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Minoru Yasui

## Sato, Yasui vie for JACL presidency

This year's candidates for JACL president are both longtime members who already hold prominent positions in the organization: Frank Sato and Minoru Yasui.

### Platform of Minoru Yasui

Redress for persons of Japanese ancestry who were subjected to arbitrary U.S. governmental actions, including forcible evacuation and relocation from their homes on the West Coast during WW2, must be actively advanced as a primary priority for JACL during this next biennium.

Other civil rights and human rights concerns affecting all of us must be basic in the overall activities of the JACL. Status and relationships of Japanese Americans and all JACLers vis-a-vis other ethnic groups, the general public, and indeed, people from other lands, must be of concern to JACL.

Problems, programs and projects affecting the youth, the aging and women, must be given appropriate attention by our national JACL organization. Because of disparate regard for and treatment of individuals, based on

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### Platform of Frank Sato

During the past two years, serving on the national board has made me well aware of the critical issues and the current state of our national programs. The focus and attention of JACL must continue to proceed cautiously at the national and international level. And we must evolve to a position of greater influence in Asian Pacific American affairs and involve ourselves in other external organization activities. At the same time, care must be exercised to maintain a balanced program to meet membership needs. Priorities must be matched off against resource constraints. Crucial decisions must be made. I'm optimistic that working together we can be winners, whatever the challenge.

Redress. The obvious top priority issue for JACL is redress. The responsibility of the president is to provide the leadership to motivate

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Frank Sato

## JACL testimony focuses on compact between government and individual

In addition to statements from national president Floyd Shimomura, redress director John Tateishi, and redress chair Minoru Yasui, the Japanese American Citizens League submitted the following testimony into the record of the hearing held July 27 by the U.S. House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations.

An account of the hearing will be carried in next week's Pacific Citizen.

The national Japanese American Citizens League

## Son calls internment FDR's 'worst mistake'

WASHINGTON — Elliott Roosevelt, son of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, told a nationwide television audience June 27 that monetary compensation to former internees "has to be made, even though you can never really make it up to those people who were in those camps."

Roosevelt said his father, in issuing Executive Order 9066, which authorized the wartime military exclusion, "was given the wrong advice."

"The incarceration decision... was done principally upon the advice of the military commander on the West Coast," he stated. "It was caused by a hysteria that developed on the entire West Coast from the Canadian border to the Mexican border."

Roosevelt said the hysteria "resulted in probably my father making the biggest mistake of his entire career as a president, which extended over more than 12 years."

His remarks were made during the Metromedia program "Panorama" in response to statements by Frank Sato, JACL secretary/treasurer, and Maury Povich, anchor.

When asked about redress, Sato told Povich that, "I think there is a two-fold issue. I think that you know that in our form of government when you redress a wrong, compensation is the form. The current amount that is before Congress is a symbolic amount."

"And I might add that the Japanese American Citizens League is really seeking an apology — a restoration of honor to the people who were involved."

Roosevelt agreed that compensation would be "purely symbolic."

"But it will have a meaning to the public and it will be there, that this was a terrible, terrible breakdown of our system of democratic government," he concluded.

(JACL) officially endorsed the findings and recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), by unanimous formal action of the national board of JACL, convened in San Francisco, California, on July 8-9-10, 1983.

The findings and recommendations of CWRIC were drafted into legislative language and incorporated into a proposed House bill, H.R. 4110. The Hon. James Wright (D-Tex.), with 74 co-sponsors, introduced H.R. 4110 in the House of Representatives on October 6, 1983, "(T)o accept the findings and to implement the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians." H.R. 4110 is to be cited as the "Civil Liberties Act of 1983."

H.R. 4110, the bill which the Committee is considering today, is an extraordinary bill. It offers the apology of the nation to the 120,000 individuals who were forced to leave their homes and businesses on the West Coast in 1942, not on the basis of any charges against them, but solely on the basis of their Japanese ethnicity. It would compensate the 60,000 survivors of that exclusion with \$20,000 each.

A bill of this nature will be enacted only if there is a thorough understanding and recognition of the importance and magnitude of the events of the Second World War and — most importantly — of the nature of the American government.

It is worthwhile to reiterate the basic precepts of the Bill of Rights, because the Japanese American exclusion and detention is first and foremost a living demonstration of the supreme importance of the founding document of this nation. While the Constitution sets out the powers of the federal government, the Bill of Rights provides protection

for the individual citizens against the power of the government and the democratic majority to whom the government is ultimately responsible.

### Restrictions and Guarantees

As a result, the Bill of Rights encompasses two basic kinds of measures — first, restrictions on the power which the federal government can wield over citizens, and, second, guarantees to the people of the United States of limited but very important liberties and freedoms.<sup>2</sup> Thus, Congress is forbidden from passing any law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press and no person may be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law.<sup>3</sup>

The concepts of the Bill of Rights are the central compact between the federal government and the American people. That compact rests on very fundamental presumptions about the American people and their government. There is the root assumption that the people of this country are law-abiding and loyal to the institutions of the country. This is most clearly expressed by placing on the government the burden of proof in criminal cases. An American may not be forced to give up his liberty or be faced with criminal fines unless the government persuades a jury of his peers that he has committed a crime.<sup>4</sup> That basic requirement cannot be set aside in the interests of the security of society or of the state.

The corollary to this presumption of innocence and loyalty is the requirement that innocence or guilt be established on a personal basis.<sup>5</sup> The fundamental liberties may be denied to an American only if he himself transgressed

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## Verdict in Chin trial: one guilty, one innocent

DETROIT — A federal jury found Ronald Ebens, 45, guilty on one count of violating the civil rights of Vincent Chin, a Chinese American whom he bludgeoned to death with a baseball bat two years ago. Ebens' stepson Michael Nitz, 26, was acquitted.

The jury, made up of 11 whites and one Black, gave its verdict June 28 after hearing arguments from federal prosecutors that Ebens and Nitz killed Chin because he was Asian and counter-arguments from defense attorneys that the killing was simply the result of a barroom brawl that had nothing to do with racial animosity (see last week's PC).

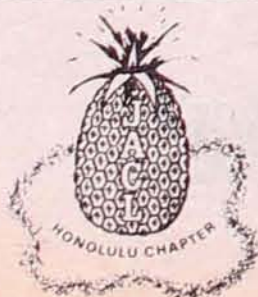
Sentencing is expected sometime in July. Ebens, who is currently free on personal bond, faces a maximum of life imprisonment. Speaking of Ebens, attorney Frank Eaman said the verdict would be appealed and called the trial "a political prosecution."

Attorney James Shimoura of American Citizens for Justice, the civil rights group that has been monitoring the Chin case, said that although there was no doubt that Nitz was a participant in the killing, the jury was apparently not convinced of racial motivation on his part.

Lily Chin, the victim's mother, was not satisfied with the verdict. "This is not fair — they both killed my son," she said at a press conference. "Why is the son (Nitz) not guilty?"

However, ACJ members are "satisfied with the results, for the most part," Shimoura reported. "We had an opportunity to have the case heard in open court. The first case failed to bring to light the racial nature of the killing."

Prosecutor Theodore Merritt expressed satisfaction with the outcome. Helen Zia of ACJ concurred, saying, "We are hopeful that today's outcome will send a message across the country that it is not acceptable to harass and kill people of Asian heritage."



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**Communicating visually** — John Esaki and Takashi Fujii (from left) demonstrate features of the half-inch video camera to the Chet Yamauchi family. The two lead a workshop July 21 at Japanese Cultural Institute in Gardena.

## Beginners can learn video techniques

LOS ANGELES — Visual Communications, a media resource and production organization, offers "Home Video for Beginners," a workshop to be held Saturday, July 21, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 S. Gramercy Place, Gardena.

The workshop is designed to familiarize participants with the technical features and capabilities of home video equipment and to teach the basics of video production. Participation includes "hands on" experience with videotape camera and recording equipment.

Workshop leaders John Esaki and Takashi Fujii share credits in television broadcasts, rock videos, theatrical feature films, PBS programs and a number of award-winning projects for Visual Communications.

The tax-deductible donation for the 3½-hour workshop is \$25. Enrollment is limited and pre-enrollment by July 15 is encouraged.

Contact: Visual Communications, 244 S. San Pedro St., Room 309, Los Angeles, 90012, (213) 680-4462.

## Conference to explore 'Nisei Issues'

LOS ANGELES — Workshops in Alzheimers and other diseases, sexual health, alternative living arrangements, and wills are among those planned for a conference entitled "Nisei Issues," to be held July 14 at Union Church, corner of S. San Pedro and Third Sts.

Other topics include retirement planning, dental care, food preparation, and disabilities.

Bento box lunch, parking and conference materials

are provided with a \$14 donation (\$21 per couple) if registration is sent by July 10 to Family Health Program, City View Hospital, 3711 Baldwin St., Los Angeles, CA 90031. Donations of \$15 or \$25 per couple will be collected at the door on conference day.

Sponsor of the event is City View Hospital in cooperation with USC School of Medicine, Little Tokyo Service Center, Downtown L.A. JACL, and Westside Optimist.

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Yamato Hall on Jackson St. facing No. Central Ave. is but a colorful memory to oldtimers hereabouts and to the curious whenever the subject is raised — Yamato Hall had shops and a newspaper on the ground floor, a theater with a balcony on the second floor, and the Tokyo Club frequented by Issei on the top floor. Generally speaking, there are several items in our files covering the activities of Tokyo Club: (1) Larry Tajiri's column in the Sept. 10, 1949 PC, "Little Tokyo's Underworld," (2) Kats Kunitsugu's guest column in the Oct. 11, 1968 PC when Yamato Hall was being demolished, and (3) passages from three fairly popular books on the topic, Bill Hosokawa's "Nisei: the Quiet Americans," p. 122-126; Dr. Harry Kitano's "Japanese Americans, 2d Ed.," p. 146; and James Oda's "Heroic Struggles of Japanese Americans," p. 273-274.

Having bared these standing references, more research needs to be done on what Kitano regards as one of the two most common Japanese offenses in federal crime statistics: gambling (the other was drunkenness) between 1940-70. Looking at it as a sociologist, Kitano adds that these two offenses appear to be culturally based; that is, both are tolerated in Japan. He also notes gambling was the No. 1 offense in Japan from 1907-1931.

Hosokawa's account is laden with names of those who were in charge of Tokyo Club. Chojiro Itami headed the club from 1919-1927. Yasutaro Yasuda, president from 1927-1931, died violently under mysterious circumstances said to be connected with an internal power play. This was during the Prohibition era. Last of the gambling bosses was Hideichi (Hideo) Yamatoda, who took over in 1938. That may be a wrong date, however, since Judge Fletcher Bowron who swept Mayor Frank Shaw from office in 1937 meant the police closing of gambling joints, prostitution houses and protection rackets, according to Jim Oda (who is also off one year). Actually, Shaw was recalled Sept. 17, 1938, in a special election.

Hosokawa and Oda both relate their own tale of the final days of the Yamatoda era. The "Quiet American" version says Yamatoda (quoting from "Jerry Giesler's Story") was set free after being charged with the murder of a Lodi gambler by the name of Namba, whose body was never found. Giesler, the famed Hollywood defense attorney, was able to have the conviction of manslaughter reversed. Yamatoda eventually went to Japan and was killed there during the war, Giesler added.

The Oda version is more bizarre. Reportedly taking refuge in Mexico, Yamatoda was tried in absentia. A U.S. naval intelligence officer appeared in his defense, claiming Yamatoda was passing valuable information to naval intelligence. Oda also writes that a high-ranking Japanese naval officer had approached him while working under the MacArthur command in Tokyo and confided that a Japanese submarine had picked up Yamatoda and his Mexican wife Wanda off the California coast before the war. As a consequence, Oda thinks Yamatoda was probably a highly successful double agent.

## Yamato Hall

And Kunitsugu, quoting the late Toyo Miyatake who grew up in the area, mentions the club reached its zenith around 1930 under leadership of two bosses — Yamawaki and Sera, who ran an ironclad operation so as not to bring embarrassment to Little Tokyo. She notes also that the club was originally called Yamato Club when it was founded in July, 1916.

Tajiri's recall of Little Tokyo's underworld is studded with even more statistics. He was actively editing the English-language Kashu Mainichi during the early '30s and had a prodigious memory of Little Tokyoana. For instance, an Issei businessman was arrested in 1948 and charged for murder in 1924. But investigation proved it was a case of a police error and the Issei was released. The 1924 victim happened to be a gambler. Then citing U.S. Justice Dept. figures for 1940, it was found that the Japanese American community was "one of the best behaved in the nation" with a crime-rate of 4.5 per 1,000 persons. Of the total 570 offenses charged, nearly one-half was for gambling and drunkenness, 5 criminal homicide, 5 robbery and 35 sex offenses.

Tokyo Club was a coast-wide organization, operating during the Prohibition era of the 1920s as fixers, liaison with corrupt police and civic officials, and dealing in booze and prostitution. The club was most active on pay-days in the fishing and labor camp towns like Guadalupe and Walnut Grove. The club was a factor in community affairs, supporting worthy causes and maintaining a chazuke line during the Depression days. Nisei help at local Japanese markets were able to take a peek inside while delivering boxes of food to Tokyo Club, but details have been dimmed by time.

Tajiri also remembers the murder of a Tokyo Club official in San Francisco in 1934 which was never solved. He speculated that it might have been an East Coast attempt to move in.

What I remember (but not the date) is the night Tokyo Club was raided by the LAPD. We were on the ground floor of Yamato Hall, locking up the Sangyo Nippo English page when loud crashes of shattered windows and gambling paraphernalia tumbling into the alley were mixed with people yelling upstairs. Since then, Tokyo Club never reopened.

One of the problems researchers will have checking out the gambling story in the Little Tokyo press is that the club's influence was strong enough to intimidate them. Rare was the editor who would raise his pen against the Tokyo Club.

P.S. — Some may remember a pachinko parlor at 235 E. 2nd St. in the mid-'70s when the popular vertical pinball machine was imported from Japan. The operation lasted about two months when the police padlocked the place. An Army veteran in Sacramento was also trying to sell reconditioned machines to homes through discount houses. But pachinko never caught on.

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## YASUI

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inherent differences, JACL must continue in the forefront of efforts to assure that justice, freedom and equality for all are concretely advanced.

The quality of life for all of us must be enhanced if humankind is to survive in peace, prosperity and happiness. JACL must be actively involved in the myriad complex issues confronting us today.

To advance towards the attainment of such objectives, if elected as national president of the JACL, I pledge my best efforts.

Minoru Yasui was born in Hood River, Oregon, in 1916. He was graduated from University of Oregon Law School in 1939 and was admitted to the Oregon bar that year. He practiced law in Portland until 1942.

When the military imposed a curfew on all Japanese Americans following the outbreak of war with Japan, Yasui deliberately violated the curfew laws in order to challenge their constitutionality. While his case was pending, he spent four months in the North Portland WCCA detention center and was then moved to the WRA camp in Minidoka, Idaho. He was taken back to Portland to stand trial and was

found guilty.

Yasui spent 9 months in solitary confinement at the Multnomah County Jail while his case was being appealed. In 1943 the Supreme Court ruled against him, but since the time he had already spent in jail was deemed sufficient, he was sent back to Minidoka.

In 1944, he was released for employment in Chicago. A few months later he moved to Denver, where he attended law school, passed the state bar examination, and was admitted to the Colorado Bar in 1946. He was appointed as a commissioner on the Denver Commission on Community Relations in 1959 and served as executive director of the commission from 1967 to 1983. His responsibilities included dealing with problems of the elderly and the disabled.

Since moving to Denver, Yasui has served in various capacities in civic organizations, including the Colorado State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the Denver Public Schools' Career Education Center, Boy Scouts of America, the Commission on Youth for the City and County of Denver, Denver Native Americans United, the Denver Anti-Crime Council, the Interfaith Forum, the Mayor's Task Force on Refugee Affairs, and many others.

He has also written for and edited such Nikkei vernaculars as Nisei View, Rocky Shimpō, Colorado Times, Mountain-Plains AJA News, and Rocky Mountain Jiho.

Yasui has been a JACL member since 1931. He has served as president of the Mid-Columbia chapter (1933), regional representative for the Tri-State District (1944-1952), officer of Mile-Hi JACL (1944-president), district chairman of the Mountain-Plains District (1954-1958), and as a member of the National JACL Committee for Redress, which he has chaired since 1981. He was chosen Nisei of the Biennium in 1952 and JACLer of the Biennium in 1982.

In 1983, Yasui, Gordon Hirabayashi and Fred Korematsu sought to have their WW2 Supreme Court cases reopened through a writ of error coram nobis, citing newly discovered evidence of governmental misconduct. A federal judge agreed to vacate Yasui's 1942 conviction earlier this year but did not accept the petition charging wrongdoing on the part of the government. Yasui's lawyers have appealed the ruling.

He has been awarded by the Oregon, Northern California and Colorado ACLU for his efforts on behalf of Nikkei relocated or interned during WW2.

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and mobilize the JACL membership to work together for the common goal. Only with this teamwork can we hope to create and influence the political climate for our congressional supporters of redress to bring this critical issue to a successful resolution.

**Leadership development.** During prior bienniums we have strengthened fiscal controls and management over the finances of JACL. However, an organization without adequately funded programs cannot hope to expand its membership and encourage new members.

For the next biennium, as painful, difficult and unpopular as it may be, the JACL must make choices as to the programs it will adequately fund and those it will not.

Whether it be Redress, U.S./Japan Relations, Aging and Retirement, Political Awareness, Asian Pacific American Issues, Women's Concerns, or Membership Development, JACL must be willing to adequately fund programs so that our most important resources — our volunteer members — can actively participate and contribute to the advancement of the Japanese American cause.

The key to the continued growth of JACL is developing leaders within the organization to have "hands on" experience participating in JACL programs.

**U.S./Japan Relations.** As a secondary priority to redress, U.S./Japan relations require careful attention, but we must be mindful of

the delicate nature of this issue. In the past decade, Japan has become a principal trade partner with the U.S. At the same time, economic rivalry and trade friction with Japan have tested the mutual understanding and tolerance of differences in cultural and business practices — sometimes with unfavorable results. Our stake in this matter is clear. But this challenge must be addressed with extreme caution for JACL to play a meaningful role in furthering U.S./Japan understanding within the context of Resolution 34, passed at the last convention:

"Be it resolved that JACL become involved in matters of concern in the American-Japanese partnership, with adequate care that JACL does not, either in image or in fact, become a 'front'...for Japan."

"...that JACL establish long-range goals for improving that partnership."

**Unity.** Through the redress program, as well as select JACL projects and activities, it is the responsibility of JACL leadership to spark the spirit and sense of unity that bonded interests of Japanese Americans into what the JACL is today — the oldest and largest national educational, human and civil rights organization representing Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Frank Sato was born in Puyallup, Washington, in 1929. He received his BA from the University of Washington in 1953, served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force from 1953 to 1955, and became a CPA in 1959.

Sato worked as an auditor under the USAF Auditor General from 1958 to 1965 and in the

office of the Secretary of Defense from 1965 to 1979. He was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Audit) from 1974 to 1979 and concurrently held the position of first director of the Defense Audit Service from 1977 to 1979.

He was appointed Inspector General of the Dept. of Transportation by President Carter in 1979. He served in that department until President Reagan appointed him Inspector General of the Veterans Administration in 1981. In his present position, Sato is responsible for audit and investigative activities in the VA.

Sato has been a member of the Los Angeles, Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia chapters of the Assn. of Government Accountants, for which he served as national president in 1981. He is chairman of the training committee of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency and a member of numerous other professional organizations.

The most recent honors Sato has received include the Assn. of Government Accountants' Gold Medal Award in 1981, the Dept. of Defense's Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 1979 and the AGA's Distinguished Leadership Award in 1978.

A JACL member since 1948, Sato has served on the Eastern District Council's Japanese American Resource Registry Committee, the Hagiwara Scholarship Selection Committee, and the Washington JACL Office Advisory Committee. He was treasurer and a member of the board of directors of the Washington D.C. chapter from 1981 to 1982 and has been national JACL secretary-treasurer since 1982.

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## The Duo: East and West

EVEN ALLOWING FOR some expansiveness that passage of years tends to lend to one's perceptions, there's much to be said for many of JACL leaders of yesteryears. We do not claim to be any authority on the subject; we did not "work in the trenches" in those early years with these leaders — we were too young. But upon our becoming active in JACL in the mid-50's, we were to hear much and experience some with the likes of Masao W. Satow and Mike M. Masaoka. Mas and Mike.

BACK IN THOSE days, Mike was JACL's Washington representative, being paid a pittance — while performing miracles. From those who worked with him in those early years we gleaned an insight: how their apartment bedroom was, in effect, the Washington office with wife Etsu the secretary and Everything-Girl-Friday. Theirs was not a job; it was a commitment. No one in their right mind would keep a job at that pay-scale. We all know Mike as the spell-binding orator who, without notes, renders a message that would take anyone else just hours to put together — and then not nearly as well. (As a young lawyer, when I first heard him as a dinner speaker, I was absolutely amazed.) (I still am.) But one of his early staff people told this writer of Mike's going up to Capitol Hill to present testimony on behalf of some bill to benefit the Issei-Nikkei, and being so emotionally tied that upon his return he would, at times, vomit from the tension.

THERE ARE SOME who may perceive Mike as conceited or arrogant. This was not this writer's experience. We recall in the mid-50's when we held some lower-level office in the district, Mike — busy as he was (and very important, we thought) — came to the train station to meet us, and then personally drove us back to the station. We never forgot that. Flattered by this kind attention and mindful that we were but some low-level factotum (not even a national officer) we remember "kinodoku-ing" to him. The reply of the Washington representative with a national reputation: "But I'm only staff."

NATIONAL DIRECTOR MAS was similarly self-effacing. Similarly he, too, was being paid a pittance. He, too, had his Everything-Girl-Friday, Chiz, by his side, sharing in his sacrifices. When Daisy Uyeda was lured away by husband-to-be Yone Satoda, Chiz had to fill some big gaps. And for Mas, it was not a job; it was commitment — just as it was for the Washington representative some 3,000 miles east. Again, there were many "kinodoku" situations with Mas: his going out of his way, far beyond regular working hours, late into the night, weekends. To which he'd reply: "But you're a volunteer. I get paid to do this."

Yes, what "pay" it was. Monetarily, at least.

WE'VE REPORTED BEFORE that Mas watched that JACL treasury like a trustee charged with the obligation of overseeing someone else's monies. Not a penny was misspent: no frills, no extras, no bending

## THE BEAT GOES ON...



of authority, no questionable expenditures. In fact, when the treasury was tight (and most often it was) as national director, Mas tightened expenditures even more. We'll never — but never — forget one national board meeting which was held for two days in Los Angeles at the Hayward Hotel on Spring Street — not one of the finer hostleries of the City of

Angels.

FEW WILL EVER know the sacrifices that these two made for the welfare of their fellow beings, particularly the Issei and the Nikkei. We all have one heckuva debt that can never be repaid. And neither ever did it to be paid. That's the nobility of it all.

## L.A. county commission releases findings on anti-Asian bigotry

LOS ANGELES — Following a public hearing last year, the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations has concluded that anti-Asian bigotry is on the rise and that steps must be taken to deal with it.

The commission based its report on testimony heard Nov. 9, 1983, at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo (see Nov. 18 PC). Twenty-two people, most of them Asian community representatives, gave their views on the problem of bigotry.

The commission found that:

— The local Asian community has been alarmed by an increase in physical attacks, hostile graffiti and bumper stickers, vandalism, religious discrimination, discrimination by immigration officials, stereotyping in the media, and restrictive housing and business practices.

(Testifiers cited as examples of local violence an assault on Japanese American youths by whites who told them to "go back to China," vandalism of Chinese movie theaters, and the arson of a Chinese newspaper building — all in Monterey Park.)

— Historical American prejudice against Asians has been brought to the surface by the current economic climate and substantial recent Asian immigration into the area.

— There also exists a high level of anti-Japanese feeling due to strong competition from Japan in the auto, steel and electronic industries. All Asians are likely to suffer as a result, because non-Asians do not differentiate among different Asian groups.

— With the increasing Korean business ownership in the South Central area, there has been expression of anti-Korean feeling by Black residents. It was charged in the Los Angeles Sentinel, a Black newspaper, that Asians re-

ceive preferential treatment from lending and business assistance programs and that Korean shopowners are rude to Black customers.

— Stereotypes about Asian customs, food, hygiene and ethics are widespread. Because of language and cultural differences, recent immigrants and refugees are more likely to suffer from bigotry than Asians who have lived here for a longer period.

(One testifier said that construction of a Buddhist temple in Hacienda Heights was blocked by area residents who believed that Asians "look funny," "eat dogs," and "have weird diseases.")

— Because Asians are easily identified as a racial group, their concentration in certain areas (such as Monterey Park and Alhambra) has exacerbated anti-Asian feeling despite the fact that they make up only 6% of the total county population.

(Testifiers cited efforts in Garden Grove to ban foreign-language business signs and to have the city reject business license applications from Asians; also mentioned were measures limiting residential and land development in Monterey Park, allegedly in response to the influx of Asians there.)

— Historical contributions made to the U.S. by Asian peoples, as well as the potential contributions of Asian newcomers, are overlooked when fear and ethnocentrism arise, despite the fact that this country has always been a land of immigrants and refugees.

### Recommended Steps

The commission also heard several recommendations on what should be done about the situation and formulated the following steps:

— The commission will continue to report on racially or religiously motivated vandalism or violence. It will also increase outreach to the Asian community through its racial and religious violence prevention network to assure support for victims and monitor the level of such acts.

— A pool of Asian resource persons in the west San Gabriel Valley (the Monterey Park/Alhambra area) will be developed to improve intergroup relations.

— An Asian interreligious council will be formed to share information and discuss issues arising from common problems of discrimination.

— A Black-Asian dialogue in the South Central area will be developed to resolve the problems between the two groups.

— The commission has recommended to the county board of supervisors that every February 19 be proclaimed a Day of Remembrance for the injustices endured by Japanese Americans as a result of Executive Order 9066.

(It was noted during the hearing that redress has been decryied by some as a "special privilege," largely because the facts about the internment are not well known.)

The commission does not have the authority to make laws but serves in an advisory capacity to the board of supervisors.

BY THE BOARD: Miki Himeno



## More Effective Assertiveness

JACL's national women's concerns committee held a workshop on "Effective Assertiveness" on June 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles.

Leading the workshop were Irene Hirano, national JACL women's concerns chair; Dr. Sarah Miyahara, director of USC's counseling service; and Sau-wah Chuan, intern at USC counseling center.

Behavior is generally classified as Assertive, Aggressive, or Non-assertive, stated Dr. Miyahara as she set up behavioral definitions for the workshop. A self-assessment inventory was taken by participants. Large and small group workshops were held to discuss assertiveness for personal benefit and in an organizational setting.

Assertiveness can be conveyed non-verbally through behavior and body language. Various characteristics of each

behavioral component were pointed out. These became the basis of the role-playing in another segment of the workshop where practical application was made of assertiveness training.

Assisting as group leaders were Midori Watanabe, founder of Greater Los Angeles JACL Singles Chapter and counselor at El Camino College, and women's concerns committee member J.D. Hokoyama, who handled refreshments and arrangements.

Many PSW chapters were represented by the women attending the workshop. More effective participation on the local level will be possible through the support of this workshop and through the resulting networking from having made new acquaintances.

Packet material with bibliography will be filed at the national headquarters with program director Lia Shigemura to be made available to interested chapters in the near future.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



## Military Necessity: Myth Dies Hard

Smith Hempstone, executive editor of the Washington (D.C.) Times, a daily newspaper with links to the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, wrote a column recently about the redress movement that, unfortunately, was based on a widespread misconception. It deserves response to set the facts straight no less than the misconceptions contained in the Japanese television series "Sanga Moyu."

Hempstone takes the position that because Japanese civilians in China aided the Japanese military invasion of that country, it was only logical to expect something similar to happen in the United States and locking up Japanese Americans was a justifiable precaution.

What he does not seem to understand is that the Japanese in China were a different breed of cat from Japanese Americans who despite their American citizenship were treated like enemy aliens.

Hempstone cites an authority to the effect that when units of the Japanese army landed in Shanghai in 1932 they were greeted by crowds of

banzai-shouting local Japanese. He finds this to have been a sinister warning as to what might be expected in the U.S., but some other facts need to be considered. There were troops from many nations, including U.S. Marines, stationed legally at the time in Shanghai's International Settlement. The Japanese contended they were reinforcing their garrison to protect their interests. Whether this was a justified action is another matter.

The position of the civilians who hailed the arrival of these troops was totally different from that of Japanese Americans. The Japanese in China were carpetbaggers who never pretended to be anything other than Japanese. The Japanese Americans were Americans by birth, education, political and cultural loyalty and by any other criteria. If their loyalty to the United States were to be suspected on the basis of their ethnicity, which Hempstone and many others consider proper, then the same suspicions should have been directed toward German Americans, Iranian Americans, Cuban Americans, Libyan Americans, ad infinitum.

The thrust of Hempstone's column is that Japanese Americans who were imprisoned by their own government should not be given monetary compensation because their incarceration was necessary. There are others who agree for this and other reasons.

But we as the victims of that wartime action, no matter what our position on compensation, have an obligation to see that opposition is based on grounds other than the false and racist contention that Japanese Americans were indeed a security risk and that their imprisonment was a military necessity.

Whether Japanese Americans deserve compensation for the injustice they experienced will be debated for a long time to come. But there should be no debate whatever about whether they were wronged. There is no question any more that they were terribly wronged, that basic American principles were violated in the hysteria of war. That wrong is perpetuated when, out of malice or ignorance, the canard about military necessity is repeated.

## Nikkei senior citizens learn to cut back on meat and salt intake

By Joe Oyama  
(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

OAKLAND, Calif.—Using charts and a blackboard, Diane Yasuda, personable co-owner of the large and well-known Berkeley Bowl market and a nutritionist with a M.A. in public health from Univ. of California at Berkeley discussed "Nutrition and Good Health." The presentation was held June 9 at the Berkeley JACL Nikkei Drop-In Center.

Stressing the need for positive dietary goals, Yasuda recommended the following: eat a greater variety of food, eat more fibrous food and starch, and try maintaining an ideal weight. "Avoid eating too much fat, sugar or starch, and drink alcohol in moderation. The more different kinds of food you eat, the more likely you may get all of the nutrients," she emphasized.

### What Americans Eat

"To see how Americans are eating, a nationwide survey was conducted by a UC-Berkeley research group," Yasuda said. "This is what they found: Americans eat 50-55% processed foods. Some of it is O.K."

Between 1910-1976, beef consumption increased by 72%, cheese by 388%, and chicken by 179%. Between 1945-1976, the consumption of eggs decreased by 32% and between 1970-1976 fresh fruits by 33%. However, the consumption of processed fruits increased by 500%.

Believe it or not, between 1910 and 1970, the consumption of ice cream increased by a whopping 1,426%. Does this mean that we are eating a lot more ice cream and cheese to compensate for eating chicken instead of meat?

I know that in my own case, in the beginning, when I drastically cut down on meat, I compensated by eating ice cream. If you are going to eat meat, Yasuda recommended a maximum of 3 ozs.

### What Japanese Eat

"Japanese diet consists of 10% fat as compared to 30-40% in the American diet," said Yasuda. However, her chart disclosed that Japanese consume twice as much salt as the Americans. (In cooking, a lot of miso and shoyu is used.)

She agreed with a member of the audience that there is a correlation between the intake of salt and heart attacks. One member of the audience wondered whether the greater consumption of imported beef in Japan contributed to their greater salt consumption.

Although eggs are listed as a food very high in cholesterol, Yasuda thought that it was all right for Issei (first generation Japanese) to eat eggs, because their overall consumption of fat is low.

"There is saturated fat in meat—hard fat. Cholesterol is one kind of fat in red meat. In America since the 1960's, however, the average cholesterol is down," said Yasuda.

One Nikkei observed, "It's ironic that when meat consumption in this country is down, in Japan they're beginning to consume more and more meat—in a country that historically banned the eating of meat."

Someone in the audience recommended the eating of *tempeh* (made from soybeans) and *seitan* (made from wheat extract gluten), both rich sources of protein, as meat substitutes.

### More Calcium Needed

Yasuda said that women especially should get more calcium in their diet. "Unfortunately, there are not many sources of calcium in food. The daily requirement is 800-1,000 mg. before menopause. After menopause, 1,000 mg." Three ounces of sardines have 370 mg., ¼ cup of skim milk powder has 400 mg., low (2%) fat milk 350 mg.

Yasuda also pointed out that the consumption of coffee in this country decreased by 44% between 1946-1976. Caffeine taken in large quantities has induced heart trouble, bladder and breast cancer, according to Yasuda. In small doses, caffeine has a beneficial effect. A stimulant, it can produce a positive frame of mind.

Grace Tsujimura chaired this educational and stimulating meeting.

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## HEARING

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against the law, not because people like him have or may have transgressed.

It goes without saying that among the basic freedoms that we all possess are the right to live and work wherever we chose in the United States and to follow lawful pursuits without interference from the government.

### Discriminatory Laws

In 1940, people of Japanese descent in the United States were only partially admitted to this basic compact. First, no immigrants from Japan could become a citizen of the United States. No demonstration of loyalty to the United States could overcome this bar. Despite the fact that no immigrants from Japan were allowed to enter the United States after 1924,<sup>6</sup> those residents who had lived for 15 years or more in this country were absolutely prohibited from becoming full-fledged members of the community and society in which they had made their lives.<sup>7</sup> Further, the Western states had erected laws against land ownership by Japanese nationals<sup>8</sup> and practices of segregation and discrimination against all ethnic Japanese were routinely followed by many people in the Pacific states.<sup>9</sup>

This was a vicious and ugly history in California and elsewhere, but it was not entirely successful in depriving people of Japanese descent of the benefits of American life. The children of immigrants born in this country were citizens at birth and disabilities visited on their parents did not apply to them. Both the immigrant generation and the Nisei, or second generation, believed that they could rely on the personal guarantees of liberty and due process embodied in the compact of the Bill of Rights.

### Compact Between Government and Citizen Was Broken

The very core of the bill before the Committee today is the recognition that the fundamental compact between the federal government and the American people which is expressed in the Bill of Rights, and that the assumptions and presumptions which are the foundation of that charter, were broken in the wartime treatment of the Japanese Americans. Because of the very magnitude of what happened — 120,000 people forced to leave their homes and livelihoods on the West Coast and most of them held for periods of months or years in barrack-like detention camps in the interior — it is hard to remember that we are dealing here with individuals.

It was Mitsuye Endo and Jack Fujimoto and May Ichida who were sent to camp. The exclusion and detention are made up of the life stories of thousands of families — farmers in the Salinas Valley, clerks in the California state government, small businessmen and shop keepers in the West Coast communities.

Against the sting of discrimination and, often the hostility of the organized anti-Japanese faction on the West Coast, these individuals held on to the hope of a better life in America with reliance on the basic compact that they, like all Americans, believed they had with the government.

What happened to the Japanese Americans in 1942 is well known. They were not treated as individuals. They were not given the presumption of loyalty or innocence. There was no burden on the government to show that Mitsuye Endo or Jack Fujimoto or May Ichida had themselves done anything to raise suspicion about them, much less to warrant the loss of the most basic American freedoms.

Without discussion, without a place to appeal or an opportunity to be heard or to prove their innocence and loyalty to the government — without a chance to be judged by the content of their character rather than by their blood and facial features — lettuce farmers from Salinas and clerks from the Motor Vehicle Department in Sacramento and modest merchants in Seattle were sent off to the desert of Manzanar or Poston or the cold and dust of Heart Mountain.

### Rights of Individual Discarded

These basic facts have been well known for 40 years. What has been much less obvious until the publication of *Personal Justice Denied* by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians is the failure of the federal government to recognize that even a claim of military emergency could not excuse it from its obligation to deal with Mitsuye Endo and Jack Fujimoto and May Ichida as individuals.

If, as the military claimed in 1942, the policies of exclusion and detention were exercised against an entire class of United States citizens because, in the urgency of the months following the attack at Pearl Harbor, there was no way to distinguish the loyal from the disloyal among that particular class, that determination could and should have been made during the early days of exclusion and detention. However, there was no attempt in the assembly centers to determine if there were facts justifying the incarceration of particular individuals. There was no recognition of the right of those released from camp to return to the West Coast.

In fact, by the middle of 1943 even the War Department recognized that its own view of "military necessity" could no longer justify the exclusion of loyal Americans from the

West Coast (see Exhibit A). Nevertheless, the exclusion continued for another eighteen months.

### Legislation for Individuals, not Group

This history illustrates the fact that the damage of the exclusion and detention cannot be overcome without the concrete recognition of the breaking of the trust between the federal government and the Japanese Americans. The exclusion was not ended in 1943 because the War Department would not stand up and fight for the rights of individual loyal Japanese Americans to return to the West Coast. That recognition is still of supreme importance today. It is personally important for each of the people who were sent to camp.

This is not ethnic legislation or special group legislation. It is legislation directed to those individuals to whom the federal government denied the presumptions of innocence and loyalty and the right to be judged as individuals. It recognizes the individuality of the lettuce farmer in Salinas and the clerk in Sacramento.

It is important to acknowledge and rectify this today because it forcefully reaffirms that if the federal government breaks the compact that promises to members of even the smallest and most despised minority the right to be treated as individuals as impartially and fairly as the most powerful, then it assures all citizens that in the fullness of time the federal government will make amends and reaffirm the sanctity of that central trust between the government and the individual. There is a famous case from the civil war, *Ex Parte Milligan*,<sup>10</sup> that made the point eloquently that in times of national crisis the burden and responsibility for maintaining the compact between the individual and the federal government is great indeed:

When peace prevails, and the authority of the government is undisputed, there is no difficulty in preserving the safeguards of liberty; . . . but if society is disturbed by civil commotion — if the passions of men are aroused and the restraints of law weakened, if not disregarded — these safeguards need, and should receive, the watchful care of those intrusted with the guardianship of the Constitution and laws. In no other way can we transmit to posterity unimpaired the blessings of liberty.

In the Second World War the United States failed this test. In some ways that can be understood. After Pearl Harbor, Japan and all its works stirred deep animosity in the United States. Japanese Americans were a tiny minority even on the West Coast; they had no political voice or power. They had few friends — and they had the longstanding animosity of the anti-Japanese demagogues on the West Coast. It wasn't difficult to ignore the loyalty of Mitsuye Endo or the pacifism of Gordon Hirabayashi — to forget their individuality and to treat them as alien outcasts.

### The Price of Racism

But it is a terrible price which the member of a helpless minority pays for the failure of our central political institutions. His life of loyalty to the United States and his confidence in the moral and political values of the country can find no useful expression. He has been judged before his case is heard. His protest would only bring more repression. In fact only the undeniable loyalty of the unquestioning bravery and fortitude in battle which the Nisei soldiers showed seemed capable of persuading other Americans of the Americanness of those who for years had dedicated themselves in the words of the JACL, to becoming better Americans in a greater America.

The breach of trust between the government and the Japanese Americans also denied to the generation of American citizens recognition of their rightful place in the American community. Quite simply they were treated as if they were Japanese nationals. It is a particularly searing injury in wartime to be thrown out of the political and social community of which you are a part and treated as if you are in all likelihood an enemy. The stigma of that treatment is painful indeed and runs counter to our central understanding of what it means to be an American. It is a personal and collective stigma which Japanese Americans have had to endure for over forty years.

### Precedents for Redress

There are many who will recognize the breach of trust between the Japanese Americans and the federal government and who will regret it, but will still ask why anything should be done about it at this late date. First, there must be a clear recognition that the government has in the past recognized breaches of trust and undertaken to correct them. The remedies proposed by the Commission are not unique.

Most obviously, the federal government has allowed the Indian tribes to bring claims against the United States for the violation of the fiduciary and moral obligations which the government owed the Indians.<sup>11</sup> In the 19th century the federal government thought better of the injury to civil liberty wrought by the Alien and Sedition Act and pardoned those convicted under that statute and repaid the fines that had been imposed.

On a more mundane level the government has generally abandoned its historic right to immunity to suit to allow its citizens to bring claims against it. The recent opinion of Judge Oberdorfer in *Hohri v. United States* makes it clear that that route is not open to Japanese Americans. This

Administration has clearly taken the position — on which we should be able to agree — that those who are directly the victims of discrimination should be able to obtain compensation (see Exhibit B). This bill appropriately addresses 60,000 individuals who are such victims.

The Congress should enact this statute with its apology and compensation because on the most fundamental level its guardianship of American democracy is based on the notion that the federal government is not free, with impunity, to break its compact with the American people. Equally importantly this bill allows Congress to reassert the principle of individual and personal justice which became a casualty of war: the bill provides for compensation not on the basis of race or blood but on the applicability of the government's exclusion orders to the individual claimants. It is the 60,000 individuals who personally suffered the stigma and humiliation of the exclusion and detention who will in modest and virtually symbolic way be made whole. The modesty of the amount can be seen by the verdicts which plaintiffs in false imprisonment cases have received (see Exhibit C).<sup>12</sup>

It is perhaps ironic to close this testimony by quoting Henry Stimson, the Secretary of War who presided over the exclusion and detention, but a line from his autobiography focuses clearly the basis for the passage of H.R. 4110: "It remained a fact that to loyal citizens this forced evacuation was a personal injustice."

Forty years later, that fact remains. Congress has the power to remedy that personal injustice; it has the power to recognize the breach of the compact between the federal government and its citizens from which 120,000 individuals of Japanese descent suffered from 1942 to 1945, and it has the opportunity to reaffirm the core values of our Bill of Rights which should be the birthright and the protection of every American.

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### NOTES:

1. The findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians were issued in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 22, 1983. Subsequently, the recommendations of CWRIC were issued on June 16, 1983.
2. First Amendment, United States Constitution. *Dombrowski v. Pfister*, 380 U.S. 479 (1965).
3. Fifth Amendment, United States Constitution. Procedural due process: *Rogers v. Peck, Mathews v. Eldridge*, 424 U.S. 319 (1976). *Lem Moon Sing v. United States*, 158 U.S. 538 (1894). Substantial due process: *Mugler v. Kansas*, 123 U.S. 623 (1887). *Meyer v. Nebraska*, 262 U.S. 390 (1923).
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5. *Keyishian v. Board of Regents*, 385 U.S. 589 (1967). *United States v. Robel*, 389 U.S. 258 (1967).
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7. The Act of 1790, 1 Stat. 103 (1790); and subsequent amendments. *In re Saito*, 62 F. 126 (C.C.D. MASS.), (1894) *Ozawa v. United States*, 260 U.S. 178 (1922).
8. California Alien Land Law of 1913, Cal. Stat. 1913, Ch. 113, (1913); Cal. Stat. 1921, Initiative Act of 1920, Similar land laws were enacted in the states of Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nebraska, Texas, Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, New Mexico, Minnesota and Missouri.
9. Resolution of the San Francisco board of education, Oct. 11, 1906.
10. *Ex parte Milligan*, 71 U.S. (4 Wall.) 2 (1866).
11. 1946 Indian Claims Commission.
12. Also it should not be forgotten that the Supreme Court unanimously found in 1944, that the government had no authority to detain loyal American citizens in the camps; surely from that time there has been a persuasive claim for compensation to those who were improperly detained.

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## Study finds refugees in camp suffer psychological damage

LOS ANGELES—A new study on refugee camps by a Univ. of Southern California researcher confirms what many Japanese Americans may have guessed: long stays in "resettlement" camps can impair the mental health of those interned.

Most of the world's refugee camps were meant to be temporary stops on a refugee's way to settlement in another country. But all too often, detainment in the camps is prolonged by host countries' strict immigration quotas and exhaustive background checks, says Robert W. Roberts, who conducted the study.

"The people caught in these bureaucratic log-jams are living in psychologically debilitating situations," says Roberts, dean of the USC school of social work.

His study is the first to have assessed problems of social and psychological adjustment among refugees still in camps. The research was conducted with the assistance of USC social work alumni Kenneth Chau and Mok Bongho.

In 1981, Roberts and his colleagues set up interviews and psychological tests for 301 Chinese-Vietnamese refugees from Vietnam, all of whom were living in Hong Kong camps while waiting to emigrate. Of the total respondents, 71% said they wanted to emigrate to the United States. Most of the rest had set their hopes on Canada or Australia.

### 60% Show Psychological Distress

On well-validated psychological tests, 49% of the refugees showed four or more symptoms of mental problems. Such results would place them at "high risk of psychiatric impairment." Another 10% had three symptoms and would be considered on the high-risk borderline.

"In other words, close to 60% of our sample showed signs of psychological distress before even having to confront the inevitable difficulties of resettlement in, and adaptation to, a new culture," says Roberts. "The only other groups to have shown comparable levels of mental problems on such tests were already patients in mental health care."

Roberts acknowledges that some of the refugees' psychological problems may have been caused, in part, by traumas suffered before their arrival at the camps. Some had been tortured. Some had lost loved ones while escaping in small boats on the high seas. But, he says, prolonged detainment in the camps seems to have served as salt to whatever emotional wounds they bore upon arrival.

For 65% of the people studied, the camp stay had lasted 16 to 18 months. For the entire group, the average stay was 17 months.

Roberts' study found that the longer refugees remained in the camps, the greater the number of life changes they endured.

High tallies of "life changes," such as the birth of a child or the beginning of a new job, tend to pose problems for anyone. For the refugees, such ordinary changes had come at an accelerated rate since they entered the camps. They averaged about seven recent life-change events, most occurring since their arrival in Hong Kong.

### Hardship Conditions

"Professionals who work in the camps are often so overwhelmed by the stories of torture and deaths at sea that they're blind to the more ordinary life changes that go on at an accelerated rate and add to a refugee's mental burden."

And these changes are occurring under hardship conditions, even in the best of camps.

"By worldwide standards, the Hong Kong camps are generally regarded as the 'country clubs' of such facilities," Roberts notes. "But residents sleep in clusters of 12 beds stacked three high, with several people sharing each narrow bed. Privacy does not exist. The toilet facilities are primitive, and cooking must be done at outdoor stands. That gives you an idea just how bad conditions are elsewhere."

Roberts believes the plight of Vietnamese-Chinese in the Hong Kong camps—where thousands of people still await resettlement—holds lessons for the treatment of refugees in general.

### Buffering Factors

"We discovered several factors that seemed to buffer the camps' debilitating effects," he says.

"People who had family members in the camps and who had been allowed to find jobs outside the camps were generally doing better than those who had been separated from loved ones and left unemployed. Also, people who had been able to maintain high hopes of eventually being resettled in their choice country seemed more resilient."

"Thus, social workers in the camps should pay special attention to people who are separated from loved ones, unemployed or stuck in the camps for more than 18 months."

"The research suggests, too, that therapy could be shorter and more effective if delivered at the outset, before refugees have suffered problems of readjustment to a host culture."

Roberts advocates speedy resettlement strategies that keep refugees together, rather than dispersing them across a country, as has been tried in the United States.

"All along the route to resettlement, we should try to keep families intact, provide opportunities for employment, and encourage the development of communities and support groups," he says.

"Our top priority should be to shorten the refugees' stay in the camps."

BY THE BOARD: Chuck Kubokawa



## Mission to São Paulo

PALO ALTO, Calif. — To gather information and provide recommendations for the 1985 PANA convention in Brazil, I was asked to attend a meeting in São Paulo in January by PANA president Carlos Kasuga and executive secretary Enrique Yara. Many details had to be worked out for our JACL PANA members; therefore, I asked Luis Yamakawa to come too. (The flight cost from Los Angeles to Brazil and back was at no cost to JACL.) The trip took 26 hours from the time I left home until my luggage was placed on the hotel bed in São Paulo (pronounced Saun Paulo).

Upon reaching Lima, Peru, one stop before Rio de Janeiro, Luis and I were met at the airport by his brother and niece. In the waiting room there were 58 Nikkei waiting to board the plane to São Paulo (via Rio). Walking out to the tax free store area, I saw the Nikkei send-off party for the Lima song contest.

The Nikkei Peruvians were going to São Paulo because of the International Singing Contest, to which Peru was sending three singers. In Brazil the rooting section from Peru totaled over 140 persons.

Upon arrival in São Paulo we were met by Raul Yukawa, Carlos Kasuga, Enrique Yara, Julio Kato, and dozens of others. The person who took us to our hotel in Japan town was Mr. German Yaki, Luis's friend of many years.

### Organizing a Cooperative Effort

During the rest of the four days our group was busy attending one meeting after another, day and night. There are so many Nikkei living in Brazil that in certain sections it's almost like being in Japan. There are so many Nikkei organizations and clubs in São Paulo that getting them together to help sponsor the PANA conference is like trying to gather hundreds of tennis balls bouncing in different directions.

Our group met with the Nikkei Chamber of Commerce, the Royal Japan Club, the Cultural Center, Athletic Club, Nikkei Business Club, a collective Sansei group, Kenjin kais, Nippon Country Club, the three local Nikkei newspapers, mayor of a city, president of Petrobras, and others who dropped by to see us because of their interest in PANA.

To follow up on a medical concern for one of our Brazil PANA member's son, I called Dr. Tisaka, who gave us a rundown on the community's feeling about the PANA conference. It was positive but he said people outside of Brazil must help promote it and provide the reason for getting the diversified community together for sponsoring the conference.

### An Unusual Dinner

After a long discussion he took us to dinner at 9:30 p.m., to a typical Brazilian meal called *rodizio* (ho-dee-zee-o). When a person sits down at the table ready to eat, condiments are brought in separate stainless steel plates: whole tomatoes, washed lettuce leaves, pickled scallions (like *rakkyo*), grated yucca with flavoring, cooked vegetables, hot sauce, fried pollenta, beans in meat sauce and rice.

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Then the waiters brought various cuts of meat on a spit. The spit with the meats are automatically rotated in a vertical row in front of a vertical electric broiler. As the natural juice of the meat drips, it bastes the meat on the lower spits.

The waiters continued bringing all types of meat cuts: butt, sirloin, tenderloin, flank, etc., one after the other even before one finished the slices on one's plate. The waiters also bring linguisa, chicken, chicken liver, chicken hearts, etc., until you say "I can't eat anymore." The meat is served until one has to almost physically beat the waiter off and plead with him to stop.

The cost of the *rodizio* came to 5,600 *cruceros* per person, which is \$5 U.S., inclusive of beer and soft drinks.

After the meal Dr. Tisaka took us to see the *ceasa* (see-ah-zah), an open market three city blocks square with fresh fruits and vegetables lined up neatly for sale. The busiest time is 7:30 p.m. We went there at 11:45 p.m., just as they were closing.

It is, I believe, the largest open fruit and vegetable wholesale market in the world. One has to see to believe it. There were exotic fruits from the Amazon jungle that I saw for the first time, watermelons two to three times larger than U.S. watermelons (and too large to put into our refrigerators), vegetables I have never seen before, etc. The *ceasa* is controlled by the Brazilian Nikkei and has a special Nikkei cafeteria-meeting hall. I also found out that

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100% of the eggs and 90% of the poultry sales in Brazil are controlled by the Nikkei.

The following day our group was taken by bus to Ferraz de Vasconcelos, a town 38 miles outside Sao Paulo, where mayor Makoto Iguchi invited us for a conference about PANA. The Sakai Family also took us for a tour of their huge furniture factory employing close to 500 people. Shocked to see so many children around 12 to 13 years old working in the factory, I asked about child labor laws. I found out that Brazilian law requires employers to hire at least one-third of their working force from the population of children under 15 years of age.

The Nikkei have treated the local population fairly and humanistically; therefore, they are well regarded and liked in Latin American countries. Talk about ethnic heritage and roots, the Sansei, Yonsei and Gosei have nothing to be ashamed of as Nikkei. We all should help to perpetuate the good traits handed down by our parents and grandparents for posterity. Some of these good qualities have been lost even in Japan, and many tourists from Japan are amazed that the Nikkei have retained some of the considerate cultural behaviors lost by today's Japanese youth.

As we drove through the outskirts of the city, cardboard and cratebox shanties (*favalas*) were seen with kids running around, playing with makeshift rafts and kicking deflated soccer balls. In Brazil, the majority of the shanty population is white. Close by, a new huge glass-domed shopping center is upright and by American standards very modern and clean.

## High-Ranking Nikkei

Our stay in Sao Paulo was successful because of the efforts extended by Mr. German Yaki. He was instrumental in our group's getting together with the highest ranking public official Nikkei in Brazil, Dr. Shigeaki Ueki,



**Talking story** — Dr. Hiroshi Ueki, president of Petrobras (left), Luis Yamakawa (center), and Enrique Yara discuss the 1985 PANA conference.

and his adviser, Dr. Onaga. Dr. Ueki is a former minister of commerce and agriculture and is now president of Petrobras.

German and Setsuko Yaki invited Carlos, Luis, Enrique and me to dinner with Drs. Ueki and Onaga. The dinner included a discussion lasting six hours touching on PANA, the world monetary situation, Brazilian Nikkei attitudes and psyche, immigration history, and future perspectives. Dr. Ueki provided many interesting stories about his conferences and experiences with the U.S. president, secretaries of state (Kissinger, Schultz), OPEC ministers, the prime minister of Japan, etc.

Drs. Ueki and Onaga are conversant in six languages and their English is flawless. Historically the president of Petrobras is elected to the presidency of Brazil. I wonder what the chances are of Dr. Ueki's becoming the first Nikkei president of a country besides Japan?

## Museum of Nikkei History

On the day we were to leave Sao Paulo the local Nikkei chamber of commerce had a luncheon for us to learn more about PANA and what they could do for us. The gathering was held at a beautiful Aichi Kenjin Kai building, a big hall with a small museum depicting products made in that ken. The building was clean and looked as though it had been just completed this year.

The most interesting part of the entire trip was visiting the Nikkei Cultural Center's museum which took up the top three floors of the Bunka Kai Kan (cultural center). The displays were excellent. I was surprised to learn that 1,500 Nikkei were moved inland from the coast cities and areas after Pearl Harbor. Lifesize dioramas on how the Issei lived in the jungle and used dugout canoes were quite moving. The first Issei of Brazil really went through hardships quite different from those experiences of our grandparents and parents in the U.S. They were free on their own in the jungle but we had racism to cope with in the human jungle.

A month prior to the Brazil trip, Chet Tanaka, author of "Go for Broke," asked to establish contact with the Nikkei members of the Brazilian Expeditionary Force that met up



**Winning warbler** — Hello Takahara of Brazil, at mike, is judged best in the South American Nikkei song contest. Surrounding him are fellow contestants.

with troops from the 442nd RCT in Italy during WW2. I inquired at many meetings and was able to talk to a few persons who knew individuals that were in Italy at that time. Copies of "Go for Broke" were given to the cultural center and left for the veterans' group. I was told that their veterans would be happy to establish contact with 442nd vets that will be attending the 1985 conference in Brazil.

## Singing Contest

Since PANA sponsored the singing contest, we showed up for the finals to show our support. Carlos Kasuga with his flawless Japanese informed the capacity audience about the mission of PANA and hoped that the Brazilians would help support the future of the organization. He provided a large solid silver cup for the winner of the contest.

The final results brought a major problem. In Peru there was a tie for the first place between a Brazilian and a Peruvian contestant. Since the Peruvians felt the Brazilians came a long way to compete and wanted to extend their friendship, they gave the first prize to the Brazilian. In Sao Paulo, again, there was a tie for first place between the Peruvian and Brazilian contestants. Rather than having a sing off, a vote was taken by an all-Brazilian jury. The Brazilian won by a big margin. Talk about bad feelings! The Peruvians felt they were slighted. At a gathering after the show, the Peruvians were very sad and complained about the judging. The way the song contest's results were handled also created a very embarrassing situation for the other contestants. Out of 16 contestants the master of ceremonies started reading the names, countries, and rankings from the last to the first place. I thought it was in bad taste and that the emcee should have just named the top three winners and not mentioned the others. I'm sure the number of entries in the next contest will be fewer.

## A Successful Trip

The trip allowed Luis and me to seek basic support for the 1985 gathering. We visited one of the larger hotels to see whether it could handle the '85 conference. Nikkei groups were lined up for support. Important civic-minded leaders were contacted, and PANA information delivered. Customs and lifestyles were observed, and friendships renewed and extended. The Nikkei network is flourishing and everyone touched by it is enthusiastic about the efforts of Nikkei in other countries to extend the hand of friendship to the South American Nikkei.

The resources, energy, friendship, history, knowledge, volunteerism, youth exchange, unique experiences, unwritten stories and business information make for an unlimited potential for the future of Nikkei. The JACL is supporting PANA to provide an innovative avenue for creating interest in our organization, increasing involvement in our membership for sharing our human and civil rights experiences with those of the developing nations.

The process of expanding one's mind through human relations helps to develop a better understanding of oneself through the perception of others and of how one fits into any milieu on our spaceship Earth. The need for flexible thinking, being able to cope with new experiences, perceiving experiences from another perspective, and doing something to positively impact the future with meaning, is the key to the survival of any organization or individual. It is incumbent on those of us who are fortunate to experience these things to share these experiences and to assist in developing a better world for everyone.

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## Japan's chief justice tells why country has no juries

**By David M. Hoekendorf, Attorney at Law**  
SEATTLE—Approximately 50 individuals filled the library of Kawabe Memorial House on May 15 to listen to a talk by former chief justice of the Japanese Supreme Court, the Hon. Takaaki Hattori.

Justice Hattori delivered an interesting address on the basic structure and organization of the Japanese legal system and made some comparisons to the U.S. system.

Among the highlights was a discussion of the jury system in Japan. Unlike the U.S. legal system, which in most instances grants a citizen the right to trial by a jury of his or her peers, in Japan the jury system was abandoned in 1943.

Two reasons were given for this action. First, the Japanese did not feel that laypersons were competent enough to pass judgment on them.

Second, if the accused in criminal proceedings elected to go with a jury at the trial-court level and was convicted, he or she would not be able to appeal to as many higher courts as an individual who opted for a bench trial. Consequently, criminal defendants would play the percentages and virtually always waive the jury.

Hattori's talk was sponsored by Seattle Chapter JACL international relations committee, Asian Law Assn. and Japan-America Society of Washington. A question-and-answer period and informal reception followed.

### Impressive Career

Hattori was graduated from the Tokyo Imperial Univ. law department in 1935 and was appointed judge for Tokyo district court in 1936. He was appointed official of the Minis-

try of Justice in 1945 and judge for the Civil Affairs Bureau of the General Secretariat of the Supreme Court in 1946.

He served as chief judge for various district, family and high courts until 1975, when he was appointed to the Japanese Supreme Court. He served as chief justice from April 1979 until 1982 at the compulsory retirement age of 70.

Hattori was in Seattle teaching a class at the Univ. of Washington school of law at the time of his lecture.

## Chapter Pulse

### San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Each month various organizations take turns hosting a birthday party for the community's seniors. This year, the San Jose JACL hosts the party scheduled for July 21.

If any readers are interested in helping on July 21, please contact Katie Hironaka, (408) 292-2914.

### New York

NEW YORK—Chapter president Peter Raith announced the awarding of JACL's \$500 general scholarship to Michelle Philia Mizuno, a National Merit Scholar from Demarest, N.J. There was no winner for the Lucille Nakamura Memorial Scholarship. Mizuno was honored along with Japanese American Assn. winners June 16 at the Nippon Club.

### Riverside

RIVERSIDE, Calif.—Eight students were awarded a total of \$1,950 by the chapter. They are: **Eugene Oda Memorial Scholarship**—Abraham Meltzer; **Dr. Hideo Inaba Memorial Scholarship**—Tod Komori and Bobbie Townsend; **Riverside JACL Scholarship**—Caroline Nakakihara and Anne Marie Nakaya; **S. Madokoro Scholarship**—Della Joseph, Audrey Kobayashi, and Joyce Yamano.

### Greater Los Angeles Singles

LOS ANGELES—The chapter announces a change of address for its weekly support group for the divorced. It meets at 1415 Brockton Ave. in West Los Angeles on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, and at 1490 Rolling Hill Dr. in Monterey Park on the second and fourth Tuesdays. The time is 8 p.m. No fee is charged. For information: 478-9565/264-2769.

### Seattle

SEATTLE—Four graduating high school seniors were honored at a chapter board dinner meeting held at Kawabe House May 16. Selected for their outstanding scholastic achievements, community service, and extracurricular school activities, each student was awarded a Seattle JACL scholarship of \$600. Recipients of the Minoru Tamesa Memorial scholarships were Katherine Jitodai, Lisa Tamekuni, and Michael Yamashita. Kenlyn Kiuchi was presented the Rev. Emery Andrews Memorial scholarship.

Jitodai is a graduate of Franklin High School and will be attending Yale Univ. in the fall. Tamekuni, Renton H.S., will enter the Univ. of Washington. Yamashita, Garfield H.S., will begin his college studies at the Univ. of Puget Sound. Kiuchi, also from Franklin, will study at the Univ. of Washington.

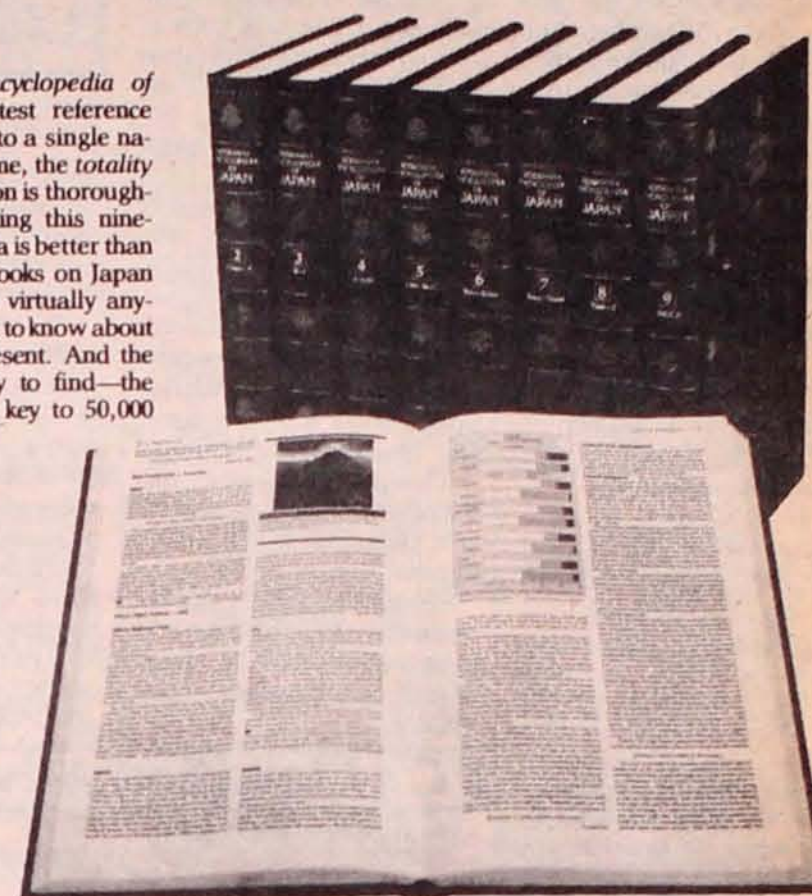
Uhachi Tamesa started the scholarship fund in 1979 with a generous donation in memory of his son, Minoru, and has added to it in each of the following years. The fund is supplemented by contributions from the Japanese Baptist Church and by the Seattle JACL Chapter. This year, a contribution was also received in memory of Isaac Sakuma. Scholarships are supported by income derived from the fund.

The awards ceremony was moderated by Calvin Takagi, chair of the scholarship committee. Other committee members were James Hattori, Diana Kato, Hiroko Nakagawa, and Jan Yoshiwara.

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## Adams' camp work noted

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A May 7 Time Magazine article on the late Ansel Adams (1902-1984), who was best known for his nature photography, stated that the photographer's half-century of work "recorded no events, captured no history."

This sentence caught the eye of Gary Glenn, a JACL New England Chapter member who has been active in the redress movement. Glenn sent Time a letter pointing out that Adams had recorded a very specific event in American history — the World War II internment of Japanese Americans.

In the fall of 1943, Adams visited the Manzanar internment camp to record on film the daily life of the Nikkei living there and the environment they lived in. The following year, Adams published a 112-page book entitled "Born Free and Equal: The Story of Loyal Japanese-Americans," which included not only his camp photographs but also his account of how the internees were dealing with their incarceration.

Noting that racism had made the camps possible and still awaited the internees upon their release, Adams wrote that people should be treated as individuals, not as "arbitrary racial groups," and that "the (future) treatment of the Japanese-Americans will be a symbol of our treatment of all minorities."

Elizabeth Wilson of Time's editorial office conceded that the article "regrettably did not take into account his noted photographs of a Japanese-American relocation center, which document a moment in American history that should not be forgotten."

Wilson noted that the Library of Congress, when presented with Adams' camp photographs in 1966, said that the photographer had "attempted a pictorial survey that would reveal the character of a people who, suffering wartime injustice, overcame their sense of defeat and despair..."

She added that the magazine has changed its file material accordingly.

## Anh Mai trial postponed

BOSTON—The trial of Robert Glass Jr. for the stabbing death of Anh Mai, a Vietnamese refugee, has been postponed to Aug. 20.

Glass, a 19-year-old Marine, is charged with first degree murder for the killing in Dorchester on July 26, 1983.



## Okrand to step down from ACLU post

LOS ANGELES — Fred Okrand, who has been standing up for the civil rights of his fellow Americans for 42 years, celebrates his retirement as legal director of the Los Angeles affiliate of the ACLU July 15.

Okrand credits the late A.L. Wirin with getting him involved with the American Civil Liberties Union. Wirin hired Okrand from USC law school, and after Executive Order 9066 was issued in 1942, the two worked to find a plaintiff for

a test case against the government.

Okrand told Los Angeles Herald Examiner reporter Tricia Crane that he interviewed "lots of people through the barbed wire fence of the holding camp (at Santa Anita racetrack)."

"The man I chose to represent the group was born in this country, was a veteran of WWI and a member of the American Legion. He couldn't have been more American. We say it's a more 'sexy' case if we have an upstanding citizen who is being subjected to violations of his civil liberties. That's one of the considerations as to whether we take on a case or a particular plaintiff at a given time. Our resources are limited."

The plaintiff, however, withdrew from the case after threats were made against him in camp.

Okrand still calls the internment "the single greatest wholesale violation of civil liberties in our history."

## Chicken pox vaccine

BOSTON — An Osaka-developed vaccine against chicken pox, the last major childhood infection for which there is no widely available protection, was termed 100% effective in a U.S. study in May. Dr. Michiaki Takahashi of Biken Institute developed the vaccine, which is being produced in the U.S. by Merck Sharp and Dohme.

(Wirin eventually became legal counsel to the Heart Mountain draft resisters and to Tule Lake "renunciants," and was also JACL's special counsel during the internment.)

Other issues that have drawn Okrand over the years include desegregation in schools, police spying, non-citizen rights, and labor law. He has been involved in more than 500 legal cases.

Okrand's "stepping down" dinner takes place at the Beverly Hills Hotel July 15. For further information, contact Carol Soble at (213) 487-1720.

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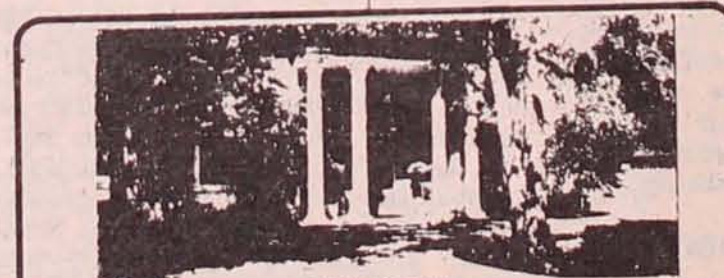
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## Supervisor's hopes riding on 'Toru'

SANTA MARIA, Calif.—Santa Barbara county supervisor Toru Miyoshi was given a unique honor by a thoroughbred horse rancher in Santa Ynez: He had a two-year-old thoroughbred colt named after him.

"Toru" is a bay that stands 16 hands high. The colt was sired by the internationally famous Seabird, out of Bird of Prey. The stud fee for the colt was \$25,000. Seven other colts sired by Seabird have brought in more than \$5 million in purse stakes in the past four years.

Peggy Gardner of the Gardner Ranch was looking for a unique name for the two-year-old and brought up the problem at a luncheon she was having with Miyoshi and a number of others.

"I needed a special name for the horse, one that's not listed in the official regis-

try," she said. "I mentioned it to the group and it was suggested that I use 'Toru.' When I asked the supervisor what it meant, he said 'Man of Steel.' Well, that sounds like Man of War, and it had a good ring so I looked into it.

"No other horse had the name so I went ahead and officially named him 'Toru.' I respect the work Mr. Miyoshi is doing as a county supervisor, and I thought it would be nice to do something for him," Gardner said.

According to Miyoshi, it's unusual to have a horse named after you. "It's a real honor and the horse is a real beauty. I wish him well in all his upcoming races," he said.

Miyoshi was the first ethnic minority to win a supervisor's seat in Santa Barbara county when he was elected in 1982.

## People

## Sports

**Bronson Hamada**, senior at Cal State Fullerton, has been named one of six All-American collegiate fencers in the NCAA. Hamada, who started fencing in his freshman year, was this year's Western Regional Intercollegiate Fencing Conference epee champion and was voted NCAA Western Region's Outstanding Fencer. He plans to compete for the 1988 Olympic team and to attend optometry school this fall.

## Education

The National Assn. for Asian and Pacific American Education awarded **Dr. Yui-Lan Lin** of Boston its 1983 scholars award for her study of bilingual instructional methods. Lin studied fourth and fifth grade students from two Chinese-English and two Spanish-English classes to show that a multi-sensory imagery approach helps comprehension and retention of social studies materials.

**Scott M. Hashimoto**, 1981 recipient of Fremont JACL's top Joseph Kato Memorial Scholarship, completed his third year at Univ. of the Pacific, Stockton, and has been accepted to the school of dentistry, Univ. of California, San Francisco Medical Center. In Hashimoto's freshman year, he was initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta, honor society, and into Sigma Pi Sigma, physics honor society. In his junior year, he was admitted to Phi Kappa Phi, national honor society. He has been active in Young Buddhists Assn., JACL-JAYS, and UOP Asian Alliance.

## Military

A Legion of Merit medal was presented to Cmd. Sgt. Maj. **George Kihara** (ret.) at his retirement ceremony. The medal has been awarded to an enlisted man on only two previous occasions in the 38-year history of the reserve division. Kihara retired from the 91st Division, U.S. Army Reserve after 40 years of service. He is a life member of the MIS Assn. of N. Calif.

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## Nisei fund aids Southeast Asian refugee scholars

MERIDEN, N.H.—Eight Southeast Asian refugee students graduating from New England high schools this month are receiving \$500 scholarships from the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund, Inc.

The fund was established in 1979 to commemorate the assistance given to Nisei college students by the National Student Relocation Council, which enabled them to pursue their education outside the WW2 internment camps.

The winners were: Cuong Chi Dao (Vietnamese), Concord-Carlisle H.S., Concord, Mass.; Rithy Chan Long (Cambodian), Cheshire H.S., Cheshire, Conn.; Souksavang Linthisack (Laotian), Mt. Pleasant H.S., Providence, R.I.; Dung Le (Vietnamese), John F. Kennedy H.S., Waterbury, Conn.; Souksavang Phengsavath (Laotian), Danbury H.S., Danbury, Conn.; Lap Trung Duong (Vietnamese), Lewiston H.S., Lewiston, Me.; Thuan Ngoc Pham (Vietnamese), Brockton H.S., Brockton, Mass.; Quang Chi Quach (Vietnamese), Brighton H.S., Brighton, Mass.

Dr. Lafayette Noda, chair of the NSRC Fund board of directors and professor emeritus of biochemistry at Dartmouth College, said that the awards committee members found it extremely frustrating to select only eight from among many equally deserving applicants.

### 'Jap' on traffic citation protested

LOS ANGELES—When Tadashi Agari, a Japanese American from Stockton, was given a traffic citation as he was driving through Hollywood on March 14, he was dismayed to find the word "Jap" written on his notice in a box labeled "descent."

Upon his return to Stockton, he wrote to Ozzie Imai, chairperson of JACL's national ethnic concerns committee, asking that JACL discuss this matter with the Los Angeles police department. Agari said that he was told by a Stockton reserve officer that "this way of describing people of Japanese descent is not to be used in any way because it is discriminatory."

John Saito, Pacific Southwest District regional director, subsequently sent a letter to police chief Daryl Gates, stating that the use of the word "Jap" by an officer of the LAPD "demonstrates a lack of sensitivity on the part of a public servant who has a tough job to do and need not create unnecessary ill will."

Saito stressed that he was not condemning the officer who issued the citation but wished to "bring a halt to a demeaning practice."

Asst. Chief Marvin Iannone responded to Saito's letter with assurances that the officer in question "has been counseled by her supervisor to avoid a repeat of this incident."

Iannone said that the officer's use of "Jap" was "inadvertent and due to a lack of knowledge of acceptable abbreviations... (but) was nonetheless inappropriate and lacked sensitivity."

"The abbreviation 'Jap' for Japanese descent is not sanctioned by this Department," Iannone explained. "The appropriate description is 'Orient' for Oriental."

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"Of the seventeen in the finalist pool, the average class standing was well within the top 10%, and some students ranked even in the top 1%," Noda said. He pointed out that this was all the more remarkable considering that the majority of the finalists had been in the U.S. four years or less.

The awards given this year are the second set of scholarships distributed from the fund. Last year's awards were given in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The NSRC Fund directors plan to raise additional funds so that more than eight awards can be given annually. Tax deductible contributions can be sent to: NSRC Fund, Inc., 19 Scenic Drive, Portland, CT 06480.

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Tour Guide—Toy Kanegai

**H—Autumn Tour** ..... Oct 6-Oct 26

Tour Guide—Steve Yagi

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**J—Fall Foliage (New England/Canada)**

Oct. 3-Oct. 11

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