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PREHISTORIC PRESENT—JACL national president Frank Sato, guest speaker at West L.A. Chapter's Nov. 10 installation dinner,

examines a gift from the chapter—bookends made from fossilized palm root. (See p. 2 for details of Sato's speech.)

Election results generally pleasing

Asian Americans fared well, for the most part, in the Nov. 6 state and local elections.

In California, Rep. Robert Matsui (D-3rd) of Sacramento ran unopposed and received 125,309 votes. Rep. Norman Mineta (D-13th) of San Jose beat Republican John D. Williams by a wide margin, 136,936 to 69,180. Matsui and Mineta remain the only Nikkei in the House.

Republican Echo Goto of South Central Los Angeles lost to Democratic incumbent Augustus Hawkins of the 29th district, 106,494 to 16,289.

In the 42nd district, Democrat Mary Lou Brophy, a supporter of redress, lost to incumbent Republican congressman Dan Lungren, a staunch opponent of redress, 58,161 to 171,142.

In the state assembly races, incumbent Democrat Patrick Johnston defeated Republican Doug Wilhoit, a San Joaquin County supervisor, in the 26th assembly district. In 1982, Johnston authored legislation granting \$5,000 payments to Nikkei state workers who were fired in 1942 because of their ancestry.

In San Francisco, Julie Tang won a second term on the Community College Board, receiving the most votes (149,229) and Ben Tom won a third term on the Board of Education, also receiving the highest number of votes (150,141).

In the city of Oxnard, incumbent mayor Nao Takasugi easily won reelection with 15,909 votes, defeating Craig Huntington (7,965), Juan Soria (3,367), Stanley Hopkins (2,345), and Edward Wienecke (1,845).

Oxnard residents voted 16,456 to

14,588 to recall city councilman Tsujio Kato while deciding to retain councilman Manuel Lopez. The vacancy left by Kato will be filled by special election.

In the city of Marina, Mayor George Takahashi was reelected by an overwhelming 2,557 (compared to Paul Davis, 661; Joe Martinez, 635; and Val Kosorek, 417). Despite a low-key campaign, former mayor Robert Ouye was again elected to the city council with 2,359 votes.

In Washington, Republican Gov. John Spellman was defeated by Democrat Booth Gardner, 797,237 to 913,218. Spellman is remembered for introducing a redress resolution which passed unanimously at the Western Governors Conference last year but was rejected at the conference of the National Governors Assn. Gardner, an heir to the Weyerhaeuser lumber fortune, has demonstrated sensitivity to minority issues and is also expected to support redress.

Incumbent attorney general Ken Eikenberry, a Republican, defeated Democrat Phil Talmadge, 911,191 to 702,447 (with 99% of the precincts reporting). Talmadge gave strong support to state redress for the 27 Nisei school clerks who were fired during WW2.

In the state legislature, two Chinese American assemblymen were reelected. Gary Locke (D-37th), who represents Seattle's Beacon Hill area, won against Republican Earl Cook, 24,008 to 4,374; Art Wang (D-27th) of Tacoma beat Republican C.W. Kinsman 14,354 to 6,055.

In Utah, Raymond S. Uno of Salt Lake City was one of two judges

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Most redress supporters re-elected to House

The '84 congressional races have resulted in a net loss of eight state representatives who supported redress bill HR 4110 during the 98th Congress.

In California, the only incumbent who failed to win reelection was Rep. Jerry Patterson (D-38th), who lost to Republican challenger Robert Dornan. Patterson, an original co-sponsor of HR 4110, had served in Congress since 1974 and was the only Democrat representing conservative Orange County. The former Santa Ana mayor lost to Dornan 71,288 to 84,131.

In Ohio, Rep. Lyle Williams (R-17th) lost to Democrat James Traficant, a county sheriff from Youngstown, 104,861 to 122,426. Williams, one of six Republicans co-sponsoring HR 4110, had represented the steel manufacturing district since 1978.

In Indiana, Rep. Katie Hall (D-1st) lost in the primaries to fellow Democrat Peter Visclosky, who went on to defeat Republican Joseph Grenchik in November. Hall was the only congressperson from Indiana to support HR 4110.

Two New York Democrats who supported the bill did not run for reelection: in the 9th district, Geraldine Ferraro, who unsuccessfully sought the vice presi-

dency; and in the 20th district, Richard Ottinger.

Illinois congressman Paul Simon (D-22nd) gave up his seat to challenge incumbent Republican Charles Percy for the Senate. Simon edged the three-term senator 3,364,682 to 2,290,029 (with 99% of the precincts reporting). Simon's victory, however, offsets the loss of Paul Tsongas (D-Mass.) in the Senate. Tsongas, a supporter of redress bill S 2116, chose not to run for reelection.

Also not running for reelection were Republican Dan Marriott of Utah's 2nd district, the only member of Congress from that state to support redress, and Massachusetts Democrat James Shannon of the 5th district.

Territorial delegate Antonio Won Pat (D-Guam), another redress supporter, narrowly lost to Republican Ben Blaz, a retired Marine general, 15,402 to 15,725. (At last report, a recount had been scheduled.) In Puerto Rico, redress supporter Baltasar Corrada (D) did not run for reelection.

Among newly elected representatives, at least one—Republican John Miller of Washington's 1st district—has already stated his intention to support redress legislation. Miller, a TV commentator and former Seattle city council-

man, filled the spot vacated by Republican Joel Pritchard, defeating Democrat Brock Evans 136,712 to 106,989.

Miller, who has supported redress in TV editorials, pledged his support for redress in a written statement to Seattle JACL. If he makes good on his promise, he will be the only Republican congressman from the West Coast co-sponsoring a redress bill.

News in Brief

Congress OK on rights

WASHINGTON — The 98th Congress had a "moderately good" record on civil rights issues, a coalition of 165 national organizations said Oct. 29. The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, of which JACL is a member, also said that Congress "prevented once again the Radical Right from enacting any of its legislative agenda."

English-only ballot measure approved

SACRAMENTO—Proposition 38, an initiative requiring that the governor of California urge the federal government to eliminate bilingual ballots and election materials, was passed by a two-to-one margin, 1,563,497 in favor and 783,743 against. The measure was opposed by Asian and Hispanic groups, who said it discriminated against citizens with limited proficiency in English. Prop. 38 is merely an advisory and will have no immediate impact on current laws.

KKK losing members

DENVER—Ku Klux Klan membership has dropped about 35 percent in the past two years, according to a report issued by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. In 1982, ADL estimated that the KKK was 8,000 to 10,000 strong.

The report, issued Nov. 1, speculated that the rise of "more respectable" groups that oppose busing and quotas might have helped weaken the Klan. As a consequence, ADL said, "some in the Klan have concluded that their only recourse is to undertake desperate measures, including the formation of small, underground cells to conduct terrorist activities."

A regional profile of the KKK indicates that the KKK "has become relatively inactive" in the West.

Nikkei Republicans expect good things

Reaction among Nikkei and other Asian Americans to President Reagan's reelection was, as might be expected, divided along party lines.

San Jose attorney S. Stephen Nakashima, chair of Japanese Americans for Reagan-Bush '84, said that Japanese Americans "are quite aware of what Reagan has done" and are "very, very satisfied" with the president's record.

Nakashima said that he expected the Japanese and Asian American communities to benefit from Reagan's second term. Recalling that Reagan was aware of Asian/Pacifics when he was governor of California, Nakashima added that he anticipated the president's "looking to the Asian community for some appointments."

While he was elated at Reagan's landslide victory, he stressed that he also regarded defeated Democrats Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro as "good people."

Lance Izumi of Japanese American Republicans (JAR) in Los Angeles declared Reagan's victory to be proof that "there has been a political realignment in this country" and that "the American people realize that the Republican Party is the party of the future and of opportunity and that the

Democrats are the party of the past."

Hideko Bannai of Gardena, a JAR member and delegate to the Republican national convention, also interpreted the landslide as "a decisive consensus of voters of approval of the president's direction and his leadership."

She added that she looked forward to "furtherance of progress during the second Reagan Administration in areas of education and employment in general with specific attention to expanding opportunities for minorities and women."

Democrats Disappointed

Alan Nishio of Southern California Asian Pacifics for Mondale-Ferraro predicted "a tough four years" under Reagan. He found Reagan's reelection disturbing because it reflects "an increasing polarization" in the country.

"We saw the defection of a lot of whites from the Democratic Party to vote for Reagan," Nishio commented. "The Democratic Party is being increasingly identified with the concerns of minorities and women." He added that this apparent backlash against Democrats could create a "tense, volatile environment" for minorities, the poor, and others.

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Sato: Nikkei largely absent among national leaders

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Japanese Americans need to develop leaders in national government and in industry if they are to have a say in policies affecting them, JACL president Frank Sato told an audience of 140 on Nov. 10.

Speaking at the West Los Angeles Chapter installation banquet, Sato said that despite the common perception of Japanese Americans as successful, they have yet to attain great influence.

"The sad fact is, many Japanese Americans have attained a high level of technical competence and achievement in their professional field. But they are sometimes unprepared or other-

wise unable to break through to the managerial ranks," Sato said.

"Another dimension of the image and perception problem is the honest assessment one must make regarding the relative influence of the Japanese American Citizens League."

For example, Sato noted that because of his own contacts, JACL was able to make an appointment with White House staff to discuss redress. But, he said, JACL should have had the status to be able to line up a meeting by itself.

Sato also outlined a "lack of full participation in leadership positions": In Washington, D.C., today, he said, there are four Nikkei

members of Congress, none who are members of the cabinet or agency heads, and only one whose presidential appointment requires Senate confirmation out of approximately 225 such appointments.

The Nikkei community must identify persons who are capable of filling such positions, Sato said, and persuade them to serve the public and the government.

The community also needs to develop the capability to speak out on issues with a strong collective voice.

Turning to the JACL, Sato enumerated the organization's goals as set by the National Board (see

Oct. 26 PC), and focused particularly on the need to enhance the organization's image. For example, promotional materials explaining the JACL and informing readers of its achievements in civil rights are being prepared, not only for prospective members, but also for use at the national and international level.

Installation Dinner

Sharing the banquet program were the awarding of scholarships for the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans to Yuki Takasumi and Akihito Koyama, both of University High School; and a performance by violinist Maya Iwabuchi, winner of the national youth competition, New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra.

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Women of color obtaining political power despite odds

RENO, Nev. — They came from California and Colorado, from New Mexico and Maryland, from Washington, Nevada, Alaska, Hawaii and other states across the nation. Some 200 women gathered Oct. 19-20 to develop strategies for empowerment at a conference sponsored by the National Institute for Women of Color.

Women of color must unite on such concerns as equal pay, child care, and poverty, said former U.S. Rep. Patsy Mink, conference keynoter. "It's outrageous but true that 54 percent of all female-dominated jobs pay poverty wages," Mink noted. "There's a strong misery index which should forge a strong power base."

Pointing to Geraldine Ferraro's feat as the Democratic vice-presidential candidate, Mink encouraged women to run for office at all levels of government. "We need women in power to make decisions for us," she said. "We have

to mobilize and capture our force and cease living in our own little space."

Other women of color elected to state positions related their experiences and offered political strategies.

"I took a poll in my district. It revealed that voters would not vote for a Pilipino woman. I ignored it and I won," said Thelma Buchholdt, former Alaska state representative and the first and only Pilipina state legislator.

"In losing you learn how to win," proclaimed Sen. Diane Watson, who in 1978 became the first Black woman elected to the California state legislature. Watson noted the gains made by and for women even with the defeat of ERA. "Every woman has the potential to become an elected official," Watson stated. She noted that women have skills that are transferable—organizing, budgeting, decision-making—skills that

women exercise daily in the household.

Sen. Polly Baca of Colorado, the first Hispanic woman elected to any state legislature, stressed that women should run even when the odds are against them. In 1974 she ran as the first minority woman from a blue-collar conservative district. In 1978 she ran for the state senate unchallenged.

"I wanted to run because I saw the wrong people getting elected to office," said Sen. Ana Nisi Goyco, Commonwealth senator from Puerto Rico. In 1980 Goyco conducted a door-to-door campaign and won in the primary against four men, a feat she recently repeated. Goyco is the youngest of four women serving in the senate. "Once elected we should set aside our political ideology and work for the people," Goyco stated. "We must never lose our integrity. Dynamism and energy are our power."

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A participant in the 13th annual Little Tokyo Community Health Fair has her blood pressure checked by a medical volunteer. Nikkei seniors were offered free services

such as flu shots, electrocardiograms, and oral, eye and foot examinations at L.A.'s Union Church Nov. 10. Japanese translation was also provided.

Community Affairs

SAN FRANCISCO—Asian American Theater Company holds a holiday benefit to help pay the costs of its 11th season, Tuesday, Nov. 20, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Veterans Bldg., 401 Van Ness Ave. "Not My Fault," the company's improvisational comedy troupe, performs. \$25 admission also includes fashion show and appetizers. Information: 982-1506, 386-3955.

More than 600 persons attended an Oct. 26 showing of "Unfinished Business," a documentary about the legal challenges of Gordon Hirabayashi, Minoru Yasui and Fred Korematsu. The benefit screening at the Palace of Fine Arts aided the Asian Law Caucus and the Committee to Reverse the Wartime Internment Cases.

SAN MATEO, Calif.—An exhibit and sale of Japanese art objects and prints runs Nov. 26 through Dec. 20 at San Mateo County Historical Museum, College of San Mateo, 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd. Two films on textile and woodblock printing are shown daily. Hours are 1-4:30 p.m., Saturday-Thursday. Information: Mitchell Postel, 574-6441.

GARDENA, Calif.—Amerasia Music Festival features Gravity, Charlie Chan and American Urge on Friday, Nov. 23, and Visions, Arco Iris and Cookie Wong on Saturday, Nov. 24, from 8 p.m. both nights at Nisei VFW Hall, 1964 W. 162nd St. Tickets are \$7. Information: 680-2888 days, 327-9072 evenings.

LOS ANGELES—"The Art of Old Japan," an exhibition of approximately 120 paintings, ceramics and decorative arts from Nagoya City Museum, is on display through Dec. 2 at Doizaki Gallery, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro. Hours are noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday. Admission \$2. Information: 628-2725.

Megamillions, a Nikkei widow and widowers club, holds its annual Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m., at New Otani Hotel. Information: Shiz, (213) 821-3219; Betty, (714) 835-5330 x211.

NEW YORK—Lane Nishikawa performs his one-man show, "Life in the Fast Lane," at Jazz Center of New York, 380 Lafayette St. on Sunday, Nov. 25, Wednesday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 30. Curtain is 8 p.m. Information: 505-5660.

BOSTON—Asian American Resource Workshop sponsors the Asian American International Film Festival at Tower Auditorium, Massachusetts College of Art. Programs are: "Mississippi Triangle" with director Christine Choy, Friday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m.; "First Look" and "Cruisin' J-Town" on Saturday, Dec. 1, 4 p.m.; "Wataridori," "The Departure" and "Nisei Soldier" on Saturday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m.; and "Afterbirth," "The Only Language She Knows" and "East to West" on Sunday, Dec. 2. Information: 426-5313.

Climbing corporate ladder easier with collective action

by Teru Kanazawa,
New York Nichibei

NEW YORK—A standing room only crowd of approximately 200 turned out Nov. 2 for a forum on "Asian Americans in Corporate America: How Successful Are We?" at AT&T headquarters on E. 55th St. The unexpectedly large turn-out surprised the event's sponsors, the New York chapters of JACL and Organization of Chinese Americans.

Welcoming the crowd and setting the tone for the event, JACler Fae Minabe said that she didn't think "AT&T has ever seen this many Asians in the building"—aside, perhaps, from a visiting delegation from NT&T, Japan's equivalent of AT&T. Minabe urged everyone present to recognize "the unique situation" that Asian Americans face in the corporate world and said that stereotypical and prejudicial attitudes co-exist with the assumption that "Asians are not that bad off."

Forum speakers were Ron Osajima, a director at AT&T Bell Laboratories; New Jersey Institute of Technology law professor Anthony Kahng; and Carolyn Chin, a vice president at Citicorp.

In response to a question posed by the publicity flyer—"Have we really achieved parity with our white counterparts or have we simply become 'professional coolies'?"—the speakers discussed the status of Asian Americans in the corporate world and the difficulties encountered in joining its managerial ranks. All three speakers agreed that collective, concerted action was needed to deal with discrimination in the workplace.

'Juppies' and 'Cuppies'

Greeting the audience as "Juppies" and "Cuppies"—Japanese and Chinese American equivalents of Yuppies, or Young Urban Professionals—Osajima described the gains that Asian Americans have made in promotion to managerial ranks in recent years,

and then posed the question, "So why are we complaining?" Using slides, Osajima pointed to the underrepresentation of Asian Americans in corporate ranks and said that both cultural differences and "plain, old racism" explained the disparity in figures between Asian Americans and other, specifically white male, groups.

Citing examples of racism he has encountered at Bell Laboratories—individuals saying, "You know those Asians, you can't trust them," "Asian accents turn me off," "Asians talk too fast," and the belief that Asians lack leadership skills—Osajima elaborated on ways in which Asians can combat these attitudes.

Coupled with developing a more assertive attitude in involving themselves in the values and mores of the corporate structure, Osajima also advised Asian Americans to "develop collective structures" and with the use of petitions, even, "to raise management's awareness of the problem and increase its commitment to change."

A Combat Zone

Kahng spoke dramatically of what one must do to deal with a "class society" where what one does is more important than who

one is. Kahng urged the listeners to grasp the "adversarial" and "combat-ready" nature of the U.S. business world.

Contrasting, as an example, the popular attitude that Slavic and Italian accents are "cute" compared to the accents of Asians, Kahng elaborated on the need for Asian Americans to be aggressive in pursuing their goals for advancement, referring to assertiveness training workshops as "too romantic." He also urged Asians, despite their numerous subgroups, to think of themselves more as a "yellow" class and to fight together for mutual goals.

Breaking Stereotypes

The final speaker, Carolyn Chin, addressed the question of prejudice with the statement that "subtle racism is more dangerous than overt," because with the former it is harder to pinpoint what the problem is. Chin cautioned that "stereotypes can hurt you when you break them" because failing to live up to pre-judgments can cause confusion or "cognitive dissonance" in the other person.

Chin advised Asians to take risks, speak up, make contacts, and "pick areas to conquer and do it and be very deliberate about it."

Hayakawa says Quaker organization overreacted, misunderstood his intent

MILL VALLEY, Calif.—Former senator S.I. Hayakawa called a letter of protest he received from the American Friends Service Committee a "crazy and paranoid reaction." The Quaker organization, which opposed the WW2 internment of Japanese Americans and supports redress for former internees, had asked Hayakawa not to use AFSC's name in his anti-redress statements (see last week's PC).

"I was not trying to get them on

my side. I just think the Japanese Americans benefitted from what they did," Hayakawa said, referring to AFSC's role in enabling interned Nisei to attend colleges outside the West Coast. "I am not trying to use them. What I am trying... is to say that whatever damage Japanese Americans suffered, it was mitigated" by AFSC's efforts. He added that redress would "stir up resentment" against JAs because they are the "wealthiest of all minority groups."

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Then came the Army; more specifically, infantry training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

WE WERE ISSUED gear, including a shoulder arm known as the "Garand M-1 rifle," a gas-operated .30 caliber clip-loaded weapon. The piece weighed something in the vicinity of nine pounds (without the bayonet) and had, as we now recall, a muzzle velocity of 2,700 feet per second. For those of you not familiar with muzzle velocities, that's pretty stiff, lethal.

And the piece had quite a kick, as we were shortly to learn, much to our consternation. Unlike even that of a shotgun that we used to bag pheasants in South Dakota.

THIS BASIC WEAPON of the U.S. infantryman was to be fired in at least three basic positions: standing, sitting, and the prone (flat on the ground) position. (By the end of our basic training, we were firing the weapon from the hip, a la John Wayne.) The prone position was the most stable and thus most accurate, and the standing position the least stable. Firing the weapon from the sitting position could be quite accurate. But back to that "kick" we just mentioned.

FIRING THE M-1 from any of the three positions with the inevitable kick was knocking the dickens out of our face, more specifically our right cheek. Re-

turning from the firing range, this recruit looked like he'd been in a bruising bout with a prize-fighter. The right side of the face was black and blue, and tender. Especially tender when returning to the firing line the following morning, cheek puffed up.

At that time, I knew there had been a good reason why I had previously volunteered (unsuccessfully) for the Navy Air Corps. I then had visions of being an infantryman who had to rely on a firearm which was, to put it bluntly, knocking the hell out of him.

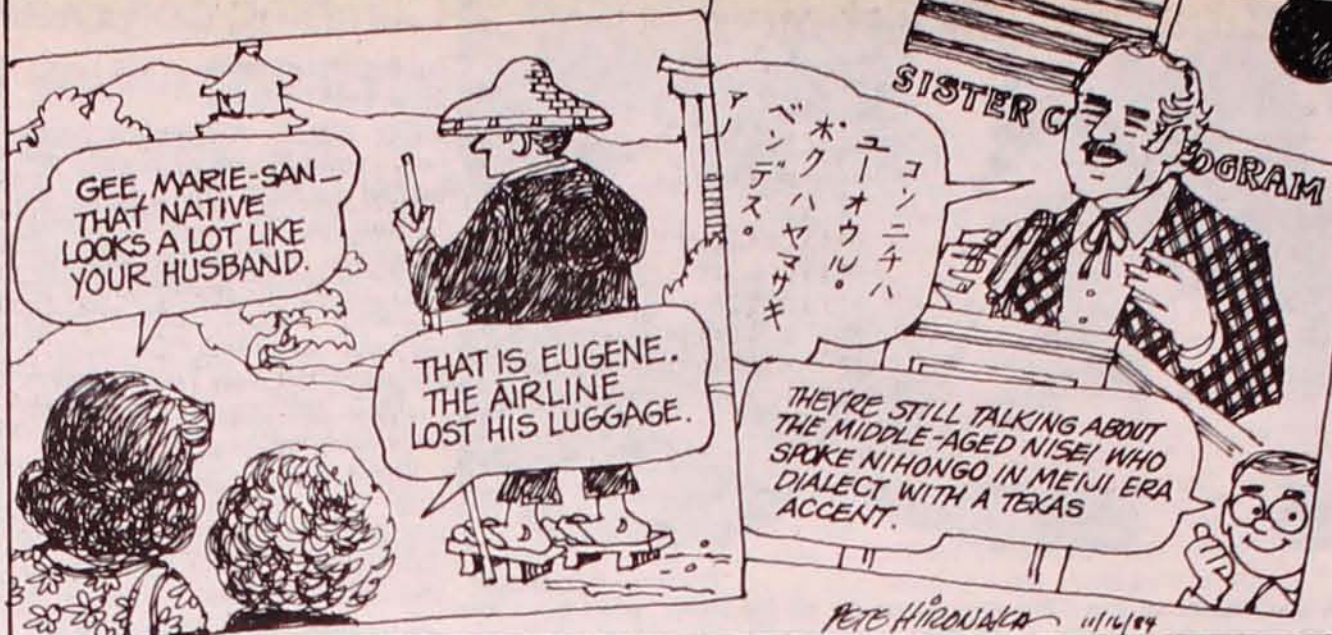
BUT NO NISEI worth anything is going to let that situation continue. Sore or not, we soon picked up the trick and learned what we were doing wrong: our right cheek was not firmly cradled against the stock of the rifle. With the cheek firmly placed, upon firing, the cheek simply moved up with the butt instead of getting socked. You can imagine my relief in no longer being assaulted by a weapon which was supposed to be my major defense.

WE WERE ALSO trained in use of mortars, grenades and the bayonet—which completed the arsenal of the infantryman's lines of attack. Again, as to the bayonet we ended up with our right hand sore and bloodied; and again we painfully learned—but learned—that one must grip the bayoneted rifle firmly while lunging at the target. Otherwise, the trigger guard can chop up the hand on impact.

BY THE END of our training, we became quite proficient, as did the others. We could take apart and assemble that M-1 rifle blindfolded. That menacing, kicking weapon became a familiar, treasured companion. We found that we could learn to hit distant targets by dropping pieces of dried grass from shoulder height, observe the angle at which the grass fell, then adjust the rifle's sight for windage and elevation—and wham! On target.

WE'VE COME a full circle back to today. The only shoulder weapon we've fired of late is an air-operated pellet rifle which we use for plinking at empty tin cans. And the wife chides me whenever I miss. Which can be more often than I'm willing to admit.

SKETCHES FROM JACL GROUP TOUR



Redress Funding A Continuing Challenge



PRESIDENT'S
CORNER:

by
Frank Sato

Redress remains our top priority, and adequate funding for this program continually challenges each of us. I'd like to clarify some critical factors involved.

The biennial budget for 1985-86 passed by the National Council at the Honolulu convention provides for:

- 1—redress pledge payments of \$100,000;
- 2—voluntary additional payments made with membership dues of \$40,000;
- 3—fundraising (mainly through sales of John Tateishi's book "And Justice for All") of \$45,000; and
- 4—other donations of \$41,000, for a total \$226,000 annually to fund our redress program.

By this action, redress pledge payments committed by the Council in 1982 for three years have effectively been extended to a fourth year to 1986.

The related commitment for loans from the Endowment Fund to finance redress activities beyond the third year (1985) was not made. Thus, loans from the Endowment Fund will not be available in 1986. Further, loans obtained from the Endowment Fund are due and payable in 1986—estimated by the Endowment Fund committee to be approximately \$100,000.

Your continuing timely payment of redress pledge payments are crucial to our cash flow situation for both 1985 and 1986.

A major fundraising effort is being planned by Harry Kajihara, (PSW Governor) and others for this total effort. Not only will we need to raise \$226,000 in 1986, we anticipate the need to repay loans from the Endowment Fund of \$100,000.

The progress to date in the redress program has been made possible by your strong support. The continuing existence of the program depends on each district,

every chapter, and each individual to do his or her part. I know we can count on you!

* * *

On a related pledge issue, in Washington, D.C., we have the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)—yours may be the United Givers Fund (UGF) or a similar program. I noted with interest that the CFC brochure states:

"A list of agencies that participated in last year's CFC is provided—you may also donate to any human health and welfare charity recognized as tax exempt by the IRS under 26 USC 501(c)(3)

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This applies to JACL. Chapters might also provide their members with the IRS tax ID number for their pledge cards.

Why not make your CFC/UGF payments/pledges as a gift to the JACL?

Why not seek to set the JACL chapters on lists of authorized agencies participating in CFC/UGF in communities—for we are, among other things, committed by our constitution to upholding human and civil rights for all.

Fair Play and Nikkei in America

MUSUBI

by
Ron
Wakabayashi



Life isn't fair. Col. Karl Bendetsen, who gained his military rank from the formulation of the scheme to intern 120,000 Japanese Americans, testifies before a congressional subcommittee and states that there were no barbed wires or armed guard in those World War II camps. His testimony is made to the sympathetic ears of one Congressman Tom Kindness (R-Ohio), who just happens to be a former employee of his.

The internment, itself, wasn't exactly a fair thing, either. The level of unfairness is what strikes me. This nation and most nations have historical episodes that reek with unfairness. While, thankfully, most of the detainees survived camp in the sense that they lived on, unlike the death camps of Germany, it still was a pretty unfair exercise to disrupt that many lives on the sole basis of race.

No other occasion brought to-

gether all three branches of our federal government in such unanimity. At the very highest levels of those three branches, which were envisioned to provide a system of checks and balances to thwart such abuses, decisions were drawn together to remove Jichan, Bachan, Mom, Pop and the kids from their homes and for them to do time. Now, we have some folks who were directly involved saying that there weren't any armed guards or barbed wire. Somebody would have to doctor a whole lot of photographs to back up that case. Next, we will have people who will say that it never took place. I understand that there is a group that preaches that line about the Holocaust.

Because life isn't fair, we have institutions like the JACL. The entire purpose of the organization is to provide a basis of fairness for one segment of the population that has a higher risk of being treated unfairly. Perhaps, just perhaps, we are not subject to as much unfairness as in days past. Maybe the form is just different, or maybe the scale for all Americans has changed and the relative degrees remain the same, but harder to spot by older standards. The last words of Vincent Chin, one of the younger Asian Americans, were, "It's not fair."

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FROM THE
FRYING PAN:

Bill
Hosokawa



About a month ago Vice President George Bush visited San Francisco's Chinatown in a search for votes. We were in the middle of the presidential election campaign, remember? I happened to see the extensive coverage given the event by Asian Week, a weekly San Francisco newspaper which calls itself "An English Language Journal for the Asian American Community."

"Bush was greeted by extended applause and prancing lion dancers as his limousine pulled up in front of the Supreme Pastry shop on Stockton Street," Asian Week reported. "He walked to the corner of Jackson Street and then started working his way up the clogged sidewalks, shaking hands and kissing babies."

"He was handed a white butcher's smock and apron outside the Sang Sang Market and the Canton Market, where he stopped to carve a slice of roast pig and then roast duck, which he ate ..."

"With merchants offering him Chinese food and souvenirs almost every step of the way, Bush then turned down Jackson Street and made his way to the Grand Palace on Grant Avenue. A small group of about 30 prominent community leaders awaited him inside the restaurant."

"As the Vice President and his wife sat down to a table for some dim sum ..."

Asian Week also published a number of photographs, some of which show a long banner behind the head table. The banner carries three rows of Chinese characters, which I cannot read,

and one line in English: "San Francisco Chinese Welcome Vice President and Mrs. Bush."

John T. C. Fang, publisher of Asian Week, spoke at the restaurant reception, saying that San Francisco's Chinese American community makes up 14 percent of the city's population, that some 20 Chinese language newspapers are published there, and that a half-dozen Chinese-language schools are in the immediate vicinity of Chinatown. Fang was quoted in his newspaper: "The Chinese consider San Francisco Chinatown the capital city and the Chinese cultural center of America. But we are Americans also, and we are proud to welcome our vice president today."

Why all this attention in this column to a month-old political event in an election that is now history?

The point I want to make is that Chinese Americans proudly proclaim their Chinese ancestry and cultural background while, broadly speaking, Japanese Americans with equal pride seem to be more inclined to emphasize their Americanism. Correct?

Had George Bush strolled through Li'l Tokyo, would he have been invited to slice himself a piece of sashimi or cook himself a shrimp tempura? Would the welcome banner over the head table have carried three lines of Japanese characters and one line of English? Would the speaker have told Bush about the number of Japanese-language schools and newspapers in the community? Or would the emphasis have been on the way ethnic Japanese have become part and parcel of the greater American community, taking leading roles in business, teaching in schools, being elected to public office?

This isn't the place to pass judgment as to which approach is better, but only to point out the difference. And it would make an interesting study to determine why the difference exists.

Chapter Pulse

San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — A spaghetti-crab feed will be held at Saturday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St. The menu comprises spaghetti, fresh crab, salad, french bread, and coffee or tea, all for \$10 (price at door is \$15). Wine and soft drinks are extra.

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Cincinnati-Dayton

MORAIN, Ohio—A joint installation dinner for the Cincinnati and Dayton chapters will be held Sunday, Dec. 2, at Mandalay Banquet Center, 2700 E. River Road. No-host cocktails will be served from 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:30

p.m. Guest speaker is Jim Shimura of Detroit, honored as one of the two JACLers of the biennium for his work with the Vincent Chin case.

Cost of dinner is approximately \$13. For reservations, call Frances Tojo, 531-0627, by Nov. 25.

Greater

Los Angeles Singles

LOS ANGELES — A post-Thanksgiving theater party will be held Saturday, Nov. 24, 8 p.m., at the East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Robert Ito stars in Philip Gotanda's "A Song for a Nisei Fisherman." Chapter members and friends will meet the cast over champagne and hors d'oeuvres.

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FROM THE NATION'S CAPITAL: By G. Tim Gojio

Military Threats to Rights: A Lesson Not Learned

Several recent articles by Washington Post columnist Jack Anderson indicate that the federal government has not learned its lesson from the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Then, under guise of military necessity, the government "evacuated" 120,000 Japanese Americans from the West Coast. Now, under the guise of supporting local law enforcement officials during a national emergency, the federal government is again threatening the civil liberties of American citizens.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has drafted an executive order entitled the "Defense Resources Act." That act would authorize FEMA to seize private property as necessary for national defense purposes, and would impose various restrictions upon employment rights as deemed essential for the national health, safety, or interest.

The Dept. of Defense (DOD) is also involved; the Joint Chiefs of Staff issued a report in December 1983 entitled "Military Support of Civil Defense: System Description." In coordination with FEMA, the DOD would allow the military to assume judicial, law enforcement and administrative functions of local government based upon "necessity actual and present."

One comment I receive from

those who hear our case for redress is that mass internment and relocation would not occur again, that for some reason we have learned from our mistakes. Although I would like to believe that is true, one thing history has shown is that governments consistently fail to learn from the mistakes of the past. The FEMA and DOD documents lay the groundwork for the federal government's intrusion upon the constitutional rights of Americans.

The Hokubei Mainichi (of San Francisco) in its Oct. 20 issue, terms the measure "chillingly reminiscent of the actions taken during World War II internment of Japanese Americans." Jack Anderson describes the FEMA and Pentagon proposals as "willing to scrap the Constitution and turn the United States into a military dictatorship." Although Anderson's comment may seem exaggerated to some, it accurately portrays the danger such proposals pose to our constitutional rights.

The internment of Japanese Americans, with the sanction of the U.S. Supreme Court, has created a serious breach in our constitutional rights by allowing the military to abuse its power under the guise of military necessity. Through that breach has come such measures as Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950,

which allowed the federal government to detain individuals in concentration camps who were deemed a threat to internal security. Now, I believe we have a similar threat, the FEMA and DOD proposals outlined in Anderson's column.

George Santayana, the Spanish American philosopher, stated, "Those who cannot remember the past are doomed to repeat it." We, as concerned Americans, must remember the internment and tell others about it, to ensure that no other group of Americans goes through what we went through. We must be vigilant of our rights, and wary of those both within and without the federal government who seek to deprive us of our hard-earned constitutional rights. These FEMA and DOD proposals are a subtle and direct attack upon those rights, and should serve as reminder that mass evacuation and internment can happen again.

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Redress Fund \$13,221.56

#5 total (2 chapt, 2 cs)

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REPORT #5

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REACTION

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"Much of the electorate went for form over content. They weren't looking at what is happening... The people have bought more of a hope than a reality," Nishio said.

Tom Hsieh of San Francisco, chair of the Asian Pacific Caucus of the Democratic National Committee, accentuated the positive, saying that Asian Pacific Democrats made a "tremendous amount of progress" during the past four years.

"This election rallied Asian Pacific Americans across the country... because of the election, we are able to have 22 state caucuses across the nation," Hsieh

said. "We see that many Asians are much more aware that political involvement is important to them."

Between now and 1988, Hsieh plans to work on developing leadership and resources and strengthening the network between Asian Pacifics in different parts of the country. Reagan's policies, he said, "will give everyone an incentive to work harder" because "the contrast [between the two parties] will be so strong."

In fact, Hsieh said, Reaganism will provide "a much better environment for us to work out our problems and develop our strength" than would a Democrat in the White House.

easily won reelection as Salt Lake County commissioner against opponent Chris Beck, 167,194 to 89,698.

In the Delaware race for lieutenant governor, Democrat S.B. Woo, a physics professor, narrowly beat Republican Battle Robinson, 120,545 to 120,031. Woo is the first Asian American to hold a state-level position in Delaware.

RESULTS

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elected to the 3rd District Court, receiving the second highest number of votes (113,048 with 99% of the precincts reporting). Judge Judith Billings received over 144,000 votes. Uno is the first Asian American to serve on the district court level in Utah.

Tom Shimizu, a Republican,

Calendar

● NOV 16-18

Midwest DC—Dist council mtg hosted by Detroit Chapter

Milwaukee—Ann'l Hol Folk Fair, Milwaukee MECCA

● NOV 16 (Friday)

New York—Asn Am Legal Def & Ed Fund 10th anny celeb, Lib & Mus of Perf Arts, Lincoln Cntr; showing of 'Unfinished Business,' info Phil Nash 966-5932

Los Altos Hills—June Watanabe Dance Co perf, Foothill Coll Th, 8pm

● NOV 17 (Saturday)

Houston—Speech by James Shimura, Four Seasons Htl, 1300 Lamar, 2pm; info Betty Waki, (713) 643-1338

Seabrook—Xmas craft bazaar, 10am-5pm, Seabrook and Woodruff Sch

Washington—Ann'l gen mtg, Bradley

Hills Presbyterian Ch, 6pm

Carson—Ann'l Turkey Shoot, Bowl-A-Drome, Western & 220th, Torrance, 2-4:30pm; info Kaz Nishida 835-9833

Los Angeles—Wksp on leadership, 9am-12:30pm, Int'l Stud Cntr, 1023 Hilgard Av; tks \$20, As/Pac Women's Network members \$15; students \$10; info Feele 206-8616

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● NOV 18 (Sunday)

NCWNP Dist Council—8th ann'l volleyball tourney, Terra Linda HS, 320 Nova Albion Way San Rafael, 9am, info 897-8006

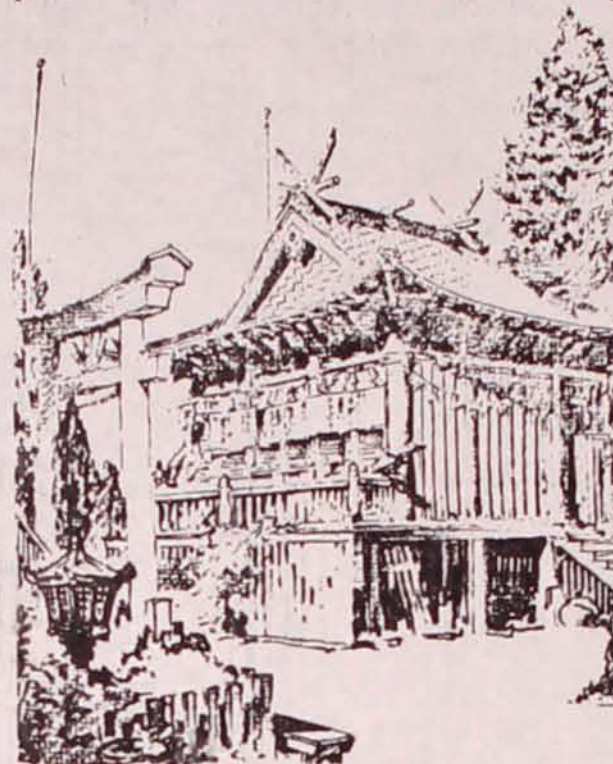
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East Los Angeles—Evening at East West Players ('Song for a Nisei Fisherman'), box supper 6pm; tks \$15, redress bnft; info Mable Yoshizaki, 263-8469

LITTLE TOKYO LIFE (No. 41):

San Pedro / Terminal Island

Much can be said by many PC readers of the prewar Terminal Island-San Pedro scene—where about 2,000 lived and worked in the fishing industry. They can relate in fine detail what happened to them in wake of Pearl Harbor. They



Drawing by Charles H. Owen (1940)

The Shinto shrine on Terminal Island stood for 25 years, frequented by the Issei fishermen before going to sea and upon their safe return.

were given but 48 hours by the U.S. government to leave the island on their own. The Terminal Island Issei-Nisei were the first group to be removed by government order. Such shocking and harsh treatment is not well known.

At Fish Harbor/San Pedro, Nakahara & Co. (ship chandlers) and wholesale fish dealers were the major Japanese enterprises, but the three tight blocks of Tuna St., and cross streets of Wharf, Cannery and Terminal were packed with fish packing plants, offices, banks, a newspaper (Nanengan Jiho—South Coast Review), cafes and eating houses (Minato Udon), markets, manju-ya, Ishino Hotel, rooming houses, shoe store, Sato's gas station and gas suppliers (for

the ships), Mikado music shop, photographer, sporting good shops, pool halls, etc. The Tosanko Koritsu Gakko (the Issei rendition of East San Pedro Public School) stood at Tuna and Terminal Way.

While major communities had several Kenjinkai offices, on Terminal Island there were several "mura—village" offices. Their main Waka-yama Kenjinkai base was in Little Tokyo. The Kannon shrine (illustrated above) was behind the newspaper office at 151-D Cannery.

How compact and bustling it was then cannot be easily forgotten by this occasional visitor. In the carefree years of the 1930s, we remember catching serpentine from relatives and friends leaving for Japan at either the NYK or OSK berths, covering baseball games on Terminal Island or swimming at Brighton Beach at the island's east end, where the power generating plant still stands—though protected by big dikes because of land subsidence in the past three decades. Until the '60s, a ferry connected San Pedro and Terminal Island. Now stand three bridges (one looks like the Golden Gate bridge) at both ends and in the middle of the island.

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