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Politicos advise pooling resources

by J.K. Yamamoto

GARDENA, Calif.—The theme of "Political Power Through Unity" was stressed by Sen. Alan Cranston and Rep. Mervyn Dymally (both D-Calif.) and Asian American community representatives as about 300 persons gathered at the Ken Nakaoka Memorial Center on Feb. 23 for a "Day of Remembrance."

The anniversary of the Feb. 19, 1942, signing of Executive Order 9066, traditionally observed in Little Tokyo, was marked this year in Gardena to make it more accessible to the South Bay area's large Nikkei population. The National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCR), Pacific Southwest District JACL, and Little Tokyo People's Rights Organization sponsored the program.

Cranston, a longtime redress supporter, referred to the WW2 internment of Japanese Americans, which E.O. 9066 made possible, as "an irrational policy based on fear, hatred and racial prejudice." As an employee of the Office of Wartime Information at the time, Cranston unsuccessfully sought to prevent the internment from taking place.

He said that a recent letter from a Nisei whom he had not seen since 1944 reminded him of a visit to the Heart Mountain camp, where he met a number of his boyhood

friends. "My most poignant memory is of a young mother who was trying to conceal from her four-year-old son the fact that they were prisoners in a racial internment camp," he recalled.

"We must make sure that such a gross wrong never occurs again on American soil...we must redress the damage to families and to individuals and to the Japanese American community as a whole. We must eradicate the causes... that led to those dark days in our nation's history, and we must help Americans understand the priceless contributions the Japanese Americans have made and are making to our country," Cranston declared.

While noting that Asian Americans are part of the economic and cultural life in Southern California, he added that "to enjoy the full fruits of American freedom, Asian Americans must participate in the process of political power."

If the various Asian and Pacific communities can pool their resources, he said, they will have "a much louder, much more persuasive voice in the governing of our cities, our state and our nation." He cited continuing anti-Asian discrimination and violence as issues that need to be addressed.

Cranston, who introduced redress legislation in 1983 and later co-sponsored redress bill S 2116,



MEMORABLE — Creators of a Sacramento internment memorial are (from left): Supervisor Illa Collin, author of legislation; ceramicist Yoshio Taylor; Mrs. Kashiwagi, mother of poet Hiroshi Kashiwagi (next); Mary Tsukamoto; and Bill Bryan, chair, county supervisors. Story, page 2.

announced that he, along with Hawaii senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, would reintroduce the bill in March.

"We've got a tough job ahead... to get it approved in this time of budget-cutting programs, when it's hard to spend on anything, particularly anything new. But we're going to try again and again and again until we finally win, as I believe we finally can," he told the audience.

Dymally represents the 31st congressional district, which includes Gardena. He introduced redress legislation in 1982 and became a co-sponsor of redress bill HR 4110 during the last session of Congress. He is now a co-sponsor of the reintroduced bill, HR 442.

According to Dymally, two developments may improve HR 442's chances of being passed:

Rep. Jim Wright (D-Texas), who introduced both HR 4110 and HR 442, may be the next Speaker of the House; and Rep. Sam Hall

(D-Texas), chair of the judiciary subcommittee where the bill now sits, has been offered a federal judgeship. If Hall—"whose view on this bill is not a matter of public record," Dymally said—accepts the position, someone who views redress more favorably may take his place as subcommittee chair.

Referring to arguments that the budget deficit makes redress impossible, Dymally advised, "to overcome this and other obstacles—such as apathy among some of our friends who are viewing this solely as a Japanese American political issue—we need to strengthen and widen our base of support."

"Every candidate who represents you, whether he serves on the school board, the city council or the state legislature, should be asked to commit himself or herself to support HR 442."

He likened the redress battle to "the raindrops on the rock, drop-

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Photo by Roy Nakano
Sen. Alan Cranston speaks of redress at Day of Remembrance.

Fujiyoshi continues to challenge registration law

KOBE, Japan — American Ronald Fujiyoshi won a partial victory Feb. 5 in the eleventh hearing on his celebrated fingerprinting case. Fujiyoshi, who was indicted on June 16, 1982 for refusing to be fingerprinted under Japan's Alien Registration Law, has spent the last two years challenging this law and other discriminatory measures which the Japanese have practiced against "foreigners," 85% of whom are of Korean ancestry.

In his challenge to the existing law, Fujiyoshi has attempted to use "expert" witnesses to support his claim that "the Assimilation and Control policy of the Japanese government is a violation of the human rights of long-term Asian foreigners in Japan, the vast majority of whom are Korean; and [that] the compulsory fingerprinting requirement within the Alien Registration Certificate system is an integral part of this policy."

While the Kobe District Court had previously granted only three of the fifteen proposed de-

fense witnesses, the chief judge surprised the defense committee by admitting Tatomi Kajiwara, a professor of social psychology, as a defense witness. Kajiwara will testify on the psychological effects of hiding one's ethnic identity.

In October 1984 at Fujiyoshi's tenth hearing, a Korean witness, Kim, related how she was "assimilated" into Japanese society at the expense of losing her self-worth as a Korean. She recounted her experiences in a society where Koreans are considered dirty, smelly, and "bad." Having been raised as a Japanese, she grew up not knowing the Korean language, history, or culture except from the Japanese point of view. In moments of depression and self-hatred for being a Korean, she considered suicide. Images of the brutal Japanese militarism that colonized Korea are still vivid in her mind.

She added that today when she hears the Japanese national anthem "Kimigayo" she responds

with feelings of sorrow and anger. Their registration and fingerprinting every 5 years is a symbol of final humiliation forced upon the Koreans who have lived all their lives in Japan, but who are still treated as aliens and outcasts, the witness contended.

Fujiyoshi, in arguing for Kajiwara to be accepted as a defense witness, argued that Kajiwara would clarify the relation between "the experiences as testified by Ms. Kim and the violation of her basic human rights. Very few Japanese can understand what it is like to hide one's ethnic identity. Therefore, it is necessary for them and this court to understand the meaning of Ms. Kim's testimony. Although the precise form of the incidents will vary from individual to individual, Ms. Kim's experience is representative in that it is experienced similarly by every Korean person in Japan even today."

Fujiyoshi, a nephew of former

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News in Brief

City panel studies internment, backs redress

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A 17-member commission told the city council on Feb. 19 that the WW2 internment of local Nikkei residents caused economic and psychological "devastation" and that \$20,000 per survivor was "indeed small compensation," reported the Mercury News.

The 134-page report detailed the plight of the approximately 7,000 persons expelled from the Santa Clara Valley during WW2.

Created by the city council in May 1983, the Commission on the Internment of Local Japanese Americans was chaired by architect Richard Tanaka.

22 Charlie Chan films may hit TV screens

NEW YORK — Twentieth-Century Fox has scheduled a revival of 22 Charlie Chan films in New York and San Francisco television, and may also distribute them to smaller cities throughout the country, reports New York Nichibei.

At a meeting called by Hal Potter of Fox's domestic sales division on Feb. 12, Asian American representatives protested the characterization of Chan and the effects of such portrayals on Americans. Potter said he would take their case back to the corporation's headquarters in San Francisco.

FUJIYOSHI

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JACL national director, the late Masao Satow, believes that the decision by the judges to allow another witness was influenced by numerous individuals and groups from the U.S.A., Canada and South Korea who sent polite letters and telegrams to the chief judge appealing for the recognition of further witnesses in order to conduct a fair hearing.

In addition, University of Hawaii professor Franklin Odo was called upon by Fujiyoshi's supporters to attend the hearing in order to exert public pressure upon the court. Odo told reporters in Kobe of his own personal experiences with assimilation and oppression in the United States "and how it served to warp, distort my own self development."

Odo spoke of minority rights to local groups in Osaka and

Santa Clara Nikkei to honor Della Maggiore

by Phil Matsumura

SAN JOSE—Plans have been made for a testimonial dinner, "A Day for Sam," to honor Sam Della Maggiore, a popular and respected figure in the Santa Clara valley Japanese community, on Sunday, April 21, at 4 p.m. in the Buddhist church auditorium.

Della Maggiore is remembered for his humanitarian kindness and services to the returning evacuees in providing housing and general assistance; for his encouragement and promoting of athletic programs, particularly basketball and baseball for the Nisei athletes; and for his outspoken support for the welfare of Japanese Americans during and after the war.

A wrestler in his high school and college years, Della Maggiore later coached wrestling teams at both San Jose High School and San Jose State Univ. During the 1950s he served as county supervisor.

The annual San Jose Zebra-Zebraette invitational high school basketball tournament, which will be held during Memorial Day week-end May 25-27, will be dedicated to Sam Della Maggiore in appreciation of his long support.

Tickets for the dinner (\$25) are available from: Jimi Yamaichi, Ernie Inouye, Chi Akizuki, Phil Matsumura, Yosh Uchida, Henry Yamate, Clark Taketa, Richard Onishi, Dr. Min Yamate, Harry Yoshioka, Frank Shimada and Dan Fukushima.



Kyoto. His visit received extensive coverage in the Japanese press.

The next two hearing dates in the Fujiyoshi case are set for April 19 and May 17. Those in-

terested in the rights of Koreans in Japan should contact: Michael Yasutake, Chicago chapter JACL, Human Rights Committee, 2744 Bryant Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.

STICKERS OF SUPPORT—These stickers showing opposition to Japan's alien fingerprinting laws were produced by a support group for Kim Myung Gwan, a Kyoto resident who has gone on trial for refusing to be fingerprinted. Each one reads, "Gai-kokuujin Torokusho Shimon Seido Haishi," or "Abolition of Alien Registration Certificate/Fingerprinting System." The sticker on the right also reads, "Iya ja" ("No, I won't").

Internment memorial unveiled

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A memorial to symbolize the unjust internment of Japanese Americans during WW2 was unveiled here at the Sacramento county building on Feb. 19.

A collaboration of ceramic artist Yoshio Taylor and poet Hiroshi Kashiwagi, the memorial consists of a 6-foot by 15-foot mural made up of 6-inch-square tiles and a poem. It was constructed as a result of an ordinance passed last May, which also established a fund to com-

pensate former county employees for having been dismissed because of their ancestry during WW2.

In Washington, Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) noted in a released statement that "Sacramento County has once again proven to be a leader in the struggle for the rights that are guaranteed to all Americans, regardless of race."

Following is the text of the poem.

Japanese Americans (1942-1945)

*removed to prison by Executive Order
confined within barbed-wire fence
watchtowers manned by guards
with rifles and machine guns
searchlights after dark
homes, farms, businesses, jobs
a lifetime in America
faded like a dream
their rights as citizens denied
their loyalty questioned
still they endured
planting seeds in desert soil
their faith in America
steadfast and strong
many took up arms
to defend their country
serving with distinction
they were decorated for bravery
buffeted by wind and sand
they made the flowers bloom in desert soil
between rows of bleak tar-papered barracks*

*released from prison at last
hope and strength gained
from a new meaning of freedom
they worked to rebuild their lives
became productive citizens again
securing their rightful place in America
but the memory of prison life
and the pain from that experience
make them fierce guardians of justice
protectors of the Constitutional rights
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never again should it happen*

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Counseling offered for gay Asians

LOS ANGELES—A 10-week group therapy series for gay Asian males will be held by the Nikkei Family Counseling Program of Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) in March, April and May.

According to LTSC executive director Bill Watanabe, the purpose of the group is to help gay Asian males in their personal growth and adjustment. Led by experienced professionals, the group allows for constructive discussion and interchange with peer group members.

The group therapists are Harvey Kawasaki and Yasuko Sakamoto Kowalchuk. Both received their master's degrees in social work from UCLA and have conducted research on the homosexual identity and adaptation among Asian gays and lesbians. A group therapy series for Asian lesbians is also being developed.

Sessions will be held 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon every Saturday from March 16 to May 18. Registration, which is \$35 per person, should be done by March 8. Contact: Yasuko Sakamoto, (213) 680-3729.

JAM sponsors literary contest

SAN FRANCISCO—The Japantown Art and Media Writers' Workshop is sponsoring their fifth annual literary contest for high school students. The purpose of this contest is to encourage the development and expression of Asian American and Pacific Islander culture and to support high school students interested in creative writing.

There are three prizes in both the poetry and the short story categories: a \$75 first prize, \$50 second prize, and a \$25 third prize in each category. Last year the winners were high school writers from San Jose, Richmond, and San Francisco. All the winning entries were published in the Hokubei Mainichi.

Any student currently enrolled in high school is eligible.

One or more poems and/or short stories may be submitted that deal with some aspect of Asian American/Pacific Islander life. Each entry should include name, address, grade level, name of high school, and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Manuscript should be sent to: JAM Writers' Workshop, 1730 Fillmore St., San Francisco, CA 94115; (415) 567-3851. Deadline: April 30.

Students to gather for business forum

LOS ANGELES—Thirty-two colleges in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas have been invited to participate in the second West Coast Business Career Forum for Minority Undergraduate Students.

The forum, offered free to minority undergraduates, will be held Thursday, April 11, at the Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

The forum's purpose is to encourage minority students to consider career options in the corporate world and graduate manage-



Hayashi/Wakamatsu Collection
IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME — Issei women enjoy a happy moment under Seattle skies (circa 1915). Photo is part of new exhibit.

Prewar Seattle photo exhibit scheduled

SEATTLE—"The Way It Was: Northwest Issei and Nisei before 1942," a free photographic exhibit depicting the local Nikkei community before WWII, opens for public view on March 17 at 12:30 p.m. at the Nippon Kan Theatre.

The exhibit, which runs March 17-23, is a collection of some 250 pictures mounted on six four-sided kiosks. Photographs were loaned mainly from the private collections of former and present members of the Seattle community. This special collection por-

Topaz 40th reunion

SAN FRANCISCO—The 40th year reunion of the Class of 1945, Topaz, Utah, High School has been set for June 29-30.

Because of the large turnouts for previous reunions held in San Francisco in 1970, 1975, and 1980, the Class of 1945 expects a large number of classmates to attend from various parts of the country and abroad to observe the reunion of a most unusual high school located in a most unusual site.

The unique camaraderie enjoyed by the former student internees these past 40 years grew from spending their entire high school years together behind barbed wire.

The Officers Club of the Presidio of San Francisco has been reserved for the reunion banquet on Saturday, June 29.

The reunion committee is seeking the addresses of class members. This information as well as other inquiries should be directed to Reunion Chairperson Bob Utsumi, 3548 Monterey Blvd., Oakland, CA 94619.

trays such aspects of the early community as family life, school, the business day, and social events and activities.

The photo exhibit coincides with the 75th anniversary of the Nippon Kan Theatre, hub of the Nikkei community prior to World War II. It was declared a state historical site in 1978.

Funding for the exhibit was granted by the Washington Commission for the Humanities, the Motoda Foundation and private donations.

After March 23, the exhibit will remain in place for viewing by appointment and during performances at the Nippon Kan.

Counseling scheduled for Vietnam vets

NORTHRIDGE, Calif.—Group therapy for Asian American Vietnam-era veterans is being offered at the Vietnam Veterans Counseling Center, 18924 Roscoe Blvd., Northridge, every Tuesday from 7-9 p.m.

These "rap groups" are facilitated by Dr. Anthony Johnson and Dr. Ford Kuramoto. Some of the objectives are:

- 1) An understanding of the re-adjustment problems among Vietnam-era veterans of Asian American heritage;
- 2) Development of a peer-support group;
- 3) Examination of the unique needs of this sub-population of Vietnam-era veterans;
- 4) Exploration of the "dual identity" of Asian American Vietnam-era veterans;
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Community Affairs

WAILUKU, Hawaii — Zuke Matsui, chair of the 1985 Nisei Veterans Reunion, urges those planning to attend the July 4-7 event to make reservations as soon as possible. About 500 vets and their spouses are expected to fill the rooms of the Maui Marriott. Reunion brochure and hotel reservation forms are available from MAUI NVR '85, P.O. Box 23, Wailuku, HI 96793.

MONTEBELLO, Calif. — Montebello Japanese Women's Club and the Bella Vista Optimist Club are making plans for their annual Monte Carlo Fun Night on Saturday, March 16, at the Quiet Cannon Montebello Country Club. The evening begins at 7 p.m. with dinner and continues with Monte Carlo activities and dancing. Proceeds from the event are donated to charities. Information: (818) 282-9519.

BERKELEY, Calif. — "Reflections on the Bay," featuring live music by Crosswinds and music by Greenlight Disco, will be held at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 1 Seawall Dr., Friday, March 29, from 7 p.m. to 12 p.m. Liane Wong of K101-FM is emcee for the Berkeley Asian Youth Center benefit. Tickets are \$8 students; \$10 general; \$10 at door. Information: 849-4898.

SAN FRANCISCO — Robert Scalapino, director of the Institute of East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley, explores the topic "The United States and Japan in Asia: Where Do We Go from Here?" at a program sponsored by the Japan Society of No. California, Tuesday, March 5, 7 p.m., at the World Affairs Center, 2nd floor, 312 Sutter. Cost is \$4 for Japan Society members; \$6 for non-members. Information: 986-4383.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The 11th annual Japanese American National Bowling Tournament will be held March 4-9 at Country Club Lanes.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Carol Matsuyoshi hosts an hour-long program about Japanese Americans on the second Monday of every month over KBOO-FM radio (90.7). Called *Environments: East/West*, the first half hour, from 9 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., is devoted to music, news and public service announcements. The second half hour, to 10 p.m., is a taped segment. On March 11, the discussion focuses on student values, migration and cultural diversity of Pacific Americans.

SEATTLE — Hunt High School Reunion '85 takes place the weekend of July 26-28. It will be hosted in Seattle by the classes of 1945 and 1946, but is open to anyone who attended school in Hunt, Idaho, at the Minidoka internment camp. Highlights will be the dinner/dance in the Grand Ballroom at the Westin Hotel on July 27, and the catered Japanese picnic lunch at Marymoor Park in Redmond, Wash. Information: Hunt High Reunion '85, P.O. Box 27395, Seattle, WA 98125.

IRWINDALE, Calif. — California Japanese American Republicans hold their inaugural party on Saturday, March 23, at 5400 Irwindale Ave. A reception begins at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

LOS ANGELES — Western Region Asian American Project Advisory Council sponsors the premiere showings of "Monkey Music" as a fundraiser on Friday and Saturday, March 8-9, 8 p.m., at East/West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. The play is an epic "filled with exciting action, ironic wit and the color and pagentry of feudal Japan," said WRAAP spokesperson Emily Takeuchi. Tax deductible donations of \$16 requested. Information: 478-8241.

Officers and board members of the Japanese American Bar Assn. will be installed at the annual brunch on Sunday, March 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey. Costs is \$25; students \$15. Checks should be sent to JABA, P.O. Box 57936 Los Angeles, CA 90017. Information: Diana Nishiura (213) 736-2885.

The second annual Nisei Week Queens Reunion Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 4, from 11:30 a.m. in the Four Seasons Room of the New Otani Hotel in Little Tokyo. Information: Em Kato Yamada, (213) 306-9338.

California Chicano News Media Assn. sponsors an urban journalism workshop for minority high school students from June 22 to July 3 at Cal State University, Northridge. Twenty students from throughout So. Calif. will be selected to live on campus and receive daily journalism instruction, participate in field trips and produce their own newspaper. Juniors and graduating seniors are eligible. Prior journalism experience is not necessary. Applications are available from high school English departments or by calling Lourdes Martinez, (213) 743-7158. Deadline for written application is March 30.

"Japanese Ink Painting," the first comprehensive exhibition in the U.S. of Japanese monochrome ink painting, goes on view March 10 at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Many of the 85 screens, hanging scrolls, albums and hand scrolls have been designated national treasures. Due to the fragile nature of the paintings, they will be shown in two rotations. The first half, through April 7, traces the medium's development from the 15th through 17th centuries. The second half runs through May 12 and covers works from the 18th and 19th centuries.

Also on exhibit at the County Museum of Art is an exhibition of 150 Japanese netsuke selected from the collection of Raymond Bushell, on view through June. Netsuke are intricate miniature carvings used as toggles to attach a carrying box or pouch to the obi (sash).

Announcement

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EAST WIND

Bill Marutani



LEARN SOMETHING NEW almost every day. The other evening I attended a gathering at a Black church where a judge, for whom I've always had the highest respect, was speaking. As it turned out, it was a celebration of the 76th anniversary of the founding of the NAACP, by 59 original founders, in 1909. As I sat there listening to the various congratulatory messages from the state governor and so forth, it occurred to me that JACL was founded just 20 years later in California. I don't go back quite that far, although I'm getting there, but I think it was called the "American Loyalty League," a distinction which the Fresno Chapter proudly claims.

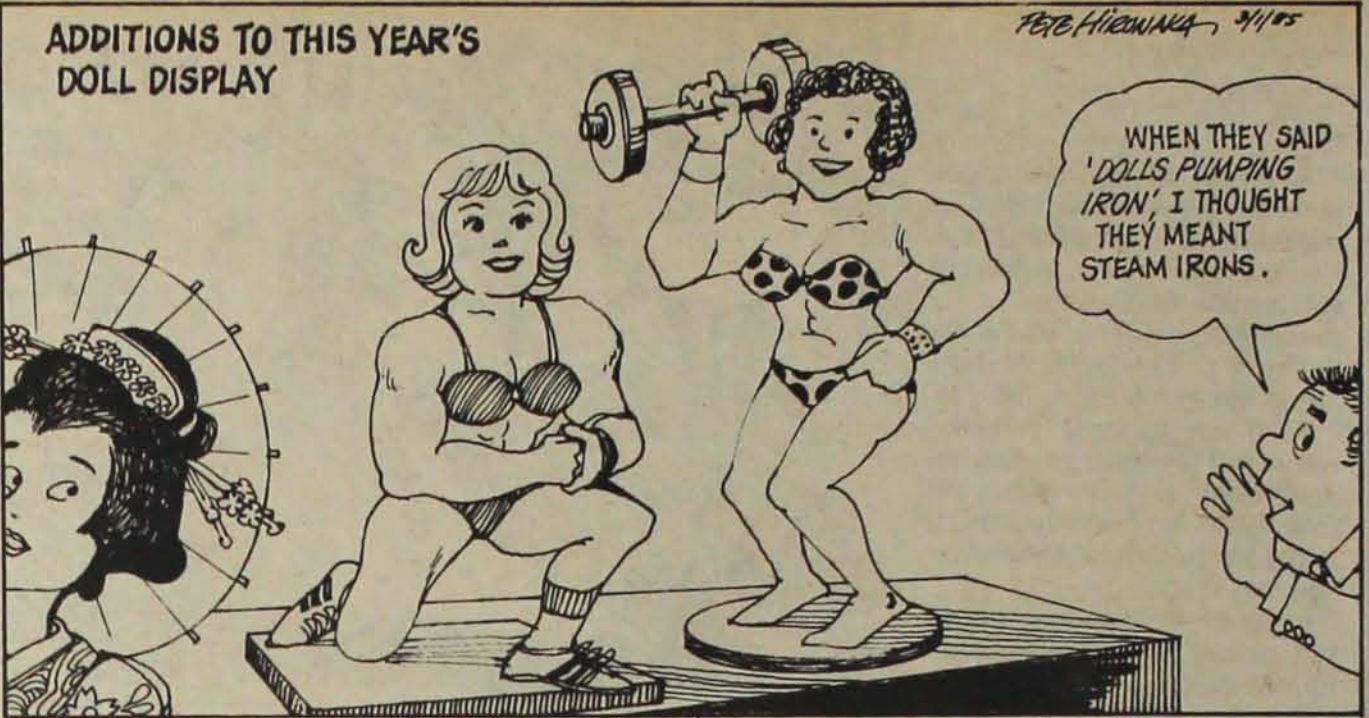
THE PROGRAM WAS quite full, colorful and robust. When that choir up in the loft filled the church with the singing of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," it was quite a stirring experience. The choir, joined by the audience—by this writer rather lamely since I'd not heard the song before—sang a tune with the title "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing." I was to hear that same song the following evening and was to learn something else about it.

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT a gathering of Black citizens that is joyous. Uplifting. The audience reacts, joins in, and

there are encouraging joiners of "Yea's," "Ay-men," and every so often "That's right." With that kind of encouragement, why, a speaker could go on all night. And some try. And when it comes to hymn singing, it can be a good rollicking time. About a dozen years back, I was invited to speak at a Baptist Church (no, not a religious sermon but a quite temporal subject) and there was some good ole' time hymn singing with clapping, swaying and so forth. It ended up with many people standing on their chairs, so caught up was everyone. Yes, of course I joined them. How many times in my life can I have the chance to stand on the seats to sing a hymn in church? I wasn't going to pass up the chance.

FEBRUARY WAS ALSO "Black History Month" and the following evening another judge, whom I again held in high esteem, was scheduled to be one of the speakers at the university. So I went. The audience was predominantly Black. And there was that song that I'd been exposed to just the evening before: "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing." It was introduced as the "Black National Anthem," and I'd never known there was such a thing. I'd like to share the first stanza and a bit of the third stanza, in case you, too, had not ever heard it before.

*Lift ev'ry voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of
Liberty; Let our rejoicing
rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the
rolling sea.
Sing a song full of faith that
the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has
brought us.*



*Facing the rising of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.*

*God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us
thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path,
we pray*

AS I SAT there, my mind drifted almost 20 years, to 1966 to the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Bogalusa, Louisiana. It was a hot and

humid August evening. I'd driven up from New Orleans where, earlier that day, we had secured a court order desegregating the Washington Parish (Bogalusa) schools and the Black townspeople and their children had jammed the wethered wooden church to learn the details. That evening, the children sang, a cappella (too poor to afford a piano) a Freedom Song, the haunting words which stick with me yet today. It went, in part, something like this:

*Oh, Lord, if he ask you; oh
Lord, if he ask you*

*Was I laughing
Oh, Lord, if he ask you, was
I laughing,
Tell him, Lord, I was
crying,
Tell him, I was crying.*

*I don't want no white
man's freedom, Lord
I want my own,
I want my own
I don't want no Uncle Tom
freedom, Lord
I want my own
I want my own.*

I wonder where those children, who were there that night, are today?

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Contra Costa ¹	2,522	63	2,000	
Cortez	1,980	100	990	
Diablo Valley	1,134	100	565	
Eden Township	3,235	100	1,615	
Florin ²	1,040	104	500	
Fremont ¹	1,000	100	500	
French Camp ^{2,3}	1,440	100	720	
Gilroy	1,350	100	675	
Golden Gate ⁴	540	142	190	
Honolulu	420	50	420	
Japan	750	100	375	
Livingston-Merced	1,860	99	940	
Lodi	3,015	99	1,515	
Marin County	850	100	425	
Marysville ³	2,720	100	1,360	
Monterey Peninsula	4,415	100	2,315	
Oakland	976	99	490	
Placer County	2,740	100	1,370	
Reno	770	100	385	
Sacramento	9,230	100	4,615	
Salinas Valley	3,820	100	1,910	
San Benito County	730	100	365	
San Francisco ¹	11,800	100	5,000	
San Jose ^{1,3}	6,100	102	3,000	
San Mateo	6,400	100	3,200	
Sequoia	6,789	104	3,265	
Solano County	585	110	265	
Sonoma County ^{1,3}	3,000	100	1,500	
Stockton	4,050	100	2,025	
Tri-Valley	570	100	285	
Watsonville ²	3,420	100	1,710	
West Valley ²	3,275	105	1,555	

NOTES: Figures are as of Feb. 13, 1985. Amounts rounded to nearest dollar.

¹ Pledged less than \$5 per member.

² Pledged more than \$5 per member.

³ Has paid 100% of '84-85 pledge.

⁴ Has paid 102% of '84-85 pledge.

Pacific Southwest District Chapter Redress Pledges

Chapter	Yearly Pledge	Am't rec'd		1982-84 Bal. Due
		1982-83	1983-84	
Arizona	\$ 1,670	\$ 1,670	\$ 1,670	-0-
Carson	525	525	525	-0-
Coachella Valley	545	545	545	-0-
Downtown L.A.	690	690	690	-0-
East L.A.	3,220	3,220	1,790	1,430
Gardena Valley	4,235	4,235	4,235	-0-
Greater L.A. Singles	865	865	865	-0-
Greater Pasadena	140	100	-0-	180
Hollywood	1,145	1,000	1,290	-0-
Imperial Valley	220	-0-	440	-0-
Las Vegas	185	-0-	445	-0-
Latin America	285	50	-0-	520
Marina	665	665	665	-0-
New Age	415	200	Disbanded	
N. San Diego	310	50	-0-	570
Orange County	2,685	2,685	2,685	-0-
Pacifica	260	60	60	400
Pan Asian	870	870	870	-0-
Pasadena	635	635	645	-0-
Progressive W'side	130	130	130	-0-
Riverside	435	435	435	-0-
San Diego	2,315	1,475	1,200	1,955
San Fernando Vly	1,725	12,918	370	-0-
San Gabriel Vly	930	-0-	146	1,714
San Luis Obispo	415	630	215	-0-
Santa Barbara	600	600	1,200	-0-
Santa Maria	430	250	530	80
Selanoco	1,740	1,900	1,580	-0-
South Bay	885	885	885	-0-
Southeast Cultural	80	-0-	Disbanded	
Torrance	225	New	225	-0-
Venice-Culver	1,310	1,710	910	-0-
Ventura	930	930	930	-0-
W. Los Angeles	5,455	2,882	3,301	4,727
Wilshire	670	670	1,170	-0-
TOTAL	\$37,840	\$43,480	\$30,647	\$11,576

The PSW district fully met its second-year redress pledge apportionment by the submittal of \$37,400. The tabulation above details the contributions by chapters. As LEC chair man Yasui has noted, the national JACL redress campaign must carry on with redress while LEC gears up a fund drive to take on direct lobbying activities. The PSW has now exhausted its large donations from members and must raise a full \$37,400 this year to meet its redress pledge.

As district governor, I appreciate the difficulties encountered and the burden imposed on JACLers to fund the redress pursuit. However, I believe we need to continue this pursuit to a successful end. I request that all members double and triple their efforts in chapter redress fund-raising so that PSW district meets its pledge apportionment for this biennium.

—Harry Kajihara

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Aging Nisei Vets and Their Plans for the Future

A friend wrote from California the other day to say he and his wife were moving into a retirement home. Even though I've known him for more than 50 years, it was something of a shock to learn he was making the move. It was a reminder of the swift passage of time and of our inability to fend off the years.

Then, just last week, there was another reminder. The Nisei Veterans Newsletter published monthly in Seattle ran a letter from Hiro Nishimura urging his buddies to ponder the future of their organization and their clubhouse.

"Unlike the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars with their unlimited potential membership growth," Nishimura wrote, "our membership is small and limited, slowly and surely decreasing. Our only potential source, the Viet Nam veterans, is not filling the void.

"Ten years from now, how many of us will be here to decide the future of the building and the assets? At the present, a

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bank is the heir to its disposition. If the membership wishes to maintain the status quo, fine and dandy. But, if other option(s) is (are) available, now is the time to act, not 10 years late down the road—reacting to the inevitable by doing nothing."

A kendo club gave the building to the vets in return for assuming a \$1,000 mortgage some 34 years ago. The vets dedicated the building to the memory of their

fallen comrades and spent countless nights and weekends maintaining and improving it. Though modest in size and appearance, it became a community asset and meeting place.

At the root of the problem of what to do with the building are Japanese American demographics. Most Issei men came to the United States as bachelors during a relatively few years after the turn of the century. Those who remained married within a limited time bracket starting about 1910. Without having the figures, I'd venture to say that as a result of this marriage pattern most Nisei were born in the two decades between 1910 and 1930, and maybe it's possible to whittle a couple of years off each end of that period to get a 15-year baby boom.

That means most Nisei were born within a relatively limited period, grew up together in a relatively limited period, and now are growing old together. And because the outlook between Nisei and

Sansei differs almost as substantially as it did between Nisei and Issei, there are problems of the kind Hiro Nishimura articulated.

The average age of the Nisei at the time of the Evacuation in 1942 was said to be somewhere around 18. That average hypothetical person today, assuming he is alive and well 43 years later, would be 61 years old—four years from being able to retire with full Social Security benefits. Little wonder, then, that even within our compressed generation, many of us are well into the seventies.

The sociologists can tell us what all this means but the dismal signs are all about us: my friend of a half-century moving into a retirement home, the GIs who went off to war and came home covered with glory thinking seriously of what will happen in the next decade when most of them will be gone, and JACL concerning itself with the knotty and inevitable problems of the aging.

Reauthorization of Indian Health Care bill needed

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act (Public Law 94-437) was passed in 1976. The act has been declared the single most important mechanism for delivering health care services to the Indian people in this country. Since 1976 the Indian infant mortality rate has fallen by 50%.

The act expired in 1984. Despite the strong bipartisan support for the reauthorization of the act in both the House and the Senate, President Reagan vetoed the bill. The President stated that the veto would not affect the delivery of health services to Indian communities.

However, the fund to educate Indians to become doctors and nurses will end. Many

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programs for mental health will be cut. A large percentage of the hospital and water/sanitation construction budget on Indian reservations will be cut. Indians who do not live on or near their reservations will not have health care while they are away

for education or work. As we extend hundreds of millions of dollars for foreign aid, the total outlay by the United States government for Indian health services in fiscal year 1984 was only \$800,000. Now the Indians will have much less.

It is appalling that the government thinks it can make us believe that the bill is not important. If the reauthorization of 437 is not reintroduced, or if it fails to pass both houses of Congress, or if the President vetoes it again before Sept. 30, 1985, all the programs under PL 437 will end.

There is a special relationship between the Indian tribes and the federal government—the treaties. In return for the Indi-

ans' handing over their lands, the United States government promised to look after the welfare of the Indian people. The government has not honored this commitment. Indian health care costs have risen considerably in the past century, but so has the value of the lands the Indians handed over.

Treaties are the law of the land. They are special contracts. Like other old documents—including the Constitution and the Bill of Rights—they are part of the national heritage. There is no such thing for an honorable United States government as a simple unilateral abolition of Indian treaties.

On Membership, Professionals, and Activists

by Robert Shimabukuro

Being away from Portland and my many commitments there has given me some breathing room (although as I look out my window into the hazy L.A. air, I wonder how deeply I should breathe) and a chance to reflect on what is happening in Portland with respect to JACL and the rest of Asian America.

In the area of recruitment of new members, Portland JACL has continuously tried to utilize the same type of relationships which gained members in the past—part social, part political, but mostly those relationships which define the Nisei community.

In doing so, the emphasis has been on social events, events that bring people together, build up a network of friends, and that in turn form a community of volunteers who work on various political issues.

The Nisei have had great success with this approach when addressing the membership within their age group because they solicit within an already established network. When this approach is used with the younger Nikkei, that kind of network must be established first.

This has been time-consuming and relatively unproductive. In Portland it is more the exception than the rule that children of JACL members end up as members. While there are many reasons for this, I would like to offer my observations

on this matter with the hope that a dialogue will be generated. And if a discussion could get started *outside* board meetings, much valuable meeting time would not have to be spent asking "How can we attract more young people?" or "What are young people interested in?"

While a few inquiries about possible JACL membership are from Japanese Americans who are looking to establish social relationships, most of the inquiries that I received were from people who were interested (1) in a political stance taken by JACL, and (2) in the possibilities for personal advancement. (I would like to add that these two groups are by no means mutually exclusive.)

In the latter category we find those who have reached a plateau in their professional career and find that the "system" offers them little opportunity for growth. JACL provides a good opportunity to learn leadership skills with others who are in the same predicament. There is a supportive atmosphere and people do listen (although they do not always agree).

Those who are interested in the political stance taken by the JACL on human rights issues are generally "progressive" (although not always), have had experience in community advocacy, and have a Pan-Asian outlook; that is, they feel that the real problems faced by Japanese Americans are similar to problems faced by Asian Americans in general and,

as such, are better solved through coalitions with other Asian American groups. It is within this group that I find the most concern for the ultra-patriotism ("my country right or wrong") often exhibited by JACL.

Intellectually and emotionally, however, there is much that these two groups, the activists and the professionals, have in common. Both realize that their heritage and ancestry is used as a means of preventing them from realizing their full potential. In addition, members of these groups are not looking to JACL to provide a social network or support group. They are JACL members for professional and political reasons. They have their own support group or peer group that is not necessarily Nikkei, and more often than not is exclusively non-Nikkei.

If the JACL is to function and grow, at least in Portland, it will have to accommodate these groups. Coffee hours and get-togethers can still be used as a means of attracting new members, but perhaps "topical" coffee hours or leadership seminars could be used more effectively. Study groups are another means of attracting more people. A Central American study group, or an immigration reform study group, or even a topic of the month group would be advantageous.

In addition, members should be encouraged to bring up issues that concern us all. When meetings last until 11 at night, no one really feels like bringing up

new issues. Meetings have to be streamlined. Both the activist and the professional attend enough meetings as it is.

To the activists, I would advise that they should not be afraid to bring up issues. The Nisei are very receptive; when I first brought up the issue of divestiture of Oregon State funds in South Africa about three years ago, I had no idea that Portland JACL would accept it so readily. (I had no idea that national JACL would approve the divestiture of its own funds, as they did last month, so readily either.)

Likewise, I had little expectation of the NW District Council going on board in denouncing U.S. support of the contras in Nicaragua two years ago, but that too sailed through with the help of the progressive Seattle Chapter.

To the professionals I would advise that they refine their skills, rely on their instincts and good judgment taught to them by their parents and community, and use their talents to educate their non-Nikkei peer groups about issues of concern to us.

The JACL must change its outlook to survive, and any change causes discomfort. We should not back off from that discomfort; instead, we should confront it and look on it as a challenge, a challenge that offers us opportunities for growth. There is no growth without change, and there is no change without discomfort. How we react to that process determines how well we as a community and an organization mature.

Chapter Pulse

Downtown Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — The chapter announces its first membership drive targeted toward young adults. The affiliated chapter, to be known as the Japanese American United Alliance, holds an informational meeting on Sunday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., 2d floor.

The meeting is open to the public and features a history of the JACL by J.D. Hokoyama, an introduction of the JAUA and Downtown JACL officers, and plans for the group. "The purpose of the JAUA," stated spokesperson Monica Morita, "is to channel the interests of young adults to serving the Nikkei community in constructive ways as well as providing a learning experience."

Information: Dave Ikegami, 617-1742, or Monica Morita, 737-2013.

San Diego

SAN DIEGO — The initial meeting of the San Diego JACL Singles and their friends is an informal dinner at the Tengu Restaurant, 8690 Aero Dr., on Sunday, March 3, from 5:30 p.m. Guest speakers and an open forum will be special features of the dinner. Reservations: Art Nishioka, 295-1741; Yachi Kubota, 268-8778; Drake Shogun, 223-4152.

Possible future activities are ski trips, Las Vegas jaunts, and theater outings.



Photo by Tom Hashimoto

THREE COMMUNITY LEADERS — Tritia Toyota (left) and Min Yasui (right) enjoy installation speech of Selanoco President Frank Kawase.

Selanoco

BUENA PARK, Calif. — "Make America live up to her promises and you make America greater! Redress is an American issue, not a Japanese American issue!" exclaimed Min Yasui, who flew in from Denver to speak at the Selanoco (South East Los Angeles, North Orange County) Chapter's 20th annual installation dinner at Buena Park Hotel on Jan. 12.

Tritia Toyota, anchorperson for KNBC-TV news, served as master of ceremonies. Madame Fujima Kansuen performed classical dance as entertainment. The successful dinner attracted 188 persons.

Harry Kajihara, Pacific Southwest District governor, installed the officers and board members (listed in the Jan. 4-11 issue).

Marysville

MARYSVILLE, Calif. — Graduating seniors of the high schools in the Yuba, Sutter, Butte and Colusa counties and second-year college students are reminded that the 1985 Marysville Chapter scholarships are now available. There are four awards: two chapter awards and two Henry M. Oji Memorial Scholarships. Applicants must be chapter members or the children of members. Judging will be based on scholastic achievement (grade point 3.0 or above for high school graduates), leadership, potential and need. Applications are due by April 30.

For additional information, contact committee chair Mae Kakiuchi, 1580 Lisa Ct., Yuba City, or committee members Clark Tokunaga, Sakaye Takabayashi or Marianne Kyono.

Florin

FLORIN, Calif. — "A Time of Remembrance Recognition Night" will be held on Saturday, March 9, at Florin YBA Hall, 8320 Florin Rd. Eric Saul, curator of the San Francisco Presidio Army Museum, is guest speaker. Honored guests are the Issei and veterans of all wars.

A historical exhibit of photos and artifacts will be on display from 2 p.m. A buffet dinner begins at 6 p.m. Also on the program is a showing of "Nisei Soldier," a documentary about the 442 Regimental Combat Team.

Tickets are \$5. Reservations should be made as soon as possible with Tom Kushi, 454-0539, or Lois Nakashima, 682-2459.

Gardena Valley

GARDENA, Calif. — Candidates for the annual Miss Gardena Valley JACL Queen contest are being sought. The 1985 queen will represent the Gardena Valley JACL in various community events. In addition, she will vie for the title of Nisei Week Queen and more than \$30,000 in prizes, including trips to Japan, Singapore, and Hawaii.

Prospective candidates must be single and between the ages of 19 and 25. One of the candidate's parents must also be of one hundred percent Japanese ancestry. Information: Deena Akemi Hard, (213) 323-3354.

Marina

VENICE, Calif. — Marina JACL presents "A Communication Workshop" on March 15, 22, and 29. This three-part series focuses on a "how-to" and practical approach in improving communication skills within interpersonal relationships. Special emphasis and consideration will be given to concerns that are uniquely Japanese American. Speakers, group discussion, and experiential activities will facilitate the understanding and application of communication concepts.

The program will be held at the Venice Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr., and begins at 7 pm. Information: Shirley Chami, (213) 558-4255, or Ed Goka, (213) 327-7143.

Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA — High school and college graduates are the honored guests of the Philadelphia Chapter installation dinner-dance, Saturday, March 30, from 6:30 p.m. at the University City Hilton Ballroom, 34th and Civic Center Blvd. Frank Sato is guest speaker.

Tickets are \$18.50 per person; \$13 for senior citizens and students. Reservations: Sim Endo, 5932 Devon Place, Philadelphia, PA 19138; (215) 844-7317. Information about any graduates should be included (name, school, degree and major.)

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Focus on young adults at NCWNP meeting

by Chizu Iiyama

SAN JOSE—There was a hushed and expectant air as Mike Honda of the San Jose JACL Chapter promised a frank and open discussion on a topic of vital concern—"Young Adults and JACL" at the NCWNP-JACL meeting on Feb. 3 at the Le Baron Hotel.

Honda, principal of McKinley School and board member of the San Jose School District, put the problem in perspective: there is a need for JACL to recruit young members; the JACL has been aware of the need for a long time; and a survey made in 1983 in the district listed the average age of members as the late 50s, with only 15% under the age of 40. Honda declared proudly that the San Jose Chapter had a good mix of Nisei and Sansei members with young adults in leadership positions.

Panel members included Floyd Shimomura, past national JACL president; Ann Shiraishi, currently on the board of the San Jose JACL and a law school student; Dale Sasaki, lawyer, formerly with the Jr. JACL and the San Jose chapter; Allan Nishi, president of the French Camp JACL; and Kathy Doi, teacher, active in her union and church.

Shimomura looked at the history of JACL and noted that it had the largest membership when JAS were responding to major problems in their lives. Young Nisei formed the JACL in the late 1920s and '30s, when it became apparent that Japanese Americans needed an organization for mutual support and protection from discrimination. During and after World War II, the JACL came together as a national organization with the issues of loyalty and good citizenship.

In the '50s and '60s, with the rise of the Black movement and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Japanese Americans focused on civil

rights and social issues. Shimomura felt that today, in the '80s, the major problems we face have to do with international problems—of foreign trade and nuclear war—and that JACL should address these issues.

Shiraishi pointed out that the Nikkei in their 30s are busy building their careers and starting their families. She suggested that JACL become more visible, and develop links with the larger community.

Invited to join the Jr. JACL at the age of 14, Sasaki related the importance of this contact with other Japanese Americans at this age when he was struggling with his sense of identity. He is no longer active in JACL, but is in touch with some of the people in the local chapter. He felt that JACL needs to take up issues of interest to young adults—inter-racial marriages, needs of children, etc., but made a special plea for personal contact.

As an active member, Nishi declared that the future of the JACL was dependent on the recruitment of young members. He finds JACL very helpful for the development of leadership skills among young people, and stressed the importance of introducing young Nikkei to the district and national programs.

Kathy Doi, who has never been a member of JACL, gave a candid appraisal of the organization. She asserted that young people have demands on their time as they raise families, promote careers, and are active in their churches or children's organizations. She posed the question: "Why should they join JACL?" She referred to some of the negative stereotypes of the JACL—that it is an organization of professional and business people and that it was too accommodationist during WW2. She wondered if young people may feel uncomfortable.

She felt that JACL needs to

capitalize on its activities when it gets national attention—for example, during redress hearings—and make a special pitch for membership. She suggested that JACL work on social issues with the wider communities, that it become highly visible and recruit members actively on an individual basis.

In an open and thoughtful discussion period, panelists referred to the fact that as young people move into areas where there are very few Japanese Americans, it becomes increasingly important that they retain ties to the Nikkei communities. One panelist stated that she began to make a conscious effort to foster an understanding of their background when her 8- and 10-year-old children asked her if they were Chinese or Japanese.

Other panelists talked about their interest in civil rights, women's issues, environmental concerns, and peace and disarmament.

The delegates to the meeting were impressed by the articulate and attractive demeanor of the panelists, their reasoned presentations, and their thoughtful answers. The San Jose chapter under the leadership of Wayne Tada and Susan Nakamura organized a program that should have an impact on the local chapters.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT — Ted Ishihara of Stockton Issei Kai (left) presents \$329 check for redress campaign to Edwin Endow, newly elected Stockton JACL president (center), and NCWNP Regional Director George Kondo. It was the last official act of the Issei Kai, recently disbanded due to declining membership.

George and Alice Tabuchi (above left) present \$1,000 donation to Edwin Endow from themselves and Mr. and Mrs. Jun Agari.

Donations were received at annual installation dinner Jan. 26, at which Superior Court Judge Bill Dozier spoke of his trip to Afghanistan.



LEC-JACL discuss fundraising, elect officers

SAN FRANCISCO — The Legislative Education Committee (LEC), the newly formed lobbying arm of the JACL, met here Feb. 9 to discuss fundraising, lobbying, and to elect new officers.

Harry Kajihara presented a fundraising plan based on what he termed the "three ingredients of fundraising": a well-thought out plan, timely accounting of expenditures, and timely publicity. In his report, he urged governors to explain the difference between JACL redress pledges and LEC-JACL pledge drive; the most important difference being

that contributions to LEC-JACL are not tax-deductible.

In addition, he outlined a structure for fundraising, based on prime solicitors—persons who volunteer to raise \$2000 per year "by any method best suited to the person." Kajihara then added that the best method was the "press the flesh" method.

The district keyperson is the overall district LEC fund drive coordinator, publicizer, conduit of information between the LEC-JACL and the chapters, promoter and salesperson of LEC redress fundraising, in addition to

being the individual who identifies and submits names of the district's prime solicitors. Kajihara stressed the need for immediate recognition of super donors and prime solicitors who raised \$3000 or more.

The possibility of hiring a lobbying firm was discussed also; most of the discussion centered around the type of lobbying firm that might be hired if it was deemed necessary. The types discussed were firms that would undertake a massive publicity campaign to change the mindset of the country and Congress, or firms that would "open doors" to key members of Congress. Since either type would be expensive, and since LEC-JACL does not have enough to purchase such services, the matter was deferred.

Frank Sato reported that he has met with leaders of other redress groups to "see if there was a common ground to move together on." He said that there seemed to be an interest in such a move; contacts have been made and attempts are being made to set up meetings. Groups contacted included NCCAR, NCRR, Washington Coalition, Coram Nobis groups, and Veteran's Groups.

In its final action, LEC elected its executive committee: chair: Min Yasui; vice-chair: Cherry Kinoshita and David Nikaido; chair, legislative committee: Grant Ujifusa; board members: Frank Sato, Rose Ochi, Yosh Nakashima; Sec.-Treas Shig Wakamatsu retained his position when no one was nominated for the office.

Memorial at Iwo Jima

On Feb. 19, some 280 ex-Marines and their wives journeyed to Iwo Jima, an island directly south of Japan, between Tokyo and Saipan, to unveil a new memorial commemorating the bravery of the men who died there. From Japan about 50 survivors and 60 widows, relatives, and children of soldiers killed there, flew in for this 40th anniversary ceremony.

Iwo Jima has not been one of my favorite subjects. In fact, I have avoided thinking about it, trying to block it out of my mind. One might say it was a denial necessitated by the abhorrence of war, particularly of American and Japanese soldiers having to fight each other, destroying one another.

Last month, these former enemies shook hands and shed tears together, these who had survived and had the courage to return to unveil the memorial bearing Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' laudatory description, "Uncommon valor was a common virtue."

About 7,000 Americans and



BY THE BOARD:

by Miki Himeno

22,000 Japanese soldiers are said to have died there in battle on that sulfurous volcanic island, where advances were measured in yards rather than miles.

Surely the souls of the dead rejoice that Japan and the United States are now friends, said Vice Admiral Kenichiro Koga, a commander in Japan's Maritime Self-Defense Force.

Over 300,000 lives were lost in the battles of Okinawa and Iwo Jima. If only peace and harmony and friendship could be gained without the tragic horror of war. Perhaps one day we shall have a better perspective on the value of human lives.

Membership Renewal Plan

Following is the membership renewal plan submitted to the national board at its meeting Feb. 8-10. It is reprinted from last week's PC.

Rose Ochi, vice president/membership services, proposed an alternative to the membership renewal system that was rejected by the national council in Hawaii last summer. Rather than having national headquarters collect the membership fees and return chapter dues and rebates as was proposed last summer, this new plan calls for a bank (utilizing an automated clearinghouse system) to collect dues and to credit national and chapter accounts upon receipt of renewal applications.

Under this plan, the bank would notify national headquarters of membership expirations. National would then send renewal applications directly to members, who would send their

dues and applications directly to the bank, which would process the forms and credit the chapter accounts and national accounts simultaneously on a daily basis.

This plan, said Ochi, would enable chapter membership chairs to spend their time soliciting and recruiting new members rather than having to deal with the administrative tasks involved with membership renewals.

Other benefits as reported by Ochi: (1) Chapters will receive rebates earlier and can accrue additional interest benefits; (2) Pacific Citizen subscriptions will not lapse because payments are made directly to the bank; (3) chapters will not have to pay the costs of mailing renewal applications directly to their members.

The proposal was referred to district governors to discuss with chapters within their respective districts.

Letters

Opposing Apartheid

Evidently Mark Ishimatsu (Feb. 15 PC) is adept at reading between the lines, since none of what he seeks to credit me with actually appears in print. His outrage at what he sees as "selective indignation" following publication of an article I wrote on South Africa (Jan. 25 PC) is quite misplaced. I can assure him that there is nothing "selective" about my indignation.

In the past few years, I have written numerous letters and articles regarding such topics as redress and reparations; Hiroshima-Nagasaki and the *hibakusha*; Ronald Reagan and the threat of nuclear war; death squads in El Salvador; U.S. support for contras in Nicaragua; Kampuchea and Vietnam; the Marcos dictatorship and the murder of Benigno Aquino; the lack of democracy within the Democratic Party; and the opportunistic revision of Martin Luther King's legacy. This hardly supports Ishimatsu's charge that concern is focused "only on the issue of whites suppressing blacks."

Admittedly, there are many more subjects deserving greater attention in the media. More needs to be written on the military junta in Ethiopia, and the role of neo-colonial regimes in suppressing democratic forces in Kenya, Ghana, and a host of other countries throughout the Third World. The suppression of Solidarity in Poland and the papal attack on liberation theology also deserve

consideration. But this is not Ishimatsu's real concern.

In the end, Ishimatsu uses the cover of "selective indignation" to undermine the sincerity and integrity of those of us who oppose apartheid in South Africa. By a splendid skein of twisted logic, Ishimatsu concludes that those who oppose apartheid are themselves racist! "One can see that political morality is not the issue; the issue is one of race," he says, as though the two are in opposition.

When Japanese Americans were rounded up and carted away from the West Coast, the issue was primarily one of race. Is it therefore *not* one of political morality? Ishimatsu's arguments make no sense when applied to our own history and experience. They make as little sense when applied to South Africa.

It is important that we "assess other 'guilty' nations as well" when pursuing our goal of peace, justice and equality for all people of all nations. It is healthy to examine our motives and our biases in "selecting" one issue or cause over another. Ishimatsu makes a good point in that regard. We must also be on guard against the diffusion of effort and paralysis of action that result from attempting to attack all targets at all times, for this is but another version of the divide-and-conquer strategy used by the powerful few against the potentially powerful many.

STAN SHIKUMA
Seattle

Onizuka Ignored

Regarding "Lost In Space" by J.K. Yamamoto (Feb. 8 PC): lack of recognition on the Mainland for Major Onizuka as the first Asian American in space is not out of context when we consider the lack of publicity given to recruiting of potential servicemen for the U.S. Armed Forces.

I have yet to see a single Oriental face in our recruiting campaigns for our Army, Navy, or the Air Force. Military recruiting spot commercials during sporting events on TV and recruiting posters in government buildings are completely void of anyone with Oriental-looking faces. There are plenty of Blacks and some with Hispanic features but not a single Oriental, let alone an American of Japanese ancestry.

Is it possible that our Armed Forces discourage young Orientals from making the military a career? Does our younger generation look upon the military service as a career to avoid? There must be a message somewhere that I missed during my 33-plus years in the service.

Orientals are also very conspicuous by their absence in the ceremonial unit at our nation's capital. I'm sure there are a few photogenic Orientals in our Armed Forces who would qualify for as-

signment to the unit in Military District of Washington but I have yet to see one.

This lack of publicity must be just another case of taking our lumps as we struggle along as "Quiet Americans."

I think my next letter will be addressed to the Army Recruiting Command asking why the Orientals are not actively recruited for our Armed Forces.

JIMMIE KANAYA
Colonel, USA (ret.)
Gig Harbor, Wash.

□

I was glad to see the "Lost in Space" article in your Feb. 8 issue about the lack of publicity of Ellison Onizuka's space flight.

As former executive director of the Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc. (OCA) in Washington, D.C., and as someone who is active in the Asian American community, I have felt it important to work on and publicize events that are historic and important.

Unfortunately, the mainstream media often ignore the achievements of Asian Americans. I did hear one report on National Public Radio about Ellison being the first Asian American to go up in space, but it was silence after that. We got no pictures, no recognition, no nothing for an historic event.

I understand that a Chinese American (he's also part Hispanic) is training for space travel. Perhaps we can work harder (as we seem to have to do eternally) to publicize his efforts, even if the mainstream doesn't. We have not yet come that far, but we always have to strive harder. It's a "Catch-22" stereotype.

I'm glad that Pacific Citizen noted Ellison's milestone.

LAURA CHIN
Washington, D.C.

Fire and Brimstone

Mr. Bohall (Feb. 1 PC) "doth protest too much, me thinks" as he with apocalyptic energy and length complains of JACL's "condemnation" of the congressional resolution on the Year of the Bible (I agree; it was dumb) but characterizes the deed as "anti-Caucasian and anti-Western."

Weighted down by chains of Christian certitude and racial myopia, he lashes out with an assortment of "white man's burden" myths and considerable historical, constitutional, and theological oversimplifications, misapplications, and wrongheadedness. His letter demonstrates the courage of his limitations unattended by lucidity; reading it was a test of Zen patience and Tao tolerance.

Surely Mr. Bohall is aware that in the name of Christianity and Western mercantilism, megadeaths became a new historical phenomenon, extravagantly executed during colonialism, slavery, and, the ultimate horror, the Holocaust. Moreover, the incarceration of Japanese Americans occurred in a white and Christian nation for which the latter now has collective amnesia. It was a concentrated experience without the epic level and proportions of the Holocaust; unlike the Jews we were singed and not consumed by fire. From fallen innocence we realized that the Bible, the Christian West, and the U.S. Constitution were no more infallible than the dogmas of the popes (cosmic revelations most awful).

I am reminded of an aphorism of my favorite Western sage, Dorothy Parker: "He's really awfully fond of colored people. Well, he says himself, that he wouldn't have white servants."

EJI SUYAMA
Ellsworth, Me.

For the Record

Last week we made a few errors in layout for which we apologize. The article on the national board meeting and Richard Miyao's article on his father's Shinto shrine were among the casualties of a late night/early morning paste-up session.

In Miyao's article, the paragraph beginning with "In the fall of 1942..." should follow the paragraph ending with "were separated from both parents and were entrusted to distant rela-

tives."

The section on the membership renewal plan, which was divided by other items discussed at the board meeting, is reprinted on page 7.

In addition, Shea Aoki was inadvertently left off the listing of Seattle Chapter board members in Ann Fujii's article on the chapter's installation dinner.

Again, we apologize for the errors. —B.S.

Whereabouts

I graduated from the University of Nebraska in the spring of 1943. At that time, a Bill Hashimoto also graduated in civil engineering from the U of Neb. Also there was a chemical engineer by the name of Yamashita in the graduate school at that time. If anyone knows the whereabouts of either of these people, I would appreciate information of or from them.

WILLIAM SHIMASAKI
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Does anyone know Lori Reiko Higa's current address? The last address I have is for Cary, N.C. It came back "Return to Sender." I helped edit a magazine she wrote for and want to send her a copy.

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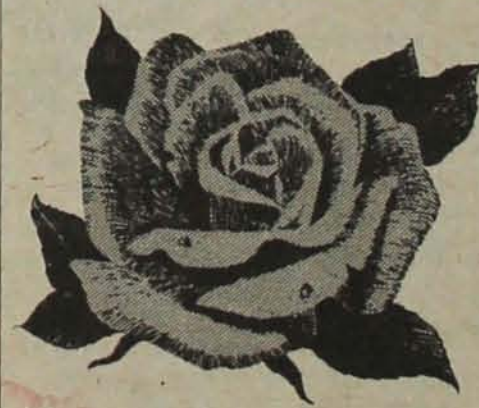
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LOS ANGELES — Tritia Toyota, anchorperson for KNBC-TV, is the keynote speaker at a day-long conference discussing contemporary issues in the Japanese American community on Saturday, March 23, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

The conference is sponsored by the Pacific Southwest District JACL, which covers the southern half of California from San Luis Obispo to San Diego, plus Las Vegas and Phoenix.

Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. Cost, which includes lunch, is \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students and persons over 60 years old. Information: John Saito, (213) 626-4471.

Luncheon Panel

Inter-ethnic Dialogue:

How can we continue the interaction?

A noon-time panel sponsored by the Ethnic Concerns Committee brings together leaders from major human and civil rights organizations.

Panel Members

Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith: Harvey Schechter, regional director

Japanese American Citizens League:

Irene Hirano, chair, JACL national women's concerns committee and member, ethnic concerns committee

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund: John Huerta, associate counsel

Southern Christian Leadership Conference—Los Angeles: Mark Ridley-Thomas, executive director

Moderator: John Saito, regional director, JACL

SESSION I: 10:45 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.

Has Asian culture hampered individual development?

The homemaker and her role as obedient wife; the working homemaker's conflict as decision-maker at work and obedient wife at home; and the single woman's attempts to be assertive in our upwardly mobile society.

PRESENTERS: Dr. Edward T. Himeno, child psychiatrist, and Karen Ishizuka, anthropologist/writer

MODERATOR: Sanae Kawasaki, co-chair, PSWD women's concerns committee

Interracial Relationships:

Social Progress or Cultural Deterioration?

Why people choose/seek interracial relationships, and the effects upon parents whose children are interracially involved.

PRESENTER: Dr. Harry Kitano, professor, social welfare & sociology, UCLA

MODERATOR: Emily Y. Takeuchi, MSW, director, Western Region Asian American Project

Japanese Americans and U.S.-Japan Relations

Workshop objectives: (1) to briefly survey contemporary U.S.-Japan relations; (2) to examine how this relationship affects JAs; (3) to discuss why JAs should take interest in the bilateral relationship; (4) to assess the risks and benefits of JA involvement in the relationship; and (5) to explore ways in which JAs can partici-

pate in U.S.-Japan relations.

PRESENTERS: Hon. Taizo Watanabe, consul general of Japan; Jun Mori, Esq., partner, Kelley, Drye & Warren; Rose Ochi, national V.P., JACL; L.A. chair, JACL U.S.-Japan Relations Committee

MODERATOR: Richard Kenmotsu, manager, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

Life After 55: It Will Happen To You

Aging & Retirement issues as they relate to minority communities. The recent JACL national aging and retirement committee's "A Tale of Nisei Retirement" will also be shown. The intent of this workshop is to develop the action plan for the PSWD aging and retirement committee.

PRESENTER: Dr. Torres-Gil, USC Sch. of Gerontology

MODERATORS: Betty Kozasa, Calif. Senior Legislature; and Dr. Ford Kuramoto, JACL national chair, aging and retirement committee

SESSION II: 2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Advocacy: Speaking Up for One's Point of View

What lessons have we learned about legislative advocacy from the redress experience? How can we apply those lessons to other areas of concern?

PRESENTERS: Harry Kawahara, PSWD chair, legislative subcommittee, redress committee; Alan Nishio, Little Tokyo People's Rights Organization; and Joyce Okinaka, representative, National Council for Japanese American Redress

MODERATOR: George Ogawa, chair, PSWD redress committee

Basic Legal Rights for Women

Today women venturing into new frontiers—career and other alternative lifestyles—are seeing the negative side to their new-found freedom. Three main areas to be discussed: employment rights, family law, and wills & trusts.

PRESENTERS: Leslie Furukawa, Esq., partner, Williams, Williams & Furukawa; and Gerald Sato, Esq., Allred, Maroko, Goldberg & Ribakoff

MODERATOR: Marilyn Nakata, co-chair, PSWD women's concerns committee

Risktaking/Building Productive Relationships

Some factors that lead to the building of significant and satisfying relationships for single individuals and the role of risk-taking in these relationships. Also "getting acquainted" activities.

PRESENTER: Satoshi Hayashi, MSW, licensed social worker & marriage, family & child counselor.

MODERATOR: Midori Watanabe Kamei, JACL national chair, singles committee

Involvement and Leadership in JACL:

Where Are We Going?

How one might move up the ranks within JACL; the factors which lead to lack of interest in JACL; and why should one get involved in JACL.

PRESENTERS: May Doi, city clerk, Gardena; J.D. Hokoyama, chair, PSWD, ethnic concerns committee; David Ikegami, student, USC; Alan Kumamoto, executive director, Center for Non-Profit Management; Henry Sakai, former chair, Pacific Citizen Board

MODERATOR: Patrick Ogawa, chair, PSWD, Sansei leadership development committee

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The other night we drove to Ventura County to attend their board meeting. For many years that chapter was dormant but through the efforts of Harry and Janet Kajihara the chapter was reactivated. After a delicious dinner hosted by Nate and Shirley Harimoto they got down to the business on hand. Last month's project was to clean up the Japanese cemetery. The task included the mending of the fence, painting 62 grave markers, cleaning headstones and cutting weeds. I had learned that the earliest burial there was in 1906 and the last one in 1960. The lot was donated to the Japanese community by the local Masonic Lodge. This month's project is to have a free showing of the film "Seven Samurai."

Incorporated in the meeting was a presentation by the chapter liaison Ken Inouye. Last year, the Coachella Valley Chapter requested someone from the district board to install their incoming officers. Since the governor and vice-governor was committed to attend other installations, Ken as the district treasurer volunteered. (Ken has been invited to a return engagement.) Out of that visit Ken developed the idea of a liaison between the district board and the chapters. He

has researched the history of the organization and its structure. From that research he has developed an easy-to-read handbook that he passes out to chapter members. Although Ken is the first to admit that he is no authority on the organization, he is willing to share what knowledge he has gained thus far.

As a witness to Ken's easy-mannered presentation I was left with the impression that the chapter enjoyed and benefitted from his sharing of information.

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Yonehiro delights Placer installation

by Roy Yoshida
LINCOLN, Calif.—Unanimously reelected to his second term, Ken Tokutomi, activist Sansei from Newcastle, was sworn in as president of Placer County Japanese American Citizens League for 1985 at an installation dinner held Jan. 26.

In again assuming the leadership of the 57-year-old human and civil rights organization, Tokutomi pledged to continue vigorously recruiting Sansei members and to revamp the chapter program in an effort to widen the scope of membership participation. He hopes to have the chapter offer activities to match the varied interests of the members. He is also interested in promoting networks with neighboring JACL chapters, not only on social concerns, but also to weave a strong base on political issues.

To pursue that purpose, Tokutomi announced the appointment of Dr. Michael Hatashita as special public relations chairman.

Frank Iwama, Sacramento attorney and former national JACL legal counsel, was the installing officer, while Kay Miyamura, immediate past president, handled the dinner program as master of ceremonies.

Guest speaker Judge George Yonehiro of Placer Superior Court set aside his judicial mien for the evening and delighted his audience with an entertaining dissertation on the peculiar universality of language. He drew from his experience conversing with Italians while serving with the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Italy during WWII. Many of the Italian words he noticed were strangely akin to words he remembered spoken by his Issei parents. Words were somewhat disguised in pronunciation but their meaning remained basically the same as of their counterparts, he found.

Judge Yonehiro closed his remarks to the group with a moral that regardless of the differences

of our roots, we are all Americans.

In addition to Tokutomi, this year's officers and board members are:

Hugo Nishimoto, 1st vp, prgm/activities; Judy Buckley, 2d vp, memb; Lee Kusumoto, 3d vp, cmty serv; Bill Tsuji, rec sec; Roy Yoshida, cor sec/publ; Ellen Kubo, treas;

and Kay Miyamura, ex officio.
Bd members: Nob Hamasaki, Michael Hatashita, Frank Kageta, James Kaneko, Harry Kawahata, Kazuko King, Sam Maeda, Martha Miyamura, Dick Nishimura, Toki Okusu, Ida Otani, Tad Yamashiro, and Hike Yego.

Del: Ellen Kubo, official; Harry Kawahata and Ken Tokutomi, alt.

Committees: Frank Kageta, address; Hike Yego, 1000 Club; and Cosma Sakamoto, group ins.

Andrew's contributions to Nikkei community recalled

G. Tim Gojio
JACL Washington Rep.

In the June 18, 1976, Pacific Citizen, a small one-paragraph story under "Milestones" appeared, telling of the death of the Rev. Emery Andrews. The story gave a brief background on his life, how he had been the pastor at the Japanese Baptist Church in Seattle, how he followed his congregation into exile in the Idaho desert, and how he passed away following a heart attack in May of 1976.

Like many such notices it only hinted at the full story of his life, and at his immense dedication to and faith in the Japanese Americans in Seattle.

I consider the Rev. Andrews, or "Andy" as he was known, to be a true hero. He was the highest and truest friend of the Japanese community, as was evidenced by his loyalty during the dark times of the evacuation and internment. He knew his true duty was to serve his exiled congregation, and he followed them, moving his family of five from Seattle to Twin Falls, Idaho, near the Minidoka detention camp. He was forced to move at least once when the landlord learned he ministered to the Japanese Americans in camp.

Hideo Hoshide of Seattle, in discussing the Rev. Andrews' experience at that time, wrote:

"During their stay in Idaho, the Andrews family opened their home as a hostel to the evacuees,



Photo courtesy Japanese Baptist Church

although they suffered innumerable threats and humiliation from local antagonists because of their association with the Japanese. And, although traveling during the war years was very difficult, Reverend Andrews had made some 56 round trips to Seattle, covering some 1,500 miles on the average of more than once a month, to bring back needed articles left behind by the Japanese families."

One of those trips was on behalf of my mother's family who needed to get some items out of storage in Seattle.

Andy began his work among the Japanese American community in 1929, as the pastor of the Seattle Japanese Baptist Church. His friendly ways and willingness to

Louisiana activist Tamai dies

METAIRIE, La.—Frank Fumiaki Tamai, co-owner and president of Oriental Merchandise Co. and a 25-year resident of Metairie, died Feb. 8 at Baptist Hospital. He was 58.

A native of Vacaville, Calif., Tamai moved to Omaha, Neb., during World War II to avoid internment. He served in the Korean

War and also became president of the Omaha Chapter of JACL. He remained in Omaha until 1960.

While in the New Orleans area, Tamai was a member of the Japan Society, a cultural exchange group, and president of the society in 1980.

He was a founding member and twice president of the Japan Club, formed 10 years ago. He was also on its board of directors and editor of its bilingual newsletter for eight years.

Founded Cultural Events

During his first term as president of the Japan Club, he originated the local observance of Bon Odori, a folk dance held as part of a festival in Japan every August. During his second term, he founded the Japan Culture Fair.

He was a JACL Thousand Club member and also belonged to the Airline Lions Club.

In 1980, he was chairman of the Asian/Pacific American Society, and organized a week-long celebration for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week.

Tamai was in the process of organizing an Asian/Pacific Democratic Club statewide and was expected to be appointed to a Governor's Asian/Pacific American Affairs Committee at the time of his death.

The Japanese American community here is embarking on a project that also was a pet project of Tamai. He was instrumental recently in having sakura trees planted in City Park in New Orleans. In his honor, family and friends are beginning a fund to establish a Frank Tamai sakura grove.

He is survived by wife Chiyeko Kuwada Tamai; son Stan Tamai; daughter Ramona Umeki; brother Jack Tamai (Orange, Calif.); and sister Gladys Hirabayashi (Omaha, Neb.).

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ping for 43 years. I think we are about now to punch a hole in this rock, if we can only sustain this effort, if you are totally, absolutely committed."

Bert Nakano, national spokesperson for NCRR, also emphasized cooperation between different communities as a means of achieving redress and other goals. "Among Asian Pacifics, there runs a thread of our common history. Our grandparents, as immigrants, lived through harsh and hostile conditions. Similarly, our recent immigrants are faced with racism and violence in their daily lives throughout the country."

"For those of us who have experienced the concentration camps of WW2, and knowing full well what racism is all about, surely it is only right...that we stand to deplore and fight against it in...Asian Pacific communities, Chicano and Black communities, as well as all oppressed people in the world."

A panel of representatives from other Asian organizations expressed support for redress and also discussed other issues of concern to their respective groups.

Pok Than of United Cambodian Community talked about the difficulty newly arrived immigrants

from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam have in organizing across ethnic lines.

Roy Gorre, editor of Asian American News, mentioned Filipino American concerns such as repression in the Philippines, the establishment of a "Manilatown" in Los Angeles, and the plight of Filipinos who fought for the U.S. during WW2 but were not given U.S. citizenship as promised.

Craig Wong of Chinatown Progressive Assn. discussed housing and social service problems in the growing Chinese immigrant community, anti-Asian violence, and the push to expand the L.A. city council to ensure Asian representation.

Duncan Lee of Korean American Coalition mentioned such problems as conflict between the Korean and Black communities. He pointed to the Chol Soo Lee case as another example of how Asian Americans have united on a single issue and succeeded in reaching their goal.

Other speakers included Gardena city councilman Mas Fukai, who presented a "Day of Remembrance" resolution from L.A. County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn; George Ogawa, PSW JAACL redress chair; Rev. Paul Nakamura of Lutheran Oriental Church; and Rev. Roy Kokuzo of Long Beach Buddhist Church.

Calendar

- **Through April 6**
San Francisco — 'Asa Ga Kimashita' by Velina Houston, Nova Theater, 347 Dolores, Wed-Sun; tkts 221-1227
- **Through April 7**
Los Angeles — Shodo, contemporary Jpn calligraphy exh, Doizaki Gallery, 244 S San Pedro, Tu-Sun, 12-5pm
- **Saturday, March 2**
Stanford — As Pac Student Union annl conf, info (408) 462-2472
- **March 4-8**
Elk Grove, Calif. — Nikkei hist'l exh, Elk Grove Un Sch Dist
- **Wednesday, March 6**
San Francisco — Opening perf, 'Asa Ga Kimashita,' by Velina Houston, Nova Th, 347 Dolores, 8pm; thru Apr 6
- **Saturday, March 9**
Puyallup Vly — Aging and Ret seminar, 1-5:30pm, Tac Buddhist Ch, 1717 S Fawcett Ave
- **San Fernando Vly** — 'Unfinished Business,' dinner mtg, Jpn Am Cmnty Cntr, 12953 Bradford, 6pm; info
- Mitzi Kushida (818) 360-6718
West Vly — Get-together for new members, Fellowship Hall, Wesley Methodist Ch, San Jose, 7:30pm
- **Friday, March 8**
Philadelphia — Bd mtg, Jack Ozawa res
- Gr LA Singles** — Joint instl dnr with Gardena Vly, Proud Bird Res't, Escadrille Rm, 11022 Aviation Blvd, nr LAX; 6pm; dancing to Taka; info Taii Kaili (818) 704-0997, Kaz Yoshitomi (213) 296-7848, Pam Shimada (213) 538-2624
- Seabrook** — Chow mein dnr, Woodruff Sch
- **Wednesday, March 13**
Los Angeles — The Music Lessons, opening perf, by Wakako Yamauchi, East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd; info 660-0366
- **Sunday, March 18**
Los Angeles — Perf by comedy group Cold Tofu, 660 N Heliotrope Dr nr Vermont, 8pm, tkts (213) 664-9288
- **Monday, March 18**
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