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 Nakai 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 I was interned as a young man. However, I believe 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 Wartime 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 Issue.” 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 poor people have a right to present their own 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.”

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 he said “is expressed in the Bill of Rights.” This compact was violated during the internment, he said (see July 6 PC).

Tateishi gave examples of individual tragedies arising from the internment, such as that of Tom Watanabe, “who lost his wife and twin daughters in child birth 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 my mother’s arms, and while I 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:

Protection of evacuees. Yasui said that during the war “there was never any suggestion of removing children to internment camps.”

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 WW II, according to Tom Hidaka, 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,” Hidaka 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.

Hidaka said he expected the redress proposal to run into opposition from the South, the Midwest, 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, Hidaka 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 sub-section 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 Wilsphere 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 Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which recommended redress for Nikkei and Aleut relocated or interned during WW II.

“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 internment of Japanese Americans during WW II was an act that profoundly and adversely affected the lives of thousands of loyal American citizens.” 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 31.

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.
Honolulu was added in 1981. After a request from the local JACL chapter, doctors trained to deal with radiation ill­nesses are compounded by the absence of American hibakusha. Seattle was made an additional site in 1979. Nakano said those living in Hiroshima and Nagasaki are entitled to free medical care from their government.

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 for the “100 Cranes to Adakoi” 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 1971, 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.

After 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 visitors saw photos, artifacts, and other reminders of the physical effects of the 1945 nuclear blast.

Education council appointed

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bill Hong 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,” Hong said.

Those named to the council were Alfredo Bautista, Tom Chan, Luke I.C. Kim, Linda Tsao Yang, Alice Baisos, Dong Thi Hau, Pat Luce, Victor Nakamoto, Mali Prasad, Ben Tom, John Tsu, Yori Wada, Harry Kubo, Izumi Taniguchi, Irene Hirano, J.D. Hokaynta, Don Nakashiki, Khamchong Luangpraseut, June Vien Pouy, Giu Yuen Wong, Jennifer Yamamoto, Lita David, Kimiko Fukuda and Bok Lim Kim.

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 5 to attend GOP convention

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Among the 176 Califor­nia delegates to the Republican national convention to be held Aug. 28-29 in Dallas are state Senator Mary Kay O’Connell (D-Atlanta), Democratic state Senator John Garamendi (D-Walnut Creek), and law firm partner David Knowles (D-Austin). The three are all expected to attend the convention.

The convention is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on Aug. 28 and will conclude at 11 a.m. on Aug. 29. The keynote address will be given by President Ronald Reagan at 10 a.m. on Aug. 28.

AA had recommended Mink

WASHINGTON—Prior to Walter Mondale’s selection of N.Y. congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro as his running mate, the 100,000-member Americans for Democratic Action recommended former congresswoman Paty Mink of Hawaii as the Democratic vice presidential candidate. Mink, a congressional representative from 1967-77, national ADA president from 1979-81 and presently chair of the Honolulu city council, said she was not actively seeking the nomination and that Mondale had not contacted her, though she would have accepted had she been chosen. She will attend the Democratic National Convention as a delegate.

Student suffers racial attack

SAN MARINO, Calif.—In what police described as a racially motivated attack, a 17-year-old Chinese youth was beaten by three Caucasians at Huntington School, the San Marino Tribune reported last month. The attackers, all minors, reportedly shouted obscenities and racial slurs at the victim while beating him with their fists, a chain from a bicycle lock, and his own tennis racket. The parents of the victim, who suffered a broken nose, a bruised back, and other injuries, have asked that assault charges be filed against the three youths.

Millions read ethnic media

STANFORD, Calif.—A new study shows that the combined circulation of minority-group newspapers, newsletters, magazines, and radio and television programs is as high as 2.3 million in the Bay Area. The minority population of the region is about 1.5 million.

The study, conducted by the Stanford Center for Chicano Research, found that 49 different Black, Latino and Asian newspapers, newsletters and magazines are published in the East Bay Area. The highest concentration is in San Francisco, where there are 16 different newspapers, and in the city of Oakland, where there are 11 different newspapers.

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Yamamoto's Play Hasn't Lost Its 'Soul'

By J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—Wakako Yamamoto'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 a segment of "Hollywood Television Theater," and been performed in San Francisco, San Diego, Seattle, New York, Massachusetts, Kauai, Hawaii, and Guam.

The appeal of "Soul," Yamamoto'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 Muratases and the Okas. The play is based on one of Yamamoto's short stories, which is in turn based on recollections from her childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Murata (Darrell Kunitomi, Michille Fong Cummings) and their American-born daughter Masako (Denise Kumagai) are barely getting by, hoping to return 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 Tendo), 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. He leaves, and the family has married his wife whom he left behind in Japan, has died, and the family has married her 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 Asian Americans 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 and the group are believers in such "heritage activities" because "sometimes to build a better tomorrow, we have to look back into our past."

"Many of us as Asian/Pacific people came to New Orleans from Japan as refugees, seeking a new world. A peace treaty exists. We live here, our children go to school. We are building our family here. Yet it is important to retain our heritage. To strengthen our place in the community, we must unite and move forward."

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SATO FOR PRESDIDENT
Minimizing Perils of Traveling

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 you 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 it to 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 in confusion. 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 open your door. It's hot. Obviously there's a stalled 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 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 are somewhat stale, the coffee indifferent. Well, of one thing you can be assured: the airport employees won't pile 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 "getcha" pricing. In Philadelphia's airport, that secluded cafeteria in a corner. If you're buying a down there, you pay the same (modest) amount as the workers do.

Speaking of Air Travel, if you travel other than first-class, 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 one of these. 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.

Planning for Retirement

Mr. Sula, also known as George Takei, visited headquarters one Sunday morning to preview the JACL-sponsored video, "A Tale of Nisei Retirement," in which he plays a non-Nisei who has retired from Shonen Jikken, the boys' club to which he belongs. He thinks 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 Sono the cat.

We will be premiering the video at the national convention during the aging and retirement workshop with the expectation 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.

Product videos 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 enthusiastic. 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 Senior, who have to interact with their retiring parents and adjust to this phase of their parents' lives.
Some weeks ago I used this space to comment on one of my favorite subjects, Chinese food, but more specifically, the Chinese food that is available in Seattle's Japantown in my youth. Among readers whose memory was stirred by the column was Takashi Horii of Seattle who recently returned home from some of the Golden Country. Café'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 me 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, wet over.

The menu was blank, spanning 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 kanji rather than "bee ru," which is what they say in Japan.

The real good stuff was inside the menu. Sweet and sour pork rib (singular) was 45 cents. Fried Chinese green also single 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 45 cents. A bowl of rice was extra; it cost you 15 cents.

These weren't hors d'oeuvres. Each dish when consumed with a bowl of rice was a full-sized meal for a chicken sandwich was 30 cents. Pork, ham or egg sandwiches were 20 cents. Hocks it costs that much to hard to see why anyone would go there for them. A sour spare rib (singular) was on the menu was almond dicken chop suy at listed at 1.10, although you could get green pepper with pork suey for 45 cents. All Kinds of Bottled Beer and Sake Imported or Domestic.

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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 national convention, scratch them off your list right now. You definitely won’t need them!

The best advice we can give 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 Sonora 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 clothing suitable for both the Sonora Banquet, and 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 muumus and aloha shirts, 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 sunset. Also, keep in mind that muumus 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 white sand 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 at Seabrook’s heated pool.

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Seabrook Chapter JACL Celebrates 40 Years of Nikkei in New Jersey

By Ellen Nakamura

SEABROOK, N.J.—“It is a privilege for me to say that I am glad that I spoke James M. Seabrook Sr. as he recalled that it was his grandfather, Seabrook, who brought more than 3,500 Japanese Americans to his vast forest product industry 40 years ago during WW2, as he keynoted the Seabrook JACL centennial 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 spurred by special congressional messages and an exceptional program planned by Mary C. Nakashima and Minoo Minoo.

The underlying sentiment expressed by all who wrote or spoke lauded the Japanese Americans for their industriousness, outstanding citizenship, and dedication to 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 “Beast Battalion,” by the 422nd Combat Team in October of 1944.

Among others that sent messages were national JACL president Floyd Shimomura, national director Ron Wakabaashi, Mike Nakashima, Go, 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.

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Kazuotshi 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 Chicago in 1961 and is currently a professor of genetics and acting vice chair of the department of biology at Wayne State University.

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, West Michigan District Council delegate, scholarship committee chair, and delegate to the national convention. It was chapter president in 1970 and 1978 and is again president this year. He has been chapter president chair since 1970. In addition, he was district contractor from 1979 to 1980. He has also been liaison between JACL and the Japanese Society of America.

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.

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One afternoon a few years ago while “talking story” with
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The author was born in Hawaii and grew up in Paiko Valley.
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Hawaii’s rich intermingling of different peoples and
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to think of themselves as locals, as people of Hawaii.

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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 "Nori" Matsuyama, cast as Miya, a wise-Japanese janitor who becomes the mentor for the film's hero Daniel, played by Ralph Macchio.

"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 funny, 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 Buddhism temples, Miya replies, "You [watch] too much TV."

Miya is not a man without a sense of humor. When Daniel asks him what kind of belt he holds, he answers, "Canvas, C.J. 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 belted eventually inspiration from the Japanese American custodin. Directed by John Avildsen, the director of "Rocky," this movie has a similar underdog theme that has been a popular franchise in the American audience heroing the on at the end. "Karate Kid" is a long movie, but it takes the time to explore Miya's life and his training. The film gathers 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.

American Musashi — Ralph Macchio, left, his coach and target Noriyuki "Nori" Matsuyama in a scene from "The Karate Kid."

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REDDRESS PHASE FIVE: Minoru Yasui

Kei Kanaeda heads the New England JACL in Boston, Massachusetts. New England JACL 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 Kanaeda is originally from Stockton, Calif., and knows about evacuation from personal experience. We met Gary Glenn, and his wife, Evelyn Seko, 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 Kanaeda, 334 Harvard St., Cambridge, MA 02139; (617) 492-4530.

Host for the evening was Dr. Kyio Morimoto, director of the Harvard Counseling Center. He has lived 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 Fukuyma, who lived in Denver briefly during the early part of the evacuation period. We also met Tetsu and May Takaya-ni, both originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, from Berkeley and Oakland, respectively.

Intriguing, too, were Tom Shikashita, 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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Takes oath—Cary Nishimoto (left) is sworn in as an office by Justice Ewald Lou of the 2nd district court of appeals.

Nishimoto seated on municipal court

LOUIS ANGELES—Cary H. Nishimoto, 30, 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 1972 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, Berkeley, Abe wins radio journalism awards

SEATTLE—Frank Abe, a reporter for CBS affiliate KIRO Radio (710), recently won five awards for his journalistic work.

Abe won a second place Unity Award in Media honors 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 on minority issues.

From the Religious Broadcasting Commission, which covers the Pacific Northwest, Abe won two awards. He took 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 the respective groups to pursue their own historic claims.


In addition, Abe was part of the team of reporters which won first place in general news reporting for “Seattle’s Nearest Neighbor,” a series which included a live remote from China and Korea.

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

People

People

Governing

Councilman Carol Kawamura of Villa Park, Calif., who is the first woman from San Francisco to be elected mayor of a city in the nation, was elected as one of the three council members from the six counties of the state. She is the first woman to be elected mayor of a city in the nation.

Active San Diego JACL and community leader, Shalom Alexander, who was re-elected as president of the local chapter, is the first term on the city council board of the National Association of Japanese Americans, which ends Jan. 1, 1983. Yoshida is currently its chair board.

Organizations

Masahito Tashiro, an engineer by profession, was named the president of the Pan-American Nikkei Association in San Diego. He was the first president of the Pan-American Nikkei Association in San Diego.

Courtroom


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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. 17, 1910, to parents Frank Jiro and Kiyoko Nomura. He graduated from Jefferson High School in 1927 and received his B.S. degree in 1936. He was awarded a law degree in 1938.

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 resided in St. Paul, where he was employed as a 20-year-old pharmacist and buyer in a Twin Cities drug store. He retired at age 72.

Nomura was a retired United States fire chief 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 conference for 28 years and was chair of the Japanese Community Center in Minneapolis during the early days of the Twin Cities Re-settlement Program for internees.

Nomura is survived by his wife Elin (Nowak); son Philip of Minneapolis; daughter Judith Murakami of Paul; brother Paul of Chicago; sisters Elsa Shidori of Glenview, Ill., and Ruth Tanbara of St. Paul; and four grandchildren.

Awards

Dana Yoko Tashiro was selected in 1983, Santaco, Inc., San Francisco, for the Cherry Blossom Festival Queen. Along with the crown of the Festival Queen, she will represent Seattle at the Los Angeles Nisei Week Festival and the San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival. She also represents the Seattle community in the Seattle Seafair 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 100th birthday at theaba of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, which was founded in 1907 at 1333 S. Flower St. and moved to its present locale at 613 S. Mariposa. Five years later, his ministry harks back to 1913 when he had completed a studies at divinity school. He was to nurture the hub that was to spread from Uptown to its neighbors. In the eloquent 75-year commemorative church album published two years ago, the story of this centenarian, and one of the living Tokyo Centennial Committee's honored guests was presented tonight at the Bonaventure Hotel, reads a city community of history U.P.A.

A residential community of gardeners and garden workers who lived between San Marino and Pico Blvd., V.C. Church, 700 S. Vermont, some of the business and names in our 1910 directory include the Westside Laundry at 2780 W. 10th St. (today), an Inoe nursery at 1005 S. Vermont; domestic/dayworkers: Kawakami; (1116 Berendo), Inatomi; (1146 Hobart), Nasu; (1038 Irolo), Yasuda; (3850 W. Pico), Shindo; (1831 Harvard), Yakura; (965 Berendo), Takami; (2809 W. 11th), Nakata; (1020 Normandie), Fujihara; (1027 Fedora), Ishikawa; (2547 W. 12th),

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LOS ANGELES — When Friends of the Japanese Retirement Home (JRH) held its annual picnic June 2 on the site abutting by 400 resi- dents, family and friends, a check for $25,000 was pre- sented the first part of a re- cent fund-raiser according to Art Yoshimura, campaign chair. Jack Murao, picnic chair, acknowledged help of Friends of JRH and youth groups, including Maryknoll Scout Troop 146, and the Alhambra High School Clubs.

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