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## News in Brief

### Bay Area leader speaks against redress

FRESNO, Calif. — University of California regent Yori Wada told a Fresno State Univ. audience on March 7 that while he regards the WW2 internment as "an evil action," he opposes monetary compensation to former internees.

According to a report by Jim Steinberg of the Fresno Bee, Wada, 68, recalled for the Amerasia Week meeting the discrimination Japanese Americans faced during his prewar years in Hanford, Calif. And as a GI during the war, Wada told the Bee, he was "miserable and angry that I had to meet my family within the confines of barbed wire."

Yet Wada opposes monetary redress, the Bee reported, because many of the older Japanese Americans have died, and the younger generations thrive. "America has repaid in the kind of lives we live," Wada said.

Wada, former executive director of Buchanan St. YMCA, is co-chair of the campaign to raise funds for the construction of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of No. California. He was last year's recipient of JACL's Nikkei of the Biennium Award for education/humanities.

### Discrimination complaint filed against L.A. county

LOS ANGELES — Two employees of the Los Angeles County Health Service Dept. have filed a class action complaint, alleging that they have been repeatedly passed over for promotion because of their race. Thomas Ohgi and Wallace Shishido, who both have been with the county for more than 20 years, have initiated administrative proceedings with the Calif. Dept. of Fair Employment and Housing. If the procedure does not result in a satisfactory resolution, the two say they will file a class action suit in court.

Ohgi and Shishido are represented by the Asian Pacific American Legal Center and the Center for Law in the Public Interest.

### U.S. may clean up Bikini atoll, site of nuclear tests

WASHINGTON — If Congress agrees, the Reagan Administration will remove radioactive topsoil from Bikini atoll, site of 23 U.S. nuclear weapons tests until 1958, reports the Los Angeles Times. Lawyers for the Justice Dept. and the 1,200 islanders agreed to dismiss the Bikinians' lawsuit seeking to force a cleanup of the remaining radioactivity.

### Hong Kong immigration bill introduced

WASHINGTON — A House bill that would raise the yearly quota for immigrants from Hong Kong from 600 to 5,000 was introduced Mar. 8 by Rep. Norman Mineta (D-CA).

The existing colonial quota, which Mineta called "antiquated and discriminatory," keeps the number of visas granted Hong Kong residents far below the 20,000 allowed independent countries.

"There is a particular urgency to this legislation now that Great Britain has agreed to relinquish control of Hong Kong to the People's Republic in 1997," Mineta explained, "because at that point Hong Kong will presumably lose its limited status as a colony and thereafter be included within the overall quota for China."

The bill, HR 1482, would enable "a reasonable number of people" to emigrate from Hong Kong within the 11 years remaining, he said. If passed, it would take effect in fiscal year 1986 and follow the existing system of preferences, which gives first priority to relatives of U.S. citizens and perma-

nent residents.

Robert Wu, national vice president of Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), said that many months of behind-the-scenes work with congressional staff preceded the introduction of the bill. The legislation also has the support of Illinois senators Paul Simon (D) and Alan Dixon (D).

## Hyster ad campaign attacked

by Robert Shimabukuro

Roughly one year ago, Hyster Co., based in Portland, Ore., introduced its newest lift truck. Designed by a team led by project engineer Max Ozawa, the lift truck was hailed as America's answer to the Japanese challenge from Toyota and Datsun.

While the product itself has been praised by many, Hyster's marketing approach has left many, especially Japanese Americans, with a sour taste.

### Commentary

Philip Tajitsu Nash of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York, answering requests from Japanese Americans in the Pacific Northwest, this past week issued a letter of protest to Hyster president William Fronk and board chairman William Kilkenny, in anticipation of Hyster's 1985 ad campaign scheduled to run in April.

"While the [1984] ad campaign has completed its course," wrote Nash, "I felt it was important to register a note of protest so that such ads would not be used in the future. In the meantime, details of the campaign and its effects are under investigation by our office."

The ad campaign for the new S40-60XL lift truck, run by the advertising firm of Bozell and Jacobs, featured menacing photographs of a sumo wrestler, a kabuki warrior, and a samurai in conjunction with texts proclaiming that Hyster had met the competition head-on and come out on top.

"If your company has produced a product that is better than the Japanese product," Nash added, "you are to be congratulated." But, he continued, the prevailing attitude that "they [Asians] are good, but we [Americans] are

better" has hurt Asian Americans.

Hyster corporation has consistently portrayed itself as being at war with the Japanese. While the text of the ads in question was a muted and restrained version of earlier Hyster appeals, the large photographs of threatening Japanese continued to convey the impression of a company at war with "Japan, Inc."

William Fronk sees otherwise. In a letter to Bill Yoshino of Midwest JACL, he states that "to symbolize the competition, we felt that using realistic, contemporary Japanese would indeed appear to be creating scapegoats. So we used instead some classical Japanese symbolic figures as illustrations in these ads."

Fronk added, "Our new campaign, being designed for 1985, will have an altogether different objective, and therefore will not feature the same content or depictions."

When Hyster closed its Portland plant after it was unable to receive subsidies from the City of Portland or the State of Oregon, Fronk and Kilkenny took out a two-page ad in the Oregonian blaming the company's problems on the "unfree and unfair" trade practices of "Japan, Inc." The ad, full of inflammatory phrases such as "fighting to survive," "combat the assault," "economic incursion," and quoting Chrysler chairman Lee Iacocca extensively, played on Americans' fear of an encroaching outsider and sounded more like fighters hyping an upcoming match.

As the Pacific Northwest business community leaders winced (Oregon and Washington have favorable trade balances with Japan), Kilkenny went to Scotland, again to denounce "Japan, Inc." and managed to win wage conces-

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Photo by Shuji Noguchi, Rafu Shimpō  
Japanese Ambassador Yoshio Okawara gives farewell speech.

## Okawara assesses U.S.-Japan relations

LOS ANGELES — Yoshio Okawara, returning home after five years as Japan's ambassador to the U.S., gave his assessment of U.S.-Japan relations March 15 at a reception and dinner held in his honor by the Ambassadors Council of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

"During the past five years I was involved in several sets of negotiations where misperceptions and misunderstandings made the task of reaching agreement painfully difficult," he told the gathering at New Otani Hotel. "In time, we were able to resolve our differences, but only after paying unnecessary costs."

The difficulties Okawara experienced will be inherited by his successor, Nobuo Matsunaga, who assumes his duties March 26.

Okawara said the widespread image of Japan as a closed market for U.S. exports is "out-of-date." "This is no longer the case, following the gradual deregulation in the 70s and 80s as well as a series of bold measures to open our markets during the past several years."

"By any formal criteria, Japan is today a more open market than the European community. In tariff levels and nontariff barriers, Japan is now more comparable to the United States."

Okawara attributed America's trade imbalance with Japan, which has led to charges of unfair Japanese trade practices, to "reasons beyond Japan's control."

"America's trade is in deficit with most of the world... a major cause of record U.S. trade deficits is the overvalued dollar, which makes U.S. exports too expensive in world markets, and U.S. imports too cheap."

Stating that Japan is one of the fastest growing markets in the

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Hyster ad which company spokesman said "did not intend to demean anyone."





Jim Harper as "Charlie Rum"

## Protests stop 'Charlie Rum'

SOUTHFIELD, Mich.—A pseudo-Asian character played by a white TV host has been dropped from WXON-TV following protests from Asian Americans.

As "Charlie Rum," the host of Channel 20's "Martial Arts Theater," Jim Harper had donned buck teeth, make-up to make his eyes appear slanted, and a Fu Manchu-style moustache and spoke in accented, broken English.

The caricature aroused the ire of American Citizens for Justice (ACJ), a Detroit-based Asian American community organization. When contacted by ACJ members, however, both Harper and WXON vice president Doug Johnson insisted that the characterization was humorous rather than racist.

ACJ, which was formed in response to the 1982 killing of Vincent Chin in Detroit and the light sentences given his killers, informed Asian American community groups nationwide about the show and urged them to send letters of protest to WXON and to the companies that advertised during the "Martial Arts Theater" time slot.

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) wrote WXON management a letter which read, in part: "Not only is this program completely lacking in good taste and humor, it is dangerous and inflammatory and has the potential to incite further prejudice and violence against Americans of Asian ancestry."

Citing cases of anti-Asian violence in Michigan such as the Chin case and the January, 1985 attack on Kiet Tien, an immigrant from Vietnam now living in Grand Ledge, Matsui told the station that "as a licensed guardian of the public trust, you have an obligation to promote understanding and brotherhood in your community. The Charlie Rum character serves only to fan the flames of racial ignorance and intolerance."

In a Feb. 25 letter notifying Matsui that the segments had been

## HR 4110 transcripts released

WASHINGTON—Transcripts of the congressional hearings on redress bill HR 4110 before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations have been released, according to the JACL National Redress Office.

Titled "Japanese American and Aleutian Wartime Relocation," the 989-page report includes the written and oral testimonies presented June 20, 21, 27 and September 12, 1984 before the subcommittee chaired by Rep. Sam Hall (D-Texas).

Included in the subcommittee's record are the support statements from members of Congress co-sponsoring the redress legislation; the personal testimonies of congressmen Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui, both of whom were interned during WW2; and statements by three members of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians—chairperson Joan Bernstein, commissioner Arthur Flemming, and special counsel Angus Macbeth.

dropped, Johnson wrote, "I agree that WXON-TV has an obligation to everyone in our community and hope this matter is now resolved."

Last year, ACJ, Matsui and others directed protests at Six Flags Autoworld in Flint when it displayed a poster showing a car with buck teeth and slits for eyes bombing an aircraft carrier labeled "Detroit." The caricature, which protestors said encouraged anti-Asian sentiment, was subsequently taken down.

Kaz Mayeda of Detroit JACL, who credited ACJ's campaign for the cancellation of the "Charlie Rum" segments, said, "We can never let our guard down. We must constantly be on the alert for bigotry."

Representatives from JACL, NCRR, Go For Broke, Inc., and the Nisei Farmers League also appeared as witnesses.

Opposition was presented primarily by Karl Bendetsen and John McCloy, both of whom were involved in the planning and implementation of the government's wartime policies, and David Lowman, who alleged that Japanese Americans were involved in espionage, basing his claims on declassified diplomatic cables known as "Magic."

For information regarding the availability of the transcripts, inquiries should be directed to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations in Washington, D.C.

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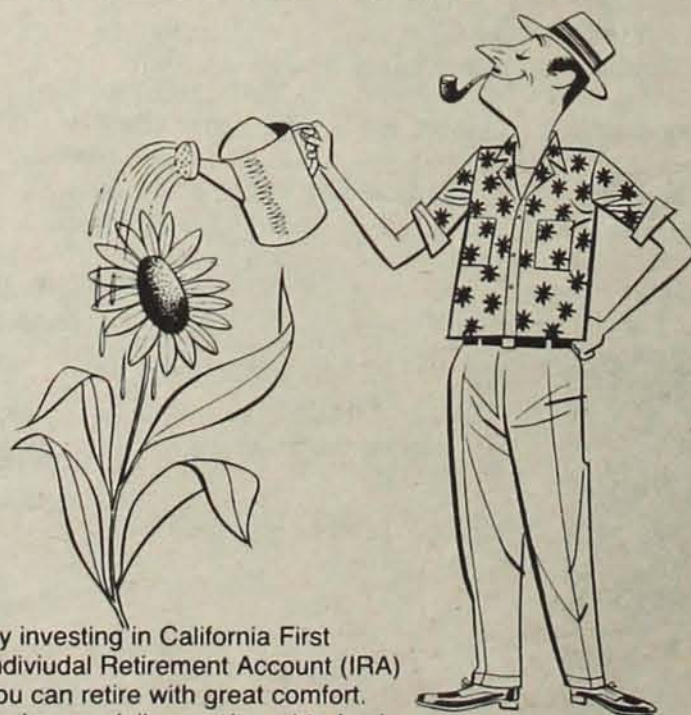
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sions from workers at Hyster's Irvine, Scotland, plant. In addition, it enlarged operations in Illinois, Alabama, Kentucky, and Indiana, where the company received significant public subsidies. The Berea, Kentucky, plant, where the S40-60XL is produced, received \$1 million in federal block grant funds in 1983 from the State of Kentucky.

Ozawa, the project engineer for the successful H40-60XL lift truck built in Northern Ireland, was asked to produce a similar but built-in-USA version for the plant in Berea; in 1984, the first S40-60XL came off the line, on schedule, and within projected costs. On April 2, 1984, the first ad appeared in Industry Week, followed by an April 9 appearance in the Wall Street Journal.

Ozawa was upset. Hyster's justification, that it was simply showing the Japanese the respect that they deserved, seemed shallow in light of the type of response generated. Even within the organization there were reservations about the ad campaign. In an interoffice memo, a customer survey report by Bob Reardon states, "There is concern in the Seattle area that the 1984 Japanese advertising campaign may be offensive to some customers. Seattle has a high Japanese population."

What bothered Ozawa was the fact that many of the components are manufactured in Japan. In a letter to Fronk, Ozawa wrote, "I have spent the last seven years working hard to make the 'XL' product concept successful, result-

ing in the new H40-60XL and the S40-60XL product for Hyster Company. In that seven-year period I have helped foster new and successful relationships with Japanese suppliers, such as Isuzu, Mazda and Kayaba. . . .

"My concerns, however, go beyond the negative impact this campaign may have on our Japanese suppliers. The campaign creates a very unfavorable environment for me, my family and all Japanese Americans. Although this may sound incredulous to you, we did experience many incidences of racial gestures and slurs when Hyster simply wrote about the Portland plant closure during February 1983. The photos being used for the campaign add to the level of ignorance about Japan and the Japanese."

Paul Laroia, manager of marketing services for Hyster's Industrial Truck Division in Danville, Ill., claims otherwise. "We hired cultural experts from the Japanese Cultural Club at the University of Illinois to advise us and to insure the accuracy of the photos," he said.

"The objectives of the ad campaign, to create attention and impact, and to engender inquiries about the product, were met. There was no intent to demean anyone, and I apologize if anybody's feelings were hurt."

Ozawa, who has worked at Hyster for 16 years and is obviously proud of his accomplishments within the Hyster Company, stated simply, "The XL series is a good product. It doesn't need racism to sell it."



Yukiko Kamei

## Violinist Kamei to solo in Bach birthday concert

ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, Calif.—Violinist Yukiko Kamei will be soloist in an all-Bach concert to be presented by the Baroque Consortium Chamber Orchestra with Dr. Frances Steiner, conductor, at the Norris Community Theatre, Sunday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m.

The program, which salutes the tercentenary of the birth of Johann Sebastian Bach, will include his Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 and Suite No. 2 in B minor with Susan Stockhammer as flute soloist.

Concertmistress Kamei will perform the Violin Concerto in E Major by Bach.

Japanese-born Kamei is a protégé of Jascha Heifetz, and served as his assistant in master classes at USC. Kamei, a faculty member at UCLA and Pepperdine University, recently made her New York debut.

Tickets are \$15 and \$12; student and senior citizen tickets at half price will be available 48 hours in advance of the concert.

Box office hours are noon to 6 p.m., Mon. thru Fri., noon to 2 p.m., Sat.

The theatre is located on Crossfield Drive at Indian Peak Road. For information, call the theatre at (213) 544-0403.

## Community Affairs

LOS ANGELES — Visual Communications begins its year long 15th anniversary celebration with a photo exhibition **Planting Roots: A History of Filipinos in California** at Space 311 Gallery, 311 N. Serrano. The exhibition is a photo documentary of Pilipinos who immigrated to the United States during the 1920s. The exhibit covers their immigration, labor history and settlement in California through the 1960s. "Planting Roots," designed as a traveling exhibition, runs through April 5 and is available for showings in communities throughout California. Persons or groups interested should contact project director Linda Mabalot at Visual Communications, 244 S. San Pedro, Suite 309, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or at (213) 680-4462.

So. California Library for Social Studies and Research hosts a day-long conference, Saturday, March 30, entitled **Immigrants and Minorities in Los Angeles: The New International City**. Topics include: Labor exploitation in L.A., Politics of the Powerless, Church and Revolution, Education, Foreign Policy, and Organizing Against Poverty and Repression. Also featured are a slide presentation on Chicano murals in L.A. and artwork on Black life in L.A. The \$5 registration fee includes lunch. For information: (213) 759-6063.

A weeklong arts festival was announced by local peace groups to mark the 40th anniversary of the atomic-bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It will be a part of a nationwide effort to create public support for a nuclear test ban treaty. Called **August 1945/August 1985: Imagine There's a Future**, it will be coordinated by the Hollywood Women's Coalition and the Interfaith Center to Reverse the Arms Race. The festival is scheduled to start July 28.

A workshop on osteoporosis sponsored by the **Nisei Continuing Education Committee of the Little Tokyo Service Center** and **City View Hospital** will be held on Saturday, March 30, 1985, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. in Little Tokyo. Admission is free. For information, call Bill Watanabe at (213) 680-3729.

FRESNO — The fourth annual conference of the **Asian Pacific American Advocates of California (APAAC)** hosted by the Central Valley APAAC members will be held Sat., March 23 at Cal State Fresno and the Lichee Garden Restaurant on 2814 North Maroa Ave. A presentation on quality of life by architect James Leong and addresses on the state of the organization

highlight the morning session at the University. Award presentations and installation of officers will follow addresses by Congressman Norman Mineta and Assemblyman Bruce Bronson at the luncheon banquet beginning at 11 a.m. at the Lichee Garden. Parenting will be the focus of the afternoon session. For information: Eugene Wong (209) 268-0143, Dr. Frank Nishio 299-3179, Kay Campbell 453-6228.

SACRAMENTO — The **Sacramento Nikkei Singles Club** will be going on an "overnighter" bus trip to the Monterey Aquarium, March 25-26. For details, call Jean at 395-3097 or 323-8176.

BELLEVUE, WASH. — A Nikkei reunion honoring Bellevue Issei is being planned for Aug. 16 and 17. Anyone interested should contact May Yoshinaka at 2310 S. Vern Court, Seattle, Washington 98108.

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In slang jargon, we refer to it in another way: Keep pluggin'.

AND SO IT IS when we consider the redress effort, the vindication of our honor, including in particular that of our practically disappeared Issei who endured so much, so long, in seeming silence. We have seen Round One come and go, and we are now gearing up for Round Two. And if we learned anything from our Issei, if we are to honor and respect the ethical values handed down to us, if we are to give meaning to those great values—we shall, must, persevere. *Doryoku*. Stick to it, and go

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at it with renewed determination.

We owe it to them and we owe it to the maintenance of the integrity upon which this nation was founded. We owe it to ourselves as Americans, as proud Americans.

WE MUST BE PREPARED to continue, unrelenting, to Round Two and any following rounds if such should become necessary. There well may be among us a few who will get discouraged, who will weaken, who will speak of retreat. There may be those who will clutch to their material gains and say that that is "enough," even as they are devoid of restoration of their honor. In any effort, there will be such as these. But we cannot succumb to such faltering, such compromises. Not where



honor is involved.

THERE ARE SOME who point to lack of unanimity among AJAs for redress. But that's democracy; that's the way our system of governance works in every phase of our society, whether it be electing a president or voting on an issue. Only in a totalitarian state can they achieve anything close to unanimity, and even there they are not able to achieve that monolithic status. So, if there be some

who first seek establishment of "unanimity" as a condition to forging ahead, such is a distracting and specious condition.

Let us not permit the unrealistic and phony condition of unanimity operate as a brake. No one else is required to operate by such a "rule." Why us?

THERE ARE YET others who, while professing support for redress, would give it a lower priority than some other goal. Again,

under our system of democratic governance, such are entitled to their views—whether we, for example, happen to agree or not. But we suggest to such proponents that if we achieve whatever those other objectives may be, but have not our own honor, then we will be nothing. If we see realization of those other goals, but our nation's integrity has not been restored to its grandness, then we will be second-rate Americans.

And, sadly, deservedly so.

## Letters

### Color Blind Gov't Urged

J.K. Yamamoto's fulminations seem to follow whatever statements I make on the redress issue. His last piece ("A Peculiar Debate," Feb. 15 PC), which would have me anathematized, apostatized, and even apotheosized (describing me as a "godsend"), would have been merely amusing were not the subject matter serious and were not his own commentary virtually libelous.

A detailed reply to Yamamoto's article on the televised exchange between Professor Leo Flynn and me (who was invited to participate at Flynn's suggestion) would be useless, but a pointed response to a major assumption of his and others' recent pieces in the PC is a moral necessity.

These writers assume that the welfare of Japanese Americans can best be promoted by the vigorous assertion of ethnic group rights, not the protection of individual civil and political rights of all Americans. Thus the concern about saving the Democratic Par-

ty's "Asian American Caucus." Thus Yamamoto's bizarre "Lost in Space" column of Feb. 8, which criticizes the media for not playing up (that is, beating to death) the race of the first Asian American in space. Thus the PC's favorable (if not condescending) coverage of the demagogue Jesse Jackson. And thus, most lamentable of all, the PC's support of a redress bill which would distribute benefits and close government positions to individuals on the basis of their ancestry.

But I seriously question whether it is either in our own interest or consistent with American ideals to support laws and practices that encourage categorization of American citizens on the basis of race and ancestry. I would rather proceed from the assumption that a color-blind government of limited but sufficient powers protecting equal individual rights is a political goal we as Americans want. My sole purpose in arguing as I have is to promote, in whatever way I can, that noble aim.

KEN MASUGI  
Claremont, Calif.

### 'Turner Confused'

I studied with interest the letter by J.L. Turner (Feb. 8 PC). There is no parallel between the treatment meted out to Mr. Turner, as an American prisoner of the Japanese, and the compulsory incarceration of American citizens of Japanese ancestry in concentration camps during WW2.

The Japanese government was entirely within its rights under international law to imprison enemy servicemen captured in time of war. The government of the U.S., by contrast, had no legitimate justification for the arbitrary imprisonment of American citizens outside the operation of due process of law guaranteed through the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

Shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War, I was formally classified "1-A" by the Selective Service Board. Then, in the hysterical aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor, my classification was amended to read "4-C," which, according to the *United States Government Manual*, issued by the Executive Office of the President in 1942 (please see p. 106), applied to "neutral aliens requesting relief from liability [of military conscription] and unacceptable alien enemies" (italics added).

Before the close of 1943, I was again reclassified by Selective Service, this time as "1-A." I was drafted into the U.S. Army early in 1944, served with the 542nd Parachute Infantry Battalion, and received my honorable discharge at war's end. Both my mother and father died in concentration camps while their five sons risked their lives in the uniform of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Turner has not persuaded me that he is entitled to compensation for harsh treatment he en-

dured as the prisoner of a nation with which the U.S. was then at war. Americans of Japanese ancestry, on the other hand, were the innocent victims of discrimination at the hands of their own government.

Mr. Turner made much of the fact that German and Italian aliens were locked up on Sand Island during WW2. In this instance, though, enemy citizens were involved, and the U.S. government was well within its rights under international law to round up and detain such individuals, whose loyalties to foreign powers justified detention.

However, thousands of Japanese citizens, many of whom had been living in the U.S. since before World War I, remained subjects of the Emperor only because discriminatory American laws barred them from the naturalization process which nevertheless remained open to immigrants from other countries, including those of German or Italian ancestry...

Mr. Turner was not subjected to abuse or rejection by his own government. He was not deprived of liberty or property by the President, Congress, and Supreme Court. He certainly was not reclassified as an "enemy alien." His charges of ill-use at the hands of the Japanese government cannot logically place him in the same category as American citizens of Japanese ancestry, who sacrificed and contributed to the war effort as much as any other group.

No amount of money could recompense me for the humiliation I suffered at the hands of my own government. Still, redress in monetary terms would represent confession of wrongdoing by authorities in Washington and might prevent my children from confronting similar abuse at some time in the future.

Japanese Americans are not subjects of the Japanese Emperor. They are citizens of the U.S. and constitutionally American. The only part of me that might be termed "Japanese" or "Oriental" would be my genes.

FRANK M. TAKAHASHI  
Huntington Beach, Calif.

### 'Turner Misinterpreted'

I don't feel that J.L. Turner's letter, which you reprinted Feb. 8 from the Honolulu Advertiser, compares the internment experience to that of American POWs in Japanese camps.

His point seems to be clearly stated in his first sentence: "Discrimination during wartime ran rampant towards the people whose racial origin was that of the country involved" on the other side of the conflict. He says that internment of the Nisei was wrong, but he obviously disagrees with the desire for redress. This is his reason for citing the experience of the American POWs as well as that of interned German and Italian Americans.

I took his meaning to be that reparations for such injustices years after the fact are unrealistic; that if one groups such as the Nisei were to secure redress, every other group that had gone through a similar ordeal would sue for reparations too, leading to chaos. Whether or not we agree with Turner's view that redress is not a viable option, let's not accuse him of an insensitivity that is nowhere evident in his argument.

CHRISTINE FROECHTENIGT  
Honolulu

### For the Record

The photo credit was omitted from the photo that accompanied Bill Marutani's column last week. It was taken by Clem Albers for the WRA in April 1942.



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## JAPANESE AMERICAN TRAVEL CLUB 1985 PROGRAM



### HAPPY TRAVELS

Henry Sakai  
JATC Chairperson

### JATC Is For You

The Japanese American Travel Club (JATC) was established to benefit you the member and the Japanese American community. For a number of years we kept hearing people say that it would be nice if they could travel with fellow Japanese Americans and their friends.

Tyler Tanaka, the co-founder of JATC, has always wanted to start a travel club for Japanese Americans that would provide quality tours at reasonable prices. When I was chairperson of the JACL Travel Program, we had thought about eventually providing tours to other areas but when the group affinity program was discontinued, it was not possible to continue. Tyler, who owns Japan & Orient Tours (the only Japanese American wholesale travel business), has always been supportive of JACL and lets the Pacific Citizen utilize his computer and store about 25 megabits of data so that the PC subscription and JACL membership is computerized.

Harry Honda had suggested that Tyler and I get together and discuss the need for a travel club. One thing that wasn't happening was that the other programs and agents were not advertising their prices so that people could compare prices and some agents were charging whatever the traffic would bear. By putting in our prices we felt this would give the members a chance to compare and know before hand what price range to expect. If nothing else by starting the club we have achieved that benefit for the community, because now we see agents advertising their prices.

Many agents do an excellent job for the local communities and we commend them for that. JATC is set up to service members all over the country, including those in the outlying areas where there may not be any Nikkei travel agents. Our intent is not to compete with the travel agents but hope, as JATC grows, that they will participate in our programs as they did with the JACL program.

The success of JATC depends on the membership because we will put together tours and cruises that the members desire and the more members and participation, the greater the benefit of bigger savings. We hope that Japanese Americans and their friends across the country will join and support the club, otherwise there is no need.

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CRUISING THE INSIDE PASSAGE TO ALASKA  
The calm water mirrors the surrounding islands and mountains.

### Glaciers, ghost towns and cities built on poles: awesome Alaska

By RAFAEL BOUFFARD

It's summer time and Alaska blooms under the sun. It's the perfect time to go on an Alaskan cruise.

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Mr. Rafael Bouffard, a resident of the world, has lived in the Philippines, Spain, Peru and Venezuela before settling in Southern California. He has held management positions in both airlines and tour operator companies and is presently Director of Marketing with Asian Dreams of Los Angeles. Having travelled extensively, Mr. Bouffard's insights of the places he's visited are always in demand. He is the father of three and writing, soccer and stamp collecting are his avocations (Editor)

### To the Orient—and Beyond

By JOHN BALL

As a very young man I stood on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay during the World's Fair there and witnessed a tremendous event. I saw the "sailing" of the first Pan American Clipper across the Pacific—on its way to Hawaii, Midway, Wake, Guam and then the magical Far East.

It was a flying boat with its four piston engines protruding from the wings, and four propellers ready to challenge the winds for thousands of miles of open ocean. To me it was the most romantic event imaginable.

The crew was announced and marched out on the pier to board the aircraft. Then the passengers, a small handful of them, created waves of envy in the assembled crowd as they straggled out and disappeared inside the hatch. Adventure was in the air and with my feet a foot off the ground, I dared to dream of the day that I too might be among the chosen for this stupendous experience.

Then came the jet engine and air transportation was revolutionized for all time. A few weeks ago I boarded a 747 and spent a few comfortable hours until I deplaned, non-stop, in Japan. Once more I was in a country I have come to love, in large part because I have so many valued friends there.

"Going abroad" is now a commonplace experience, particularly since many attractive discount travel packages are being put together all the time. There is also available a big plus—traveling with friends or those likely to become friends before the trip is over. Almost every pleasure is magnified when it can be shared: experiences are sharpened and memorable moments intensified.

I will never forget the time I sat in quiet meditation at the famous rock garden in Kyoto, letting the hypnotic magic of that memorable masterpiece sink into my being. Close by another man was sitting. He was from somewhere in the Orient, but it did not matter. For perhaps two hours we shared an experience available nowhere else

in the world. We did not know each other, we did not speak, but when we arose there was a bond between us and we bowed a mutual acknowledgment of our brotherhood.

Although I am a *hakujin*, I have very warm and close ties with my fellow members of the JACL. I have been to Japan, and almost all of the rest of the Orient many times, but I hope to go again, not only with my wife, but also with close and good friends. Not to sit around hotel rooms at night to share talk and a bottle, but to revisit familiar places and explore new ones in good company.

Have you ever seen a glorious sunset and wanted very much to have someone else, someone in particular, to witness the spectacle with you? It's the same way with travel. There are ticket discounts, of course, and special room rates, but the bottom line is being with friends and letting the synergy of companionship multiply the joys and experiences of visiting new and different places together.

Forgive me using the word synergy. It means that the whole can sometimes be larger than the sum of the parts. Two plus two can add up to six, or eight, when experiences are shared in good company. The JACL/JATC travel plans offer this opportunity. It's for us and our friends. Most of your traveling companions will be Japanese-Americans, but don't be too surprised if my red-headed wife, who our JACL friends call Miyuki, and I are there too. We too know a good thing when we see it. #

Mr. John Ball is the author of thirty novels, including "Heat of the Night", which won seven Academy Awards as a motion picture. He was presented the Edger Award by Queen Elizabeth II for Best Novel of the Year, "Golden Dagger". Mr. Ball and his wife Pat, a successful author in her own right, have travelled extensively throughout the world. He is a past president of the San Fernando Valley JACL Chapter. (Editor)



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Departures: May 19 and Sept 1 / Meals: 15 included plus in-flight / Price: \$1,795 / Optional: 5-day Extension to Hong Kong \$412.

● **Orient Highlights—16 days:** We realize that time is one of life's most precious commodities, and the productive use of that time is one of life's great responsibilities. Understanding that not all travelers can afford to take extended in-depth tours of the Orient, we have thoughtfully prepared this tour for those travelers who want to see the highlights of Japan and Asia in a limited time period but who also want to have time for shopping and exploring on their own.

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● **Golden China—21 Days:** We are pleased to present the Golden China Tour. It represents a superior tour for the traveler who wants to experience the very best of China while meeting the people face to face. This program uses the best in available hotels, an itinerary featuring many of China's most outstanding cultural and historic sights and some rather special activities like a banquet at the former British Embassy in Nanjing and cocktails at the old French Club in Shanghai. It is an unusual tour traveling the best of China.

Departures: May 28 and Sept 3 / Visiting: Beijing, Xian, Nanjing, Suzhou, Shanghai, Guilin, Guangzhou and Hong Kong / Meals: 53 out of possible 63 are provided / Price: \$3,145.

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● **USA & Canada Fall Foliage Tour—8 Days:** Old New England and French Canada. It is all here and at the very best time of the year. When the weather suddenly changes in Autumn from mild to chill, the effect on the sugar maple trees, which are prolific in this area, is dramatic. Flaming reds, bright oranges, colors that seem almost artificial in their hue, surround you while you are motoring through towns and villages that are among North America's oldest and most picturesque.

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Departure: Oct 6 / Visiting: Mexico City, San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Patzcuaro, San Jose Purua, Ixtapan, and Taxco / Meals: 21 included / Price: \$890.

● **South American Highlights — 17 Days:** See the dazzling artifacts at the Gold Museum in Bogota; Inca ruins of Sacsayhuaman near Cuzco; Machu Picchu—"Lost City of the Incas"; shop along the Calle Florida in Buenos Aires; Igaussu Falls higher and wider than Niagara; golden beaches of Rio where fun never stops. First class hotels throughout.

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● **Mayan / Yucatan Exploration — 6 Days:** The amazing Mayans. A thousand years ago, they were mathematicians, astronomers and architects. This tour explores the best of the Mayan ruins in Yucatan. The extensive remains of the sacred city of Chichen Itza, both north and south. The Pyramid of the Magician at Uxmal. The craft center and ruins of Kabah. And Merida, the "White City."

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Departure: Sept 16 / Visiting: 10 Countries—Greece, Italy, Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, and London / Meals: 32 included plus in-flight / Price: \$2,062 from New York; \$2,207 from Los Angeles.

● **Alaska Cruise—8 Days, 5 Ports:** Costa Lines—MTS Daphne. In summer, Alaska blooms in the sun. It is the perfect time to venture north. And cruising is the perfect way to see the most picturesque part of Alaska. Sail through the Inside Passage past drowsy seals on ice flows and see wild bears fishing for salmon. Visit old Wrangell, Juneau with its Mendenhall Glacier, Skagway and Ketchikan of the fabled Gold Rush days. All the while traveling on a luxurious cruise ship with sumptuous meals, activities and entertainment.

Departure: July 19 / Category 7: Outside Cabin with 2 lower beds. / Price: \$1,670.

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● **Panama Canal—Caribbean Cruise—12 Days, 6 Ports:** Sitmar Cruises—MTS Fairsea. From sea to shining sea, the magical link between the two is the Panama Canal. Sailing from Los Angeles and returning home by air, you will enjoy every precious day. The rock arches of Cabo San Lucas; the mountains and beaches of Acapulco; the man made wonder of Panama Canal, as you pass through on your 25,000-ton ship from the Pacific to the Atlantic; the Cuna Indians on the San Blas Islands; the emerald gems of Cartagena; Curacao, the home of square nickels, round windmills and quaint old Dutch influence; and Aruba, the "Eden-in-the-Caribbean." All this while sailing aboard one of the top rated cruise ships in the world. Beautiful staterooms; choice of meals from pizza to caviar from sunrise 'til midnight; Broadway-style singers and Vegas-style dancers; Gambling in the casino; 2 swimming pools and a gym; and plenty of deck chairs.

Departure: Oct 15 / Category D: Outside Cabin Two Lower Beds / Price: \$2,674. (20% discount if deposit paid by May 15.)

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The purpose of the club is not to make a lot of money. One of the things that Tyler and I agreed to before starting was that if the club makes money after paying operating expenses and maintaining sufficient reserves for growth, we would use the remainder to benefit the members and the community.

So if you feel that a travel club would be beneficial to you or the Japanese American community, please send in your application and give us your support—JATC is for you! Let us hear from you and if you have any special tours or cruises that you and your friends would like to see—let us know. Many Nikkei (especially the Nisei) are at that time in life when they may want to travel; so I'm sure across the country there will be enough people with common interest...

We will be putting together the 1986 program now, so we need your inputs. Also, if you are qualified and are interested in putting together a particular tour, let us hear from you. Let's go with JATC!

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## Lost baggage or 'how not to enjoy your tour'

Someone once said, "There are little gremlins living in the basement of every airport on Earth. These tiny creatures spend their days and nights giggling while switching the baggage tag from my suitcase to the most miserable looking suitcase they can find." Well, now that the airlines have been computerized, things have gotten better. But not perfect. Lost bags, cancelled trips and stolen cameras are phrases all too often spoken by travellers, even the most careful of travellers.

JATC has done something about those darned gremlins. Maybe we haven't stopped them from losing our bags, but they sure won't giggle anymore, because those bags can now be insured. So also can cancelled trips, interrupted trips and a stubbed toe, or worse, be insured while on a tour. The well-known MUTUAL OF OMAHA CO. has worked out a plan that can protect you and your family while touring.

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## The land that time forgot in golden China

By RAFAEL BOUFFARD

Several of our tour members are taking part in this, one of our more magnificent tours. Not only is ancient Cathay explored in an exciting 21 days, but we also take you back 2,000 years to the time of the first Emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang, who not only united the warring states, but also established the unification of the Great Wall that extends for thousands of miles across the vast land and mountain ridges of what was then the center of the world.

At that time, and unknowingly, he left a legacy of the arts and culture of the Chinese people that only came to light, and by accident, in 1974. While digging for water wells, some farmers came upon fragments of clay figures which were turned over to the country's archeologists.

To their great amazement, this turned out to be the greatest find of the Twentieth Century, as figure after figure was unearthed until a veritable army was exposed to the light of day. Battle figures of Emperor Qin Chi Huang's army stood in splendid state of composition, foot soldiers, crossbowmen, horsemen, officers and generals in detailed armament garb and real weapons were estimated in the thousands. Carved and erected to guard the emperor's tomb, they had withstood the rigors of time as they lay buried under tons of earth in covered corridors, four abreast, proudly guarding the emperor's resting place.



Entrance to the Forbidden City in Beijing

The city of Xian, for centuries China's first capital, not only brought to light this magnificence of Emperor Qin Shi Huang, but has also taken us further in time to the Neolithic period of eight thousand years ago, and left us to gape with awe on the relics of that period.

Where a village stood, now stands the Ban Po Museum proudly displaying how man lived in 6080 B.C., how he survived, and how he was laid to rest. Xian also proudly displays its heritage from the Ming Dynasty in the splendid baths built by one of its emperors for a favorite concubine.

We do not want you coming home without being smitten by the grandeur of the Ming and Qing (Ching) Dynasties, as the pomp and glory of its emperors to the last Dowager Empress, are unveiled for your pleasure. The magnificence of the Forbidden City has no parallel; neither do the Temple of Heaven or the Summer Palace, for such were the lavish ways of those centuries. While emperor and noble and rich man enjoyed a life beyond compare, serf, poorman, and slave suffered and died by the thousands so that a select few might pamper and corrupt themselves to glut-

tonous and lascivious lives.

The Great Wall too took its toll on hundreds of thousands, and it stands a tombstone to those who constructed her and a lasting monument to those who conceived her, trailing into the far horizon until lost in the twisting and towering hills that support her.

This is not all that we show you, for there are also the people. The children of China are garbed in their festive best by proud parents who are more than willing to have their children's pictures taken. In fact, take a polaroid shot and cause a commotion as forty or fifty people gather around in curiosity to watch the magic of the camera come to life. Never any pushing or disrespect, just starved curiosity to see the wonders of the modern world that until now had been kept from them.

And there are other wonderful and scenic corners of China that we take you to: the strangely beautiful rock formations of Kweilin, the canals of Suzhou (China's Venice), Nanjing, Shanghai (where the mighty rivers of the Huangpu and the Yangtze have served as China's arteries giving life blood to its people, and Guangzhou (Canton) on the banks of the Pearl River as it finds its way to the China Sea.

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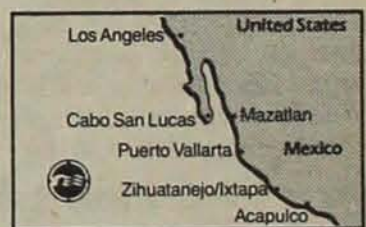
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**Tour Information Meetings Scheduled Tuesday, April 23 / Tuesday, May 28.**—All meetings provide information on the tours and cruise, plus tips on travelling in general from 7 to 9 p.m., at the JATC Regional Office, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 507, Los Angeles. If interested, call JATC: (213) 624-1543.

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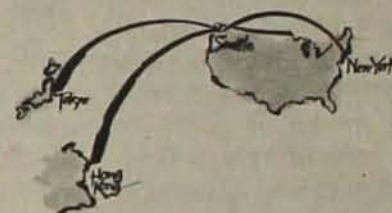
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# The Tasty Contribution of Commodore Perry

My Merriam Webster Third International Dictionary, a massive tome of more than 2,660 pages, contains the word tofu but not sushi. My edition was copyrighted in 1971, which was back in the days when most red-blooded Americans would screw up their faces in disgust and cry "Oooh, yuck," at the thought of eating cold rice topped by a slice of raw fish.

Times change. A Japanese restaurant is hardly a Japanese restaurant these days without a sushi bar where patrons cheerfully consume \$20 worth of sushi as a light snack to go with their beer. And tofu, once a plebian food manufactured from the lowly soybean, and which still provides much of the protein intake of people in meat-short parts of Asia, now appears in high-priced American ice cream, salads, desserts and even hamburgers.

By itself, tofu is as flavorsome as cottage cheese or curds and whey. But it has a way of adapting to its culinary environment, which makes tofu palatable when taken straight in a soy sauce dip or, heaven forbid, gooped up with honey and sugar in a blender.

The current issue of Tokyo Newsletter, published by Mitsubishi Corp., has a cover story on tofu which is called "traditional food for a post-industrial society."

The article, by Masanobu Gabe, says tofu probably was invented some 2,000 years ago by a Chinese philosopher, Wang Liuan, grandson of the founder of the Han dynasty, and introduced to Japan about 1,000 years ago.

Tofu plays such a large part in the Japanese diet that there's even a Japan Federation of Tofu and Aburage (fried tofu) Commerce and Industry Associations. Its secretary-general, says author Gabe, estimates the average Japanese household consumes 120 cakes of tofu a year, manufactured by 26,800 companies.

## FROM THE FRYING PAN:

Bill Hosokawa

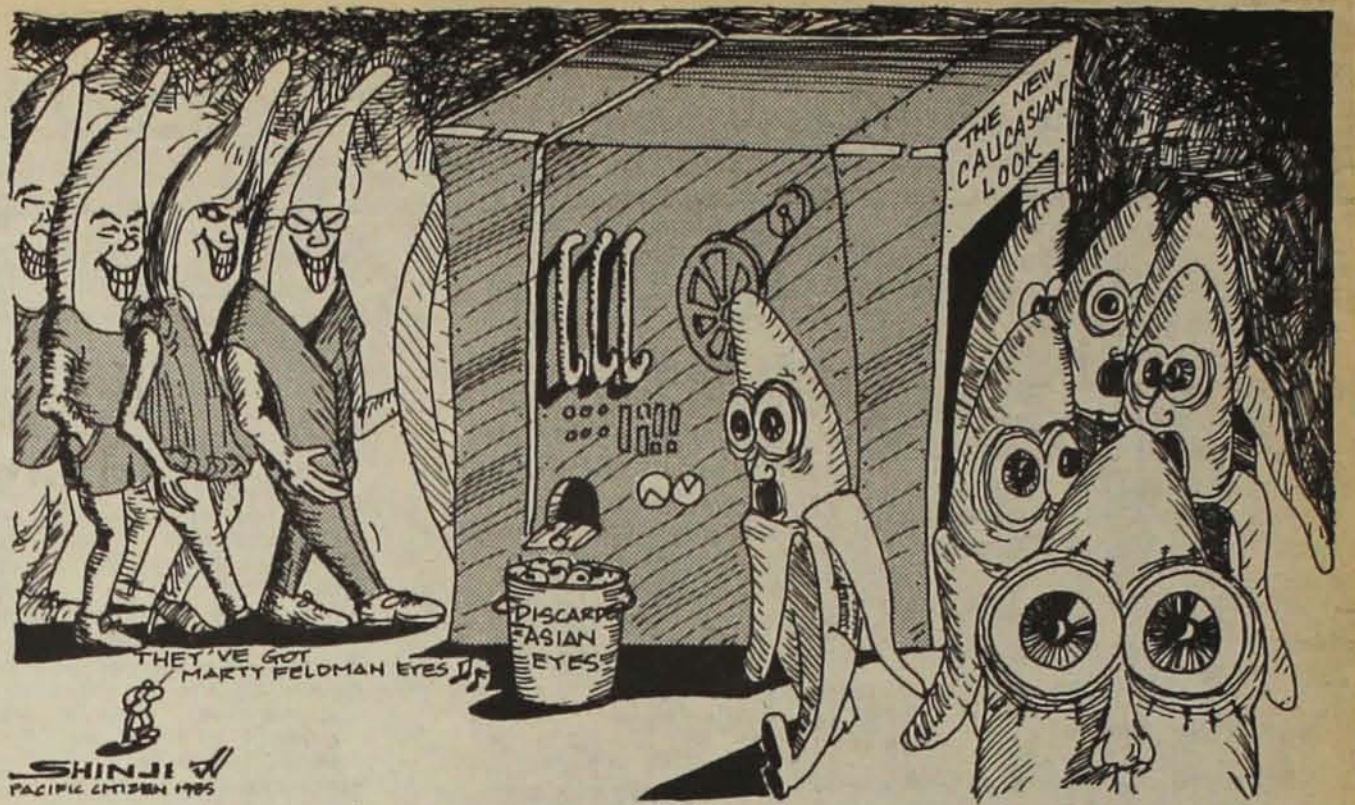


When I was a youngster growing up in Seattle, tofu was delivered by a fellow in a panel truck from a dark, dank backroom factory to Japanese grocery stores in five-gallon tins filled with water. Today, one firm in Japan uses four tons of soybeans daily to make 50,000 cakes of tofu delivered by refrigerator cars.

Gabe tells us that more than 90% of the soybeans Japan uses for tofu is grown in the United States, with Indiana, Ohio and Michigan reputed to be the best. Commodore Perry is credited with bringing back the first soybeans seeds from Japan. Japan grows only about 230,000 tons of the approximately 120 million tons consumed annually. Of course there are old-timers who contend there's nothing like the tofu that was made in the good old days from real Japanese soybeans, but those days are gone forever.

Author Gabe also tells us that tofu may have been the first freeze-dried food. It's koridofu, also called koyadofu, developed by Buddhist priests in a monastery on Mount Koya. Today, in a fully automated process, the tofu is frozen, allowed to cure, then thawed and dried.

To me, the product is the consistency of, and about as palatable as, a duPont synthetic sponge. But I will not hold it against you if you like koyadofu. Each person to his tastes. There's nothing quite so refreshing as chilled tofu served with sauce and a bit of grated ginger on a hot summer day, and thank you, Commodore Perry, for bringing back those seeds.



Look Out! Assimilation From Asian To Caucasian

## 'I think I'm turning Hakujin'

by J.K. Yamamoto

A process called "Asian Westernization," offered here in L.A. by Dr. Ronald Matsunaga, is beginning to attract the attention of the mainstream media.

Although this surgical procedure has been available for some time (PC received a promotional press release last summer), the non-ethnic media have only recently taken notice, possibly because of an article by Matsunaga in this month's issue of the American Medical Assn.'s Archives of Otolaryngology.

Associated Press recently ran a story on the process, which is supposed to make Asian eyes (and noses) look more "Occidental." Another item on the same topic has turned up in the San Francisco Examiner, and JACL staffers have reported getting inquiries on the subject from the Wall Street Journal.

In the AP article, Matsunaga was quoted as saying that he has performed more than 2,000 such operations. He adds that the operation is being requested wherever Asian populations are springing

up, including Georgia, Texas and North Dakota.

Matsunaga attributes the apparent popularity of these "eye jobs" to "increasing consciousness of the Asian population to Western culture and fashion."

He insists, however, that he does not necessarily advocate the operation and that he even tried to talk his daughter out of having it done. He finally relented because "she hounded me for a couple of years," he said. "Her friends are mostly Caucasian."

The technique, which costs from \$1600 to \$1800, involves making an incision across the upper lid, removing fat and muscle, and making a tuck in the skin. A new improvement that Matsunaga developed is the removal of "the web across the inner corner of the Oriental eye" months after the initial surgery.

(If this trend continues, perhaps other techniques could be developed for other parts of the body—for instance, stretching "daikon ashi" into "gobo ashi.")

Two assertions of the AP report were rather surprising: one, that Asians undergo the operation despite the risk of scarring, infec-

tion, bleeding and even blindness; two, that the operation is more common in Hawaii, where Asians are not considered a minority, than on the Mainland.

Diane Crowley, a patient counselor for Honolulu plastic surgeon Robert Flowers, is quoted as saying, "Girls start doing it when they're 13, 14 and 15" and that patients include "every different nationality—Korean, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Thai—just every country I can think of. It's kind of like having braces."

Flowers has reportedly had a 30% to 40% increase in business from five years ago and now performs almost 200 such operations a year.

One dissenting view was presented, that of "a third generation Japanese American who works for an Asian American organization in San Francisco." She said that the practice is "atrocious" and that "it's a sad state of affairs when women go to that extreme to conform to society's idea of beauty, when it's an anglicized idea of beauty."

When I talked to this Sansei, who asked that her name not be given, she elaborated on the statements she made. Rather than condemning women who get such operations, she said, she considers them victims of a society that doesn't accept women of color as they are.

Presumably pressure from society, reinforced by the mass media, causes many Asians, male and female alike, to try to conform to a white ideal of beauty. But is greater social acceptability reason enough to make someone risk bleeding and blindness?

The idea of Asians having their faces "westernized" would be like Blacks having their skin lightened; the only motivation I can think of is a strong sense of inferiority, if not self-hatred.

But not being a recipient of Dr. Matsunaga's "service," I can't say for sure why it is becoming more popular. Perhaps a reader who knows more about the procedure, or who has actually undergone it, can write in and enlighten those of us who still have those webs on our eyes.

## Legislative Education Committee

The Legislative Education Committee (LEC) of JACL was convened in San Francisco on Feb. 9 to plan for a massive fund drive, independent of the JACL, to initiate intensive lobbying efforts for redress. By regulations of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, the JACL cannot engage in lobbying in any substantial way, without risking its tax-exempt status.

Consequently, LEC was organized as an independent corporation to engage in direct legislative lobbying for redress. The governing board is composed of 15 members, 8 of whom are at large, and 7 are nominated by the JACL. The at-large members are: Minoru Yasui of Denver, David Nikaido of Washington, D.C., Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago, Joseph L. Rauh of Washington, D.C., Grant Ujifusa of New York, Dr. James Tsujimura of Portland, Art Morimatsu of Chicago, and Grayce Uyehara of Philadelphia.



## REDRESS UPDATE

by Minoru Yasui  
Legislative Education Committee

Frank S. Sato, as JACL president, heads the JACL representatives on the LEC board, who are: Yosh Nakashima of San Francisco, Rose M. Ochi of Los Angeles,

Dr. Kaz Mayeda of Detroit, Harry Kajihara of Oxnard, Denny Yasuhara of Spokane, and Cherry Kinoshita of Seattle.

Officers for 1985 elected by the board were: Minoru Yasui, chairman; David Nikaido and Cherry Kinoshita, vice-chairs; and Shig Wakamatsu, secretary-treasurer. Harry Kajihara was designated fund-drive chairman, and Grant Ujifusa was named legislative chairman.

The LEC will kick off a massive, nationwide fund drive to raise a goal of \$400,000 per year. The kick-off is scheduled for June 1. It is expected that 200 prime solicitors, each charged with raising \$2,000 or more, will be named by Harry Kajihara, as fund-drive chairman, within the next 30 days. Contributions to LEC are not tax-deductible.

Meanwhile, Grant Ujifusa of New York will be working with

the LEC board members in devising legislative strategies as appear most feasible to achieve the goal of redress. Suggestions and ideas may be sent to LEC, c/o 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.

Background materials and analyses of 435 members of the House of Representatives and of the 100 senators have been completed. Specific targeted areas of concentration of efforts have been defined on a regional and state-by-state basis. Anyone desiring to assist or to participate in such efforts may contact LEC.

LEC expects to hire a professional lobbying firm in Washington, D.C., as well as stimulate grass-roots constituent efforts on a local basis in key areas. Substantial funding is required for such efforts on a national scale.

As details are developed, JACL members will be kept informed.



## Chapter Pulse

### Contra Costa

CONTRA COSTA, Calif. — Chapter women, often complimented for their sushi, are offering their talents for a sushi benefit to be held Sunday, March 31.

A donation of \$5 will be rewarded with a boxful of norimaki and inarizushi. The boxes of sushi may be obtained on Sunday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Contra Costa JACL office at 5035 Wall Avenue, Richmond, Ca.

For reservations call Jack Imada, 236-9109 before Friday, March 29.

### New England

NEW ENGLAND — A special tour for members of the Japanese collection of the Peabody Museum of Salem is set for Sunday, March 31, at 2 p.m. Featured on the tour will be the newly opened "The Ceramic Art of Maseyuki Imai." Imai is a contemporary potter of Kyoto.

The tour will be conducted by Jack Thayer, curator of Japanese artifacts for the museum.

The charge for the tour is \$5, \$2 for children and seniors. For reservations call Margie Yamamoto weekdays after 7 p.m. and weekends at 259-9444.

### Fremont

FREMONT, Calif. — The Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church joins the chapter in sponsoring a program designed to educate young and old on local Nikkei history, from early settlements to relocation to the present, March 22, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Church at 32975 Alvarado-Niles Blvd., Union City, Calif.

Dr. Walter Hashimoto and Mas Yamasaki, who are local residents and active members of the chapter, speak on the history of the Japanese Americans in California.

In addition, Violet de Cristoforo from Salinas will speak about her personal experiences resulting from her WW2 experiences; Morgan Yamanaka, NCWNP District Regional Coordinator, talks about redress; and Molly Fujioka addresses

the issues of the JACL/Legislative Education Committee.

The public is invited. For information call June Hashimoto, 793-6954.

### Marin County

MARIN COUNTY, Calif. — A showing of Emiko Omori's "A Tale of Nisei Retirement" is scheduled for Fri., March 22 at 8 p.m. at the Marin Buddhist Church in Mill Valley.

The video was produced in 1984 by the JACL National Aging and Retirement Committee and features actor George Takei of "Star Trek" fame.

After the video, George Yoshida, an authority in the field of aging, will moderate discussion on the film and the issues raised. All interested members and friends are encouraged to attend. There is no admission charge.

### Gardena Valley

GARDENA VALLEY, Calif. — The formal introduction and competition of candidates for Miss Gardena Valley JACL will be held on Sunday, March 24 at the Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1700 W. 162 St., from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Candidates for this year's competition are: Linda Hiromi Kikuno, 23, presently a liberal arts major at Cal State Long Beach; Faye Leiko Okamoto, 22, a Japanese major at Cal State Los Angeles; Janet Tamiko Turner, 21, a broadcast journalism major at USC; and Grace Shiori Yano, 24, a 1984 graduate of USC with a B.A. in Asian languages and a B.S. degree in marketing.

Contestants will be judged on beauty, poise and public speaking. Each judge will personally interview each candidate as well as score each contestant's public performance in sportswear and afternoon dress.

The winner will compete in the Nisei Week competition in August. The public is invited to attend. For information, contact Deena Akemi Hard at (213) 323-3354.

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## 'Miss Sheldon' remembered by former students

by Sachi Seko

Mabel Sheldon Williams died on March 5, 1985, at the health care center of the Frasier Meadows Manor in Boulder, Colorado. Her body was donated to the Anatomical Board and memorial services were held on March 10 at the Manor chapel. She was born on Nov. 29, 1894. She married Dr. Paul Williams in 1969 and he died in 1978. Among her survivors are her many former Nisei students and friends from Gila. Miss Sheldon, as we knew her, taught English at Butte High School. However, for many of us, she was a teacher of life.

Word of her death was conveyed by my friend, Michi Nishihara Weglyn. "She died saying her prayers," Michi said. No longer able to see to read or to watch TV, Miss Sheldon wrote in her last letter of Jan. 3, 1985, "I have much time for prayer and meditation, time which, for so much of my life, has been difficult to set aside. So you, the work in India which we both love, and family and other friends are frequently in my thoughts and prayers." In the same letter (written for her by a friend), she wrote, "I do hope you will be able to visit me in the near future. I'm sorry for the mix-up in September. I hope you will stay well and that we can meet again."

### Reunion Cancelled

It is one of those cruel twists of fate that we will not meet again. Last fall, Michi and I, with our husbands, had planned a reunion with Miss Sheldon in Boulder. It was a trip we had talked about for several years. Finally, Michi said, "It's time to go. We can't delay any longer. Miss Sheldon's health is very fragile." We purchased our airline tickets, made hotel reservations and other preparations. Then, a few days before the trip, Michi called to say Miss Sheldon asked that we delay our visit. Her brother's widow

was planning to be in Boulder on the same days. The widow was in poor health and they had not seen each other for several years. Although we were disappointed, we felt Miss Sheldon best knew the limitations of her emotional and physical endurance. Only recently, Michi suggested we plan a visit in the spring—the trip that now will never be made.

### Gentle Dignity

Miss Sheldon's long and eventful journey has come to a peaceful end. Her death occurs near the 40th anniversary of the permanent closing of Butte High School. Is it possible that four decades have passed? Sometimes, it seems so long ago and yet at other times, it feels like yesterday. And only now, I realize that she was younger than all of us, her former students, are today. I recall her soft print dresses and her gentle smile, her graceful posture and her constant dignity, and the whiteness of her hand against my tanned one as we shared the pages

of a book. In that lonely time of separation from the larger world, we must remember we had our Mabel Sheldons, those very few who stood beside us.

### Life of Sacrifice

There was for her, too, a life after Gila. It was an abundant life of continuous sacrifice and service. A life devoted to God and His ways. She resumed her missionary work in India until her retirement in 1964. Although she was no longer active in the field, for the remainder of her life she continued to support and solicit aid for those who were less fortunate, her children of India. While she was able, until 1982, she faithfully sent progress reports of the Mabel Sheldon Endowment Fund. The fund was used for educating young people from poor families of "untouchable" origin. In her

letters, she never failed to appreciate the concern and financial assistance of her former Nisei students in Gila for their unknown brothers and sisters in India. She rejoiced that those who experienced the pain of contempt and condemnation could reach beyond themselves. A true act of compassion, she called it. With her typical modesty, she denied her share of responsibility for this, waving away any tributes. She was a superb educator, one who taught by example, never by rhetoric.

### Pride In Her Students

She kept in touch with many of us. Although advancing age caused tremors in her penmanship, her enthusiasm and energy were invincible. She took great pride in Michi's *Years of Infamy*. She expressed gratitude for Dr. Symon Sato's medical service in India. Their reunion in 1973 was a special occasion. Brief encounters with former students

were always mentioned and never forgotten. Years after, she still wrote about the wonderful luncheon in California with Yoshio Nakamura, Kim Nagano and Mary Nakahiro Karasawa. There were many others who wrote or visited her.

She shared our sorrows, too. One of her students was the brilliant Oscar Inouye. On his death, she wrote, "Death is a part of life. We must accept it and be ready for it. That is easier said than done, isn't it? But there are things worse than death." These are my teacher's words. As I write them, I am again 17 and her student at Gila. I see her white hand against my tanned one, turning the leaves of a book. Together, we are closing the book.

(Those who wish are invited to send memorial gifts to the Mabel Sheldon Endowment Fund, c/o Mrs. Jack Barber, 814 S. Catalpa, Pittsburg, Kansas 66762.)



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## OKAWARA

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world for U.S. exports, he said U.S. exports to Japan were up 7.6% to \$23.6 billion, or about the same as U.S. exports to the U.K. and West Germany combined.

However, he added that Japan, concerned about the trade imbalance regardless of the causes, "is wholly committed to take further steps to make its markets more accessible to U.S. exports...[and] to internationalize the Japanese economy."

He stressed the need to focus on "common causes that unite us" rather than "transient irritants that divide us." As democracies with powerful economies, he said, both countries share many of the same domestic and international concerns.

Mutual problems mentioned by Okawara included: dealing with an aging population and rising health-care costs; international competition from newly industrializing countries; huge budget deficits; and sustained economic growth in the future.

He said that these examples show that "the problems and purposes of our two societies are converging" and "are more often complementary than they are in conflict."

A "better understanding of what Japan is doing to advance common interests" would be constructive, he declared, citing as examples economic assistance to de-

veloping countries; greater political cooperation with Western Europe; and increased defense spending.

In addition, he said, \$11 billion in Japanese private investment has created 80,000 manufacturing jobs in the U.S. and that technology transfers from Japan are helping modernize the U.S. steel and automotive industries.

Okawara recommended looking at the current state of U.S.-Japan relations as a glass that is "half full" rather than "half empty." "We have not solved all our problems, and we can't expect to do so in a short span of time. But we are chipping the problems away."

"We have learned a great deal from each other," he went on, "but that doesn't mean we can...eradicate our cultural differences... Our goal should be to tap each other's talents, build on our diversity."

Okawara's wife Mitsuko was also an honored guest. Other speakers included James Hodgson, U.S. ambassador to Japan during the Ford Administration, consul general Taizo Watanabe, Ambassadors Council chair Edward Nakata and JACCC president Frank Kuwahara.

Silent tribute was paid to former ambassador Nobuhiko Ushiba, who died Dec. 31. Ushiba and Hodgson founded the Ambassadors Council last year to involve corporate, government and community leaders in efforts to improve U.S.-Japan relations.

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