Mark Clark, a general who opposed EO 9066, dies

by Vincent Tajiri

(Ex-Hq, 2d Bn, 442d RCT)

He was a tall man—remembered as being longlimed and, when striding up a rocky incline, possessed of an ungainly gait. He was not unhandsome, but his prominent, beak-like nose caused Winston Churchill to call him “The American Eagle.” He was born to khaki, and would never know another life but the military.

He was Gen. Mark Wayne Clark. When he died on April 17—from a variety of illnesses—that can best be summed up as the infirmities of old age—he was two weeks shy of his 80th birthday.

As it happened with the great WWII generals who preceded him in death—Marshall, Patton, Stilwell, MacArthur, Eisenhower and Bradley—many of Clark’s opinions and military judgments were later subjected to controversy. From the Nisei, however—those who served under his flag in the US Army in WWII and in Korea, and those who know him solely from his position in 1942 to the military expulsion of the Japanese American from the West Coast—he has received nothing but respect.

Col. Yosaki Kim (ret.), former executive officer of the 100th Infantry Battalion, remembers the certainty outside of Vada, Italy, when Clark awarded the Nisei battalion its first Presidential Unit Citation for the Battle of Belvedere.

There before the assembled 100th and 442nd RCT, Clark said, after pinning the blue streamer onto the guidon bearing the battalion colors: “You are always thinking of your country before yourselves. You have never complained through your long periods on the line. You have written a brilliant chapter in the history of the fighting men in America. You are always ready to close with the enemy and you have always defeated him.”

“The 34th Division is proud of you; the Fifth Army is proud of you; and the whole United States is proud of you.”

Combat Experience

Kim adds that the 100th/442nd were lucky to be assigned to Gen. Clark’s command. “He was one of the few Army commanders who had frontline experience in the First World War. He fully understood the dangers and the hardships of the foot soldier and truly appreciated great fighting men.”

Kim’s assessment is borne out from statements made by the general in an interview shortly before his death. “Do you know,” he said, “I am entitled to wear eleven rows of decorations? But the only one I really ever wanted is the one on top—the brown rifle on a blue background circled by a silver wreath.”

“It means I am a combat infantryman.”

Another example in this regard is reported by Chet Tanka in his book, Go For Broke. In mid-July 1944, after they had taken Livorno, Italy, Gen. Clark assigned

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commanding general of the 5th Army, pins ribbon awards to 100th Infantry Battalion to designate the Presidential Citation in July 1944 for its actions at the Battle of Belvedere in northern Italy where the toughest Wehrmacht units were routed by the all-Nisei unit. The decoration was the first of three won by the 100th.

Mineta testifies on immigration


Chaired by Rep. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), the committee is considering the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1983 (HR 1510), popularly known as the Simpson-Mazzoli bill.

The committee will also determine the rules controlling debate on the bill when it reaches the House Floor. Open debate might prevent consideration of national identity cards. “I do not think we should travel down the road of national identification cards: not one foot, not one inch,” Mineta said.

The idea of a central national data bank listing everyone’s ethnicity and heritage—listing which would be essential for such a system—is profoundly and overwhelmingly abhorrent.

An alternative immigration bill has been authored by Rep. Edward Roybal (D-Calif.), co-sponsored by 30 members of the House, including Mineta and Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.).
members of the 100th to guard and secure all entry points. A Nisei produced a convoy of trucks, whereupon a colonel stepped out and demanded that the convoy be allowed to pass. When the colonel was unable to get the proper documents, the private refused. The colonel became upset. I can only hope that he didn’t fling his hat at my convoy on through.”

As related in the book, “The private drove on in the dusty road with his foot and said, Colonel, you cross this line you make. Make? What is make?”

“Make means you are dead.”

We can take you, you are only one.”

Cross the line and you make, “said the private.”

The outcome was that the convoy returned to their base until the proper documents had been prepared. When Clark heard of this incident, he requested that the private be brought to him. Then, putting his arm around the young private’s shoulder, he said to newsmen and members of his staff, “I commend this soldier. I selected the 100th because I knew my orders would be carried out. I can depend on the 100th to carry out any mission. I have absolute faith in every soldier in the 100th. The private is an example of that trust.”

Against Removal

Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Congressman Leland Ford of Los Angeles actively began pushing for the removal of Japanese from the West Coast. Despite opposition from Attorney General Francis Biddle, Ford rallied support among his fellow legislatorsresulting in a meeting with Admiral Harold Stark, the Japanese-American Chief of Staff. Stark and Clark, in essence, stated that the defense facilities in the Pacific coastal area were considerable and being augmented; further, that those of Japanese ancestry in the area provided little threat and that their evacuation was unnecessary. On this occasion, of course, Clark’s judgment did not prevail.

As a note of final tribute, when the news of Clark’s death was announced, the 100th and 442d MIS Museum Foundation had just opened an exhibit, “The Japanese American Heritage,” at the JACC in Little Tokyo. The Museum Foundation quickly decided to add another panel to the exhibit. It will bear a photograph of General Clark reviewing the 100th/442d along with words of tribute in his memory.

JACC to stage Children’s Day fete

LOS ANGELES—Children’s Day will be celebrated on the JACC Plaza Saturday, May 5, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in conjunction with the Asian Arts & Crafts Fair that weekend.

One-day festival will feature kite-making, origami, fish-printing, a coloring table and a “graffiti box.” An inflatable sculpture that children will be encouraged to draw upon. Performing on the Plaza will be June Kuma­ moto and her students on the koto, Japanese dance by Bando Mitsuhiro and students, folk tales for children by the East West Players, break-dancing and a drum performance by Kimura Taiko.

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LOUIS ANGELES—Chi Alpha Delta Alumnae hold a scholarship bridge/tea, Sunday, May 6, at 2 p.m., at West Los Angeles Buddhist Church, 900 Corinth Ave. at 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit a scholarship fund for UCLA students. For more information, call Fred Miyata, 828-9008, or Kazue Higa, 462-2124.

LOUIS ANGELES—Japanese American Cultural and Community Center chooses its candidate for the annual Miss Nisei Week contest at a coronation dinner at the center, 120 W. Puebla Ave., Saturday, April 28, from 6 p.m. Candidates are Colleen McKenna, Sheryl Minshara, Tammy Nagashima, Tracy Seki, and Judy Tsutsumi. Tickets are $7.30. Reservations may be made by calling (818) 966-2566.

SUNNY CALIF.,—See Yurie Kasai sponsor a Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, April 29, at the Chateau La Ballroom, 11301 Marquet St., from 6-11 p.m. Tickets available at Yurie Kasai office and Sumitomo and Golden State Samwa banks. Proceeds will support social services for Nikkei families.

SAN PEDRO, Calif.—Non-graduate of San Pedro High School, Winter Class of 1940, are encouraged to attend a reunion, May 19, 6-8:30 p.m., at the San Pedro Elks Club. For reservations and more information, call Stu Nakagawa, 479-7031.

WASHINGTON—National Institute for Women of Color sponsors a president’s forum. Saturday, May 19, at American University, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Earlier that day, panelists examine the status of women of color during a conference from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 446-2377.

Educational concerns

LOUIS ANGELES—UIC, of Southern California offers graduate students and practicing teachers an intensive, 15-week program in which they can earn a certificate to teach English as a second language. Classes begin June 4. For more information, write Dr. Hidetaka Banno, director, TESL Institute, UIC of Southern California, WPS, 1080, Los Angeles, CA 90002-0820, or call (213) 743-2430.

SAN FRANCISCO—The nation’s first School of Ethnic Studies celebrated its 15th anniversary at San Francisco State University with a three-day conference April 12-14. Today the school is its faculty members who teach the classes. "We’re Indian, Asian American, Black and La Raça studies. Spring enrollment is 2,287."

Cultural events

NEW YORK—Bando Tamasaburo, widely acclaimed Kabuki performer specializing in female roles, performs at Japan Society Theater May 4-11 and in Los Angeles May 16-18. He is the only Japanese performer invited to appear in the gala celebration of the 1800th anniversary of the Metropolitan Opera House.

LOUIS ANGELES—Yasuyori Nishida, curator of the Far Eastern Dept., Tokyo National Museum, speaks on "Carved Lacquer of the Song Dynasty" at Yuba College. For more information, call 722-7771.

Yuba City, Calif.—Yuba College presents The Theatre of Yugen, Friday, April 27, 8 p.m., in the College Theater. The San Francisco company performing Japanese short stories, Kyogen. Tickets are available at Candy Box stores in Yuba City and Marysville, and at Yuba College. For more information, call 741-6727.

NCKJAR attorney to speak on internnees’ class action suit

LOUIS ANGELES—Atty. Ellen Godfrey Carson, who did the research for the class action lawsuit filed by National Council for Japanese American Redress (NCKJAR), will be speaking about the suit at UCLA and Whittier College this weekend.

The Chicago-based NCKJAR filed its suit more than a year ago in the U.S. district court in Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Nisei internees of WW2. Carson will be available to answer questions about issues the court has focused on—particularly, the statute of limitations.

On Friday, April 27, Carson addresses a noon gathering at the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, 3235 Campbell Hall. That evening at 7:30, she speaks at Whittier College’s Sturtevant Lecture Hall, Painter Avenue and Philadelphia St., Whittier.

Fund raiser with Irons

Peter Irons, professor of political science at U.C. San Diego, joins Carson at a Los Angeles fund-raiser on Saturday, April 28, at Americastorik. 321 Towne Ave., from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Irons book, Justice at War, will be available for autographing. Admission to the fund-raiser is $10.

On Saturday, April 29, Carson will be present for 9:30-11 a.m. services at Sage United Methodist Church, 332 S. Garfield, Monterey Park. Pastor Wes Yamaka can be contacted for more information (615) 840-1460.

Carson is a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School and is with the Washington, D.C. firm of Lands, Cohen, Singman & Raur.

Sansei to learn about parenting

LOUIS ANGELES—Issues of concern for Nisei families will be addressed at two panel presentations, sponsored by the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, April 29 and May 6, at 3 p.m. Programs are free to the public, funded by Target Stores and Mervyn’s.

The first presentation entitled, “Sansei Parenting: Controversial Issues,” will touch on male and female role models, balancing career and family, single parenting and childcare. Participants include: Herb Hatanaka, (DSW), director of program development, Special Service for Groups, Gail Doi, grants administrator, Gardena, Bruce Takai, project supervisor, Foundation for Early Childhood Education, and Laura Shotozaki, (LCSW), Counseling Services for Asian Americans.

“We see such presentations are beginning steps in looking at some of the concerns of today’s Japanese American parents,” says Chris Iwafat, series coordinator.

The May 6 meeting will focus on the transferring of cultural values to children in American society, entitled, “The Young Child: Growing up Japanese American,” Iwafat continued. Participating on the panel will be Rev. Masui Gordall, Nancy Araki, Lloyd Iwai and Yvonne Wong Nishio. For more information, call Chris Iwafat (213) 628-2725.

Nikkei Images to benefit redness

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Nikkei Images, the second annual San Jose Bay Area camp arts and crafts exhibit, will be shown at the San Jose Nikkunichi Outreach Committee (NOC), A.S.I.A. N. Club, and Asian American Studies of San Jose State University, this exhibit presents a rare opportunity to see the story of America’s concentration camps through hundreds of pieces of art, crafts, photos, and historical artifacts.

On Saturday, May 5, from 1-4 p.m., there will be a premier exhibit, program, and reception at Weisley United Methodist Church, 966 N. 5th St. This event begins with a program and reception and ends with a private viewing of the artwork. Proceeds will be used to send a NOC representative as part of the National Coalition for Redress. Reparations delegation to Washington, D.C., to testify at the congressional hearings on redress legislation. Suggested donation is $10 ($5 for seniors and students).

On Sunday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the exhibit will be open to the public at the Islai Memorial Building.

Tickets for the reception and merchandise are available at the Asian American Studies Center at UCLA and documents life as a Kobe labor organizer.

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REDRESS PHASE FIVE: By MIN YASUI

On the Great Plains

The state of Iowa is a part of the Midwest region, but since JACL does not have a chapter in Iowa, we include that state in a look at the Great Plains states. In the Mountain-Plains region, we have JACL chapters in Colorado, New Mexico, and Nebraska.

Because of scarcity of populations, the Mountain-Plains area does not have many members in Congress, but each state is equal in the number of U.S. senators. In the Senate consideration of redistrict legislation, each state becomes equally important. With that thought in mind, we look at...

IOWA: The senior Sen. Roger Jepsen (R) of Davenport is up for re-election in 1984. His is not a safe seat by any means. Jepsen is a Reagan conservative, and will be opposed by internally a more moderate candidate in the primary. Sen. Charles Grassley (R) suddenly came to our attention as the chair of the Judiciary sub-committee on Administrative Practices and Policies, holding a hearing on the Cranston bill for redress in July 1983. It appeared that this was an effort to kill redress efforts a-borning in the Senate. However, in fairness to Sen. Grassley, it must be noted that no political decisions have been made in that sub-committee in regard to redress.

Because Iowa is an intensively agricultural state with many farms, it has sufficient population to entitle Iowa to 6 U.S. representatives. The split is exactly even with 3 Democrats and 3 Republicans. It is that simple problem which has not settled in Iowa in large numbers, and our contacts are extremely limited.

We know of Dr. Neil Nakadate at the University of Iowa at Ames, Iowa. But we need other contacts, particularly in the Des Moines area. Does anyone have any leads for us?

KANSAS: Senator Sam Nunn was a rock-rubbed Republican state, but times are changing. Although Sen. Robert Dole (R) has achieved national prominence, especially in regard to the national budget, and as past vice presidential running mate to Pres. Gerald Ford in 1976, some liberal Democrats are making headway in the more industrialized areas, such as Wichita and Kansas City.

Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum (R) is up for re-election in 1984. Her seat seems safe. The more rural areas of Kansas have three Republican representatives, while Wichita and Kansas City have elected Democratic congressmen. We need contacts in Kansas.

OKLAHOMA: With its gas and oil production, Oklahoma is generally Democratic. Sen. David Boren (D) will be up for re-election in 1984. He is the 6th ranking minority member of the Senate Appropriations committee. It appears that Sen. Boren will probably be safe in 1984.

The other Oklahoma senator, Sen. Don Nickles (R) is a fundamentalist New Right advocate, but he is not up for election until 1986.

Oklahoma's 5 congressmen are all Democrats, except Rep. Mickey Edwards of Oklahoma City. Rep. Edwards is a chair of the American Conservative Union, and a spokesman for the New Right. His district is so gerrymandered to assure Republican election, that the heart of Oklahoma, in Tulsa, Rep. James Jones (D) brings 20 years of congressional experience. He is chair of the House Budget committee, and will be important in any consideration of redistrict legislation.

We know of the Tacy Yamagishi family in Oklahoma City. They came out of Seattle, Washington, during the evacuation. Tacy Yamagishi was portrait photographer of the Senate Appropriations committee.

MONTANA: "The Big Sky Country" of Montana is usually Democratic, in keeping with the former Sen. Mike Mansfield tradition. Mansfield is now U.S. Ambassador to Japan, but was for many years the Senate majority leader. Sen. John Melcher (D) of the eastern plains of Montana was a co-sponsor of S2116, the redress bill. The junior senator, Sen. Max Baucus is an early favorite, his re-election is not sure. He ranks 8th on the Senate Finance committee, and is considered to be moderately liberal.

We know of the Tom Koyama family in Hardin, Montana—and we know that a number of evacuee families from the Pacific Northwest went to Montana to work in sugar beets during World War II. We need to establish contacts in Montana.

NORTH DAKOTA: Neither of the North Dakota senators are up for re-election in 1984. Sen. Quentin Burdick (D) is 74 years old, and is regarded as an amiable person. The other senator, Sen. Richard L. (Red) Andrus is regarded generally as a loyal Republican. He ranks 8th on the Senate Appropriations committee.

Rep. Thomas Daschle (D) of Aberdeen, is in the congressional at-large. He appears to be an up-and-coming statewide political leader. We need to establish contacts in South Dakota.

Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Montana, North Dakota, Wyoming, ... Does anyone have any leads for us?

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THERE ARE CERTAIN personages in JACL whose names and reputations long precede them. For example, we had heard so much about Mike Masaoka, Sab Kido, Mas Satow, George Inakagi and others—so that when we finally met each of them, it was somewhat like meeting a hero. Well, Ruby Yoshino Schaar was one of those people who fits in this category. Just as we often don't recall the exact moment when we first met Mike or Sab, so we don't recall the circumstances under which we first met Ruby. But surely it was at some JACL meeting. We do distinctly recall how this Nisei would get up in a meeting and say just what was on her mind—often saying things that many others might secretly wish to say but were too reticent to do so. And she did it without causing resentment. (And that's true, it's a personal experience.)

EARLY NEXT MONTH Ruby will be leaving her beloved New York and set out for the "The City By the Bay." And in bidding her adieu, a longtime and staunch JACLer, barrister Murray Sprung (accompanied by one of his biggest fans and supporter, wife Mary)

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THERE ARE CERTAIN personages in JACL whose names and reputations long precede them. For example, we had heard so much about Mike Masaoka, Sab Kido, Mas Satow, George Inakagi and others—so that when we finally met each of them, it was somewhat like meeting a hero. Well, Ruby Yoshino Schaar was one of those who fits in this category. Just as we often don't recall the exact moment when we first met Mike or Sab, so we don't recall the circumstances under which we first met Ruby. But surely it was at some JACL meeting. We do distinctly recall how this Nisei would get up in a meeting and say just what was on her mind—often saying things that many others might secretly wish to say but were too reticent to do so. And she did it without causing resentment. (And that's true, it's a personal experience.)

EARLY NEXT MONTH Ruby will be leaving her beloved New York and set out for the "The City By the Bay." And in bidding her adieu, a longtime and staunch JACLer, barrister Murray Sprung (accompanied by one of his biggest fans and supporter, wife Mary)
FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

A Tasty Chinese Meal for Memories

We took some of the kids and grandkids to dinner at a Chinese restaurant the other night, and the way they put away the food stirred memories of what it was like when our folks would take us out.

Chinese chow was a great treat back in those days, just as it is today. There’s nothing quite as bad as poorly prepared Chinese food, and nothing quite as good as the very best.

There were three main Japanese-operated Chinese restaurants in the Seattle of our youth—the Gyoza of the Nikko Low, and Kinka Low. (Isn’t it remarkable that we should remember their names when so much else has faded away?) We didn’t discover until we’d grown up, and made friends among some Chinese Nisei, that there were even better restaurants in Chinatown.

The Jissi had their own generic terms for Chinese food—Chun-meshi, Shina-meshi, Nankin-meshi, or just simply chow suey. The Japanese-operated Chinese restaurants named above were the scene of some memorable banquets as well as family dinners. They served enormous quantities of food and my recollection is that all of it was delicious.

Those were the days when our appetites were immense. The rice was served in oversize bowls, at least 50 and maybe 100 percent larger than the ordinary rice bowls we used at home. For some reason it was necessary to eat rice along with the egg foo yung, the sweet and sour pork, the pineapple chicken, the bean curd and pork, and the other dishes that were staples of those Chinese meals. The rice was bland and the rest of the food was rich, and somehow they complemented each other. In their prime, some of the guys could put away as many as five bowls of rice along with heaping helpings of the trimmings. Ah, memories.

In the last few years, following the influx of large numbers of immigrants from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Vietnam and the mainland, an astonishing number of Chinese restaurants have sprung up all over the United States.

We used to have nothing but Cantonese-style cooking because the first Chinese immigrants were Cantonese and many of them went into the restaurant business. But the later arrivals brought with them skills in Peking-style cooking, the peppery Szechuan dishes, and the delightful Shanghai cuisine. And so Americans discovered that Chinese cooking wasn’t simply chop suey and chow mein.

Still, it is difficult not to compare the “new” Chinese dishes with the relatively plain fare served in the Chinese restaurants of boyhood. What we used to have, compared to what is available now, must have been rather ordinary. But memory tells us it was wonderfully tasty food, perhaps because our taste buds were sharper then, and our appetites seldom were fully satisfied during the growing years.

Some day, perhaps, the grandkids will remember back to the meals we shared, and I hope their recollections will be as warm as those of my own boyhood. There’s nothing quite like a good Chinese meal for stirring good thoughts and old memories.

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Under the supervision of the National Director, performs a wide variety of duties in relation to JACL’s objectives and activities in the Washington, D.C. Office.

Duties and Responsibilities

Maintains working relationship with congressional leadership, federal officials and other national civil rights organizations.

Communicates regularly with those Federal agencies/departments which administer programs impacting or having significance to the National Director.

Keeps the National Director apprised of activities with the Congress and Federal Government which has bearing on the objectives of the JACL.

Assists the National Director in carrying out the programs of the JACL.

Prepares proposals, analyzes funding sources and secures funding for JACL programs.

Develops a work plan for the Washington Office, which shall be reviewed and approved annually by the National Director.

Updates on current legislation and activities in the Federal government affecting the JACL.

Manages the daily office administration of the JACL Washington, D.C. Office.

Works with other staff members in specific assignment with the National Director.

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Qualifications

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a degree in law is preferred.

Work experience or training in an equivalent related area may be substituted for academic education.

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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.

Must demonstrate knowledge of the political process and how it relates to minority group people specifically and society as a whole.

Must be able to write in clear, precise language; analyze legislation; speak before public groups.

Should be acquainted with Foreign Relations as it applies to U.S. Foreign Policy especially to Japan and the Far East.

Ability to understand the Japanese language is desirable but not required.

Familiarity with the various aspects of the wartime internment of Japanese Americans is essential.

The ability to work with a diverse population of backgrounds, interests, and personalities is essential.

The ability to work extended hours and weekends is a requirement of the position.

The ability to exercise good judgement in interactions with the public, media and government officials is required.

Special Requirements

Active membership in the JACL, Valid Motor Vehicle Operator’s license. Willingness to register as a lobbyist for the JACL.

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WOMEN'S CONCERNS:

Requested by Sandi Kawasaki, chair
Pacific Citizen sub-committee

LOS ANGELES—The Women's Concerns Committee is asking for your help—we need men and women volunteers for our weekly activities, and especially for the special 'PC Day on Women.'

These articles can be on any topic that is of importance to you. Your personal experiences, good or bad, can help others gain insight into their own lives. 

Articles may also help you to gather and clarify your own thoughts.

We have set very few limitations on their length—articles should be between 4000 to 6000 words, and they will be subject to editing. For articles to be published in the special issue, the deadline for submission is May 11. But we hope we shall be able to publish them in the summer issue.

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Orange County community holds tribute for Issei pioneers

OCCUPIED MESA, Calif. — Thirty-eight surviving Issei pioneers of Orange County were honored March 31 by a capacity crowd of 660 persons at the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel, not far from the agricultural fields where the Issei once toiled.

Officials from President Ronald Reagan and Gov. George Deukmejian to local city council members sent their regrets to those whose dreams for a better future, said Ernest Nagamatsu, “started with the breaking of the ground in the new land that was Orange County.”

“The dreams,” he declared, “are the vast farming areas of Bolsa, Talbert and the celery fields of Smeltzer.” Nagamatsu said, “the great floods of Huntington Beach and the chili dehydrators of Garden Grove, and also of the many ausana-ya-son who came to visit our ranches. Today we have many new homes and communities like Villa Park and La Paloma in Orange County. But what remains with us and in us is the ‘issei spirit,” he declared.

Politically Active

According to a Los Angeles Times report by Herman Wong, Orange County’s Nikkei community, estimated at 20,000 is one of the most active ethnic groups in the county. In 1967, for example, Jim Kanno and Charles Ishii were elected to the Fountain Valley city council. Kanno was named mayor.

Carol Kawanami, Villa Park city council member, was mayor of that city in 1980, and Harry Yamamoto was council member for Santa Ana through the 1970s.

Two public schools have even been named after Issei — the Isajiero Oka School in Huntington Beach and the Hisamatsu Tamura School in Fountain Valley — and one after a Nisei GI killed in WWII — the Kano Masuda School in Fountain Valley.

Wong writes, however, that most Orange County Nikkei “have avoided public displays of activism, such as the demands being waged by some Japanese American groups that the United States pay reparations to former internees.”

Museum Council

Sponsoring the tribute to the Issei pioneers was the Japanese American Council of Bowers Museum Foundation.

Foundation has established similar councils for Americans of ethnic European, Mexican, Black and Chinese ancestry and Native Americans. The Japanese American Council has exhibited photographs and documents and is in the process of compiling oral histories of Issei and older Nisei.


Tritia Toyota was master of ceremonies. Speakers were Carol Kawanami, Arthur Hansen, Ernest Nagamatsu, Kyotji Akiyama, Masami Sasaki, and Hiroshi Kamei. The Revs. Abraham Debi and John Doami delivered the invocation and benediction, respectively.

Entertainment was provided by Kinaya Ichikawab and his troupe; singer Kinaya Jyonokushi; and Butch Kasahara and Combo.

Photo above shows Issei workers in Huntington Beach celery field, 1920

Tribute organizers included (from left): Hiroshi Kamei, Carol Kawanami, Yas Oka­zaki, Tritia Toyota (emcee), Keiko Sadakan, Myrtle Asa­hino, Ernest Nagamatsu, and Tami Kamei.

Photo by Keiko Sadakane.
Chapter to honor five mothers

LOS ANGELES — The 22nd Annual Mothers Day Luncheon sponsored by Downtown Los Angeles Chapter JACL and Japanese American Women’s Association of Southern California will be held Saturday, May 12, from noon at Hotel New Otani and Gardens, 130 S. Los Angeles St.

Five mothers will be feted at the event. They are Haru Hashimoto, Mu 5, Matsu Bye, Tomoko Takahashi and Matsue Yamaguma. Information on reservations for the luncheon will be announced at a later date.

About the Honorees

Haru Hashimoto, 80, was born in 1903 in Shimazu prefecture. In 1922 she married Korioku Hashimoto and came to Los Angeles to help her brother’s confectionery shop, Mikayuya, in Little Tokyo. The couple became the owner of the shop three years later, when his brother and his family returned to Japan.

Hashimoto was a victim of heart attack at age 87. She then educated their two daughters besides running the business by herself. Volunteer work includes being Japanese Women’s Emergency Power for the Community and Higashi Hongangai Buddhist Church Women’s Club president.

Shime Kazahaya, 85, was born in Okayama prefecture in 1900. She came to the United States in 1918 and married Horotii Kazahaya. After farming at Huntington Beach they moved to Los Angeles. A record dividend of $1,684,549, which $33,446 was charged off and $18,886 recovered, for a net loss of $14,584.

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(Credit in this Article April 13 news release from the Chicago JACL credit union spelling out its relation with shareholders may be regarded as its view a critical article by Harry Minam of Chicago which appeared in the Pacific Citizen.)

CHICAGO — The Chicago JACL Federal Credit Union held its 37th annual meeting of shareholders on March 23 at Omi Tan, with Vice President of the credit union handling the general arrangements and serving as toastmaster.

President at the business portion of the meeting, president Dudley Yatabe, reported that despite a decreasing demand in loans throughout the year, milestones were reached in total assets of $741,049, share deposits of $633,197, and gross income of $86,592.

At the first meeting of the newly elected board of directors, President Dr. Roy Tesluma, Richard Hikawa, Chairman; Richard Hikawa, Thomas Masa, Jack Nakagawa, Art Car, Sumi Shirru, Dudley Yatabe, and Carol Yamashita, decided to serve as a Ruby Schaar Scholarship Fund in the Kyojukai Flower Arrangement School, and the vice president of the Credit Union. In 1922 he was transferred to the Seattle branch of the bank, and then in 1934 to Los Angeles. In 1941 Yamaguma went to Japan and stayed there for 12 years. She stayed with her husband’s relatives in Beppu, while he lived in Moji where the bank’s branch was located. For six years they were only allowed to raise their children.

In 1953, Tako was assigned to Los Angeles to found The Bank of Tokyo of California, the predecessor bank of Senator First Bank. Tako not only served the bank for 30 consecutive years until his retirement in 1976, but he served the Japa­nese community in many capacities. President of Downtown Los Angeles Chapter JACL, Japanese Chamber of Commerce of So. California, Shimamoto Kenjinkai, Omote-senke Tea Ceremony School, and other groups. His contributions to the community were possible with his wife’s constant behind-the-scenes support. The couple are looking forward to April 1986, when they will observe their 66th wedding anniversary.

Mother’s Day Gift Ideas

We’ve lowered our prices so you can celebrate Mother’s Day in Gold. Choose from our selection of £100 to symbolize your love…She’ll never forget.

[Image of jewelry items]

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Sprung recited a prayer so familiar to many of us: “May the Lord keep thee….” It was a message that Murray’s father had given him, as young Murray went off to World War II. And Murray has never forgotten the Hebrew translation.

RUBY FEELS THAT some Nikkei must be encouraged to tell our story, perhaps as a playwright. She feels that ours is a story that must be told, must reach the citizenry, and a dramatic production would well be an effective medium in doing so. The Nikkei agree and have started a Nikkei Scholarship Fund to support the Performing Arts.” Last night, “to get the ball rolling,” Ruby herself contributed five thousand dollars. The New York Chapter has contributed a thousand. Many individuals have also shared in this national Nikkei cause.

Ruby Yoshino Schaar’s voice, first heard in early 1945, shall continue to be heard—for the welfare of the Nikkei and Asian Americans.
Update

Schedule set for single convention workshops by Meriko Mori

Los Angeles—Tom Shumaike, workshop chairman, has finalized the planning schedule for the Saturday, May 26, workshops at the JACL national single convention.

1. 10:30 a.m.—Bebe Reschke, SSW, and Dr. Edward Hineno, a psychiatrist, conduct a workshop on “Getting to Know You,” based on the Nikkei Widowed. The Nikkei Widowed and Grace Nagamoto chairs a panel on “After Divorce: Where Do You Grow From Here.”

3. 7:30 p.m.—Chairman Sato, Nakatani, and Sato, the Japanese American Club counselors, address “Meeting the Needs of Seniors Single,” and Sue Ota (chair) and Betty Koozawa, chair of the Los Angeles City council advisory committee, on aging, describe “JACL’s Aging and Retirement Program.”

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Letters

Dangerous Precedent
Chair Clarence M. Pendle­ton of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission recommended that the United States return to the United Nations, as Japanese Americans as recommended by the Commissioner on War­time Repatriation and Internment of Civilians (CWIR) would set a dangerous pre­cedent. I don’t think I’m due any­thing because my grand father had a problem. Mr. Pendleton quoted as saying, Mr. Pendleton seems unaware that the recom­mended recipients are the actual survivors, not the United States. I think this impression without an indictment. More than half of the recipi­ents have already died with the injustice and humiliation etched into their brains. The impression was not in the hands of a foreign govern­ment during wartime; it was by an official act of our own government, and the Japanese Americans were fight­ing themselves, not the Salinas monu­ment of a high school class from Santa Cruz, and by the numerous letters these students have written to Rep. Panetta, and Sen. Alan Cran­ston and Pete Wilson.

Other chapters can also be filled with facts and by publicizing尼克活动, can also secure the understanding and sympa­thy of the American com­munity. In fact, the issue is injustice of the interment, and for redress, it’s all a matter of educating the community and letting the public know, because “the moment we forget, what happened, the gate, the gas Eng­lish 101 543.”

Thank you
Enclosed is a $50 donation so you can supply any addi­tional mailings and sub­scriptions to Pacific Cit­izen to my brothers and sis­ters who are serving in the service [see March 23 PC]. They need to keep in touch.

-Namio Watanabe (request)
San Jose, CA

A Better Understanding
As a result of the well­orchestrated dedication cerem­ony at the monument at the former “Salinas As­sembly Center” and the ad­vance publicity by the very supportive editorial in the Salinas Californian, an increased awareness of the internment is noticeable in the Salinas area.

Helping to stimulate com­munity interest was the wide media coverage of the move­ment dedication, resulting in as many as 30 articles in the Monterey Bay area newspa­pers—all very supportive—and the dozen or so letters to the editor, censuring the internment.

This change is noteworthy considering that in 1943, only dents policy said that Japa­nese Americans should be al­lowed to return to this area.

Also contributing to this better understanding were impres­sive speeches by Judge William Marutani, Mayor and Fred Tan­tei, and those by Rep. Leon Panetta, state Sen. Henry Mello, Mayor, Jack­lin Barnes, and county Super­visor Barbara Shumpick.

But last, not the least, the genuine and chiding humor of the master of ceremonies and by John Tateishi probably also influenced Rep. Panetta, who spoke at the dedication of 1941. ‘The Civil Rights Act of 1964,’ they said.

The wide interest in the interment is also reflected by a visit to the Salinas monu­ment of a high school class from Santa Cruz, and by the numerous letters these students have written to Rep. Panetta, and Sen. Alan Cran­ston and Pete Wilson.

The following letter has been written to Rep. Panetta, and Sen. Alan Cran­ston and Pete Wilson:

HENRY T. NAMIO
Salinas, CA

Nihongo Practice
For a short time now I have been actively studying the Japanese language. It is a very difficult language and requires much practice. Unfor­tunately, I live in an area populated with very few Ja­panese-speaking people.

I would hope that you might put in contact with me, if you are interested, that might be interested in corres­pondence with me in both Ja­panese and English.

Since it takes such a high post rate and a long period of time for a letter to reach Japan, I was hoping for a “pen-pal” here in the United States. Any help you could give me would be greatly appreciated.

ROBERT CHAMBERS
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Temple, TX 76501

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U.W. 'detective' solves mystery of 1980 Mt. St. Helens eruption

Yamaguchi employs a science known as dendrochronology, which can tap the vast amount of information stored in tree rings. He uses a hand-cranked, auger-like device to take a pencil-thin core from Douglas fir trees near the volcano.

'Trees near Mount St. Helens, both those bit by ash and those that were not, all developed similar ring patterns, distinctively similar throughout the region,' he explained. He identified about 30 of those 'marker' rings. He sampled one tree on the edge of the 1980 kill zone that was missing three growth rings. It was a lucky tree, which survived both the 1980 and the 1989 eruptions and was just outside the 1980 blast-and-heat volcanic area.

Yamaguchi's sampling does not harm living trees. The tiny holes seal themselves quickly. His ability to detect missing rings enables him to refine the eruptions dates that continued for more than half of the 19th century.

Many geologists don't believe there is enough mountain left to build up pressure for another blast similar to that of Mount St. Helens in 1980.

---From Ray Tsuchiya, Seattle