by JACL Headquarters for the Period of Feb. 27—Mar. 20, 1984, totaled \$3,400 from the following:

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## 1000 Clubbers to tour Japan after national convention in Honolulu

MOSES LAKE, Wa.—A 1000 Club (Sennin-kai) tour/whing ding in Japan after the JACL convention in Hawaii this summer is being planned, according to Columbia Basin JACL president Ed Yamamoto, who is completing the arrangements through Pacific Creative Services, Inc.

Being encouraged as a way of stretching the convention travel dollars for 1000 Clubbers with a 10-day Japan tour and a whing ding, either in Tokyo or Osaka to meet with the founders and members of the Japan JACL, the tour departs from Honolulu for Tokyo via Japan Air Lines.

The tour, under sponsorship of the JACL 1000 Club, includes nine restful stops in

Western-style, air-conditioned comfort. All tour members must be in JACL, it was added. Non-members can join the Columbia Basin JACL at \$35 single, \$65 family/couple.

The Japan tour package, including round-trip air from Hawaii, costs \$730. Reservations may be made through Yamamoto, 1000 Club vice-chair, 4502 Fairchild Loop, Moses Lake, WA 98837. (Details are to appear in a PC ad shortly.)

Those 1000ers who do have time to participate at the convention may complete travel arrangements through PCS with stay in Honolulu at a first-class hotel within walking distance to the convention site. #

## Aging can mean better health for Nisei

By GEORGE YOSHIDA  
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disaster. The one who really could have done something but didn't was Roosevelt, he asserted.

B'nai B'rith's associate national director Abraham Foxman feels the report lacks a historical perspective because the role of the Allied governments is not fully examined. "To make a judgment of what the Jews did or did not do is a little masochistic at this point," Foxman said. "Nobody needs a commission to know not enough was done. The fact that 6 million died means not enough was done."

And Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum, commission member and director of international relations at the American Jewish Committee, said the report tried to "create revisionist history" by ignoring America's own anti-Semitism.

Controversy has attended the commission since its beginning. *New York Times* has reported that in January 1983, its main financial backer, Jack Eisner, who had survived a death camp, withdrew his support, charging that "the vestiges of the old establishment were fighting to protect its name."

Goldberg found it ridiculous to hear that "on the one hand we're indicting American Jewry and, on the other, we're covering up. I think it's important the truth be stated. It's important that it shouldn't happen again." #

## Benefit to raise funds for NCRP

SAN FRANCISCO—Japanese Community Progressive Alliance (JCPA) celebrates its 11th anniversary with a dinner and program on Sunday, April 15. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the program at 7:00 p.m. The event takes place at the Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

The dinner and program

are a benefit to raise funds to send a delegation from the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRP) to Washington, D.C. This delegation will testify before congressional committees on the redress bills currently in Congress. Hearings are scheduled for sometime this spring.

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## Americans want to name McKinley valley for Uemura

TALKEETNA, Alaska—Jim Wickwire, Thomas Lowell and other American mountaineers have started a campaign to name one of the valleys of Mt. McKinley after Naomi Uemura, the Japanese climber who is presumed to have fallen to his death after conquering the



National Geographic

Naomi Uemura

peak in mid-February, reported Asahi News Service.

Uemura was the first person to make a solo ascent of North America's highest peak in midwinter.

The American alpinists said they hoped to name "the 4,200-meter valley," as it is now known, "in memory of the great Japanese climber and for friendship between the United States and Japan."

Almost all of the 500 climbers who come each year to Mt. McKinley bivouac in the valley, which stretches 2 kilo-

meters long and 1 kilometer wide below the mountain's west face.

Lowell, former lieutenant governor of Alaska, said he wrote Vice President George Bush for federal cooperation.

### Search Abandoned

On Feb. 12, his 43rd birthday, Uemura radioed that he had reached the 20,320-foot summit of Mt. McKinley. He was last observed four days later from a plane at about 16,000 feet. Winds since then were recorded at more than 60 miles an hour in temperatures of 14 degrees below zero. Search crews gave up on Mar. 8 after finding Uemura's snowshoes, diary, sleeping bag, fuel, jacket and shovel.

Uemura was an unusual Japanese in preferring solo treks to group travel. In the mid-sixties he worked as a roomboy at a Los Angeles motel for a month and spent another three months picking grapes on a farm to earn enough money to take him to Europe. Since then he became famous as a world explorer.

In 1978 he made a then-unprecedented solo journey by dogsled to the North Pole. He rafted alone along 4,000 miles of the Amazon, and tackled the summits of the highest mountains on four continents: Mont Blanc in Western Europe, Aconcagua in South America, Kilimanjaro in Africa, and Mt. McKinley. He also was in the first Japanese expedition to reach the top of Mt. Everest.

## Mental hospitals may be giving Asians overdoses of drugs

TORRANCE, Ca.—A Harbor-UCLA psychiatrist is attempting to find out whether Asians require smaller doses of drugs to treat their psychiatric problems, compared to whites.

Keh-Ming Lin, MD., assistant professor of psychiatry with UCLA School of Medicine, is also coordinator of Mental Health Services for Minority Patients in the coastal region, which runs from Malibu to Long Beach and takes in some two million people.

Lin notes that psychiatrists and other clinicians have observed that Asians may be "overtreated" by psychiatric drugs in mental health clinics and hospitals. The same doses of common drugs like Haldol, Librium and Thorazine produce more serious effects and more complaints of side effects in Asian patients, even when the differences in body weights between Asians and whites are considered.

### Diet and Physiology Studied

Some of the variables being studied in Lin's research include not only the weight differences between the races, but also different nutritional patterns and histories. Since U.S.-born persons of all races but especially whites eat more red meat, it may be that common psychiatric drugs are influenced in their effects by a high-protein diet.

"High levels of protein in the diet may mean that more protein-bonding of drugs occurs in the blood stream, which means that less of the drug is available to reach the brain," Lin suggests.

"Or, it may be that the differences occur in the brain receptors of Asians and Caucasians, which would probably mean that all psychiatric drugs would affect Asians and Caucasians differently. It may mean that the enzyme systems differ between races, causing differing effects from the same dosage of a drug."

Since most Asians are cautious of U.S. psychiatric drugs and probably have been exposed to less caffeine, alcohol and industry toxins than whites, all of these factors may be at work, Lin says. Or, "If none of these factors prove to be responsible for the differences in the way psychiatric drugs affect Asians and Caucasians, it may mean that the effects are based more on the ways Asians view drugs and how sensitive they are to the effects of drugs on their bodies." #

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