

Photo by Jon Takasugi

Sign of the times—When an immigrant property-owner decided to develop land in Monterey Park, Calif., the owner of this gas station was one of eight persons forced to abandon

their businesses, said the man who posted the notice. The son of the former gas station operator said the wind blew the sign down, but that "it shouldn't have offended anybody."

Majority tolerant

Bigots make presence known in S. California community

by Jon Takasugi, PC Staff Writer

MONTEREY PARK, Calif.—This 7.7-square-mile city, which borders Los Angeles on the east, has been undergoing dramatic increases in its Asian population (2.9% in 1960, 35% in 1980). The resultant socio-economic unrest has taken the form of anti-Asian bumperstickers and signs, along with more direct verbal and written abuse.

The mayor of Monterey Park, Lily Lee Chen, said that the people responsible for these incidents are few and "really the minority," however.

"The fact that I was elected as mayor and received the highest number of votes in the history of the city tells me that the majority of the people are fair-minded and willing to accept newcomers who may look and act differently," Chen said.

'Bring the Flag'

Yet an obviously antagonistic outburst appeared last month at a closed gas station on the corner of Atlantic Blvd. and Floral St. A large poster displayed in an otherwise vacant window read: "Will the last American leaving Monterey Park please bring the flag."

The "Americans" the sign refers to are Anglo-Americans, many of whom began moving out of the area when the influx of Asian Americans began in the last decade with the U.S. recognition of the People's Republic of China, said John D. Elder, Monterey Park chief of police.

The sign is specifically aimed at the immigrants from Hong Kong and China.

According to Elder, such immigrants congregate in Monterey Park because of its "close proximity to Los Angeles Chinatown, and abundant business and residential opportunities."

"The tremendous population shift [has brought] the 'old guard' members of our community [to meet] this dramatically changing socio-economic condition with a mixture of resentment and fear," Elder said.

"Many local business merchants and residents sold their properties in a value-escalating market, and left the community," the police chief said.

Elder said that basically Monterey Park is a small melting pot, but "there are always conservatives who don't want change and resent the shift—those who were in Monterey Park when it was founded in 1916."

But Elder did not say these are the people responsible for the racial tensions.

'Just an Opinion'

The former owner of the service station at the corner of Atlantic and Floral, Edward Aljian, 55, was not available for comment, but he was not responsible for the posting of the sign, said his 25-year-old son, Rich.

R. Aljian said that it was a group of his friends that did the posting. "The purpose was to set up a lot of attention," Aljian said. "It was intended to cause controversy, and it worked," he said.

"It was just an opinion, a way of getting across the way someone feels."

"It's not discriminatory or derogatory... and it shouldn't have offended anybody," the former gas station worker said.

Aljian said that although he shared in the idea to put up the sign, the phrase was taken off a bumpersticker that has been around for about six months. It reads: "Will the last American leaving Monterey Park please take the flag."

Aljian said there is another sticker that reads: "I survived driving through Monterey Park."

Aljian said the sign was only up for one weekend before the wind blew it down and that he had no plans of putting it back up.

But he did say that the sign described exactly what happened at that location.

His father's station had been there for the past 18 years, he said. Then "two years ago, we [all the businesses on that block] were notified that all leases would expire and would not be renewed. They're going to build a mall."

"Somebody [the owner of the land, Lily Wong] who's not even a U.S. citizen, threw eight owners out of business. Putting the sign up brought a lot of satisfaction to a lot of people," Aljian said.

"But it pissed off my dad though," he said.

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Board hedges on compensation

Special to the Pacific Citizen

SEATTLE—This city's school board became the first in the nation to pass a resolution to provide a redress payment of \$5,000 to each former Japanese American employee of the school district who resigned or who was otherwise released or terminated on the basis of ancestry in the immediate aftermath of the outbreak of World War II (See April 20 PC).

After emotion-charged testimony and tense outbursts at an open hearing on April 25, the vote of 4 to 2, with 1 board member abstaining, carried a resolution recognizing that the "school district was wrong in its decision of Feb. 27, 1942, to accept the resignations of 27 Japanese American school clerks" given under strong community pressure, and awarding redress to those employees to "fulfill the District's moral obligation."

There was added to the resolution introduced by board vice president T.J. Vassar, however, a conditional clause—the school district's authority to make the payments must be approved by the state attorney general or by specific enabling legislation. Either of these alternatives could take many months.

Former school secretaries who were interviewed did not let this mar their elation, for they said regardless of whether they "ever received the money," the approval of the resolution meant more to them since it admitted the "seriousness of the injustice" and acknowledged that the terminations were wrong. They further agreed with the JACL position that the money was nevertheless still important to the issue since, without the payment, the resolution would "probably have passed without dissension." Only because

they had to vote on monetary payments did the genuineness of the school board members' concern become evident.

Community Support

Superintendent Robert Nelson and the seven board members heard testimony from three of the former school clerks, as well as from the city attorney's office, a past U.W. student body president, a high school student, and former Judge Charles Z. Smith, speaking on behalf of Seattle JACL.

Attorney Rod Kaseguma, filling in for City Attorney Doug Jewett, reiterated Jewett's testimony given at the commission hearings in Seattle in which he questioned whether "in times of crises... the Constitution is worth more than the paper it is written on." Jewett stated that "unless we take action to show that the wrongs of 1942 have been acknowledged, and an attempt is made to compensate for those wrongs, none of us can ever fully trust the completeness of our commitment to the rights accorded by our system of government."

Marianne Bichsel, recent ASUW president, expressed her anger and shame at the tragic injustice inflicted upon the 27 victims. She pointed out that in spite of "wartime hysteria" there had been significant opposition to the views of the Gatewood mothers, particularly by the Univ. of Washington students who had collected over 1,000 signatures opposing the forced resignations.

While still a high school student at Franklin High School, Jane (Sugawara) Okada, who was employed as a part-time clerk, recalled being "humiliated and embarrassed" to be

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Congress may declare Gohonzon a religious object

WASHINGTON—A House subcommittee is receiving testimony on legislation introduced March 26 by Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) that would extend duty-free treatment to scrolls or tablets imported for use in religious observances.

Testimony is being taken by the Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee, which is expected to vote on the bill in May. Matsui said the legislation covers the Gohonzon, a scroll containing the doctrines of the Nichiren Shoshu religion. The approximately 10 million adherents of the religion worship before the Gohonzon, enshrined in a home altar, every morning and evening.

Distinction Questioned

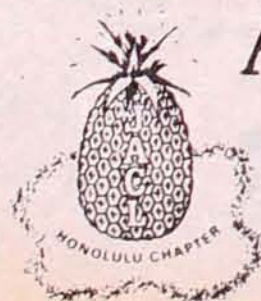
In an April 24 letter to subcommittee chair Sam Gibbons, Matsui said he "questioned" the appropriateness of duties on any religious articles regardless of whether they are used in the home or a religious institution.

"The distinction between church use and home use may, arguably, be appropriate in regard to typical Western religions, given the primacy of church worship to such religions," Matsui wrote. "It is, however, discriminatory in regard to those Eastern religions which in fact emphasize home worship."

On April 25 Sen. Spark Matsunaga introduced into the Senate a companion bill to provide duty-free treatment to Gohonzon.



Lily Lee Chen



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N. California honors Nikkei representative

by Phil Matsumura

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Some 500

persons from the Nikkei communities of Santa Clara val-

ley to the Bay Area attended the highly successful banquet April 7, to pay tribute to Rep. Norman Mineta in recognition of his one decade of outstanding service, accomplishment and leadership in Congress.

Speakers at the program included George Takei; the Rev. Jim Yanagihara of San Jose Buddhist church; Don Okumura, commander, Nisei Post VFW; Rep. Don Edwards, and the Rev. Peter Chen of Wesley United Methodist church.

In his speech, Edwards told the audience of the rise of Norman Mineta in the political world, of his sincere interest in his constituents and of his strong status in Congress.

Resolutions expressing appreciation were presented by the Santa Clara board of supervisors through Ron Diridon and Tom Legan, and San Jose City Council by Vice-mayor Shirley Lewis and O.J. Holt of the National Organization of Law Enforcement. A gift from the Japanese American attendees was presented by Karen Shiraki and I.K. Ishimatsu.



Photo by Mas Okabe

Rep. Norman Mineta expresses his appreciation at banquet.

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considered "a public threat." Okada's brother served in the 442nd Combat Battalion while she and other relatives were incarcerated in Minidoka.

Employed as a secretary in September 1941 at the E.C. Hughes Elementary School and Highland Park Elementary School in the West Seattle area, Ai (Takizawa) Koshi said she felt she had been "coerced into signing the resignation letter," as there was no other alternative presented. Koshi's three brothers also served in the wartime armed services.

Sally (Shimanaka) Kazama, who was employed at Whittier School, expressed her pain in preparing her testimony and in verbalizing an experience she had not even shared with her family in all these years. She said she had not known until the school clerks met that one of her fellow employees, who was an old friend, had been called into the assistant superintendent's office in 1942 and told, prior to the community meeting, that she would have to resign. This revelation cleared up some of the long-unanswered questions, she stated.

A longtime JACL board member, Charles Z. Smith pointed out the circumstances of the forced resignations "to be infinitely wrong" and urged school board members to "show our young people a lesson of great magnitude" by supporting Vassar's resolution.

Myths Resurrected

Two opposition witnesses, Anthony Mitrovich and Robert Auchter, claimed that there had been "wartime sabotage" committed by the Nisei, with Auchter claiming to have documented proof. Mitrovich argued that the incarceration was for the protection of those of Japanese ancestry and that the issue of reparations had been "dragged on too far." Mary Lou Winchell, also testifying against the resolution, protested that racism was not involved and interrupted the board discussion several times until the board president asked her to leave the room. (Winchell and Auchter

were later observed quoting from material which carried the name of Lillian Baker.)

Board president Ellen Roe remained opposed to the resolution from the outset and voted "no" along with board member Randi Ryan, who originally had expressed support for the measure. In a prepared statement, Ryan said there was "no proof that the Seattle School District acted wrongfully—it was the nation as a whole." Supporting Vassar's resolution were Barbara Beuschlein, Jerry Saulter and Michael Preston. Board member John Rasmussen, who had proposed a scholarship in the name of the school clerks in lieu of redress payments, abstained.

Research on the issue began in early 1983. Bolstered by the precedents set by the state of Washington and the city of Seattle, the ad hoc committee under the aegis of Seattle JACL redress moved ahead with the project immediately after the city redress ordinance was signed in March. JACLers involved

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Jesse Jackson to make campaign stop in Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES—Democratic presidential candidate Jesse Jackson is scheduled to make an appearance Thursday, May 17, in Little Tokyo's Noguchi plaza, 244 S. San Pedro St.

Jackson is expected to speak about such issues as anti-Asian violence, the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill, and redress for Americans interned in WW2.

Jackson's appearance will be one of many local stops as the June 5 California primary draws closer.

The noontime rally is being organized by Asian Pacific Americans for Jesse Jackson, a Los Angeles-based support group chaired by Linda Malabot and Evelyn Yoshimura.

For further information, call Richard Katsuda, 680-3729.

NEWCOMERS

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Aljian said his father is now running a self-service station in Bakersfield.

Response from Mayor

Chen, who was the first Chinese American woman to be elected to the office of mayor in the United States, was offended by the sign.

In a letter to the former owner, she called the sign "very distasteful and un-American."

In the letter she stated that Monterey Park "prides itself in being a harmonious community composed of a good balance of people of varied ethnic backgrounds, the great majority of whom are American citizens."

"The sign only serves to promulgate racial discord and is contrary to the very essence of our multiracial country."

"Certainly, America's strength comes from the unity of people of different racial, cultural, and religious backgrounds; and the attempt to foster racial or cultural discord, is most anti-American!" the letter read.

In commenting on the issue, Chen said that the people doing these kinds of activities are in the minority in Monterey Park.

"I receive calls and communications from just as many non-Asians as Asians, and they're upset because signs like this don't represent the white majority view."

"My election as first Chinese American mayor is a clear message. The majority of the population is not prejudiced, or they would not have elected me," Chen said.

The mayor said that the kind of resentment that produces such a sign or is generated by it, is the "kind of resentment that comes from when the economy isn't doing well," and newcomers become scapegoats.

"If we all enjoy good employment," Chen said, "then we all get along fine."

Newcomers Always Accepted

What people don't know or remember, Chen added, is that one of Monterey Park's earliest pioneers, Masami Abe, was of Japanese descent. Chen said in 1928 he owned a vegetable ranch from Monterey Pass Road all the way to Atlantic Blvd.

The mayor said that Monterey Park has set up a historic commission to give information on the old-timers of the area.

"Looking back, Monterey Park was accepting of all new settlers," Chen said. "Newcomers have always had the feeling of being accepted. We have to keep that tradition."

But Chen acknowledged that there are a few people who refuse to understand the new-

comers and only see the negative side of them.

"That's really unfortunate," Chen said. "If they only attended the local spelling bee or PTA meeting, they would be impressed with the contributions these people are making."

Or, Chen continued, if they only visited the adult education classes where newcomers are trying to learn English...or saw them waiting, sometimes until 4 in the morning, to get into these classes...they would see the effort the newcomers are making.

"Why are they [the newcomers] doing this?" Chen said. "Because they want to be part of America and the community."

And yet some people will not give these people a chance, Chen said.

"What they [racists] don't understand is that if you don't speak the language, it's a struggle to survive," Chen said.

Language Barriers

The area surrounding the intersection of Atlantic Blvd. and Garvey Ave. has been criticized for its many Chinese-language signs, many of which are not translated into English.

As mayor, Chen has been trying to convince the businesses that doing so is not good business practice.

"They are restricting customers," she said. "My children are first-generation born here and they can't read what they say."

"They [the Chinese signs] set up an alienation of the general public...and produce ill feelings," Chen said.

In response to the criticism over the driving habits of newcomers, Chen said that what many people don't realize is that driving styles in Taipei, Hong Kong, and Tokyo are different from those in the U.S.

"Sure there are a few bad drivers," Chen said, "but all the others cannot be blamed."

Chen described another problem which has grown out of these stereotyping attitudes: "When there is a feeling of resentment of Asians, all Asian-looking faces become the victim of this prejudice," the mayor said. "Then these exhibitions of bigotry upset long-time Asian Americans who were pioneers of the city."

Chen, in closing, said, "Just to say they're bigots doesn't solve the problem. They're a minority, but we just can't ignore them."

"It's not enough to say we don't tolerate bigotry—it's doing something about it."

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Carlos Bulosan

Grave of noted Asian American author may get new headstone

by Ron Chew, International Examiner

SEATTLE—A local committee has begun a drive to raise at least \$400 to purchase a headstone to place on the gravesite of Carlos Bulosan, the influential Pilipino author and union activist.

Bulosan, born in the central Philippines in 1913, came to Seattle in July 1930. He worked as a migrant laborer, eventually becoming a leader in the organizing efforts of the cannery union, Local 37 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

Bulosan, a writer of essays, short stories, poetry and plays, is best known for his eloquent autobiographical novel, *Amerasia Is in the Heart*, published in 1946. The book chronicles the plight of Pilipino migrant workers driven up and down the West Coast by discrimination and poverty.

Union Worker

David Della, secretary of Local 37 and one of the fund-raising committee members, said Bulosan, who served as publicity director for the union from approximately 1949 to 1953, "contributed a vision of what it meant to have a strong, militant union working on behalf of Pilipinos."

Bulosan served as editor of Local 37's 1952 yearbook, in which he wrote an article attacking the arrests in Manila of leading trade unionists by police and military intelligence. "Continued U.S. exploitation of the Philippines and continued violent attacks on the workers and peasants have produced the universal colonial pattern of riches for the few and poverty for millions," Bulosan wrote.

The 1952 yearbook inspired Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes, the two young cannery union reformers who, prior to their murders in 1981, had worked to rid the union of bribery and corrupt practices.

The effort to raise funds for the headstone is being held in conjunction with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Local 37 later this year.

No Headstone

Bulosan, who died in 1956, is buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery on Queen Anne Hill.

Dely Judal, who works for the Asian and Pacific American Student Counseling Services at the Univ. of Washington, said that when she visited the cemetery, she could not find Bulosan's burial site without assistance because there was no raised headstone to mark the location.

"You could barely make out the name," she said. "It's sad that someone of the stature of Carlos Bulosan has such an indistinguishable grave site."

Stan Asis, another member of the fund-raising committee, said that Bulosan's brother, with whom he spoke in January of 1981, recounted that Carlos wanted to be buried with the following epitaph: "Here, the tomb of Bulosan is; Here, are his words, dry as the grass is."

Asis said the words "writer, poet, activist" would also be added to the headstone.

Judal said the committee needs at least \$400 to purchase a headstone and include the epitaph. "But obviously, if we can raise more money, then we can get a better headstone," she said.

Contributions for Bulosan's headstone should be made payable to the International Examiner and sent to the Examiner at 318-6th Avenue South #127, Seattle, WA 98104. Please note that the money is for the Carlos Bulosan memorial.

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Law caucus to fete three activists

SAN FRANCISCO—Asian Law Caucus dedicates its annual program, "In Defense of Civil Rights," to three women who have advanced the rights of the Asian community on Friday, June 1, at the Palace of Fine Arts, 3301 Lyon St. Special guest is California Chief Justice Rose E. Bird.

Honored are Yuri Kochiyama, of New York, who has been active in the cases of Chol Soo Lee and Vincent Chin, in the redress movement, and for atomic bomb survivors; Lily Chin of Detroit, a moving force in the efforts to obtain justice in the murder of her son, Vincent; and Siu Ying Fong, coordinator of the Chinatown Workers Education Center in San Francisco.

Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by a program at 7:30 p.m., and entertainment from 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 (\$12 for low-income persons). For more information, call Wally Lee, 835-1474.

Cultural events

LOS ANGELES—"Portrait of the Orient," a film/lecture by Dr. Paul F. Lang, continues through June 12 each Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. The program is open to the public.

LOS ANGELES—An exhibition of the miniature carvings of Kodo Okuda is presented at the George J. Doizaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro St., from May 12 through June 17. Okuda's works may be seen Tuesday through Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 628-2725.

SAN FRANCISCO—Poet Al Robles presents a dramatization of a contemporary Pilipino American folk poem, Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m., at Baha'i Center, 170 Valencia St. The program is one of a series sponsored by Kearny St. Workshop.

SAN FRANCISCO—"Nisei Soldier," followed by Hollywood's "Go For Broke," will be shown one night only at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St., Tuesday, May 15, at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO—"Asian Masterpieces in Wood," including works from China, Japan, India, Nepal, Tibet, Burma, Thailand and Indonesia, are displayed at the Asian Art Museum in Golden Gate Park through Sept. 5. The museum is open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Yu-Ai Kai, Japanese American Community Senior Services, celebrates its 10th anniversary on Saturday, May 19, at the Ste. Claire Hilton. No-host cocktails will be served from 6 p.m., and dinner at 7 p.m. Actor Sab Shimono is keynote speaker. Tickets are \$15 (\$7.50 for seniors 70 years of age or older). For information, call 294-2521.

Community affairs

MONTEBELLO, Calif.—Seinan Senior Citizens are among the dancers at the Asian Pacific Festival of Dances, Saturday, May 12, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Montebello Library, 1550 W. Beverly Blvd. For further information, call Florence Wang, 722-6551, or Susana Chi, 922-8127.

GARDENA, Calif.—"Suddenly Alone," a series of seven classes for recently widowed persons, begins May 19 at the Asian Community Service Center, 14911 S. Crenshaw Blvd. The series, conducted by Grace Iino and Vicki Sekiguchi, runs Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Classes are limited to 15 participants and cost \$5 for the series. For more information, call Little Tokyo Service Center, 680-3729, or Grace Iino, 879-7162. Registration deadline is May 16.

LOS ANGELES—Photographs and artifacts of "Chinese Women of America, 1834-1982" are on display at Calif. State Univ. in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library through June 12. The exhibit is on national tour and is funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education. For more information, call Elaine Towns, 224-2272.

LOS ANGELES—St. Mary's Carnival takes place Saturday, May 19, from 12 noon to 10 p.m., on the grounds of the midtown church at 961 S. Mariposa St. (near Olympic and Normandie). Children's games, food, and handicrafts are featured. Proceeds are used for hall and grounds maintenance, youth programs, and classes.

SAN FRANCISCO—Kimochi Home announced a \$5,000 contribution from George Okamoto, head of Nomura & Company. The longtime supporter of Kimochi also donates all the rice for the agency's nutrition program, which serves 256 meals each day.

SAN FRANCISCO—Susan Kyoko Nakamura, 22, was crowned queen of N. California's 17th annual Cherry Blossom Festival April 21. Runner up and first princess is Lori Eiko Eitoku, 22 of Salinas. The title of "Miss Congeniality" went to Donna Mari Otis, 20, of Oakland.

Business

LOS ANGELES—Ernst & Whinney, international accounting and consulting firm, announced that it will merge with the public accounting firm of Fujioka, Wakazuru & Matsushita of Honolulu.

East West to mount Native American play

LOS ANGELES—East West Players, one of five U.S. theaters participating in the 1984 Foundation of the Dramatists Guild / CBS New Plays Program, opens its winning play, "Paint Your Face on a Drowning in the River," by Craig Kee Strete, on May 16.

Directed by Mako, the play is the story of a young American Indian's separation from his family and culture as he prepares to leave a reservation in the Southwest. Mako, East West Players' artistic director, feels the play deals with universal problems, especially of alienation in one's own country. The cast is a mixture of American Indian and Asian American actors.

Craig Kee Strete, an American Cherokee author with a large following in Europe, has published poetry with the late Jim Morrison; written for films and television; and written children's books, fiction, and science fiction. He has been



Photo by Emily Kuroda

(From left): Janet Mitsui, East West Players administrator; Mako, artistic director; and Craig Kee Strete, playwright.

nominated for both the Hugo and Nebula Awards for his science fiction works.

"Paint Your Face on a Drowning in the River" is produced by Keone Young

and plays Tuesdays through Sundays at East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. in East Hollywood. For reservations and more information, call 660-0366.

Scholarships for women available

SAN FRANCISCO—Pacific Asian American Women Bay Area Coalition (PAAWBAC) has announced that applications are now available for its 1984 scholarship awards.

Applications are available to Asian and Pacific women of all ages who reside in one of the nine Bay Area counties. They must be pursuing higher educational, vocational or other skills development training.

Applicants must show evidence of acceptance into a college, university or training program; demonstrate

need for financial assistance; submit the PAAWBAC application form and three letters of reference; and undergo an interview with the scholarship committee.

The two \$500 scholarships will be presented at the October 1984 PAAWBAC Woman Warrior Awards luncheon.

For applications, contact Harriet Ishimoto, 1906 18th Ave., S.F. 94116, (415) 566-3606 or Janet Tom (415) 864-5487. Application deadline is June 4.

Irons to speak at Bay Area program

EL CERRITO, Calif.—Peter Irons, author of *Justice at War*, and counsel in the coram nobis cases of Fred Korematsu, Minoru Yasui, and Gordon Hirabayashi, is featured speaker at the East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero, Friday, May 18, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Dale Minami, member of the Korematsu legal team, will also speak. "The Japanese American Evacuation," a short U.S. government film strip, rounds out the program. Ernie Iiyama is emcee. Contra Costa Chapter JACL redress committee is sponsor.

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EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



New York on a Rainy Afternoon

IT WAS WHAT one might label a gathering of Asian American "Yuppies," professionals who were members of "AMBA," Asian Management and Business Association. We were gathered in a grand room of the N.Y. City Bar Association on 44th Street. The subject for this rainy Saturday afternoon: Asians and politics. During the course of that afternoon, we learned that there were those who were involved in the campaigns of Senators Hart and Mondale and that of the Rev. Jesse Jackson. Among the speaker-panels: Alfred Hong, chairman of the New York State Republican Heritage Council; Howard Lim, a lawyer, chairman of the New York County Conservative Party, executive assistant to U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato; Irene Natividad, a Filipino-American who, among many things, is co-chair of the N.Y. State Democratic Party Asian Pacific Caucus. It was at the urging of this writer's former law clerk, a Chinese American graduate from Harvard Law School who had gone on to join the U.S. Attorney's Office in Southern New York, that the organizers extended an invitation to us.

THAT AFTERNOON we heard some staunch Republican rhetoric from Mr. Hong, who has a master's in business administration from Columbia University and who is the founder and managing director of the Marketing Economics Institute. Mr. Hong is an enthusiastic supporter of Mr. Reagan, including an abiding aversion for communism—this last sentiment being one shared by many, including in particular this writer.

COUNTY CHAIRMAN LIM, a 1967 graduate of N.Y.U. School of Law, also embraces some basic views, some of which paralleled those of Mr. Hong. Inasmuch as this writer cannot be and is not involved in party politics, we did not engage in political parrying or repartee with either of these gentlemen. We fully respected their views which are undoubtedly sincerely held. Moreover, when all is said and done, we all might be surprised at how close all our philosophical views, in fact, are.

CHAIR IRENE NATIVIDAD, irrefragable as she is, did not, however, sit quietly by. Without being offensive, she did not hesitate to challenge both speakers in the midst of their statements whenever she believed that one was "off the track." Ms. Natividad mentioned that she is in the midst of forging a nationwide Asian political caucus, toward which goal she already has established a presence in some 23 states. She is now seeking to forge bases in 26 more states. (When we thought about it later, we realized this totalled only 49 states and wondered whether we had misheard her; if not, which state was being omitted. Hawaii?)*

IN OUR PRESENTATION we discussed some of our cultural ethics and how that reacted with the nature of the political process. Generally, it was a somewhat dry discussion of factors that we need to overcome, or at least recognize, in order to participate meaningfully in the political process. To take but one "fr instance": we are so imbued with the "success syndrome"—ever bring home a paper marked "96" only to be asked "what happened to 100?"—that we fear failure.

And, friends: it is the nature of politics that there is but one winner—and many losers.

* Irene Natividad, 300 Pompton Road, Wayne, N.J. 07470. She'll be glad to hear from volunteers.

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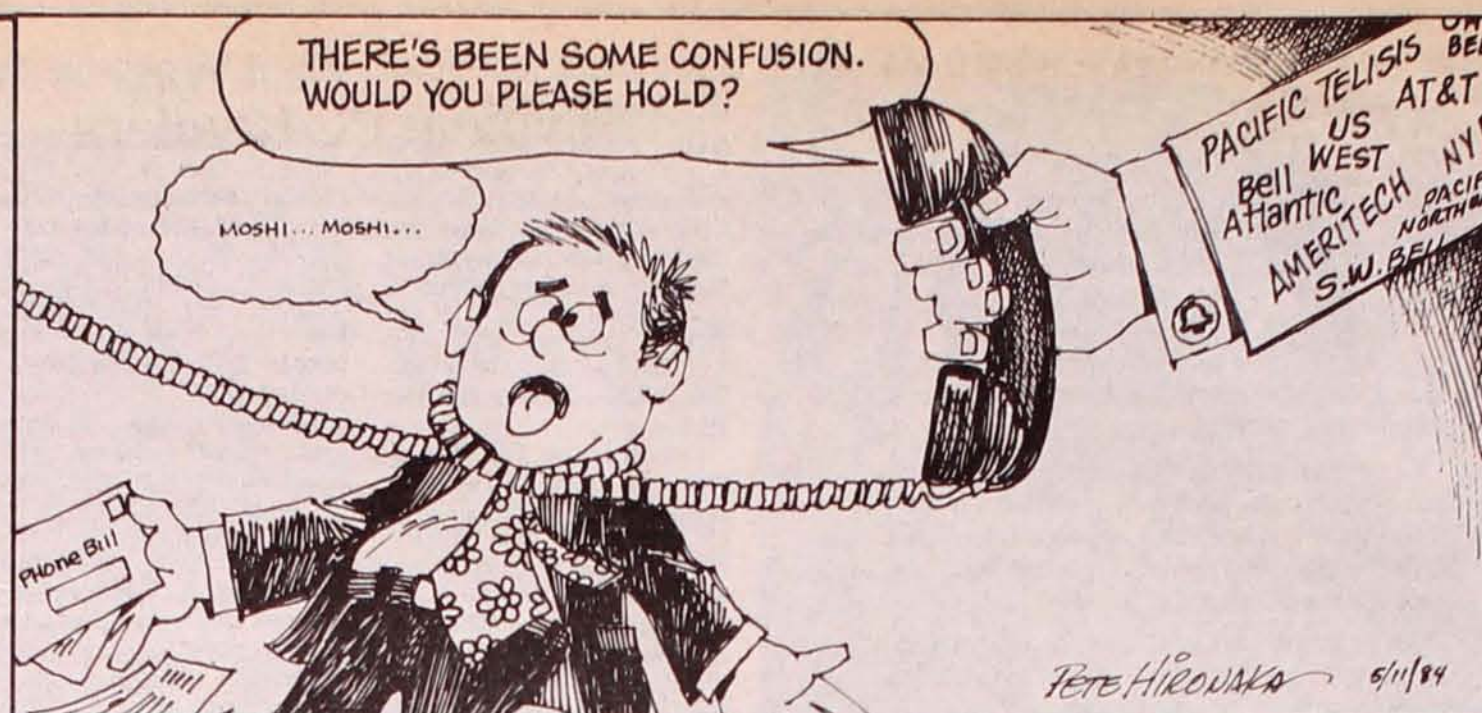
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Singles' Choices: Church, TV, Dating...

by Bebe Toshiko Reschke, L.C.S.W.

GARDENA, Calif.—During Memorial Day weekend about 150 Nikkei singles from such diverse areas as San Jose, Los Angeles, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, Seattle and San Francisco are expected to gather and compare notes on the singles experience as well as to fulfill the first national JACL singles convention theme: "Getting to Know You."

In Saturday afternoon workshops, JACLers and others will address the issue of Nisei and Sansei singles who are faced with a bewildering array of life-style options with no set social customs to serve as guidelines. A "single" Nisei or Sansei can choose to date, re-marry, stay single, join various singles groups or churches, sit at home to watch TV with their family, or maintain any combination of ways of living. In contrast, Issei parents upon losing their spouse later in life often followed the Japanese custom of living quietly with family or alone, and seldom re-married or for that matter dated.

An added complication is that, after coming out of 20 or more years of marriage, many Nisei are finding that the dating scene and expectations for relationships have changed drastically. Some Nisei have children who experience difficulties accepting the idea that their "senior citizen" parent has a boyfriend or girlfriend. Many Nisei women are facing a shortage of eligible male partners. Some single Nisei men are

finding women more socially assertive than twenty or thirty years ago. As a 60-year-old widower stated recently, "You know, the women are calling me up now—they ask me to dinner and tell me they have two extra tickets to a play. Sometimes I don't know how to respond."

Another change is that a number of Nisei and Sansei are opting for a support network of both male and female friends without thought of a permanent commitment. As a widow commented, "I don't know if I want to be tied down again. I'm financially independent. My kids are out of the house. I'm enjoying my freedom."

A total of six workshops will be held on May 26. Three workshops are designed to meet the special needs of the Nikkei widowed, divorced and Sansei singles. Relationship issues such as getting to know a person in depth and life-style options will be discussed by mental health professionals. For the pragmatic person, there will be a session on the JACL aging and retirement program from the singles viewpoint. See you in Gardena!

NOTE: Following a bento lunch at noon, the JACL singles workshops will be held Saturday, May 26, at 1:30 p.m. Location: Ken Nakaoka Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena. For a copy of the program and a lunch ticket, please send \$15 to Meriko Mori, 1927 Federal Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025.

REDRESS PHASE FIVE: Minoru Yasui

Sub-Committee Hearings

Current indications are that the Senate sub-committee chaired by Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) will soon hold two hearings on S 2116, the redress bill in the Senate. One hearing is scheduled in Anchorage, Alaska, during the latter part of May 1984 and will deal primarily with the Aleut portion of redress. The other field hearing is tentatively scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 1, in Los Angeles.

It is further indicated that the House sub-committee chaired by Rep. Sam B. Hall (D-Texas) will probably be holding hearings on HR 4110 in Washington, D.C., on June 20-21.

As both Reps. Mineta and Matsui have observed, it is most encouraging that there is movement in Congress on these two bills. Too often, bills lie dormant in sub-committees, and eventually die in committee. However, for redress, both sub-committees will review the excellent findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and will consider its recommendations. The monetary aspects of those recommendations having a financial impact of \$1.5 billion, especially in these times of enormous budget deficits, will undoubtedly cause problems in our trying to obtain a favorable report from the sub-committees.

We need to have credible witnesses who can testify as to monetary losses. National JACL is preparing testimony for both hearings. The historical background, the rationale for redress, as well as legal and moral arguments as to why redress is appropriate at this time, are being written. But we still need convincing testimony that monetary redress is justified.

Witness lists are being prepared. We want to be sure that all aspects of the evacuation experience are covered. The greatest need is for witnesses who can relate the poignant and oft-times heart-breaking camp experiences to give a human touch. Anyone who would be so available, either in Los Angeles or in Washington, D.C., on the dates indicated above, are requested to be in touch with John Tateishi, national redress director, at National JACL headquarters, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115; (415) 921-5225.

Appearances at the hearings will be controlled by the congressional staffs of the sub-committees. Nevertheless, JACL will make efforts to assure that key witnesses are identified and recommended. We cannot assure that any specific individual will be accorded an opportunity of speaking before the sub-committees, but we shall try to line up the best witnesses possible for consideration by the committee staffs.

"Quiet Americans" no more! Let's speak out!

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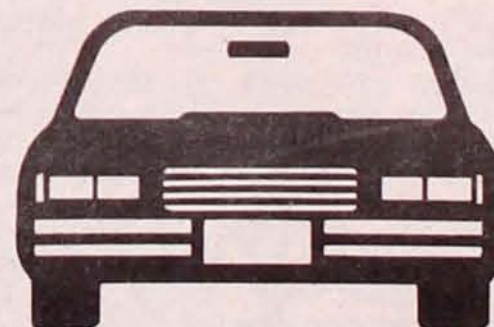
Starting next issue, preliminary tabulations from the 1983 JACL-PC Marketing Survey, consisting of 30 questions, will be carried under this heading, "About Our Readers." Bill Hosokawa's "Frying Pan" column this week provides an overview.

This was PC's first market survey. The list of 2,000 names was generated by random selection—pulling each 13th name on file. We also want to publicly thank the 728 persons who participated in this effort.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



A few months ago some of the folks who know how to do such things sent questionnaires to 2,000 Pacific Citizen subscribers. Their objective was to learn about readers of this newspaper, things like their age, income, education, how often they ate out and at what kind of restaurants, stuff like that.

More than a third of those who received the questionnaires—728 to be precise—sent them back. All we have at the moment are the raw numbers. The experts will have to analyze them and tell us what they mean. But even the numbers are interesting.

For example, 377 of those who responded were Nisei, 116 were Sansei, 19 were Issei, 6 were Yonsei, 37 were "non-Japanese," and 14 said they were "Shin-Issei," which means recent immigrants from Japan. That doesn't total 728; presumably some didn't bother to identify their status.

The largest number, 284, said they were between ages

Typical PC Readers

55 and 64. Overall, they were a mature group: 584 of the 728 responding said they were 45 years or older.

And they were well-educated: 122 said they had completed four years of college and 210 said they had more than four years of college. So perhaps it was understandable that the largest number, 290, identified themselves as professional/technical workers, as compared to 87 in sales/office work, 73 manager/proprietors, and 58 in some phase of farming.

For their labors, 172 said their income was in the \$30,001-\$40,000 range; 102 in the \$40,001 to \$50,000 range; and a surprising (to me, anyway) 164 were making more than \$50,000 annually. This kind of income enabled nearly half to have dinner out at least once a week, and their preference was overwhelmingly for Japanese food (303) versus 128 for American restaurants and 127 for Chinese.

The respondents also said they owned color television sets (697), cameras (669) and video recorders (195), plus campers (69) and pleasure boats (63). Their preference also was strongly for contemporary furniture,

American movies by more than a two-to-one margin over Japanese films, wine over beer and Scotch over Bourbon. Non-smokers outnumbered smokers nearly five to one, and they preferred American cars to foreign makes 991 to 665.

There were understandable regional differences, too. For example, none of the respondents on the East Coast owned a pleasure boat, while there were many boating enthusiasts in California and the Pacific Northwest.

None of these figures should be construed to mean that they reflect "typical" readers of Pacific Citizen. These were simply the responses of individuals who chose to make the effort to fill out a questionnaire, people who may have had more time available when the forms arrived.

A more scientific cross-section could well produce a somewhat different profile. But for whatever it's worth, it's an interesting look into the pocketbooks, preferences and lifestyles of a particular American minority.

Letters

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Syn-holism

In reply to an article by George Yoshida on well-being and suppression of aging (March 30):

Unfortunately, such a philosophical application does not suppress aging or any existing chronic dysfunction that manifests as the body's compensatory potential energy reserves decrease with time and space factors—age.

The holistic approach applied by the Western world only touches the surface and does not attack the basic causation of ill health and the aging process.

For more than 30 years, clinical investigations with all of my patients were conducted on the premise that oxygen insufficiency is the fundamental cause of chronically manifesting diseases, including the aging process....

The signs of oxygen insufficiency or even thiamine insufficiency show up not within the eyes but within a certain behavior pattern of the eye muscle function. Commonly noted is the reduction of focusing power of the eyes as one ages. One must accept the fact that aging is not the direct cause of this loss.

Aging is attributed to an existing state of chronic oxygen insufficiency and thiamine insufficiency, where both the brain and its stem and the heart must have a constant supply of both. The peripheral parts of the body decrease their blood supply caused by contraction of the arterial blood vessels. Poor circulation (causing cold hands and cold feet) are signs of this situation occurring.

Why does the holistic practice not work among certain ethnic groups? Cultural differences.

The Nisei's Indoor Life

Nisei born in the U.S. will never realize the cultural difference, since they were born to accept the dominant culture of the Nordic race and others of northeastern Europe who had to adapt to an indoor life during the winter. Among the urban populations from one generation after another for more than 10

centuries, only the fittest were able to survive under such a way of life. Those who were adapted to an outdoor way of life had to struggle to exist as they were forced to migrate into an urban community from their rural life, sea-going life, or fishing life.

Nisei then had to educate themselves to more indoor living at home and at school—at least 90% of their lifetime from the time of birth to graduation from college or university. Many then continued to pursue professions that require indoor life. Only a few could live an outdoor life to obtain continuing unpolluted air with adequate oxygen.

Those indoors had to consume polluted air within an enclosed structure with an increasing release of carbon dioxide and water vapors by human organisms and release of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, sulphur dioxide, nitric oxide, and nitrous dioxide from gas stoves, gas pilots, and hot-air heating systems. Electric appliances (open wiring) release ozone.

(This investigation of indoor pollution was done by the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory of the Univ. of California.)

It was in 1980 that I pointed out to some who attended the annual meeting of the American Public Health Assn. held in Detroit that saving energy by sealing structures to reduce the seepage of cold air will cost more to preserve the body than the cost of saving energy.

Living with Nature

Now, going back to the Nisei's situation as compared to that of the Issei parents. The Issei, upon their arrival to the U.S., did not have to attend public school or make any attempt to go to school.

Issei were taught by their parents to live with nature, go get out after meals to relax and meditate looking at the scenery of their back yard, which in essence helps the digestive and assimilatory process of consumed foods by reducing the strain of eyes normally required by conducting close work after each meal. One then must relax one's eyes for at least two hours, based on my investigations, to improve the eye-muscle functions (provid-

ed that one does not have high blood cholesterol or high blood triglycerides caused by greater intake of food products of the Western world—milk, cream, cheese, butter, salt, sugar, and baking powder or sodium bicarbonate for cooking or baking).

Therefore, no matter how much one accepts so-called holistic practices, they do not help one to preserve the state of peripheral parts of the body. Meditation only helps to reduce the expenditure of oxygen by resting the mind to reduce the expenditure of oxygen and thiamine pyrophosphate within the brain....

Thus, I have instituted a "syn-holistic approach to care" rather than just a holistic one, considering all factors...a conception of

our universal system as being ONLY WHOLE, with all things within being just parts, including humankind. This is what the original ZEN meant. Zen Buddhists added that man must not separate from this nature. This triad must not be broken: Heaven, Man, and Earth.

This is what syn-holism is all about. Thus, both Hu Shih and D.T. Suzuki insisted that Zen or Ch'an does not mean meditation, but knowledge. Thus the Tao-Ch'an principle: Tao is meant to seek wisdom by seeking the right path, while Ch'an is to be WHOLE by doing so.

Joseph D. Sasaki,
O.D., D.O.S., F.R.S.H., F.I.A.M.P.
Ann Arbor, MI

Chapter Pulse

Contra Costa

RICHMOND, Calif.—Two high school basketball teams sponsored by the chapter continue tournament play through June under the coaching of Richard Itaya, Dennis Tsurumoto and Dave Shigematsu. Purchase of program ads will help defray expenses, the chapter announced. Checks for \$100 (full page), \$50 (half page), \$25 (quarter page), \$10 (business card) or \$1 (name listed as booster) may be sent to Contra Costa JACL Basketball Fund, 130 S. 47th St., Richmond, CA 94804.

Florin

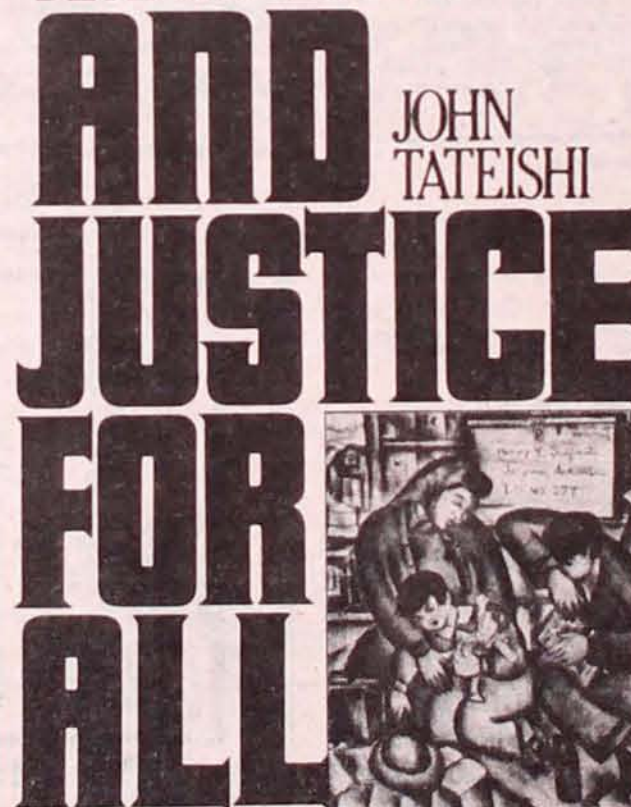
SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Lance Tadao Alicaya of Elk Grove H.S. has been awarded

the 1984 Florin JACL scholarship, announced chapter scholarship chair Nellie Sakakihara. He will pursue a career in engineering at Calif. State Univ. in Sacramento.

Salt Lake

SALT LAKE CITY—Chapter scholarships have been awarded to high school seniors Sheryl Hayashi of Highland H.S., who plans to major in computer science; Lisa Koseki of West H.S., whose interest lies in business and finance; and Sandra Shiba of West H.S., who plans to attend Utah State Univ. and to major in business administration. Honorable mentions were awarded to Dana Shimizu and Kenneth Kida, both of West H.S.

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Letters

A long road

The Nikkei response to my novel, "The Long Road from White River," has been heart-warming, to say the least. I have read the notes and letters from persons who wrote about their camp experiences with tears in my eyes. Especially gratifying are the reorders from people who read my book and liked it and ordered it for other people.

I have had some interesting experiences. One gentleman from Detroit ordered the book, called me and ordered another for a friend who was going into the hospital. Then he discovered a good friend from his church who had known me since I was two years old. Who said it wasn't a small world.

I've also made some boo-boos. One man's book arrived damaged and one order didn't arrive at all. I've corrected those problems and located a place that sells padded bags at a price I can afford.

I have made quite a few sales to Caucasians through my church and through making speeches to various clubs.

Researching, writing, publishing and distributing my

novel has been a long, difficult and wonderful project, but the readers of the Pacific Citizen have made it all worthwhile.

LOIS MORIOKA
Belleville, MI

Hito Okada

In the hot summer of 1942, I fled from the McCloy-Bendetsen-DeWitt military zone of U.C. Berkeley as ordered by an addendum to Executive Order 9066 [memo, Marshall to DeWitt, May 28, 1942. NARS, RG 107 (CWRIC 2172)]. When I reached Salt Lake City, Hito and Hana Okada extended hospitality. They took me picnicking, climbing and caving in the Wasatch Mountains.

The Okada *chōjo*, Caroline, at 7, had a stunningly beautiful *kokoro*. On occasion, I ferried her around Salt Lake City in my Esmeralda ('37 Chevy). In 1950, Sakiko Shiga and I named our *chōjo*, Carolyn Marie, after Caroline Okada.

When I read Harry Honda's item on Hito in the Pacific Citizen, I felt: *Hito no songai, hitobito no songai*. Saddened, I phoned Aiko in Murray, Utah. Aiko: "Caroline is in L.A." I called L.A.

Caroline described how, as a youngster and young adult during our Diaspora, she sat at the Salt Lake City crossroad as countless victims streamed east to freedom. Many who passed by were unforgettable; all who experienced Okada hospitality cannot forget. Some fleeing east got off at *Sakiko-eki* (Des Plaines, Ill.) on the *Jiyū-yuki Chikatetsu Line*, which Sakiko Shiga and I ran into the Chicago area. GIs and others in the Midwest experienced hospitality at that station.

As we talked, Caroline mused about writing a book. I hope she does.

BILL HIMEL
Kensington, MD

Stuck his neck out

Ansel Adams passed away on April 22. His views on the preservation of the environment and his photography were well known.

Not so well known were his sympathetic feelings about the Nisei and his concerns with our internment during WW2. U.S. Camera published his book "Born Free and Equal," a story about Man-

zanar in 1944. Ansel Adams wrote the text and did the photographs in his eloquent style. He did "stick his neck out" for the Nisei at a time when it was not the most popular thing to do.

I am not aware of any acknowledgment by the JACL to thank him for all that he had done. I do think that some official commemorative acknowledgment by the JACL to the Ansel Adams family would be appropriate.

(Any letters may be addressed to The Ansel Adams Family, Route 1 Box 181, Carmel, CA 93921.)

I was among the many privileged to be in the book. Those few days spent with the great photographer I shall always cherish.

MICHAEL YONEMITSU
San Diego, CA

A remarkable man

Although great praise has been bestowed upon Ansel Adams, the redress committee of the Salinas Valley Chapter JACL would be remiss if it did not add its small voice.

I vividly recall a visit with

that illustrious man as he explained to me the meaning behind the many photographs he had taken of the Japanese American internees in Manzanar.

As he talked, he sipped coffee from a mug he used daily, and of which he very proud, because it had been made from the soil of Manzanar.

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Coram nobis fund drive nets \$21,000

DENVER, Colo.—In the final report on the Min Yasui coram nobis fund testimonial dinner, over \$21,000 was raised, according to treasurer Dale Arnold, Mile-Hi JACL. The Denver community organizing committee, which sponsored the March 3 fund-raiser, said the proceeds are being forwarded to the Oregon Coalition for Redress, c/o Dr. George Hara, 2546 NW 53rd Dr., Portland, OR 97210.

Receipts from donations and banquet tickets totaled \$32,650.48, while expenses totaled \$11,322.73.

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● To MAY 31
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● MAY 11 (Friday)
Portland—Janice Mirikitani lec & poetry rdng, Epworth Methodist Ch, 1333 SE 28th, 7:30pm

City of Commerce—Jpn Am Republicans campaign dnr, 6:30pm, Michael's Rest; prgm honoring Mike Antonovich, Deane Dana, Robert Philibosian, 8:30pm; tks 472-8362/617-3545

● MAY 12 (Saturday)
Portland—Exh of Asian dance and martial arts, Mall 205, 1pm

Marin—Walk-a-thon; sponsors, participants, call H Ito, 459-4469/459-3210

Fresno—Asian affair, 12n-6pm, Duncan Water Gardens, spon by Central Calif As Pac Women; \$6; info 224-3700

Los Angeles—As Law Day, Little Tokyo Towers, 455 E 3rd, 10am-12n

Los Angeles—Mothers Day, New Otani Hotel, res, T Kato 286-7608, H Ohye 620-8858

● MAY 19-20
Berkeley—Buddhist Temple Satsuki Bazzar, 4pm-11pm Sat, 11am-9pm Sun, 2121 Channing Way

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Gresham—Imel appr dnr, Chinese Village, 5pm; info Kaz Kinoshita, 665-4558

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Vindicated—Four former employees smile after passage of the Seattle school board redress resolution. From left are Alice Kawanishi; Ai Takizawa Koshi; Mako Nakagawa,

past president, Seattle JACL; T.J. Vassar, who introduced the resolution; Cherry Kinoshita, Seattle JACL redress co-chair; May Dady Namba; and Toyo Okuda Cary.

were: Mako Nakagawa, Cherry Kinoshita, Wayne Kimura, Chuck Kato, Jerry Shigaki, Tim Gojio, Rod Kaseguma, Ellen Miyasato, May Sasaki, Roger Shimizu, Theresa Takayoshi, Massie Tomita and PNW Regional Director Tim Otani.

Redress Funds in Escrow

The resolution includes provision for any school district employee who was released or terminated on the basis of their Japanese ancestry during the early wartime months to be eligible to file a claim for \$5,000 to be paid in installments of \$2,500 each for two years, upon adequate verification and execution of a

release of all claims related to such terminations. Before any restitution is paid out, however, the funds will be held in an escrow account until such time as a determination is made by state Attorney General Ken Eikenberry as to the legality of the school district's authority to make such payments, a process which could take many months. If the authority to make payments is successfully challenged, the escrowed funds would be required to be returned to the school district. As an alternative, the school district's authority for the singular action could be confirmed by specific state legislation.

Of the 27 school clerks who signed the resignation en masse, ten currently reside in the Seattle area: Okada, Koshi, Kazama, May (Dady) Namba, Alice Kawanishi, Mitsuko (Mura) Morishita, Teru (Nakata) Kiyohara, Toyo (Okuda) Cary, Ruby (Shitama) Aoki, Masa (Yamamura) Hirano. Two who are deceased are: Ayame (Ike) Kadoguchi and Yoshiko Yano.

Others who live outside the Seattle area are requested to send their name, address and phone number to the JACL-PNW District Of-

fice, 316 Maynard S., Rm. 108, Seattle, WA 98104, attn: Cherry Kinoshita, in order that appropriate instructions or claim forms may be forwarded when available. Names listed on the resignation letter include: Yuri (Ike) Nakata, Chizuko Ikeda, Martha T. Inouye, Emi Kamachi, Kiyoko Kikuchi, Yoshiko (Kozu) Omoto, Kazuko Kuroda, Ayako Morita, Marjorie Ota, May (Ota) Higa, Mariko (Ozaki) Sano, Kiku Tomita, Esther K. Uchi-mura, Anna Yamada, and May K. Yokoyama.

Noji soars 7-1 for high jump mark

SEATTLE — High-jumper Rick Noji of Franklin High School became the first athlete in Metro League history to clear 7 ft. in a dual meet against Ingraham at Nathan Hale on March 23. In fact, the 5'8", 120-lb. Sansei did a 7-1

leap in his first meet and in the rain without competition. Noji's high jump and 44-8 triple jump marks are state's best to date. His 6-11 leap last summer won the National Junior Olympic Meet in Durham, N.C.

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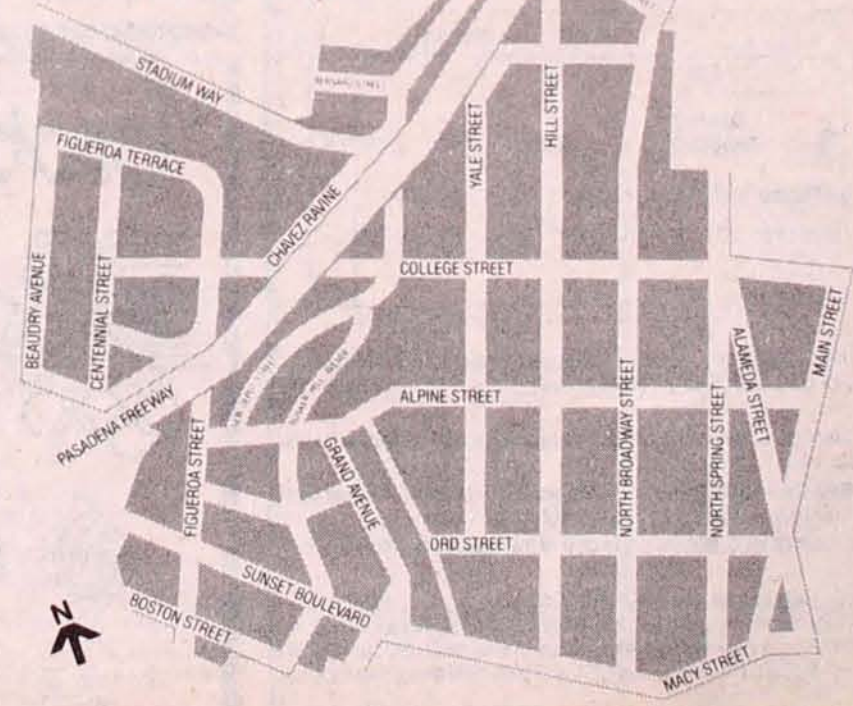
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Women's Concerns

'You Get My Vote'

by Sandi Kawasaki

LOS ANGELES—Well, the Hawaii convention is just around the corner. Have you thought of going as a delegate? Why not? If your chapter sends the same two delegates biennium after biennium, this may be the year they send one new delegate—you. You can convince your chapter that you want to represent them; and with two delegates from each chapter, everyone would gain—you would gain more knowledge about JACL at the national level, your chapter would gain by reciprocating support to two of their active members for their participation over the last two years, and the JACL national council will gain from a delegate with a fresh perspective.

Let me share with you my views of the convention. Hopefully it will entice you to consider going as a delegate. The convention itself is like any other convention; there is fun time, but there is also business. Most of the convention sessions deal with topics much different from the ones discussed at the chapter level and so it can be stimulating.

Looking Forward to Meeting Old Friends

by Frank F. Sakamoto

CHICAGO—The phone has been ringing off the wall and my mailman is getting round-shouldered carrying all the mail that has been coming in regarding the reunion.

Heard from Molly Ozaki, formerly Matsunaga, and she is anxious to see her many friends, especially Taz Yamamoto, who she believes is living around Montebello, Calif. So, Taz, your friend would like to see you at the reunion. Many have been asking about popular Sam Hamai, who took care of all the electrical problems in camp, and Tok Katayama, the refrigeration expert; also, Kenji and Min Ota.

According to what we read in the Pacific Citizen from time to time, Gila Riverites have done well: John Fukuyama is now mayor of Carpinteria, Calif. and Dr. Tsugio Kato, dentist, was mayor of Oxnard. Have been asked about Shug Sato, Hiro Hasegawa and Dr. Ronald Matsunaga, a successful plastic surgeon in Los Angeles, who used to pal around with Mickey Kawakami and Pete Nishiyama. I understand Margie Otsuji became a nurse and is working in the Los Angeles area. Have been asked about June Iwakiri and Bill Mori, and who can

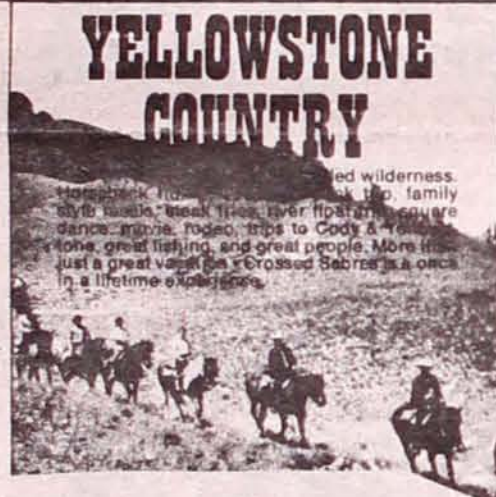
At the two conventions I attended I was impressed by two delegates; coincidentally, they were women. At the San Francisco convention, there was JoAnne Kagiwada, a Sansei, who asked pertinent questions about the budget, and at the Gardena convention there was Grayce Ueyhara, a Nisei and an experienced convention-goer, who seemed to add the right comment to reinforce a positive course of action or to identify the negative aspect of an issue.

The most enjoyable part of the convention for me are the caucuses. This is where we meet the candidates face to face and find out their views on issues, where we ask them questions important to us, and where we ultimately determine whether they get our vote.

The other good thing about the conventions is that they renew my commitment to JACL and to community involvement. So I hope to see you at the Hawaii convention—'til then, aloha!

forget John Koyama, our camp optometrist who practiced in the Guadalupe and Santa Maria area. Whatever happened to Sachi Seko, who used to write for the Pacific Citizen? I've also received inquiries about Rose Kaihatsu, Shoji Fukuyama, and Fudge Aoyagi. Gary Mamoru Kondo has written to me (he's a member of the Pasadena JACL Chapter) inquiring about the whereabouts of Henry and Eleanor Hajime.

From the many letters I've received, lots of people are looking for friends, so come on out to the convention in Hawaii this summer. Look for the next article on the reunion and in the meantime, write and let me know about others whom you would like to see. (Frank Sakamoto, 5432 N. Clark, Chicago, IL 60640.)



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LETTERS — PC board looks at administration and budget

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I told Mr. Adams that his book would be donated to our national headquarters and I asked him to dedicate it for us. He immediately picked up a pen and wrote, "May the grievous injustices suffered by American citizens of Japanese descent during World War II inspire Americans to eradicate prejudice and intolerance."

In Ansel Adams we found hope and inspiration, and we shall always endeavor to carry his stimulating words in our hearts.

May you rest in peace, beloved friend!

VIOLET DE CRISTOFORO
Redress Chair,
Salinas Valley Chapter JACL

LOS ANGELES—On April 14 and 15, representatives from the various district councils met at the Pacific Citizen office. Those who attended were Ellen Nakamura, Eastern District Council; Bill Hosokawa, Mountain-Plains; Robert Endo, Intermountain; Cherry Kinoshita, Pacific Northwest; Greg Marutani, Northern Cal-W. Nevada-Pacific; Warren Nagano, Pacific Southwest; Fred Hirasuna, Central California; Henry Sakai, board chairman; Harry Honda, PC general manager; Karen Seriguchi, editor; and Henry Mori, editorial assistant.

National director Ron Wakabayashi also attended.

Beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday and lasting until 1:30 p.m. Sunday, the discussions were informative, frank and at times very spirited.

Future plans for PC, now a 12-page edition, include a 16-page and even a 24-page weekly publication when finances and staff personnel permit. Increased revenues from advertising were antici-

pated. These plans would make PC the foremost JA English-language publication in the United States. It would be a general interest newspaper and a JACL newsletter type of publication. This is based on the premise that many areas do not have Japanese vernacular newspapers, and even in areas where such exist, a great many, maybe most, JACL members do not subscribe to the vernaculars. Then, too, many, if not most, JACL chapters and district councils do not issue newsletters to their members on a regular basis.

Thus, there exists a great vacuum, where a large number of JACL members are not aware of what is going on in other chapter areas and among Japanese Americans generally.

The matter of the relationship among the Pacific Citizen board, the Pacific Citizen staff, and the national director was brought up. Because of conflicting provisions of the JACL bylaws, there was

some question as to whether the Pacific Citizen and its staff came under the jurisdiction of the national director or the Pacific Citizen board. After a thorough discussion, the PC board determined that its role was not that of an advisory board, but that of complete supervision of the Pacific Citizen. It was further resolved that "The Pacific Citizen and its staff shall be responsible to the National President, the National Board and the National Council through the Pacific Citizen board." A revision of the national bylaws will be requested to clarify the situation.

Chapters are requested to send in news of their activities. They are reminded that chapter newsletters must be sent by first class mail. Group (bulk) mailings are often delayed as much as a week or more. Friday of the week before publication is the deadline. Pictures are welcome.

—Fred Hirasuna
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LITTLE TOKYO LIFE (No. 16):

By Harry Honda



Hiroshima Kenjin

This is to call attention to an all-Nihongo history of the Hiroshima Kenjin Kai in America (Showa 4—1929), which Little Tokyo Life follower George Fujita has turned in for our perusal. The cover has been unspined from the pages—probably from constant use, but none of the pages are missing. George recalled his parents had thrown away many Japanese books with the onset of evacuation orders, but not this historic volume.

George knows we are poor at reading the Kanji (prewar vintage characters may even stump those who have studied the language since the war—e.g., Kure and Hiro in Hiroshima have been simplified), nevertheless George wanted us to look at some of the pictures of prewar Little Tokyo. We see Nakano Store Bldg., where the Kashi Mainichi now holds forth; the White Star Soda Works on No. Alameda St.; the inside views of San Kwo Low and Kimura Bros. Dry Goods Store on E. 1st; the four-story Olympic Hotel on No. San Pedro St. (across the street from the old Japanese Union Church); Valley Hotel (still standing at 1st and Hewitt), and a 1928 picture of French American sewing school graduates posing on the roof of the building where Anzen Hardware is today at 1st and Weller. This kind of picture with City Hall hogging the background, was popular with the Issei before the war. Such a picture is not possible today.

Another fascinating picture is a montage of Nisei babies—cutouts of faces from the Imada Studio collection of some 1,300 baby pictures. Visual Communications photographer Kaz Takeuchi happened by, recognized the same picture in the VC archives and was elated to find its source. Their archives are packed with pictures that beg for captions. VC, incidentally, has been culling its own files for early street scenes.

But more fascinating is this book from the Fujita library. It contains a who's who of 200 prominent Issei from Hiroshima-ken, a directory of about 3,600 families arranged by their hometown, and local histories of Hiroshima folks on the West Coast and points east. It's the kind of a book that a Hiroshima buff with yens and a yen to insure ancestral history would want to have rendered into English.

When the JACL undertook its research project to produce a definitive Japanese American history in 1960, the promise was not to come out with this kind of book—a lot of who's who with pictures of the family or head of household from those who contributed to the Kenjinkai historians to subsidize the publication. Actually, they were only borrowing a leaf from Who's Who in America, which is still this kind of enterprise. While the "Zaibei Hiroshima Kenjinkai Jishi" may lack a scholarly air, it's sure to delight the bilingual scholars of Japanese American history today.

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Ex-Assemblyman Mori, turned land developer, misses Calif.

SANDY, Utah—Former Assemblyman Floyd Mori, now a Utah land developer, was locked in one of the hottest re-election races San Francisco East Bay voters had witnessed.

"I'm now freezing to death," the onetime Pleasanton mayor said recently from his home near Salt Lake City. "The temperature here is hovering near zero," he told John Lynn Smith of the Oakland Tribune.

The only thing that wasn't chilly in the 1980 Democratic primary campaign for the 15th Assembly District seat was Mori's relationship with

challenger Charles Santana, a member of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Their bitter, hard-fought and overspent race was more the consequence of a battle for control of the Assembly than it was an issue-oriented contest between Mori and Santana.

Behind-the-scenes Assemblymen Leo McCarthy and Howard Berman, were waging crucial races in an effort to shore up support in their own battle for speakership of the Assembly. The two helped turn the 15th District race—which then stretched from Livermore to

Hayward—into a \$500,000-plus brawl that Mori won, only to lose in November to Republican Gib Marguth who spent roughly \$150,000.

Since then, McCarthy has become state's lieutenant governor; Berman is in Congress; Santana is still with the Board of Supervisors; and Marguth whose district was wiped out by a 1981 Democratic reapportionment is with the state Dept. of Education.

—People—

● Education

Gordon Hirabayashi, professor emeritus, dept. of sociology, Univ. of Alberta, receives two honorary doctorates this spring. Hamline Univ. in St. Paul, Minn., bestows the doctor of humane letters, and Haverford College in Haverford, Penn., the second doctorate. Both are for Hirabayashi's work in social justice and interpersonal relations. The coram nobis petitioner has also taught at Univ. of Washington, American Univ. in Beirut, and American Univ. in Cairo.

● Business

The Small Business person of the year will be named during Small Business Week, May 6-12. Nominees from each state were listed in USA Today March 5. James W. Okamoto and Donald Lee Helman, of Motion Designs, Inc., Clovis, were winners in California.

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The Japanese Fulbright alumni traveled to Washington on April 26 for two days of meetings with Vice President George Bush, Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) and other senators and congresspersons, former Sen. J. William Fulbright, and Japanese Ambassador to the U.S. Yoshio Okawara, himself a Fulbright alumnus.

On April 28, the group dispersed for a week's stay on the American campuses they once attended to speak on U.S.-Japan relations with students and professors.

Gratitude

Since 1982, the nine Fulbright alumni associations throughout Japan have raised more than \$1.25 million to bring more American Fulbrighters to their country.

Caroline Matano Yang, the Japanese American executive director for the Fulbright Program in Japan, sees a number of reasons for the fund-raising effort. "During 32 years of the Fulbright program," she said, "5,800 Japanese have come to the United States, and 1,200 Americans have gone to Japan. The alumni want to help balance the flow. They also want more Americans to come to understand their country better. But, most especially, they deeply appreciate what the United States did for them, particularly after the war."

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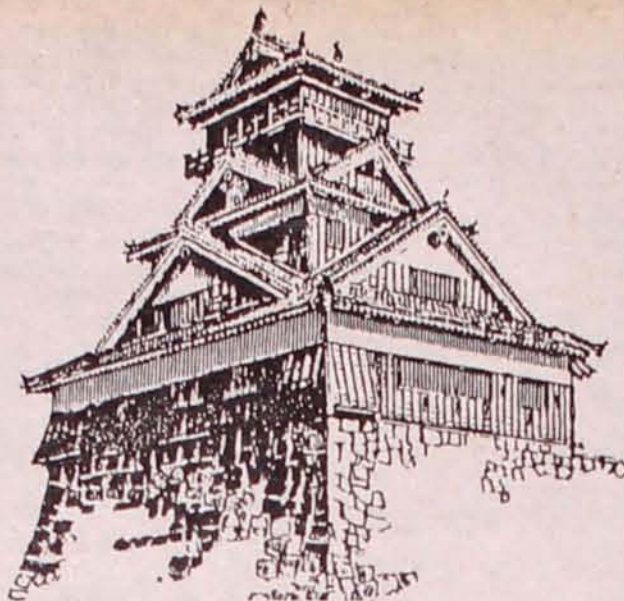
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