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Coloring the rainbow — Jesse Jackson supporters get a lift in L.A. (From left): Mike Murase, Jackson, Evelyn Yoshimura and Warren Furutani.

Jesse Jackson courts Asian votes for California primary

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—The Rev. Jesse Jackson made history May 17 as he became the first presidential candidate to give a speech in Little Tokyo. Addressing a crowd of roughly 700 at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center Plaza, he spoke at length about Asian American concerns.

"You have seen so much of the worst side of our history as a nation," Jackson said, citing as examples discriminatory immigration laws, economic scapegoating, the WW2 internment of Japanese Americans and the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Linking the wartime treatment of the Nikkei with the treatment of Native Americans more than a century ago and the treatment of Haitian immigrants today, Jackson declared, "The battle for reparations for the Japanese Americans who lost everything in the concentration camps . . . becomes part of the witness against all racially biased government policies."

Jackson also said that Asian Americans have faced one hundred years of immigration policy based on racial bias, from the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 to the Simpson-Mazzoli bill now in Congress.

Jackson, who strongly opposes the Simpson-Mazzoli bill, said that it would make the reunification of Asian families difficult, that its proposed sanctions against employers would make them reluctant to hire Asians or Latinos, and that the national identification cards it calls for would be tantamount to "embracing the policies of South Africa."

Stressing his theme of multi-racial unity, Jackson drew parallels between the experiences of Blacks, Chicanos and Asians, saying that each group has been discriminated against by the very people who benefitted from their labor.

'Don't Blame the Japanese'

Jackson also spoke about the trade backlash against Japan and the resulting increase in violence against Asian Americans. "We see Asians and Asian Americans blamed for the state of the U.S. economy. We see politicians—Republican and Democrat alike—stirring up hatred, mistrust, distrust and suspicion of everything Japanese."

He went on to denounce corporate America as the true cause of unemployment among auto workers and other laborers. "If you are unemployed, you are told, 'Blame the Japanese.' Not the heads of American industry, who chose not to invest their profits in reindustrializing America's basic industries. . . ."

He added that American corporations "use their tax breaks and their profits to merge with one another, to close down plants and move slave labor markets abroad to pay their own executives exorbitant salaries while they fail to take into account the needs and desires of American consumers."

Jackson was also critical of opponent Walter Mondale, who he said "supports the status quo—protection for corporate America at all costs. He boasted [about] the Chrysler bailout, he supports [domestic] content legislation. I do not."

The 1982 murder of Vincent Chin, clubbed to death by a Detroit auto worker, was another issue brought up by Jackson, who said that

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Judge orders hearing on gov't misconduct in 1942 test case

SEATTLE—Federal district court judge Donald Voorhees on May 18 overrode pleas from the U.S. Justice Dept. to keep a 42-year-old "Pandora's Box" closed and instead ordered an evidentiary hearing on Gordon Hirabayashi's petition for a writ of error *coram nobis*.

Similar to a trial, such a hearing will bring the government's internment policy—and its architects—into the courtroom. John McCloy, then assistant secretary of war, and Karl Bendetsen are among those likely to be called to the stand and cross-examined about their roles in the mass exclusion and internment of Japanese Americans during WW2.

Voorhees will then decide whether Hirabayashi's petition should be granted.

The petition, like those of Fred Korematsu and Minoru Yasui, charges that government officials knew Japanese Americans posed no security threat to the U.S., but that they destroyed, altered and suppressed key evidence to influence the outcome of his case, thereby depriving him of due process.

As a senior at the Univ. of Washington, Hirabayashi turned himself in to the FBI on May 16, 1942, handing them a four-page statement entitled "Why I refused to register for evacuation." He was later convicted on misdemeanor charges of refusing to obey the curfew and exclusion orders.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld his conviction on June 21, 1943.

'No Need for Hearing'

Victor Stone, arguing for the Justice Dept., repeated the government's concession, first made in the *Korematsu* hearing, that the internment was "an unfortunate episode."

Noting that President Gerald Ford had rescinded Executive Order 9066 and that Congress had repealed Public Law 503, which gave the military authority to carry out the "evacuation,"

Stone said the government had no interest in re-prosecuting the case.

The government, he said, wished to see Hirabayashi's conviction vacated, but wanted Hirabayashi's petition dismissed as well.

Stone, who represented the Justice Dept. in the previous two *coram nobis* hearings, has introduced new arguments since federal district judge Marilyn Hall Patel of San Francisco granted Korematsu's petition last November.

The government now asserts that there are no legal consequences from the original conviction that a ruling can redress in this case.

Further, the judicial system may undertake only a "live case or controversy," Stone says, and Congress is the appropriate branch of government to consider redressing past grievances. (Here Stone cited Judge Louis Oberdorfer's decision in the class action suit brought by National Council for Japanese American Redress. See story, page 1.)

Stone also stated that Hirabayashi could produce no new critical documents and that too much time has passed to argue the case. "What could have been a mountain of evi-

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Internees' class action lawsuit dismissed

WASHINGTON—A federal judge has dismissed the class action lawsuit filed in March 1983 by the Chicago-based National Council for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR), which sued the U.S. government for more than \$24 billion on behalf of WW2 internees and "voluntary evacuees."

In complying with the government's motion to dismiss the suit, U.S. district judge Louis Oberdorfer cited the statute of limitations, which requires that a suit be filed within six years of the event in question.

"It may be that timely claims . . . would have prevailed," Oberdorfer wrote in his May 17 decision. "But it is now close to forty years after the camps were closed, and almost that long after the facts essential to those claims

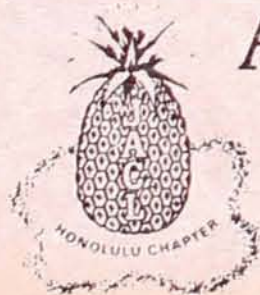
were published. Much time has passed, memories have dimmed, and many of the actors have died."

When Was Evidence Available?

In January 1984, NCJAR members had responded to the government's statute-of-limitations argument by asserting that many facts pertinent to the case had only recently been discovered (largely through archival research that was also used in the petitions for *writs of error coram nobis*) and that the government had deliberately concealed the information to delay the filing of the suit.

NCJAR had also submitted as evidence *Personal Justice Denied*, the final report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation

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School district charged with failing to provide enough bilingual classes

OAKLAND, Calif.—The U.S. Office for Civil Rights found the Oakland School District "in violation of Title VI [of the Civil Rights Act of 1964] for failing to implement its Bilingual Master Plan and not providing equal educational opportunity for LEP [limited English proficient] students," reported East West May 9.

In on-site visits to Oakland schools, the OCR found that at least five sites had an inadequate number of bilingual teachers.

In a related development, a class action suit was filed April 25 in Alameda County Superior Court by parents of students who charge that the district is in non-compliance with California state laws requiring special assistance to LEP children.

New alcoholism program approved

WASHINGTON—Native Hawaiians who suffer from alcoholism would benefit from demonstration projects approved by the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, said Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) May 10.

Matsunaga, member of the committee and ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee on Alcohol and Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, said the projects are part of a bill to reauthorize the National Institute for Drug Abuse and National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism for another three years.

"The needs of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders are typical of those of many other minority groups," Matsunaga said. About one in five suffer from alcoholism or alcohol abuse.

Panel to study attacks on minorities

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—State attorney general John Van de Kamp announced on May 10 the creation of a Commission on Racial, Ethnic, Religious and Minority Violence. The panel will study crimes and violence motivated by prejudice against such groups as Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, religious groups, lesbians, gay men, the elderly and the disabled.

Among its 16 members are John Saito, JACL Pacific Southwest regional director, and Diane Yu, board member, Asian American Bar Assn.

DNC urged to back compensation

LOS ANGELES—Rose Matsui Ochi, JACL national vice president, told the Democratic National Committee's platform committee May 14 that redress was a "civil rights priority of our time."

Her remarks were delivered at the fourth of six hearings the committee is holding throughout the country before it drafts a platform and presents it to the Democratic Party at its convention this summer.

Ochi said that "the basis of American jurisprudence is founded upon the principle of monetary redress as a remedy for governmental action in violation of its laws and constitutional procedures."

Jewish agency supports redress

NEW YORK—The American Jewish Committee voted at its annual meeting to support monetary compensation for Japanese Americans interned in WW2. Samuel Rabinove, AJC attorney, said justice "requires something more than an apology... some tangible redress in recognition of this monstrous miscarriage of justice is vital."

Founded in 1906, the AJC is this country's pioneer human relations organization.

Cultural center raises first million

SAN FRANCISCO—Visions '80, fund-drive for the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) recently hit the \$1 million mark with a \$10,000 pledge from George Okamoto, announced campaign chair Yori Wada.

Okamoto, president of Nomura & Co., brought his total contributions to the center to more than \$70,000.

Wada noted that the \$1 million milestone "caps a year of hard work by our campaign volunteers and opens the door to potential contributors who have been wait-

ing for a strong show of support and commitment to our vision of a cultural and community center."

The center, scheduled to begin construction later this year, will house non-profit service groups. Recreational activities and programs for the community focusing on the cultural heritage of Japanese Americans will be scheduled on an on-going basis.

For further information about the project or ways to contribute, contact Janey Egawa at the JCCCNC office, 567-5505.



Benefactor—George Okamoto (left) presents pledge to fund-raising chair Yori Wada and JCCCNC president Edith Tanaka.

Mayor Washington establishes city panel on Asian American affairs

CHICAGO — Mayor Harold Washington issued an executive order May 8 establishing a mayor's advisory committee on Asian American affairs.

Among the 15 members appointed by the mayor are Bill Yoshino, JACL Midwest regional director, and Ross Harano, former MDC governor.

The committee will make recommendations on matters affecting the health, safety, and welfare of the Asian American population in Chicago; on the employ-

ment of Asian Americans in city government; and on city contracting policies as they affect Asian American businesses.

The committee will also assist city departments, boards, and commissions with specific projects; and it will review proposed legislation, policies, and programs.

Other members of the advisory committee are:

Edward Chen, Dr. Robert Shu, Ngoan Le, Duong Van Tran, Dr. Herman Reyes, Sher Rajput, Song Kang, Robert Ni, Frank

Lee, Peter Kim, Bernard Wong and Linval Chung.

The following day Washington announced the establishment of an Asian Desk within the Commission on Human Relations. It will be a liaison between the Asian American community and the city. The mayor stated he would also appoint an Asian American to the commission.

The announcement came as part of a proclamation, is-

sued at a city hall reception attended by some 200 persons, declaring May 9-15 as Asian American Week in Chicago.

The various actions taken by Washington culminated nearly a year of discussions between the leaders of the Asian American community and the administration about ways to increase the participation of Asian Americans in city government.

Asian American issues focus of debate among candidates' supporters

SAN FRANCISCO—Representatives of the three Democratic candidates for president will present their stands to the Asian Pacific community during a public forum Thursday, May 31.

Sponsored by Pacific and Asian American Women Bay Area Coalition, the forum begins at 7:45 p.m. at the Homestead Savings building, 130 W. Portal.

Mabel Teng represents the Jesse Jackson campaign.

She is a Jackson delegate for the 5th congressional district.

Lorna Takahara Strand speaks for the Walter Mondale campaign. Strand is a Mondale delegate in the 6th district.

Barbara Lee, president of the Chinese American Democratic Club addresses the audience for the Gary Hart campaign. The organization recently announced its endorsement of the Colorado senator.

Vincent Chin's mother to be honored

SAN FRANCISCO—Lily Chin, whose son's death in 1982 stirred the country's Asian American communities, will visit the Bay Area June 1-2. She will be greeted by presidential candidate Jesse Jackson in Chinatown's Cameron House, Friday, June 1, 11 a.m. That evening she will receive an award from the Asian Law

Caucus (see May 11, PC).

On Saturday, June 2, Asian Americans for Justice hosts a community reception at Oakland's Chinese Community Center, Harrison and 9th Sts. The program is free.

The trial of Ronald Ebens and Michael Nitz, charged with the racially motivated killing of Vincent Chin, begins in Detroit on June 5.

Ethnic groups forming coalition

WASHINGTON—A national federation of American cultural and language communities is currently being formed and will hold its first meeting May 24-27.

The federation comprises individual representatives of ethnic groups representing Armenian, Franco, German, Hispanic, Italian, Japanese, Sicilian, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese Americans.

The non-profit organization's primary purpose is to educate the public on the desirability of maintaining and fostering American ethnic languages and cultures in the United States.

For additional information, write or call Ronald K. Ikejiri, Washington Representative, JACL, 1730

Rhode Island Ave. N.W. #204, Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 223-1240.

Ariyoshi amused by Fasi's switch

HONOLULU—Gov. George Ariyoshi was apparently amused by the announcement that his archrival, former Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi, has jumped parties to run as a Republican.

When asked for reaction to Fasi's switch, the governor said with a chuckle: "It's a free country, isn't it?"

Fasi, a longtime Democrat, announced on April 16 that he will run as a Republican in an attempt to recapture the mayoralty.

JARs honor county GOP incumbents

CITY OF COMMERCE, Calif.—Japanese American Republicans tendered campaign support to three top Los Angeles County incumbents—District Attorney Robert Philibosian and Supervisors Mike Antonovich and Deane Dana—on the June 5 ballot here at Michael's Restaurant May 11. Close to 200 were present.

Billed as an evening with three keynote speakers, JAR president Sam Fujimoto's remarks of welcome were so eloquent that emcee Bruce Kaji quipped that Fujimoto sounded like a fourth keynoter.

Both supervisors stressed Prop. 13 had been effective in showing local government

can save and still operate. Former deputy district attorney Philibosian, appointed by Gov. Deukmejian in December 1982 to the top post, repeated his commitment to fight dope traffic and gang violence, prosecute those who abuse the child support laws, and support the victim's bill of rights.

All hoped to score winning majorities June 5 since the offices are non-partisan.

Also introduced were three Nisei officials, Municipal Judge Richard Hanki, Gardena City Councilman Paul Tsukahara, Long Beach Councilwoman Eunice Sato and congressional candidate Mas Odoi of Gardena for the 31st District seat.

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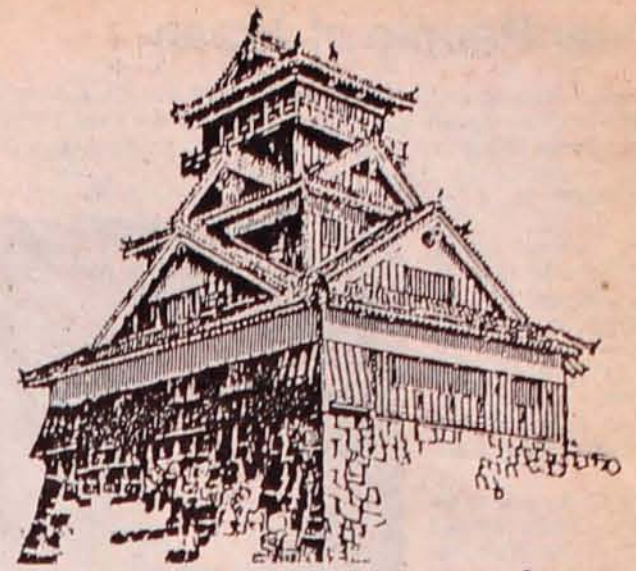
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Hawaii support—Reps. David Hagino, Barbara Marumoto and Tom Okamura pose with Honolulu JACLers after House endorses redress April 18. (From left): Hagino, Earl

Nishimura, Kay Kaneko, Alvin Onaka, Teddy Tanaka, Choki Kanetake, Takeo Okada, Lillian Takeshita, Lawrence Kumabe, Marumoto, Okamura and Heine Peters.

Photo courtesy Hawaii Herald

Clavell short story contest accepting works by Nikkei writers

ALTADENA, Calif.—Short stories are now being accepted for the 6th American-Japanese National Literary Award contest, announced chair Ted Tajima. The winner receives a \$1,000 cash prize and a trophy presented by novelist James Clavell.

The author of *Shogun* originated the contest in 1979 with a donation of \$10,000 to encourage Japanese American writers and to help document Nikkei history.

The trophy and all entries to the 1984 contest are to be exhibited in the Franklin D. Murphy Library of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

The following rules apply to the contest:

1. All entries must be original and not previously published. (A letter from each entrant stating the work is original and unpublished must accompany each entry.)

2. All entries should incorporate some aspect of the Japanese American experience (or the experience of the Japanese in Canada or South American countries).

3. All entries should exhibit both plot and character development of a short story. All entries must be written in English.

4. All entries will be less than 5,000 words in length.

5. Eligibility for competition is limited to persons with at least one parent of Japanese ancestry. The contest, otherwise, is open to all persons regardless of age or amateur or professional status.

6. All entries shall be retained by the American Japanese National Literary Award foundation to be used by the foundation for documentation, history, anthology and publication or any other use beneficial to support the purposes of the AJNLA foundation committee. Any monetary net profits received by the AJNLA from the publication of any entry shall be shared by the writer of the entry and the AJNLA. The AJNLA's share shall be used to continue the work of the award.

7. Writer may seek a publisher for his/her own entry. In the event the writer obtains a publisher through his/her own effort and receives any monies, the writer shall retain the total

amount paid to the writer by that publisher.

8. Entries must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m., Friday, June 22, 1984. All entries must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Entrant should include his/her full name, address and phone number.

9. All entries should be mailed to: American-Japanese National Literary Award, c/o Ted Tajima, 1855 Homewood Dr., Altadena, CA 91001.

Winners will be announced at the Miss Sansei California Pageant, July 14, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

● Community affairs

LOS ANGELES—Noted Korean American scholars, humanists and community leaders will gather for a statewide symposium on Korean Americans in the 1980s at UCLA's Asian American Studies Center. The two-day conference, held June 1-2, is free to the public. Among the panels are those on family life, women, new immigrants, religion, the labor market, literature, and international politics. For further information, call 825-2974.

LOS ANGELES—Ralph Lazo, a Mexican American who at the age of 16 voluntarily joined his Nikkei friends in the Manzanar concentration camp, will speak about his experiences Friday, May 25, at the Japanese American Historical Society meeting, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 411, from 7:30 p.m.

LOS ANGELES—Japanese United Information Community Exchange announced that it will sponsor a panel on child abuse in the Japanese American community, Monday, June 11, at Cityview Hospital, 3711 Baldwin St. Sachiko Reece and Barbara Uchida are featured speakers. For more information, call Bill Watanabe, 680-3729.

TORRANCE, Calif.—Miyako Restaurant, 24 Del Amo Fashion Square, is the site of the Tamagawa Gakuen Reunion, May 25, 7 p.m. For more information, call Tets Yamada, 263-5960 (eves and weekends), or Tami (Sano) Nakagawa, 699-0807 (eves).

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and Internment of Civilians, which concluded that the internment was based on racism, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership rather than on actual military necessity.

The judge, however, maintained that sufficient evidence contradicting the government's position was available soon after the end of the war. "The standard by which fraudulent concealment must be judged is not one of full disclosure, but rather one of sufficient disclosure to allow the plaintiffs, through full diligence, to state a claim," he wrote.

Oberdorfer did not dispute the arguments against the internment itself, saying the rationale of military necessity now appears "questionable."

"Had NCJAR not been blocked by the statute of limitations," said chair William Hohri, "the claim would have been allowed to proceed to trial."

Judge Rejects One Gov't Claim

Oberdorfer rejected one of the claims made by the government in its move to dismiss the lawsuit—that the 1948 American Japanese Evacuation Claims Act was the exclusive means by which internees could seek monetary compensation.

"The Act does not bar this court from jurisdiction over all plaintiffs' claims," the judge stated.

The Evacuation Claims Act has, for a variety of reasons, been denounced as inadequate by former internees seeking redress. It placed stringent requirements on proof of property loss and paid only about eight cents on the dollar for claims that were granted.

In his decision, Oberdorfer suggested that plaintiffs seek

compensation through redress legislation submitted to Congress last year. "The careful spadework which plaintiffs have done in the prosecution of their claims in court should contribute to making their argument to Congress more persuasive. And it may be that Congress will focus more closely on these claims once plaintiffs have exhausted their possible judicial remedies," the judge concluded.

The two most recent bills, S 2116 in the Senate and HR 4110 in the House, are said to implement all the recommendations made by CWRIC. The total cost, including a \$20,000 payment to each surviving internee and an educational and community fund, would be \$1.5 billion, far less than the amount sought in the NCJAR suit.

NCJAR attorney Benjamin Zelenko said, "We were hopeful we would prevail—we're disappointed we didn't."

Hohri also expressed disappointment but has not given up hope. "A decision to appeal will most probably be made next week," he said.

He added that the suit was filed despite the high risks involved because "we have been driven by a need to know whether we shall ever have our day in court and whether the government will ever be held accountable for its massive and pervasive violations of the Constitution."

Hohri calls the decision "a failure of the judicial system to repair an obvious injury," adding that NCJAR "will persist until this failure is reversed or becomes final."

Although he does not reject the legislative approach to redress, Hohri maintains that constitutional issues can only be resolved in the courts.

An ex-GI wants to thank 'Dear People of Japan'

A letter from an ex-GI who wants to thank the "Dear People of Japan" for 40 great years is working its print-way westward. The story, when it broke in Bill Stokes' popular column in the Chicago Tribune April 24, attracted attention of Japanese and other local media.

Eli Ponich, 66, of Bellwood, Ill., was speculating whether two Japanese soldiers on Okinawa decided not to shoot him because he was unarmed and attending to the wounds of a small Japanese boy. And if these two soldiers and the young lad are still alive, Ponich wants to reward them somehow.

The story came to the Pacific Citizen through Art Morimitsu of the Chicago Shimpō, who felt the PC could help get this story into Japan. (There are about 120 PC subscribers in Japan.) Stokes hopes Ponich will be able to meet the two soldiers and concludes, "Old war stories are best when they deal with life instead of death. Isn't that the lesson we are supposed to learn from the great killings?"

Dear People of Japan:

The following is something you all should know and be proud of.

My life was spared approximately 39 years ago in Okinawa by two Japanese soldiers, and now I am thanking them wherever they may be. I pray they were spared, and if this is published they would know where and why this has happened.

Many days I think of my experience and thank God that I faced two humanitarian soldiers, as I was. This is a true story. There is another soldier who was with me on that mission who lives a short distance from me. His name is Stanley Furmanek. I was the ranking sergeant on this mission. He will testify to this experience and its authenticity.

I was called to Headquarters and told to take three amphibian tractors around the Buckner Bay coast line. Our American planes were dropping surrender leaflets to civilians and soldiers stating they would not be harmed. The coast line ran for miles. I was told to be there when the tide was out, which I did.

The beach was beautiful, especially to someone like myself who lived inland and came from a small town in Illinois. When I got off the vehicle I looked up at this huge piece of rock in front of me, and I told the detail I was heading to leave their weapons in the tractors so the people would not be afraid. My thinking was right with this mission—who would kill unarmed men when the Lord is with you.

Like a Cathedral Inside

Over the centuries the ocean had eroded the mountain and left a huge cavern. It was about 200 feet deep and ran all the way down the coast line as far as the eye could see. It was like a cathedral inside—a beauty that one would have to see to believe. How nature and God worked hand in hand. This cavern had openings 200 feet inside which the water had eroded, and people were able to slide down these slippery crevices. It was a sight of sadness and hard-to-control emotions as I watched an elderly lady (who looked like my mother) as she slid down this crevice with a blanket that contained all her worldly possessions. I made sure she would be taken care of and personally escorted her to the vehicle and assured her she was in safe hands. Yes, it was very sad. She was trembling so hard I feared she would have a stroke.

We got approximately 45 people out and there were no more. I told the detail to get the tractors—I was the last one to leave. I looked around one more time, and as I did so I saw a human head on a ridge about 200 feet up on a crevice. I said to myself—I don't want to leave anyone here—so I climbed the crevice and found a little Japanese boy about 5 or 6 years old sitting in a rock hole.

This youngster was wearing a pair of swim trunks and was sitting in a pool of blood. He had bullet holes through both legs—in medical parlance his thighs. He raised his arms and I could see the pain in this young fellow's eyes. I picked him up and as I did so, I looked up and saw two Japanese soldiers ten feet above me with their rifles trained on me. I turned my back to them and took about four steps with the youngster, and laid him down on a flat piece of terrain in front of the hole. I cleaned his wounds with water from my canteen, and then applied sulphathiazol before bandaging his legs. All this time the two Japanese soldiers were talking and had their rifles in one hand pointing to the ground, and not at me. I picked this youngster up and faced them, and with a loud "thank you" I bowed my head to them. They both did the same and left me alone—to live to take care of my widowed mother. They showed me the true compassion of two great sports. This should show the world that all Japanese were not vicious as our movies made them. I am a living example, and maybe a lot of our American skeptics can learn something from what I am saying.

Oh yes, we had some real mean crackpots in our army as well as the Japanese, but I would say as a whole I would give both armies a 9½ rating—which is good coming from a soldier who saw a lot. Yes, I was a soldier of pride and never backed away from helping anyone. My parents had instilled that principle long ago. I pray this youngster is fine and enjoying good health. He should be about 45 years old at this time. After writing this I feel much better.

I am 66 years of age and my wife is in her sixties. My occupation is a plasterer.

We have 25 acres of land on Bull Shoals, Missouri. This is the largest man-made lake in the U.S.A. with 1600 miles of shore line. It has the best fishing in the country and a bay with 1000 feet of frontage. It would make a wonderful fishing resort. We also own 20 acres on the Arkansas side, all of which is prime land. A general with the U.S.E.D. told us the bay is worth \$1,200,000. We would sell all 45 acres for \$1,300,000.

At our age I wouldn't think of going into construction and would like to sell it to younger people. With this sale I would reward handsomely that young man I saved and also the two soldiers who saved my life. We will be able to identify these men by their story of what happened on that particular day. I pray they are all still living.

God bless all of you beautiful people!

Your friend /s/ Eli Ponich,
334 Bellwood Avenue Bellwood, Illinois 60104
Tel.: 1-312-544-2108



Eli Ponich (1942)

Nakagawa, Yasui to deliver talks at Memorial Day ceremonies

LOS ANGELES—Among the Memorial Day services to be held throughout the country this weekend is the program sponsored by the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council of Southern California on Monday, May 28, 11 a.m., at Evergreen Cemetery, 204 N. Evergreen Ave.

NVCC chair Jack Matsukawa stated that this year's service will be highlighted by a tribute to the 24 Nikkei servicemen from So. California who were killed or missing in action in the Vietnam War.

The Memorial Day address will be given by Capt. Gordon Nakagawa, U.S. Navy, commanding officer at Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station.

Nakagawa, once held for four months as a prisoner of war in N. Vietnam, said he was able to handle that experience, in part, because of his childhood internment in Tule Lake.

"One thing you learn about anger," he said, "is if you become terribly angry at something and aren't able to do anything about it, it has an effect on your mental health."

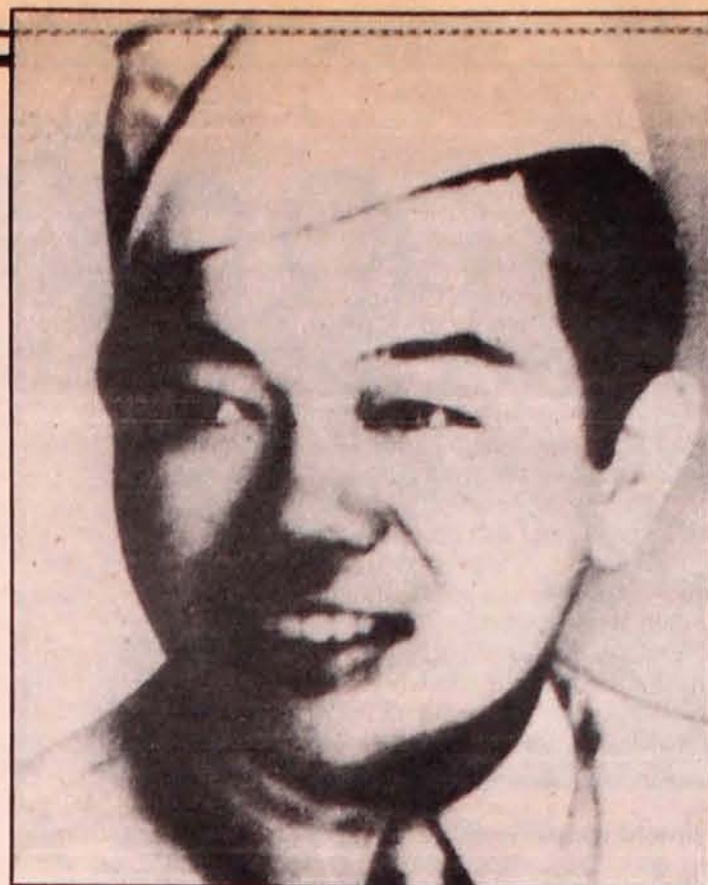
health."

Nakagawa's decorations include the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars, Meritorious Service Medal, Purple Heart, Navy Unit Commendations, and Combat Action Ribbon.

In San Bruno, Calif., Nisei Memorial Day services take place Monday, May 28, 10 a.m., at Golden Gate National cemetery. Minoru Yasui, JACL redress chair, delivers the keynote address.

Sponsoring the program are Golden Gate Nisei Memorial Post 9879 of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Intelligence Service Assn., and the No. California-W. Nevada-Pacific District Council and San Francisco Chapter of JACL.

Harry Tanabe, national VFW aide-de-camp, chairs the event. Other participants are the Rev. James Toda, San Lorenzo Japanese Christian Church; Richard Nakamoto, Post 9879 commander; and Cressey Nakagawa, San Francisco JACL chapter president.



Remembered—Pfc. Sadao Munemori, 100th Infantry, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously on March 13, 1946.

In Whittier, Calif., members of the Nikkei community will gather at Rose Hills Memorial Park on May 28 to conduct three programs in observance of Memorial Day. They will be conducted by the 6th district Nisei VFW Memorial Post 9902 (9 a.m.), Los Angeles Buddhist Federation (10 a.m.) and Japanese American Southern California Christian Church Federation (11 a.m.) in the Japanese garden area near Lake of the Roses.

LITTLE TOKYO LIFE (No. 18)



Until 1906, the Issei stayed close to the heart of Little Tokyo and the enclave around West 6th Street and Grand Avenue. Most of them rode the "big red" street cars or the wagon to work on the farms in and around L.A. county. A few others settled on these farms to cultivate row crops. The Japanese Association of America statistics indicate there were 3,387 Japanese in the city; 1,202 in the unincorporated areas and another 1,400 throughout the county by the end of 1905.

Following the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire in April, an estimated 2,000 to 3,000 Japanese left and settled in Los Angeles. Social historians have also noted the virulent anti-Japanese feelings of that time added to the permanent exodus of Japanese. Hence, the L.A. Japanese population nearly doubled—causing an expansion to other parts of the city, notably southwestward—or the Seinan-ku area—which rivaled Boyle Heights in later years as a major residential-business district for Issei-Nisei.

In his history on the Japanese in Los Angeles, curator Bill Mason records the first Issei nursery (started by Jinnosuke Kobata, who had come to L.A. as early as 1893) was established in 1905 at Main and Jefferson. The West Jefferson area was still rural beyond Vermont Ave. (the northwest corner of the USC campus today). But such less-settled areas of town were sought by Japanese nurserymen, who catered to the growing number of Japanese gardeners. Others who lived in such areas as West 10th Street-Uptown, Washington Blvd.-Hoover, West Adams-Vermont, North Virgil-Hollywood, had small nursery spreads of their own in the front yard.

It was the gardeners and nurserymen who first settled in good numbers in the 1910s in what the Issei called "Seinan-ku"—the Southwest Ward—centered around Normandie from W. 35th to W. 37th Sts. In a 1915 directory, we found 10 Japanese nurseries on the westside: Kamada, Matsumoto, Kitajima, Yuno, Osaka, Kuroda, Hayashi, Hirai, Honda (my uncle, then at 18th and Burlington, had a bigger nursery on Slauson near Vermont—now a MacDonald site), and Kanno. Another popular trade of this era, kaoku-soji (house cleaners) also lived in the Uptown and southwest L.A. areas. Further west (beyond Western Ave. between Washington and Exposition Blvds.—the Progressive Westside JACL area today) was the West Adams farm district serviced as an RFD route by the mailmen. The 1915 list shows 30 Japanese families out there.

By 1930, Seinan-ku was in its glory. There were four churches (Japanese Methodist Episcopal—Miikyokai, Senshin, Holiness and Japanese Independent), two language schools (Senshin and Rafu Kokugo, which met at the M.E. church); and along Normandie between "Jeff" and 37th St. were Arimatsu's dry goods store, the Yamamoto and Takaki food markets, Kato grocery, Kadoya sweet shop, Ishihara chop suey, two garages (T.K. and Normandie), no medical offices but one midwife (Shimotsuji) living on W. 36th Pl., a

Seinan-ku

masseur, two barbers, Okamoto's lawn mower & hardware, a dressmaker (Yamada), Asoo's laundry, and Fujisaka jewelers. Other businesses on Jefferson included Ohta's Transfer, photo studio, three grocers (Ohta, Osaki, Nakamura), a shoe repair shop. On Western Ave. was Jack Wada's New Fashion dye works. In the residential areas along 35th and 36th Sts. and Pl. were the hiriyoten—where fertilizer/compost was being made at the nursery—at least at six addresses; plus a goldfish farm.

The uekiya-nurseries were concentrated in the Seinan-ku. The 1931 directory (if I can read all the Kanji names properly) lists on W. 35th St.—Takanashi; on W. 35th Pl.—Watanabe (this sign at Western is still there, though its last owner Ken Saiki was tragically shot to death at the store this past year), Yamamoto; on W. 36th St.—Arima, Nichihara, Samukawa, another Watanabe; on 36th Pl.—Gamachi, Iba, Iida, Koyanagi, Shimada, Takata, Watanabe again; on 37th St.—Matsuura, Nakahara, Nomiya, Ohio Nursery, Tokyo Nursery; on 37th Pl.—Kishi, Mariposa (Shimamoto), Minami; on Western Ave.—Kusukawa, Tacoma Nursery; on Jefferson—Takai and West Jefferson Nursery; and on Exposition Blvd.—Yamato Nursery.

In the 1950s, Seinan-ku had spread westward three miles on Jefferson between Arlington and Crenshaw. The Tamura furniture store, Fukuyama's Kay Hardware, Nisei Drug, George Izumi's Grace Pastry, Ty Saito and Kashu Realty, for instance, had attracted Bank of Tokyo (now Calif. First) to open its first L.A.-area branch. Rafu Daiichi Gakuen resumed classes postwar on the westside. The first Nisei drive-in shopping center opened at Ninth Ave. Nikkei-financed Crenshaw Square (Sumitomo Bank set up shop here), Holiday Bowl and a development of homes mostly occupied by Nisei families marked the '60s—expanding the Seinan-ku community to its current limit.

Seinan-ku today is a mixture of Blacks, Asians, Latinos and whites. Senshin Buddhist Church has blossomed into a Japanese cultural oasis. On the other side of Western Ave., Holiness Church converted a synagogue and built up its complex. Hub of JACL affairs in the '50s and the old Southwest L.A. chapter, Centenary United Methodist (Miikyokai) is about to relocate to Little Tokyo. A few Nisei shopkeepers are hanging on in the heart of prewar Seinan-ku.

P.S.—During the war years, Lem's chop suey had moved from Little Tokyo to the Seinan-ku. Prewar, you could drop a nickle into a coin box by your dinner table and one of the Lem sisters would play a tune on the piano up front. This was the jukebox of the 1930s. By chance we found their little restaurant in the '50s when PC was printing its Holiday Issues at a newspaper plant across the street. Lem's gone ... so is the print shop. Seinan-ku has changed, too. Not only is it black but Caribbean and Central American black. When the Nisei are gone, even the name Seinan-ku will be in oblivion ... for a 100 years, anyway. Little Tokyo Centennial Committee Time Capsule chair Frank Omatsu has asked for a set of these columns to be deposited therein.

by Harry Honda

Nikkei Names on the Vietnam Memorial

In the Feb. 3, 1984, PC, was an initial list of 56 Nikkei on the Vietnam Memorial (which carries over 50,000 names) submitted by Sachio Saito of Washington, D.C. He knew it was a partial list and hoped others would help. The list generated several letters and a significant compilation of over 100 from the Japanese American Veterans (Vietnam Era) Memorial and Reunion Committee, chaired by Lance Matsushita, Monterey Park, CA.

There is a directory of names available from the Government Printing Office that lists the location of each name. The directory has been distributed to every congressperson and there are directories at each entrance to the memorial.

When Saito submitted his list after gleaning this directory, he omitted some names because they seemed more Italian than Japanese and were from unlikely cities. Some have been listed by the Reunion Committee as "unverified Nikkei". And there must be some whose mothers were of Japanese ancestry and fathers non-Nikkei, who ought to be included here.

Though the Vietnam Memorial was dedicated in 1983, it is clear that interest is growing rapidly because of its political significance and convenience of location—within a block of the Lincoln Memorial and less than a half-mile from the Washington Monument. When one views the Vietnam memorial there is an overwhelming mass of names and there is an urge to find a familiar name and this is when this list will be useful.

We are most grateful for the help. We are certain families or friends who do not find the names of their loved ones will be alerting us.

—Pacific Citizen.

Ogami, Terry Y	Reedley, CA	CPL AR	40E45	30 May46	20 Feb68
Ogata, Terrance Aki	Hilo, HI	SP4 AR	5W133	07 Feb49	23 Feb71
Ohara, Steve Masao	San Jose, CA	SP4 AR	45W21	29 Jul47	01 Sep68
Okamoto, Donald Ray	National City, CA	LCPL MC	25E68	27 Dec47	30 Aug67
Okamoto, Roger Thomas	Portland, OR	2LT MC	6E40	15 Aug42	22 Mar66
Okumura, Earl Akio	Honolulu, HI	PFC AR	50W42	27 Oct47	01 Aug68
Onchi, Curtis	Portland, OR	1LT AR		08 Oct45	24 Mar69
Oshiro, Warren Shigeo	Los Angeles, CA	PFC AR		25 Jul41	05 Dec65
Otake, John Sadao	Honolulu, HI	SP4 AR	30W68	12 May48	07 Mar69
Saito, Samuel Ryoichi	Fresno, CA	CWO AR	55W1	17 May40	19 Jun68
Sakai, Ernest Seichi	Hawii, HI	SFC AR	24E70	06 Jan50	24 Nov70
Sasaki, Allison Yukio	Honolulu, HI	PVT AR	30E66	13 Jul48	22 Nov67
Sato, Takeshi	Port Hueneme, CA	PFC AR	21W57	12 Jun47	03 Jul69
Shibata, Glen T	Kealakekua, HI	CPL AR		15 Sep47	29 Mar69
Shimoda, Wesley	Commerce City, CO	PFC MC		17 Sep46	15 Nov66
Shimabukuro, Kenyu	Hilo, HI	SGT MC		30 Dec34	22 Aug68
Shinkawa, Ray Yasushi	Honolulu, HI	WO AR		02 May47	23 Feb71
Shiraka, John Edward	Worcester, ME	PFC MC		20 Apr48	11 May69
Shiroda, Robert Lewis	Houghton, MI	SGT AR		16 Jan48	24 Feb69
Sugimoto, Leonard James	Gardena, CA	WO AR		26 Jan47	16 Dec69
Sugiura, Tom Dennis	Monterey Park, CA	CPL MC	45W29	20 Oct 46	02 Sep68
Sumida, Gerald Katsuji	Kahului, HI	A2C AF	23E79	28 Apr44	15 Jul67
Suzuki, Kenry Ryoosuke	Santa Monica, CA	PFC MC	13E45	19 Aug43	14 Dec66
Taira, Clifford Kazumi	Honolulu, HI	SP4 AR	25W56	04 Jul48	11 May69
Takehara, Yoshio	Wahiawa, HI	SFC AR	5W109	12 Oct31	15 Feb71
Takemoto, Kenneth James	Wahiawa, HI	SP4 AR	33E42	16 Sep48	04 Jan68
Taketa, Ken Harris	Los Angeles, CA	SGT AR	3W116	14 Jun49	27 Jul71
Tanaka, Minoru	Waiakoa, HI	SSGT AR	31E1	07 Aug31	28 Nov67
Tanimoto, Miles T	Lawai, HI	CAPT AF	9E76	20 Jul36	25 Jul66
Tatsuno, Albert Hiroshi	Aiea, HI	SP4 AR		11 Nov34	29 Jan66
Toma, Richard Hisao	Honolulu, HI	LCPL MC		19 Jun46	05 Mar67
Uribe, Edward Anthony	Los Angeles, CA	PFC AR		11 Aug45	10 Oct66
Uyesaka, Robert Joseph	Santa Barbara, CA	SGT AR		30 Jun45	23 Aug68
Watanabe, James Ryoichiro	Oxnard, CA	SGT AR		16 Sep44	26 Sep67
Yabiku, Takeshi	Los Angeles, CA	SP4 AR	35W80	23 Jan46	12 Jan67
Yamanaka, Roger Kuno	Costa Mesa, CA	LCPL MC	43E2	29 Dec47	04 Mar68
Yamane, Benji	Oakland, CA	SGT AR	45E6	31 Mar47	16 Mar68
Yamashiro, Edward Satoru	Kaneohe, HI	SP4 AR	21E72	30 Nov45	07 Jun67
Yamashiro, Naoto	Honolulu, HI	SP7 AR	25E36	07 May44	23 Aug67
Yamashita, Akira	San Francisco, CA	SP5 AR	9E89	18 May48	29 Jul66
Yamashita, Kenji Jerry	Sanger, CA	1stLT AR	58E28	11 Jun45	11 May68
Yamashita, Melvin Masaichi	Honolulu, HI	SGT AR	17W115	18 Sep46	24 Oct69
Yamashita, Rick	Detroit, MI	PFC MC	29W34	17 Mar49	13 Mar69
Yamashita, Sojiro	Berkeley, CA	SGT AR	9W42	31 Mar45	10 Jun70
Yano, Rodney James Takashi	Kealakekua, HI	SFC AR	35W18	13 Jul43	01 Jan69
Yokoi, Raphael S	Mongmong, Guam	PFC MC		30 Jul49	11 Jul69
Yoshida, Elliot Matsuo	Wahiawa, HI	PFC AR		21 Nov43	25 Oct71
Yoshino, Kanji	Honolulu, HI	SFC AR		06 Nov25	18 Nov69
Yuki, Douglas Harvard	Altadena, CA	SP4 AR		04 Jul48	28 Sep70
(G) Yamane, Mark	Seattle, WA	PFC AR			25 Oct83

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Amato, Edward Mathew	Commack, NY	SP4 AR		09 Jan44	21 Mar67
Amato, Michael John	Peekskill, CA	LCPL MC		30 Jan47	13 May67
Amato, Richard C	Hayward, CA	PFC AR		14 Jul42	11 Jan66
Hagara, Leslie Paul	Salisbury, PA	SGT MC		06 Aug46	16 Apr68
Kama, Fred Kaimi	Honolulu, HI	SGT AR		14 May40	06 Sep67
Kasa, Kenneth Eugene	South Bend, IN	SSGT AR		07 Oct35	19 Apr67
Kito, Donald Harry	Petersburg, AR	LCPL MC		18 Mar42	08 Jul67
Konyu, William Michael	Phillipsburg, NJ	WO AR		18 Mar47	16 Apr69
Oneto, Harry Steven	Sunnyvale, CA	CPL MC		19 Dec47	08 Sep68
Sawaya, Robert Mitchel	Orem, UT	CPL MC		03 Feb45	15 Dec67
Segura, Steven Ray	San Francisco, CA	SP4 AR		02 Aug48	01 Mar69
Sukara, Michael Theodore	Parma, OH	PFC AR		04 Oct46	11 Jun66
Tagata, Laavale F	San Francisco, CA	LCPL MC		30 May39	03 Dec65
Totora, Cris Anthony	Woodriver, IL	LCPL MC		07 Oct48	25 Oct67
Ugino, John J	Mt. Morris, NY	PFC MC		19 Jan48	08 Jan68

NOTES:

- Abbreviations for states are U.S. postal system.
- AF Air Force, AR Army, MC Marine Corps.
- The Vietnam Memorial is an open horizontal V-shape monument with east and west legs of 70 panels each. Each name is identified with a location number, e.g. Congressional Medal of Honor winner, Sgt. 1st Class Rodney J. T. Yano (35W18), is found on panel 35, West leg of the open V, 18 lines from the top. There are several names on each line.
- Those without location number: Supplemented Feb. 25 by the Japanese American Veterans (Vietnam Era) Reunion, Monterey Park, CA., and individual readers.

Fighting Prejudice, In Uniform or Out

by Allen Okamoto

PHILADELPHIA—"Recall the memories of the '40's without rancor or bitterness." As I wrote these words for the installation benediction, I did reflect upon my own past, even beyond the '40's. How different they were from most of the Philadelphia Nisei. Mine were memories of individual prejudices and the fight by one family rather than a community of Nihonjin. A small cluster of yellow pebbles on a sandy white beach of WASPs. There were no JACL, Buddhist Church, or other supportive Japanese organizations here.

Uphold the Japanese tradition because of parental insistence; education first; respect for the elders; you know the script! All this coupled with the normal people prejudice of whites against all minorities. I don't know why I felt it would be so different, but I remember the shock that prejudice was also a part of the Japanese segments. Where? As one of the original 5,000 volunteers for the 442nd I was thrust into a

totally unfamiliar all-Japanese society. The cultural shock along with the dislike/prejudice encountered from the white American troops at Camp Shelby, and the West Coast Nisei cliques within the 442nd were all very depressing. The latter group excluded the Hawaii-born and especially the very few East Coast volunteers. I frequently wondered whether I had done the right thing by joining.

Further along memory lane came those experiences on the front lines which are hard to describe. The days of fighting, marching, climbing to the point of being numb with exhaustion; the shock of seeing the Nisei KIA's, especially the recognizable friends; the incessant barrage and shelling; hearing the cries for help during the night, knowing full well that nothing could be done; that cold feeling in the "gut" when the word came down to "fix bayonets and advance"; those many days with only a canteen of water and no food; bath and clean clothes once a month; sleeping in the mud, rain and

snow with little or no protection; and finally that despair caused by fatigue which degraded into a feeling that there were only two ways to leave the front, e.g., being wounded so badly that they had to send you back or to go back in a mattress cover (the GI's portable coffin).

All this I remember vividly and find it hard to equate in terms of redress. It reminds me of the envious comments of the infantry soldier about the other service branches: "At least when they die, they die well fed and clean, and having slept in a nice clean comfortable bed the night before." Those of us who were not incarcerated also suffered a different type of trauma and mental stress: but there are no yardsticks to measure the extent nor can we blame a group like the government for this action. In spite of this, we have and will join the fight for redress out of a sense of honor for our fellow Japanese Americans.

—Reprinted from Philadelphia Chapter newsletter.

REDRESS PHASE FIVE: Minoru Yasui

Sub-Committee Hearings

Although we have noted that Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) and Rep. Sam B. Hall (D-Texas) will be holding sub-committee hearings this year, we recognize that all the members of both sub-committees probably will not be fully present on those occasions.

Since the Stevens sub-committee hearings will be held in Alaska and in Los Angeles, it is not probable that Sen. Charles Mathias (R-Md.), William Armstrong (R-Colo.), Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), and James Sasser (D-Tenn.) will be at both hearings.

Similarly, although Sam B. Hall's sub-committee will be meeting in Washington, D.C., not every member of the sub-committee will sit through two days of hearings. Nevertheless, supporters of redress, especially constituents, should be in touch with Rep. Romano Mazzoli (D-Ken.), Barney Frank (D-Mass.), Howard Berman (D-Calif.), Rick Boucher (D-Va.), Thomas Kindness (R-Ohio), Bill McCollum (R-Fla.), and Clay Shaw (R-Fla.). We need to assure both Congressmen Frank of Massachusetts and Berman of California that we appreciate their co-sponsorship of HR 4110, and that we are fully behind their efforts to obtain redress for us.

The other representatives and U.S. senators named above need to hear from constituents supporting redress. We realize that in all probability the considerations by members of the sub-committee will not get to the full committee during this session of Congress. But we need at this time to continue to engender support for redress. National publicity, by the press, radio and television, will keep the redress issues alive in the public's attention. We need to have constant, continuing activities for public education and awareness.

Congress will be recessing for the Democratic national convention in San Francisco in July, and for the Republican national convention in Dallas in August. A scant four weeks later, Congress will probably adjourn *sine die*, on or about October 4, for the final campaign drives of the 1984 national elections. The 98th Congress will fade into history, without any definite action on our redress bills.

When the 99th Congress is convened in January 1985, the legislative process will have to be re-commenced. Redress bills will need to be re-introduced, possibly with some modifications arising out of considerations at the sub-committee hearings.

But we shall need to have hearings as favorable as possible at the sub-committee levels in 1984. Please contact members of the sub-committees as listed above.



WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: by Ron Ikejiri



Redress Update

WASHINGTON—At the end of April, the House version of the JACL-supported redress bill, HR 4110, had 100 sponsors. Since January, 18 members of the House of Representatives have joined their colleagues in support of the bill.

The most recent additions to the co-sponsor list are Bill Clay (D-Mo.), Nicholas Mavroules (D-Mass.), Howard Wolpe (D-Mich.), Benjamin Gilman (R-NY), James Howard (D-NJ), Tony Coelho (D-Calif.), Jim Moody (D-Wis.), Michael Barnes (D-Md.), Lyle Williams (R-Ohio), Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.), Mark Siljander (R-Mich.), Leon Panetta (D-Calif.), Augustus Hawkins (D-Calif.), Peter Kostmayer (D-Penn.), Alan Wheat (D-Mo.), Tony Hall (D-Ohio), Mario Biaggi (D-NY), and Katie Hall (D-Ind.).

In late April, Rep. Siljander circulated a "Dear Colleague" letter to representatives on the Republican side of the aisle, asking them to co-sponsor HR 4110.

House hearings: Reports from the House Judiciary Sub-

committee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations indicate that the committee chair, Sam B. Hall (D-Texas), intends to hold hearings on HR 4110 on June 20 and 21 in Washington, D.C.

John Tateishi, national redress director, is orchestrating the JACL testimony for the hearings.

Senate bill: S 2116, companion bill to the House redress bill, currently has 20 sponsors. Since the introduction of S 2116 by Sen. Spark Matsunaga on Nov. 17, 1983, Sens. Paul Sarbanes (D-Md.), Slade Gorton (R-Wash.), Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.), Dan Evans (R-Wash.), Gary Hart (D-Colo.), and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) have joined as co-sponsors.

It should be noted that each of the Democratic candidates for president—Mondale, Jackson and Hart—have endorsed the redress legislation in Congress.

Senate hearings: The most recent indications on a Senate hearing on S 2116 are that a late summer date remains possible. Subcommittee scheduling conflicts have dashed hopes of hearings this spring or early summer.

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



WE'RE NOT AT all sure that we have a sufficient grip to be able to say, with any authority, that we "understand" the Nisei psyche and values. However, with that opening disclaimer, we shall unabashedly set forth some generalizations as we perceive them. We do so, so that other Nikkei, especially the Sansei, can gain a better focus on the Nisei mentality and, hopefully, therefrom have a better comprehension of what makes the Nisei tick. If one understands the drum beat by which the Nisei marches, it will promote coordination. There'll be fewer skinned shins around.

FIRST OF ALL, one must understand that the Nisei is very often imbued with values that some today would call "idealistic." ("Idealistic" is a term another uses for a higher standard that such other finds too burdensome to follow.) With all his frailties, shortcomings, and prejudices, the Nisei subscribes to concepts which he finds difficult to define but in his gut he knows are good. Some Nisei use such terms as *giri* and *ohn*, and yet others speak of *shimatsu*, *mittomo-nai*, *kino-doku*, and so on. Basically, what all of this comes down to is "honor," a matter of one's honor. And reflected in that honor is the honor of the family and one's ethnic

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community.

AMONG OTHER THINGS this meant that each Nisei bore the responsibility—we do not say "burden"—for upholding the integrity of his family and his community through his own conduct. Accordingly, therefore, each Nisei insisted upon others observing the high standard called for in discharging this responsibility: one should be free of debts and obligations to others; one should be staunchly independent without having to rely on neighbors; one should not forget those who extended a hand in time of need.

A classic illustration of this code-of-honor is that of George "Callahan" Inagaki who, after the war, paid off his father's debts even though they were not George's debts and even though by law he did not have to pay them because of the bar of the statute of limitations. But George paid them: it was a matter of honor—personal, family and community.

How this country could use such a code!

THERE'S A SPECIAL obligation that one has when entrusted with the assets that others provided, or when entrusted with some other property, including management of a community organization. One must not use so much as a red cent thereof to one's personal benefit or

gain. Affirmatively stated, every single penny is to be applied strictly toward the purposes for which the contributor provided the resources, and such are not to be diverted under various rationalizations (of which each of us is capable).

So when a Nisei seems "up tight" because of some "innocent financial peccadillo" one must understand that to that Nisei it is akin to saying that "diverting \$50 is all right so long as it's not \$500." Under the Nisei's code of ethics, diverting is diverting, whether it be five, fifty, five hundred or whatever. It's a violation; simple as that.

THIS ADMONITION APPLIES very much to how contributed monies are used. Restrained and wise spending is the "order of the day." For example, in purchasing a piece of needed equipment, it is enough to buy a Ford as opposed to a Cadillac—of anything. One must not forget that the monies being spent were provided to you by others, and you thus have an obligation to spend it particularly wisely.

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Hardly.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Ontario, among other things, is a quiet, prosperous farming town at the eastern edge of Oregon just across the Snake River from Idaho. It is not the easiest place in the world to reach by airline. If I would fly to Boise, Idaho, Hideo Harada said he'd pick me up for the hour's drive via I-84 to Ontario.

Mike Iseri of Ontario's Iseri Travel Agency sent me the tickets. He booked me via Western to Salt Lake City for a change of planes, and then on to Boise. But when I checked a Western timetable, I found the airline also served Ontario. I could leave Denver on the same flight, and by going directly from Salt Lake to Ontario, I could get there 15 minutes earlier not even counting the drive with Harada. What in the world were they thinking of in routing me the way they did? Maybe Harada simply enjoys driving.

It's a good thing I didn't try to re-book my flight because I would have wound up a thousand miles from the Snake River JACL chapter's 39th annual graduation banquet which I had agreed to attend. The Ontario that Western serves, I realized just in time, is in Southern California.

Having averted that disaster, the rest of the visit was little short of delightful. Some 200 folks—the restaurant had been told to prepare for 130—from Ontario and a dozen nearby farming communities on both sides of the Snake gathered at the Eastside Cafe to partake of some excellent Chinese chow and honor 15 Sansei high school graduates with names like Abe, Atagi and Bennett, Moehlman and Morishige, Teramura and Tucker.

The ethnic origins of those names tell you a little bit about the area. There had been a small group of Japanese Americans here before World War II, minding their business which was mostly farming, and getting along just fine. In the fall of 1942 the area faced a major crisis. The crops—sugar beets, potatoes, onions—were ready to harvest and there weren't nearly enough hands to get the job done.

Responding to the call for help, thousands of evacuees came swarming out of the WRA camps to work in the fields. They saved the crop and won the gratitude, and very soon the acceptance, of the locals. The newcomers also liked what they saw of the area. Many stayed, working first as hired hands, then share-croppers, and now as independent farmers and shippers. Many have prospered. The last two years, when onion prices soared, they did very well.

Among the Nisei there's an interesting mix of the locally born and those who moved in from places like Kent, Auburn, Fife and the Yakima Valley of Washing-

ton, and Hood River, Hillsboro and other parts of Western Oregon. They're pretty much a happy family, meaning that with marriages over the years everybody seems to be related in some way to everybody else. That makes it prudent to go easy on the gossip.

Many of the Sansei have gone into the professions and left the valley. But interestingly enough, a number have come back to farm. Farming on the scale practiced hereabouts isn't just a matter of growing crops. It involves a knowledge of finance, plant biology, chemistry, accounting, marketing and economics, and the stakes and opportunities are large enough to challenge

college-educated Sansei.

Meanwhile, more and more Nisei are retiring, and many have the means and the energy and interest to golf in summer, bowl in winter, travel, participate in farm organization and community activities. Their spiritual needs are met by a Buddhist temple and a Methodist church. JACL, now firmly in the hands of Sansei, is strong. Joe Saito says getting someone to run for president is no problem which, of course, isn't true in a lot of other places.

In a sense this may be the Nikkei world in microcosm. I'd like to go back some time and get better acquainted.

Ontario, Oregon

Letters

'A good choice'

In your March 2 issue of Pacific Citizen, David Nakayama announced a JACL Scholarship Program at Carleton College and quoted a U.S. News and World Report article that touted Carleton College as "the top liberal arts college outside of the east." I congratulate Carleton for its initiative in serving the Japanese American community. However, I do not consider it to be a clear choice over other schools outside the East Coast, particularly for Japanese Ameri-

cans. Please allow me to enlighten your readers about Oberlin College's record in serving Japanese Americans.

During World War II Oberlin College was one of the few colleges to offer admission to Japanese Americans who were interned in the camps. There were liberal faculty at the college who opposed the internment and the president offered admissions to a small number of Japanese Americans. The story doesn't end there. One Japanese American male became president of the Oberlin Student Society in 1944.

Other heroes

Each human life is a secret and private universe and eventually recapitulation must come as one prepares for the final act that is not unworthy of the past. It was with such thoughts I reacted with sadness to the continuing denigration of the "No-No Boys" in Kats Kunitugu's article, "Standard Bearers for a People" (April 27). Just as Gordon Hirabayashi, Minoru Yasui, and Fred Korematsu did, this group—not only "boys" but many Issei and Nisei men and women—made their decision out of conscience and patriotism.

Not only was the loyalty

questionnaire stacked, but Congress abetted the choice by passing legislation "allowing" them to renounce their citizenship. The act was withdrawn two years later, for it was so blatantly unconstitutional, an irony of sorts.

Some did renounce their citizenship, but the majority regained it through the courts (for which they have Mr. Wayne Collins to thank); some expatriated but a significant number did not and are still amongst us as "native American aliens"—as our alter egos, they should be remembered as heroes, too.

EJISUYAMA
Ellsworth, ME

Apology is more important than money

After reading the Pacific Citizen article "Civil rights panel hesitates on redress for internees," (April 6), I became very disappointed and disillusioned in our government. World War II has been over 39 years. Must the redress matter take an indefinite period of time for settlement? Will it never be justly settled during our (at least, my) lifetime? Must those whose lives were directly affected by internment die without an apology from the government?

As I understand this matter, a proposed redress consists of three major items: (1) that there be a formal governmental apology to Japanese Americans interned during World War II; (2) that persons convicted of allegedly violating exclusionary laws and military orders be,

not pardoned, but completely exonerated; (3) that the government pay each surviving internee \$20,000 in damages suffered.

I sincerely feel that these issues should be handled separately. The apology and complete exoneration of alleged violators should be handled as one package. The payment of a reparation should be the other item.

If handled thusly, a large number of aging internees will be able to personally accept the government's apology. Moreover, those who were illegally convicted can also be personally exonerated.

I know that the monetary reparation is causing the stumbling block toward settlement of this vital matter.

After reading about the death of Hito Okada, father of the JACL 1000 Club, I became more saddened. Tragically,

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The recruitment of minorities and women at Oberlin started long before it became fashionable. In fact, Oberlin was one of the first in the country to admit Black students (1833) and women (1835) in the United States.

In the past 12 years, Oberlin has been actively recruiting Asian Americans from across the country. Asian American enrollment has doubled in the past five years and current Asian American applications are 27% ahead of last year's. Generous financial aid packages are offered and Oberlin has held a long-standing policy of need-blind admissions. Twice, in 1971 and in 1976, Oberlin College faculty voted to reserve 37% of its financial aid for legislated minorities. Furthermore, it is the only small liberal arts college to employ a full-time Asian American counselor/coordinator. Even more remarkable is that all of these events occurred without the presence of and pressure from high numbers of Asian Americans.

Academically, from 1920-1980, more Oberlin graduates went on to receive the Ph.D.

than from any other private, primarily undergraduate, college in the nation by a margin of almost 2 to 1. Oberlin is first in chemistry, physics and astronomy, biological sciences, sciences overall, mathematics, anthropology and sociology, economics, political sciences, psychology, social sciences overall, arts and humanities, English and literature, foreign languages and literature, and history. Also, 75% of Oberlin students who apply to law school are accepted, as are 70% of the applicants to medical school. Unlike most schools where Asian American students are concentrated in math and sciences majors, Asian American students at Oberlin College are evenly divided in their choice of majors in sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

Oberlin is one of the best schools a Japanese American student can choose to attend. Incidentally, Oberlin College was also ranked in the top five in the U.S. News and World Report survey.

TOMMY WOON
Counselor/Coordinator

About Our Readers (2):

Personal Profile

Here is the second set of figures from the 1983 PC Market Survey that is based on a 33% response of the 2,182 readers randomly selected from the subscription file of some 26,000.

Last week's survey showing the count and percentages of generations (Issei, Nisei, Sansei, Yonsei, non-Japanese, and Shin-Issei) was compared with actual JACL membership by districts. This week's survey shows the distribution of respondents by marital status and where a predominance (75%) of the married JACL/PC readership resides. However, the scores have not been entered into a computer so as to quickly determine, for instance, what the generational or age breakdown is with respect to marital status.

PC Readership's Marital Status (Actual Count by Districts):		Total EDC MDC MPD IDC PSW CCD NCW PNW							
Single	104	3	8	4	3	38	4	34	10
Married	541	30	42	6	23	139	37	205	59
Widowed	39	2	4	2	3	11	1	15	1
Separated/Divorced	33	0	1	0	3	14	0	11	4

Marital Status (Percentages by District):		Total Sgl Mar Wid S/D					
Eastern	35	8.6	85.7	5.7	0		
Midwest	55	14.6	76.4	7.2	1.8		
Mtn Plains	12	33.3	50.0	16.7	0		
Intermountain	32	9.4	71.8	9.4	0		
Pac Southwest	202	18.8	68.8	5.4	7.0		
Central Cal	42	9.5	88.1	2.4	0		
No Cal-W Nev-Pac	265	12.8	77.3	5.7	4.2		
Pac Northwest	74	13.5	79.7	1.4	5.4		
Total:	723	14.5	74.9	5.6	4.6		

Japanese in California (1980 Census):		Male Female			
Male	104,282	40.4	53.8	1.4	4.5
Female	227,905	26.5	58.6	8.3	5.2

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Down to the Wire

SAN FRANCISCO—The last leg of National JACL's membership contest has begun! With less than two months remaining in the contest, many chapters are heavily involved in a campaign to increase their membership.

Chapter membership figures for the 12-month period ending June 30, 1984, will be compared against the membership figure for the same 12-month period ending June 30, 1983 (base-year figure). Chapters have been divided into three size groups, and within each group, chapters with the greatest percentage increase and the largest numerical increase will win awards of \$250.

To count in the contest figure, membership transmittal forms must be postmarked no later than midnight, June 30. District incentive awards of \$5 for each new member above the base-year figure are also in effect. All chapter awards will be presented at the 28th Biennial Convention in Honolulu this summer.

As of April 30, 1984, no district has reached its base-year membership figure, although many chapters have successfully gone above the 100% mark, and some, over 200%! The following chapters lead in the percentage and numerical categories:

A = 7/82-6/83 B = 7/83-4/84

PWNDC	A	B	%
Columbia Basin	32	20	0.62
Gresham Troutdale	134	136	1.01
Lake Washington	46	33	0.72
Mid-Columbia	101	7	0.07
Olympia	25	51	2.04
Portland	185	120	0.65
Puyallup Valley	204	155	0.76
Seattle	445	320	0.72
Spokane	138	122	0.88
White River Valley	65	3	0.05
Total	1352	967	0.71

CCDC	A	B	%
Clovis	132	129	0.98
Delano	47	53	1.13
Fowler	123	108	0.88
Fresno	450	381	0.85
Parlier	135	120	0.89
Reedley	176	122	0.69
Sanger	209	199	0.95
Seima	136	116	0.85
Tulare County	255	256	1.00
Total	1,663	1,484	0.89

IDC	A	B	%
Boise Valley	132	59	0.45
Idaho Falls	50	32	0.64
Mt. Olympus	151	116	0.77
Pocatello Blackfoot	113	85	0.75
Salt Lake City	161	188	1.17
Snake River	217	179	0.82
Wasatch Front No.	46	34	0.74
Total	870	693	0.80

MTPDC	A	B	%
Arkansas Valley	60	56	0.93
Fort Lupton	90	61	0.90
Houston	31	18	0.58
Mile Hi	98	56	0.57
New Mexico	62	76	1.22
Omaha	107	62	0.58
Total	453	349	0.77

MWDC	A	B	%
Chicago	719	532	0.74
Cincinnati	80	35	0.44
Cleveland	185	173	0.93
Dayton	92	76	0.83
Detroit	155	151	0.97
Hoosier	68	56	0.82
Milwaukee	125	104	0.83
St. Louis	99	88	0.88
Twin Cities	163	95	0.58
Total	1,686	1,310	0.78

EDC	A	B	%
New England	25	41	1.64
New York	73	199	2.73
Philadelphia	163	129	0.79
Seabrook	183	69	0.38
Washington D.C.	329	284	0.86
Total	857	722	0.84

NCWNP DC	A	B	%
Alameda	324	253	0.78
Berkeley	327	230	0.70
Contra Costa	505	492	0.97
Cortez	188	181	0.96
Diablo Valley	140	120	0.86
Eden Township	324	207	0.64
Florin	108	122	1.13
Fremont	153	93	0.61
French Camp	150	127	0.85
Gilroy	133	126	0.95
Golden Gate	43	3	0.07
Honolulu	75	145	1.93
Japan	113	4	0.03
Livingston-Merced	194	172	0.89
Lodi	332	257	0.77
Marin	132	55	0.42
Marysville	257	253	0.98
Monterey Peninsula	258	195	0.75
Oakland	112	91	0.81
Placer County	279	193	0.69
Reno	65	61	0.94
Sacramento	854	779	0.91
Salinas Valley	300	323	1.08
San Benito Valley	78	71	0.91
San Francisco	851	679	0.80
San Jose	978	1049	1.07
San Mateo	701	543	0.77
Sequoia	728	617	0.85
Solano County	53	47	0.89
Sonoma County	414	391	0.94
Stockton	381	332	0.87
Tri-Valley	61	48	0.79
Watsonville	350	402	1.15
West Valley	299	308	1.03
Total	10,217	8,762	0.86

PSWDC	A	B	%
Arizona	324	277	0.85
Carson	116	115	0.99
Coachella Valley	105	97	0.92
Downtown L.A.	218	211	0.97
East L.A.	685	510	0.74
Gardena Valley	841	866	1.03

Calendar

• To MAY 31

San Francisco—Art exh by Michi Itami, Soker-Kaseman Gallery, 1457 Grant Ave.

• To June 12

Los Angeles—Chinese Women in

America 1834-1982 photo exh, CSU

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Los Angeles—Portrait of the

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• To June 17

Los Angeles—Exh of netsuke, minia-

'Women Warrior' nominations open

SAN FRANCISCO—Nominations for the second annual Woman Warrior Awards are being accepted through June 18 from community organizations, agencies and individuals, announced the Pacific and Asian American Women Bay Area Coalition (PAAWBAC).

Awardees will be selected for those achievements which have had a significant impact in the areas of human services, health, arts, media/communications, politics and community advocacy, education, sports and business/labor.

They also should reflect exemplary efforts to advance the personal, professional and political status of Asian/Pacific women.

Nominations must include a completed form, a one-page statement from the nominator and a resume from the nominee.

Awards will be presented at the PAAWBAC Second Annual Woman Warrior luncheon scheduled Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Presidio Officers Club. Proceeds from the awards luncheon benefit a

scholarship fund.

Last year's awardees included Janice Mirikitani in arts; Juanita Pascual, business administration; Sandy Ouye Mori, community advocacy and politics; Dong Hau, education; and Ida Dear Liu, health and human services.

For more information or nomination forms, call Caryl Ito, (415) 334-6759 (eves); Shirley Wong, (408) 295-8106 (eves); or Linda Ogawa Ramirez, (415) 872-3000 (days).



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Hito could not see this matter settled while he was still alive. Think how many of us Japanese Americans, including surviving internees, will not be able to see this matter settled during the remainder of our lifetimes.

I am advocating to those who are seriously making attempts to settle the matter, to place the issues of apology and exoneration as primary accomplishments. The matter of reparation money is secondary to restoring pride, honor and belief in the wrongs done by the government.

After all, what's money without pride and honor in recognition as Japanese Americans being solid "American" citizens?

NOBY YOSHIMURA
San Francisco

Nice cartoons

I would just like to compliment Peter Hironaka on his cartoon on its changing emphasis. I really appreciate his Gila River Reunion cartoon and always his emphasis on highlights.

Keep it up Pete; we appreciate it.

FRANK F. SAKAMOTO
National 1000 Club Chairman

Minidoka reunion?

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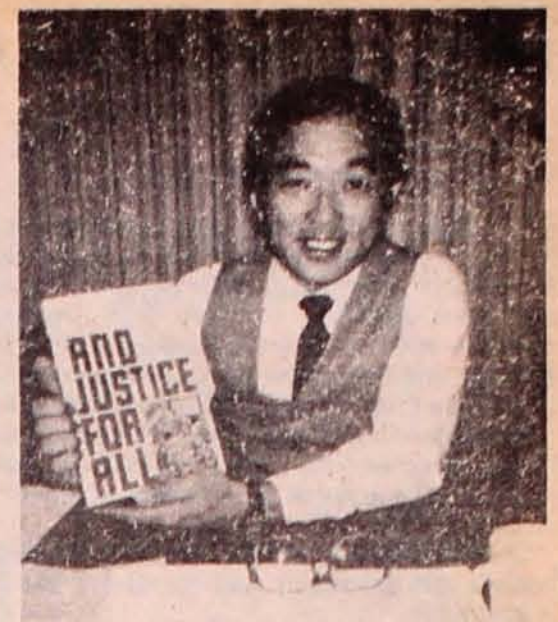
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'And Justice For All' gets strong response

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL's offering of autographed copies of John Tateishi's book, *And Justice For All*, has received strong response during the initial month of promotion. The book, which is being released by Random House later this month, is a collection of oral interviews about individual experiences of Japanese Americans in the WW2 concentration camps. A review in New York *Nichibei* said that "it recreates the feeling of attendance at any of the Commission hearings," referring to the 1981 series of community hearings held by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. The same review noted that the book "moves beyond familiar statistics and aggregate experience to capture the highs and lows of thirty individual lives in prose that is frequently poignant and often searing."

JACL national headquarters has arranged to receive a special edition of the book prepared especially for the organization. Autographed copies are sent to contributors who donate \$25 or more to the organization's redress program efforts. More than 400 reservations for autographed copies have already been received.

The publisher has purchased large advertisements for the Los Angeles Times, New York Times and the Washington Post in early June. Random House is also sponsoring a book tour for Tateishi in June that will place



John Tateishi

him on television programs in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Chicago and New York.

In addition to the direct offering from JACL national headquarters in San Francisco, some JACL chapters are acquiring the book in case lots from the national organization and are conducting their own redress-related fundraising.

The autographed special edition of *And Justice For All* is available only from JACL National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115, while supply is in stock.

Chapter Pulse

Carson

CARSON, Calif.—Chapter members are urged to participate in the annual cultural fair in the Carson Mall, June 8-10. Carson JACL is reputed to put on the best booth of the fair each year.

Seattle

SEATTLE—The Hon. Takaaki Hattori, former chief justice of the Japanese Supreme Court, discussed the structure of that country's legal system and compared it with the U.S. system May 15 in a program sponsored by Seattle JACL, Japan-America Society and Asian Law Assn. The event was held at Kawabe House.

Tri-Valley

SANTA ROSA, Calif.—Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council presented Tri-Valley JACL its 1983 Chapter of the Year award May 6, announced chapter president John Ichijui.

The award of \$100 was for activities that included a redress information seminar with speaker Mike Hamachi, and two scholarship awards to graduating seniors.

Henry Kitajima was chapter president for the year recognized. Tri-Valley JACL, with membership under 300, covers the communities of Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon.

Seabrook

CENTERTON, N.J.—A dinner commemorating the 40th anniversary of the arrival of Japanese Americans in Southern New Jersey will be held Saturday, June 16, at Centerton Golf Club. Featured speakers are James M. Seabrook Sr. and Judge William Marutani.

Also on the agenda are the installation of new officers, recognition of graduates, honoring of past leaders, and presentation of awards, followed by entertainment and dancing.

Sacramento

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The annual Japanese community picnic will be held at Elk Grove Park Sunday, June 3, at 11 a.m. Volunteers may call Peter Ouchida, 427-1448, or Percy Masaki, 441-2188. The day features races for the kids, games for the family, free soda pop, and many prizes.

Monterey Peninsula

MONTEREY, Calif.—A variety show Sept. 15 will feature talented individuals and groups and raise money for the national JACL redress campaign. Those with obvious or hidden talents should not hesitate to contact a committee member, said chapter president Robert Ouye.

The redress committee includes Jack Nishida, Otis Kadani, Hoshito Miyamoto, George Uyeda, Royal Manaka, John Gota, Frank Tanaka and Richard West.



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Nikkei audience hears Aihara give advice about macrobiotic diet

by Joe Oyama
(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

OAKLAND, Calif.—Speaking in Japanese in a quiet but very forthright manner, Herman Aihara of the George Ohsawa Macrobiotic Foundation of Oroville, Calif., addressed Issei and Nisei attending the East Bay Japanese for Action (EBJA)—sponsored senior citizen nutrition lunch program Monday, April 23, at the Berkeley Methodist United Church. (EBJA is a predominantly Sansei community organization.)

We felt privileged to hear one of the top exponents of macrobiotics, Herman Aihara who, with his wife, drove three hours from Oroville to speak at the behest of Phyllis Ogata, EBJA director.

The foundation promotes Ohsawa's theories on nutrition, healing and philosophy and operates a live-in macrobiotic study center.

Aihara cautioned that in America, we tend to eat too much meat. Meat contains a lot of oil, so we need to drink more water to wash the oil out of the lining of the arteries. "Drinking too much water is not encouraged," he continued, "because it washes out the nutrients in the food."

"Americans eat salad first because the vinegar in salad washes out the oil in meat. Oil clings to the arteries around the heart and tends to slow down the passage of the blood so the

heart has to work harder. That is the cause of high blood pressure."

Aihara also said that we do not walk very much nowadays. We ride in a car if only for a few blocks, so we do not sweat. Walking expels the oil from our body in sweat.

"Cancer of the colon," Aihara continued, "is induced by a lack of fiber in our diet." Recommending the eating of natural brown rice, he said, "There is a vast difference in the quality of white and natural brown rice. The latter is rich in vitamins and fiber. We need to have a complete elimination of waste in our body. A blockage can induce cancer."

He recommended one good elimination a day and at least three urinations.

About supplementary vitamins, he said, "If you have a well-rounded, balanced diet, there is no need for supplementary pills." He intimated that supplementary pills can be harmful.

Aihara said, "Criticism is levelled at macrobiotic cooking in that too much salt (such as in *miso* and *shoyu*) are used. In macrobiotic cooking, salt is used because meat is not used."

Replying to criticism that vegetables are always cooked in macrobiotic cooking, he replied, "Cooking itself is 'vitamin' so losing a little vitamin in the cooking of the vegetables does not matter."

(This sounded a bit metaphysical. Could someone out there please explain?)

This writer, a novice who has been cooking macrobiotically for about two full years (cheating sometimes to go to McDonalds) does know that in macrobiotic cooking the preparation of vegetables varies with the season and that the freshest local produce is used.

In spring for instance, wild vegetables are incorporated into the dishes. Aihara's wife, Cornelia, wrote, "In Japan, we say in spring it is good to enjoy the bitter taste. Summer the sour taste, autumn hot, winter salty." (From *The Dō of Cooking*). For spring, she recommends "dandelions, mustard, aster, chickweed, and mugwort."

(I may sound like a born-again Christian, but this past year neither my wife nor I have caught a cold and we feel much more energetic.)

The Aiharas enjoyed EBJA's luncheon which consisted of a mixture of white rice and natural brown rice, *hijiki* (sea-weed) with carrots and *abura-age* (fried tofu), broccoli, smelt tempura (the fish was donated by Isao Kinoshita, president of Kinoshita Construction Co.) and a dessert of fresh strawberries topped with a mixture of whipped cream and sour cream.

About strawberries, Aihara said, "Strawberries are not good for a person with cancer as it tends to expand its growth. A healthy person should eat strawberries sparingly or, for that matter, any fruits." This after my wife offered me a second portion of strawberries.

After Aihara talked about cutting down on the use of sugar, a 90-year-old Issei woman in the front row said, "I've been putting honey on my toast every morning because I heard that honey is good for you. What can I eat?"

Aihara cautioned, "Honey is meant to be food for the bees and we are stealing their food. You can be punished for it."

Aihara suggested the following: Natural brown rice, *miso shiru*, *soba*, and whole grain foods, food high in carbohydrates, not too much protein, vegetables.

During the question period, one Nisei said, "In Chinese food, a lot of oil is used. Does this mean Chinese food is not too good?" Aihara confirmed that a lot of oil is used in Chinese restaurant food and that it could be harmful. He recommended limiting the use of oil to one teaspoon a day. In the case of vinegar, he recommended the use of lemon juice or *ume-su* instead.

(This writer has read in the Oakland Tribune that the incidence of cancer among Chinese Americans is higher than among Japanese Americans, both in Oakland and Hawaii.)

In concluding, Aihara cited the case of a woman who had a very bad case of rheumatism who came to the Macrobiotic Center in Oroville and was cured of her rheumatism in three months. "She is now up and around," he said.

His wife, Cornelia, has written an excellent and beautifully illustrated book, *The Dō of Macrobiotic Cooking* (GOMF Press, 902 14th St., Oroville, CA 95965), a compendium for all seasons.

Bookshelf

Yoneda's 60 years—'Ganbatte: Keep Up the Good Fight!'

GANBATTE: SIXTY-YEAR STRUGGLE OF A KIBEI WORKER
By Karl G. Yoneda (UCLA Asian American Studies Center, 1983
244 pages, \$8.95)

Karl Yoneda is a consummate labor organizer, Communist, historian, and Japanese American—not necessarily in that order of importance. While most activists burn out after a few years, Yoneda has been fighting for economic and social justice for over 60 years, and he is still going strong.

"Ganbatte" is an imperative in Japanese meaning "keep up the good fight!" In the American context, it should be said with a clenched fist. It is an appropriate title for this autobiography by a man who has resolutely battled against racism, fascism, and economic exploitation.

Yoneda's life is an epitome of Japanese American history; and since he was an active participant in the making of that history, his story provides valuable insights into the personalities and forces which shaped the Nikkei experience. Fortunately for us, Yoneda is a meticulous collector of records, so he can pinpoint names, dates, and places.

Born in 1906 in Glendale, Calif., Yoneda was one of the first native-born Japanese Americans in the continental United States. He was taken to Japan for schooling as a child, and he subsequently returned to America as a young man (which makes him a Kibei-Nisei).

Participated in Student Strikes

Yoneda began his activist career at age 15 in Japan by participating in a high school students' strike. But he soon got bored with school and ran away to Peking, China, to work for a blind Russian anarchist writer. Back in Japan at age 16, he joined the labor movement, took part in numerous workers' strikes, and honed his organizing skills.

When he received a draft notice from the Imperial Japanese Army, he promptly decided to change the locale of his struggle and escape to his native America.

Ironically, upon his return to the United States in 1926, he was imprisoned at the Angel Island Immigration Detention Center for two long months—despite the fact that he was a native-born citizen and had a birth certificate to prove it. Angel Island was his first run-in with institutionalized American racism.

After his release, he gravitated to the world of Issei laborers and day-workers. There were relatively few Nisei adults at that time. Since Japanese was his primary language, he mingled effortlessly with the Issei working class.

Organized labor, then dominated by the American Federation of Labor (AFL), had a policy of exclusion against all non-white workers. In fact, the AFL actively sought to destroy the Asian working class as unwanted competitors. About the only organization to pay heed to the problems of the Nikkei workers was the Communist Party of the United States (CPUSA), which was organized in 1919 with Issei Sen Katayama as one of the leading founders.

Early Labor Movements

In April 1927, Yoneda joined the Los Angeles Japanese Worker's Association, an Issei Communist group, and a month later, the main CPUSA. Party meetings accorded rare fellowship in the 1920s: they were almost the sole group around to advocate racial and gender equality. Yoneda pays tribute to the impressive number of Issei women who were active in the early labor movements.

With the onslaught of depression and hard-times for all working people, Yoneda intensified his organizing activities among the agricultural and cannery workers and, in the process, became involved in the great issues of the period: Sacco and Vanzetti, Mooney and Billings, the Scottsboro Nine, the

San Francisco General Strike and unemployment insurance, just to name a few.

In 1931, while leading a demonstration for unemployment insurance, Yoneda was clubbed in the head by police and jailed. Bloody and near-death, Yoneda was bailed out by Elaine Black, a New York-born daughter of Russian Jewish revolutionaries.

That bailout began a loving relationship that has lasted for over 50 years. Unable to marry because of the racist "miscegenation" law in California, they simply started to live together—and they celebrate their "wedding anniversaries" on that date. (They were legally wed several years later in Seattle.)

Pro-American Stance

World War II brought concentration camps for all Japanese Americans on the West Coast. In addition, a special kind of agony descended on Yoneda: the CPUSA violated its own non-discrimination principle and suspended all members of Japanese ancestry and their spouses (but not those of German or Italian ancestry)—supposedly for the sake of "national unity."

It was a dumbfounding edict, but Yoneda did not complain. A protest might have disrupted the war effort, so he "proved" his loyalty by burying his outrage and doing everything possible to assure victory over the Axis Powers. Does that logic sound familiar? It was the same logic used by the Japanese American Citizens League in urging cooperation with the mass internment orders.

Fueled by a flag-waving patriotism, Yoneda formed a curious—and still controversial—alliance with the JACL. The JACL was an elitist, pro-capitalist organization: the very antithesis of the CPUSA. Yet, Yoneda joined forces with people like Joe Grant Masaoka, Tokio Slocum, Togo Tanaka, and Fred Tayama to form the "pro-American" faction at Manzanar.

Yoneda entered the Military Intelligence Service at the earliest opportunity in the late November 1942. He left Manzanar just before the turmoil of December 5-7, which left two inmates dead, and 67 "pro-American" inmates (including Yoneda's wife and young son) being removed to another camp in Death Valley.

Fulfilling his anti-fascist mission, Yoneda served with the Allied Armies in the India-Burma-China Theater, where he used his Japanese language skills to persuade enemy soldiers to surrender.

After the war, he was reinstated as a CPUSA member and resumed his struggle for civil and human rights. Whether working as a longshoreman or chicken farmer, whether lecturing on college campuses or writing a history of the labor movement, he was and is an infatigable campaigner.

One of his accomplishments was to get the CPUSA to admit "serious errors" in suspending its Nikkei members and in not speaking out against the mass incarceration.

In sum, *Ganbatte* is an absorbing story: it is an adventure into Japanese American history. Yoneda tells a side of the Nikkei experience which is rarely mentioned by the more conservative writers, and by doing so, he broadens our scope of understanding. Every chapter contains tantalizing bits of information which could inspire research for whole new books.

It is a measure of Yoneda's vision and perseverance that most of the social reforms for which he fought—which seemed so radical at the time—are now commonplace and accepted norms.

—By Raymond Okamura

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A VISIT TO SAO PAULO ...

Unique Adventures in Brazil

by Misao K. Sakamoto
1983 PANA Convention Participant

In July 1983, after the end of the Pan American Nikkei Conference in Peru, my husband, Calvin, and I extended our Unique Adventures to Brazil. Now, together with a few other United States delegates we departed for Brazil via Varig Airlines. São Paulo was our destination. I wanted to observe the Japanese community there. Also, I had relatives in the city whom I was meeting for the first time.

The plane services and food were good, but I began to feel uncomfortable with the pressure and pain in my ears. A young child crying, "Mimi ga itai, mimi ga itai—my ears hurt, my ears hurt," was my introduction to Brazil. Upon disembarking I noticed the blond, blue-eyed child, about three years old, still sobbing and holding his mother's hand while cupping his left ear with the other hand. How I empathized with him!

Our group of ten was housed in the elegant and luxurious Maksoud Plaza Hotel. We took the organized city tour on our first day there. I immediately noticed the absence of Toyotas, Datsuns and Hondas. I saw only Volkswagens and Mercedes. The tour guide explained that Brazil does not import Japanese manufactured cars and that Volkswagen is the largest auto industry in the country.

Brazil is almost as large as the United States and is the only Portuguese-speaking country in the Western Hemisphere. Indians are the indigenous people. The Portuguese brought in Black slaves from Africa. After Brazil became independent in 1822, immigrants from Italy, Spain and Germany arrived.

Arrival of Issei

Eighty-six years later, in 1908, the first group of Japanese immigrants arrived, aboard Kasato Maru, which entered the port of Santos. These 779 contract immigrants and 51 "free immigrants" marked the beginning of Japanese immigration to Brazil. The contract laborers signed their contracts in Japan. It stipulated that they would work in the coffee (fazenda) plantations for a minimum of six months. The "free immigrants" (*jiyuu imin*), however, were laborers who came over on their own and many of them went to work on these plantations but without contracts. Later many signed new contracts and were sent to the banana plantations owned by Italians.

These immigrants were quickly disillusioned due to their intolerable living conditions and their very low wages, the equivalent of U.S. 50¢ per day. After fulfilling their contracts many sought livelihoods elsewhere in the country. Others moved to the urban areas, where there was less threat of malaria and yellow fever, and established their own business.

Today about 1,000,000 Japanese live in the State of São Paulo; about 60% of this group are in the City of São Paulo. I became aware of the Japanese influence as soon as we started to travel along the Liberdade, the main street of Japantown. This street was decorated with many bright orange *torii*. The horizontal crosspiece of the *torii*, decorated with Japanese lanterns, embraced both sides of the street. It was beautiful and colorful. In the evening the soft glow emanating from the



Rua Galvão Bueno—the main street in São Paulo's Japantown (Bairro da Liberdade)

lanterns enhanced the serenity of the business district.

It was cold and drizzling when our group toured the Liberdade. We walked into a small, family-operated restaurant and enjoyed a bowl of hot *udon* noodles. The atmosphere was typically Japanese with its simple *shibui* decor. We spoke Japanese to the waitress.

Another evening we dined in a Japanese restaurant decorated with *shojis* and lanterns. We became acquainted with our host, Yoshikawa-san, through one of the delegates. Here we sat on the floor and drank hot sake and enjoyed a variety of Japanese food. Across the inner court, with the flowing stream and rock garden, I could see other groups sitting on the floor and enjoying their evening. The atmosphere was very festive.

Shopping in Japantown

The next day some of our group departed for their respective destinations. Calvin and I and another friend had arranged to spend more time in São Paulo.

We walked in and out of many shops in the Liberdade at our leisure. We saw familiar Japanese food: *tsukemono* (pickled vegetables), *kobu* seaweed, dried fish, *miso*, *shoyu*, rice and noodles. None of these foods were imported from Japan. All the canned goods and dried foods were produced in Brazil and bore the local brands. I was informed that *nori* seaweed to make *sushi* is not as good a quality as that imported from Japan and available in the United States.

I saw many varieties of *obento* box lunches containing *sekihan* (red bean rice), *tsukemono*, *sushi*, *tempura*, *omanju* (tea cakes) and others. I was especially surprised to see the *Hotokesama no okashi* on display. I had not seen these decorated candies since my childhood in Hawaii. There they had been served only at funerals and memorial services.

The many *Miyage Shoten* signs fascinated me. We explored these gift shops in every block. The choice of merchandise was greatly limited as none was imported from Japan. The famous, framed, blue Brazilian butterfly wings were available everywhere. I was surprised to see cow hides thrown on top of the counter, in some gift shops, as part of their merchandise.

The music, book and magazine shops were small with limited selections. There were more Japanese magazines on display than those printed either in Portuguese or English. I walked into one such store and was startled and shocked to hear the "Gunkan March" coming over the speaker. I had not heard this Japanese militaristic music since World War II. I thought they were behind times! Another store specialized in *Obutsudan*—Buddhist altars, some of which were enormous and elaborately designed.

Poverty and Social Unrest

When we had arrived in São Paulo the official exchange rate was 560 *cruzeiros* to the dollar; blackmarket rate was 840 *cruzeiros* to the dollar. Everyone changed money openly in the blackmarket. Money exchanged hands in our hotel rooms too. I wondered what was in the attache cases of many well-dressed guests as they walked into the hotel. I pretended to be too naive to participate in such transactions; Calvin did the "dirty work." Indeed, the blackmarket was so open that the government issued official figures tracking it.

I was touched by the social unrest, unemployment and poverty. A big labor strike was scheduled for July 21 while our group was in São Paulo. We were most anxious as we thought the strike would affect the plane schedule for our next destination. My relatives telephoned and re-scheduled our family visit. They did not wish to have Calvin and me exposed to unnecessary danger.

Rumors spread that the strikers would be hostile and would

throw rocks at pedestrians and people riding in cars. Many offices would be closed to protect their non-striking employees. I awoke early that morning and anxiously drew the curtains. I was relieved to see cars and buses moving. I learned that the demonstrators were confined to the industrial areas. Later, riding through the city, I saw groups of people carrying placards stating, "We are unemployed and would appreciate contributions."

The *favela* (slum) areas were just outside the city. People lived in shacks made of tin, cardboard and other available scrap materials. Only the laundered clothes, neatly hung between the shacks, alleviated the depressive sight. I felt sad as I gazed at the slum area overshadowed by the many high rises of this large industrial city. People from the economically depressed countryside and the hills were continually migrating to São Paulo in search of employment. But there were no jobs. There was no organized public assistance program and community charity was not readily available. Street crimes were rampant and we were constantly warned about this. I felt uncomfortable and helpless as I saw human life at its lowest ebb.

The Selling of Jewelry and Fuel Alcohol

The entire banking world is anxiously watching the economy of Brazil as it goes deeper and deeper into international debt. So it seemed incongruous to me that the country also boasted of having the largest deposit of precious stones in the world. Brazil is considered the true treasure chest of gems.

At times I felt as though I was a captive of H. Stern and Amsterdam Saur, the two leading jewelers in Brazil. Having imbibed much *isco sour* in Peru, I thought Amsterdam Saur, pronounced "sour," was special Brazilian drink when I first heard that name! These stores were visible wherever I went. Sales persons passed out brochures and enticed people to go into the store.

Even the organized tour became a part of the "jewelry game." The bus would end its tour at the jewelry store and eager sales people would come forward to sell and bargain with the potential customers. The shops glittered with Brazilian gems such as emerald, topaz, amethyst, aquamarine, and rubellite. I could have spent all day going from one jewelry store to another, bedazzled by the jewels' esthetic value and investment value. There were also Japanese-owned jewelry stores and they too were willing to give "outstanding bargains" to a prospective customer.

I was impressed by the way Brazil has attempted to resolve some of her economic and pollution problems by using her resources. One of the most important is sugar cane. Its syrup can be crystallized into sugar or fermented into alcohol. Most of the cars use sugar cane alcohol. Gasoline is available but its use is limited and controlled.

The National Alcohol Program, organized by the government in 1977, is one of the largest and best alternative energy programs in the world. Within a short time, Brazil has become the world's largest consumer of alcohol as fuel. Specially built cars use this fuel which has an advantage over gasoline. The fuel stations selling alcohol are opened on weekends, while those selling gasoline are required to close. Most important, the cost of alcohol is less than that of gasoline.

The State of São Paulo and the city of São Paulo form a unique social, economic and cultural complex in South America. I was fascinated by the beautiful parks and museums, the tuition-free university with its spacious campus, and the modern buildings designed by Oscar Niemeyer, the famous architect of Brasilia, the new capital.

This expanding city is the home of many Japanese who now consider Brazil their permanent home.

BY THE BOARD: Miki Himeno



Government for the People?

MONTEREY PARK, Calif.—I watched as two helicopters headed back toward the tower, fading into specks of flashing lights. Long after they became only pinpoints I could hear the buzzing in my ears, buzzing that would not go away. The sound began to crescendo again and I looked out to see two red and two green lights heading this way again. Once past, they circled back, this time droning directly over one corner of our home. I heard the susurrant splatter, like rain or sand, on leaves and ground, and winced.

There is something frightening about the spraying of malathion (a fruit-fly pesticide) that even though it could be proved harmless, the droning sound reverberating across the hills, the helpless captive feeling, will remain imprinted in memory. In Newport Beach I heard helicopters flying overhead and wondered if I shouldn't run inside.

President Reagan's visit to China brought back many memories, mostly pleasant, about that country. But I remember how, when we visited an open market in Shanghai that even though fresh vegetables and raw foods were out in the open, there were absolutely no flies. It was uncanny....

And the question rises again, how much of what is deemed "good" may a government impose on its people? Where is the fine line that will set America apart from totalitarian nations? Does Big Brother know best?

Persons of Consequence

by Nancy Wey
Special to the Pacific Citizen

SAN JOSE, Calif.—In 1870 J.J. Gall and his wife pulled off a great deception. They managed to convince the census-taker, as they had convinced their fellow townspeople, that Mrs. Gall was white and that their children were white (not 1/2 white).

J.J. Gall was a Frenchman who ran a boarding house in Eureka, Calif., with the aid of a Chinese servant named Sing Mung. It was a respectable boarding house, which at that time housed and fed 16 white men (mostly American-born, but including several Englishmen and a wealthy Bavarian). Mr. Gall was a man of means who owned his boarding house and had personal property besides. Most of Mrs. Gall's time was spent taking care of their three children, Charley (age 6) who attended school, Louisa (age 3) and Henry (age 1).

The census-taker was usually very careful. He painstakingly noted each household in which a white husband was married to an Indian woman, and make sure to designate the children as 1/2 Indian (not 1/2 white). Despite the many racial intermarriages, Humboldt County was known for its racial intolerance, especially its anti-Chinese sentiments.

During the 1870s the anti-Chinese movement picked up momentum in Humboldt County. Pressure was put on employers not to hire Chinese, and even to fire their Chinese help. People were warned not to trade with businesses that hired Chinese. There was talk of setting fire to the property of those who refused to fire Chinese employees. By 1880 advertisements by restaurants, hotels, and other establishments in local newspapers proclaimed, "No Chinese Help Employed."

It was then that Mrs. Gall's secret was discovered—she was Japanese. On the census records for 1880, the W under "race" for Mrs. Gall and her children was crossed out and replaced by a J. Mr. Gall no longer had his boarding house or his Chinese servant. He was listed simply as a restaurant-keeper.

Another 'Evacuation'

Anti-Chinese hostility in Humboldt County reached a fever pitch in 1885. It only needed a spark to trigger an explosion of violence. That spark came on Friday, February 6, 1885, at 6:05 p.m., when a white bystander to a dispute between two Chinese was accidentally shot and killed by a stray bullet. The white community leaders mobilized immediately. They decided not to waste their time trying to find the guilty person, for this incident provided the pretext they had been waiting for to move all the Chinese out of the county.

Chinese Americans were given an ultimatum. They had 48 hours to pack up all their possessions and board two boats bound for San Francisco. In case any wished to defy this order, a wooden gallows was erected close to the Chinese American community as a reminder of the consequences.

After all the members of the Eureka Chinese American community were hastily disembarked onto the wharves of San Francisco without any prior notification to San Francisco authorities or arrangements for food or

lodging, the white community leaders of Humboldt County began searching out all other Chinese Americans within the county for shipment to San Francisco. When this was accomplished, only one Chinese American remained. This was Charlie Moon, a ranch hand for Tom Bair. Moon had married an Indian woman and raised a large family. He lived on an isolated ranch and his employer argued that he could not get along without him, so Charlie Moon was allowed to stay. Whatever happened to J.J. Gall, his wife and children is not known.

Early Issei

Also unknown is how Mrs. Gall happened to come to the United States. She was born in Japan around 1830. She did not come with either of the large groups of Japanese immigrants in 1867 or 1869, because her son Charley was in California in either 1863 or 1864. Neither J.J. Gall nor his wife was in Eureka in 1860. Prior to 1867, the U.S. Census records list only one Japanese immigrant to the United States, in 1861; but this may not be accurate. The earliest Japanese immigrants to the United States were sometimes listed as "white" or "Chinese."

There were four Japanese immigrants in San Francisco in 1870, all of whom worked as domestic servants. The two women, Omeyosen and Ofuchison, ages 19 and 15, were listed as Chinese, even though they had been born in Japan. The two men, Geneki and Kehari, ages 20 and 22, also born in Japan, were listed as Japanese. Kehari, by the way, appears to have been doing well, for he is shown to have been the owner of a fair amount of personal property.

In the course of researching Chinese American history, I have come across other Japanese American pioneers, like the first Japanese American in Texas known by name, a farmer called Tsukahara, who settled in Dallas County around 1885. The lumber industry in Mendocino, Calif., hired a number of workers from Japan. The earliest of these, Kai Hally, Charlie Asame, O. Mizuno, and T. Yoshida, came to the United States in 1893. Tom Wakayama and Ra Makamu joined them a year later, and by 1900 there were 21 Japanese men there in all.

In the 1890s there was a fur trapper named Sakurai in Montana. Little is known of him personally, except that he died in Montana of influenza in 1908. His cabin still remains on national forest land there.

The traditional attitude of historical societies and historians of United States history is that people like Mrs. Gall, Mr. Sakurai, Mr. Tsukahara, and others were "persons of no consequence"; they did not become politicians, industrial leaders or intellectuals, and thus had no impact on American society. Yet they were just as truly pioneers as the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock, the colonists at Roanoke, Virginia, or the early Dutch in New Amsterdam. They showed courage and resourcefulness within their limited opportunities. For Japanese Americans and for all of us who treasure the ideal of a truly multi-cultural society, they were indeed persons of consequence.

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Eleven persons up for highest award

by Lily A. Okura, Committee Chair
Japanese American(s) of the Biennium
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Philadelphia
Eden Township
Downtown Los Angeles (2)
Seattle
Berkeley
Golden Gate
Sacramento

The committee's recommendations will be submitted to the national board on May 25 for ratification.

From the Youth Director: David Nakayama



David Nakayama, Youth Director

Chapter Scholarships

SAN FRANCISCO—The national JACL scholarship committee recently met in Los Angeles to select the 1984 scholarship recipients. While the national JACL offers thirty awards totaling more than \$52,000 in scholarships, hundreds of deserving students will not receive awards.

But, based on a survey completed by national headquarters, many local chapters and districts offer scholarship programs, meeting the needs of the local community. These chapter scholarships throughout the JACL total approximately \$25,000.

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate these chapters for contributing their time, effort and generous donations

to the scholars in their communities:

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If your chapter was not included in this survey, or if you would like information on how to establish a local scholarship program, please drop me a line at national headquarters.

Women's Concerns

An Artist's Perspective

by Mary Ogawa

LOS ANGELES—The art field, though encompassing a broad spectrum of interests, is unique in that the talent is recognized almost always before the individual. Be it the performing or graphic arts, one's work must prove to be better than average. The matter of employment is (almost) always based on what an individual can produce and not on the color of his or her skin.

Therefore, artists have rarely had direct confrontations with prejudice in their fields. There is usually a warm understanding camaraderie among artists.

Through the years, this sort of background naturally begins to build confidence and maturity in an individual. However, not many in the art field necessarily desire leadership positions because their medium of expression is in the arts. But should they seek an opportunity to branch out to organizations such as JACL, this is a good base from which to start.

As far as the leadership role is concerned, most of us are talked into a position and get "on-the-job training." Those of us who have been officers in organizations a few years can look back to see that there has been some improvement in leadership roles.

It helps to fully understand the purpose of the organization to which you belong and what ultimate goal it strives to achieve. Paralleling this, it is also necessary that one enjoys exchanging ideas and communicating with people.

MDC holds successful meeting

CINCINNATI, Ohio—The forested, green valley of the Ohio, which reminded early German settlers of the Rhine, seems hardly the kind of place to be named after a Roman soldier—Cincinnatus—until one notes the seven hills on which Cincinnati, Ohio, is built.

Delegates from the nine chapters of the Midwest JACL district assembled here for the spring meeting of 1984, with George Sakaguchi from St. Louis as Midwest JACL district governor. Charles LeCroix, president of the Cincinnati JACL, and a conscientious corps of dedicated volunteers, hosted the two-day meeting with efficiency and style.

Jo and Benny Okura hosted the Friday evening pre-meeting reception at their home, with elegant Japanese delicacies furnished by Cincinnati JACLers.

Almost 40 out-of-town delegates were joined by some 20 or more Cincinnati JACLers for discussions of district matters. Hank Tanaka of Cleveland led a well-organized workshop on redress, emphasizing:

1. Face-to-face contacts with members of Congress and with senators;
2. Public speaking and other presentations to groups and organizations;
3. Effective letter: writing to members of Congress and to senators (stressing, too, that supporters should be thanked);
4. Obtaining resolutions and endorsements from other groups and organizations.

Bill Yoshino, regional director of the MDC office in Chicago, presented written materials to assist supporters of redress. Within a short time, the Chicago JACL will have computer capability. Redress will benefit by buying into the system, and will be able to facilitate two-way communications between grass roots JACLers and national JACL redress headquarters. The system should be operational by July.

Some of the delegates to the MDC meeting were Ed Hara as a Sansei president, May Tanaka as a vice-governor of MDC, and Matt Abe as MDC civil rights chairman, from the Twin Cities JACL in Minnesota; Dr. Kaz Mayeda, president, and Jerry Shimoura, who reported on the Vincent Chin case of the Detroit JACL; April Goral, chapter president, May Pramenko, MDC youth representative, and Allen Hida of Milwaukee JACL; Sue Hannel, president, Michiko Shelby, and Ellen

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by Mike Ego, Aging and Retirement Committee Chair

LOS ANGELES—In May 1982, the national aging and retirement committee concluded that the Nikkei community must be made aware of the issues pertinent to Nisei aging and retirement. After long discussion, the committee agreed that an educational tool was needed which would allow all Nikkei to react to since the concept of Nisei aging and retirement was an intergenerational one. The work of the 1982 planning committee has been actualized in 1984 with the completion of a video-cassette film which visually describes the current Nisei experience and perspectives relative to aging and retirement.

Emiko Omori, a well-accomplished cinematographer in the San Francisco area, has created a sensitive, emotional documentary about the life of Nisei approaching retirement and those in retirement. An uncut 30-minute version has been favorably received in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Jose, Portland, Seattle and Chicago during its preview amongst Nikkei audiences. These audiences were asked to assist the committee with the development of discussion kits which will accompany the video in its distribution to local JACL chapters and community groups.

The video will make its premiere at the national convention in Honolulu. I encourage all of you attending the convention to attend the screening. The video is a historical accomplishment for all Asian Americans and represents the acknowledgment by JACL that all Nikkei are affected by the experiences that Nisei will face in their retirement years.

Henry Ushijima, who passed away while serving as the initial writer/producer for the video project, had a dream to see the Nisei portrayed as the ultimate example of human accomplishment within our society. I feel that Henry's dream has been realized. I hope all JACLers will get the opportunity to share his dream.

W. Valley awards 3 scholarships

SAN JOSE, Calif.—West Valley JACL announced that it has awarded scholarships to Susan Kaku, Diane Tanabe, and Arnold Kondo for their outstanding scholastic achievements (GPA 3.7-3.9), their participation in school activities, and their good citizenship.

Susan Kaku was awarded the \$750 scholarship. She will be graduated from Cupertino High School and plans to enter Long Beach State Univ. with a major in physical therapy. Throughout her high school career, she has received awards as an outstanding swimmer, has been a member of and held offices in numerous organizations, including the Interact Club, legislative council, Spanish Honor Society, and Wesley United Methodist Church Youth group. She has studied Japanese dance (odori) under Madame Bando Mitsusa for 11 years. One of her high school teachers wrote that "compassion for others is one of her outstanding character traits."

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Memorial Scholarship for \$500 was awarded to Diane Tanabe, who will be graduated from Lynbrook High School and will then attend UCLA to major in business administration. Tanabe has been president and vice president of the Junior Achievement organization and has received awards for her active participation. She is a member of the California Scholarship Federation and the National Honor Society. She has studied piano and dance for several years.

A \$500 scholarship was awarded to Arnold Kondo. For the past four years, he has been active in the Future Business Leaders of America and has been its vice president and historian. He has been a member of the California Scholarship Federation for four years. He has won awards as a member of the San Jose Nisei Junior Bowling League for 11 years. Kondo is in the upper 5% of his graduation class at Cupertino High School and he plans to study at U.C. Davis with an emphasis in medicine.

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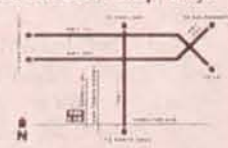
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Mitsuo Takasumi
1911-1984

Prominent Hood River Nisei dies

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Mitsuo Takasumi, 72, pioneer Nisei and lifelong member of JACL, was stricken while attending the opening night performance of the Lions Follies and died of apparent heart failure at the Hood River Memorial Hospital shortly after being rushed there on April 26.

Takasumi was born in Portland, Oregon, on June 6, 1911 and came to Hood River with his parents as a child. He attended public schools in the valley and was graduated from Oregon State Univ.

He married Misako Shighara of Seattle in 1940 and

settled down on the farm where he grew up. He retired from a successful farming operation in 1975.

During his youth he was a proficient athlete, starring particularly as a baseball pitcher for the old Hood River Nisei Athletic Club. He was a high school varsity tennis player. He also established a reputation as a competitive bowler and participated in league bowling until his death.

Takasumi was deeply involved in community affairs. At the time of his death he was serving as president of the Hood River County chap-

ter of the American Red Cross, treasurer of the Odell Methodist Church, and chairman of ticket sales for the Lions Follies. He was past president of the Mid-Columbia JACL, former director of Diamond Fruit Growers, and served in many capacities for countless civic and fraternal organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Misako; one son, Gerald; two daughters, Carol Annala and Marsha Ishii; and one granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at Hood River Junior High School with Rev. Linda Perry of the Odell Methodist Church officiating. Interment was at Idlewild Cemetery.

New physics prize established in memory of particle theorist Sakurai

SAN FRANCISCO — The American Physical Society Council, during its meeting last November, voted to establish a new prize, called the "J.J. Sakurai Prize for Theoretical Particle Physics." The new prize will include a cash award of \$5,000 and be awarded annually. It is intended to recognize outstanding achievement in particle theory by a young physicist. The first prize is scheduled to be awarded during the April 1985 APS meeting in Washington.

Jun Sakurai was a theoretical particle physicist who had been educated at Harvard and Cornell. After

serving on the staff of the Univ. of Chicago, he moved to Los Angeles, where he became a professor at the Univ. of California, Los Angeles. He died in October 1982, at the age of 49, while visiting Geneva, Switzerland.

Endowed principally by the generosity of his immediate family, the fund that supports the Sakurai prize also contains contributions from a number of friends of J.J. Sakurai.

In order to establish a very high standard of judgment in the selection of the initial recipient, the first prize committee will consist of a panel of outstanding theoretical

particle physicists. Chaired by Yoichiro Nambu, Univ. of Chicago, the group includes two Nobel laureates: Julian Schwinger (UCLA) and Sheldon Glashow (Harvard); two overseas particle

physicists: Leon Van Hove (CERN) and K. Nishijima (Univ. of Tokyo), and the APS vice president, Sidney Drell, deputy director of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center.

Service for Abbot Takahashi to be held

LOS ANGELES — Memorial services for the late Zengan Seytsu Shodo Takahashi will take place Sunday, May 27, 1:30 p.m., at Koyasan Buddhist Temple. Takahashi died in Koyasan, Japan, on April 1, the first of the fifty days of celebration of the 1150th commemorative service honoring St. Kobo Dai-shi.

Born Dec. 1, 1905, in Hiroshima, Takahashi was initiated into the priesthood in 1916. In March 1931, he was assigned to the N. America Shingon Mission in Los Angeles. He was instrumental in forming Boy Scout Troop 379, named the outstanding Scout unit in the U.S. by Pres. Franklin Roosevelt in 1935.

In 1934, for St. Kobo Dai-

shi's 1100th service, Takahashi organized the Japanese Folk Dancing Festival, forerunner of the present-day Nisei Week Festival.

He guided the establishment of Shingon temples in Seattle, Chicago, and Sacramento after returning to post-war Los Angeles and in 1949 was promoted to the rank of Shukyo. Promotions to the ranks of Bishop, Archbishop and Abbot followed, with many recognitions and awards.

Takahashi is survived by his wife, Suzue; sons Edward, Milton, and Robert; daughters Frances Nakamura and Nancy; and ten grandchildren.

The family requests that flowers be omitted.

JACKSON

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politicians, corporate executives, labor leaders and journalists should share the blame for inciting such racially motivated attacks.

"We must tell the story over and over again until every person in this country understands that promoting division among the people has never gotten anyone a job—except the worst of our country's politicians," he declared.

"From the treatment of 120,000 Japanese Americans interned in concentration camps ... to the death of Vincent Chin, you witness the terrible results of government policy based on racial prejudice," Jackson said in summary. "I call on you now to join the Rainbow Coalition ... let's come together."

Jackson's idea of a "Rainbow Coalition"—a multi-racial effort brought together by mutual concerns—seemed to be embodied by the afternoon audience, which consisted of whites, Blacks, and Latinos as well as Asians.

A number of Issei from nearby Little Tokyo Towers sat by the stage, listening to a Japanese translation of the speech through headphones.

Jackson was joined on the stage by representatives of various Asian and non-Asian community organizations, including several members of the Asian Pacific Americans for Jesse Jackson, the recently formed group that sponsored the event.

Jackson ended his speech by reiterating some of the basic points of his platform, including cutting the military budget, spending more money on education, housing and other social programs, and fighting "for humane treatment of Third World people."

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dence" in Gen. John DeWitt's time, he said, was now a molehill. And DeWitt and other policy-makers have since died. One can only speculate on DeWitt's state of mind or on what the outcome of the *Hirabayashi* case would have been if all the evidence had been brought to the attention of the Supreme Court, Stone said.

High-risk Undertaking

Voorhees, however, ruled that Hirabayashi should be given the chance "to vindicate his honor."

Hirabayashi told the court, "I have continuously had to defend my actions and prove my loyalty [since 1942] ... I want to clear my name of the stigma of disloyalty."

In ordering the evidentiary hearing, Voorhees took the position that he could not grant Hirabayashi's petition, as Patel granted Korematsu's. Nor did he dismiss it, as Judge Robert Belloni of Portland did in the *Yasui* case in January.

But while Voorhees' decision is judicially more cautious than Patel's or Belloni's, the stakes are raised for all parties.

In fact, in his final remarks, Voorhees cautioned the packed courtroom that Japanese Americans may still lose this case, even though knowledgeable persons recognize that a great injustice was done, simply because of the nature of the legal system and the manner in which such issues are adjudicated.

After the hearing Stone said the government would be appealing Voorhees' ruling.

Members of the Hirabayashi legal team are: Kathryn Bannai (lead counsel), Camden Hall, Arthur Barnett (Hirabayashi's legal advisor in 1942), Jerry Nagae, Rod Kawakami, Benson Wong, and Michael Leong.

Japan eases restrictions on nationality

TOKYO—Japan's Diet liberalized its nationality laws May 18 for two separate groups in its population.

For the first time, nationality is extended to children whose mother or father is Japanese. Thus, the estimated 40,000 children of Japanese mothers and foreign fathers may now obtain citizenship.

Foreigners' To Keep Names

The second measure, a revision of the Family Register Law, allows foreigners to retain their names instead

of requiring them to assume Japanese names.

This means that citizens named Wong, Kim, or Jones will be considered "Japanese," at least legally.

Two well-known sports figures who changed their names to conform to Japanese society are American-born sumo wrestler Jesse Kuhaulua, now Daigoro Watanabe, and Sadaharu Oh, whose real name is Wang Zheng-zhi. The former baseball star now manages the Yomiuri Giants.

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