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Rosalind Chao

Tritia Toyota

Survivors of U.S. atomic bombs seek information, aid

By Brenda Paik Sunoo, East West tics are alarming:

-1,000 Japanese American hibakusha (Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bomb survivors);

-5,000 Marshallese Islanders;

-50,000 uranium miners;

-106,000 residents of Nevada, Utah, Arizona and California downwind from test sites;

-250,000 atomic veterans (U.S. servicemen exposed to radiation in Japan or nuclear test sites);

test site workers;

News in Brief-

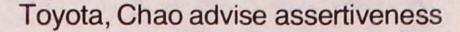
-250,000 laboratory workers in SAN FRANCISCO - The statis- research and development of nuclear weapons.

> They represent more than a million Americans who have survived U.S. atomic bomb production, testing and use since the 1940s. This figure does not include chair, was 17 years old in 1944, the 25% expected cases of birth when she earned 50¢ an hour defects resulting from radiation working in the Berkeley labs dur-

exposure. "I am impressed by the courage of people here today," said Rev. Nobu Hanaoka, co-chair of -250,000 Nevada and Pacific the First Radiation Survivors Congress held in here Oct. 12-14.

More than 160 delegates came to share experiences, provide mutual support and "break down the stonewalling of the nuclear establishment" by formulating concrete strategies.

Dorothy Legaretta, another co-



by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES - When Tritia Toyota was just another reporter at KNBC (Ch. 4), she was at her desk one day while all the other reporters were out on assignment. A producer burst into the room shouting 'I need a reporter quick!' He took one look at Toyota and ran out of the room.

But the story has a happy ending. She followed the producer and confronted him, saying, "Look, aren't I a reporter?'' Not only did she get to cover the story, but from then on "it wasn't going to be as easy to overlook me." Toyota now anchors the station's news show every weeknight.

She and actress Rosalind Chao discussed their careers and the problems they faced along the way before a crowd of mostly Asian American students at UCLA Oct. 15.

Toyota had an MA in journalism when she was hired by KNBC 13 years ago, but she was chosen partly because she was "a triple minority-young, Asian, and female. I fulfilled a lot of quotas." She added that her BA in home economics was valued more than her journalism degree because



reports" as a consumer affairs expert.

Once she had gotten her foot in the door, she sought "to build a foundation as a competent reporter who also happened to be a minority." She had to be "thickskinned" because of some adverse viewer reaction when she first went on the air. And there were other problems.

"When I started, I was extremely lost. I was on the air live three weeks after being hired," she said, recalling her unfamiliarity with scripting, working with camera crews, and other aspects of the job. "At first I did not ask questions or make waves.

The turning point came when she challenged the producer who was about to pass her over for someone else. At that moment, "I decided to go after something by myself." She described her start in newscasting as "a long, arduous personal quest to assume identity, behavior, patterns of ac-tion for which I had no background. I wasn't raised that way."

Her advice to aspiring Asian American journalists was that "You can be aggressive, you can let people know what you want. You can't hang back.'

One-Dimensional Roles

Rosalind Chao plays Soon Lee. a Korean war bride, in the CBS series "AfterMASH." Although a part in a network TV show would not be taken lightly by most actresses, Chao said, "I came this close to not taking the role. At the time I felt, I'm an Asian American. Why should I have to shuffle around [in a subservient role]?"

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After college, Chao was "working non-stop" as an actress but was discouraged to find that "every role was basically the same." Typically she played a young girl living in Chinatown whose uncle,





Suspected killer caught

SEATTLE - Wai Chiu "Tony" Ng, the third suspect in last year's mass slaying at the Wah Mee Club, was apprehended Oct. 4 in an apartment in Calgary, Alberta's, Chinatown. Ng faces 13 counts of first degree felony murder. Each count carries a maximum sentence of life in prison. Two other men, Benjamin Kin Ng and Kwan Fai "Willie" Mak, were convicted last year of aggravated first degree murder for their roles in the murders of 12 men and one woman at the gambling club. Ng was sentenced to life in prison; Mak was given the death sentence.

Oct. 12 with the state supreme court.

Proposition 38 directs the state legislature to urge the federal government to change provisions of the Voting Rights Act that require bilingual materials in certain districts.

Court backs vote count

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - The superior court here denied a motion filed earlier this month by a coalition of Asians, Hispanics and others to prevent the secretary of state from counting the votes on the establishment of a committee of about 100 at L.A.'s Music Cen-Proposition 38 (see Oct. 5 PC).

The coalition filed an appeal

'Canada will apologize'

OTTAWA - Japanese Canadians can expect an apology and a serious consideration of compensation for their wartime internment, said Multiculturalism Minister Jack Murta recently.

Ark Miki, president of the National Assn. of Japanese Canadians, welcomed the promise by the new Progressive Conservative government. Former prime minister Pierre Trudeau had opposed compensation, saving redress would mean no end to such attempts to "rewrite history."

compensation.

Photo by Clark Pittman

ONE WHO LEAPED-Rep. Rob-Murta said he was considering ert Matsui (D-Calif.) tells a crowd to look into the issue of financial ter how he attained his congressional seat and emphasizes that tion for Asian Pacifics (LEAP).

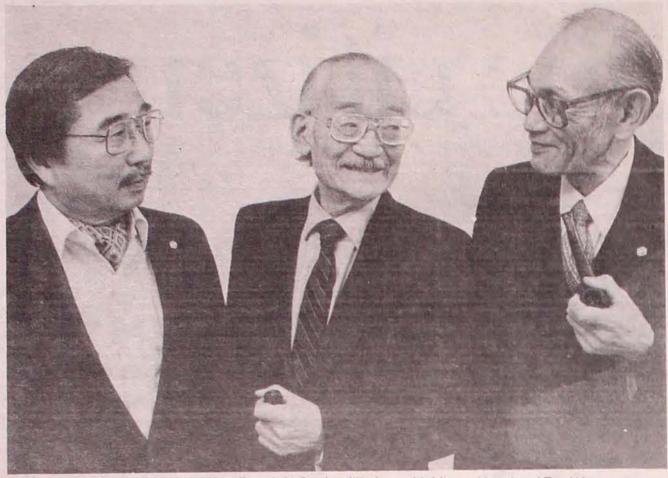
risk-taking is an important part of achieving leadership roles in politics. The Oct. 17 program was sponsored by Leadership Educa-

grandfather or some other male relative gets kidnapped. "Inevitably," she said, the key to the plot "is a missing vase from Hong Kong." Another recurring role was as "a spy someone falls in love with."

She finally declared she would do no more stereotyped roles-and did not work for a year.

When she accepted a role in a TV pilot as a young Chinese girl in a citizenship class, she did not regret it. "It was a small role, but I ended up building it into a larger role.'

As a result, the producers became interested in developing a series about the Asian American experience. Although the network turned down the idea, Chao was encouraged that there were in-Communed . Page 2



Subjects of 'Unfinished Business' are (from left) Gordon Hirabayashi, Minoru Yasui and Fred Korematsu.

'Unfinished Business' to screen in New York

NEW YORK - Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund kicks off its tenth anniversary celebration Nov. 16 with a film showing of "Unfinished Business: Three Men Who Fought the Japanese American Internment'' at Lincoln Center.

Fred Korematsu, defendant in the landmark Supreme Court case of 1944 and last year's coram nobis petition, makes his first East Coast appearance.

The film will be screened at two showings: 6-8:30 p.m. and 7:30-10 p.m. at the Library and Museum of the Performing Arts, Lincoln Center, 111 Amsterdam Ave. (between 64th and 65th Sts.)

Tickets are \$40 and tax deductible. No tickets will be sold at the door. Information and reservations: AALDEF, 350 Broadway, Suite 308, New York, NY 10013; Donna Young, (212) 966-5932.

AALDEF is a nonprofit, taxexempt organization founded in 1974. It employs a four-person St.



staff of attorneys and legal workers who do litigation, community education, and law student recruitment and internship training. Next year the group will move to a new home in the Public Interest Law Center, 99 Hudson

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dustry people who were interested in such a project

It was then that she decided that ethnic roles didn't have to be negative. She thought she could "do the roles, try to do them with some dignity, try to play characters in a way that's not one-dimensional." For that reason, she eventually took the part in "After-MASH.

When the cast of the show looks over scripts before shooting begins, Chao is able to change some parts that she finds objectionable, yet "there are still things that go on the air that I'm not very happy about." One problem, she said, is that the show has skipped over Soon Lee's adjustment to life in America. She said the network's attitude has been, "It's ethnichow many people can identify with this problem?'

One episode dealt with prejudice, but because "AfterMASH" is a comedy, "the network wants to keep things light and funny." She attributed the network's reticence about developing her character to lack of awareness about Asians. In any event, she would like to portray Soon Lee "as an Asian American woman who is proud of my heritage."

Chao said the industry was "still very backwards as far as Asian American women go" but that the situation is changing for the better

'Asian America'

In her capacity as a newscaster, Toyota has been able to raise public consciousness about Asian Americans locally through a report entitled "Asian America," which ran as an hour-long primetime special in August. It dealt with the various Asian/Pacific ters ought to apply to minority groups in Southern Californiawho they are, what problems they person who can do the best job of

becoming an increasingly important economic and political force. Initially, her project encountered "a lot of resistance. Management gets very nervous if they think you're doing something 'radical.' " But her purpose was simply "to strive for an informational, educational program for community."

When asked if she was perceived as biased in favor of Asian issues as a result of that program, Toyota replied, "If people think that, it is an inherently racist attitude. I have a responsibility as a journalist to cover topics which are important to our communities.

Just as a reporter covering politics or business must be knowledgeable in the subject matter, Toyota said, "the same paramecommunities. You send out the must deal with, and how they are covering it." She feels that she

can utilize her many community contacts to do a story justice and still "present it in the most objective fashion possible.'

Some hate mail was received after "Asian America" was shown, as Toyota expected, but she said the show was aimed at "people who need information WASHINGTON-Organization of people who have no idea about our and are open-minded" rather than the "fringe" whose minds lected Henry K. Mui. 28, as its new will never be changed. The program received a great deal of positive responses as well, and it is this kind of letter-writing that will years. determine future programming, Toyota said.

essentially the same message to and 30 chapters in the U.S.

Asian American college students who might try going into a similar line of work after graduation: 'Don't take no for an answer.'

Mui new OCA director

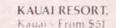
Chinese Americans (OCA) has senational executive director. Mui, a licensed social worker, replaces Laura Chin, who served for two

OCA is a nonprofit civil rights organization established in 1973 In closing, Toyota and Chao had with more than 4,000 members

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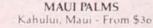
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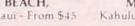






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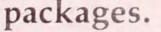




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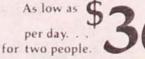
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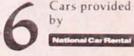


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Curator Saul to speak at Nisei veterans exhibit

FRESNO, Calif. - Eric Saul, curator of the Presidio Army Museum in San Francisco, will give an account of the exploits of the Nisei soldiers during WW2 at a reception to honor those veterans, Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Fresno Metropolitan Museum, from 7-9 p.m.

Tickets for the reception are \$12.50 and sales are limited to 600. Tickets may be obtained from Ken Yokota, California First Bank, 1458 Kern St., Fresno, CA 93706, 233-0591; from presidents of JACL chapters in Clovis, Fowler, Sanger, Parlier, Reedley, Selma, Tulare County and Delano; or from the Central Calif. District Council office, 912 F St.

The event is sponsored by the WASHINGTON-The American A.L.L./JACL, VFW Post 5869, Sociological Assn. Minority Fel-VFW Post 8499 and the Metropolitan Museum.

On display at the museum through Dec. 9 are the Go For Broke and MIS photo exhibits as well as photos taken at Manzanar concentration camp by the late Ansel Adams. The show also includes photos of the local Japanese American community up to the time of the internment.

The A.L.L./JACL Chapter emphasizes that the exhibit is a valley-wide project. Having sent 700 letters to valley schools, the chapter anticipates conducting many tours for schoolchildren by Feb. 1, 1985 and awards will be during the next month.

The museum is located at 1515 Van Ness and is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each weekday except Monday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Community Affairs

SEATTLE-Nisei Veterans Bazaar will be held Nov. 4, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Nisei Veterans Hall, 1212 S. King St.

Univ. of Washington's Huskies basketball team opens its 1984-85 season with an exhibition game against Meiji Univ. of Japan on Friday, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m., at Hec Edmundson Pavilion. Information: 623-5088.

LOS ANGELES-Little Tokyo Health Fair takes place Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Union Church, 3rd and S. San Pedro Sts. Information: 680-3729.

Koreisha Chushoku Kai holdsa luau with entertainment and food, Friday, Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m., at Nishi Hon-

Fellowships available

Sociological Assn. Minority Fellowship Program has announced the availability of doctoral fellowships in sociology for 1985-86. The purpose of the awards is to recruit persons who will contribute differing orientations and creativity to the field. Prospective and current graduate students who can approach research on mental health issues relating to minorities from an indigenous perspective will be selected for these awards. The program is open to students beginning or continuing studies in sociology departments.

Applications must be received announced by April 15, 1985.

For application forms, write: Minority Fellowship Program, American Sociological Assn., 1722 N St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036

gwanji, 815 E. 1st St. Tickets \$4 (under 60), \$3 (over 60), RSVP: 680-9173.

The Osaka-based Folklore Assn presents Nihon Minyo Hyakusen Cultural Mission at Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro, Nov. 2, 8 p.m. Free ticket information: 680-3700

Washington Medical Center Volunteers sponsor a sidewalk sale Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the hospital, 12101 W. Washington Blvd. On sale will be clothing. dishes, games, records, furniture, and baked goods.

MARYSVILLE, Calif.-A reunion of former residents of Yuba, Sutter, Butte and Colusa counties is being planned for the weekend of Sept. 27-29, 1985. Past residents of the four counties wishing to attend or to receive more information are asked to send their names and addresses to Mazie Sasaki, 938 Chestnut St., Yuba City, CA 95991 by Dec. 15.

SAN FRANCISCO-Nihonmachi Legal Outreach celebrates its ninth anniversary Friday, Nov. 2, at the Green Room, Veterans Bldg., War Memorial and Performing Arts Center, 401 Van Ness Ave. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner, program, and dancing. Tax deductible tickets at \$35 must be purchased by Oct. 29. Information: 567-6255.

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif .--"Yankee Samurai," the exhibit of photos and memorabilia about the internment of Japanese Americans and the exploits of the Nisei soliders, is displayed at the Monterey Conference Center from Nov. 7 to Nov. 12. The exhibit is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Japanese American veterans will conduct guided tours, and several mini-theaters will offer continuous showings of the documentary "Nisei Soldier." Information: 242-8184



Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki (center) Tateishi (left) and National Direcwith JACL Redress Director John tor Ron Wakabayashi.

Former L.A. employee donates award to JACL

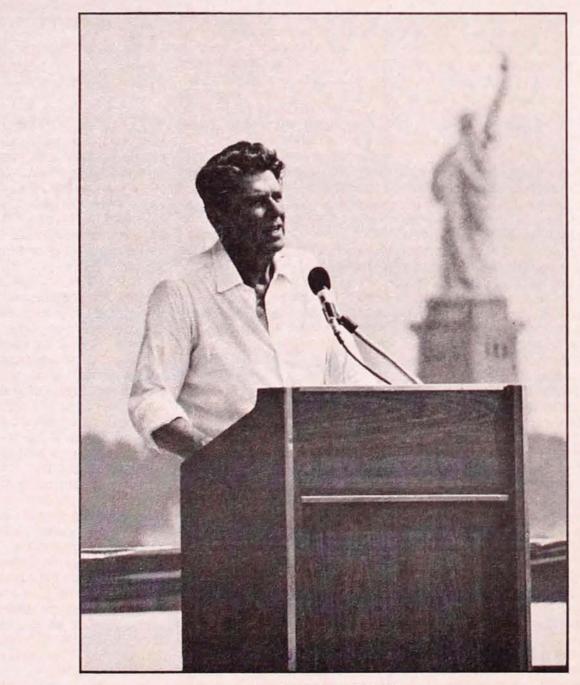
SAN FRANCISCO-Yoshiye To- the 36 Nikkei who were awarded gasaki, M.D., one of the first Nisei women to practice medicine, recently contributed \$5,000 to the ing World War II. In handing the National JACL redress campaign. Dr. Togasaki was one of

Reunion of Tule Lake internees slated for '85

SACRAMENTO-The Tule Lake Reunion '85 will be held here at the Red Lion Inn May 24, 25 and 26. Attractions include tours, golf, picnics, music, dancing and historical exhibits. Registration forms will be available early in 1985. For further information, write to: Tule Lake Reunion '85, Tom Fujimoto, Chairman, P.O. Box 22386, Sacramento, CA 95822.

\$5,000 from the City of Los Angeles for wrongful termination durcontribution to JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi and Redress Director John Tateishi, Dr. Togasaki expressed a hope that her action would stimulate others to come forward to support the campaign.

Tateishi expressed special appreciation to Togasaki, noting that she had maintained a substantial level of correspondence to her colleagues in the medical field, urging their support for the redress campaign. Togasaki, active in medical circles and the Nikkei community, has spoken out on redress for many years.





In 1980, Ronald Reagan opened bis campaign for president with a pledge to all Americans for a new beginning, one filled with hope and promise and secured by a stable and lasting peace, economic vitality and a return to basic family values. Americans of all nationalities, races and backgrounds

have contributed greatly to America's new beginning and continue to exemplify the qualities President Reagan and Vice President Bush believe are essential for a strong and free nation. Opportunity, hard work and faith in

God and family are the building blocks of the future and the basis of President Reagan's new beginning for America. Working together, we can build a brighter future.



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Oyaji Syndrome



WHETHER IT BE consciously or unconsciously-and we submit that it is mostly the latter among some Nikkei, and in Nisei in particular, there is a residue of mental outlook that might be labelled "the Oyaji Syndrome." What this means is subservience to the oyaji, the boss. Who the boss is varies according to the setting: it may, indeed, be one's superior at one's place of employment; most often it is some public authority or entity; we've even noted an instance where some JACL district governor is accorded omniscience simply by reason of being an office-holder. "Oyaji knows best.

It's all rather pathetic, rendering yourself into an unquestioning vassal. Downright un-American.

A POSSIBLE SOURCE of this mental framework may have

teachings drummed into us by our Issei parents. Thus, whether it be parents (including others' as well as your own), teachers, the policeman or the public figure, one was taught to respect and to obey. In this superior-inferior relationship, much could be endured in the name of "respect." There was something almost perversely noble about being a silent, suffering martyr-not simply "even," but particularly when that oyaji had acted unjustly, was repressive.

WE PAUSE HERE for a moment to make it abundantly clear that we by no means advocate a social order with anything other than defined lines of authority. We need such lines, if nothing else, to be able to fix responsibility. Anarchy may be fine in mud wrestling or demolition derby, although even both of those 'sports'' have defined ruleselusive as such may be.

BUT GETTING BACK to this oyaji syndrome. Old habits die falsely accused you of disloyalty, hard, particularly if one doesn't in effect confiscated your propereven realize that (s)he's operating under such habits. And some- your worldly possessions, and times good habits can become they followed up by summarily bad ones if misapplied. Respect uprooting you and incarcerating and obedience are noble virtues, you-is it enough that the oyaji but they become avenues of deg- simply dismiss it all with "We been the respect-for-authority radation when given to injustice operated under a misapprehen-



and repression. There is nothing noble in stoically suffering injustice, like some fictitious movie samurai, at the hands of those who would degrade you as a human being, as a citizen.

IF THE AUTHORITIES today ty or otherwise caused you to lose sion. Sorry."? If that is our American way of making amends, then why is a certain former general suing for \$120 million when he lost no property, was not accused of disloyalty, was not incarcerated, but he feels his reputation was impugned?

And in his case, at least, his parents remained untouched. (Can you say the same about your parents, grandparents, children, spouse, etc.?)

ing injustice stoically and in silence is fine for the make-believe

of movies. But our Issei parents and their offsprings were not incarcerated in make-believe barbed-wire compounds; they did not lose make-believe farms and properties for which they had worked and sweated so much; their pride which was crushed was not make-believe. The only make-believes were the false charges, the baseless suspicions, the implication of disloyalty.

It is time we stop thinking like THE ROMANTICISM of suffer- vassals. It is time that we think and act like the Americans that we are.

Saiki Responds

ing my views and I generally acquired even by most Japanese agree with much of his state- themselves, let alone foreigners. ments in regards to the develop- Even the most knowledgeable of ment of general laws on physical the Japanese associates I have sciences and the progress met over a period of 35 years achieved thereon.

tion by actual experience will pro- by viewers. vide the person much more earhigh altitude and the exhilaration the public. of ultimate success. Practical ex- A classic example may be the perience is an extension of aca- case of Lafcadio Hearn, known in demic knowledge, and is also a 19th-century Japan as Koizumi foundation of academic knowl- Yakumo, who spent his entire

edge.

I was delighted to read Mr. To elaborate further, the status Mark Ishimatsu's letter criticiz- of being a Japan expert cannot be would never admit that they are Nonetheless, my basic premise experts. This may be partially atwas not that Japan can only be tributed to the traditional Orientruly understood unless a person tal element of modesty. Recently completely immerses himself in- there are several Japanese TV to Japanese culture, although this personalities who purport to be would undoubtedly help. Verifica- experts, but are not so respected

On the other hand, a number of thy, realistic feelings about Ja- people are recognized as experts pan, just as one must climb a by those around them. In other mountain to experience the short- words, expertise is not self-deness of breath, the oozing sweat, clared. it is conferred upon the the aching legs, the coldness of person by his associates and by

Letters

adulthood (mostly in Shimane, also Kumamoto) teaching and who wrote countless stories about the mystique and the legends of Japan; yet, he was not completely accepted by the society of his time. It was only years after his death that he gained repute as an authority in his specific field.

As for making use of scientific facts as the foundation for further progress, I heartily agree with Mr. Ishimatsu. Still, there are major differences between physical and social sciences. As an economics major at U.C., the first precept I was taught was that economics and the social sciences were not exact sciences. There are too many variables which cannot be controlled as readily as in lab experiments. Let's take the

mulgating laws to protect the public interest and the minority groups.

Defying basic economic laws, abetted by Keynesian principles, we continue to amass huge deficits for future generations to bear and to fall into the trap of \$300 billion loans to South American countries, which need IMF loans to keep barely ahead of defaulting due to high interest rates.

Rather than dissuading people from studying to become Japan experts, my column was intended to point out that acquiring expertise is a never-ending task. In other words, a foreigner cannot become more Japanese than the Japanese themselves.

I was pleased that at least one person in Houston had read my English, the hospital called us to column and was interested ask our help with the patients. We

(both "pro" and "con") to fit what she believes. I do believe that she is honest, but misguided.

This letter is written at her request.

> DAVID C. MOORE Phoenix, Ariz.

Is This the New Japan?

Recently, a young Japanese couple on their honeymoon was involved in a one-car accident while enroute from Las Vegas to the Grand Canyon. Their car rolled several times and the woman suffered a fractured neck vertebra. The man was in a coma for three weeks.

As they did not speak much enough to offer his thought-pro- spent considerable time and effort with them at the hospital. As he refused to eat the hospital fare, we made miso shiru, tsukemono and other Japanese goodies to take to them at the hospital. In time they were released and went back to Japan. It has been over two months but we have not heard a word from them. We are amazed at the manners or the lack of manners of the modern Japanese young people. This certainly would never have happened in our generation. Later we had one Japanese boy stay with us during a group tour. We chauffeured him and some others of the group to many places and activities as requested by them. In the last two months since he has gone, he has never sent us a postcard or letter.

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case of discrimination.

How far have we come towards its universal elimination? As long as individuality exists and is recognized and revered, as long as families, groups and nations exist and as long as we are affected by the variables in our education and environment, it is doubtful whether racial discrimination, let alone personal bias, can be completely eradicated; yet, we need to work on it on a personal, local and national basis.

Even in the so-called classless societies, one sees the bias in nationalities (e.g. Uzbeks, Tatars, Mongols in USSR), the desire for political asylum, the imprisonment of dissidents and the stratification of privileged classes. The political systems that recognize individuality also endeavor to curb personal excesses by pro-

voking opinions

BARRY SAIKI Tokyo

Kawasaki Update

With reference to my letter (9/7 PC), Mrs. Rachel Kawasaki telephoned me, talked for an hour, and assured me that she was not the Mrs. Kawasaki I had known in Poston. I am convinced (now) that the Mrs. Kawasaki I knew was "Rita", not "Rachel." Odd coincidence-both Caucasian, both married to a "Kawasaki." Mrs. (Rachel) Kawasaki and I finally reached agreement! We agreed that we disagree-but without being disagreeable about that fact.

I arrived at the opinion that she is one who consistently distorts her view of "facts" or "evidence"

In contrast, we hosted two **Continued on Page 7**

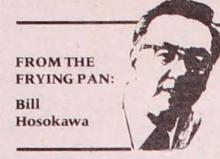
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Japanese American Methodists and Charity

Several weeks ago, at the centennial celebration of the Pine United Methodist Church in San Francisco, the proposed \$5 million Asian American Endowment Fund came up for lively discussion. What the assemblage voted to do says a great deal about the church in the general sense, and about Japanese Americans.

The endowment fund plan, adopted by the National Convocation of Asian American Methodists back in 1983, was its response to the mother church's decision to concentrate support on minority ministries. The endowment fund would be raised by Asian Americans from Asian Americans and controlled by Asian Americans for the benefit of Asian American churches.

The need for money was obvious. Large numbers of Koreans, Chinese, Pilipinos, Taiwanese and Indo-Chinese, as well as Pacific Islanders, had immigrated to the United States in the last decade, bringing with them more than their share of economic and sociological problems. Many were Methodists and many who were not looked to the church for aid. There were congregations to be formed, ministers to be trained and churches to be built. There were young people to be coun-



sponsibilities.

immigrants and their offspring, overall effort? primarily Japanese, had been assisted in diverse ways by the the Japanese Americans that church. At Pine alone, some 6,000 they voted unanimously to put Issei had studied English. Now their own needs aside for the time the need was primarily among being, join the group and help new Americans of other ethnic meet the more critical needs of groups.

are a small minority within the element of the traditonal Japa-Asian American United Method- nese concept of on-gaeshi- reists. They have only 24 organized paying a debt of honor and oblicongregations, some of them far gation-that seems to be infrom prosperous, among approxi-volved. mately 250 Asian American There's been a lot of talk about churches. But as a group they are united Asian American activity better established economically. This commitment represents a and in keeping with that status it concrete act of cooperation and was suggested that \$1 million, compassion.

one-fifth of the goal, would be their suitable share.

That was the point of discussion at the Pine centennial. It was brought out that Japanese American churches as a whole are also hard-pressed and raising a million would, to phrase it gently, would not be easy.

But if a million were to be to keep it to underwrite the needs room, 244 S. San Pedro St. seled and social services to be dis- of their own very important propensed, jobs to be found and grams? Or, even with the knowl- In U.S.-Japan Relations: The education to be encouraged. But edge that most of the Endowment the church's resources were in- Fund would go to churches of adequate to undertake these re- other ethnic groups, would it be the charitable and Christian In past decades thousands of course of action to support the

It is a tribute to the maturity of their less fortunate brothers and The Japanese Americans today sisters. In a sense, there is an

Chapter Pulse

Downtown Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES-Dick Yamashita, president of Marcom International, Tokyo, is the guest speaker Wednesday, Oct. 31, Japanese American Cultural and Commuraised, would it make more sense nity Center, 2nd floor conference

> His topics are "Recent Issues View From Tokyo and Washington, D.C." (3-5 p.m.) and "Sanga Moyu, Japanese Americans and U.S.-Japan Relations' (7:30-9:30 p.m.).

> Yamashita, a native Stockton, Calif. Nisei with more than ten years of experience in Japan, is the Japan Chapter JACL president, an officer of American Chamber of Commerce in Japan, and the co-founder and former codirector of U.S.-Japan Trade Study Group.

> The meeting is open to the public at no charge. Further information can be obtained from Patrick Ogawa, 628-2725; Richard T. Kenmotsu, 972-4000 x211 or Glen S. Fukushima, 489-4000 x284.

Houston

HOUSTON-Asian American Bar Assn., Council of Asian American Organizations and JACL are sponsoring a special appearance of James Shimoura, authority on violence against Asian Americans, Saturday, Nov. 17, 2 p.m., at the Four Seasons Hotel, 1300 Lamar. Shimoura, a practicing attorney, was instrumental in the civil rights prosecutions arising from the Vincent Chin murder in Detroit. He is active in the Asian/ Pacific Caucus of the Democratic National Committee and is one of the founding members of the American Citizens for Justice.

For information, contact Roberta Yang, (713) 783-2016, or Betty Waki, (713) 643-1338

San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO-The JACL chapter is soliciting applicants for its annual scholarship to a deserving high school graduate. This year's scholarship will be \$1,000. Any student graduating from high school in 1985 who is a member, or whose parents are to complete a short application form which is available at the counselor's office of local San Francisco high schools or by contacting Karen Taketa, scholarship chairperson, at 399-5871 (day). All information submitted by applicants will be kept confidential. All applications must be postmarked no later than Dec. 10, 1984.

Marin County

SAN RAFAEL, Calif.—The eighth annual No. Calif .- W. Nevada-Pacific JACL District Council volleyball tournament will be held Sunday, Nov. 18, at the Terra Linda High School gym.

JACL chapters and Japanese American Youth groups may enter teams in this tournament. All players must be JACL or JAY members or have membership within the family.

Teams will be scheduled for seed play in the morning rounds and championship and consolation rounds in the afternoon. Of the six players on the court, at least two must be women. The tournament begins at the 320 Nova Albion Way school gym at 9 a.m. Rubber-sole shoes must be worn on the courts.

Registration is \$30 for initial team entry, \$10 for additional chapter teams and must be submitted by Nov. 9. Additional information may be obtained from Dennis Sato (415) 897-8006.

San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif.-JACL is sponsoring a day at the Bay Meadows Horse Races on Nov. 25, 1984. Cost is \$24, which includes admission, program, buffet luncheon at the Turf Club, and transportation by Southern Pacific Railroad. Attire for men is sports coats and collared shirts; for women, pant suits or dresses. For further information and to make your reservation contact the JACL office, (408) 295-1250 or Joe Hironaka, (408) 292-2914. Deadline is November 11.

Sonoma County

SEBASTOPOL, Calif.-The chapter's second annual Sushi Nite

On Board Members' Endorsements of Candidates



A couple weeks ago I was in Reno and talked to Wilson Makabe and he mentioned a couple of things that I feel should be clarified. Wilson said that he and some other JACL delegates at the convention were a little upset by my article explaining why I endorsed Frank Sato for president. They felt that I had used my authority of PC board chair to get the article in for the convention.

As most of you know, I have written more articles in the PC than any other board member because I feel it's important to convey information to the membership. Anyone who had written an article could have had it included in that issue so there wasn't any preference to my article, and besides I wrote it as being "By the Board" and not as PC board chair. I think the National Board members have a responsibility to give the membership their objec- Midwest District tive views and recommendations; otherwise it's very difficult for the members to know what candidates or issues to support. The other thing that Wilson mentioned was that these people thought that I might have made a deal with Frank Sato so that he would re-appoint me as the PC board chair. First of all, anyone who has worked with me in JACL knows that I don't make deals.

Second, I said in 1982 that this was mittee. I don't know why or how it my last term of being in JACL afto imply that I made a deal to support Frank Sato is an insult and reaffirms my decision to retire.

As for national officers nominating candidates, I agree with Fred Hirasuna that the president should not nominate his successor. That probably applies to any officer nominating his or her successor. As far as National Board members supporting candidates, I don't have any problem with that. Both candidates had support from board members.

Min Yasui campaigned early and did an excellent job and I thought he might go to the convention with enough committed delegot a raw deal on redress and had be being frank with me so that I

happened but I think he got ter thirteen years; had I the de- shoved aside, too. At last sire and energy to stay active I February's board meetingwould have run for president. So when the new redress organization was presented-there were a number of us who asked about that. Min was there and when asked, he said he could live with it, so the board approved the reorganization. Had Min spoken out I think the board would not have approved the change.

> As I stated in my article, as chairman of the LEC (Legislative Education Committee), Min will be back playing a major role in redress.

I hope I've clarified for those delegates who thought there was some ulterior motive for my supporting Frank Sato for president. gates. I think a lot of people felt he Also, I appreciated Wilson Maka-

been shoved aside from the com- could respond to these comments.

Salinas Valley to host district meeting

SALINAS, Calif. - Acting Governor Mollie Fujioka will call to order the fourth quarterly meeting

to meet Nov. 16-18

DETROIT - Midwest District Council's fall meeting will be hosted by the Detroit Chapter Nov. 16-18, announced Governor George Sakaguchi.

Agenda items include district redress programs, the budget, human rights, ethnic concerns, membership recruitment, and objectives for the coming year.

of the N. Calif .- W. Nevada-Pacific District Council on Nov. 4. Salinas Valley Chapter hosts the meeting at the Barbary Coast Inn, 808 N. Main St.

Reports from the leadership workshop, aging and retirement, redress and program committees will be heard. New business includes the nomination and election of the district boa d for 1985-86, and a discussion of proposed changes to the National JACL bylaws.

For further information about the meeting, call (415) 921-5225.

members, of the San Francisco chapter is eligible to apply.

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of: academic achievement; demonstrated leadership, community involvement and commitment; defined purpose for higher education; written essay: "How you perceive your future role in the Japanese American community"; and a personal interview, if necessary.

The essay should express the applicant's perception of the role he or she intends to take within the Japanese American community. This may be in the form of a professional career, as a volunteer in one or more community service organizations, or both. The essay is limited to no more than 250 words.

All applicants will be required is December 1, 1984.

takes place Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Memorial Hall. Organizers remind members that last year's sushi sold out in 45 minutes and an early arrival is recommended. The event starts at 6:30 p.m.

West Valley

SAN JOSE, Calif.-High School seniors who are either members or whose parents are members of the chapter are invited to apply for scholarships. The amounts of the scholarship vary from year to year, but this past year the chapter awarded one \$750 and two \$500 scholarships.

The criteria for selection are: GPA, extra-curricular activities. community services, written essay, and recommendations. The deadline for filing an application

'I Will Not Plead Guilty'

Korean resident of Japan, who They received pensions and benelives in Kyoto, is the third fits, covering their duty up until printing issue to trial following his totaled over 20 million yen. arrest for violation of the Alien year. He is a teacher of cultural Mindanao Island in the Philiphuman sexual behavior.

of equality under the law. What I 65,000 yen, as compensation for court battle is that this is another example of the outright official rate of 39 years ago. discrimination against minority groups here.'

under Article A of the San Fran- panese counterparts are entitled. cisco Peace Treaty signed in 1952 which states: "Japan, recogniz- 'foreigners' is to shuck off their ing the independence of Korea, responsibility for 36 years of colorenounces all right, title and nial invasion." Some may argue claim to Korea, including the that there have been some islands of Quelpart, Port Hamil- changes in the official treatment ton and Dagelet.

living in Japan?"

Kim Myong Gwan, 33, a North jungies of Philippine Islands. "foreigner" to bring the finger- their return to Japan, which

Teruo Nakamura is another Registration Law in July last such man, who returned from anthropology at Kyoto Seika Col- pines seven years ago. But being a lege, specializing in the area of Taiwan national, also under Article A of the San Francisco 'The debate over fingerprint- Peace Treaty, the money paid to ing is not just limited to the issue him as a foreigner was a mere want to point out through my his duty plus a one-way trip fare back to Japan calculated at the

The Korean atomic bomb survivors are no exceptions. They Koreans in Japan were techni- have no access to the government cally made into "foreigners" medical plan for which their Ja-

"Their purpose in keeping us of Koreans recently in the wake of "But," he questions, "where in domestic and international prothis sentence is there anything test. For example, the Ministry of about the citizenship of Koreans Posts and Telecommunication this year has hired, for the first Shoichi Yokoi and Hiroo Onoda time in history, two third-generaare two former Japanese service- tion Koreans as delivery personmen from World War II, who re- nel. "But I think no fundamental cently returned to Japan after changes are expected at least more than 20 years of hiding in the within the next 10 years, you

Candidate's postwar years in south central L.A. recalled

LOS ANGELES-In a campaign effort to "Keep America Strong, Republican nominee Echo Goto for the 29th Congressional District seat has accumulated many achievement awards and honors for her civic and business endeavors in south central Los Angeles the past three decades.

Her retail floral shop on S. Central Ave. near Florence Ave. had escaped the rampage of the 1965 Watts riot as her Black neighbors and friends stood watch, it was recalled when she announced her candidacy against veteran Augustus Hawkins, the Democrat incumbent.

A believer in community involvement, she has received many commendations: Senior Citizens Community Service;

know, before the first generations, like my father, who is 60 years old now, are dead. The government is waiting for those who were most affected by the colonial occupation, and those who are most critical of the government, to die out.

In his class at Kyoto Seika College, he talks about the Japanese family system, the Family Registration Law, and the concept of nationality, and shows how these systems interact to reinforce a kind of insular mentality which works to exclude people of other origins and culture, both inside and outside Japan.

'And, of course, the state takes advantage of this mentality and these intricate systems often loaded with sentimental values, in order to justify the official mistreatment of ethnic groups."

A good example backing his view is the fact that the only way to get citizenship in this country is through naturalization. "In other words, only when it is 'permitted by the state.' To me, the procedure is an insult. Fingerprints on all the 10 fingers are taken, a written oath must be submitted, properties, the way of thinking, etc. will be subject to investigation, and finally, a Japanese name must be adopted." The first naturalized citizen ever to be permitted to retain his real name was a student from Vietnam, after winning a court battle.

Kim's next trial was scheduled to be held on Oct. 15 at Kyo District Court. "I know the outcome for refusing to be fingerprinted. But I will not plead guilty. I will go to jail and serve a term for whatever necessary period of time.'

Outstanding Community Service awards from Firestone-Florence Chamber of Commerce (1976), from Kedren Health Center (1980); Civic Involvement Award from City of L.A., Merit for Com-munity Service from County of L.A., Volunteer Service Award from L.A. City Schools; National Hospital Award from DAV Auxiliary; PTA Honorary Life Membership Award.

For commercial improvement of the area, she spent countless hours to promote business and industry in south central L.A. She has been accorded a National Recognition Certificate in Business Revitalization Program, Asian American Business Alliance achievement award, Urban Core Multi-Versity Award, and honors from Sur Este Retail Floral Assn.

As a do-er in civic affairs, she was recognized by the L.A. County Public Library, Toastmistress International; served as commissioner: Martin Luther King Jr. General Hospital; active with the Ikebana International, Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, Gardena Valley JACL, Watts NAACP, Cosmopolitan Republican Club; and L.A. County Republican Central Committee.

A 30-year resident in the district, she was born in Orange County and educated Montebello. Echo Goto's family includes three grown daughters: a registered nurse, a pharmacist and a businesswoman.

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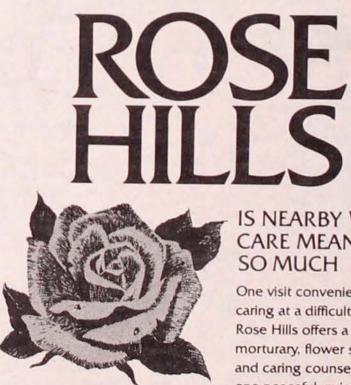
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LOS ANGELES-Nat'l Asn Am Studies Conf and Nat'l Asn Pac Am Law Students Conf; info 825-2974/825-1304

• OCT 26 (Friday)

San Francisco-Okazaki film: 'Unfinished Business,' Palace of Fine Arts, 7:30pm; spkrs Gordon Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu, Min Yasui; info Asn Law Caucus, 835-1474

El Segundo-Ind Order of Foresters honors Dr Jack Fujimoto, Hacienda Htl, 525 N Sepulveda, 7pm; info 390-4502

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Sonoma County-Chapter celebrates 50th anny and holds keiro-kai • OCT 30 (Sunday)

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rate America' is topic of forum, AT&T hdqs aud, 550 Madison Ave.; 7pm, free NOV3 (Saturday)

Placer County-Capt Gordon Nakagawa guest spkr at ann'l Goodwill Dnr, St. Joseph's Parish Cntr, 11610 Atwood Rd, Au-

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Coast Inn, 808 N Main, Salinas, CA; info (415) 921-5225

NOV 5 (Monday)

Los Angeles-Am Assn of Retired Persons mg, JACCC, 244 S San Pedro, Rm 410

-Calendar-

PSW contest still on

LOS ANGELES-Chapters in the Pacific Southwest District still have time to enter the district's membership contest, which ends Dec. 31. The membership base will be the Dec. 31, 1983, count as published by National JACL headquarters.

For each new member, \$3 will be awarded to the chapter. For example, a chapter with 200 members as of Dec. 31, 1983, and 250 members as of Dec. 31, 1984, will receive \$150.

In the National JACL membership drive, which ended June 30, PSW was awarded \$855 for having increased its membership by 171, reaching 102% of the previous year's total.

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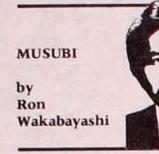
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Time to Address Violence

There is little question in my mind that increase in anti-Asian sentiment in this country is a very real phenomenon. We've been looking through the reporting of



these incidents over the past few years and noted some patterns that may be of interest and concern.

Americans of Japanese ancestry are not often the victims of the most violent acts that take place. Newcomers are targets far more often. It may be that a life experience in this country for the better than 80% of Nikkei who are American-born provides us with some devices to recognize and avoid the most dangerous situations that confront us. New immigrants or newcomers often have not developed antenna sensitive to the intergroup conflicts and the racism that, unfortunately, rears its ugly head in a particular American style. The life experience of being born and raised in an environment where you are the majority population may not refine sensitivities that minorities in America routinely develop as a basic defense mechanism. This may explain attitudes about minority status on a continuum. Japanese nationals, in particular Japanese businessmen in the United States, have a hard time yard and it's time that we take a understanding this. Our recent shovel to it.

experience with Americans of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii at our Honolulu site for our national convention, reflected an attitude different from that of the mainland Nikkei, and numbers and concentration of population help explain some of the differences in perception and attitude.

Perhaps this explains to some extent why new immigrants are more often the victims of racial violence than American-born Asians. Obviously, the issue is more complex than a single factor. Nothing, however, can justify that such violence is becoming so frequent.

Violence is the most measurable indicator of racism. It is only the tip of the iceberg. The media images of Asians in recent movies may be another indicator of the increased racism. The proliferation of statements from various opinion-makers in government and big business that carry racial innuendo may be yet another measure. The increase in the presence of bumperstickers with racially biased messages might be another. The graphic at Six Flag Autoworld in Flint, Michigan, that the American Citizens for Justice has attacked, is only the most recent.

The "Goals and Objectives" statement that the National Board is studying as the foundation for JACL activities for this biennium has addressing the rise in anti-Asian sentiment as one of the cornerstones of our program. It is the issue that has crossed the line between a concern to condition. It is not something that sits on the horizon. It's in the front

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young girls from the "Up With People" group, one girl from New Hampshire and the other from Mexico City. We have had nice thank you notes from these girls.

Is this truly the New Japan? Haji de wa nai desho ka? WILLIAM SHIMASAKI

Flagstaff, AZ

Amache Monument

It has been just over a year since we dedicated a monument at the Amache Relocation Center.

It was a project of love and concern of all those who helped make it a reality. And during the past year a number of former internees have visited the site, plus there have been families who

have made a special pilgrimage.

Our club made a pilgrimage one week prior to Memorial Day in which many of our friends participated and helped us clean up and place flowers on the remaining headstones and the memorial stone.

On Oct. 7 we made our fall pilgrimage to the site to clean up and pay homage to those who suffered and died there. Again, many of our concerned friends accompanied us for which we are very grateful. Forty people made the 240-mile trip from Denver and returned last Sunday with the oldest Issei lady 90 years old to a Yonsei of 12 years.

I would appreciate a small note in the PC of our pledge to maintain the site for all those who helped us. NOBUO FURUIYE

More on endorsements

I commend Judge William Marutani ("The Voice From Central Cal," 9/28 PC) for setting the record straight concerning the rule governing the conduct of national officers, particularly the national president, during elections.

Judge Marutani concisely stated the appropriate passages from Robert's Rules of Order and provided an insightful analysis of the possible consequences when such rules are ignored.

Unfortunately, the error which occurred at the national convention cannot be changed. But hopefully this organization is now more aware of and sensitive to the proper conduct befitting national officers and the order of business. JANE B. KAIHATSU San Francisco

Denver



His Lordship: Tonosama

(1)

No doubt you've seen some sam- MOSHI rai movies. In those pictures the tonosama was usually a shadowy presence with no part in the action, more a part of the setting like the stock shot of the castle donjon in the title scene. Have you ever wondered about him? Probably not. But in a remote, indirect way he may have a great deal more to rice to some petty lords with a few do with you than you suspect. For square miles and 10,000 koku. instance your recent ancestors Koku is about 5 bushels or 180 may have been samrai in his ser- litres. vice, on permanent half-pay for some generations. Or peasants who had to surrender half of their and barons of medieval Europe harvests, sometimes 60%, also for they did not own the domains over generations, while generations of tonosama lived in the lap of luxury. There are many facts and services, and taxes. It was the peastories about tonosamas, some sants who owned the land. amusing, some that make you angry, but all more or less sur- of Iyeyasu, the founder, the Tokuprising. I would like to share them with you. But first, what tonosama was. sals of the Tokugawa shogun who sals financially drained and poliruled Japan as so many independ- tically impotent. One instrument ent states until the Meiji Restora- of this policy was the irregular, but tion. These, called daimyos, held frequent assessment of special hereditary fiefs (han in Japanese) varying in size and yield the daimyos were required to from Kaga's 3,500 square miles provide the expense and man-(approximate) and 1,000,000 koku



by Jin Konomi

Though hereditary lords of their han, unlike the dukes and counts which they ruled. They only had the prerogative of levying tributes, Created by the political genius gawa shogunate existed solely for the purpose of perpetuating itself. To this end it pursued a ruthless, He was one of the 280 or so vas- cynical policy of keeping its vasduties and public works for which **Continued on Page 8**

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Membership at 97%

SAN FRANCISCO-As of Sept. 30, national JACL membership was 97% (25,593) of last year's comparable total of 25,890, according to National Headquarters membership coordinator Emily Ishida. The 1983 calendar total stimulate membership recruitwas 26,420.

vice president of membership. The current incentive to chapters to solicit new members is \$2. A "new" member is defined as anyone who is not a current member. The dues rate is set at the 1984 level. "It is imperative to provide an end-

of-the-year impetus to chapters to

ment," Ochi added.

announced by Rose Ochi, national

Central Calif. to focus on redress, education

FRESNO, Calif.-"Redress-Do We Ask Too Much?" is the topic of Ron Wakabayashi and newly a special program during the an- elected President Frank Sato will nual Central California District make presentations. Council convention, Nov. 10-11.

Congressman Charles "Chip" Pashayan has agreed to speak on the efforts to eliminate monetary payments from redress legislation and why there is support for a more limited redress program, at reer counseling, staff develop-Saturday night's program and dinner. John Tateishi, national JACL redress director, has been invited to present the arguments for passage of all the recommendations of the Commission on will be determined soon. Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

the Saturday evening program.

begins with reports and resolu- Oct. 29.

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tions at 10 a.m. National Director

Three separate workshops, cosponsored with the state superintendent of education's Council for Asian Pacific Affairs, are offered on Sunday as well. Topics range from curriculum planning, cament, and anti-Asian violence.

Due to an unexpected news assignment, Ken Kashiwahara will be unable to speak Sunday evening. The dinner's keynote speaker

Cost for Saturday's dinner is \$12. Registration and dinner for Election of district officers for Sunday is \$15. Registrations the 1985-86 term are also part of should be mailed to Mike Yatabe, c/o California First Bank, 1458 The Sunday, Nov. 11, session Kern St., Fresno, CA 93760, by

Sato sketches goals and objectives for 1984-86 at Nat'l Board meeting

By Harry Honda

FRANCISCO-National SAN JACL President Frank Sato's executive forte permeated the first full-fledged agenda under scrutiny of his 17-member National Board and nine-member professional staff over the Oct. 19-21 weekend here at the Masao W. Satow Bldg.

Sato generated a "fresh and constant look" of JACL's goals and objectives for the 1984-86 biennium during the Friday night session.

He engaged the board to "definitize" important program areas that would enhance the JACL image overall from the board, through the staff, to the districts and local chapters.

As a document, Sato viewed the emphasis will be fluid, keeping one or putting away another as the situation might demand, but

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regime the only major constructhe shrine at Nikko.

Another device was to hold the daimyos' wives, heirs designate, and retired daimyos hostage in Edo, and to require the daimyos themselves to spend alternate years in Edo. The expenses of separate Edo households, and the annual trips to or from Edo were staggering. The sizes of the retinues and equippage were prescribed by protocol according to the saburo Katamoto was sizes of the han, and unnecessarily large and elaborate. For instance, the procession of the Kishu han (520,000 koku) consisted of bride Osame Magano nearly 400 men including various who with her husband carriers and about 40 pieces of

The great pomp and circum-

by the Chicago convention in 1986. "we-the board-can look for the milestones of accomplishments, look back to the progress that has been made, as well as point to direction."

In the ensuing weeks until the next Board meeting scheduled here Feb. 8-10, the specifics are to be examined and selected.

"Our goals are wide-ranging and far-reaching for the 1980s," Sato said in his opening remarks. "We shall continue to develop relevant and successful programs that meet the need of Japanese Americans ... We shall seek to enhance (JACL's) national presence and prestige, expand our ability to understand and influence official Washington." (Sato, incidentally, is a part of the offi-Washington cial executive branch as inspector general of the Veterans Administration, a position filled by the President and confirmed by the Senate.)

Document 'in Brief'

Here is Sato's draft document of Oct. 2 with his comments:

Overall goals are noted in the JACL Constitution: 1-Promote the interests of Japanese Americans and uphold the civil and human rights for all; 2-Preserve cultural heritage; 3-Promote understanding between all ethnic groups; and 4-Encourage good citizenship.

On strengthening the organization, the five goals as envisioned by the National JACL president are: 1-Enhance the image ("We should continually strive to enhance the image and prestige of the JACL as a relevant, national, human and civil rights organization."); 2-Expand membership (to 50,000 this biennium which he felt was "do-able."); 3-Reassess communication effectiveness (i.e., the Pacific Citizen, national convention format, youth speech contests, annual report to the membership); 4-Reassess organizational responsibility and capability (especially when turnovers occur); and 5-Broaden and bolster the financial base ("a strong need is here'')

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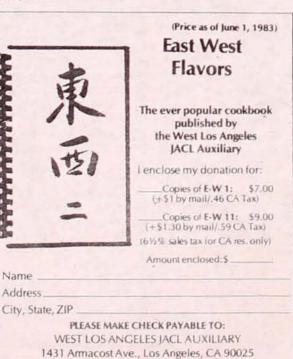
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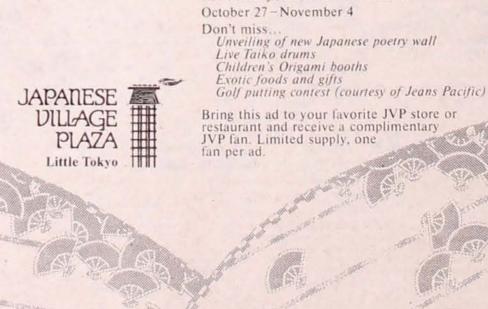
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ATOMIC BOMB SURVIVORS

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ing the famed Manhattan Project. She was exposed to radiation that she says subsequently affected her child, who died at age 4. "Nuclear testing must be seen as a health hazard," she declared.

Research Needed

Kanji Kuramoto, a hibakusha, was on a visit to his sick grandmother in Japan. He and his family were caught in Hiroshima during the war. He was 19 and a student in Kyoto when the atomic bomb was detonated Aug. 6, 1945. Returning to Hiroshima two days later in an unsuccessful search for his father, he was exposed to radiation. He suffers from diabetes, as do many survivors.

He is currently president of the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors (CABS), an organization representing 1,000 hibakusha living in the U.S. All four chapters-San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, and Hawaii-were represented at the conference.

'We need a research foundation in the U.S.," Kuramoto stated. Explaining how the burden of proof is on the victim. "As long as no fact-finding is done, the government won't give us anything."

Several speakers told of their frustrating experiences attempting to seek access to information. Records have been "sanitized" and "lost due to unexisting fires."

Dottie Troxell worked with radioactive materials in top secret weapons programs at the Bendix lab in Missouri. She suffers from health problems such as cataracts and cancer and has a genetically affected son. "Lost records? What about missing doctors?" she said, referring to doctors who had conducted tests but now could not be located.

Another complaint was that materials sent back to inquiring victims under the Freedom of Information Act had missing pages and blocks of deletions. Letters would often get responses like "Still Classified."

Atomic veterans have a particularly difficult time receiving any type of compensation because of the Feres Rule, which prohibits lawsuits by former servicemen and family members for injuries received in the line of dutv

However, the growing network of atomic radiation survivors hopes to propose congressional hearings and to develop an omnibus bill that would cover all survivors

Pat Broudy, an atomic widow from Laguna Miguel, Calif., is litigation chair for the National Assn. of Radiation Survivors (NARS). Her husband died of radiogenic cancer after participating in nuclear tests at the Nevada test site.

She has filed a lawsuit against the federal government charging that her late husband "should have been monitored for radioactive health effects after his discharge from service." Should her case win (it is scheduled for a Nov. 6 hearing), it will have challenged the Feres exclusion to the ture of the gathering, which con-Federal Tort Claims Act.

A NARS death certificate study shows that radiation survivors are dying at an average age of 52, compared to the average lifespan of 74 for others.

Genetic Damage

Among the most stirring testimonies were those of "atomic American seaman exposed to ra-parents." Jackie Maxwell of Lay- diation at Operation Crossroads ton, Utah moved the audience to in the Bikini Atoll in 1946, said, tears. She is the wife of ex-POW Al Maxwell, who was exposed year gets worse, but I never quit during the clean-up of Hiroshima. Out of six childbirths, only one child has lived. The fact that the other five were genetically dam- during the 40th anniversary of Hiaged went against statistics that roshima-Nagasaki, Ri Silgun, such cases occur only once in ev- chair of the 540-member Korean ery six million cases.

several proposals. Jean Quan, ence held in Hiroshima to further one of the organizers of the meet- educate and unite all of the peoing, said, "Next year is the 40th ple. "After all," he said, "nuclear anniversary since Hiroshima- bombs show no discrimination."

launch nationally coordinated ac- Continued from previous page tivities to do further education about all atomic survivors." Pointing out that even studies conducted in Japan are controlled through American research institutions, she added that "Access to information is a must.'

Compensation Proposed

Another proposal involves getting compensation for low-radiation victims. Currently, the government will not give aid to victims who received under five rems of radiation, which is equivalent to 1,000 X-rays per year. This would deny "downwinders," those exposed to radiation from the Nevada tests, any compensation.

However, on May 10, in a landmark decision by U.S. Dist. Judge Bruce S. Jenkins, ten plaintiffs were awarded entitlement to approximately \$2.6 million in damages for various types of leukemia, breast cancer and adenocarcinoma of the thyroid, ailments which they claimed resulted from radiation exposure.

Because of the multi-ethnic nasisted of whites, Blacks, Asians, and Native Americans, many participants said they felt renewed hope compared to the days when no one even knew about the tests.

Continuing Work

George Seabron, a Black diation at Operation Crossroads "I'm constantly in pain. Every working. That's what keeps me going.

And work they will. Next year, Survivors Assn. in Japan, hopes The congress concluded with to see a worldwide peace confer-

Nagasaki. Our network hopes to NATIONAL BOARD

And five specific program goals were presented: 1-Vigorously promote Redress legislation (especially raising funds in support, "without it we are in deep trouble"); 2-Promote international U.S.-Japan understanding ("the entire board needs to be on top here"); 3-Establish the leadership development program (as mandated by the National Council meeting in Honolulu); 4-Promote human and civil rights (with Japanese American issues as a primary consideration); and 5-Develop/strengthen emerging programs (i.e., women's concerns, aging & retirement, cultural heritage, national singles' concerns, interracial issues)

Presidential Appointments

Nominations of JACLers to 36 national committee chair positions were also submitted. With advice and consent of the National Board, Sato appointed (or reappointed*) the following:

Ken Nakano* (Lake Washington)-Jim Tsujimura* (Portland), A-bomb survivors; Ron Yoshino* (Chicago), convention board; Wes Iijima (Twin Cities), employment practices; Jim Shimoura (Detroit), ethnic concern; Steve Doi* (San Francisco), Hq. Bldg. Fund; Suzanne Nakayama (Berkeley), insurance; Shig Wakamatsu* (Chicago), JARP; B.J. Watanabe (New York), Pat Ogawa (Downtown L.A.), leadership development and recruitment; Floyd Shimomura, legal counsel; Frank A. Iwama, of counsel (both of Sacramento); Joanne Kumamoto* (Downtown L.A.)-Ronald Kunisaki (WDC), membership development;

Clifford Uyeda (Golden Gate), Pacific Citizen Board chair; Chuck Kubokawa (Sequoia), PANA; Minoru Yasui (Mile-Hi), redress; K. Patrick Okura* (WDC), Satow Memorial Fund; Janice Yoshiwara (Puyallup Valley)-Lori Inagaki (Marin), scholarship; Midori Watanabe (Gtr L.A. Singles), singles concern; Tad Hirota (Berkeley), 1000 Club; David Nikaido Washington, D.C.), U.S.-Japan Relations; Mika Hiramatsu-Mei Pramenko (youth members to the Nat'l Board), youth; Irene Hirano* (Downtown L.A.), women's concern.

Others are to be announced after contact is made with the nominee. *

Public relations was reactivated with George Wakiji (WDC) and another person in the San

James Morton

Francisco Bay area to co-chair to work with staff "on enhancing broader media coverage.'

While district integration of most national committees was being encouraged, availability of funds severely limits its function "as a whole" and mode of communications, national director Ron Wakabayashi pointed out. Nonetheless, district governors were expected to nominate members from their area to most national committees, such as insurance, ethnic concern, youth, nominations, employment practices, recognitions, etc.

Sato regretted the lack of nominees from the Intermountain and Central California areas.

Other Matters Presented

Board took action on:

1-Accepting the Governors' Caucus proposal to raise another \$3,100 for JACL's redress committee with an allocation going to certain districts for educational purposes: CCDC, \$300; PNWDC, \$300; IDC, \$300; Mountain Plains, \$1,200; \$500, NC-W-PDC, \$500; PSWDC \$500.

2-Approving a one-time year-end membership rebate offer to chapters; \$10 for each new member recruited Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 1984.

3-Referring to committee a proposal that JACL membership be a consideration for a National JACL administered scholarship award.

4-Establishing an ad-hoc Programs for Action oversight committee for a one-year period to set staff priorities and review all grant applications to assure consistency.

The Governors' Caucus agreed to assume an on-going role to assist National establish a communications network through computers, with focus on the operations in the Washington Office, which has only an electric typewriter. This office could use a personal computer now, Sato added. Caucus chair Denny Yasuhara (Spokane) hoped JACLers with knowledge of systems would be able to assist.

Other meeting dates were announced: Nov. 17-19-JACL Legislative Education Committee, Nat'l HQ; August '85-EDC-MDC Convention, Milwaukee.

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National JACL leaders draft goals statement for next biennium

National President Frank Sato developed and distributed to members of the National Board a document which summarizes the broad "Goals and Objectives" for the 1984-86 biennium. He also requested and received comments from National officers and committee members. The following summary prepared Oct. 9 does not contain all the specific narrative but does consolidate and reflect the comments which had

come in various forms. Among those forwarding writ-

ten comments were: Minoru Yasui, Greater Los Angeles Singles JACL, Yosh Nakashima, Miki Himeno, Molly Fujioka, George Sa-Cherry Kinoshita, kaguchi, Frank Sakamoto and Gene Takamine. Verbal comments provided to the National President in the course of conversation also contributed to this document.-Ron Wakabayashi.

GOALS TO STRENGTHEN ORGANIZATION

Development of a positive perception of the JACL.

National Planning: Codify and analyze relevant resolutions of previous conventions; create national network for input or analysis and future directions; study external trends, statistics, networking with other organizations; report analysis and recommendations to National Board to give input to Plan of Action not later than six months before the next biennial convention.

Utilization of the JACL Long Range Planning committee report, presented during the 27th (Gardena) convention as a guideline to direct the JACL.

Completion of the Personnel Manual.

Initiate a cookbook approach to hosting a National Convention.

Awards & Recognitions: Make inquiry of JACL leaders throughout the nation about possible adjustment(s) to National awards and recognitions; Solicit of chapter and district leaders, recommendation of special recognition for local outstanding service to

Aging & Retirement: To complete distribution of video project, 'Tale of Nisei Retirement'' for chapter program capabilities; to seek an NIMH grant to be matched with in-kind services to utilize research findings of the late Dr. Minoru Masuda of Seattle; to encourage and co-sponsor A&R community workshops.

Minorities: Encourage chapters to identify issues that are of importance to minority communities.

Recruitment and Leadership Development: To establish JACL select committee for recruitment

JACL and to their community by a member within their area; Recognize Headquarters staff for their tireless effort on our behalf by profiling in the Pacific Citizen; develop appropriate recognition of the Sansei

Participate in a proposal to change the nomination mechanism and selection of National committees.

Improve communications within the JACL.

Facilitate vertical movement of information and resources in the organization.

Increase membership by developing programs and implementing existing programs to attract Sansei and Yonsei.

Raising adequate funds for the activation of the LEC.

Development of a revenue base outside of membership dues.

Diversification and expansion of organizational funding base.

Reappraisal of the National Youth program.

Bylaw clarification on those sections pertaining to Youth membership.

PROGRAM GOALS

Singles Concerns: To establish a National Committee for Singles Concerns (accomplished at the last Convention), to conduct and complete within one year, a study of JACL single members; to recommend programmatic additions and/or changes at National and chapter level; to seek to attract and retain more JACL single members; to establish a national network of JACL singles; to assist chapters and groups who want to organize or become affiliated with JACL; to provide appropriate social events/workshops at district

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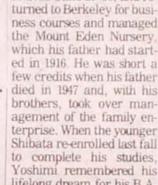
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Moriguchi given honor

business leaders honored International District businessman Tomio Moriguchi for his contribution to cultural understanding and international trade.

Moriguchi is president and manager of Uwajimaya, an Asian food and specialty products business founded by his father. He was cited by Seattle city councilwoman Dolores Sibonga for his work in establishing business exchanges with the Pacific Rim.

The Oct. 3 reception was hosted by the Washington Asian American Elected Officials, Boeing Co., Northwest Airlines, Pacific Northwest Bell, Seattle-First National Bank, Touche Ross and Co., and Uwajimaya, Inc.

State legislator expresses education concerns

HONOLULU-Hawaii's educational system not only needs dollars to improve, it also needs to be

That's the view of state Rep. Ken Kiyabu, head of the House Finance Committee, who recently met with newsmen to discuss his concerns about public education.

Among the suggestions Kiyabu had was for the governor to appoint a superintendent of educaknow how to read the manual." Kiyabu said.

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"It's my 10th year in office and we haven't seen much change" in the public school system." He and Rep. Robert Bunda, a committee member who also attended, added that one of the biggest worries is that many parents aren't concerned about their child's education.

restructured.



SEATTLE - City officials and

Moriguchi is a past national

serves on the endowment fund committee.

Tomio Moriguchi



A father (Yoshimi Shiba ta, 68) and his son (Michael, 28) received college degrees together last June at UC-Davis's college of agriculture and environmen tal sciences. The elder Shi-

Unique Adventures in Brazil

Next year's convention of the Pan-American Nikkei Assn., will be hela in Sao Paulo Brazil.

By Misao Sakamoto

The hotels we stayed in Brazil served various brands of yogurt. Among these was the "Yakult" brand. I became fascinated by this name. I later learned of its origin as I became acquainted with Yoshikawa-san, the local Yakult representative.

His office closed for one day due to the workers' strike. He invited Calvin and me and another friend to visit the Yakult farm. (Others in our group had already left Sao Paulo). I was happy to get out of the busy industrial city and see the countryside.

The 5,000-acre Fazenda Yakult, located about 62 miles out of São Paulo, started its operation about 15 years ago. As we rode along, the farms and the green rolling hills reminded me of Northern California. We stopped for refreshment and relaxation at the private resort operated by the management. Here I enjoyed the restful and serene atmosphere alongside a lake.

We rode up a little way and visited the dairy and observed the mechanical milking of the cows. The 2,500 cattle had all been imported from Canada. The veterinarian, who is from Japan, explained the operation of the dairy. He had just returned from Canada where he had gone to purchase more cattle.

Leads to Long Life

The research of Yakult yogurt started before the war. It developed into an international business after World War II. Dr. Minoru Shirota, of Kyoto University, had lived among the natives in the remote part of Russia where healthy people lived to be over 100 years of age. Through his research he concluded that their health and longevity were due to their diet, especially to their consumption of yogurt.

The bacteria in Yakult yogurt is alleged to be more effective than that in other brands in combating stomach cancer. Dr. Shirota's research studies attracted many foreign doc- Bates.

Yogurt and Farming in São Paulo

tors to Japan specializing in stomach ailments.

The Yakult enterprise has expanded outside Japan to Mexico, the Philippines, Thailand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Korea and South America.

In Brazil this company also turned to farming to resolve the economic restrictions placed by the government; profits from investments could not be taken out of the country. It reinvested its resources in additional land and in developing farm labor employment for the natives. Now the large supply of apples, coming from the colder area in southern São Paulo, has replaced apples previously imported from Argentina. We saw these large red apples bearing the "Yakult" brand when we stopped at a nursery-fruit market enroute to the fazenda (farm).

Japanese Produce

Japanese are teaching the natives to raise strawberries. They also brought persimmon seeds from Japan and these fruits are now readily available as are the tropical fruits papayas, guavas and pineapples. The papayas in Brazil tasted much better than those in

Asian role models feted

OAKLAND, Calif.-Asian Community Mental Health Services held its 10th anniversary celebration Oct. 12 at the Berkeley Yacht Club. The program honored people who have made significant contributions to the community and who have served as positive role models in promoting better mental health, among them Bradley Wong, a high school student who protested his school's portrayal of Asians during a "theme day" celebration; Atlee Hammaker of the San Francisco Giants and Assemblyman Tom

Hawaii.

Those who are familiar with baseball might be interested in knowing that the Yakult Swallows from Japan who play against the Yomiuri Giants do their training in Yuma, Arizona.

We stopped at a produce market on our way back to Sao Paulo. Here they were mostly Japanese. It was late in the afternoon and many huge trucks were coming into the city to unload their produce. We wandered about the large market which was divided into many sections. I was impressed with the quality of the corn, broccoli, eggplants, celery and other vegetables.

Many young men and women were setting up the market for the next day's business. I tried to converse with a young Japanese couple. I noticed their blank expression. Feeling frustrated I asked, "Nihongo wakarimasu ka? Do you understand Japanese?" They merely shrugged their shoulders. (Sorry me no speak Portuguese!)

Many Japanese raise flowers and strawberries outside of Sao Paulo. They are known for their well-maintained farms. From some Japanese I heard the smug expression, "If

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you see flowers grown in straight rows, then you know they are Japanese. But if the rows are crooked, then you know they are other nationalities." Such a statement was usually followed with laughter.

In 1979 when Calvin and I took a Caribbean cruise we became friendly with a couple who had lived in Brazil for many years. The man was the photo-journalist for LIFE Magazine.

'Amazon Valley was a wild jungle," he told us. "The Indians and Europeans couldn't do anything with it. It took the Japanese to cultivate the land. Today the best fruits and vegetables come from this area. The Japanese worked hard and they are the best farmers in Brazil.'

The early immigrants worked under harsh conditions in the Brazilian jungle cultivating coffee, bananas, and sugar cane. Today their families operate their farms outside São Paulo and have established an excellent reputation for their farm products.

I did not see Toyotas and Datsuns gracing the streets of São Paulo. But I saw Yakult yogurt, Yakult apples and other fresh, tropical fruits gracing the buffet tables in hotels.

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Issei in Brazil face difficult old age

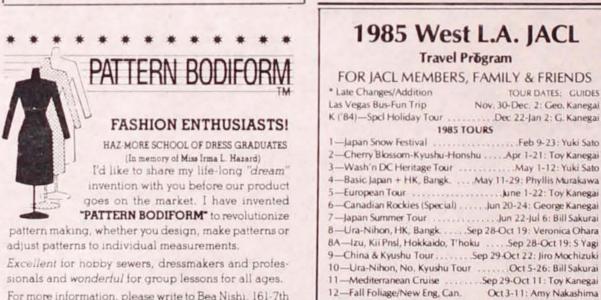
SAO PAULO, Brazil-Almost eight decades have passed since the first Japanese emigrated to Brazil and other South American countries. Many of the Japanese emigrants are now experiencing the problems which accompany old age.

Approximately 60,000 of the 800,000 people of Japanese descent living in Brazil are over 60 years old, according to estimates made by the Foreign Ministry and the Japan International Cooperation Agency, and some of the emigrants are more than 80 years old.

suffering from senile dementia and alcoholism.

Despite pleas for assistance, the Foreign Ministry and JICA have not taken any significant steps to remedy the plight of the elderly Japanese living overseas, although workers in the welfare facilities for the aged have been invited to Japan, and financial assistance has been provided to a small number of needy households.

The elderly Japanese emigrants are seeking old age pensions from the Japanese government, and the construction of medical facilities and nursing homes.



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The percentage of elderly among the ethnic Japanese populations of Peru and Argentina is roughly the same.

In addition to the illnesses associated with old age, many of the elderly Japanese emigrants suffer from loneliness because they have no surviving relatives, and are unable to speak the language of their adopted country.

When JICA conducted a survey of housing and nursing home facilities for elderly Japanese living in South American, it learned that man of the elderly Japanese were living in miserable conditions.

The three nursing homes for Japanese in Brazil were understaffed and unable to cope with the hundreds of elderly occupants, some of whom were also

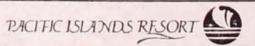
However, when the pension issue was brought before the Diet, the Health and Welfare Ministry voiced its opposition, saying, "in principle pensions are to be paid only to those who are residing in Japan."

Noboru Hidaka, the superintendent of a nursing home in Hoya City, is conducting a drive to garner assistance for the elderly Japanese emigrants in coordination with the Sao Paulo Japan-Brazil Relief Association.

"Are the voices of those who are weak and far away never to be heard? [This issue] should be actively addressed by fellow Japanese," says Hidaka.

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