

American Bar Assn. recognizes wrong but rejects reparations

CHICAGO—At its annual convention Aug. 7, the American Bar Assn. passed a resolution urging Congress to "provide appropriate legislative recognition to those denied equal justice under law pursuant to Executive Order 9066."

The ABA's House of Delegates stopped short, however, of backing the payment of reparations to victims of the WW2 internment. Although the resolution called for "appropriate monetary compensation" when submitted by the ABA's Individual Rights Section, it received overwhelming approval only after this passage was deleted.

"This is something for the national psyche," said Richard Donahue, a Lowell, Mass. attorney who pushed for the resolution. "It will help educate the public so that nothing like this ever happens again."

The report submitted by the Individual Rights Section drew heavily on the recent opinion of federal district court judge Marilyn Patel, who accepted a petition alleging government misconduct in the case of Fred Korematsu, the Nisei arrested, convicted and ruled against by the Supreme Court for evading the wartime internment.

"This is an important resolution for the ABA," said Donald Tamaki, one of Korematsu's attorneys. "The shameful history of this episode reflects the failure of the legal community to uphold the civil rights of Japanese Americans."

"I am not surprised that it was amended to take out the money," he added, "but I am gratified that it passed. The ABA's recommendations carry a great deal of weight in Congress."

JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi called the ABA's action "a major victory" and said it would help in the drive to have redress legislation passed by Congress. JACL initiated the resolution last year, but without success.

The resolution's call for redress narrowly missed approval by the ABA's board of governors before being submitted to the House of Delegates. Despite the support of such board members as Calvin Udall of Phoenix and John Schwabe of Portland, the motion to recommend approval of the resolution was voted down, 12 to 9.

'A-Team' episode receives protests

SAN FRANCISCO—Television's George Peppard was on a mission in a recently aired episode of NBC's "A-Team," and he needed an impenetrable disguise. To the distress of Asian American viewers, he decided that becoming a Chinese laundry worker would do the trick.

Peppard's make-up drew a protest Aug. 2 from Chinese for Affirmative Action. In a letter to "A-Team" producers John Ashley and Patrick Hasburg, CAA's Eric Jue criticized the portrayal.

"The character played by George Peppard had large front teeth, a hunched back, and a stereotypical Fu Manchu moustache. He also spoke English in a very unrealistic Chinese accent. These stereotypes hurt not only Asian Americans, but American society as a whole. Your show reaches a large population of the U.S., and such stereotypes serve only to promote ignorance and an inaccurate portrayal of a large group of people who live in this country."

"We ask that your future episodes not contain stereotypes of any racial ethnic group. This will serve not only to avoid inaccurate portrayals of minorities, but will also insure you of more viewers."

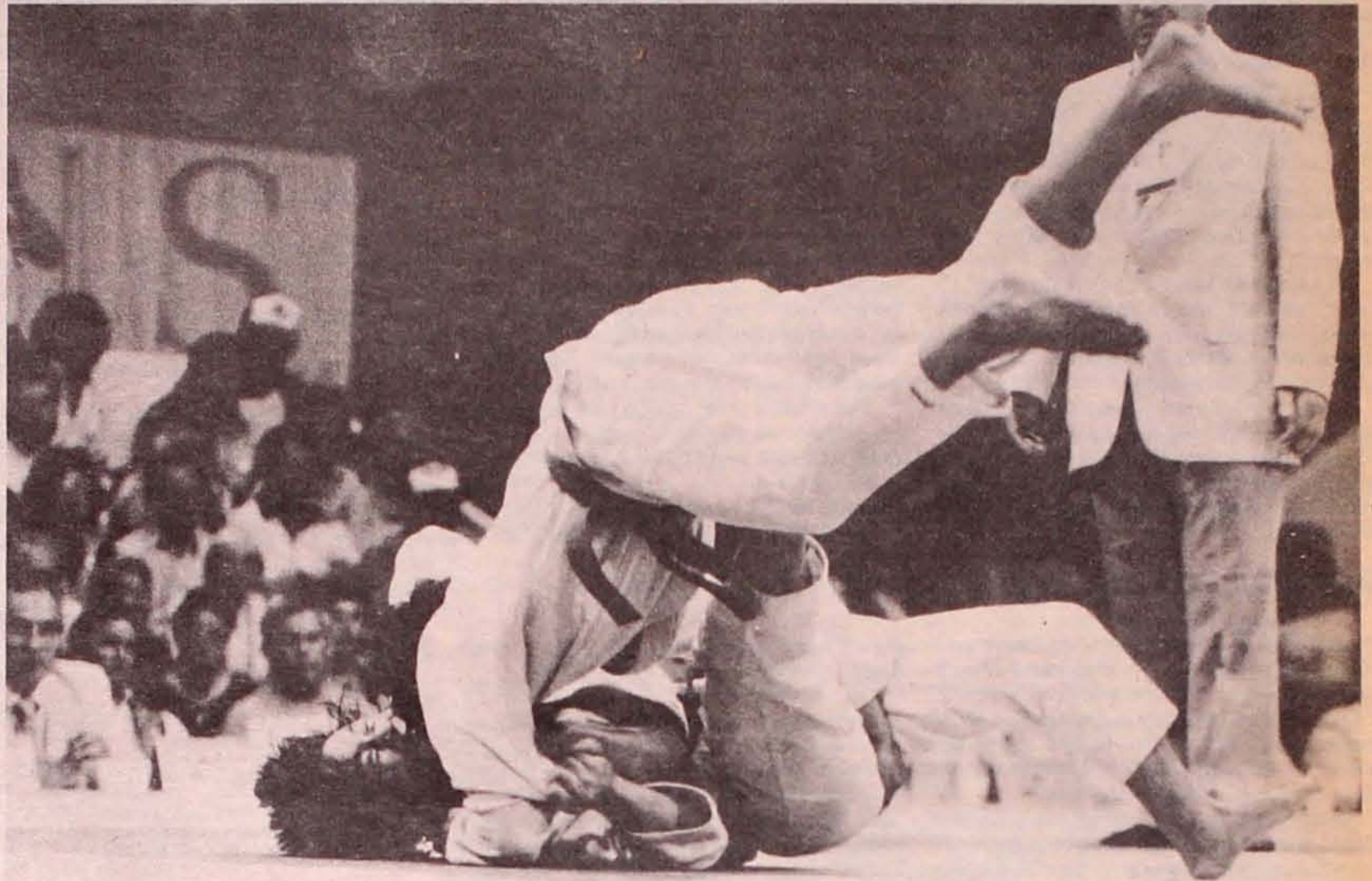


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Flipped Over Olympics— Bronze medalist Luis Onmura of Brazil maneuvers a sacrifice throw against Glenn Beauchamp of Canada

in the lightweight competition Aug. 6 at Cal State L.A. Onmura is one of the six judo medalists of Japanese descent.

Memorial marker for slain Asian student vandalized

DAVIS, Calif.—Vandals painted racist slogans and swastikas on a planter box constructed in memory of a Vietnamese high school student killed on campus last year, East West reports.

Members of the Davis High School Key Club and the Regional Occupation Program landscape management class had erected the planter box this past May as a memorial to Thong Hy Huynh, who was knifed to death in May, 1983. James Pierman, a white student at the same school, has been charged with murder.

Three swastikas and the slogans "Death to gooks," "Asian slime" and "Free James Pierman" were painted on the planter box walls and ledge and on the adjacent sidewalk. David Murphy, principal of Davis High, said the vandalism occurred sometime over the

weekend of July 28-29.

Pierman is scheduled to go on trial in Contra Costa County in September. His attorneys successfully argued for a change of venue from Yolo County due to extensive pretrial publicity.

While there are presently no suspects in the vandalism, Murphy said he suspected a group called the White Students Union, which distributed racist literature on the high school grounds after the killing.

Though maintenance workers have cleaned up the damage done to the planter, members of the newly-formed Davis Human Relations Commission expressed frustration with the limitations encountered in trying to repair race relations in the area.

Commission chair Elvin Smith said that the group is still new and attempting to "find

ways to reach out." However, there has been difficulty finding concrete proposals.

Smith and fellow commissioner Beverly Ballard both agreed that the vandalism reflects the attitude of only a small group of people and speculated that the vandals may have come from outside the Davis area—possibly from Sacramento, where the White Students Union is reportedly based.

U.S. wrestler refers to opponent as 'that Jap'

LOS ANGELES—A U.S. Olympic athlete referred to his Japanese opponent as a "Jap" during a nationally broadcast interview on ABC Aug. 9.

That day at the Anaheim Convention Center, three Americans defeated three Japanese in freestyle wrestling. Randy Lewis had just beaten Kosei Akaishi and won the gold medal in the 136.5 pound division when he was interviewed by ABC commentator Russ Hellickson.

Lewis, who had wrestled with Akaishi before, said, "Well, I figured I would have a pretty wild match with that Jap" during the interview. The reporter did not comment on the wrestler's choice of words.

John Saito, JACL's PSW regional director, received numerous phone calls from local Japanese Americans angered by the racial slur. Some viewers called the network to complain. Saito said that he was given "the run-around" when he called ABC and was unable to discuss the matter with anyone in a decision-making position.

Saito sent Roone Arledge, executive producer of the network's Olympic programming, a telegram which read, "The Japanese American community is outraged at the racial epithet Randy Lewis was allowed to use on ABC Olympic coverage. We demand an immediate correction and apology." ABC has yet to respond to the complaints.

Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemorated in U.S.

The 39th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were commemorated not only in Japan, but also in some U.S. cities, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle.

In Los Angeles, between 5,000 and 7,000 marchers converged in MacArthur Park Aug. 5 for a "Survival Day" rally organized by the '84 Mobilization for Peace and Justice. Leading the march to the park was a bomb survivor and anti-nuclear activist Kenichi Yasui, who carried the "Peace Flame" he brought from Hiroshima (see Aug. 10 PC).

Among the other speakers voicing opposition to the arms race were a bomb survivor Shigeko Sasamori; Michio Kaku, a physics professor at City University of New York; actor George Takei; Daniel Ellsberg of Pentagon Papers fame; and Nicholas Meyer, director of the TV movie "The Day After." A number of speakers denounced U.S. intervention in Central America as well as the nuclear buildup.

The rally was highlighted by the lighting of

an "Eternal Flame of Peace" using Yasui's torch and a moment of silence, timed to coincide with a similar observance in Hiroshima, in honor of victims of the atomic bomb.

The San Francisco commemoration was held Aug. 4 at Japantown Center Peace Plaza. The program included an offering of 1,000 paper cranes, a symbol of peace and long life, and blessings delivered by Pia Moriarty of Catholic Archdiocese Nuclear Disarmament Project and Rev. Nobuaki Hanaoka of Friends of Hibakusha. Also offering their prayers were Rev. Ryo Imamura, Buddhist Peace Council; Rev. James McCray, United Methodist Church; and Miriam Levy, Jewish community activist.

Speeches were given by Kanji Kuramoto and Joe Dairiko of the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors, which represents Nikkei hibakusha seeking medical assistance from the U.S. government; Charlene Tschirhart, S.F. Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign; Dr. Thomas Ambrogi, Religious Is-

Mondale's 'Hong Kong' reference criticized

SAN FRANCISCO—For Norman Ishimoto, attending the Democratic national convention last month had its pleasant moments—working as a volunteer for his wife, Harriet Kiyomura Ishimoto (who was the number two person in charge of credentials), hearing the speeches, and chatting with delegates. But he was shocked to hear what he called "a racist remark" from Walter Mondale.

In his acceptance speech for the party's presidential nomination, one of Mondale's criticisms of the Reagan administration was that it "encouraged executives to vote themselves huge bonuses—while using King Kong tactics to make workers take Hong Kong wages."

In a letter to Mondale, Ishimoto wrote, "I heard your acceptance speech with my wife and a staff person of a national civil rights organization. We were shocked at your reference to 'Hong Kong wages.'"

Ishimoto briefly discussed the Vincent Chin killing, which he said "was a direct outcome of racist sentiments, fanned by the not entirely accurate belief that competition from Asian manufacturers was putting Americans out of work."

New film tells story of coram nobis cases

GARDENA, Calif.—"Unfinished Business," the latest production by filmmaker Steven Okazaki, deals with the wartime Supreme Court cases of Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi and Minoru Yasui, who were convicted of violating curfew and internment orders aimed at Japanese Americans.

Combining interviews with the three defendants and other former internees with wartime footage from government archives, producer/director Okazaki and associate producer Jane Kaihatsu document the impact the internment had on the Nikkei community as a whole and the individual battles fought by Korematsu, Hirabayashi and Yasui as they asserted their rights as U.S. citizens.

The film also incorporates scenes from

"Your 'King Kong—Hong Kong' phrase touched that belief. Your words sparked a response that will only continue to bring grief to Americans of Asian ancestry."

"I am a management and personnel consultant. I also chaired the national Employment Discrimination Committee, JACL. I was honored to serve as a consultant to President Carter's Government Reorganization Task Force. In these activities, I observed how attitudes propagated by our nation's leaders influence individual behavior. When a King, a Kennedy or a Mondale speaks, his words infuse others with commitment to make these words an active reality."

"Likewise, phrases like 'benign neglect' or 'states' rights' uttered by a national leader become code words, interpreted at the popular level as implicit permission to hold racist ideas and commit racist actions. 'Hong Kong wages' stimulates the same racist passions."

"I also know from staffing the diplomatic credentials window that numerous visitors from East and Southeast Asian countries eagerly observed the convention. Passing through the honored and special guest sections before your speech, I observed their at-

Rick Shiomi's play "Point of Order," which dramatizes Hirabayashi's experiences.

The meaning of the film's title becomes apparent as the filmmakers cover the redress movement and the current efforts to clear the names of the three Nisei whose appeals were ruled against by the Supreme Court 40 years ago. Through *writs of error coram nobis* filed in 1983, three teams of mostly Sansei lawyers have been trying to have the cases invalidated by showing that the decisions were based on false government reports stating that Nikkei had committed acts of espionage.

The film features interviews with lawyers involved in the coram nobis effort, including Peter Irons, Dale Minami and Lorraine Bannai. It also chronicles a major victory—a federal judge's 1983 decision to vacate Korematsu's conviction and to accept the petition charging government misconduct in the case, thereby condemning not only the prosecution of Korematsu but also the internment itself.

Intended to educate the public about the internment in general and the coram nobis cases in particular, "Unfinished Business" takes the viewer beyond dry statistics and conveys how individuals felt about their experiences, just as Okazaki's film "Survivors" enabled Hiroshima and Nagasaki survivors to tell their story.

Unfortunately, the film's title also describes the status of the film itself. Speaking at a preview screening in Gardena July 14, Okazaki, Minami and Bannai said that \$30,000 is needed to meet production costs and to distribute the film.

Funded in part by a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, "Unfinished Business" will be broadcast on PBS sometime in 1985. However, because only one print of the film exists, the filmmakers cannot distribute it on a large scale.

The filmmakers are planning to raise funds through foundation grants, organizational and individual contributions, and fundraising showings of the film. A benefit screening was held at the Act Two Theater in Berkeley, Calif., Aug. 5, and an October showing in Gardena is scheduled. Other sites being considered include San Francisco, San Jose, Seattle, Denver and Chicago.

The film is a project of San Francisco-based Mouchette Films/National Asian American Telecommunications Assn. and was made with the assistance of such organizations as Asian Law Caucus, JACL, ACLU and National Coalition for Redress/Reparations. It has received praise and pledges of support from such public figures as Rep. Norman Mineta and Sen. Alan Cranston (both D-Calif.), Sen. Charles Percy (R-Ill.), and author Studs Terkel.

For more information, contact Mouchette Films/NAATA, 346 9th St., 2nd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94103; (415) 861-0695.

—By J.K. Yamamoto

tentive—and excited—expressions. I'm sure the message of your phraseology was not lost upon these ambassadors and ministers."

Neglected Supporters

"I am told that the Asian Pacific Caucus was the one caucus recognized by the Democratic National Committee that you did not honor with a personal visit. I am also aware that four present and former members of Congress of Asian ancestry were in attendance throughout the convention. Any of them would have willingly provided guidance on the use of 'Hong Kong wages.'"

"President Carter appointed only four

Asian Americans to Schedule 'C' federal positions. One was justifiably displeased at the low-level position she received. Two were a credit neither to our community nor to the administration. Late in that administration, the last was appointed. Thus, both your unfortunate comment and prior experience are cause for concern."

"We want very strongly to be an integral part of the Democratic coalition that will work for your success in November. Your response to these concerns will be instrumental in motivating our country's resources for your campaign."

California state VFW passes redress-related motion

REDDING, Calif.—During the Veterans of Foreign Wars state convention held here June 18-21, a "Protection of Civil Rights" resolution submitted by California's 14 Nisei VFW posts and District No. 17 was unanimously passed by the VFW's Americanism Committee and Dept. of California.

Drafted in response to remarks made last year by VFW national commander James Currie, who said there should be no apology or compensation for the WW2 internment of Japanese Americans, the resolution states that the government's actions were a result of racism, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership rather than military necessity and notes that more than 30,000 Nikkei fought with distinction with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe and the Military Intelligence Service in the Pacific.

The statement ends with a resolution that the VFW's Dept. of California "continue the civil rights and Constitutional guarantees of all Americans" and uphold the idea that "the rights of citizenship will never depend on race or ancestry." There are more than 3,000 Japanese American VFW members in California.

The same resolution was passed June 2-3 by the VFW's Dept. of North Dakota.

After a year of preparation, the Nisei VFW posts plan to present the resolution at the national VFW convention scheduled to be held in Chicago Aug. 17-24. Those responsible for tak-

ing the resolution to the convention floor are Frank Oshita, Mote Nakasako, Larry Tanabe, George Makishima, Harry Tanabe, Kaz Minami, Hiroshi Tadakuma, and Jim Mita.

The Nisei VFW members will also display the "Go for Broke" photo exhibit Aug. 20 at Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel, where they will hold a reception for national VFW officers and dignitaries.

Asian/Pacific Republicans to speak at party conference

DALLAS—High-ranking Republicans will speak on the importance of Asians participating in the GOP Aug. 20, opening day of the Republican national convention.

Scheduled speakers are Ed Rollins, director for the Reagan-Bush campaign; Rep. Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.); Anna Chenault, vice chair of the president's Export Council, and chair of Chinese Americans for Reagan-Bush; Patricia Saiki, state chair of the Hawaiian Republican party; Michael Sotirhos, chair of Ethnic for Reagan-Bush; Texas Sen. Ike Harris; Sen. Paul Laxalt, chair of the Republican party; and Thu-Nga Tran, a Vietnamese refugee.

The conference is open to the public and will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel.

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sues '84; and Lyle Wing, Bay Area Asians for Nuclear Disarmament.

San Francisco supervisor Nancy Walker presented a resolution passed by the board of supervisors proclaiming Aug. 6 Hiroshima Remembrance Day and Aug. 9 Nagasaki Remembrance Day. A statement from the Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration Committee, sponsor of the event, linked the 1945 bombings with the present world situation:

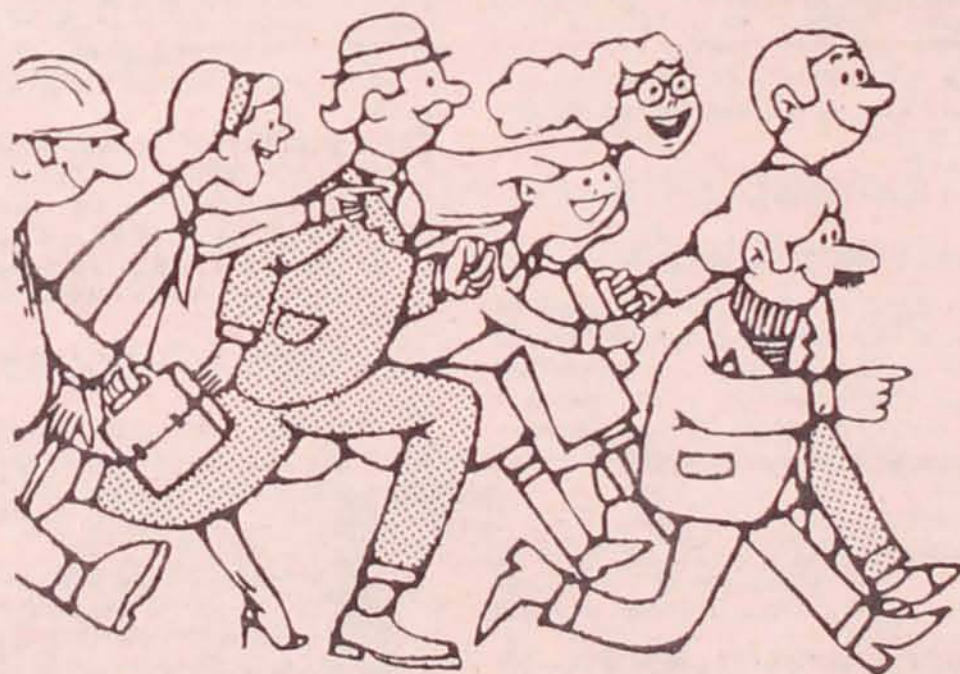
"Today we live with the danger of more Hiroshimas and Nagasakis. The U.S. and Soviet Union have some 50,000 nuclear warheads, the explosive equivalent of one million Hiroshimas... We should commemorate those who died, and pledge to work so that the tragedy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki shall never be repeated. On this occasion, we join with millions around the world in a common quest for peace and disarmament."

Entertainment was provided by S.F. Taiko Dojo, folk singers Bo and Matsumi Park, members of Konko Church of S.F. (who performed a ceremonial Shinto dance), and the Japanese Community Singers.

A program entitled "No More Hiroshimas, No More Vietnams" was held in Seattle at St. Mark's Cathedral Aug. 5. An audience of 300 heard speakers on the arms race, the plight of hibakusha, and the possibility of a Vietnam-type involvement in Central America escalating into a nuclear confrontation between the superpowers. Stan Shikuma of Pacific Northwest District JACL, David Satterwhite of American Friends Service Committee, and Mario Castillo Gomez, a Guatemalan refugee, were among those who addressed the gathering.

The program was initiated by King County Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Pacific Northwest JACL, Northwest Network for a Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific, Washington State Korean Human Rights Council, Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, and a variety of other groups.

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Schmoe attends Hiroshima ceremony

HIROSHIMA—At the invitation of Mayor Takeshi Araki, Floyd Schmoe and Jean Walkinshaw, who helped to house victims of the 1945 atomic bombing, attended the annual memorial service at Peace Park Aug. 6.

Schmoe, a Quaker biologist, is well known both in Japan and among Japanese Americans for his humanitarian efforts. He opposed the WW2 internment of Nikkei at the 1942 Tolan Committee hearings and protested the use of atom bombs on Japan. In addition to spearheading a project to build homes for Hiroshima and Nagasaki survivors, he has worked with war refugees in Korea and in the Sinai desert. The city of Hiroshima made him an honorary citizen in 1983. He currently resides in Kirkland, Wash.

Walkinshaw plans to make a 30-minute documentary on Schmoe for KCTS-TV, the Seattle PBS affiliate. Ken Nakano, Lake Washington and Seattle JACL member and national co-chair of JACL's Atomic Bomb Survivors Committee, has pledged organizational support for the project.

Schmoe brought with him a thousand paper cranes from Seattle JACL as well as messages of peace from Seattle Mayor Charles Royer and Rep. Mike Lowry (D-Wash.).

The ceremony was attended by 50,000 people, many of them survivors of the bombing or relatives of those who died. Araki added the names of 4,312 hibakusha who died during the past year to a list of a-bomb victims kept in a memorial cenotaph at Peace Park. The number of known victims now stands at 113,271. An inscription on the cenotaph reads, "Rest in peace—the mistake shall not be repeated."

There was a moment of silence at 8:15 a.m. to mark the

exact time that the bomb was dropped on Aug. 6, 1945. Some fell to the ground and lay still to commemorate the dead.

Araki called on the U.S. and the Soviet Union to resume disarmament talks and to start with an immediate nuclear test ban. The government was represented by Minister of Health and Welfare Kozo Watanabe, who placed a wreath on the cenotaph. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the Hiroshima Peace Song and the release of a flock of doves.

Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone attended the Aug. 9 Nagasaki memorial service in that city's Peace Park. The names of 1,727 were added to the list of identified Nagasaki a-bomb victims, raising the total to 64,186. Bells tolled at 11:02 a.m. to mark the exact time of the 1945 explosion. Mayor Hitoshi Motojima vowed that Nagasaki would be the last city ever to suffer a nuclear attack.

Permanent memorial sought for 100th

HONOLULU—Members of the 100th Infantry Battalion who fought in Europe during World War II are seeking ways to establish a permanent memorial so future generations will be aware of their contributions.

In a speech recently at the 42nd anniversary of Club 100, its president, Ben H. Tamashiro, suggested one of three projects to commemorate the occasion: a monument, such as a public statue; a "living" scholarship memorial to assist dependents of the 100th, or a professorship at the Univ. of Hawaii; or a medical assistance program for members and spouses whose health coverage may not be enough in their later years.

"Five years ago, our membership was 710, last year 747—an indication that there is much life remaining," Tamashiro said. "But that should not lessen the need for action upon our visions for tomorrow."

Hiroshima/Nagasaki exhibit to open

SAN FRANCISCO — Drawings by survivors of the atomic bomb and 20 photographic panels will be on view at the First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St., Aug. 17 through Aug. 28.

At noon on Aug. 19, two veterans from the National

Assn. of Radiation Survivors speak on their experiences in Nagasaki, one as a POW and the other in the Occupation forces. Two survivors of the Hiroshima bombing will also speak, followed by a showing of "Survivors," a film by Steven Okazaki.

Prewar Alameda Nikkei hold successful reunion

By Roland Kadonaga

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Alameda Nikkei Grand Reunion is now past, but for the participants, memories of it will linger for a long time.

Bento dinner was served to an overflow crowd of 275. Master of ceremonies Yas Yamashita amazed everyone by being able to introduce everyone and recall most of the married women's maiden names.

The wine country tour was field day for the 37 wine connoisseurs. Highlight of the Eastbay tour was the BART ride to San Francisco and viewing the changes in Alameda and Oakland. According to chairperson Nellie Takeda, participants enjoyed the Chinese luncheon the most.

Key event of the reunion was the dinner dance at the Hyatt. Yas Koike, master of

Cultural events

LOS ANGELES—Bugaku: Treasures from the Kasuga Shrine, remains on exhibit (the first time outside Japan) through Aug. 26 at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro, Tuesdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO—Nihonmachi Street Fair features a special program of arts and crafts activities for children Aug. 18 and 19 in Japan-town. "Jaku and the Beanstalk" is performed by the Theatre of Yugen at Kokusai Theatre Aug. 18, noon. Admission is free.

CHICAGO—A reception and dedication of the Go For Broke Exhibit will be held Monday, Aug. 20, 9 p.m., Conrad Hilton Hotel, 720 S. Michigan, Room 418. Nisei Veterans of California and Go For Broke, Inc. are hosts.

DELRAY BEACH, Fla.—Morikami Museum of Japanese Culture is looking for a museum educator and special events coordinator on a half-time basis. Resumes should be sent to the museum at 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach, FL 33446.

Community affairs

LOS ANGELES—Wills and trusts will be discussed at a meeting for widowed persons Saturday, Aug. 18, beginning at 9:30 a.m., 3832 Wellington Rd. Dennis Kunisaki of Sumitomo Bank Trust Dept. will speak. Contact: Lily Fukunaga, 291-3910.

BURBANK—Tritia Toyota, KNBC news anchor, is guest speaker at the Asian/Pacific Women's Network luncheon, Monday, Aug. 20, noon, at KNBC, 3000 W. Alameda. Toyota speaks on "Asian America," a five-part series about Asian Pacifics in So. Calif., and on an expanded hour-long version that will air on Aug. 24. Reservations and information: 557-2053.

SAN FRANCISCO—KQED is seeking persons interested in appearing in the audience of its public affairs program "Express," which focuses on the position of Asian Americans in American society on Aug. 29 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. A mini-documentary will be screened, followed by a discussion with guest speakers and questions or comments from the audience. To reserve a seat, contact Philippa Karmel, (415) 553-2284.

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Former Tule Lake internees will hold their next reunion over Memorial Day weekend, 1985. General chair for the event is Tom Fujimoto. For more information, write Tule Lake Reunion '85, P.O. Box 22386, Sacramento, CA 95822.

SAN RAFAEL, Calif.—The annual Kimochi golf tournament will be held Friday, Sept. 21 at Peacock Gap Golf and Country Club. Tee-off time is 12 noon. To register call 931-2294.

Consul seeks improved trade relations

HONOLULU—Trying to help Americans correct their understanding of Japan's economic policy and smoothing the environment for trade and defense negotiations are important, says Taizo Nakamura, the 38th consul general to serve here since 1885.

Speaking before members of Japan America Society of Honolulu recently, the diplomat said: "Japan is unique among advanced industrial economies in the frequency with which it adopted a series of market-opening measures and exercised export restraint."

"Many of my countrymen feel that, placing the closest relationship with the U.S. as the cornerstone of its foreign policy, Japan has been an exceptionally cooperative American economic partner. They are baffled by the name-calling and other criticisms which frequently appear in the press."

Nakamura said that since he arrived in January, government negotiations have been held on citrus, beef and other agricultural product imports to Japan; on defense/security; as well as conferences among scientists, journalists and other private groups.

Japan purchased last year \$22 billion in American exports, which is about the same as combined U.S. exports to West Germany, France and Italy. One future project is the establishment of a high-tech Hawaii center, proposed by Gov. George Ariyoshi, Sen. Spark Matsunaga and vigorously pursued by the Univ. of Hawaii.

Initial plans were discussed by government officials, scientists and professors from both nations in Tokyo in April.

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EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



Reality from Right

THE PERCEPTION EMBRACED by many Nikkei as to their birth-right status in this, their land, has troubled us for many years and continues to trouble us. It is the perception of second-class citizenship as the norm, of having to "explain" our ethnicity, of having to "earn" the right to be an American, of being a supplicant of those basic rights that belong to each and everyone of us—just as they belong to all Americans.

It is particularly troubling when those who assume leadership positions within our midst, adopt, consciously or unconsciously, this second-class mentality.

BY ALL THIS, we're not suggesting that we ignore reality and blithely pretend that no (false) obstacles stand in our paths. We distinguish between what-is-in-reality from what-is-right. We are, at this point, referring to the latter. In our goals, in our attitudes, in our endeavors—we must speak, act and expect what-is-right, what our status is supposed to be under those noble principles of democracy which this nation espouses and upon which it was founded. For it is that status that is ours. Simply by reason of being an American. If in our attitudes, we recede from that fundamental level, our sights will have been lowered in our advocacy; it will be more difficult, if not impossible, to uplift what-is-reality to what-is-right. For at the very outset, we will then have surrendered rights that rightfully belong to all Americans.

And we are Americans.

INVARIABLY THERE ARE Nikkei who have attained "success"—however such may be measured, whether by material wealth, position, office, etc.—who will instruct us that notwithstanding the odds, "it can be done." And from such vantage point, it may be tempting to suggest that rather than "complain" that one should get out and hustle. We have no quarrel with urging *doryoku* as a general proposition, whatever may be one's field. But one must understand that not all Nikkei are constituted the same; not all have had the same advantages, or sometimes the pure luck. Just like most Americans, most Nikkei are plain, ordinary folks—except that they face odds that may not be imposed on comparable Americans. (And, in passing, we've often wondered whether these "successful" Nikkei had attained their full potential as if no handicaps had been placed at any point. Including the present.)

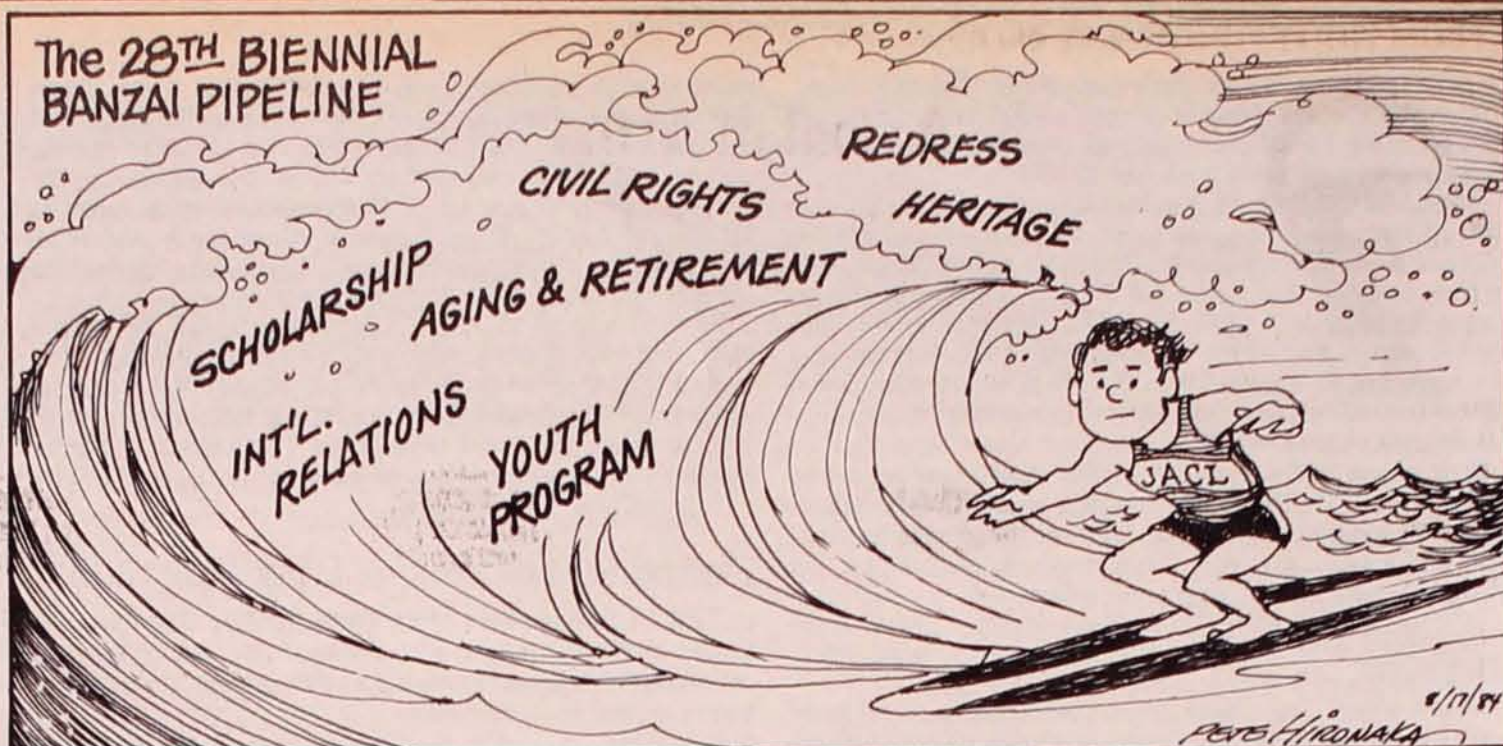
WE DON'T MEAN to suggest that this writer is free from vestiges of less-than-first-class-citizenship mentality. We've gone through the throes of introspection, and we have to admit it's unsettling. It is far more comfortable, reassuring, to maintain a second-class mentality which comports more with reality, thus causing less clashing. And we continue in our mental metamorphosis to gain a clearer view of what our individual goals as an American ought to be.

AND THAT'S IT: distinguish reality from right. Don't let the former set the level for the latter. To do so is to cheat ourselves.

Japan athletes honored in J-town

LOS ANGELES—Japanese Olympic athletes, along with their coaches and sponsors, were honored Aug. 7 at an outdoor reception at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center's Noguchi Plaza in Little Tokyo. The Japanese Chamber of Commerce of So. Calif. sponsored the event.

The 28TH BIENNIAL BANZAI PIPELINE



—Keeping Track—

Commenting on the dismissal of the class action suit filed by National Council for Japanese American Redress, the *News & Courier/Post* of Charleston, S.C., concluded an anti-redress editorial May 27 by saying:

"Very few people now alive can be held responsible in any way, shape or form for what happened to the Japanese American, so it is well that the case which sought to milk them of damages has been thrown out. It is a pity that the judge did not go further and emphasize what he only hinted at in his opinion—the folly of trying to bring the history of 40 years ago to trial in the courts of today...."

In Long Island, N.Y., the June 3 edition of *Newsday* carried a letter from John Cabot Grampp of Woodside, who wrote in part:

"One wonders why the Japanese American lobby waited so long in filing this suit. Was it reluctant to arouse the memories of those still living who still remember the death marches and brutal treatment by Japan of captured American soldiers?"

"I dismiss this [CWRIC] report as an insult to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the American people."

"Not one of the sponsors of this [redress] bill has made mention of the American servicemen and women who also sacrificed three and four years of their lives away from families, jobs and business. Nor have they requested that Japan offer an apology, long overdue, and pay compensation for those killed and crippled as well as for the naval units destroyed in their unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor."

Newsday printed a rebuttal from John Kumpel of Hemp-

stead on June 13. Kumpel responded, in part:

"Whether or not the nation of Japan owes the American people an apology for atrocities committed during WW2 has no bearing whatsoever on the unprecedented and unconstitutional treatment accorded thousands of American citizens by their government."

"Despite the fact that these hapless souls had done nothing of a criminal or treasonable nature...they were surrounded by gun towers and bayonet-wielding soldiers (paid for in part by their taxes)."

"When given the opportunity, the sons and brothers of internees...went on to compile one of the most glorious chapters in American military history."

"Had German Americans been treated in similar fashion, there might have been the equally ludicrous spectacle of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. Carl Spaatz and Adm. Chester Nimitz being treated as criminals because their parents or grandparents chose to live in the U.S."

"Grampp asked why the Japanese Americans waited so long in filing the suit. The reason is the Freedom of Information Act did not allow the release of many important documents concerning the illegal internment until 40 years after the event."

"It's really incongruous that a protest against the injustices of yesteryear should be considered by Grampp as 'an insult to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the American people.'"

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



A Coat of Arms

A few weeks ago a certain well-known chain store sent me a colorful flyer advertising goblets to be etched with one's own family coat-of-arms. The idea was that if one applied, their experts on heraldry would locate your coat-of-arms, etch it into a crystal goblet, and give it to you at no cost other than handling charges. The gimmick was that you would become so enthralled by the prospect of owning a whole set of similarly engraved goblets that you would buy them, one a month, for what seemed to be a remarkably high price.

How I got on their mailing list, I do not know. How they expected to find a coat-of-arms for a family named Hosokawa, I know not either. But a prank began to take shape. I filled out the application form, carefully printing the letters of my name into the blanks provided, and sent it off to see what would happen.

In time a letter, but no free goblet, arrived. I quote: "Recently, you responded to an offer to research the HOSOKAWA Family Coat-of-Arms which was borne in the past by a family with the same name as the one you requested. We have looked through the thousands of Coats-of-Arms we already have on file, and we have looked through the many heraldic volumes in our library. Also, we have checked names from which yours may have derived, but without success.

"We do not 'invent' a Coat-of-Arms where we cannot establish that one actually existed for a family name. Therefore, we will be unable to fill your order for Coat-of-Arms crystal. Naturally, there will be no charge for research ...

—Keeping Track—

On June 28, after the House Subcommittee hearings on HR 4110, the *Fresno Bee* ran a letter from Angie Osborne of Sanger, who said she was "sick of reading about this [redress] payment."

"Before it makes any payment, the U.S. government had better pay the American Indians here in California. We also have a tragic history. In 1973 the government paid some Indians only \$600 each for the whole state of California. Yet today my people are landless, homeless, and Fresno County took our rights to our Indian cemetery east of Fresno.

"We haven't gone to Congress to cry about it."

Earlier the May 2 *Bainbridge Review* contained an ad which read, "Attention Patriotic Americans—Do you oppose redress for Japanese interned in WW2? We seek input especially from 1942 Bainbridge residents. Write Box RJ-4, c/o Bainbridge Review, Bainbridge Island, Washington 98110."

In July 4 *Oakland Tribune*, Mark Ethan Smith of Berkeley took exception to anti-redress arguments made by Rep. Dan Lungren (R-Calif.):

"Lungren's question of whether the rights of interned Japanese Americans can 'stand up' against the rights of 'Social Security recipients, food stamps and nutrition programs, senior citizen housing, and national defense needs within the context of an already hemorrhaging federal deficit' contains its own answer.

"The first four groups mentioned are people who clearly are truly needy, being either aged or lacking basic survival needs such as food and shelter. National defense needs, on the other hand, are falsely represented as being of a similar type. I suggest that Mr. Lungren visit the golf course, the officers' club, and the commissary or exchange at any military facility before concluding that all defense costs are vital.

"Those who have had their human rights violated by a government have a right to reparations. Of course we will not take food stamps or school lunches from children or housing support from the elderly. These are priorities. But a golf course or a pornographic movie is not a priority simply because the department ordering it has a defense requisition.

"Certainly, 'There is a valuable lesson to be learned from

Well, darn, foiled again. Nine or ten years ago I received a somewhat similar letter offering me a "Hosokawa Coat of Arms" in full color for only \$19.95. I wish I had accepted the offer just to see what they would send me. But at the time I did not have \$19.95 to invest and I lost the opportunity to see what was described as "an exclusive and particularly beautiful Coat of Arms" of a Japanese family as recreated by an American artist.

If we were to be completely honest about it, a Hosokawa Coat of Arms would not include lions and dragons and could not include knights in armor and helmets and lances. As I envisioned it when the offer first came up, stalks of rice would be more appropriate, perhaps rampant on a rice paddy under crossed chopsticks. Growing food, and getting enough to eat, were a lot more important to my peasant ancestors than riding into glorious combat.

But like most Japanese families we do have a "mon," or family crest. It appears in books and I found it chiseled into the headstone of Grandfather Hosokawa's grave in a quiet bamboo grove on a hill above the humble house where he lived and died.

The "mon" looks vaguely like the dial on a telephone, with eight round "stars" encircling a larger round "star." What it all stands for, I am not certain. But I found a tie clip bearing this "mon" on sale at the tobacco and news stand at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, and now I wear it proudly.

The "mon" is genuine and a Coat-of-Arms would not be for me. We're pleased that the mail order folks are not going to "invent" something phony.

this experience: that a government of men and women can make mistakes despite our checks and balances. The sine qua non of civilized behavior is to take responsibility for one's actions as an individual or as a government and to take action to correct one's mistakes."

—Letters—

Search

I am searching for William Makino whose parents were relocated to Hunt, Idaho, during the WW2 fracas.

When William's dad was sent to Hunt, he came to my apartment with a lovely chrysanthemum plant he had himself raised and his family's small Japanese teaset as a gift. We lived a block from his place of business where he also lived, and he had great esteem for my elderly mother and brother.

I have appreciated this lovely little family teaset (teapot, 3 saucerless-type cups and small lacquer tray). Obviously, this was treasured by the Makinos and they probably thought it would be ruined in moving or lost.

I want to give this set to William if I can locate him. He supposedly went into the Army after completing his degree at Oberlin as I understood he had only three months to get his degree in sociology from the Univ. of Washington.

Will you let me know if I can be assisted in contacting William Makino, formerly of Seattle, Wash.? I am 82-plus years old and do not want such mementos to pass to people who don't have any sentimental attachment for them.

JANE R. FARRELL
4415 N. 8th Ave.
Apt. 5
Phoenix, AZ 85013

Traffic tickets

This is in regard to the July 6 PC story on the Los Angeles Police department's practice of including a box labeled "descent" on traffic citations. I don't understand the need for the police to include such information on traffic tickets since it bears no relationship to driving ability and does not accurately describe a person's appearance or physical attributes.

JACL's ethnic concerns committee might ask the LA police department to eliminate the box labeled "descent" and thus assure that the demeaning incident in the article will never be repeated.

TONY ROGERS
Honolulu, HI

Chapter aid

The Pacific Citizen has been a beacon of light, leading and inspiring JACLers since its inception, and our chapter feels your request a minimum one at most. Our board voted unanimously to anticipate our membership response and to contribute \$150 immediately.

We will also encourage our membership to send their personal contributions in addition. Hopefully this will challenge the other JACL chapters to make an up-front donation also.

JAMES T. TAGUCHI
President, Dayton JACL

From Tight Eyes to Round Eyes

By J.K. Yamamoto, Assistant Editor

LOS ANGELES—Among the dozens of press releases PC receives daily, one item caught my eye: an information brochure on Ronald Matsunaga, a plastic surgeon whose services include a process called "Asian Westernization."

According to the release, "Dr. Matsunaga is a specialist in surgical procedures which 'westernize' the Asian eyes and nose. Asian blepharoplasty creates creases in the flat, almond-shaped Oriental eye; Asian rhinoplasty builds up the nose to give it a longer, more slender appearance."

Dr. Matsunaga also provides facelifts, help for facial sports injuries, and corrective surgery for congenital deformities. Under the latter heading, the news item read, "Employing similar techniques as those used in the Westernization procedures, Dr. Matsunaga can correct the facial abnormalities of Down's Syndrome, as well as other facial birth defects."

The assumption seems to be that an Asian face is a deformity that needs to be corrected. Presumably, the service would not be offered if there were not a market for it, but it's surprising that something like this would turn up in the Los Angeles area, where there is such a large Asian community.

It would be interesting to find out if the doctor also offers his patients blue or green contact lenses and red or yellow hair dye. Perhaps patients can get a legal name change as well, walking into the clinic as Ms. Hara or Mr. Mori and coming as Ms. Field or Mr. Forest.

I'm no sociologist or psychologist, but would anyone undergo surgery to alter his/her appearance if that person did not feel intense self-hatred or shame at being Asian? Could pressures from society, one's peer group or the media be so great that one would feel compelled to change his/her race?

Regardless of how many of Dr. Matsunaga's clients ask for this particular service, it is a sad comment on Asian American identity that the service is advertised in the first place.

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This Report: (10) \$1,736.24
June 26 Total: (10) \$110,187.98

Fresno JACL \$2,085; Livingston-
Merced \$250; Solano County \$230.00;
Sanger JACL '84 pledge, \$930.00;
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Total: (4-30-84) \$84,049.25

The Push and Pull of Small Business

By Steve Fugita, Cleveland JACL Bulletin

One of the factors that historians and sociologists have shown to be a major impact on how an ethnic group adapts and develops in America is what kinds of jobs most of its members find. After all, America is a young country which has been rapidly developing in the past 300 years and immigrants basically came to sell their labor.

The Irish ended up as laborers in the coal mines, canals, and railroads while the Blacks involuntarily provided the labor for the cotton industry which grew rapidly with the invention of the cotton gin.

The Japanese initially also came to fill a labor vacuum in California's rapidly expanding agri-business around the turn of the century. The state's many fertile valleys were becoming extremely productive due to the availability of cheap water from federally subsidized irrigation projects. Moreover, refrigerated railroad cars were becoming available to carry the fruits and vegetables back to the huge markets back East.

Finally, the Chinese who had come first were legally prevented from immigrating by the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. So, for example, by around 1910, 60% of the grape pickers in the Fresno area were Japanese. As the Nisei probably remember, they used to be called "fruit tramps."

Because most of the Issei wanted to make

money quickly and return to Japan as wealthy men, they soon learned that farm labor was not going to allow them to fulfill their dream. So, they started sharecropping or leasing land. Much of this land was marginal and only through extremely hard labor were they able to convert it into productive land. Most of the crops the Japanese specialized in were very labor-intensive, for example, strawberries, raisins, and bunch vegetables. This way they could take advantage of the cheap labor of their many Nisei children and sometimes their fellow countrymen.

Pushed Into Small Business

Other Issei started stores, restaurants, hotels, fishmarkets, and pool halls in the numerous Nihonmachi's to provide all of the goods and services the isolated Japanese needed. So historically, the Japanese have been very overrepresented, like the Jews and more recently the Cubans and Koreans, in small business (farming being a type of small business). In a sense, they were "pushed" into this way of earning a living.

The unions discriminated against them so they couldn't get good laboring jobs. Samuel Gompers explicitly stated that he would not allow Japanese to join the American Federation of Labor. Moreover, in management and government jobs the Issei, and to a degree the Nisei, faced not only discrimination, but, in

addition, the language barrier and not knowing "hakuin ways."

By WW2, Japanese were farmers and another one-fourth other types of small businessmen.

An Integrated Community

One might ask if discrimination is the principal reason why particular ethnic groups end up in small business. There are few Black businessmen. Further, those Blacks who are currently "making it" are generally found in government jobs.

Probably a good part of the answer has to do with the collectivistic nature of Japanese culture which reinforced cooperation among the Japanese. Living in a "tight" Nihonmachi with a lot of "ethnic honor" put a great deal of pressure on people not to do inappropriate or unethical acts. Thus tanomoshi's, which require that people won't run off with the money, frequently allowed the Japanese to raise capital to start a business when the banks wouldn't give them a loan. If one did something foul, not only could one's family be socially ostracized—"they will laugh at us"—but they might not be able to find work in the Japanese community.

As a result, the Issei and Nisei small businessmen were not only able to control their Japanese workers, but organize to defend themselves from outside threats.

Moreover, in some industries such as truck crops in Los Angeles, a Japanese packer/shipper would sell to a Japanese fruitstand operator. This "vertically integrated" system, based upon trust and understanding, was an important economic advantage.

Frequently the Japanese dominated certain crops in particular areas. Thus, they became "horizontally integrated" as well. This enabled them to band together to fight among farmworkers and sometimes influence prices.

The small-business nature of the Japanese community was probably very important in the economic mobility of the Nisei and Sansei. A lot of our attitudes favoring hard work, getting an education and political conservatism, are due to our occupying this economic niche. These characteristics are found in small businessmen throughout the world. Further, ethnic communities that are small-business oriented are generally stronger because the individuals are generally economically dependent upon each other.

Cohesiveness and Assimilation

Quite a bit of research suggests "small business ethnic groups" are more cohesive. Some examples here are the Jews, Chinese, Cubans, Greeks, and, of course, the Japanese. Moreover, Japanese American small businessmen are "more Japanese" than their counterparts who work for corporations or government because they deal more with other Japanese on a daily basis. They are also more likely to be involved in community organizations, in part, because it is often useful for their business but also because they can provide these organizations with both needed leadership and resources in the way of supplies, money, etc.

Another characteristic of those ethnic groups that have a small business tradition is that they generally can become integrated into mainstream society while retaining a strong ethnic community. This should be positive for the Japanese in the future because we should be able to gain access to individuals with power in the larger society yet still be able to get the Japanese community to "pull together" through its many organizations on issues of common concern. Although it often seems as if our community is fading rapidly, compared to other second- and third-generation ethnic groups, we are quite strong. #

JACL 'Program for Action'

SAN FRANCISCO—National Council delegates will discuss at the Honolulu convention this week a document called JACL "Program for Action." Drafted every two years, the Program for Action sets policy for the organization and the national board.

The 1984-86 provisions follow:

Civil Rights. The Japanese American Citizens League shall continue its pursuit of civil rights. In persevering to remedy the injustices of the wartime internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry, in bringing attention to the increase in anti-Asian violence, and in the selection of organizational issues during the course of the upcoming biennium, the JACL maintains its interest in the protection and promotion of civil liberties.

Networking. Recognizing mutual interests with many communities of interest in this nation, the JACL affirms its attention to the development and refinement of its working relationship with special and at-risk populations.

Membership. The foundation of the national organization rests in its membership base. The national organization shall develop concrete means of expanding this base through refinements in procedures, reduction

of labor-intensive functions and the implementation of an active campaign to develop new membership.

Management. Expansion and diversification of the revenue base of the national organization shall be a priority of the national organization.

Increased acquisition and implementation of contemporary technologies in the operation of the national organization shall be actively pursued.

Special attention to the enhancement of the understanding and perception of the activities of the national organization by the membership and the general public shall be accomplished through increased communication and dissemination of organizational issues and activities.

Planning. The requirement for a disciplined approach to collect, analyze and order the task and maintenance aspects of effectively operating a national organization of Americans of Japanese ancestry necessitates an ongoing process of evaluation. An extension of planning functions in the biennium to maintain a focus on the mission of the national organization shall be an essential activity, reporting to the next national convention.

—Chapter Pulse—

Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON—Graduating high school seniors who will be attending an institute of advanced learning may still apply for chapter scholarships. Applicants or parents must be chapter members. Call Kris Ikejiri at 447-4155 (days) or 845-0099 (evenings) for information. Deadline for completed applications is Sept. 30.

West Valley

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Daruma Folk Festival, a benefit for senior citizens, features drummers, singers, dancers, food, and arts and crafts, Saturday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Saratoga Lanes parking lot, Saratoga Ave. and Graves, near Prospect Rd.

Contra Costa

CONTRA COSTA, Calif.—Designation of the chapter as the N. Calif.-W. Nevada-Pacific District Council's 1983 Chapter of the Year for large chapters (more than 300 members) was announced at the district's quarterly meeting in May.

The award is given to the chapter with the best overall programs in five areas: activities for members, involvement in community affairs, participation in civic affairs, support of community fund-raising projects, and citizenship activities.

Next year marks the golden anniversary of the chapter.

Detroit

DETROIT—JACLers can clean their attics, basements, cupboards and garages, and help the chapter raise funds, too, by donating saleable items to the annual JACL garage sale.

The sale takes place at Elaine Prout's residence, Aug. 24-26. Donations are tax deductible.

San Jose

SANTA CLARA, Calif.—A full day of rides and entertainment at Marriott's Great America, along with a sunset barbeque at 4 p.m., is provided to JACLers on Sunday, August 26. Park opens at 10 a.m. Ticket price is \$13.45 per person (admission free for children under 3.) Reservations: Dede or Ken, 970-0925.

Selanoco

LOS ANGELES—Applications are being accepted for the 1984 chapter scholarships from students who were graduated from high school in 1984 and are either entering or currently enrolled in a trade or business school or a college or university.

For applications, call Richard Shiba (714) 777-1205 (home) or (714) 732-6349 (work). Deadline for requests is Oct. 15.

Watsonville

WATSONVILLE, Calif.—This year marks the 50th anniversary of the chapter. The milestone will be observed with a celebration on Saturday, Sept. 22—due to the efforts of the chapter president, Yoko Umeda, and the 50th anniversary planning committee chaired by Harry Fukutome—at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

In addition to the dinner, there will be an exhibit at the Watsonville JACL building featuring the "Go For Broke" 442nd Infantry Exhibit as well as photos and mementos shared by chapter members.

Following the dinner is a program to honor chapter members 70 years and older, a special recognition presentation to those members serving the chapter for 10 or more consecutive years, and entertainment by the Watsonville Kayo Club.

Among the invited guests are: the first chapter president, Tommy Matsuda, who resides in Cortez; the mayor of Watsonville, Ann Soldo; U.S. Rep. Leon Panetta; state Sen. Henry Mello; the national JACL president; Regional Director George Kondo; District Governor Yosh Nakashima; and the chapter presidents from Monterey, Salinas, and Gilroy.

A booklet is being put together to commemorate this event, featuring the history of the JACL and the Japanese in Watsonville community. This is being written by Sandy Lydon, history instructor at Cabrillo College, and Mrs. Umeda.

Dinner tickets will be \$10 and persons interested in attending should contact Wally Osato, dinner chairman, c/o Watsonville JACL, P.O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077.

—Calendar—

●To Aug. 26

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

●To Aug. 28

San Francisco—A bomb photographic exhibit with drawings by survivors, First Unitarian Ch, 1187 Franklin

●To Sept. 5

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

●AUG 18 (Saturday)

West Valley—7th ann'l Daruma Folk Festival, Saratoga Lanes parking lot, San Jose, 10am-6pm

●AUG 19 (Sunday)

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

●AUG 18-19

San Francisco—Nihonmachi St Fair

●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

●AUG 22 (Wednesday)

Los Angeles—Nisei Wk pioneer lunch, New Otani Htl, 120 S Los Angeles St, 12n

●AUG 23 (Thursday)

Los Angeles—Jpn Am Th, 244 S San Pedro, 7:30pm

●AUG 25 (Saturday)

Los Angeles—Nisei Wk carnival, S San Pedro St, 11am-11pm; arts festival, 11am-6pm

●AUG 26 (Sunday)

Los Angeles—Nisei Wk carnival, Little Tokyo, 11am-11pm; ondo, 6pm; arts festival, 11am-6pm

●AUG 27 (Monday)

Los Angeles—"Karaoka taikai" Jpn Am Th, 244 S San Pedro, 2pm

●SEPT 1 (Saturday)

Los Angeles—Manzanar reunion dinner, Bonaventure Hotel, 6pm; info Bruce Kaji, (213) 624-7456

●SEPT 2 (Sunday)

San Diego—Internat'l Peace Garden clean up, 8am; lunch provided

●SEPT 8 (Saturday)

Sacramento—Vacaville reunion, Plaza Holiday Inn, 5pm

●SEPT 8 (Saturday)

Los Angeles—Volunteer Information Day, 9:30am-12n; 244 S San Pedro; info 680-3729

●SEPT 10 (Monday)

Gilroy—Comm'ty potluck and memb drive, Community Hall

●SEPT 10 (Monday)

Los Angeles—Am Assn of Ret Persons mtg, 244 S San Pedro, Rm 410, 1:30pm; for those 50 and over, info 293-3165, 263-8460

Japanese Olympians visit Gardena

GARDENA, Calif.—Members of the Japanese gymnastics and swimming teams, including gymnast Koji Gushiken and swimmer Hiroko Nagasaki, demonstrated their skills before a crowd of 800 local residents at Rush Memorial Gymnasium and Primm Memorial Pool Aug. 7. Those who could not get within viewing distance saw the performances on closed circuit TV at Nakaoka Community Center.

Commentary on the performances was provided by Jim Gregg for swimming and Frank Endo for gymnastics. The athletes were also greeted by Mayor Donald Dear, city councilmen Mas Fukai and Paul Tsukahara, city clerk May Doi, treasurer George Kobayashi, county supervisor Kenneth Hahn, and other officials during a reception held in their honor. The visit was co-sponsored by the City of Gardena, the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute and several local businesses.



Nellie G. Oliver

One of the staunch Little Tokyo Nisei organizations which commanded (if not demanded) respect from their peers on the athletic field were the Olivers. After so many years with many of its elders in retirement or passing from the scene, and in this great Centennial year, the spotlight rightfully falls on one of Little Tokyo's "own." We are happy Henry Mori is spinning the story of Nellie G. Oliver here as the JACL Convention in Hawaii beckons me westward.—H.H.

By Henry Mori

With the Little Tokyo centennial celebration now in its mid-year milestone, there is often a mention of a unique, prewar sports-oriented club known as The Olivers. It is remembered historically because its members were witnesses to the growth of the First and San Pedro Sts. area during the Roaring Twenties and the Thrilling Thirties.

From its infancy of the late 1910s to the present, The Olivers mirror and reflect, in part, the activities of the 100-year-old Japanese town. The organization is also believed to be the oldest all-Nikkei group in the United States.

While the club's founder, Nellie Grace Oliver, in 1917 never gave a thought to perpetuating her name, the then young Nisei—all of them still in their subteens residing in Little Tokyo—soon called themselves The Olivers.

At first there were only a handful of them, between the ages of 14 and 16. Aside from attending school and doing home chores, their leisure hours were empty without much to do. There were little or no outside social programs.

During the two-decade span (1917-37) which was riddled with hardship for the pioneering Issei, kindergarten teacher/missionary Oliver single-handedly kept her youngsters "off the streets," by providing them with well-disciplined recreational and cultural lessons.

She gave them moral and physical support to help The Olivers build themselves into useful citizens and adulthood. She was generous with nutritional snacks.

Closing the age gap, Miss Oliver created seven inter-club Olivers: the Seniors, Juniors, Midgets, Tigers, Cubs, Mustangs and the Broncos. Through the years, more than 300 Nikkei benefitted from the volunteer program.

Eventually, the club became self-supporting and sponsored its own events, but always under Miss Oliver's guidance, disrupted only by World War II when the group voted to disband temporarily.

"Miss Oliver was all heart, a wonderful human being, and a selfless individual who rendered compassionate dedication to the welfare of the growing generation whom she believed deserved a more bright future," recalls Harry Yamamoto, a onetime Cub.

He, incidentally, was one of the 30 living Little Tokyo leaders who were honored during a community centennial dinner early in July (see PC, Aug. 3).

Miss Oliver, who retired in the late 1930s, died in poverty in 1947 during a period when persons of Japanese ancestry were slowly returning from camps to the West Coast to reestablish their roots.

Only 20 Olivers were able to attend her funeral service at the Inglewood Park Cemetery that mournful day.

It was George Fujita, the publicist of long standing for the reactivated Olivers, who reported in mid-1961 the seven inter-clubs boasting 300 charter and associate prewar members, henceforth would be combined as The Olivers, without classification.

In paying homage to the late Miss Oliver, they introduced the "Athlete of the Year" awards banquet in September of that year, to recognize outstanding Sansei sports figures.

There have been many stories about the Olivers, their geographic limits when it came to membership eligibility, and some of the exploits and challenges met by the members, according to oldtimers who speak philosophically today.

"We were No. 1 in countless areas of sports," one over-70 Oliver would comment. "And some people can't accept success gracefully," quipped another. The Olivers, in their formative years, were often looked upon with kidding disdain by some outlying-area team players whose athletic prowess may not have matched with the win-hungry Little Tokyo bunch.

But not all of The Olivers' activities were athletics.

In community volunteer service, the personal sacrifice of the late Charles Kamayatsu, a Mr. Little Tokyo and a charter



Charles Kamayatsu Collection

Nellie Grace Oliver, in a prewar pose (circa 1929) for the photographer, is a classic. The haori with crests in blue and parasol depict her love and understanding of things Japanese.

Oliver, stands out vividly. Known as the "Pied Piper" of the Nihonmachi, he was also much devoted to JACL activities.

Now with the fading of time, the closed-membership Olivers are asking: What can we do to preserve Miss Oliver's work and her philosophy of life? Ideas are popping and there is a movement afoot that may provide projects to benefit the new generation. Plans developed for 1985 may be the "key," in the words of Mikio Miyamoto.

He and Yamamoto co-chair the 24th annual "Athlete of the Year" awards dinner Aug. 18. Miyamoto said his committee may launch a Little Tokyo-based supportive campaign, a first-time proposition. The Olivers have been self-sustaining, relying on out-of-pocket funds, for expenses, whenever monies run low.

In order to stimulate community-wide interest, the group will invite various organizations to push their favorite local athletes to compete in the annual event.

Financially able, The Olivers hope to make two presentations in 1985, one to a male athlete and another to a female star. (The 1983 and 1984 trophies were won by distaff members.)

What Miss Oliver gave of herself was a way of life, a philosophy, a challenge and a love of sportsmanship, drawing only what is good and defeating the bad. Such is rather rare today.

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Nisei officiates at Olympic gymnastics events

GARDENA, Calif. — Frank Endo runs only about a quarter of a mile a day before working out for just an hour or so, but the 61-year-old man made an Olympic team.

Endo, who owns a mail order gymnastics supply business, officiated the men's gymnastics events in UCLA's Pauley Pavilion.

Endo said that he volunteered for the job six months ago when the Olympic Organizing Committee asked the Southern California Gymnastics Officials Association for a roster of people qualified to officiate at the games.

"They looked at my qualifications and gave me the job," said Endo, who has attended four previous Olympics and six World Championship meets as a spectator.

Like all other Olympic volunteers, Endo received no pay.

In the past, Endo has been certified to judge national and international competitions.

Endo was a successful gymnast before becoming a judge. He was the 1945 Illinois State gymnastics champion, and in 1941, while a

senior at San Pedro High School, was a finalist at the Los Angeles Unified School District competition.

While serving in the army, his contact with the then-fledgling Japanese gymnastics team turned him from a performer into a judge.

"While I was overseas [he was drafted into the Army in 1946]," he recalled, "the Japanese didn't have a team. They asked me to help them start one."

By the time he left Japan, Endo had been named as an honorary advisor to the Japanese team.

Upon his return to the states, Endo was asked to speak to the Southern California Gymnastics Association. After hearing him speak, he was invited to join them.

It was his knowledge of the Japanese team that allowed Endo to see the 1972 Olympics in Munich.

"ABC television needed information about the Japanese team," Endo explained. "They contacted me and, in exchange for the information, they let me sit with their crew during the competition."

The mail business that Endo runs from his home was also a product of his position with the Japanese team.

"Everyone wants to use what the champions use," said Endo. "When the Japanese team was the most powerful in the world, everyone wanted to use their equipment."

"Instead of sending to Japan for it, they would come to



me," said Endo.

He said that most of his current business comes from private gymnastics schools, public schools and community organizations such as the

YMCA.

Although he held the international certification required to judge world class gymnastics meets, Endo never made use of it.

Gymnastics coach pays off 'debt' to U.S.

LOS ANGELES—When the U.S. men's gymnastics team won their first gold medal in 80 years, their coach, 37-year-old Makoto Sakamoto, was as jubilant as they.

"This is the best day in my life," he told Mainichi Daily News reporter Takuji Soma. "I am so happy to have coached in the United States."

Sakamoto immigrated to the U.S. with his family as a boy of 8 and began gymnastics at the age of 10.

In 1963 and 1964, he was the U.S. individual gymnastics champion, and as a high school sophomore was chosen as a member of the U.S. Olympics team for the 1964

Games. There, Japan won the men's team competition.

Sakamoto returned to Japan to study gymnastics, came back to the U.S., and looked for a job.

UCLA invited him to become an assistant coach of its gymnastics team, which included Peter Vidmar, Mitch Gaylord, and Tim Daggett.

"Now I feel that I have returned to the United States what I owed this country," Sakamoto told Soma. "This is my last coaching job in the United States."

Sakamoto is planning to move to Sydney, Australia, and to help their young gymnasts also win a gold Olympics medal.

He is quick to point out that his Olympics job was not judging the competition.

"There is a difference," he said. "The four judges all determine the score and give them to the superior judge [who also does not judge, but acts as a consultant in the event of a discrepancy in the scoring]."

"I then take the scores,

throw out the high and low ones, and feed them into a computer, which will flash them onto the scoreboard," he said.

When Endo saw the scores flash on the scoreboard, he knew that his Olympic effort provided support to the stars of the games—the athletes.

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At the request of President Shimomura, I was asked to be the speaker for the reunion of Japanese Peruvians (now U.S. citizens) at the San Jose Red Lion Inn on July 13. The reunion brought together 64 persons from Japan, Hawaii, New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, Berkeley, Gilroy, Seattle, Sacramento, San Mateo—all with one common bond: THEY WERE ALL ILLEGALLY MOVED OUT OF PERU INTO THE UNITED STATES. They were transported to the U.S. via the Panama Canal, docked in New Orleans and railroaded to Crystal City, Texas, for the duration of WW2.

The bittersweet reunion revealed many untold stories which were sad, interesting, and amusing because of the blunders brought about by the bureaucracy of our government. When they first entered the U.S. at New Orleans, the Immigration Department asked for everyone's visa (not credit card). The uprooted Peruvian Nikkei were taken from their homes and workplaces with minimal time to gather personal belongings and without knowing where they were going. In some cases individuals did not have time to return home and were separated from their families. To have a visa was absurd. The officials at first told the Peruvian Nikkei that they couldn't enter the U.S.—not that they had wanted to come to the U.S. by choice. After discussions between the U.S. officials, the Peruvian Nikkei were allowed to enter the U.S. as illegal aliens and sent to Crystal City, Texas, a camp housing European POW's and U.S. Nikkei community leaders.

During the long sea voyage the ship's crew ordered the hundreds of Peruvian Nikkei on board to spruce up and paint the ship from stern to stern. The majority of the group did as ordered but three men refused to adhere to the command. They were placed into the ship's brig for the remainder of the voyage. One of the men put into the brig was known to be the most polite, gentle, sincere, quiet, well-behaved and helpful person of the Peruvian community. He was never known to use a derogatory word in his life, but when he was ordered to paint the ship, to the shock of those nearby, cuss words and unheard-of derogatory language came out of his mouth directed at the ship's captain. His pent-up emotions from the uprooting, and the humiliation of being ordered to paint the ship dominated his energies. A series of such incidents having to do with the Peruvian Nikkei uprooting have been written into a Japanese bestseller by Seichi Higashide. The book is being translated into English by his daughter Elsa Kudo, who resides in Hawaii (and is a member of the Hawaii Chapter). Many of the Peruvian Nikkei who repatriated to Japan passed away in poverty and never recovered from the harsh treatment. **AD**

At the start of the JACL redress activities several years ago, I continually called to everyone's attention the need to include the Peruvian Nikkei and the Aleuts, because I saw the redress issue totally as an American constitutional and moral issue. As the bills were edited down through numerous reviews the sentences on Latin Americans were cut out. But as the congressional process comes to a final vote, I sincerely hope that justice and fair play will be served to all Americans. The Redress Issue, I repeat, is not a Nikkei Issue!!!! The Nikkei just happen to be the majority involved in the issue.

Peruvian American Nikkei Reunion

My redress, JACL, and Pan American Nikkei Association (PANA) presentation was secondary to the reunion. The warmth of the Latin-American Nikkei hospitality prevailed and reminded me greatly of the feeling experienced several times in Latin America during PANA activities.

The Peruvian American Nikkei heritage is a complex mixture unique in quality because all the good points and customs of the three backgrounds have been accumulated into one generation. This rich mixture I hope will endure the rigors of the hostile, bigoted, and racist activities of the world and help us to nurture a promising future.

The realization of the reunion came about through a casual discussion between Elsa Kudo and Susan Hikida (Gilroy Chapter), who solicited help from others, the Shibayamas and

Kudos (Sacramento Chapter), Chiye Tomihiro (Chicago Chapter)... The nucleus for the next reunion has been formed and the number of people that will become involved will undoubtedly grow. They will all work towards a resolution of their unfortunate past. Most of all, the activities brought together those that cared about their past. Participants displayed memorabilia from camp, created action items for the future, and encouraged one to practice for the karaoke singing during the social hour at the next reunion. All in all the successful event was well planned, up to the last detail of a dated wine glass commemorating the first reunion. My only regret was that I forgot my wine glass and couldn't return to enjoy the second day of the reunion because of prior commitments.

Giving Support to Those Who Speak Out

By Judy Murase, Oregon Buddhist Church newsletter

PORTLAND, Ore.—Recently, a group of students at David Douglas High School, with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union, brought a suit against the school district protesting the use of prayers at their high school graduation ceremony. The court sided with the students in upholding the separation of church and state.

The David Douglas school board held a meeting to decide whether it wanted to appeal the decision, a meeting which can only be described as unbelievable in the vicious nature of the attacks on the students involved.

While the school district has decided to appeal, it is unknown at this time whether they will actually file an appeal. And because the injunction to halt prayers only applies to the 1984 graduation exercise, even if an appeal is eventually filed, it is unknown whether a higher court will rule on the case, since the high school graduation will have already taken place.

Peer Pressure Applied

Among the high school students involved in the suit initially were two Christians, a Jew, an agnostic and a Buddhist. The Buddhist was Jill Takashima, senior at David Douglas and a member of the Oregon Buddhist Church YBA. She, along with the others, is to be commended for having the courage to initiate the suit citing that the prayers to be used at the ceremony were a violation of their civil rights.

The five students have been under tremendous peer pressure. Steven Kay, class valedictorian, also a party to the suit, has had threatening phone calls and letters, and vandalism done to his home. The ACLU office has had threatening calls made, with "loving" Christians hurling all forms of obscenities over the phone and a group picketing in front of their office.

As a result of the hostility and a real lack of support, Jill asked to have her name stricken from the suit. When I spoke to the attorney handling the case for ACLU, he became rather angry when he found out I was a Buddhist. "Where were you when Jill needed a few friends?"

Yes, where was I? Where were we? Where was the Buddhist Church and the community? Just when she needed and deserved a real support system, we let her down.

I, for one, am proud of Jill and applaud her conscientious and courageous effort to bring attention to this vital issue. If the appeal is filed, and if the court of appeals make a ruling, chances are it will be a favorable one. The Oregon state constitution is generally regarded as being more restrictive than the U.S. Constitution in its interpretation of the First Amendment separating church and state. If that should occur, the decision would be far-reaching in that it will apply to all public high school graduation ceremonies in the state of Oregon.

An Increasingly Important Issue

As Buddhists and as Americans, this issue of prayers in secular schools is a very important one for all of us. We live in a society which is becoming increasingly intolerant of religious freedom. Nationally, though the prayer in school issue did not gain enough votes to become a constitutional amendment, it came very close, and President Reagan is sure to bring it up again next year.

Is it enough for us to quietly sit back and let these students fight for our rights as guaranteed by the Constitution? We need to speak out. And we need to be more supportive of individuals who do speak out.

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Outstanding family — Honored June 19 for their service to the mentally retarded, through sports was the Dale Fukamaki family of Los Angeles. Flanking them are Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Special Olympics chair, left; and, on the right, Frank Gifford, master of ceremonies for the awards dinner; Maureen Kindel, Los Angeles board of public works president; and Sargent Shriver, Special Olympics president. The Fukamakis are, from left, Toni, Dale, Dana Marie, Rick, Robin Kim, Darrel and Terri.

Fukamakis awarded for Special Olympics work with retarded

LOS ANGELES—The Dale Fukamaki family was one of two families in the country to receive a 1984 Award for Distinguished Service to the Mentally Retarded through Sports at the 12th annual Special Olympics sports awards luncheon on Tuesday, June 19.

More than 300 celebrities, U.S. Olympians, volunteers, families and friends of Special Olympics took part in the ceremonies, which was hosted by Sargent and Eunice Kennedy Shriver, president and chair, respectively, of Special Olympics, Inc. ABC-TV sports commentator Frank Gifford served as master of ceremonies.

Shriver said individuals like the Fukamakis "have given the gifts of friendship and hope to thousands of mentally retarded athletes for whom the Olympic quest would not be possible except through Special Olympics."

The Fukamaki family, including Dale and Toni Fukamaki and their children, Rick, Darrel, Terri, Robin Kim and Dana Marie, have been active members in California Special Olympics for a decade. At various times,

members of the family have served as sports camp counselors, basketball and track and field coaches, food donors and servers, fundraisers, computer operators and hosts of a charity golf tournament to benefit Special Olympics.

The Special Olympics distinguished service awards were established in 1973 to honor those athletes, sports writers, sportscasters, coaches, organizations, volunteers and families who have given the Special Olympics program the greatest support in the preceding year. The Fukamakis were chosen from more than 300 nominations in seven categories.

Created by the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation in 1968, Special Olympics is the world's largest program of sports training and athletic competition for mentally retarded children and adults. The program is supported year-round in more than 20,000 communities in the U.S. and 56 foreign countries by a network of more than 550,000 volunteers who include such sports notables as Bruce Jenner, Chris Evert Lloyd and Dorothy Hamill.

Preliminary plans laid for next singles convention

By Meriko Mori

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The second national JACL singles convention steering committee met during the weekend of July 14-15 at the California First Bank. Midori Watanabe served as temporary chairperson. San Jose Nikkei Singles were hosts.

To refresh memories of the successful first national JACL singles convention held Memorial Day weekend, an evaluation report given by Tom Shimazaki showed that 93% of the participants rated the convention as having met their needs and expectations.

Some comments given were that it was an eye opener to discover that there are many individuals who are single willing to share and discuss their concerns, that it was refreshing to find that "coming out" is not that difficult, and that it was wonderful to see Asian women in strong leadership roles.

Northern California Singles has agreed to host the second national JACL singles convention. It will be a joint undertaking by the

San Jose Nikkei Singles, Sacramento Nikkei Singles, San Francisco Nisei Widowed, and the Greater Los Angeles Singles JACL.

New officers for the steering committee are: Tom Marutani, chairperson; Jim Sakamoto, vice-chair; Yuri Moriwaki, rec sec; and Jim Namba, treas.

Northern California Singles has accepted the challenge with enthusiastic spirit, and Tom Marutani immediately started the ball rolling and appointed Fumio Higashira to look into a convention site.

Singles are a minority with special needs and concerns; the next convention will focus on workshops to help them cope with these concerns. Kaz Yoshitomi and Tom Shimazaki will function as liaison members from the Greater Los Angeles Singles. All single persons from JACL Chapters nationwide and other Nikkei singles are encouraged to participate and be at the next "HAPPENING": the second national JACL singles convention in Northern California, Labor Day weekend 1985.

-People-

● Organization

Kris Moriyama, sponsored by USC's Gamma Epsilon Omega, was named 1984 Miss Sansei California July 14 at the Beverly Hilton. The outstanding American award was awarded to Fred Isamu Wada, a Nisei businessman long associated with the Olympic movement.

● Medicine

Dr. Rodger T. Kame, a contact lens specialist practicing in Los Angeles, was the recipient of the vision service award from the Heart of America Contact Lens

Society at its recent 23rd annual congress. The award is the group's highest for distinguished research, educational and professional service to the field of contact lenses.

Dr. Harold Harada of Culver City, Calif., was elected president-elect of the 14,000-member Calif. Dental Assn. during the June annual meeting of its delegates in San Diego. Harada is former president of the Western Dental Society and a member of the Calif. Dental Assn. board of trustees. His community service includes leadership in the Culver

City Human Relations Commission, Culver-Palms YMCA, West Los Angeles United Methodist Church, and JACL.

● Sports

Golfer Kim Saiki, 18, was selected winner of the Oliver Club's 24th Athlete of the Year trophy award. She has won several awards for her golfing, including the 1983 Optimist Jr. World Championship, and USGA Jr. National title. She was named No. 1 Jr. Girl in the U.S. by Golf Digest and was presented with a gold medallion for excellence by the So. Calif. PGA.

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The group plans to meet every Monday for 10 weeks, then break for 2 weeks. Meetings comprise light exercise, speakers, and discussions. Family members meet separately to discuss their experiences.

Participation in the program is free. To volunteer for the program, or for more information, call 680-3729 or 879-0910.

Kasai awarded by Sister Cities Internat'l

DENVER—For the second consecutive year a Nisei woman received the Smile Award from Sister Cities International for exceptional service to the organization at the local level.

The award was made July 20 at the Sister Cities International conference to Alice

Kasai, a member of the Salt Lake City Sister Cities Committee, which is affiliated with the city of Matsumoto in Japan. The award included a check for \$500 for the Salt Lake City committee.

Last year's award was made to Ruth Hashimoto of Albuquerque, N.M. Hashimoto is a national director of Sister Cities International, as is Frank Ogawa, city councilman of Oakland, Calif.

Members of the Denver convention planning committee included Takashi Mayeda, Ayako Wada, Ruth Yamauchi and Minoru Yasui. Denver, the host city, has a sister city relationship with Takayama, Japan; Brest, France; Carmiel, Israel; Nairobi, Kenya; Potenza, Italy; Cuernavaca, Mexico, and Madras, India.

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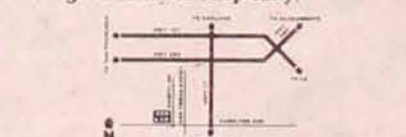
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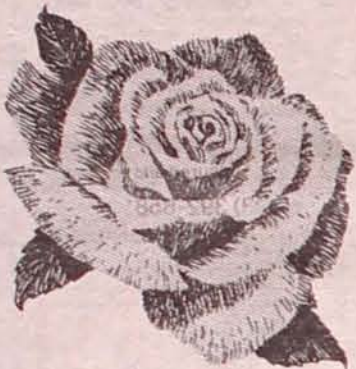
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Japan Olympians take 5 medals in 8-day judo competition

By Jon Takasugi, Olympic judo volunteer

LOS ANGELES—Olympic judo fans may have expected athletes of Japanese descent to fare exceptionally well in the Games, judo being a sport originated in Japan, but four golds and two bronzes seemed a lot to expect Aug. 4, the day the competition began.

It was that night at the Eagles' Nest Arena at Cal State L.A. that Japan set gold as its standard, and the eight-day quest would not end until taking four gold medals and a bronze. Although there were no Japanese American judokas on the U.S. team, a 24-year-old Japanese Brazilian proved that not only Japanese from Japan take the art seriously.

The 5-foot, 5½-inch Luis Onmura brought home the bronze for Brazil after beating Glenn Beauchamp of Canada in the repechage. (The repechage is used to determine the two bronze medalists, one from each half of the draw. If an athlete is beaten by one of the two finalists, he can compete again against others who lost, and the winner from each half wins the third-place medal. The two finalists, of course, fight for gold and silver.) In Onmura's case, he lost to silver medalist Ezio Gamba of Italy, giving the Brazilian the opportunity to beat Beauchamp.

As public and press alike anticipated, Yasuhiro Yamashita, the pride of the Japan team, worked his way through the 15-man draw in the open competition to win the gold; but not without struggle.

Yamashita suffered a muscular injury in his right calf during his second round against Arthur Schnabel of West Germany. This injury not only caused Sports Illustrated's favorite incredible pain, but also restricted his mobility, balance, and ability to sweep with his good leg.

As he said in a press conference after the medal ceremony, "I knew I could not move real well, so I had to pin [my opponent]."

This is what Yamashita did in the finals to win against Egypt's Mohamed Rashwan. After several minutes of throw attempts and

escapes, the obviously injury-weakened Yamashita brought his 308-pound opponent down to the mat for a 30-second hold.

Yamashita, before injury, did show his championship colors in his first round teamup against Lansana Coly of Senegal. After stalling for 20 seconds, Coly made the terrible error of trying to throw Yamashita, ending the fight in 25 seconds. This was one of the few matches in which the 5-foot, 9-inch Yamashita didn't have to use his 280 pounds to pin.

The heaviest man on the Japan team was Hitoshi Saito, weighing about 320 pounds; but



Hitoshi Saito

he said he fluctuates. He said he would like to lose weight, but "I eat too much." A smile appeared on his face.

Saito won the gold in the over 95 kilogram (209 pounds) category in what tied with Japan's Shinji Hosokawa's victory in the extra-lightweight division of 60 kilograms (132 pounds) or less, as the most exciting jaunts to first place in the entire judo competition. Although the movements of each were obviously quite different, the styles were as similar as bodies weighting almost 200 pounds apart can be.

Hosokawa, at 132, ripped through the five rounds of fighting with absolute defiance.

He is probably responsible for causing more

injury to fellow athletes than any other judoka. But it was his quickness and sudden catapulting moves, which makes up for his lack of strength, that caused such injuries as the dislocated shoulder of Joao Nueves of Portugal.

Hosokawa teed off in the finals against Korea's Jae-Yup Kim, after breezing through four previous rounds, three of which ended in ippons [one full point which equals a victory].

Like Hosokawa, Saito also had an easy stroll to the finals with several matches going less than a minute. Saito's first round match timed in under 20 seconds.

Surprisingly enough, speed and quickness are both weapons of Hosokawa and Saito. "He wasn't that strong," said Angelo Parisi of West Germany after losing to Saito in the finals. "It's just that he's so quick for a heavy-weight."

Parisi was the only one the 320-pound heavyweight could not score a point on; but spectators, judges and referee alike agreed that the French spent the matchtime avoiding Saito. Parisi received penalty points for this thus leading to his loss.

In the second night of competition, Japan again struck gold in the half lightweight divi-

sion of 71 kilograms (156.2 pounds). Again facing off against Korea, in the finals, Yoshiyuki Matsuoka defeated Jung-Oh Hwang. The 27-year-old policeman from Kobe City, Japan, scored an ippon halfway through the match by executing what his coach said is his favorite move, seionage [shoulder throw].

After the gold medals two nights in a row, Japan fell out of the medal race picking up a solo bronze in the next three nights. "It's a problem the Japanese team has," said a English-Japanese translator. "They're real strong at the bottom and at the top [of the weight categories] but not too good in the middle."

Bringing in the third medal for Japan was Seiki Nose with a bronze in the middleweight 86 kilogram (189.2 pounds) class. After charging by the first two rounds with ippons, Nose ran up against the eventual gold medal winner Peter Seisenbacher of Austria. This brought the 5-foot, 8-inch athlete into the repechage where he defeated Stanko Lopatic of Yugoslavia and Fabien Canu of France.

Japan went medal-less the next night and then Saito and Yamashita took charge and concluded the Olympic judo competition.

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