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REVELRY — A taru mikoshi (sake barrel shrine) rides high during the grand finale of San Francisco's annual Cherry Blossom Festival parade. This year's festival begins April 19 (see page 3 for details).

Congress threatens Japan with sanctions

WASHINGTON — Japan's announcement that it will increase auto exports to the U.S. by 24.3% has brought anti-Japanese feeling in Congress to the boiling point, with calls for retaliation coming in rapid succession.

"The rubber band has finally broken," said Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Ore.), chair of the Senate Finance Committee, after hearing about the increase. "It won't stretch any further. There will be retaliation."

By a vote of 92 to 0, the Senate passed a resolution March 28 asking the President to impose restrictions on Japanese imports within 90 days unless Japan opens its markets to U.S. products. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) said the bill, though non-binding, will "send Japan a signal that this is only the beginning."

Demands that Japan increase its American imports to reduce the U.S. trade deficit with Japan, which totaled \$37 billion last year, have focused on the telecommunications market because Nippon Telephone & Telegraph Co. changed from government to private ownership April 1 and can now buy equipment from any source instead of relying on Japanese products.

Criticisms Increase

Since quotas on Japanese car shipments to the U.S., in effect for four years, were lifted March 31, Japan considered the 24% increase conservative. Many U.S. officials, however, charge that Japan continues to keep its mar-

kets closed to U.S. goods, and the Senate resolution calls Japan an "unfair trader."

The additional 450,000 Japanese cars in the U.S. market, which would widen the trade deficit by an estimated \$4.5 billion, "would

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—Rep. John Dingell

not be any restraint at all on the part of the Japanese," according to an Administration official.

'An Eye for an Eye'

Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.), House Energy and Commerce Committee chair, denounced Japan's "protectionism" and declared, "We should deal with the Japanese the same way we deal with the Russians: accept only agreements that are self-enforcing... You can't rely on good faith for implementation." Packwood went so far as to describe the mood in Congress as "An eye for an eye... maybe that's the only language that's understood."

Sen. John Heinz (R-Penn.) sought passage of a bill that would impose a 20% surcharge on all Japanese imports for three years, while Sen. John Chafee (R-R.I.) introduced a bill that would bar Japan from selling telecommuni-

cations equipment in the U.S.

Pressure on Japan was further increased April 2 when the Senate Finance Committee approved a bill that would impose tariffs and quotas on Japanese imports if Japan does not take steps to open its markets. Dole said the bill would not be considered by the full Senate until after the Easter recess, which ends April 15, and suggested that President Reagan could use the bill as a negotiating tool.

Japan's Reaction

Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe reacted negatively to the bill. "The debate in... Congress was based on a notion that the trade deficit is all Japan's fault," he said. "I am very sorry to see this trend, not only because it is discriminatory but also because it is against free trade."

But in an effort to alleviate tensions, Japan sent Deputy Foreign Minister Reishi Teshima to Washington April 4. Teshima met with U.S. Trade Representative Bill Brock and members of Congress, including Rep. Don Bonker (D-Wash.), who has been named to head a special committee to study the trade problem.

Bonker warned Teshima that Congress would take action if Japan did not, but he later told reporters that he was "not terribly optimistic" after Teshima's visit because "his mission was not to come forth with new concessions."

President Reagan sent Gaston Sigur of the National Security Council and Undersecretary of Commerce Lionel Olmer to Tokyo on March 31 to urge Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone to become "personally involved and exert your leadership" to open the telecommunications market.

Nakasone promised to "exert my full efforts to avoid this crisis" and appeal to the Japanese public to cooperate. Exactly what commitments were made was unclear, as the envoys reported "new commitments" April 1 while Nakasone said April 2 that he had offered "nothing new."

U.S. officials were waiting for an April 9 announcement of major market-opening measures, but Japan Foreign Ministry spokesman Yoshio Hatano warned that the U.S. "should not expect any surprise or dramatic announcement because newspapers already have reported most of the contents."

Another official, who was not identified, said, "We are not magicians who can fix everything in one day. What is important is there is movement."

Seattle Chinatown tragedy basis for new movie

by Ron Chew
International Examiner

SEATTLE, Wash. — A production crew from an independent film company in California will come to shoot a low-budget commercial movie based on the Wah Mee murders, scheduled for release later this year.

CPG International Film Production Company Inc., in Marina Del Rey, began shooting the one-and-a-half-hour film, titled "Border of the Tong," in a Los Angeles studio on March 29. Most of the filming will take place in studios in Los Angeles and Colorado.

Last week, people in the International District community and relatives of victims of the mass tragedy learned of the film project through word-of-mouth, and

each reacted with outrage. One relative of a victim said, "I think it's disgusting." Another relative, when informed of the movie, said angrily, "They can't do that, can they?"

Close to Life

According to the 44-page copyrighted "shooting script," the movie starts out with a scene involving the murder of 13 people in the Ko Wah Club, a gambling parlor in Seattle's International District. Three young men — Key, Danny and Joe — rob, tie up and shoot the victims, although one — Old Man Kuan, a part-time dealer — survives the shooting. Seattle police capture Key and Danny, members of the Wor On Lee Tong, shortly after the incident.

According to the script, Joe,

the third suspect, flees to Calgary, Alberta, pursued by Randy Walker, a Seattle police detective, and Shadow, a Tong henchman hired by a Chinese American City Council candidate to retrieve a mysterious black book taken from the body of one of the victims.

Before Joe is caught at the end of the film, he befriends Vinny, a Vietnamese prostitute, escapes the attack of two Black drug dealers who try to rob him and saves the life of Walker.

Maxine Chan, community relations specialist in the Seattle Police Department's Crime Prevention Division, said the movie, in its depiction of the tongs, "presents stereotypes that are just playing to what people think a Chinatown is, and that is particu-

larly upsetting because this is coming from an Asian filmmaker."

Chan added that she has received calls from the relatives of victims and "I know they are definitely against the project."

And Rita Wang, director of the Chinese Information and Service Center, said, "I can't see what purpose the film would serve. Our concern is for the survivors. The movie would serve to 'uglify' — I don't know if there is such a word — the Chinese community, particularly with those who do not know Seattle's community. It would seem like we don't have any sense of right and wrong."

Although most of the script's story is fictional, the scene in-

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Oxnard expecting jam at festival

OXNARD, Calif. — Encouraged by the success of last year's California Strawberry Festival, which drew an estimated 100,000 visitors, this harbor city has scheduled another celebration of the berry's virtues.

Coordinated by Dr. Tsugio Kato, this year's festival is slated for April 20-21 and features gourmet strawberry foods, arts and crafts exhibits, continuous entertainment, a wine festival, strawberry blonde competition, waiters race, 10K run, pie-eating contest, and the like.

For the event, buses will circle outlying parking areas, stop at the community center, and will meet Amtrak trains from Los Angeles and from the north. Boats will ferry visitors from the east side of the harbor and the end of Peninsula Road to the festival



Oxnard Mayor Nao Takasugi

site. Major festival sponsor is the J.M. Smucker Co.

Oxnard, with a population of 125,000, lies 60 miles north of Los Angeles and 40 miles south of Santa Barbara.

Information: (805) 984-4606.

U.S. tells cities to abolish quotas

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Justice Dept. disclosed April 2 that it has told 56 city, county and state agencies to delete race and sex quotas in their affirmative action plans.

In the 1970s local governments were under pressure from the department to hire more women and minorities as police officers and firefighters. Many of the plans were approved in federal court. Now, however, the department, says that a Supreme Court ruling last summer (*Firefighters Local Union No. 1784 v. Stotts*) forbids courts from ordering preferential treatment to employees or job seekers who have not themselves been the actual victims of discrimination.

In *Stotts*, the court ruled that the Memphis Fire Dept. could

not lay off whites with more seniority than blacks to maintain a certain percentage of minority employees.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Justice Dept. contend that the ruling also applies to hiring and promotion.

Not all local governments agree. In New York, for example, a spokesperson for the state attorney general has declared that "the [Justice] Department's interpretation of the Memphis firefighters decision was overly broad."

Los Angeles officials agree. Mayor Tom Bradley has said none of the decrees affecting the recruitment of women, blacks, Hispanics and Asians in police and fire departments would be amended.

JACL sends Sansei delegation to Tokyo at Japan's invitation

SAN FRANCISCO — A delegation of Sansei chosen by National JACL is visiting Tokyo this week at the request of the Liberal Democratic Party, Japan's ruling political party, announced JACL headquarters.

The LDP, according to executive director Ron Wakabayashi, asked that the delegation include Sansei from California or the West Coast, that they be future community leaders, and that they have a variety of occupations.

Other criteria developed by JACL include a sensitivity to U.S.-Japan relations, and gender and geographic diversity.

In a memorandum to National Board members, Wakabayashi added that, "One additional consideration was an overall complexity of the group. Overall group cohesiveness was attempted in the identification of potential participants."

The occupations and districts of delegation members are: John Tateishi, governmental affairs, No. Calif. - W. Nevada - Pacific; Mike Mitoma, banking, Pacific Southwest; Debra Nakatomi, media, Pacific Southwest; Kris Ikejiri, law, Eastern; Beth Renge, stockbrokerage, NCWNP.

A similar delegation of Sansei JACLers was sent last summer.

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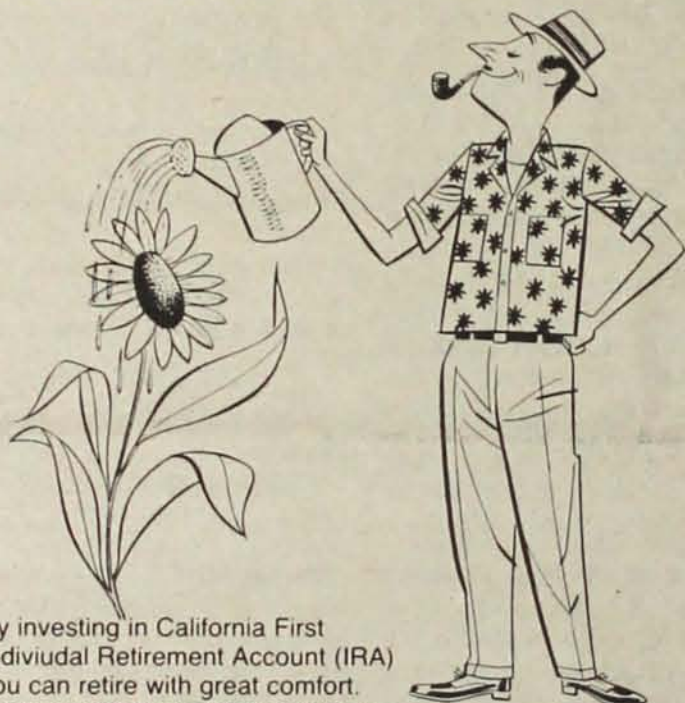
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Matsuri is next week

SAN FRANCISCO—Thousands of spectators from Northern California and scores of performers from Japan will celebrate this city's 18th annual Cherry Blossom Festival on two consecutive weekends—April 19-21 and 26-28.

Among the attractions are taiko performances, traditional dancing, martial arts demonstrations, arts and crafts exhibits, and food.

The celebration culminates with a 3-hour parade of floats, dancers, musicians, and traditionally costumed men and women on Sunday, April 28.

Information: Japan Center, 1520 Webster St., San Francisco, 94115; 922-6776.



CULTURAL EXHIBIT—A demonstration of bunke embroidery is one of the offerings at Monterey Park's 10th annual Cherry Blossom Festival, April 27-28. See 'Community Affairs' for details.

Pilgrimage to honor resisters

LOS ANGELES—Manzanar, a WW2 internment camp for Japanese Americans, will be formally dedicated as a national historical landmark on April 27, date of the

annual Manzanar pilgrimage.

The theme of this year's event — "Justice Delayed Is Justice Denied" — honors the efforts of Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi and Min Yasui to reverse their wartime convictions for having disobeyed the 1942 internment orders.

According to Manzanar Committee spokesperson Sue Embrey, "Gordon Hirabayashi was one of our early supporters and we are pleased that he, along with Korematsu and Yasui, has re-opened his case to seek justice so long denied."

The pilgrimage also pays tribute to photographer Ansel Adams on the first anniversary of his death, April 26, 1984. Adams' photographic story of the people of Manzanar, *Born Free and Equal*, was censored more than 40 years ago and is now being seen by the American public for the first time.

"We urge everyone living within the Southern California area to participate in the pilgrimage and lend support to all of the events. The pilgrimage is not only for Manzanar internees or historians. It is a symbolic trip to honor all internees of all the camps. We would like to see representation from all the camps," Embrey said.

For further information, the Manzanar Committee can be contacted at 1566 Curran St., Los Angeles, 90026, (213) 662-5102. Maps and other pertinent data are available.

Hanamatsuri set for Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES—A procession of priests will lead a live elephant through the streets of Little Tokyo, beginning the celebration of Hanamatsuri, Buddha's birthday, on Sunday, April 14 at 1 p.m. The elephant will carry the statue of Baby Buddha to a flower-decorated altar in Japanese Village Plaza.

At the altar, the priests will perform a public service featuring the "Sweet Tea Ceremony," the pouring of sweetened tea over the statue of Baby Buddha, symbolizing the sweet rain that fell on his birth over 2,500 years ago. Music for the service will be provided by the Drum and Bugle Corps, Boy Scout Troup #379, sponsored by Koyasan Buddhist Temple.

This annual event, produced by the Los Angeles Buddhist Church Federation and businesses like Japanese Village Plaza, is one of the most spectacular in Little Tokyo, with priests in brocade robes, children in kimono, a display of hand-painted posters on the life of Buddha and a live elephant wearing a bridle of paper flowers.

Information: 620-8861.

Community Affairs

WASHINGTON — Asian-Pacific American Heritage Council holds a reception to honor the Asian/Pacific members of Congress on Thursday, April 25, in the Gold Room of the Rayburn House Office Bldg., 6-8 p.m. Donations of \$8 per person should be sent to Seiko Wakabayashi, Asian-Pacific American Heritage Council, P.O. Box 8135, Rockville, MD 20856; or Don Mayeda, 1301 N. Courthouse Rd., No. 606, Arlington, VA 22201. Deadline is April 22.

SAN FRANCISCO — An Asian contingent is being organized to march together in *Spring Mobilization*, a demonstration slated for April 20. The march has four themes: halting intervention in Central America and the Caribbean; stopping the arms race; stopping apartheid in S. Africa; and jobs and justice. Information:

Steve Morozumi, 839-2022; Ying Lee Kelly, 548-7767; Beth Rosales, 285-5797.

BERKELEY, Calif. — East-West Counseling Center sponsors a lecture by Ryo Imamura and a panel discussion on "Living with My Aging Parent: Asian and Western Perspectives," April 18, 7:30 p.m., at 1524 Oregon St. Requested donation: \$5. Information: 540-5373.

LOS ANGELES — Asian Pacific American Legal Center holds a free community legal seminar on housing, Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m., at Little Tokyo Service Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 411. Information: (213) 746-6029.

The public is invited to the East-West Toastmistress Club meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 7:30 p.m., at Mercury Savings, 2920 S. Sepulveda Blvd. Dorothy Imai, art therapist and licensed mar-

riage, family and child counselor, speaks on "Stress — Friend or Foe." Information: 398-2124.

The 5th anniversary dinner of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center will be held Wednesday, April 17, from 6:30 p.m. at the California Ballroom of the Westin Bonaventure Hotel. Honored at the \$100-a-plate dinner will be the Community Redevelopment Agency and the So. Calif. Gardeners Federation. Reservations: 628-2725.

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. — East Los Angeles College, 1301 Brooklyn Ave., is the site of the 10th annual Cherry Blossom Festival, April 27 and 28. Cultural exhibits, food, dancing, and arts demonstrations highlight the affair. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Atlantic Square carnival, noon to midnight. Information: 283-9952.

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Well, we might as well enjoy this amazing novelty which occurs every time the "regular maid" heads off to Japan. And every time, the very day she returns, everything returns to "normal," i.e., the kids drop back into their haphazard, discard-bits-of-attire-as-I-head-for-my-room pattern.

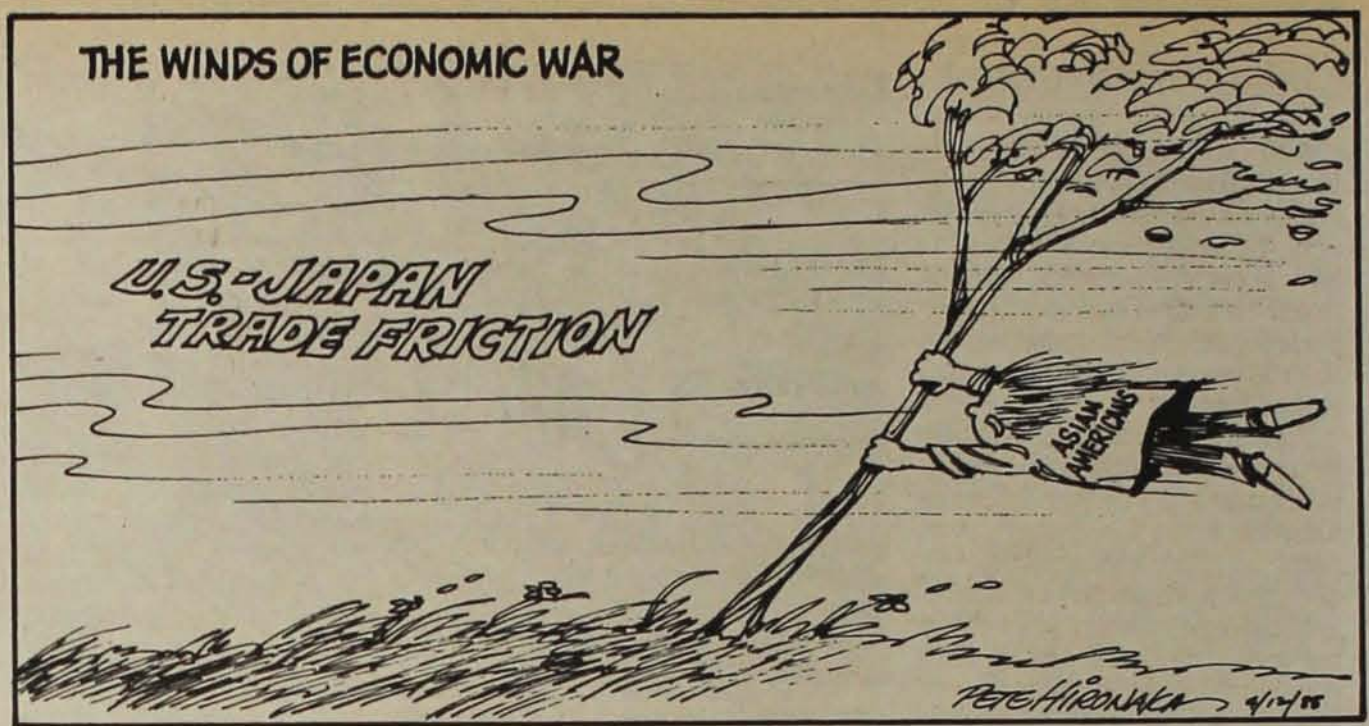
IT'S RATHER AMAZING what transformation takes over in the household when the lady-of-the-house is away. Last week, Frau Vicki took off for Japan where she and our oldest daughter will be spending some six weeks traipsing about. At home, behind with Pop, are the two youngest ones. From the day that our "regular maid" (that's Vicki) walked out to head for the airport, things started to take shape. Supper dishes were rinsed and placed into the dishwasher, laundry headed for the washer and came out of the dryer, meals—such as they were—were prepared. One evening, even a roast chicken, mind you. By those two "lazy" kids.

IT SURE WASN'T that way back in my day, I'll tell you. Our parents just told us once—just once—and that became "The Law." (And the capitalization isn't a typographical error.) And if we violated it—and there were a few times we did—we paid. And how we paid. To this day I'll not forget some of the prices I had to pay for infractions. As I look back, a disapproving frown from the Issei parent was often enough. "It said it all." They did not have to verbalize. Just a hard, disapproving look.

I can see some of them now in my mind's eye.

"RAISIN' KIDS" TODAY IS A "different ballgame," as they say. First, they can be picky as

THE WINDS OF ECONOMIC WAR



the dickens about food. If an otherwise favored dish should have something new added to it—like green peas, say—they can condemn the whole fare with a "yeck" and take a TV dinner out of the freezer. But not in our day. First, we didn't have a freezer (except in wintertime) and we had to eat what was on the table...or else. Else, starve. Thus, the fact that this writer today likes things such as *fu-nyu*,

tako, *tororo-imo* (the "raw egg" slurry type), *namako*, and so on is not because the first time they were forced upon me that I immediately "took" to them. Or the second, or the third, or even the fourth time. It was either eat or go hungry, and for a growing boy the latter is no alternative. I suspect most of you, at least those of you who are Nisei, may well have had similar upbringing. At least, judging by the number of

Nisei who consume (smelly) *kazunoko*, I'd have to say a number of you were "broken in" quite early.

SO FOR FIVE or so weeks, we'll see some semblance of personal responsibility on the part of the two at home. The day Vicki gets back, it'll all fall apart. But at least I know they can do it if they have to. And right now—"they have to."

You can bet on that.

Lakers Win, L.A. Loses

ONE THING
LEADS
TO ANOTHER

Bob
Shimabukuro



Upon arriving in Los Angeles and working late one night at the Pacific Citizen, I was struck by the number of homeless wandering around in the area of Japan-town. With so much attention paid to the glitter of Los Angeles, it seemed bizarre to this newcomer from the Pacific Northwest to see so many down-and-out people co-existing with some of the richest and most extravagant.

One cannot help but notice the amount of emphasis placed on physical appearance. While Portland (and the rest of the Northwest) is not immune to this emphasis, there does seem to be a qualitative difference. In Oregon,

the emphasis is on conditioning, it seems. Get healthy, run and *feel* good. In L.A., the conditioning is simply a means to *look* good.

Tanning salons, nail care salons (estimated to be a half-million dollar business), hair stylists, breast stylists, body stylists and—of interest to Asians—eye stylists abound. Plastic surgeons out to give Asians Bette Davis eyes. People spend big bucks to look good and sexy and white.

L.A. is also big on cars. I see Ferraris, Jaguars, Mercedes and BMWs with regularity. (Haven't seen my favorite Maseratis around very much, though.) One day I came out of my apartment (in a low-rent area) and behold, there was a (maybe 1940s) Rolls Royce parked in front. Beautiful condition. Must have been the landlord's.

I've seen F-85's, '55-'58 Chevys, Bonnevilles, all tootling around in perfect shape. People treat their cars with a lot of care—like their bodies. Gotta look good!

But still, there are these 30,000 homeless sifting through the gar-

bage looking for food and cardboard to build shelters. Appliance boxes are premium finds.

Bob Dylan once said that reality was a picture of Rockefeller getting up in the morning going to his bank with his briefcase, superimposed with a tramp getting up to puke in the alley next to the bank. Well, L.A. must be reality, I guess.

The Northern California District is introducing a resolution that JACL chapters cease sponsoring candidates for beauty contests. A fight is expected—after all, if people spend so much time and money to look good and sexy and white, they are not going to give up the opportunity to be judged by a panel of leering "experts," are they? I say this with trepidation because this will all come back on me in a few years: I know my daughter is interested in participating in these glorified dog shows.

My friend Mike Kan and I were discussing the state of the world while watching the Lakers blow out Houston. We decided that the U.S. should take the tack that China, Japan and Korea used to rebuild after being devastated: invest in the education of its youth. Let the Soviet Union destroy itself economically building up its arsenal, while we rebuild our industrial base.

They cannot possibly win a nuclear war, and neither can we, so why bother, we reasoned.

The conversation went from there to a comparison between Asian newcomer money and Asian American wealth, the role of artists in society, and on and on into the night.

After having solved the problems of the world, I drove on home, parked my car, walked along the sidewalk to my apartment and suddenly found myself with a gun at my back and frisked for cash. So much for the world. Welcome to L.A., Bob.

Samurai, Cowboys and Trade

by Dick H. Yamashita

In the past ten years a rising chorus of complaints has been heard in America claiming that Japan is inundating the U.S. with exports, while refusing to absorb comparable import quantities from the U.S. Countless words have been written and spoken on the "trade friction" issue by all parties involved, and although the Japanese government has taken action, the trade imbalance continues to grow. This problem is nothing new, however, as related conflicts have troubled U.S.-Japan economic relations in the past.

During my visit to Washington, D.C., and Europe this month, I have heard renewed talks of protectionism and retaliation against Japan. Since trade issues will continue to be with us for at least the next several years, I believe that people should look at the issues from a historical perspective to be able to understand the consequence of the negative impact.

Solving Conflicts Through the Ages

The American cowboy and the Japanese samurai are two figures which instantly draw clearly established personalities. One can imagine a scene from a cowboy Western...It's high noon and a blazing sun is baking down on a seemingly deserted town. Occasional gusts of hot wind stir up dust and roll dry tumbleweeds down the street. Tension heightens as the foreground focuses in on two sweat-soaked cowboys standing at opposite ends of a vacant street. Their hats ride low on their foreheads; their hands hover over shiny, twin six-shooters. Slowly they pace toward each other...ready to draw when the range is right.

Now, let's consider the samurai movie. The late afternoon sun is

slowly sinking into the horizon, yet the heat and humidity of a hot summer's day linger on. Gusts of moisture-laden wind rustle through the grass on the village hillside. Silently, two samurai warriors appear at the crest of the hill and slowly stride toward each other. Their uniforms hang heavily from their shoulders; their hands await anxiously to draw their long swords.

Not only can we experience such methods of conflict-solving in movie theaters, but we can see it in comparable forms whenever we watch individuals settle differences through combat. The winner, of course, proved to be the strongest or the fastest—regardless of who may have been right or wrong.

With the advancement of civilization, however, more peaceful methods of resolving disputes offer an alternative to combat. Societies have created rules, regulations, laws and constitutions in the best interests of people. Democratic governments appoint representatives of the people who formulate state, national or international laws.

The people's will must be known, and an agreement between divergent views must be reached to enact legislation. Rational debate and discussion play vital roles in the democratic decision-making process, including the expression of irrational views which need to be seen for what they are, and rejected.

It is debate which encourages a thoughtful attitude toward the identification and solution of common problems and issues. Debate adheres to the belief that agreement, arrived at intelligently through deliberation, establishes a framework in which society can function freely and responsibly.

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A few weeks ago, being unconvinced about the powers of certain highly advertised drugstore products, I checked into a hospital to have a certain personal problem taken care of. It was my first experience at hospitalization in more than 30 years and not something I looked forward to.

Figuring hospitalization should be a personal matter, I told no one, other than my wife who insists on knowing everything, that I was going in. Alice accompanied me, of course, and saw that I was properly checked in before she went on her way. The rest of the day was spent in various tests to make sure I would be a proper candidate for surgery.

Next morning, after some minor preliminaries, I was wheeled into what the television physicians call

FROM THE FRYING PAN:

Bill
Hosokawa



the OR. Someone stuck a needle into me, and the next thing I knew I was waking up in my room with a dull ache in the area on which I sit, which in my business is most of my waking hours.

In the first few days that followed, I became aware that what I had thought was a rather insensitive area of the anatomy is a

bundle of nerves all capable of hurting in unison. I spent a lot of time staring at the ceiling and pondering over the fact that a great deal of a person's life, particularly the earliest and then the final years, are involved with problems of taking in nourishment and eliminating the wastes.

The human spirit and the human body are remarkably resilient things, as is the skill of the medical profession. In a few days my system was functioning again more or less normally, the nerves had quieted down somewhat, and I was permitted to go home with instructions for taking care of myself.

But not in total anonymity. The community churches, you see, have a wide-reaching intelligence network to keep track of who is

hospitalized and presently the fact of my incapacity appeared in the weekly newsletter of the Simpson United Methodist Church. The Rev. Hidemi Ito should be assured that his newsletter is widely and thoroughly read. The phone started to ring.

It is difficult to explain why one has been hospitalized without discussing the nature of the problem. When I explained what had happened, it quickly became evident that problems like mine must be the most widespread affliction of adult humans next to the common cold and acne in earlier years.

Apparently out of a sense of modesty or something, the victims don't talk about it until they hear that someone else has suffered the same problem. Then it's like breaking a dam. Friend after

friend, people who I had regarded as the epitome of good health, admitted that they too had undergone surgery for the problem recently, five years ago, 10 years ago, 20 years ago. Whenever it was, they remembered the excruciating discomfort in vivid detail and enjoyed talking about it with a fellow sufferer, the way that old friends from relocation camp days enjoy recalling those times. There must be something about a shared experience that enables the victims to bare memories long buried.

And so I have learned that what I have gone through is as common as getting a wisdom tooth extracted. I have joined the club and now that the discomfort is minimal, I am prepared to discuss the experience with any other victim.

Letters

LEC Needs Funds

Achieving the passage of meaningful redress legislation is going to take dedication, persistence, and resolve by concerned people. In just a few short years, JACL, with other organizations, has made significant accomplishments on redress. A duly authorized governmental body was created in 1980 to investigate the circumstances that led to the uprooting and incarceration of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in U.S. detention centers in 1942. A majority were U.S. citizens.

This Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians completed its investigation in 1983 and issued *Personal Justice Denied*. It says: "Executive Order 9066 was not justified by military necessity.... The broad historical causes that shaped these decisions were race prejudice, war hysteria, and failure of political leadership... A grave injustice was done to American citizens and [legal] resident aliens of Japanese ancestry.... History cannot be undone... however, it is well within our power to provide remedies for the violations of our own laws and principles.... Nations that forget or ignore injustices are more likely to repeat them." These are statements put in writing for all to see by a government-appointed commission. This official document will exist forever!

A few months after the CWRIC issued its final report, bills were introduced in both houses of Congress embodying the recommendations of the commission. These bills received over 100 co-sponsors in the House and 20 in the Senate. Nationwide media attention was obtained on redress and the Japanese American camp experience. Congress is now grappling over this redress issue.

Some 30 years ago, JACL was deeply involved in the pursuit of other legislation, the passage of a bill that would enable Japan-born residents to become U.S. citizens through the naturalization process, a privilege denied them until a very recent 1952! It took more than six years and nearly ONE

MILLION DOLLARS! A large portion of the \$1 million was donated by Issei all starting livelihood anew from scratch after release from detention centers.

Couldn't we Nisei and Sansei match the Issei? There are 27,000 JACLers. If each JACLer got one non-JACLer and together they donated \$100 in the month of June 1985, \$2.7 million would be raised, one-half from JACLers and one-half from non-JACLers.

I urge each JACLer to contact his or her District LEC Fund Drive Key Person: Paul Shinkawa, Mike Suzuki, George Sakaguchi, Peggy Sasashima-Liggett, myself, and IDC, PNW, and NCWNP Key Persons to be named soon, to help or to get more information. (Remember, donations to LEC are not tax deductible).

HARRY KAJIHARA
Oxnard, Calif.

Kajihara is JACL Pacific Southwest District governor and LEC finance chair.

Emigration Library

For the past eight years, since I returned home from Minnesota, I have been enjoying the Pacific Citizen, which provides me with lots of news about American people and communities of Japanese origin and helps me continue my study of immigration even when I am in this rural area of Japan.

I am writing to you about the birth of the first emigration library in Japan. On Dec. 23, 1984, I stopped at *Wakayama Shimin Toshokan Imin Shiryo Shitsu* on my study trip to Mie and Wakayama Prefectures. I was much impressed with their good collection of emigration materials.

I think your readers should be informed of this library which has many sources of information about their parents and grandparents. Its address is: Imin Shiryo Shitsu, Wakayama Shimin Toshokan, 3-9 Minato Konya Machi, Wakayama Shi 640, Japan.

The emigration library, located on the third floor of the main building of Wakayama Shimin Library, opened on Dec. 22, 1984. The library contains about 4,000 books, magazines, albums, pam-

phlets, and newspapers. The collection covers not only the Americas but also some peripheral areas in Japanese emigration history such as Australia, New Caledonia Island, and Fuji Island.

The chief librarian is Ms. Keiko Noguchi. In the past four years she has travelled extensively to collect materials. Due to Ms. Noguchi's ambition and tenacity, and thanks to the good support from Sakayama City, the library has gathered most of the materials which are available to the public today. Understandably enough, the collection is predominantly in the Japanese language.

As far as I know, this emigration library is the only one library in Japan which opens the doors to the public and welcomes laymen as well as established scholars. For those who have been refused their entrance at the door of university libraries, the birth of this library is a godsend. The visitors can enjoy free access to all the materials except old, fragile ones. The books are neatly shelved for ready use in a carpeted, spacious room.

For the scholars and students who intend to study Issei in Japan, this library is one of the first places to stop. By being exposed to a number of printed sources, and by being advised by the librarians, you will save a lot of time and energy.

MASAHARU ANO
Ogori Machi,
Yamaguchi-Ken, Japan

Follow-up Needed

As an attendee of the recent PSWDC conference, "Japanese American Involvement," I wish to express my appreciation to the PC for its part in promoting the event. The PSW District should be commended, as should conference chair J.D. Hokoyama and his support committee. The event was what the district needed to stimulate interest in JACL.

Now that the conference is history, I can imagine the volume of follow-up that will be required to sustain the enthusiasm engendered. Likewise, the membership and the chapters are "on-the-hook" to pitch in with the follow-through. If each of us (JACLers)

who attended, would put in 1/4 of the effort of the planning committee, we should be able to boost membership this year.

I am sure that the chapters will be eager to hear how they can help keep the momentum going, and target the attendee roster for their membership drive.

The conference was an excellent catalyst, and there were many "young" adults present... Sansei and Yonsei. I for one say, "LET'S GO FOR IT!"

KARL K. NOBUYUKI
Los Angeles

Beyond Ethnicity

Tom Hsieh, chairman of the Asian Pacific Caucus of the Democratic National Committee, says (March 8 PC) that although Republican values of hard work, family and education coincide with Asian American values, Asians support the Democrats since they claim to be the party of the disadvantaged. Hsieh warns that, unless the Democrats address the concerns of the Asian Pacific Caucus, Asians may defect to the Republicans on the basis of shared values.

It seems that the Asian Pacific Caucus and all the other minority groups in the Democratic Party advocate a return to the "ghetto mentality" that minorities seek to put behind them.

If Hsieh is accurate, how sad that people forsake their values to follow the chimera of a "quick fix" for their problems. Upholding one's values and fighting to enter the mainstream while espousing them will lead to full participation in society, but it may seem to take longer than throwing one's hopes into the hands of opportunists who hand out grandiose promises in return for support.

Both the Democratic Party and the minority caucuses simply sought to use one another—unsuccessfully, as it turned out.

The problem is embodied in Hsieh's words: "Each of us is, first and foremost, identified with our respective ethnicity before we are Democrats" or Republicans. It is time for minorities to look beyond their ethnicity toward the personal values that help them carve their individual niches in the larger society. In this way minorities as a whole will find their positions strengthened and will no longer feel the need to take advantage of the unscrupulous—and will not be taken advantage of by them. Individualism has often been the best policy in America. More use should be made of it.

CHRISTINE FROECHTENIGT
Honolulu

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THE SEATTLE JAYS
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The Pacific Citizen—(it) always reminds me of my visit with Larry Tajiri in Salt Lake City, watching him struggle and working so hard in his effort to get the issues out on time. Even his wife Guyo pitched in at times in order to make the deadline.

I guess, things haven't changed too much, even when you had the responsibility. Hope the enclosed check (\$100) helps toward achieving the goal.

NAME WITHHELD

When a reader whose ties with the PC go back to Salt Lake days, that's going back 30 to 40 years... Yes, the job of getting a paper out each week is not simple or easy. Being remembered by such an old-timer is great.

—Gen. Mgr.

Lively exchange marks workshop on interracial marriage

by Robert Shimabukuro

LOS ANGELES — "Twenty or thirty years ago, when a lady brought home a person, the parents would ask, 'Is he Japanese?' In 1985 they ask, 'Is he a doctor?'" This remark, by Dr. Harry Kitano, professor of social welfare and sociology at UCLA, characterized a warm and personal workshop, "Interracial Relationships: Social Progress or Cultural Deterioration?" at the PSW Conference on Involvement, March 23.

Relying more on personal anecdotes than dry statistics, the panel, consisting of Kitano, Doug Urata, and Sharon and Ken Uyeda Fong, and moderated by Emily Takeuchi, focused on possible reasons for the high out-marriage rates among Japanese Americans, rather than answering the question posed by the workshop title.

Reasons discussed included communication skills, hypergamy, or climbing up the social ladder, the isolation of many Japanese Americans in the larger society, media stereotypes (and the resulting self-stereotypes) and just plain love.

Kitano, who admitted he was reluctant to talk about reasons Japanese American women out-marry because they "say terrible things about Japanese American men," said that about 13 years ago, the JA outmarriage rate of women was about 75%, with the male outmarriage rate running about 25%. Presently, however

the difference has been narrowed to 55%-45%.

Kitano speculated that women tended to pick husbands who were represented as being a little higher up on the social ladder, and as more Japanese American men moved up the ladder, they became a little more desirable.

Ken Uyeda Fong, pastor of the Evergreen Baptist Church which

ence between going out with Japanese American men and her Chinese American husband, Sharon Uyeda Fong said that whether by personality or culture (she was not sure), "Ken is more expressive; the silence pattern is different. 'With Japanese American men you have to grant them a period of silence after posing a question, before tentatively reasking the question;

More on PSW Conference

has a mixed Asian American congregation, reinforced this notion. "People are uncomfortable admitting it, but a lot of women don't hear themselves saying I'm looking for a CPA or I'm looking for a doctor." It is rather ironic since "a lot of marriages are under considerable strain... and [doctors] run to the hospital and don their white coats rather than deal with the fact that they're failing as husbands and fathers."

On the subject of interests, Kitano said that numerous women complained, "I don't want to spend the rest of my life in a bowling alley." In a humorous rejoinder, Urata said that many Caucasian women like the stability of Asian men: "They may go bowling but they come straight home after."

Unable to Communicate

Judging by the response of the audience, the majority of whom were women, there was most agreement that Japanese American men suffered from not being able to communicate or express themselves on a personal level.

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ence between going out with Japanese American men and her Chinese American husband, Sharon Uyeda Fong said that whether by personality or culture (she was not sure), "Ken is more expressive; the silence pattern is different. 'With Japanese American men you have to grant them a period of silence after posing a question, before tentatively reasking the question;

There were more interesting anecdotes and personal observations; however, it is difficult to set them down without creating the impression that this workshop was dry and sometimes cruel in its treatment of Japanese Americans, which it was not. Suffice it to say that moderator Takeuchi ought to be congratulated for steering a firm course between what could have been a boring statistical analysis of a very personal subject on the one hand, and a self-indulgent group therapy session on the other.

Instead, the workshop turned out to be a lively and enriching exchange of ideas on ethnicity and culture. The panel and the audience also should be congratulated; it is not often that Asian Americans talk about themselves with such candor and wit in a public forum. And judging by the response on the evaluation sheets, this was one of the more successful of the workshops held that day.

Panelists stress lobbying, outreach

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—The need for political sophistication and linking up with other groups in order to achieve redress was stressed by speakers from three redress groups during the March 23 JACL workshop on "Advocacy: Speaking Up for One's Point of View."

On the panel were Harry Kawahara, Legislative Subcommittee chair of Pacific Southwest District JACL's Redress Committee; Alan Nishio of National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCR); and Joyce Okinaka of National Council for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR). George Oga-wa, PSW Redress Committee chair, moderated.

"Japanese Americans have contributed, sometimes very gen-

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AJAs urged to become 'bridge'

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—The case for Japanese American involvement in U.S.-Japan Relations was presented from both Japanese and Japanese American viewpoints at a workshop held at the March 23 PSWD JACL conference.

The panelists were Taizo Watanabe, Consul General of Japan; Jun Mori, attorney and member of the L.A. Harbor Commission; and Rose Ochi, PSW coordinator of JACL's U.S.-Japan Relations Committee and national JACL vice president for membership. Richard Kenmotsu moderated.

In assessing the current state of U.S.-Japan relations, the panelists agreed that U.S. media and politicians often emphasize the negative aspect—the trade imbalance—and pay little attention to more positive aspects. Watanabe pointed out that the imbalance has been gradually decreasing, with Japan accounting for half the U.S. foreign trade deficit in 1982, one-third in 1983 and one-fourth in 1984.

He attributed the trade deficit

with Japan to many causes, such as the strong U.S. dollar, which enables the U.S. to buy more imports but makes U.S. exports more expensive. Japan is also helping the U.S. economy, he said. "An almost similar amount of capital which was earned by Japan as a result of the trade surplus is flowing back to the United States in the form of direct investments, joint ventures... creating job opportunities."

"Americans of Japanese ancestry," Watanabe said, "have a natural sort of interest and most of them have better knowledge of Japan" than other Americans and could therefore "tell fellow Americans the facts" about Japan. "Whether they have a very favorable feeling for Japan or not," he added, JAs could discuss the issue "on a rational basis" without the feelings of racial animosity shown by others.

Watanabe said that he has been discussing the issue with repre-

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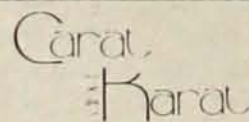
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Tri-District Conference Will Focus on JACL Support of Beauty Contests

SEBASTOPOL, Calif.—Despite being warned that it would be a "hot potato," the women's concerns committee of the N.Calif.-W. Nevada-Pacific District Council agreed unanimously to present a resolution at the upcoming Tri-District Conference in Fresno that urges all chapters within the Tri-District area to refrain from sponsoring candidates for beauty contests.

"It's going to be controversial," says chairperson Mei Nakano, "since beauty pageants have become almost an institution. But we feel very strongly that, as a civil rights, educational organization, committed to the principles of fairness, equality and the dignity of all human beings, JACL has no business in the beauty contest business."

Beauty contests diminish women in many ways, Nakano contends. Because they focus primarily on physical attributes, she said, these contests tend to obscure more valuable qualities in women—qualities like intelli-

gence, sense of humor and compassion.

"However much sponsors may proclaim an emphasis on personality and intelligence in these contests, the fact is, you don't get a foot in the door if you happen to be dumpy and homely, though you may have an IQ of 140 and a personality a yard wide. And let's face it, a Nisei Week Queen, a Miss Chinatown, or a Miss whoever, is being presented to all the world for her physical beauty, not her brains."

The Committee also found objectionable the fact that standards used to rank "beauty" were almost always Anglo-European. They felt that, by inference, this denigrated the "Asian look," causing unnecessary psychological stress and loss of self-esteem to Asian women.

Too, proponents of beauty contests—very often, men—insist that they do a lot of good by offering scholarships and helping the winner to develop her whole person, the committee noted. "We

say, why not offer those rewards for a more worthy attribute than looks—say, for an accomplishment or for some outstanding service to humanity? Progressive women's groups such as the Pacific Asian American Bay Area Coalition do exactly that. Why award someone for being born prettier than another?"

According to Nakano, the committee was also disturbed by the "ancestral purity test" imposed on candidates for Nikkei beauty contests in recent years. Reportedly this requires that one parent of the contest be "100 percent Japanese." Barring a person from an activity on the basis of ancestry is a violation of that person's civil rights and patently contrary to the very purposes of JACL, they stated.

The issue of beauty contests will be debated in one of the workshops at the Tri-District Conference (April 19-21) on Saturday, April 20, at the Fresno Hilton. Persons wishing further information about the conference may call any one of the JACL regional headquarters in California or Tom Shimasaki, conference chair, (209) 562-3392.

Women's Concerns

'Abductions Result of Stereotypes'

by Sandi Kawasaki

On Sunday, March 17, the Los Angeles Times, San Gabriel Section, ran an article about a molester who kidnapped and sexually assaulted two Asian children on two separate occasions and attempted to kidnap a third. The suspect is believed to be a Caucasian, 20-35 years of age, with light brown hair and of medium to thin build.

When I read this article, I was angry. First I was upset with the parents, because the second child (a boy) was taken from his home between 9 and 10 p.m. because there was no parental supervision and the first child was taken from a bus bench close by her elementary school while she waited for her older sister. I thought, both of these incidents could have been avoided by hiring a sitter and having the child stay in the playground where other children were around.

Then I started to wonder why this man picked Asian children to assault. Did he have a thing for Asians or did he select his victims because he thought being Asian, they would be more docile and probably wouldn't prosecute him if he were caught. If the latter is true, we don't need that kind of stereotyping.

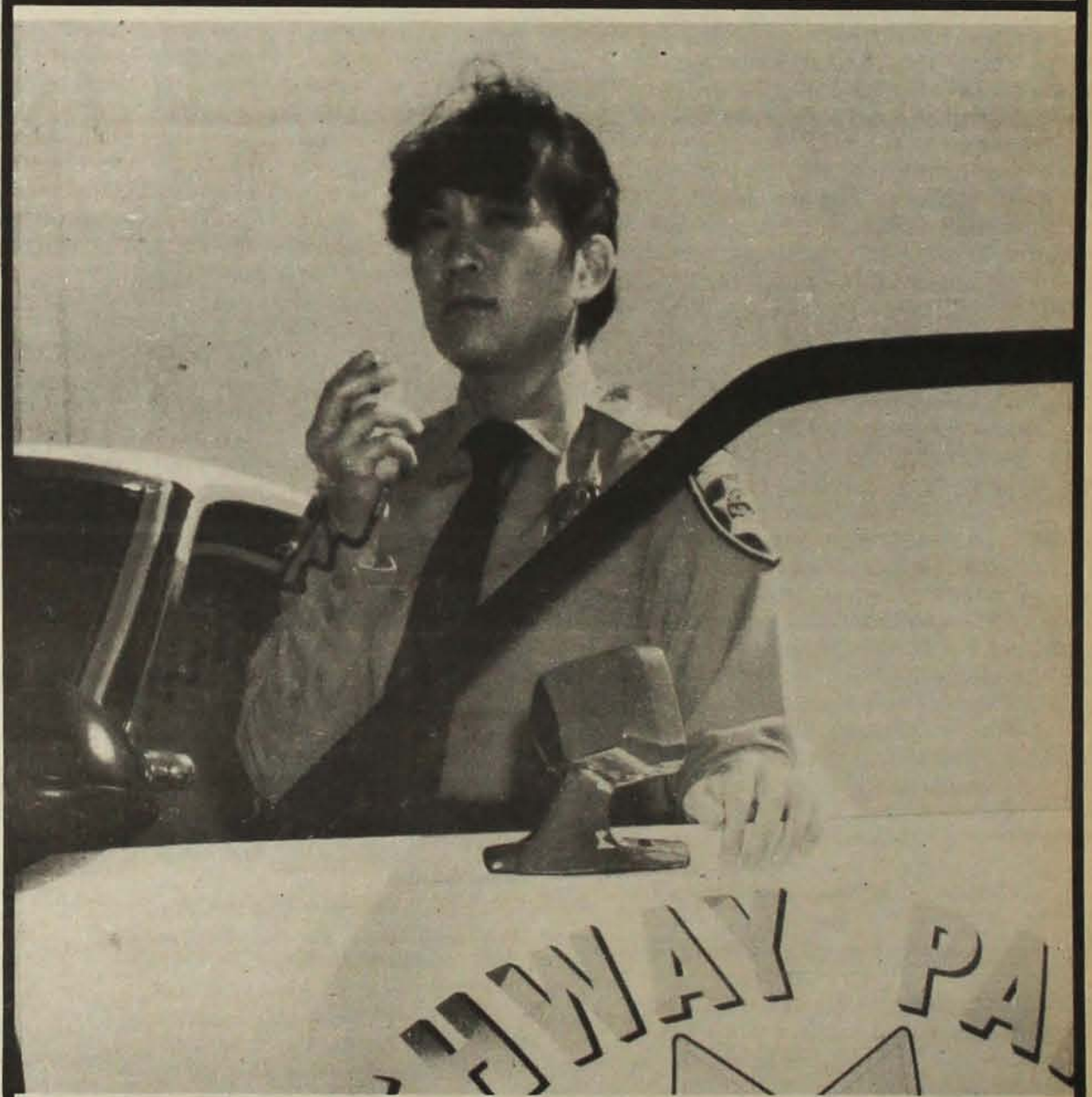
Women and children are the most susceptible victims to violent crimes, and if we (Asians) are also encumbered with this stereotype, we make the best target for these rapists. Life has enough natural dangers and tragedies without our attracting more. Asian women and children need to have at least the same odds against rape as women and children of other races. We need to protect ourselves by our words and action. We need to (1) take precautions (e.g., don't walk alone on a dark street), (2) take self-defense classes, and (3) report assaults.

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volving the murders in the club is closely based on details of the actual murders. And although names have been changed, it is clear that the inspiration for certain characters—including the three young men, the survivor and the Seattle police detective—came from press accounts of the tragedy.

Mark Chow, legal advisor to Seattle Mayor Charles Royer and son of Council member Ruby Chow, said he was not too worried that people would "draw parallels" between his mother and the character of the City Council candidate, although he added that his mother was "very upset" over the movie. The character in the movie script, a man who owns the club, seems to bear little similarity to his mother, Chow said.

Chow said he was more concerned about the impact of the film on the victims of the tragedy and the public image of Seattle's Chinese community.

Michael Chu, writer and director of the film, said he "got the idea to do this film after Tony Ng got caught." Ng, the third suspect

in the Wah Mee murders, was captured by police in Calgary last October.

Chu said he based his storyline on newspaper accounts about the Wah Mee case he read in Seattle, but that details about Ng's flight to Calgary, the Tong henchman and gangster characters are totally fictional.

Chu said he titled the movie "Border of the Tong" because "people feel some of what happened was affected by the tong." He conceded, however, that he did not have evidence that tong rivalry motivated the Wah Mee murders, a theory argued unsuccessfully by defense attorneys for Willie Mak, who was convicted and sentenced to death for his role in the Wah Mee murders in 1983.

Both police and knowledgeable community sources say there is no evidence to indicate that tong rivalry was responsible for the robbery and shootings at the Wah Mee Club.

"People in Los Angeles were shocked by what happened in the Wah Mee," Chu said. "They feel there is a certain mystery about what happened. Seattle was such a quiet community before it happened and the inci-

dent brought a lot of attention to the city."

Chu said his company would send one camera van up to Seattle on April 8 to shoot a portion of the film in the International District. The opening murder scene was filmed on March 29, Chu said.

He conceded that his film, which he described as a "detective story," has provoked objections from persons in Seattle, but said he "had no intentions to hurt the relatives" of victims in Seattle and wanted to meet with them on April 9 to explain the project. Chu said he had no plans to attend Tong Ng's trial. [Jury selection in the trial of Wai-Chiu "Tony" Ng started on April 1 in King County Superior Court.]

Asked if the film portrays the Chinese community in a negative light, Chu said, "I'm from the Chinese community. I don't think so."

"My intention is to use the film to make a statement to the American public and the Chinese community that crime doesn't pay, that no matter what, if you take the wrong step, you will be stopped," Chu said.

Chu said CPG International Film Production Inc., a new com-

pany, has previously produced commercials. Several young people like himself pooled more than \$100,000 to provide funding for the film project, Chu said.

The film, scheduled to be completed no later than December, will be sold and distributed for showing in this country, Chu said.

Doug Howard, industrial relations officer in the Seattle Police Chief's office, said last week that Wayne Lee, one of the other individuals working on the film, had requested 10 police officers and five police cars to use in shooting a scene in the International District for the movie.

"With the case of the third suspect going to trial, the legal department advised us that we should not have anything to do with the film," Howard said. "This particular film mimics, almost item for item, the Wah Mee incident."

We can't legally force them not to come up here and film; we just won't cooperate with them."

Bill Downing, one of the prosecuting attorneys in the case against "Wai-Chiu" Tony Ng, said he did not think the movie would create any potential legal problems if the filming in Seattle took place the second week in April.

"By then, we expect we'll have a jury and they'll either be sequestered or they'll receive strict instructions from the judge," Downing said.

Because Seattle police won't provide resources for the filming, Chu said, his group may only do limited filming in Seattle.

"We were going to get a permit for a night scene with a guy walking from a bar," Chu said. Because the scene required hiring two police officers, he may cancel plans to shoot that scene, Chu added.

Phil Fujii, coordinator of the International Special Review District Board, said the board cannot require the producers to come before the board for permission to film in the International District unless they wanted to close off the streets or use a building for some extended period, requiring a change-of-use permit.

Chan noted that jury selection in the Tong Ng trial began earlier this month. "The wounds are being opened up again for those affected by the tragedy," she said. "This film just adds to the pain. The community is being victimized again."

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SAMURAI, COWBOYS AND TRADE

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In this post-industrial era, emphasizing improved communication and the establishment of a workable world-order philosophy, individual cross-cultural attitudes are important. Awareness of traditional patterns of conflict-solving can perhaps aid in our understanding of these seemingly opposed cultural differences and enable us to better appreciate conflicting views. No longer do we live in a world of cowboys and samurai; our countries have become increasingly international, intertwined and interdependent.

Retrospective Viewpoint

A Japanese government official was once quoted as saying: "Our new economic status brings with it many privileges. But it also brings problems and responsibilities... We will find ourselves at times in a position comparable to that of the U.S. often during the past decade, facing many of the same problems, and we will find that it is both difficult and trying. We are already finding the charge of 'inscrutable Japanese' rising again to haunt us."

Until the "Nixon Shock," the Japanese-American partnership seemed to be impervious to strain. The era of the American Occupation and the terms of the Peace Treaty had been beneficial to Japan on the whole. The mutual security pact had relieved the Japanese of the necessity of defending themselves, enabling the Japanese to put their resources into an unparalleled economic revival. Further, one noted American professor stated, "America has only one vital interest in Asia, and that is in a healthy and friendly Japan."

Even the touchy negotiations over the reversion of Okinawa had gone well. Former President Nixon had said, "Japan's partnership with us will be a key to the success of the Nixon Doctrine in Asia... A sound relationship with Japan is crucial in our common effort to secure peace, security and a rising living standard in the Pacific area."

In spite of this, however, the first dispute over the volume of Japanese textile imports to the U.S. was blown up into a

major bilateral crisis, and an old anti-dumping regulation of the U.S. Treasury Department was involved to block the sales of inexpensive Japanese television sets. Nevertheless, the chronic American trouble over the balance of payments worsened.

Foundations of an Industrial Society

Although post-World War II growth for Japan was broadly based, it featured rapid growth in manufacturing which was similar to the growth pattern of 1920s. This can also be said of the 1930s, when the pressure of Japan's military requirements, resulting from the movement of the Japanese armies into Manchuria and Northern China, caused steel, chemicals and other heavy industries (along with electric power) to dominate Japan's industrial expansion. The tempo of these industries increased until the outbreak of the U.S.-Japan War.

By the time Japan recovered its independence in 1952, Japanese heavy industries were ready to resume a leading role in industrialization. This was good for the U.S., due to its involvement in a military conflict in Korea in the summer of 1950. The Japanese economy was ready to take advantage of this special demand situation created by the U.S. military needs, and by mid-1951, Japan had become a major workshop and arsenal for the United Nation's troops in Korea. By 1952, when the World War II Peace Treaty went into effect, the Japanese economy had evolved from the stage of rehabilitation to reconstruction, and into an era of normalcy.

A Passing or Cyclical Problem?

Japan had a number of distinct phases of economic and industrial growth and conflicts between 1941 and 1968. Historical perspective, therefore, is extremely important when contemplating current U.S.-Japan trade friction. Looking back, one notices that bilateral relations had deteriorated since the early 1930s, including Japan's withdrawal from the League of Nations and the disturbance in Korea. Over

the period from 1950 to 1960, however, Japan did open its doors for the second time to the world market and an ideal partnership developed between the two nations. Both economies slowed down in the 1970s because of the oil shock, the textile issue and the "Nixon Shocks," accompanied by the imposition of import surcharge.

This background leads to important questions. For example, "Is today's trade friction just a passing problem or a cyclical problem which will disappear when the U.S. interest rate drops and the dollar/yen exchange rate becomes more realistic? Or will it disappear when the U.S. and European economies have recovered with an accompanying decline in unemployment and an increase in productivity? Or, is this just a cyclical phenomenon like the textile issue of the 1960s, which resulted in the Multi-Fiber Arrangement and encouraged a shift in production of simple textiles to the low-cost, developing nations?"

As I see it, there is no simple answer.

Value of Unspoken Words

Looking back in history, Japan was virtually a closed society for a much longer period than other countries pursuing industrial development; Japan was in almost complete seclusion from about 1638 until 1853, which is unparalleled in modern history. Further complicating this issue is language. Japanese is very different from most other languages; the writing system is complicated, which is compounded by the most intricate non-verbal cultural communication process.

These things lead foreigners to question Japan's sincerity in opening its market wider. Consequently, the U.S. government asks Japan for free and equal market access (reciprocity). As one high U.S. official puts it, "The fundamental reason for Japan's surplus is a profound inequality in American access to the Japanese market. This inequality is caused by long-standing Japanese policies and practices which encourage exports and discriminate against U.S. imports."

"The trade imbalance is becoming a political issue which threatens to affect our total relationship," says Undersecretary of Commerce Olmer. He bluntly told a reporter, "The time for talk is over. The time for action on the part of the Japanese is now. We are running out of time."

Mr. Iwasa of Keidanren said, "We depend on the U.S. for our survival, for we rely on it for our food supply, feed for our livestock and energy, too. For our nation to survive, good relations with the U.S. are essential."

A New Black Ship

Earlier I described two simple scenarios—one of a Western movie, and the other of a Japanese "chambara." What about a third scenario? A movie in which the cowboy meets a samurai? Yes—the Black Ship and Commodore Perry. The rest is history.

In the case of Commodore Perry and the samurai, we find that the Japanese reacted to American pressure to open Japan's door to the Western world.

Many American politicians have come to believe that the only way to deal with Japan is to create a sense of crisis, because they have read into Japanese history a strong tendency to resist foreign influence until a crisis arises. Whether or not that reading of history is accurate, this American strategy has largely failed to produce the desired results, which, unfortunately only serves to increase American frustrations and further damage Japan's image. Unless real efforts are made to solve the trade problem, Japan's image abroad will be adversely affected.

There is today, in Western Europe and the U.S., anxiety and unhappiness about Japan's lack of initiative in trying to resolve the trade problem. Japanese competition appears unfair to some Westerners—possibly because of the non-tariff barriers. Such anxieties in the past have led to involved discussions and legislation of reciprocity, local-content requirements, and other protectionist measures. As concerned business people, government representatives, and consumers, we need to make a greater effort in resolving these issues. Because our societies have become increasingly international and interdependent, we need to decide on a world-order philosophy where cooperation can override conflict.

Chapter Pulse

New York

NEW YORK—A seminar on "Building Skills for Success" for Asian Americans is offered on Friday evening, April 26, 7 p.m., at the Anti-Defamation League, 823 United Nations Plaza, E. 46th St. Speakers are Gail Kong, former deputy commissioner, Human Resources Administration; and Hugh Mo, president, Chinatown Planning Council. Tickets are \$5 for members of JACL and Organization for Chinese Americans.

Follow-up activities in May and June include workshops on communications, presentation skills, group discussion skills,

Singles to hold social at Tri-District

FRESNO, Calif. — A "singles social" is planned for Saturday evening, April 20, as part of the weekend events at the Tri-District Convention, announced convention coordinator Tom Shimazaki.

The event starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Regency and Imperial rooms. Dancing, refreshments and get-acquainted activities are being organized by a committee consisting of Kathy Sasaki, Hisao Shimada and Larry Taira from the Fresno Chapter JACL.

Members of the National Singles Committee — Kei Ishigami, Sandi Kawasaki, Hana Sheperd, Meriko Mori, Noriko Saito and Midori Watanabe Kamei — are assisting.

Another highlight of the weekend is the singles workshop, scheduled for Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. The topic is "How To Improve Your Self-esteem." Panel members are Bill Kumagai of San Jose, Kei Ishigami and Noriko Saito from the Greater Los Angeles Singles JACL, and Larry Taira of the newly formed Fresno JACL Singles Group. Midori W. Kamei moderates.

and managerial styles. Information: Fae Minabe, (212) 227-1489.

Greater L.A. Singles

AZUSA, Calif. — Tee-off time is 10:30 a.m. for a golf tournament on April 15 at Azusa Greens. The cost of \$32 per person includes greens fees, cart, steak dinner, and prizes. Information: Annabelle Lee, (213) 327-0099.

Marina/Venice-Culver

LOS ANGELES — "Happiness Is a Healthy Heart" is the theme of the first health fair sponsored by Marina and Venice-Culver JACL chapters, Western Region Asian American Project, and Venice Japanese Community Center. Dr. Mitsuo Inouye is consultant.

The fair takes place Sunday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 12448 Braddock Dr. Information: Emily Takeuchi, 478-8241, x288.

San Mateo

SAN MATEO, Calif. — Volunteers who have provided services to the Nikkei community will be honored by the chapter

on Sunday, April 28. At 1 p.m., there will be a tour of the San Mateo JACL Community Center. At 2 p.m., in the adjoining Gardeners Assn. building, volunteer recognition awards will be made.

Honorees include those who have helped staff or maintain the community center and those who assist with the two senior programs, Ikoi no Tomo and Kiraku Kai, and other activities. In addition, the four JACL high school scholarship winners will be introduced.

The public is invited to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the center and to honor the community volunteers.

Washington, D.C.

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A reception for new members will be held at the Mt. Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parker Lane, on Sunday, April 21, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Persons who were members prior to 1984 are asked to bring a light refreshment (cheese, crackers, fruit, dessert).

Those planning to attend should call Jackie Murdock, 360-0124, or Barbara Nekoba, 360-4820, before April 14.

Mt. Olympus

SALT LAKE CITY — The chapter's annual Fund-A-Rama, featuring manju, sushi, baked goods, children's and adult games, takes place at Central Jr. H.S., 3031 S. 200 East, Saturday, April 20, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. A Chinese dinner is available for \$5 and will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dinner tickets should be purchased before the Fund-A-Rama from Mieko Hashimoto, 943-0694; Tomi Ushio, 277-2280; or Dan Watanabe, 967-3642.

Chapter members are also asked to bring homemade sweets or baked goods for sale.

French Camp

STOCKTON, Calif. — A spring dance will be held at the Stockton Buddhist Church Hall, Saturday evening, April 13, from 9 p.m. Spring Tone Band sup-

plies the music. A benefit for the Legislative Education Committee, the event costs \$5 per person.

Katie Komure is chairperson. Committee members are: Tom Natsuhara, Hide Morinaka, Alan Nishi, John Fujiki, George Komure, Hiro Shinmoto, Toshi Hotta, Nancy Natsuhara, Yoshiko Ito, Kimi Morinaka, Fumiko Asano, and Carl Yamasaki.

Selanoco

LOS ANGELES — The chapter hosts a performance of Wakako Yamauchi's "The Music Lessons" at East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., on Saturday, April 27, 8 p.m. A donation of \$12.50 per ticket covers champagne, food, and cast reception.

The play is about the tangled relationships of an Issei widow and her three children in the Imperial Valley. Checks should be sent to Kathy Miyake Robinson, 12200 Montecito Rd., Apt. B106, Seal Beach, CA 90740; (213) 493-1757. Information: Gary Sakata, (213) 923-9903; Hiroshi Kamei (714) 637-7412.



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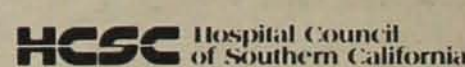
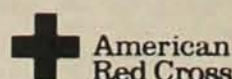


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Commentary

Foes in High Places

by J.K. Yamamoto

Many of the top decision-makers who planned our WW2 internment, such as President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Secretary of War Henry Stimson, and Lt. Gen. John DeWitt, died long before redress became an issue. But two key figures—who are not only still alive but are friends and confidants of President Reagan—continue to defend their wartime actions and oppose any form of redress.

John J. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of War under Roosevelt and later U.S. High Commissioner in postwar Germany, was honored April 2 by Reagan and others on the occasion of his 90th birthday. He was made an honorary German citizen by West German President Richard von Weizsacker, who praised McCloy's "human decency in helping the beaten enemy to recover."

The Washington Post article on the event described McCloy, in almost affectionate terms, as "hale and fit, coatless and hatless despite a chill wind" and "in a fine fettle." New York Times columnist James Reston was also complimentary: "Mr. McCloy makes retirement look easy... he goes like sixty, as if he were still at the War Dept...." Nowhere in any of the praise being heaped on him was there a comment about the "humandecency" he displayed in his actions against JAs.

McCloy, along with Bendetsen, helped formulate the "final recommendation" of removing all Nikkei from the West Coast. In February 1942, he specified that "everyone but the Japs"—including U.S. citizens, of course—would be allowed to stay in the newly designated military zone.

Camps 'Very Pleasant'

In 1981, during the commission hearings, he stated that:

—He had visited the camps and found the conditions there "very good and very pleasant" and found internees were "not distressed" and not "adversely affected" by their internment;

—His decisions were based on "reports of pretty well authenticated pieces of espionage" (none of which had been confirmed);

—He was concerned about "protection of the Japanese population from possible... reprisals" (a concern that he did not express in 1942);

—The commission should not make any recommendations that might restrict Congress from taking similar measures in the future, citing the fact that there are large numbers of Cubans in Florida. "Wouldn't you think seriously

about moving those people out if there was a raid there?" he asked.

"There is, I submit, nothing whatever for which the country should atone," he concluded. He gave similar testimony at a House subcommittee hearing in 1984.

Helped Nazis

He was far more generous toward Nazi war criminals as High Commissioner in Germany, pardoning, among others, Alfred Krupp. He even arranged for Krupp to get back his confiscated property, saying that "confiscation of property... is generally repugnant to American concepts of justice."

Bendetsen, as mentioned elsewhere in this issue of PC, has been a top advisor in Reagan's "Star Wars" program. His role in the internment is not listed among his credentials in the detailed New York Times article on his duties as an SDI strategist.

He strongly pushed for the removal and incarceration of West Coast JAs as Chief of the Aliens Division in the War Dept. and as Asst. Chief of Staff in charge of Civilian Affairs of the Western Defense Command under Gen. DeWitt. The importance he and McCloy shared in the internment program can be seen in a statement McCloy made to Bendetsen in February 1942: "We have carte blanche to do what we want to as far as the President is concerned."

Bendetsen's attitude toward JAs can be seen in his dealings with the late Father Hugh Lavery of the Catholic Maryknoll Center in L.A. When Lavery asked what to do with the orphans in his care, some of them only one-half or one-fourth Japanese, Bendetsen told him: "I am determined that if they have one drop of Japanese blood in them, they must go to camp."

Needless to say, Bendetsen revised his comments during the 1984 House hearings. He denied that barbed wire and guard towers surrounded the camps, said that evacuees "moved at will from the relocation centers," "no families were ever separated," and the evacuees' property was "carefully and separately stored" and returned after the war at no cost.

The position of influence that these men have does not bode well for the redress bills; if Reagan had to make a decision about redress, who would he be more likely to listen to—his old buddies or us? But far from being a reason to give up, these facts should give us added incentive. If the redress movement is to succeed, it must first expose these men for what they are.

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Mrs. Kichi Fukukai, 93
Pre-war resident of Long Beach, Calif., passed away March 17, 1985 in Kumamoto, Japan.

The deceased is survived by sons, George M. of Othello, Wash., Jim M. of Kumamoto, Japan and daughter Haruko Naritoku of Gardena, Calif., nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

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erously, to political candidates and causes," noted Kawahara. "That means additional political power because...those who give generously are listened to very carefully by politicians." He advised JAs to "be very conscientious about how we spend that money."

Another sign of growing political sophistication among JAs, said Kawahara, is the ability to get Nikkei candidates, from the municipal level to Congress, elected. He credited the JAs in the House (Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui, both D-Calif.) and in the Senate (Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, both D-Hawaii) with using their influence to help bring about passage of the bill establishing the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

JAs are also more knowledgeable about lobbying, he said, citing as an example Mary Miyashita, whose years of active involvement with the California Democratic Party have put her on a first-name basis with the state's Democratic congresspersons. "But all of us need to get involved," Kawahara added. "We need to involve ourselves in political parties so that they hear from us and they know what our concerns are."

'Lobby Your Representative'

He recalled that when two members of the PSW Redress Committee visited Rep. Glenn Anderson (D-32nd), who is not co-sponsoring the House redress bill, they were told, "I'm sympathetic with what you're doing, but the mail I get is strongly opposed to monetary redress, and I get very few letters in support of that." With that in mind, Kawahara urged the audience to write, call or send a telegram to their representatives, and to "encourage our non-Japanese friends to write."

A member of the audience reported receiving a letter from Sen. Pete Wilson (R-Calif.), who opposes individual compensation, supporting instead a monument or scholarship fund. Kawahara, who noted that many others had received the same response, said, "There have to be...hundreds, if not thousands, of letters to his of-

fice that will persuade him otherwise."

Some of those who attended requested copies of sample letters that could be used as a guide for writing to legislators.

Unity Inside, Outside Community

Nishio felt that JAs had "grown and matured as a community" as a result of the redress campaign. During the late '70s, there was division over whether reparations should be sought, he said, because of the fear of a backlash. He described the prevailing attitude as, "I know I'm accepted, I've really made it...but if I raise this thing about the camps, maybe the person down the street is not going to accept me"—and that is really not political power."

When the question went from "Should we seek redress?" to "How are we to gain redress," he continued, there were divisive debates about which approach to take. The various groups have come to realize that "we should support all efforts to seek redress that we possibly can and seek it as forcefully as possible," he said, alluding to the fact that JACL, NCR and NCJAR, which once conducted separate campaigns, are now working more closely together.

The next step, he said, is "to forge greater unity with other groups—civil rights groups, ethnic groups, and many others—to build a broader legislative agenda that's going to help us win the justice that we're seeking."

He emphasized the importance of not only seeking support from other groups but also finding out what some concerns of the other groups are and finding ways to build a common political agenda. In some cases, he said, "we haven't been real sophisticated in that regard," but there have also been successes, such as the platform of the Asian Pacific Caucus of the Democratic Party, which included redress as one of its planks, and support of redress legislation by the Black Caucus and the Hispanic Caucus in the House of Representatives.

The panelists also mentioned that support had been obtained from non-ethnic bodies such as churches, unions, and local government. Members of the audi-



PERSONAL RELATIONS — Consul general Taizo Watanabe of Japan (center) speaks at PSW conference March 23. Flanking him are Frank Sato, JACL president, and vice president Rose Ochi.

ence were urged to utilize their organizational contacts to seek further support.

Other Avenues

Okinaka discussed the status of NCJAR's class action suit against the government. The \$24 billion suit was dismissed last year on the grounds that the statute of limitations had already expired, and NCJAR is now appealing the decision. Like the other panelists, Okinaka considered an apology "meaningless" and felt that payments must be obtained quickly because "people are dying every day, and those are the ones who must be compensated."

The panelists agreed that in addition to the legislative and judi-

cial approaches, educating the public about the internment through the school system should also be an area of continuing effort.

When asked about the possibility that JACL might hire a professional lobbying firm to promote the redress bills, Kawahara expressed his fear that many people will assume "If we pay them a quarter of a million dollars, we can sit back and they're going to do it for us." If we get into that kind of mentality, it could shoot this whole thing down very quickly.

"So if we do go with a professional lobbyist, I think it must be with the understanding that...it should not diminish our energy."

Bendetsen, architect of internment program, now 'Star Wars' advisor

WASHINGTON—Karl Bendetsen, who played a key role in the decision to remove and intern all Japanese Americans living on the West Coast during WW2, has been a key advisor in the Reagan Administration's "Star Wars" project, according to an article in the March 4 New York Times.

Beginning in 1981, he was the top officer of a group of scientists, industrialists, military men and aerospace executives which met at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative "think tank" in Washington, D.C., to devise a strategy for a space-based defense against nuclear missiles. Bendetsen reportedly had easy access to the President.

During WW2, as Chief of Aliens Division in the War Dept. and later

Chief of Staff in charge of Civilian Affairs for the Western Defense Command, Bendetsen advocated and oversaw the mass evacuation and internment.

Life membership campaign under way

LOS ANGELES — Mas Hironaka, San Diego JACL president, was appointed chair of the JACL 1000 Club life membership campaign by Rose Ochi, JACL vice-president for membership services.

Hironaka reported that over 80 new members have already contributed the one-time \$500 contribution to the fund which supports operations at national headquarters.

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representatives of JACL and other community organizations.

Ochi and Mori talked about the impact of trade problems on JAs. "In bad times in our economy," Ochi said, "we find that politicians very expediently participate in very inflammatory types of rhetoric," talking about Japan "in very racial and very nationalistic ways. This is a real concern to Japanese Americans, because no matter how far we have progressed and how much we have assimilated...American people do not distinguish, and we are caught in the crossfire."

"I don't think there's any way out for Japanese Americans," commented Mori. "When there is a U.S.-Japan relation that is good or bad, we will get the benefits, we will get the criticisms."

Both acknowledged that because of the WW2 internment and other past discriminatory treatment, many Nikkei might be reluctant to again run the risk of being identified with Japan. Mori's argument was that "if we do stand up, whether favorable [to Japan] or not, and express ourselves, the benefits are much greater than being silent."

"JACL as an organization has come to recognize that we have a choice. We are going to be affected, and we can either stand by the sidelines...or get involved," stated Ochi.

Ochi saw many opportunities for JAs to "form bridges" in politics, the business community, and the area of culture. Mori suggested that recent immigrants from Japan, rather than the pre-WW2 generations, could be a "catalyst" in improving relations.

Ochi explained the present structure of JACL's U.S.-Japan relations program, which has David Nikaido of Washington, D.C. as national chair and regional coordinators being appointed in "key areas" by national president Frank Sato. At the regional level, goals, objectives and activities "that are particular to our needs" are to be identified. The committee is still in the formative stages and "very loosely organized," she said, inviting input from any interested individuals.

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