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## Nisei leader testifies against individual redress payments

WASHINGTON—During its June 27 hearing on redress legislation the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations heard testimony from Nikkei speaking as community representatives and as former internees.

Nisei Farmers League president Harry Kubo described how "the dreams and hopes I had about being somebody in America suddenly vanished" when he was interned as a young man. However, he said that those who suffered most are already dead or are at an advanced age.

Kubo expressed his agreement with all the recommendations of the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians except the provision for individual payments, which he said "would be administratively difficult to implement" and could be "conceived to be more objectionable to those most entitled to be compensated."

Individual per capita compensation, he said, "runs counter to the basic philosophy" of the Issei. "Such an act will not and could not be accepted by most of the Issei and their offspring, the Nisei, without the feeling of disgrace—that they are in some way being bought off." Although internees may have been poor, he added, "let us never forget they were proud."

On the other hand, Kubo continued, "These proud people... would expect, I am sure, the admission and acknowledgement by their own government that... Executive Order 9066 was a mistake and a grave injustice.... It would comfort them greatly that this episode in their life is to be placed emphatically in the annals of American history."

Kubo also felt that the issue of individual payments "would further delay any action... to close this page in U.S. history."

### JACL Panel

A JACL panel made up of president Floyd Shimomura, redress director John Tateishi, and redress chair Minoru Yasui also presented testimony.

Shimomura, who was born after the war, spoke of his family. "My grandparents and parents were not spies. They were poor farm folks. A half-hour hearing could have established that fact."

Part of the rationale for the internment was that "giving us hearings was administratively inconvenient," he continued. "But how convenient was shipping 120,000 individuals thousands of miles from their homes and housing and feeding them for two or three years?"

Citing resolutions supporting redress from various civic, church, labor and governmental bodies, Shimomura called redress "an American issue" rather than a Japanese American issue. If guilt can be determined on the basis of ancestry, he said, the same thing could happen to any group.

Tateishi's testimony focused on the "fundamental compact between the federal government and the American people which is expressed in the Bill of Rights." This compact was violated during the internment, he said (see July 6 PC).



Photo by Jon Takasugi

**Difficult adjustment**—Michelle Fong Cummings (left) comforts Teresa Lam in Wakako Yamauchi's 'And the Soul Shall Dance.'

California State Univ. at Los Angeles revives the award-winning play about two families in prewar Imperial Valley. (Reviewed on page 3.)

Tateishi gave examples of individual tragedies arising from the internment, such as that of Tom Watanabe, "who lost his wife and twin daughters in childbirth at Manzanar but was never told by the government where their bodies were buried," and Wilson Makabe, "who lost his leg fighting for this country in Europe but who never lost faith in America."

In addition, Tateishi described his own situation during the internment: "I [was] a three-year-old child taken from his mother's arms, and while she and my family were placed in detention at Manzanar, I was placed in the Los Angeles General Hospital with an armed military guard at my bedside.... Was I, an infirmed three year old, such a grave threat to the security of this nation?"

Yasui devoted most of his testimony to rebutting common anti-redress arguments, including those presented by David Lowman earlier that day (see July 6 PC). He also addressed the following issues:

**Loyalty questionnaires.** The fact that 3,000 internees refused to answer or answered "no" to the 1943 questionnaire is more indicative of "a wavering of faith in the promises of America" than of disloyalty, Yasui said, citing other factors such as objections to the internment and the desire to keep families together.

**Renunciation of citizenship.** In the same vein, Yasui called renunciation of U.S. citizenship by some internees "attempts to protest treatment accorded to them by their own government." Yasui also said that the dual citizenship possessed by some Nisei was not a practice unique to Japan and that, in any event, "The laws of foreign nations... do not apply within the U.S."

**Protection of evacuees.** Yasui said that during the war "there was never any suggestion

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## Compensation in final draft of party platform

SAN FRANCISCO—Included in the final draft of the Democratic Party platform is a provision for redress for Nikkei interned during WW2, according to Tom Hsieh, chair of the Asian/Pacific Caucus of the Democratic National Committee.

The call for redress is one of many planks submitted for adoption at the Democratic national convention being held this week.

The platform draft also incorporates a call for affirmative action for minorities in such areas as employment, job training, and education.

Other provisions proposed by the Asian/Pacific Caucus during hearings held by the DNC earlier this year were "not specifically addressed," Hsieh said. These included recommendations on such issues as immigration laws (primarily opposition to various provisions of the Simpson-Mazzoli bill), bilingual education, and anti-Asian violence.

Hsieh said he expected the redress proposal to run into opposition from the South, the Mid-

west, and the East Coast, where "there is less sensitivity about Asians." He added that in states affected by imports there is a feeling that Asian Americans are responsible for the actions of their ancestral countries.

At the same time, Hsieh said that the redress provision is already "one step ahead" because it is in the platform's final draft. Just as it would be hard to make any additions, he explained, it would also be difficult to remove a provision unless tremendous opposition is generated.

In Washington, the move was hailed by California congressmen Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui, who said, "The platform's support for redress is one more important step in our efforts on this issue. We look forward to seeing the full convention ratify the platform."

The redress plank, which is under a subsection of the platform labeled "Dignity for All," is scheduled to be voted on July 17.

## Subcommittee to ponder provisions of S 2116

WASHINGTON—Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), assistant majority leader, has announced that the public hearing on redress bill S 2116 will be held Thursday, Aug. 16, from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Brentwood Theater of the Veterans Administration Medical Center, located on the corner of Wilshire and Sawtelle Blvds., in Los Angeles.

The hearing has been called by the Senate Subcommittee on Civil Service, Post Office and General Services, chaired by Stevens.

S 2116, introduced last year by Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), now has 20 co-sponsors. It would implement the findings of the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which recommended redress for Nikkei and Aleuts relocated or interned during WW2.

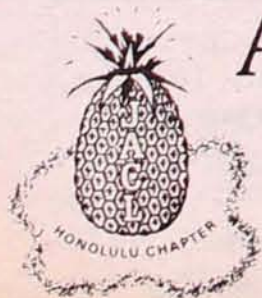
"The purpose of this hearing is to explore what redress the U.S. government should consider in responding to one of the great civil rights issues of our time," Stevens said. "Its purpose is not to highlight the tragedy of the internment program. In my view the intern-

ment of Japanese Americans during WW2 was an act that profoundly and adversely affected the lives of thousands of loyal Americans." Stevens is so far the only senator scheduled to attend the hearing.

Those wishing to testify must send written requests, along with a brief summary of the proposed testimony, to: Chief Clerk, Subcommittee on Civil Service, Post Office and General Services, Committee on Governmental Affairs, 601 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Requests must be received by July 30.

Witnesses will be notified if they have been scheduled to present oral testimony. Testimonies should not exceed 5 minutes in length. Written testimonies will also be accepted, but it is requested that the subcommittee be contacted in writing first. The hearing will be open to the public. Seating capacity in the auditorium is roughly 400.

A hearing on the Aleut relocation will be held in Anchorage, Alaska sometime in August.



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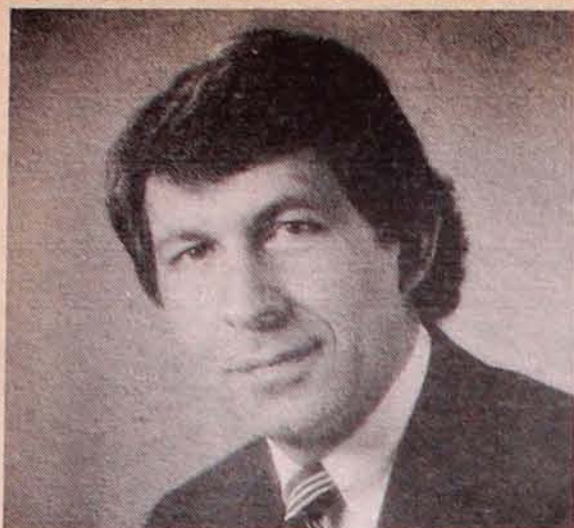
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## Mayor's work for A-bomb victims is commended

SEATTLE—At a gathering of more than 50 Issei and JACL members June 11, the Hiroshima Club awarded mayor Charles Royer a certificate of appreciation for his promotion of U.S.-Japan relations and his support of U.S. hibakusha.

Ken Nakano, co-chair of the national JACL atomic bomb survivors committee, cited Royer's support for the "1000 Cranes to Sadako" project and for the medical examination program for Hiroshima and Nagasaki survivors.

Although atomic bomb survivors in Japan can obtain free medical care from their government, Nakano said, those living in the U.S. receive no such benefits from Japan or the U.S. Their problems are compounded by the absence of American doctors trained to deal with radiation illnesses. American hibakusha can be treated for free in Japan, provided they can finance their own transportation.

Since 1977, a medical team from Hiroshima has visited Los Angeles and San Francisco every two years to conduct physical examinations of U.S. hibakusha. Seattle was made an additional site in 1979 after a request from the local JACL chapter. Honolulu was added in 1981.

Following the medical team's latest Seattle visit in June 1983, Royer wrote to Japan's minister of health to request that the medical aid for American hibakusha be continued.

After presentation of the award by Hiroshima Club president Masato Uyeda, Royer showed a videotape from the 17th U.S.-Japan Conference of Mayors held in Japan in August 1983. As president of the National League of Cities, Royer led the U.S. delegation.

That trip included a tour of the museum in Hiroshima's Peace Park, where the American mayors saw photos, artifacts, and other reminders of the physical effects of the 1945 nuclear blast.

## News in Brief

### State justice dept. assigns liaisons to Asian communities

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Attorney General John Van de Kamp has appointed four members of the California Dept. of Justice to represent his office in working with the state's

Asian American communities.

Appointed were Ida Tsujikawa Zadow, chief of the department's Div. of Administrative Services in Sacramento; John Sugiyama, deputy attorney general in San Francisco; Ronald Ito, deputy attorney general in Los Angeles; and Lillian Lim Quon, deputy attorney general in San Diego.

### 5 to attend GOP convention

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Among the 176 California delegates to the Republican national convention to be held Aug. 20-24 in Dallas are, by congressional district: S.I. Hayakawa of Mill Valley (6th); Steven Nakashima of San Jose (13th); Echo Goto of Los Angeles (29th); and Heidi Bannai and Sam Fujimoto of Gardena (31st). All are part of the Reagan-Bush campaign.

Nakashima was also selected as one of two California representatives to the national platform committee. He will go to Dallas one week before the convention to participate in development of the Republican platform.

### Charlie Chan film protested

CINCINNATI—An exhibit of early Chinese porcelain at the Cincinnati Art Museum this summer has been augmented by Hollywood films about Asia and Asian America. One museum choice, "Charlie Chan in Shanghai," provoked a letter of protest from Asian Pacific American Advocates of California.

In his July 6 letter, APAAC president Allan Seid said that Charlie Chan films have helped create stereotyped and inaccurate images of Asian and Pacific people. "Choosing such a film to accompany your exhibit seems to show a lack of understanding and sensitivity about the culture and people that are the emphasis of your exhibit," wrote Seid.

### Education council appointed

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bill Honig announced the formation of a Council on Asian/Pacific Affairs last month. "This council will help us address policies, programs, and personnel issues affecting Asian/Pacific students in our state," Honig said.

Those named to the council were Alfredo Bautista, Tom Chinn, Luke I.C. Kim, Linda Tsao Yang, Alice Bulos, Dong Thi Hau, Pat Luce, Victor Nakamoto, Malti Prasad, Ben Tom, John Tsu, Yori Wada, Harry Kubo, Izumi Taniguchi, Irene Hirano, J.D. Hokayama, Don Nakanishi, Khamchong Luangpraseut, June Viena Pouesi, Gay Yuen Wong, Jeanne Yamamoto, Lita David, Kimiko Fukuda and Bok Lim Kim.

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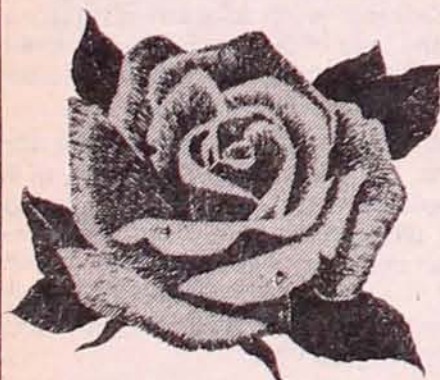
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## Yamauchi's Play Hasn't Lost Its 'Soul'

By J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—Wakako Yamauchi's play "And the Soul Shall Dance," first performed here by East West Players seven years ago, is back as the latest offering of the Asian American Theater Arts Project at Cal State Los Angeles. In the intervening years it has won several awards, been broadcast on PBS as segment of "Hollywood Television Theater," and been performed in San Francisco, San Diego, Seattle, New York, Massachusetts, Kauai, Hawaii, and Oahu.

The appeal of "Soul," Yamauchi's first play, is simply that it is a moving, well-written story. It takes place during the Depression in California's Imperial Valley and centers around two farm families, the Muratas and the Okas. The play is based on one of Yamauchi's short stories, which is in turn based on recollections from her childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Murata (Darrell Kunitomi, Michelle Fong Cummings) and their American-born daughter Masako (Denice Kumagai) are barely getting by; hopes of returning to Japan wealthy—or at all—seem more remote than ever. But their spirits are helped by the affection the three have for one another, which is conveyed with humor and warmth.

Their neighbor, Mr. Oka (Jerry Tondo), appears jovial and likable, but there is bitterness and rage lurking just below the surface. It turns out that he is a 'yoshi,' adopted into a family that had no male heir, and was accorded little respect by his wife's family. His wife, whom he left behind in Japan, has died, and the family has married him by proxy to his wife's sister Emiko (Patty Yasutake), whose cultured upbringing has made her totally unprepared for rugged immigrant life. Resentment on both sides has made their home a battlefield.

### Louisiana Asians to celebrate heritage

NEW ORLEANS — Asian/Pacific American Society celebrates World's Fair Day on Sunday, Aug. 5, at the convention center, 2 to 8 p.m.

Chair Frank Hara, in writing about the organization, stated that he strongly believes in such "heritage activities" because "sometimes to build a better future, we have to look back into our past."

"Many of us as Asian/Pacific people came to New Or-

leans as refugees, seeking a free world, a peaceful existence," Hara continued. "We live here, our children go to schools here, we have our jobs in the community. Yet it is important to retain our heritage. To strengthen our place in the community, we must unite and move forward together."

According to the 1980 Census, the Asian/Pacific population in metropolitan New Orleans is 19,418.

Masako awaits the arrival of Oka's daughter Kyoko (Teresa Lam) from Japan, hoping that they will become good friends. But Masako unexpectedly forms a bond with the usually sullen Emiko, whose memories of Japan and dreams of returning there are revived when Masako plays "Kokoro ga Odoru" ("The Soul Shall Dance") on the family Victrola.

Even knowing the plot from beginning to end did not diminish for me the play's charm or emotional impact. This is due both to the strength of the performances and of the play itself. Tondo and Yasutake are particularly good as the Okas.

One note of interest is that Denice Kumagai, who played Masako in the 1977 production, looks exactly the same as then and still has a convincing childlike quality, as when she is

disappointed to find that Kyoko is an "old lady" of fifteen.

While the play has universal appeal, it should be especially meaningful for Nisei who remember their parents' mixed feelings about trying to make better lives for themselves in a hostile environment rather than going back to Japan.

Directed by CSULA theater arts instructor Nobu McCarthy, the play is being put on in collaboration with Asian American Associates and the California State University Olympic Arts Program.

If you have never seen the play—or even if you have—this is an opportunity not to be passed up. "Soul" can be seen at CSULA's Arena Theater July 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. and July 22 at 2:30 p.m. Call 224-3344 for information.

### Community affairs

SEATTLE—"InnovAsian," an original dance concert, takes place at the Nippon Kan Theatre July 28-29, with two performances each day.

SEATTLE—The 14th Annual Asian American Artists Exhibition runs through Aug. 11 at Wing Luke Memorial Museum (an invitational exhibit) and Pacific Arts Center at the Seattle Center (a juried show).

BOSTON—"Silk Screen," a six-part PBS series showcasing film and video works by and about Asian Americans, will be shown on WGBH (Ch. 2) on Sundays, beginning July 29 at 5:30 p.m. The series is hosted by Robert Ito and features films about Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese and Filipino Americans, including "With Silk Wings" by Loni Ding.

LOS ANGELES—Leading dance groups perform each weekend at Japanese Village Plaza through August 12.

LOS ANGELES—Higashi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Obon Carnival will be held in conjunction with the Manto-e and Obon services on July 21 and 22 at 505 East Third St. Obon services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on both days, and Manto-e services precede the Bon Odori at 7 p.m. Carnival hours are from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

LOS ANGELES—A free lecture on **Bugaku: Treasures from the Kasuga Shrine** is offered Sunday, July 29, from 2:30 p.m. at the Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St. Performances of Bugaku run Friday, July 20, to Sunday, July 22 at the theater, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. each day.

LOS ANGELES—West Los Angeles' **Japanese Obon Festival** takes place Saturday, July 21, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, July 22, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple, 2003 Corinth Ave.

SAN FRANCISCO—A picnic on Angel Island with the Sacramento Singles Group and San Jose Singles Group has been scheduled for Sunday, July 22, by Nisei Widowed Group. Speaking at the organization's Aug. 5 meeting will be a Sarsei talking about grief. Contacts: Elsie Chung, San Francisco, 221-0268; Harry Murata, Marin County, 455-9248; Yuri Moriwaki, East Bay, 482-5398; Dorothy Hirose, San Jose, 292-1024; Satsuki Santo, San Jose, 258-8177; Kaz Takahashi, Peninsula, 854-6511.

SAN FRANCISCO—Fund-raising for the Angel Island barracks received a boost when the Internal Revenue Service classified the **Immigration Station Foundation** a tax exempt organization. (Contributions to help restore the barracks are now tax deductible.) For more information, contact the foundation at 370 31st Ave., San Francisco, CA 94121.

SAN FRANCISCO—KQED airs "Saigon U.S.A.," a half-hour documentary about Northern California's diverse Vietnamese refugee community, Thursday, Aug. 9, at 9 p.m.

WHITTIER, Calif.—Former residents of Poston III are asked to spread the word about the camp reunion to be held at Biltmore Hotel, April 19-21, 1985. Contact: **Poston Reunion IV Planning Committee**, 10427 S. Woodstead Ave., Whittier, CA 90603; (213) 947-1146.

WEST COVINA, Calif.—Cultural exhibits, food, games, and obon odori are featured at the **Obon Festival** Sunday, July 29, from noon to 10 p.m., East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave. Contacts: Marvel Miyata, (818) 337-9123, and Rev. Koen Mishima, (818) 960-1166.

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- ★ BA from Univ. of Washington
- ★ Certified Public Accountant
- ★ JAACL member since 1948
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- ★ JAACL Washington Office Advisory Committee since 1979
- ★ Highest ranking Nikkei in Federal Executive Service, appointed Inspector General of Veterans Administration by President Reagan and confirmed by U.S. Senate, 1981
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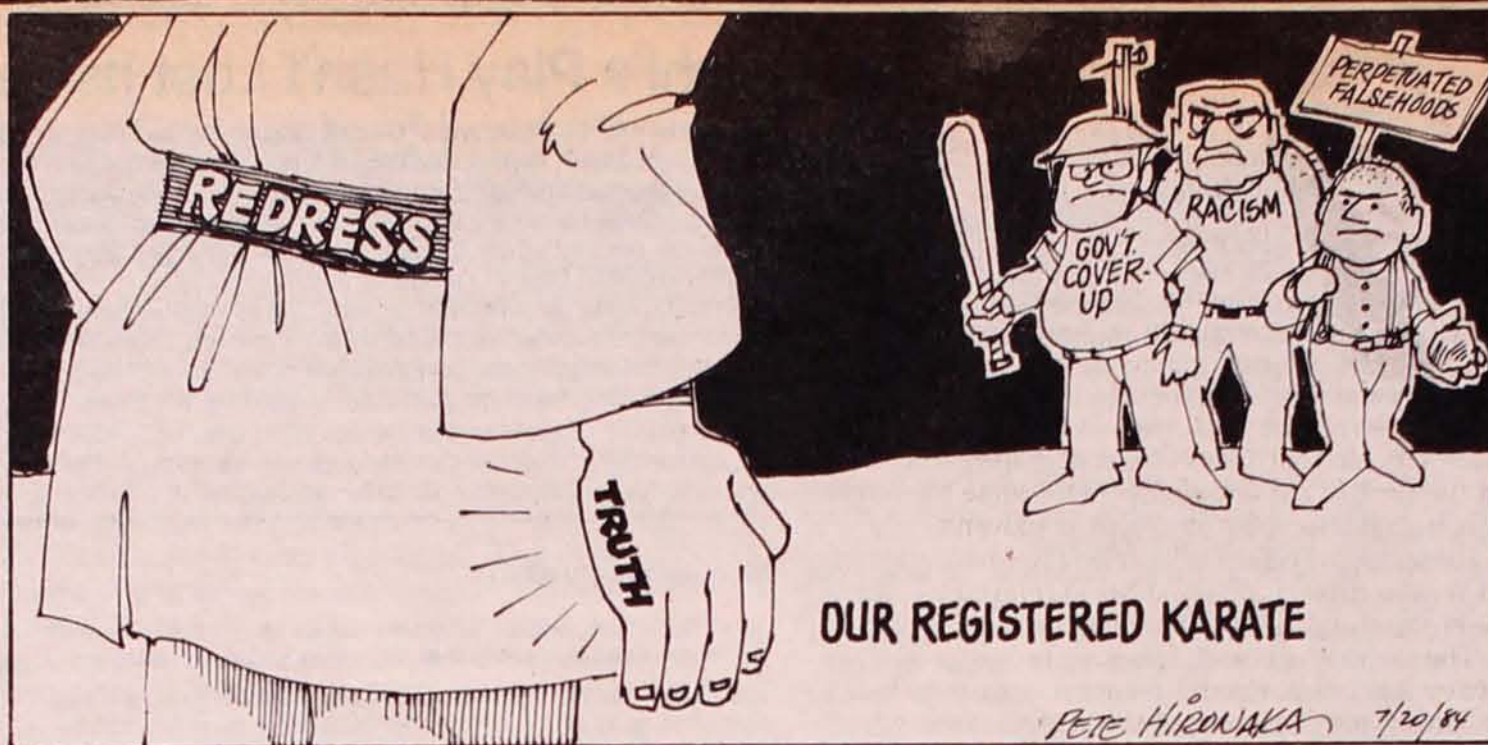
THIS WEEK, WE'D like to share with you a few tid-bits of travel tips we've used and some of which we hope we never have to use. Taking the latter, first: when retiring at night in a hotel, leave your room key by the bedstand where you can get to it easily. Reason: in case of fire, take it with you if you leave the room; you might find that you have to retreat back into your room, and you don't want to be locked out, trapped.

In fact, as you check into your room, note where the nearest fire exit is and count the number of doors to such exit. Reason: in the confusion and heavy smoke, you may not be able to locate the exit except by "counting," by feel, the number of doors. Of course, check the door knob before you attempt to leave your room; if it's hot, don't go out. Obviously there's a full-fledged combustion process just outside your door. Have wet towels ready, for a mask. And keep low to the floor where the smoke and gases are less.

IN TAGGING LUGGAGE, don't place your name and address for all to see. Thieves see who's leaving town, what address you're leaving behind, and when you get back—your house may be cleaned out. Also, don't give your address on your house keys; it's obvious what could happen if you lose them. And it's absolutely asking for trouble if you place identifying data on your car keys—such as make of car, license plate number, etc. And in checking into a parking garage, always take your parking ticket with you; don't leave it on the visor or in the ashtray. A car thief can simply use your ticket to get out of the parking garage.

IN SOME AIRPORTS—and Philadelphia's International Airport is one of them—the cafeteria or restaurant is quite deficient. The selection is limited, the rolls can be somewhat stale, the coffee indifferent. Well, of one thing you can be assured: the airport employees won't put up with that kind of menu; they have their own private cafeteria where the food is varied and hot, and the price is reasonable—not of this tourist "we-gotcha" pricing. In Philadelphia's airport, that secluded cafeteria is located in concourse "D", downstairs. It is not officially open to the public but if you discreetly go down there, you pay the same (modest) amount as the workers do.

SPEAKING OF AIR travel, if you travel other than *itto-seki*, check the seating arrangement in advance so that you're not trapped into the most innermost seat which requires you to stumble over two other people just to get out. Aside from smoking/non-smoking considerations, the seats right behind the bulkhead will



provide maneuvering room. Also, on some planes there's a two-seat arrangement about mid-point in the plane, usually right near an emergency exit. That, too, will provide more breathing space for you. Don't let that person at the check-in or ticket counter shuffle you into any ole' seat. Dare to be assertive, in a nice way.

AS FOR RENTALS of automobiles, be wary of some of those enticing ads often found in airline magazines. Some can be "come ons." We once saw an ad that sounded almost too good to be true, but we phoned the toll-free number, made our reservations, etc. When we reached our destination, we were told that they had

"over-booked," i.e. no car. Another time, we saw a promotional ad in an airlines magazine, so we dutifully tore out the ad, called the auto rental agency from the airport, was assured that the desired auto was reserved, reached the agency—auto gone. Now stranded, we rented a different auto, had to pay for gas they approximated was in the tank (even as I protested they simply fill the tank and I'd return the auto with a full tank), and so on. Because we had an appointment to keep, we took the auto. When we returned home, we wrote a blistering letter to management; they called, apologized and made a balancing refund. Live and learn.

## 'Violence against Asian Americans' topic of convention workshop

HONOLULU—Amid a flurry of success stories about Asian Americans in recent magazine articles, juxtaposed against an increasing number of overt acts of racism, the JACL ethnic concerns committee will sponsor a timely workshop entitled "Violence Against Asian Americans" at the national convention on Aug. 5.

The panel comprises knowledgeable speakers who will share their experiences and ideas in dealing with anti-Asian incidents.

John Saito, Pacific Southwest JACL regional director, will give a brief overview of the current climate. Saito has been appointed to the newly organized California Atty. General's Commission on Racial, Ethnic, Religious and Minority Violence. He served with the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission, and has dealt extensively with cases of discrimination.

He is active in the Asian, as well as the Japanese American community and helped to organize the Asian Pacific Legal Defense and Education Fund to provide a network of support on cases of discrimination.

Chuck Kubokawa, national JACL's vice president for public affairs, speaks on the problems of employment in both the public and private sectors, and the international impact of the current situation.

Harry Kitano discusses the psychological implications of racial integration and of violence on Japanese Americans. Kitano received the Nisei of the Biennium award from National JACL in 1982, and is well known for his extensive writings on Japanese Americans and racism in the United States. He was recently honored by the Greater Los Angeles Singles Chapter JACL as the outstanding Nikkei for achievement in his field and for contributions to the community. Kitano is professor of social welfare at UCLA.

Franklin Odo, director of ethnic studies at the Univ. of Hawaii, shares his views on the anti-Asian climate as it affects Japanese Americans and Asians in Hawaii. Odo, an active member of the Honolulu JACL, has extensively researched Hawaii's pluralistic culture.

Chairperson of this workshop is Chizu Iiyama. Iiyama is a member of the ethnic concerns committee and is chairperson of the education committee of the NCWNP JACL district council.

The focus of the workshop is on strategies: how to deal with incidents of racism on a local and national basis, and how to develop a network of support with other groups.

MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi



## Planning for Retirement

Mr. Sulu, also known as George Takei, visited headquarters one Sunday morning to preview the JACL-sponsored production, "A Tale of Nisei Retirement," in which he plays a non-Earthling who has oversight of matters relating to Nisei retirement and aging. From his remarks, I think that he was as pleased as many of us at headquarters with the video, although he noted that actress Amy Hill was a shameful scene stealer, as was Sumo the cat.

We will be premiering the video at the national convention during the aging and retirement workshop with the expecta-

tion that the membership, who funded this project through a 1982 solicitation, will be pleased with the final product.

Emiko Omori, an award-winning filmmaker, had the difficult task of developing the video after Henry Ushijima, who initially conceived the project, suddenly passed away. Fortunately for the JACL, Emiko was available and interested in the project. For those who have seen her other work, high expectations would be most understandable. She did not fail us.

The video does not preach or provide answers. The particular situation for each person is different. Aging is not necessarily a problem. It does contain a set of circumstances that raise issues and opportunities that benefit from planning. The video is a dramatic representation of a range of these opportunities and issues, and was designed to be a stimulus for discussion.

Video products are extremely expensive. Through the creativity and resourcefulness of many people associated with this project, a professional and useful product was developed at about 25% of the normal commercial costs.

I showed the tape to some skeptical members of the national board who have since become enthusiasts. We have also provided a showing for some Nikkei involved with senior citizens, Nisei retirement groups and such, getting good response. I think we have a hit on our hands.

After the premiere at the national convention, copies will be distributed to chapters, districts and other organizations that would like to make use of the product. It was intended for a Nisei audience, but it is equally useful for Sansei, who have to interact with their retiring parents and adjust to this phase of their parents' lives.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

## Memories of Boyhood China-Meshi

Some weeks ago I used this space to comment on one of my favorite subjects, Chinese food, but more specifically, the Chinese food that was available in Seattle's Japantown in my youth. Among readers whose memory was stirred by the column was Takashi Hori of Seattle who recently ran across some of the Gyokko-ken Cafe's menus that had been stored at the Panama Hotel at the time of the Evacuation. Of course they weren't much good after the war except as souvenirs.

He sent some copies to his friend Norio Mitsuoka, now in Westminster, Calif. And Norio relayed one to me to be enjoyed and, after examining the prices, wept over.

The menu was brand, spanking new without a single gravy stain on it. From the cover, it was impossible to tell this was a Chinese restaurant. Aside from the name of the restaurant and address, it said only: "We Serve All Kinds of Bottled Beer and Sake Imported or Domestic." (Incidentally, beer was written "bee-ah" in kana rather than "bee-ru," which is what they say in Japan.)

The real good stuff was inside the menu. Sweet and sour spare rib (singular) was 45 cents. Fried china green (also singular) was 40 cents. Egg foo young was listed at 50 cents, and if you wanted crab or shrimp egg foo young, you paid 65 cents. The most expensive item on the menu was almond chicken chop suey at \$1.10, although you could get green pepper with pork suey for 65 cents. A bowl of rice was extra; it cost you a nickel.

These weren't hors d'oeuvres. Each dish when consumed with a bowl of rice was a full-sized meal for a growing lad. The best bargain as I recall was a big bowl of noodles in soup with roast pork and half a hard-boiled egg for a quarter. That was all you needed, a quarter. There was no sales tax and nobody tipped back in those days. A bowl of noodles was great for a snack after a movie, if you had a quarter.

The Gyokko-ken also served sandwiches although it's hard to see why anyone would go there for them. A chicken sandwich was 30 cents. Pork, ham or egg sandwiches were 20 cents. Shucks, it costs that much to

make a phone call any more. You can't even get a lousy cup of coffee for a quarter.

Norio Mitsuoka drew my attention to the Japanese-language part of the menu, which was written in Chinese characters with Japanese kana alongside. Mitsuoka commented: "It appears the Issei took poetic license and even added English pronunciations to the Chinese characters."

Sure enough, there was one that said in kana, "chi-kin noo-doru." Also on the menu: "furai noo-ru," "chi-kin furai rai-su," and "pie-nup-pu-ru yoku." Maybe not quite kosher, but everyone knew what was meant.

Thanks Tak Hori and Norio Mitsuoka for a fun trip of vicarious feasting down memory lane. Them days, as the saying goes, are gone forever. It's a shame today's youngsters won't have memories like these to look back on, but of course they'll have better ones. Far better, if somehow we can avoid blowing ourselves up.

## Who's To Tell JACL Story?

By Dr. Frank F. Sakamoto, Chair, JACL Thousand Club

CHICAGO—The JACL's most important program today is the redress effort. It would seem that all Japanese Americans would get 100% behind this effort, one which would assure that all Americans would be guaranteed of their constitutional rights. However, it appears that such is not the case. I just received a letter from Illinois congressman Daniel Rostenkowski, powerful chair of the House Ways and Means Committee. He writes that out of the many Japanese Americans in his constituency, he has received only one letter asking for support of the redress bill, and that one letter was an official one from JACL Midwest Director Bill Yoshino.

Rostenkowski, to say the least, is a bit disappointed that he has not received letters from more people, in view of the fact that these were the people who were denied due process of law and their constitutional rights. He further states that one letter is hardly a groundswell of protest and he would have difficulty in convincing his congressional colleagues to support HR 4110. So, ladies and gentlemen, we have a big job ahead of us. I plead with all Japanese Americans to write to their congressional representatives asking for support of HR 4110.

Furthermore, it is incumbent on all of us to "sell" the JACL

## HEARINGS

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that the WRA camps were established for the safety and protection of Japanese Americans." The theory of protective custody, he added, "is entirely alien to our American traditions and the basic concepts of law."

**Setting a precedent for other minorities.** Yasui pointed out that the government has already spent large amounts of money setting up programs to rectify past injustices committed against Blacks and Native Americans. To justify direct payments, he said that the internment was an unprecedented case of "the U.S. government deliberately mistreating its own citizens."

**The 1948 Evacuation Claims Act.** A review of the 24,000 claims filed under the act, Yasui said, showed that "90% of the claimed amounts were not paid." He also charged that the act did not "take into consideration intangible and personal losses and damages."

Like earlier speakers, Yasui stressed the need for individual monetary payments. "If one damages the house or home of another person, it is not sufficient, in law, to apologize profusely and sincerely... we believe that the U.S. government must and should respond in coin of the realm to make real its commitments to equality and justice."

Redress has ramifications for present-day U.S. foreign policy, Yasui said. "The U.S. has imposed conditions of observance of human rights in granting assistance to certain regimes in Central America. We have deplored Soviet Russia's blatant efforts to crush the human rights of embattled Afghanistan. To make credible our pronouncements, and indeed in carrying out our professed aim of spreading freedom and democracy throughout the world, we need to recognize our mistakes of the past and rectify them."

in conjunction with the redress effort. Since the Thousand Club is "sold" on a one-to-one basis, it is only proper for these loyal Thousand Clubbers to be in the vanguard of this redress effort, as well as attracting new members to JACL.

The national JACL membership roll is just so-so and the Thousand Club membership has dropped 50%. WHY? I have received frequent comments from those who might have been prospective members that when they do show up at meetings, no one greets them or even acknowledges their presence—small wonder they are turned off. The lifeline of any organization is membership. Let's get off our seats and get on with it—SELL THE JACL AND RECRUIT MEMBERS. Let us not forget that the JACL led the fight to give citizenship to the Issei and to abolish alien land laws where they existed.

See you at the national convention next month!

## To Our Readers and Contributors

(Reprint from the July 13, 1984 issue)

Some of you may have noticed that last week's Pacific Citizen was slightly different from previous issues. Articles were printed in two typefaces, instead of one, and the listing of community programs and events calendar were missing.

This week's issue has been cut even further—temporarily—to eight pages from the usual twelve.

Because the paper is smaller, coverage of general news and of JACL events could not be as complete as the staff wished. And those of you who have submitted columns and articles may still be waiting to see them in print.

There is a reason for these cutbacks: For nearly two weeks the typesetting machine has been out of commission.

The PC's typesetting equipment is about six generations removed from that currently in use at most small outfits. Few mechanics in the country know how to repair it any more, and major parts must be shipped from New York.

Superhuman efforts on the part of the staff—and the willingness of our printers, Midway Press, to do emergency typesetting—allowed the paper to get out on time. But the situation cannot continue. The equipment is working again, but it is on its last legs.

Right now, PC cannot afford newer machinery. We have never been able to build up a reserve fund because of previous budgetary constraints in JACL.

In addition, the PC faces another major expense, when it must move to other quarters next year. The paper has long outgrown its one-room operation, but even at the present cramped location, rent will double in February of 1985. (The rent subsidy ends.)

So, unless the Pacific Citizen receives an infusion of funds, it will have to retrench where it should expand. The quality of the paper will begin to suffer noticeably. We are therefore asking you, our readers, to help us continue to improve the PC.

If every PC subscriber contributed only \$2, there would be adequate funds to buy new typesetting equipment and to move to a space large enough for our staff.

Won't you help? All contributions—no matter how small—will be gratefully accepted. They're tax deductible, too. Contributors will be acknowledged in the PC.

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## Casual Clothes de Rigueur

By Karleen Chinen

HONOLULU—If heavy sweaters, business suits, and jackets are among the clothes you plan to bring to Hawaii for the JACL national convention, scratch them off your list right now. You definitely won't need them!

The best advice we can give you for your wardrobe planning is: Dress light and comfortably. Hawaiian summers are warm and often humid, but full of sunshine. Temperatures climb into the upper 80s, with the nights a touch cooler, in the lower 70s.

Men should pack one (and only ONE) business suit for the Sayonara Banquet and perhaps a light windbreaker for other evening events. But other than that, casual short-sleeved shirts are recommended for the day-to-day activities. Women will find a medium-weight sweater sufficient for evenings. We suggest that you bring one evening dress for the Sayonara Banquet, but light pant-suits and generally casual attire is recommended for the rest of the convention.

Remember, you're coming to Hawaii, and half the fun of spending your "vacation" here is going window-shopping for Hawaiian muumuus and aloha shirts, which incidentally are suggested attire for Monday night's Aloha Banquet. There are styles and colors and prints for every occasion and taste. The tough part is trying to decide which muumuu or aloha shirt to leave behind in the store. When you return home, your friends and relatives will be green with envy when you show off your fashionable new aloha attire and rich Hawaiian suntan. Also, keep in mind that muumuus and aloha shirts make great gifts for the folks back home.

The only item you shouldn't forget to pack is your swimsuit. Hawaii is known for its beautiful beaches. In fact, Waikiki Beach awaits you just across the street. If you prefer swimming in a pool, by all means take a dip in the Pacific Beach Hotel's heated pool.

In Hawaii, we've all been spoiled by our endless sun and understandably so. The weather is on the warm side during the summer, but it's nevertheless superb all year round. We're sure you'll enjoy all that's in store for you at "Aloha '84." Just remember: Dress light and comfortably.



Remembered by Nisei—The late Charles F. Seabrook and Norma Dale Seabrook as they appeared 40 years ago.

## Calendar

### ● To July 29

San Francisco—Summer Festival at Japan Center, weekends

### ● To Aug. 12

Los Angeles—Festival Odori, Japanese Village Plaza, perfs at 1, 3, 5pm Sat; 1, 3pm Sun

### ● To Aug. 26

Los Angeles—Bugaku: Treasures from the Kasuga Shrine on exhibit at JACCC, 244 S San Pedro, 11am-5pm

### ● To Sept. 5

San Francisco—Asian Masterpieces in Wood, Asian Art Mus, Golden Gate Park, daily 10am-5pm

### ● JULY 20-22

Los Angeles—Bugaku: Treasures from Kasuga Shrine perf, Jpn Am Th, 244 S San Pedro; info 680-3700

### ● JULY 21 (Saturday)

San Jose—Birthday party for seniors; info Katie Hironaka, 292-2914  
Seabrook—Buddhist Temple Bon Odori

### ● JULY 22 (Sunday)

Cleveland—Community picnic, Clay's Park  
San Mateo—Golf tourney, Skywest, 11:30am; info David Hayashi, 345-2082/344-3156

### ● JULY 27-29

Gilroy—Garlic festival, Christmas Hill Park

### ● JULY 28 (Saturday)

San Jose—Golf tourney, Pleasant Hills; info 275-9200 or 970-0922

### ● AUG 4 (Saturday)

Sacramento—Isletonian reunion, Sac'to Inn, 1401 Arden Way, from 5pm; info 448-9979, 428-7252

Los Angeles—Nisei Wk Prince & Princess pageant, Dept of Water & Power, 111 S Hope, 9am-12n

### ● AUG 5 (Sunday)

Mid Columbia—Ann'l picnic, Rooster Rock State Park

Los Angeles—Nisei Wk fashion show, LA Hilton, 930 Wilshire Blvd; 12n

San Diego—Obon, Buddhist Temple, 2929 Market St

### ● AUG 10-11

San Francisco—Reunion of prewar Japanese orphanage run by Salvation Army; info (415) 638-0344

### ● AUG 11-12

San Diego—Obon, Vista Buddhist Temple

### ● AUG 11 (Saturday)

San Francisco—Jpn Am Day at SF Giants vs LA Dodgers; bnft for Kimochi; info Steve Nakajo, 563-5626

### ● AUG 12-18

Nat'l council—28th biennial convention, Pac Beh Htl, Honolulu

### ● AUG 15 (Wednesday)

Los Angeles—Nisei Wk opening ceremony, Weller Ct

### ● AUG 18 (Saturday)

Beverly Hills—Nisei Wk coronation ball, Hilton, 9676 Wilshire Blvd, 6pm

### ● AUG 19 (Sunday)

Los Angeles—Nisei Wk grand parade, Little Tokyo, 4:30pm

### ● AUG 20 (Monday)

Los Angeles—Nisei Wk awards dinner, Bonaventure Htl, 404 S Figueroa, 6pm

## Seabrook Chapter JACL celebrates 40 years of Nikkei in New Jersey

By Ellen Nakamura

SEABROOK, N.J.—"It is a great privilege for me to say that I am glad you came," spoke James M. Seabrook Sr. as he recalled that it was his grandfather, Charles F. Seabrook, who brought more than 2,500 Japanese Americans to his vast frozen-food industry 40 years ago during WW2, as he keynoted the Seabrook JACL commemorative dinner on June 16.

As president of the new and growing Seabrook Brothers & Sons raw products processing plant, the speaker said he was 10 years old at the time and had spent his lifetime among the Japanese. He was introduced by past chapter president C. Scott Nagao.

Attended by 250 members and friends from New England to California, the celebration was sparked by special congratulatory messages and an exceptional program planned by Mary C. Nagao and Mike Minato.

The underlying sentiment expressed by all who wrote or spoke lauded the Japanese Americans for their industriousness, outstanding citizenship, pursuit of education and community spirit.

### Remembrance of Things Past

Remarks included those from New Jersey state senator James R. Hurley and judge William M. Marutani of Philadelphia. Judge Marutani took the guests on a "Sentimental Journey" highlighting many events, including the rescue of the Texas "lost battalion" by the 442nd Combat Team in October of 1944.

Among others who sent messages were national JACL president Floyd Shimomura, national director Ron Wakabayashi, Mike Ma-saoka, Gov. Thomas H. Kean, Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg, Rep. William J. Hughes, all of New Jersey, and John M. Seabrook, who was in England at the time.

During a surprise performance, the guests found themselves spellbound as baritone William Wakatsuki and pianist John Fuyuuume, who had distinguished themselves over the years, returned to entertain with such favorites as "Old Man River" and "The JACL Hymn."

Dr. Richard Ikeda of Chadds Ford, Penn., served as toastmaster while greetings were extended by Mayor William F. Gray of Upper Deerfield Township.

EDC Governor Mike Suzuki of Washington, D.C., who had presided over an all-day district council meeting, recalled that he first heard the name "Seabrook" when he was in school at the Topaz, Utah, internment camp and that everyone was headed "back there."

### New Generation

Chester Nakai, himself a recipient of the 1984 JACL silver pin, introduced the graduates of area member families and announced the winners of this year's chapter scholarship awards. They are Beth Ann Minato, Neil Kaneshiki and Kelly K. Caulk.

Neil Kaneshiki read the JACL Creed. His mother, Irene Kaneshiki, was the second recipient of the 1984 silver pin for her unselfish contribution to JACL and community service.

The popular Seabrook Minyo Dancers, led by director Sunkie Oye, provided two colorful and spectacular numbers before the conclusion of the memorable event.

### SEABROOK JACL

Gregory Ono, pres; Peggy Fukawa, 1st vp; Lenore Wurtzel, 2d vp; Carol Nagao, rec sec; Irene Kaneshiki, corr sec; K. Ray Ono, treas; Charles Nagao, off del; Ellen Nakamura, 1st alt del; C. Scott Nagao, 2d alt del; Jane Mukoyama, hist; C. Scott Nagao, ex officio.

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## Mayeda, Kubokawa run for vice president/public affairs

In the running for the office of vice president for public affairs are Dr. Kazutoshi Mayeda, Detroit Chapter president, and incumbent Charles Kubokawa.

### Platform of Kazutoshi Mayeda

The vice president for public affairs monitors the external affairs of the national organization. Matters and committees relating to legislation, civil rights, public issues, media, and public relations are under the jurisdiction of this office. I intend to make these responsibilities come to fruition.

Until the battle of redress is won, JACL must continue the fight. One of the reasons we were incarcerated was because we did not have friends to speak up for our dilemma in 1942. Had there been a VP for public affairs in those days, and had he/she been doing the job, perhaps we would not have had the concentration camp experience.

Now, we are in a position to rectify the atrocity. However, we cannot do it alone. We need the support of all the good people of this country. Thus, we need a strong VP for public affairs to build coalition support for our cause. I am confident that I can accomplish this task.

The future of JACL, a civil rights organization dedicated to the protection of the rights of Japanese Americans and promoting understanding between all social and ethnic groups in the U.S. through education and programs, must be in the mainstream of American life, dedicated to the welfare of all Americans. To this end, we must speak out wherever injustice is practiced. We must become confident in our rights as citizens and fully participate to build "Better Americans in a Greater America" for all the people.

Kazutoshi Mayeda was interned at the Manzanar "relocation center" during WW2. He served in the U.S. Army Artillery from 1948 to 1950 and attained the rank of Sergeant First Class. He received his Ph.D. in genetics from the University of Utah in 1961 and is currently a professor of genetics and acting vice chair of the department of biology at Wayne State University in Detroit.

As a genetics expert, Mayeda has been director of the In-Service Institute for High School Biology Teachers, director of the cytogenetics laboratory at the C.S. Mott Center for Growth and Development, a member of Michigan's Genetics Advisory Committee, chair of the Junior Science and Humanities

Symposium, a member of the General Biology and Genetics Fellowships Review Committee of the National Institute of Health, a review panelist in the Teacher Education Program of the National Science Foundation, and a visiting investigator at the National Institute of Genetics in Mishima, Japan.

Mayeda also belongs to various scientific societies, has published papers on human genetics, and is a seminar speaker at high schools and community colleges.

As a member of the Detroit Chapter, Mayeda has served as chapter board member, Midwest District Council delegate, scholarship committee chair, and delegate to the national convention. He was chapter president in 1970 and 1978 and is again president this year. He has been chapter redress chair since 1978. In addition, he was district governor from 1979 to 1980. He has also been liaison between JACL and the Japanese Society of Japan since 1974.

Mayeda was chosen JACLer of the year by the Detroit Chapter in 1979 and was awarded the sapphire pin this year.

He also served as chairman of the advisory council of American Citizens for Justice, the community coalition formed after the Vincent Chin killing.



Kazutoshi Mayeda



Charles Kubokawa

### Platform of Charles Kubokawa

(In his nomination form, Kubokawa wrote that his platform was the same as in 1982, "plus an added effort to finish redress within this two-year period." Excerpts from his platform, first printed June 25, 1982, follow.)

People do things for need, greed, or deed. My concern involves all three aspects and I know I can contribute in every way. There is a need for our organization to grow in membership along with long-range programs and goals which will excite prospective members to join with pride and continually support those goals through the years.

These new members, along with those of us

who have been serving with dedication and unselfishness for the future of the Nikkei generations must be made to realize that without JACL we would be without any national clout which makes things happen in the United States. There is also a need to provide innovative ways which will make JACL... function smoothly as a united organization seeking help and advice from those outside of the Nikkei community.

Greed is something that never entered my mind. If there is, I am greedy for the Nikkei and JACL, and desire to work towards unity of our Nikkei community disregarding internal politics, individual gains and side issues not germane to the progress of JACL. We

must all work together as a team so that all of us, along with others of different ethnic background, will achieve parity first as human beings.

As far as deed is concerned, I want to help administer, provide and share my accumulated expertise and resources of information and contacts for reaching an acceptable, just, and workable approach to what is best for our organization with increased vigor.... I have sat along with those of our past national boards, national councils, district councils, and chapter levels to continually learn and experience what has taken place, is taking place, and should take place in the future.

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## Chapter Pulse

### Thousand Club

TOKYO—Immediately following the national convention in Honolulu, Thousand Clubbers will continue on to Japan for an extended tour, arriving in Tokyo Aug. 18.

The group, organized by 1000 Club vice chair Ed Yamamoto, first tours various parts of the country and returns to Tokyo on Aug. 26 or 27 to enplane for home on Aug. 28.

Japan Chapter co-sponsors a dinner on Aug. 27 at a local hotel, with an expected attendance of about 50 Japan Chapter members in addition to the stateside visitors, which may reach a hundred. Guest speaker Dr. Haruyoshi Chikamori is scheduled to talk about Joseph Heco, the first Japanese to obtain U.S. citizenship in 1858. Additional features are being planned, according to Barry Saiki, past chapter president, who is coordinating the program.

JACLers who are planning to visit Japan after the Hawaii convention should contact Ed Yamamoto or one of the Japan Chapter members attending the convention, if they desire to participate in the Aug. 26 or 27 dinner in Tokyo.

### Berkeley

BERKELEY, Calif.—Travel tips not found in books will be given by Tomoe Takahashi at the JACL-sponsored Drop-In Center, N. Berkeley Senior Center, Saturday, July 28. Listeners will benefit from the innumerable trips taken by Mrs. T (as she is known at Takahashi Trading) over a period of 30 years. In one year she took seven trips.

As usual, the talk will be preceded by tai chi and other exercises led by George Yoshida at 10 a.m.

### Detroit

DETROIT—The Warrendale area of Edward Hines Park has been reserved for this year's Japanese community picnic, Sunday, July 29.

### Greater Los Angeles Singles

TORRANCE, Calif.—Following a successful yard sale June 30 at Lutheran Oriental Church, the chapter will engage in a number of activities during July and August. They include a souvenir booth at Japanese Village Plaza, Saturday, July 21; potluck picnic at Deutsch Park, Sunday, July 29; general meeting at Founders Savings and Loan in Gardena, Friday, Aug. 10; dinner theater party ("Guys and Dolls"), at Holiday Inn in Torrance, Friday, Aug. 24; and paper drive at California First Bank in Torrance with lunch at Edokko Restaurant, Saturday, Aug. 25.

For details, call (213) 296-7848.

### New York

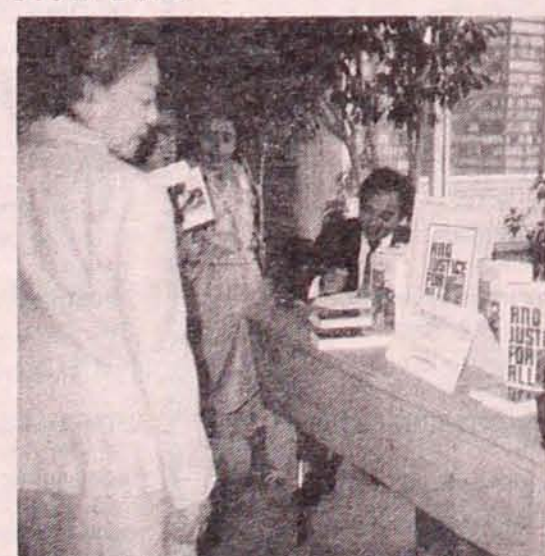


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**Brisk sales**—John Tateishi autographs copies of "And Justice for All" at New York Chapter's book reception held June 18 at the International Center of the Anti-Defamation League. More than 70 copies were distributed. Waiting for their books are (from left): Gyo Fujikawa, Haruko Akamatsu and Suki Ports.

### Gardena Valley

GARDENA, Calif.—Many items at "great prices," will be offered at the Gardena Valley rummage sale, according to chapter spokesperson Pam Shimada. The sale takes place Saturday, July 21, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, July 22, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the corner of Redondo Beach Blvd. and Western Ave.

### Marina

LOS ANGELES—Chapter members gather at Kelbo's Restaurant for dinner and dancing on the town, Saturday, July 28. For information, call Ed Goka, 327-7143, or Shirley Chami, 558-4255.

Other activities planned for the near future are a barbecue board meeting at Burton Chace Park, Thurs., Aug. 2, and a discussion group at the Chami residence, 5715 Tellefson Rd., Culver City, on Aug. 9.

### Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE—Reservations for this year's JACL picnic are due July 27. Two different meals will be served at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 5, at Browndeer #3. Participants should bring eating utensils and enough rice and salad for family and guests.

Costs vary with age and JACL membership. For reservations and more information call S. Naruo, 782-8874, or Y. Okabayashi, 442-2566.

### Selanoco

GARDEN GROVE, Calif.—Proceeds from a potluck and bingo night help the chapter defray expenses of delegates attending the national convention in August. The evening event will be held Saturday, July 21, at Wintersburg Church, 13711 Fairview, from 6:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a main dish and salad or dessert. Cost per person is \$10. For information, call (714) 971-2228.

### San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The chapter has awarded 11 scholarships for 1984.

The winners are:

**Mr. and Mrs. Kay K. Mineta Memorial Scholarship**—Kristin Junker, Willow Glen High School; **William H. Yamamoto Memorial Award**—Amy Yoshida, Branham; **San Jose JACL Chapter Awards**—Linda Horio, Oak Grove and Paul Yamamoto, Blackford; **Toshi H. Taketa Memorial Award**—Roger Sorakubo, Live Oak; **Lanetta Yoneko Hayakawa Memorial Scholarship**—Douglas Koshiyama, Independence; **San Jose Nisei Memorial Post 9970 Award**—Kris Kawamoto, Independence; **Mrs. Chieno Kumada Memorial Scholarship**—Shirley Uyeda, Santa Teresa; **San Jose Nisei Bowling Association Awards**—Lorraine Miyahara, Independence and Sharon Takagi, San Jose; **San Jose Nikkei Singles Club Scholarship**—Masako Tatsumi, San Jose.

A combined total of \$2,100 was awarded. The scholarship committee comprised Dr. John Higaki, Dr. Mitsu Kumagai, Joy Sakai and Sharon Uyeda (chair).

### White River Valley

AUBURN, Wash.—Susan Takemoto, 1984 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Federal Way, was the recipient of the chapter's scholarship award at the annual JACL banquet, June 5, at Mulboon's Restaurant. Takemoto was an outstanding student participating in many activities and maintaining a 3.95 GPA. She plans to attend Yale Univ.

Dr. Margaret Chow, assistant superintendent in Kent, was guest speaker. Also honored was Michiko Maebori, president, who was awarded the sapphire pin for her many years of service to JACL.



## Convention-goers can view exhibits

HONOLULU—From Tuesday, Aug. 14 through Thursday, Aug. 16, the national JACL convention exhibit room, featuring exhibits and wares from a variety of sponsors, will be open to convention-goers.

Among the many exhibits are California Blue Shield, Department of Com-

merce (Census Bureau), Chevron U.S.A., Hollywood JACL, Honolulu JACL, Japanese American Curriculum Project, and National JACL.

Browsers will be able to view photo displays of the WWII evacuation, camp life, the early plantation life of Hawaii's immigrants; to purchase books and other items not easily found elsewhere; to obtain information from the various exhibitors; and to view videotapes about the Japanese American experience.

The exhibits will be shown in the Mahimahi room of the Pacific Beach Hotel. For more information, contact Lia Shigemura, JACL program director.

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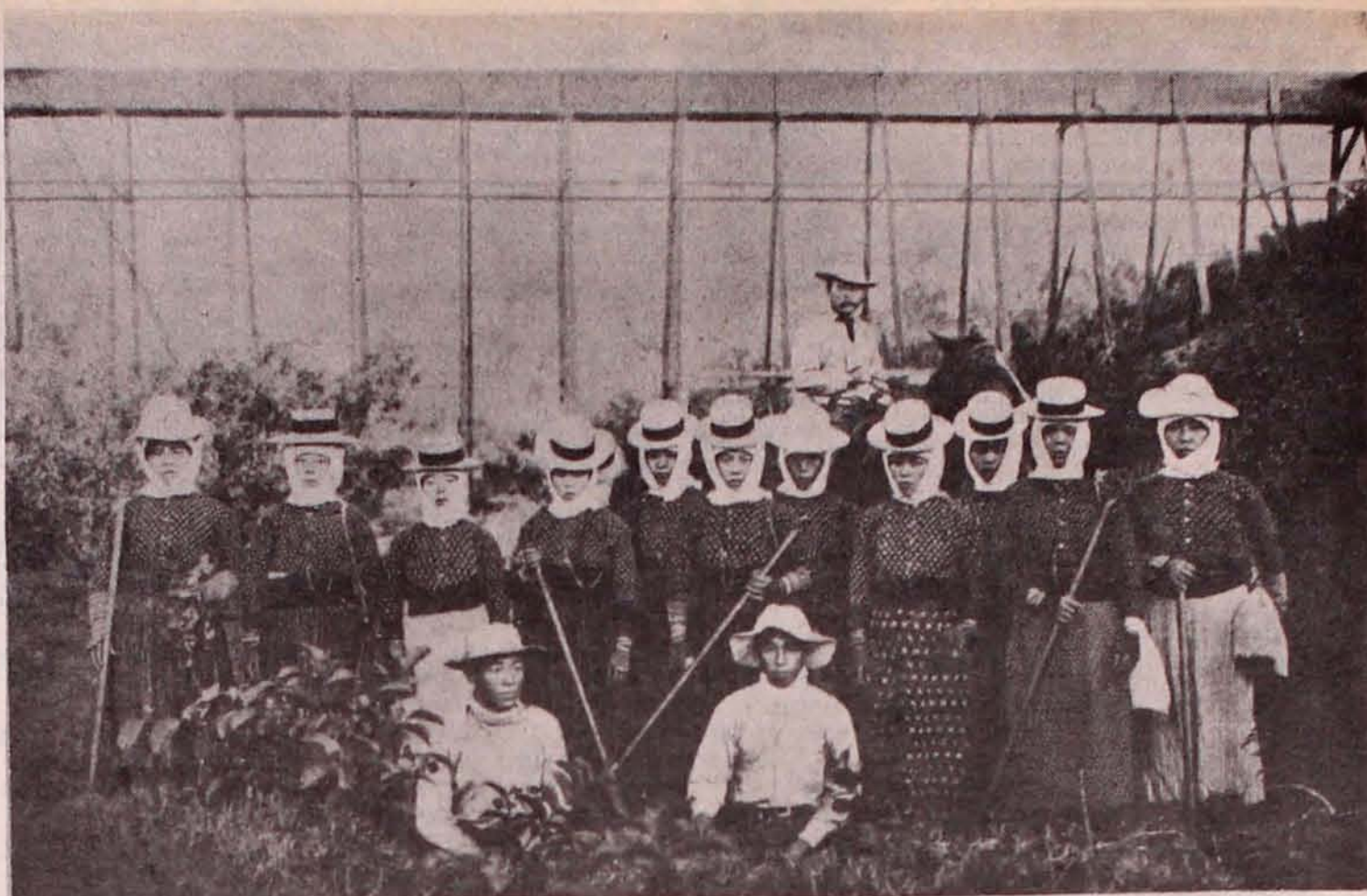
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Issei laborers—The lives of plantation workers in Hawaii will be discussed by Ronald Takaki at JACL convention in Honolulu.

## Takaki to speak on Hawaii's early plantation life

One afternoon a few years ago while "talking story" with my Uncle Richard Okawa at his home in Moiliili, he suddenly asked me excitedly in lilting pidgin English: "Hey, why you no go write a book about us?" My grandfather had come to Hawaii as a contract laborer in 1886, and my mother had been born on the Hawi Plantation in Kohala. Here, surely, was a story worthy of scholarly attention, my uncle insisted. So I replied, "Why not?"

—Ronald Takaki

Ron Takaki talks about his new book, *Pau Hana: Plantation Life and Labor in Hawaii*, and shows slides of plantation Hawaii during the JACL convention, Tuesday, Aug. 14, 7 p.m.

*Pau Hana* is the first history of plantation life in Hawaii to describe the experiences of all the plantation laborers—

Hawaiians, Chinese, Norwegians, Germans, Portuguese, Japanese, Koreans, Filipinos, and others.

Hawaii's rich intermingling of different peoples and cultures has its roots in the cane fields. There laborers from all over the world worked from siren to siren, spoke pidgin English to one another, shared a variety of ethnic foods like sushi and Portuguese sausage, and went out on strike together. Gradually they came to feel a love for the islands and to think of themselves as locals, as people of Hawaii.

*Pau Hana* has been acclaimed by Honolulu Magazine, San Francisco Chronicle, Choice and Gavan Daws, author of *Shoal of Time*, among others.

The author was born in Hawaii and grew up in Palolo Valley. He has a Ph.D. in history from the Univ. of California at Berkeley, where he is currently a professor of ethnic studies. He is the author of several books, including a study entitled *Iron Cages: Race and Culture in 19th Century America*.

"I wrote *Pau Hana* for the community," says Takaki. "As I wrote every sentence and every paragraph, I had to make certain I was writing a book which people in the community like my Uncle Richard would enjoy reading and understand."

Drawing from plantation work songs (hole hole bushi), diaries, and oral histories, *Pau Hana* contains the voices and visions of the working people of Hawaii.

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## Flipped Over Morita

By Doug Urata

RIVERSIDE, Calif.—The reviews are in, and kudos are mounting for a movie that seems destined to be a sleeper hit of the summer—"The Karate Kid." At the center of all this acclaim is Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, cast as Miyagi, a wise Japanese janitor who becomes the mentor for the film's hero Daniel, played by Ralph Macchio.

This characterization may come as a surprise to many who remember Morita's past performances as Arnold on "Happy Days" or as the star of the short-lived series "Mr. T and Tina." His stand-up comedy routines on the nightclub circuit are not known in our community for their sensitivity. Indeed, as guest speaker at the Orange County Chapter installation dinner in 1981, one could sense a strain in the audience as he explored his normal vein of humor. But at the same time, he did relate the problems of trying to gain a foothold in the predominantly white entertainment industry.

Morita gains new credibility with his role in this movie. To be sure, there is some stereotyping of Miyagi as a quiet, unassuming man with a strong accent and a penchant for bonsai trees. But more important, he takes the mystery out of the Asian male, particularly those who seem "foreign" to the unenlightened. In one scene where Daniel says that he thought karate was learned in Buddhist temples, Miyagi replies, "You [watch] too much TV."

Miyagi is not a man without a sense of humor. When Daniel asks him what kind of belt he holds, he answers, "Canvas, J.C. Penney, \$3.99."

The movie is about a teenager, new in town, being raised by his mother. He finds the going tough at times, but gets help and eventually inspiration from the Japanese American custodian. Directed by John Avildsen, the director of "Rocky," this movie has a similar underdog theme that has people in the audience cheering the hero on at the end.

"Karate Kid" is a long movie, but it takes the time to explore Miyagi's past, with references to his tour of duty fighting Germans and the losses he suffered in a concentration camp called Manzanar. While the film doesn't make a large issue of it, it points out to the audience that it doesn't take perfect English and an Anglo face to be a true American.



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**American Musashi** — Ralph Macchio, left, hits coach and target Noriyuki "Pat" Morita in a scene from "The Karate Kid."

This movie is going to go places. One reviewer even mentioned "Oscar" and "Morita" in the same breath. There will be millions around the country who will see a proud, uncomplaining man, every bit as much an American as they are, who maintains his dignity in his own way. We all know men like him—undemanding, loyal, some of them decorated war heroes—men who extend a hand to those who truly need it.

Like the strapping blue-collar worker next to us in line who had seen Morita's nightclub act and thought he was a funny little guy on "Happy Days," I'm sure many of those who see "Karate Kid" will come away surprised at the depth Morita has shown in this role. And some of us in the Nikkei community will be surprised at how perceptive his portrayal is. Maybe this Noriyuki guy isn't as insensitive as we thought.

### REDRESS PHASE FIVE: Minoru Yasui

## New England Chapter JACL

Kei Kaneda heads the New England JACL in Boston, Massachusetts. Although the New England JACL is small in membership numbers, they are in a very significant area—in the midst of a great deal of intellectual ferment, with Harvard and M.I.T. in Cambridge, Boston University across the Charles River, and numerous other institutions of higher learning in the neighboring areas.

From the standpoint of redress, New England is important politically. There are 12 U.S. senators and 24 members of Congress in New England. Sen. Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts, Sen. Chris Dodd of Connecticut, and Sen. Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island are important members of the U.S. Senate. And, surely, Speaker "Tip" O'Neill of Massachusetts is the most powerful leader in the House.

We spoke to an informal gathering of New England JACLers the other day. Kei Kaneda is originally from Stockton, Calif., and knows about evacuation from personal experience. We met Gary Glenn, and his wife, Evelyn Seiko, who are most supportive. They were mentioning that if Nikkei have sons or daughters attending school in the New England area, and are interested in helping, to please have them contact Kei Kaneda, 334 Harvard St., Cambridge, MA 02139; (617) 492-4355.

Host for the evening was Dr. Kiyo Morimoto, director of the Harvard Counseling Center. He hails originally from Pocatello, Idaho. We met Jiro Adachi, a native of New Jersey, who is now an engineer in Sudbury, Mass. His wife is the former Aiko Fukayama, who lived in Denver briefly during the early part of the evacuation period. We also met Tets and May Takayanagi, both originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, from Berkeley and Oakland, respectively.

Intriguing, too, were Tom Shikashio, who came all the way from Providence, Rhode Island, for the meeting (he, too, as we understand, is originally from Idaho) and Steven Hiroshi Murphy from Tokyo, Japan. Steve Murphy will be in the Richmond district of San Francisco later this summer, conducting research for his master's degree at Harvard.

The obvious sincerity and concern of these individuals to assist in the redress effort is heartwarming. We do thank these individuals, and others, in the New England area for their help.

We do ask, and indeed, beg others in other areas to carry on similar activities. We agree with Judge William Marutani that this must be done to vindicate our parents' lives and honor in the United States.

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## Aloha Hawaii: Let's Be There!

For the first time JACLers will be going outside continental U.S.A. to the island paradise of Hawaii for a convention. If there was an excuse needed to justify visiting the 50th State, let this 28th Biennial JACL Convention be that excuse, that justification, that reason, that tells your hesitant conscience, "It's okay." You deserve it. This is a convention JACLers will forever regret if they miss.

Convention chair Edgar Hamasu gave an excellent presentation at the national board meeting in May urging attendance by as many as possible to an unforgettable experience in Hawaii.

### Strong Local Support

There is enormous local support as evidenced in the convention booklet advertising, such that they were already in the black in May. Membership has increased there from the initial handful to well over 200. Fifteen local legislators of both parties have taken memberships. Gov. George Ariyoshi and his wife, Jean, will be participating in several events. Hawaii chapter president Lawrence Kumabe, deputy district attorney, and convention chair Edgar Hamasu, deputy director, Dept. of Land and Natural Resources, work for the state of Hawaii under Gov. Ariyoshi's leadership.

There are others such as Ralston Nagata, Jim Ohashi, Takeo Ogata, Gary Newcomer, Choki Kanetake, Steven Nagamine and past president Earl Nishimura who are involved with making the convention a success, as are Lillian Takeshita and Karleen Chinen. Teddi and Nanci Tanaka, who have been seen in some night spots here in L.A., and Heine Peters will be arranging the best kinds of entertainment. Ordinarily one might plan a trip to Hawaii and luckily take in one event, but not so this convention week where some major events occur every day.

### Varied Activities

The Thousand Clubbers, led by Frank Sakamoto, will be reunited once again with all the back-slapping, hand-shaking, hugging and dancing of bygone years, except this time there will be the magic of paradise. Golfers will use the beautiful Honolulu International Country Club not ordinarily frequented by the general public, where one can order miso soup or chazuke, as well as Chinese foods or Continental cuisine. (You may have seen their congratulatory ad in the first scholarship yearbook.)

In Hawaii, not the least will be the veterans groups, particularly the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the MIS, who will be participating in several events: an impressive ceremony to open the convention, the Arizona Memorial and now the sunrise Punchbowl Cemetery services to honor those who died for us. A new exhibit featuring the MIS will be opened with Eric Saul present. Nikkei are deeply indebted to the veterans.

### Still Time To Register

Every effort has been made by the Hawaii chapter to provide top entertainment at cost with no intention of making a profit, but to give the best deal possible to JACLers. "Early bird" prices are like subsidies, Hamasu stated in his presentation. It is not too late to register, even though discounts may no longer be available.

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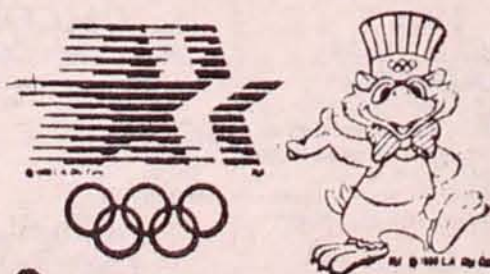
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## KUBOKAWA

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I intend to use my past experiential resource to continue building onto the greatness of our organization. I have worked in and will continue to support the areas of aging and retirement, redress, international relations, building fund, and starting new JACL chapters.

Continuity in our crucial programs must be kept. Innovative programs, ideas and activities must be generated to spark and energize those who are just members to become active and take part in making JACL a more involved, unified, viable, active and nationally recognized organization.

I propose that newly elected JACL officials start taking positive action on having the president of our country consider appointing a Nikkei onto the Supreme Court, the Japan America Friendship Commission, and other positions which can put to use and benefit from the sensitivities and resources of the Nikkei and other Asians.

The vice president should not work independently or specifically within its own area of concern but work in concert with other areas supporting innovative ideas which will excite others on the national board to do more than their share in addition to their elected duties—ways to increase membership, ways to develop future community leaders, ways for approaching philanthropic foundations, individual and agencies to supplement funding requests, etc.

I know I can contribute positively and effectively to JACL by playing an active, responsible role in the decision making process of the national board rather than sitting on the sidelines. Many of you know about my past years of involvement, actively learning and taking part in all three levels of JACL. I am seeking your votes to have the opportunity to help guide our organization into the future with positive thoughts and actions and mainly to UP THE ORGANIZATION!

Charles Kubokawa, a native of San Francisco, was evacuated to Tanforan and Topaz

during WW2 and later served as a flying officer in the U.S. Air Force and graduated with a degree in psychology from UCLA.

He is currently director of community relations for NASA at Ames Research Center. As a NASA astronaut, he has conducted research while living under the sea for five weeks with a team of scientists in a pressurized tank. Honors he has won include the Apollo Achievement Award, three technical brief awards, and a Japan science and technology fellowship. He has chaired the Foothill College District Space Science Center advisory committee, is active with the Marine Ecological Institute and Threshold Foundation, and serves on the board of directors of Deep Ocean Technology.

As for community service outside of JACL, Kubokawa has served as chair of the Santa Clara county grand jury's aging and social services section, ran for the Palo Alto city council in 1978, and was on the board of directors of the United Way's Mountain View chapter.

At present he serves with the United Way as chair of the Mountain View chapter, as a member of the board of directors of the Santa Clara county board of trustees, and as a member of the Planning and Allocations Council. The Santa Clara County United Way gave him a certificate of appreciation in 1982 and 1983, and the Mountain View chapter gave him a plaque of appreciation in 1983. In addition, he is on the board of directors of the Palo Alto chapter of the American Red Cross.

As a JACL member, Kubokawa was chosen as a Nisei of the Biennium for 1970-72 for his work as an astronaut. He was chapter president of the Sequoia Chapter in 1972, NCWNP district governor in 1976, and an appointee to various national committees, including headquarters building fund, scholarship, senior citizens-retirement, redress, and international relations. He presently sits on the board of directors of the Sequoia Chapter.

He is also treasurer of the Pan American Nikkei Association (PANA) and has won the district Arigato Award for leading the JACL contingent to the first Pan American Nikkei conference in Mexico City.

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**Takes oath**—Cary Nishimoto (left) is sworn into office by Justice Elwood Lui of the 2nd district court of appeals.

## Nishimoto seated on municipal court

LOS ANGELES—Cary H. Nishimoto, 38, was recently appointed judge of the Los Angeles municipal court by Gov. George Deukmejian.

For most of his legal career, Nishimoto was a trial deputy in the Los Angeles city attorney's office. From 1971 to 1973 he was associated with a law firm in downtown Los Angeles and has maintained his own law office in Little Tokyo since 1982.

After completing his undergraduate studies at the Univ. of California, Berke-

ley, in 1967, Nishimoto received his law degree in 1970 from California Western School of Law in San Diego.

Nishimoto served as JACL Pacific Southwest legal counsel from 1977 to 1980, thereafter assuming the posts of vice governor and then district governor through November 1983.

He has also served as secretary and vice president of the Japanese American Bar Assn. of the Greater Los Angeles area. A member of the Marina Chapter JACL, he resides in Culver City.

## Abe wins radio journalism awards

SEATTLE—Frank Abe, a reporter for CBS affiliate KIRO Newsradio 71, recently won five awards for his journalistic work.

Abe won a second place Unity Awards in Media honor in the category of radio political reporting for his three-part series about the controversy over Indian treaties in Washington State, entitled "Indian Treaties Under Fire." The Unity award is a national program for recognizing excellence in reporting of minority issues.

From the Religious Broadcasting Commission, which covers the Pacific Northwest, Abe won two awards. He took a first place Award of Excellence for a five-part series on hibakusha, and a certificate of merit for a radio public affairs series for "Other Voices," a weekly minority affairs program. The judges singled out a report that quoted Black and Native American leaders as saying

that redress for Japanese Americans would not cause their respective groups to pursue their own historic claims.

The Western Washington Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists gave Abe two 1983 Sigma Delta Chi Excellence in Journalism Awards: second place in investigative reporting for a five-part series on the effects of the 1983 Wah Mee murders on the Chinatown community and third place in feature news reporting for the "Atomic Bomb Survivors" series.

In addition, Abe was part of the team of reporters which won first place in general news reporting for "Seattle's Neighbor: The Far East," which included a live remote broadcast from Japan and Korea.

Abe has been with KIRO since 1979 and currently serves as the Snohomish County bureau reporter.

# People

## Government

Councilwoman Carol Kawana of Villa Park, Calif., was chosen at-large city alternate on the So. Calif. Assn. of Governments, a council of local governments from the six counties of So. Calif.

Active San Diego JACLer and community leader Vernon T. Yoshioka was reappointed by San Diego mayor Roger Hedgecock to a fourth term on the city board of noise abatement and control, which ends Jan. 1, 1986. Yoshioka is currently its board chair.

## Organizations

Masahiko Tisaka, an engineer by profession, was named the Brazilian representative to the Pan-American Nikkei Assn. board. He was Brazil's representative at the first PANA convention in Mexico City. Brazil is hosting the 1985 PANA gathering in São Paulo.

## Courtroom

Two Nisei attorneys, Lance Ito and Kenji Machida (onetime PSWDC legal counsel), were among a 50-member special committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association on judicial evaluation for the June 5 elections. Both have had broad courtroom experiences, as required by the rules of the bar association.

Yuki Kamayatsu, longtime Hollywood JACLer and onetime PC circulation manager, was selected to serve a year on the L.A. County grand jury, which was empaneled July 2. She was nominated by Judge Norman Dowds. Her late husband, Charles (also a PC staffer), had served on the same body in 1974-75.

## Longtime JACLer Nomura dies at 74

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Howard H. Nomura, formerly of Portland, Ore., died June 26 at the age of 74.

Nomura was born on Feb. 2, 1910, to parents Frank Jiro and Kiyo Nomura. He was graduated from Jefferson High School in 1928 and received his BS degree at Oregon State University School of Pharmacy in 1932.

He was a licensed pharmacist for more than 50 years in Oregon, Washington, and Minnesota.

In 1942 he and his family were sent to Heart Mountain concentration camp. While there, he served as chair of the block managers.

The Nomuras resettled in St. Paul, where he was employed for 39 years as pharmacist and buyer in a Twin Cities drugstore. He retired at age 72.

Nomura was an active leader in the JACL for many years and was president of the Portland chapter in 1939 and the Twin Cities chapter in 1969.

He served on the board of the Twin Cities JACL credit union for 28 years and was chair of the Japanese Community Center in Minneapolis during the early days of the Twin Cities Resettlement Program for internees.

Nomura is survived by wife Emi (Somekawa); son Philip of Minneapolis; daughter Judith Murakami of St. Paul; brother Paul of Chicago; sisters Elsie Shiozaki of Glenview, Ill., and Ruth Tanbara of St. Paul; and four grandchildren.

## Awards

Dana Yuko Tsuboi was selected 1984 Seattle Japanese Community and Cherry Blossom Festival Queen. Along with her royal court, she will represent Seattle at the Los Angeles Nisei Week Festival and the San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival. She also represents the Japanese community in the Seattle Seafair summer festival and pageant this July.

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## LITTLE TOKYO LIFE (No. 25): by Harry Honda



## Uptown's Uppermost

This week's segment is a very timely column. On July 23, the Rev. John Misao Yamazaki will observe his 100th birthday. Rector emeritus of St. Mary's Episcopal Church (it was founded in 1907 at 1334 S. Flower St. and had moved to its present locale at 961 S. Mariposa five years later), his ministry harks back to 1913 when he had completed his studies at divinity school. He was to nurture the hub that was to spread from Uptown—Uwamachi. In the eloquent 75-year commemorative church album published two years ago, the story of this centennial, and one of the living Little Tokyo Centennial Committee's honorees being presented tonight at the Bonaventure Hotel, reads like a community history of Uptown L.A.

A residential community of gardeners and domestic workers who lived between San Marino and Pico Blvd., Vermont and Western Aves., some of the businesses and names in our 1910 directory include the Westside Laundry at 2789 W. 10th St. (Olympic & Catalina today), an Issei nursery at 1005 S. Vermont; domestic/dayworkers: Kawaoka (1116 Berendo), Inatomi (1146 Hobart), Nasu (1028 Irolo), Yasuda (2850 W. Pico), Shirokawa (1051 Harvard), Yakura (965 Berendo), Takami (2869 W. 11th), Nakata (1029 Normandie), Fujihara & Murakami (1027 Fedora), Ishikawa (2547 W. 12th),

## Retirement home receives \$25,000

LOS ANGELES — When Friends of the Japanese Retirement Home (JRH) held its annual picnic June 2 on the site attended by 450 residents, family and friends, a check for \$25,000 was presented to the JRH board of trustees president John Fukushima. The amount repre-

sented the first part of a recent fund-raiser, according to Art Yoshimura, campaign chair.

Jack Muro, picnic chair, acknowledged help of Friends of JRH and youth groups, including Maryknoll Scout Troop 145, and the Alhambra High Service Clubs.

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St. Mary's was the only Japanese mission in the area to survive, a chapel-residence and barn-like hall at first, its present church dedicated in midst of the Depression in 1932 and expansion to parish status in 1956. In the late '20s, Rev. Yamazaki helped to start Dai-Ni Gakuen at 1035 1/2 Fedora. When Dai-Ni became full, he began a gakuen at the mission.

St. Mary's organized Scout Troop 33 in 1926 with Joe K. Sano as scoutmaster and Edward Matsuda as assistant. Rev. Yamazaki's son, John H.M., was its first Eagle as well as being the first Nisei in Southern California earning the coveted badge. A girls scout troop, church and social clubs were also organized.

During WW2, St. Mary's mission continued in the camps. Rev. John M., at Jerome; and his son Rev. John H.M. (that's how I've been able to separate the two names all these years) at Gila River, then in Cincinnati. In 1945, Rev. John M. was awarded his doctorate in sacred theology by his alma mater in New Haven, Conn. After WW2, both had returned to Uptown.



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The commemorative album, looking "into the future", notes the Uptown area again becoming a haven for immigrants in the 1980s—particularly from Latin America and Asian countries. Olympic Blvd. is now Koreatown. St. Mary's is not alone with Zen Buddhists, Messianic Christians (a post-war Japanese sect), Korean Baptists, Vietnamese and Tibetan Buddhists in the neighborhood—now known as "Wilshire" and covering a greater area. The old Uptown gang has dispersed but many of its members commute long distances for Sunday worship and meetings at St. Mary's. The Japanese-speaking congregation continues to meet though dwindling in numbers. The English-speaking congregation is a blend of many races as well as descendants of the Issei members. The St. Mary's story personifies Uptown-Uwamachi.

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