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VOILA! — Photographers crowd in when a plaque designating Manzanar as a National Historical Landmark is unveiled. On hand for the ceremony were (from left) Sue Embrey, Manzanar Committee spokesperson; Los Angeles city councilman David Cunningham; Jerry Rogers of the National Park Service; and Rep. Mervyn Dymally.

News in Brief

Government forced into Hirabayashi hearing

SEATTLE — Federal district court judge Donald Vorhees on April 29 denied the U.S. government's motion to dismiss Gordon Hirabayashi's petition for a writ of *error coram nobis* filed in January 1983. Hirabayashi seeks to overturn his conviction for resisting the WW2 internment orders, basing his case on government documents that he says disclose government suppression, alteration and destruction of key evidence attesting to the loyalty of Japanese Americans.

Vorhees also turned down a motion by the U.S. Justice Dept. for a stay pending final disposition of a similar petition filed by Minoru Yasui, now in appellate proceedings in Portland, Oregon.

Hirabayashi's case will come up for a full evidentiary hearing on June 17 (see April 19 PC).

Anh Mai slayer sentenced to life in prison

BOSTON — U.S. Marine Robert Glass Jr., 21, was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life imprisonment May 1 for having stabbed Vietnamese immigrant Anh Mai to death in 1983. Glass was also convicted of three counts of assault with intent to murder and three counts of assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Three other Vietnamese were injured in Glass's attack, one crippled permanently.

Glass attacked the immigrants in an early-morning brawl at their home in Dorchester. The Boston Police do not consider the Anh Mai murder to be racially motivated.

According to the Boston Globe, police records show 31 racial incidents against Asians in 1983, and 43 in 1984.

Racist radio broadcasts protected by FCC

WASHINGTON — "Sermons" broadcast over a Dodge City, Kansas, radio station that urged listeners to kill Jews are not enough to deny the station a license, the Associated Press reported. The Federal Communications Commission ruled April 26 that even "racist and anti-Semitic" broadcasts are protected by the First Amendment right to free speech.

Station owners Charles and Nellie Babbs may still be refused a license renewal if the commission finds their basic character qualifications to be deficient.

In a series of broadcasts in 1982 and 1983, preachers William Gale and James Wickstrom took 264 hours of air time to denounce Blacks, Mexicans, Jews, Vietnamese, and politicians.

'Asian America' program up for L.A. Emmys

LOS ANGELES — Tritia Toyota and Stanley Kawakami are among the news writers nominated for the 1984 Los Angeles area Emmy Awards for their work on the hour-long documentary "Asian America." The program also garnered Emmy nominations for KNBC-TV in the public affairs specials category, and for film editor John Alarid.

Matsunaga introduces redress bill with 25 co-sponsors

WASHINGTON—A Senate bill calling for redress to Japanese Americans interned by the federal government during WW2 was introduced on May 2 by Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) with 25 other senators as co-sponsors (see list below).

The bill, S 1053, is virtually identical to S 2116, the redress bill which was introduced by Matsu-

naga in 1983 and which had 20 sponsors by the end of the 98th Congress in 1984. Like its predecessor, S 1053 embodies recommendations made by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in 1983.

Redress supporters had hoped to have the bill named S 100 in honor of the all-Nisei 100th Infantry Battalion, but that number had

already been taken. The House redress bill has been designated HR 442 in honor of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

In introducing the Senate bill, Matsunaga termed the 1942 removal of 120,000 JAs from their West Coast homes and their incarceration in detention camps "one of America's worst wartime mistakes."

Urging Congress to acknowledge "the grave injustice" of the internment, Matsunaga said that passage of the bill "would remove a blot on the pages of our nation's history" and "remove a cloud which has hung over the heads of Japanese Americans since the end of WW2."

The bill would provide the estimated 55,000 to 60,000 surviving internees a one-time per capita compensation of \$20,000 in partial compensation for individual losses and damages; establish a trust fund for humanitarian and public educational purposes; and require that Congress and the President apologize to Japanese Americans for the internment.

It also calls for similar restitution for Alaskan Aleuts who were removed from their villages and held in abandoned canneries or mines for the duration of the war.

WW2 camp now national landmark

by J.K. Yamamoto

MANZANAR, Calif.—The site of an internment camp where 10,000 Japanese Americans lived during WW2 was formally declared a National Historic Landmark in an April 27 ceremony held during the 16th annual Manzanar Pilgrimage.

As approximately 300 people looked on, Jerry Rogers, associate director for cultural resources for the National Park Service, unveiled a bronze plaque designating Manzanar as a site which "possesses national significance commemorating the history of the United States of America."

The gathering, which included a number of former Manzanar internees, was joined by Los Angeles city councilman David Cunningham,

Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.) and representatives from Inyo County, the nearby town of Lone Pine and the Ft. Independence Shoshone-Paiute tribe. The ceremony took place near the monument marking the location of the camp cemetery.

"Manzanar," Rogers said before the unveiling, "is representative of the atmosphere of racial prejudice, mistrust and fear that resulted in American citizens being uprooted from their homes, denied their constitutional rights, and—with neither accusation, indictment, nor conviction—moved to remote relocation camps..."

"Manzanar cannot be celebrated, for it was not a triumph...not

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Pearl Harbor cited in contract dispute

DENVER—State Senator Ray Powers (R-Colorado Springs) angered local Asian Americans when he declared that a Japanese American firm should not have been awarded a state contract because "the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor."

Powers has introduced a bill, SB 252, which would reduce highway construction contract set-asides for minority businesses from 15% to 11%. At a Senate Transportation Committee hearing two weeks ago, he gave one of his reasons for sponsoring the bill:

"Another thing that really got me on this was when I heard of a bid being let to a Hawaii bidder, a Japanese, that we were bombing not 30 years ago."

However, Koga Engineering & Construction Inc. of Honolulu, to which Powers was referring, was founded by Malcom Koga, a third-generation Hawaiian who served with the Army Corps of Engineers for two years in Vietnam.

Paul Iwata, vice president of Koga and manager of KECI Colorado Inc., a Littleton-based sister company that is taking over the Koga contracts, sold his home in Hawaii nine months ago and has moved to Colorado permanently. Two of his uncles served in the

442nd Regimental Combat Team during WW2 and were killed in Germany.

Tom Masamori and Minoru Yasui of Mile-Hi JACL were joined by Willis Yap of the Organization of Chinese Americans in protesting Powers' remarks at a senate hearing.

Representatives of Hispanic and Black organizations, including League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), NAACP, and Urban League, strongly objected to Powers' comments alleging "slipshod workmanship of minority contractors" and "unreliability of minority workers."

Powers has indicated that he would like to run as the Republican candidate for governor in the next general election.

Co-sponsors of S 1053

Jeremiah Denton	R-Alabama
Ted Stevens	R-Alaska
Frank Murkowski	R-Alaska
Alan Cranston	D-California
Gary Hart	D-Colorado
Spark Matsunaga	D-Hawaii
Daniel Inouye	D-Hawaii
Paul Simon	D-Illinois
Tom Harkin	D-Iowa
Paul Sarbanes	D-Maryland
Edward Kennedy	D-Massachusetts
John Kerry	D-Massachusetts
Carl Levin	D-Michigan
Donald Riegle	D-Michigan
John Melcher	D-Montana
James Exon	D-Nebraska
Bill Bradley	D-New Jersey
Frank Lautenberg	D-New Jersey
Daniel Moynihan	D-New York
Alfonse D'Amato	R-New York
Quentin Burdick	D-North Dakota
Howard Metzenbaum	D-Ohio
Mark Hatfield	R-Oregon
Slade Gorton	R-Washington
Daniel Evans	R-Washington
William Proxmire	D-Wisconsin

Washington legislature endorses redress

OLYMPIA, Wash. — The Washington State Legislature has asked Congress to pay \$20,000 to each American of Japanese ancestry who was interned by the U.S. during WW2.

Senate Joint Memorial 104 was sent to Congress and President Reagan April 17 after winning state house approval in a 61-35 vote following some heated debate, the

Associated Press reported.

"We should do something to say we're sorry we reacted irrationally," said Rep. Katie Allen (R-Edmonds). "We can't make up for what we've done, but we can make a gesture."

"We cannot free our conscience by buying it off," snapped Rep. Ray Isaacson (R-Richland).

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New Yorkers learn how to succeed

by Teru Kanazawa
The New York Nichibei

On the evening of April 26, the JACL and the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) held their second joint conference, titled, "Building Skills for Success," at the offices of the Anti-Defamation League near the United Nations. While the featured speakers—Gail M. Kong, former deputy commissioner of Special Services for Children and Deputy Police Commissioner Hugh H. Mo—spoke as city government employees, their remarks focused on how to achieve success in the government and corporate worlds and how being Asian American affects that upward climb.

Both speakers have been in positions of high visibility and responsibility in city government and, as introduced by OCA board member Herbert Sue, "well qualified" to speak on the subject. Last year, as a result of a child abuse scandal at a day-care facility in the Bronx, Kong was forced

to resign her position as deputy commissioner. And Mo, whose job it is to oversee disciplinary problems in the police department, including those involving police brutality, commented on the difficult week it had been.

Prefacing her remarks, Kong held up a handwritten sign, which stated, "Take a risk or save face: What will people think; Power—Responsibility—Interesting Work."

After reviewing the various categories of jobs available in city government, Kong discussed "issues" for Asians, saying Asians "don't admit what we don't know." She stressed that asking questions and socializing or "networking" are important for Asians. Asians are viewed with some caution and suspicion and, therefore, she said, "reaching out helps dispel some myths."

Mo explored the nature of stereotypes of Asians and the myths that many, particularly first-generation Asians, have of the workings of American society. Hard work, Mo asserted, is not the only ingredient that

makes one recognized. But, he added, "quality hard work" helps: that is, the ability to work creatively and innovatively within a set deadline.

Mo added that interpersonal and communications skills and the presentation of a highly professional attitude also helps determine how one is regarded.

Mo further referred to popular stereotypes of Asians as containing "grains of truth." He described a "colonial mentality" among Asians which "suppresses ethnic identity, culture, and heritage," and which, in turn, leads to the stereotypes that Asians are not independent or original thinkers, lack self-esteem and assertiveness.

He stressed that Asians take their cultural identity seriously and emphasized, "If you're a banana, you might as well forget about politics."

Mo advised that Asians network, help others, be conduits for resources, pay attention to current events, and draw up "network balance sheets" of contacts who would make job referrals and recommendations, give pro-

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Chinese American astronaut encounters share of problems

HOUSTON—Dr. Taylor G. Wang, 44, became the first Chinese American in space as a crew member of the space shuttle Challenger, which lifted off from Cape Canaveral April 29 and landed at California's Edwards AFB May 6.

Wang is a senior scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., and an expert on fluid dynamics. He and other mission specialists conducted experiments in the \$1 billion Space-lab which was kept in the shuttle's cargo bay.

Like other devices on the shuttle, the \$3.5 million Drop Dynamics Module which Wang helped develop failed to work initially, short-circuiting when Wang attempted to start it on the first day of the mission. "I refuse to come home until I get this thing fixed," he said on May 3, having spent three days searching for the short.

Later that day, Wang announced that he had fixed the machine. Although its power had been reduced

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Petitioners ask leniency for Kimura

by Katie Kaori Hayashi

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—To ask for leniency for Fumiko Kimura, who is charged with murder and felony child endangering in the deaths of her two children, petitions have been sent to Deputy District Attorney Louise Comar from supporters in Japan and the Los Angeles area.

Kimura, a Japanese national, is alleged to have walked into the ocean at Santa Monica Beach with her 4-year-old son and 6-month-old daughter on Jan. 29 in an attempt to commit family suicide, known in Japan as *shinju*.

Gerald Klausner, Kimura's attorney, received 545 signatures on a petition sent from Kimura Law Office in Japan, according to Gail Caro, Klausner's legal assistant. Caro added that the lawyer in Japan is no relation to the defendant.

Yoshiko Yamaguchi, a licensed social worker at the San Fernando Japanese American Community Center, said that the lawyer volunteered to collect signatures after being asked by Kimura's husband, Itsuroku, about the Japanese legal system's treatment of *shinju*.

Klausner said that he was extremely pleased with and touched

by the sympathy expressed for Kimura in the petition, and that he was also impressed by the efforts being made on her behalf. He expressed hope that the petition would favorably influence the court.

Yamaguchi said that she had received copies of the petition which had been distributed at the first meeting of a local support group for Kimura, and that 170 Japanese nationals and Japanese Americans had signed as of April 30. Noting that other small groups have been working to collect signatures, she said, "I hope everyone will have compassion for the tragedy of the lady and sign the petition."

Some of the Japanese nationals

who support Kimura gave their reasons for signing the petition:

Chiiko Okano, housewife: "I want the court to consider Kimura's cultural background. Her act, which is considered a serious crime by American legal standards, resulted from her Japanese cultural background. She killed her beloved children, but her intent was to die with them."

Fusako Otani, housewife: "I can understand her act. I think that every Japanese national could be the second Fumiko Kimura. Japanese nationals aren't familiar with American law, and we are intrinsically Japanese even though we try hard to assimilate into American culture. I think that she is a victim torn between two cultures and legal standards. I don't think that it is reasonable that she is going to be punished by

American legal standards.

Norio Kaneko, student: "I think that the charges against her are too harsh. I think that a reasonable charge for her could be involuntary manslaughter because she didn't take her children's lives for malevolence, cruelty or financial gain."

Takako Gotoh, student: "I can understand her act, even though it is a serious crime in this country."

Petitions are available at the Little Tokyo Service Center, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 410, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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Grief workshop slated

STOCKTON, Calif.—Asian American communities of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced counties are cordially invited to hear Thomas E. Bruce on Friday, May 10, 7:30 p.m. at California First Bank meeting room, 35 S. El Dorado St. The event is free.

Bruce teaches a popular course on death, dying and grief at Sacramento City College, and is in demand as a speaker on this subject. He is known for his work with hospices and grief support-group guidance and training. He was a recipient of a public service award from the Mental Health Assn. of Sacramento.

He speaks on "Coping With Grief and Loss." Grief is experienced any time there is separation, not only in terms of death, but when there is the loss of a job, loss of good health, loss of personal treasure, separation from lifetime residency, and so on.

Hiroshima/Nagasaki to be commemorated

by Dr. James Tsujimura and Ken Nakano
Co-chairs, Atomic Bomb Survivors Committee

Many peace organizations in this country will take part this summer in events commemorating the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki 40 years ago. They will renew their call for worldwide nuclear disarmament, and many will couple that call with grassroots efforts urging an end to all nuclear weapons testing.

Looking back 40 years is a painful exercise for many Japanese Americans, none more so than for the survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki holocaust. But the pain is lessened by several developments that give hope!

—Since Hiroshima and Nagasaki, no other people have suffered the excruciating fate of the citizens of those cities.

—People across the globe now understand the terrible destructiveness of nuclear war and are working together to prevent it from ever recurring.

—Those countries that have built nuclear bombs are under increasing pressure from non-nuclear states to make significant reductions in their nuclear stockpiles and ultimately to agree to worldwide nuclear disarmament.

—Negotiations for verifiable arms control have resumed between the United States and Soviet Union.

The Japanese American Citizens League is a member, along with 56 other national organizations in the United States, of a coalition called Citizens Against Nuclear War.

Citizens Against Nuclear War is part of the movement seeking an end to all nuclear testing. Members of our coalition are urging Congress to petition the President to resume negotiations with the Soviet Union and Great Britain for a treaty to put an end to all testing—the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Several years of negotiations already have laid the foundations for such a treaty, which would end underground tests. That would complete the work done 12 years ago when the major nuclear powers signed the Limited Test Ban Treaty forbidding nuclear explosions in the atmosphere, under water, or in space.

WW2 Lost Battalion, rescuers to reunite

HOUSTON — Among the more famous battles fought by the all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team was the rescue of the Texas "Lost Battalion" in October 1944. Under heavy fire, the 442nd suffered more than 800 casualties in their rescue of 211 fellow Americans pinned down by German troops in the French Vosges forest.

This weekend, members of the 1st Battalion, 141st Regiment, 36th Division, and the 442nd RCT will travel from around the country to reunite at the Hotel Meridien.

The banquet on May 11 climaxes a weekend of events honoring the 442nd RCT. The photo exhibit "Go For Broke" will be

formally dedicated on Friday, May 10, at the public library.

Special exhibits will be mounted in honor of:

—Saburo Tanamachi, a native Texan killed in the Lost Battalion rescue who was one of the first two Japanese Americans buried at Arlington cemetery;

—the Saibara Family of Webster, Texas, whose forebear Seito Saibara was invited to the U.S. to teach natives how to grow rice, and whose grandson Robert Saibara was the highest-ranking Army officer before WW2 (a captain with the 1st Army, he left service as a lieutenant colonel);

A symposium will be held Saturday, May 11, featuring Eric Saul, curator, Presidio Army Museum; Chet Tanaka, author of *Go For Broke*; and Tom Kawaguchi, executive director, *Go For Broke, Inc.*

Community Affairs

BERKELEY, Calif. — Asian American Studies Library at UC Berkeley hosts an open house on Friday, May 17, 9 a.m. to noon, 101 Wheeler Hall. The library hosts the largest and most comprehensive Asian American collection in the U.S.

Asian Health Services is holding a fundraiser to celebrate the inception of its perinatal services on Saturday, May 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the International House in Berkeley (Piedmont Ave. and Bancroft Way). The evening starts off with wine and appetizers. A program hosted by Serena Chen from KTVU follows featuring Rep. Ron Dellums, with live entertainment by Everybody's Dance Collective and Charlie and Nobuko. Information: 465-3271.

OAKLAND, Calif. — An Asian Pacific Heritage Festival takes place May 19, from noon to 6 p.m. in the inner garden court of the Oakland Museum. Demonstrations of ethnic arts and music will be given during the afternoon as well as entertainment.

SAN FRANCISCO — "Perspectives: Asian Students in Higher Education" is the topic of a one-day symposium examining the history and status of the diverse populations of Asians. Geared for academic planners, admissions directors and program administrators, the symposium will be held May 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., UC Extension Center, 55 Laguna St. Information: Western Regional Office of the College Board, (408) 2878-6800. Pre-registration (includes lunch) \$15; on-site registration \$20.

A group of former Topaz undergraduates are planning a reunion and request the names (maiden names of women), addresses and telephone numbers of those who were in the seventh through eleventh grades in 1945. Information should be sent to Sumi Ozawa Sugihara, 2673 Doidge Ave., Pinole, CA 94564; Ken Sato, 129 Richardson Dr.,

Mill Valley, CA 94941; Tak Eshima, 1514 Josephine St., Berkeley, CA 94703; or Yuki Iwasa Nakano, 2423-31st Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116.

FRESNO — The 1985 luau and fashion show, "Images," a fundraiser for the Central California Asian Pacific Women will be held Saturday, May 18, 1985, 12 noon to 3 p.m., at Duncan Water Gardens, 6901 E. McKenzie. Proceeds benefit scholarships to community service activities and to A/P women continuing or re-entering academic or vocational institutions. Fashions by Gottschalk's. Tax-deductible donation: \$16. Reservations: 431-4144 or 439-8525.

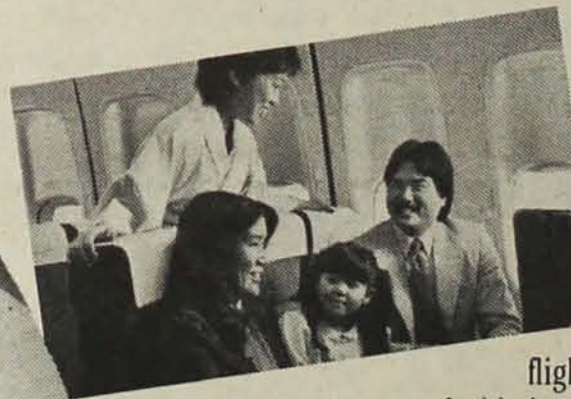
PORTLAND, Ore. — "Justice for All" is the topic of Portland Town Meeting, May 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Nursing Education Building, Rm. 111, 2255 N.W. Northrup. The meeting will develop recommendations that can be translated into legislative packages that can be introduced to the White House and Congress. Moderator is Dr. Jim Tsujimura; keynote speaker is Art Nicoletti, president and founder of Justice For All, a new citizens lobby.

Poetry reading by Lawson Inada is scheduled for Monday, May 13, on Environment East/West, KBOO Radio (90.7 FM).

LOS ANGELES — T.H.E. Clinic for Women, Inc. and Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program will offer free pap and breast exams, Friday, May 10, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., 3860 West Martin Luther King Blvd. Multilingual staff will be available for Spanish, Japanese, Thai, and Vietnamese translation. For appointment: 295-6571.

East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., presents "Three Penny Opera," by Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill. Opening night is Wednesday, May 22, 8 p.m. Performances run Thursday through Sunday. Tickets \$10.50-15. Reservations: 660-0366.

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LATE LAST FALL there was formed in the Philadelphia area an organization of Asian American lawyers, some 35 barristers of whom approximately one-third are women. Included are Chinese, Korean, one Pacific Islander (Fijian) and Japanese ancestries. Of this last ethnic group, there are about a half dozen including the president of the organization, Dennis Morikawa. Dennis is a labor lawyer with a Philadelphia law firm that is the largest in the United States. He is, by the way, the son of Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa who was the pastor of a church in Hyde Park in Chicago where some of us as students visited when word of this eloquent preacher spread. Impressive. Dr. Morikawa has since been with the Baptist Theological Seminary in the suburbs nearby.

SOME THREE DECADES ago when this writer arrived here fresh out of law school, we became, as far as we know, the first Asian American lawyer in the state. For the longest period we were alone until a Chinese American by the name of Arthur Lee opened up his practice in Chinatown. Arthur, a truly fine gentleman, suddenly passed away about five years ago, a big loss to the community.

BECAUSE OF OUR surname, for many years we received constant solicitations to join the Justinian Society, a group comprised solely of lawyers of Italian ancestry. Although a member of the "regular" bar associations (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and American), having no ethnic affiliation, I finally put in my application to the Justinians. No response. Thereafter, for a while, whenever I saw a prominent member of the Justinians I'd jokingly inquire about the status of my application. (This is known as *yajiru* in *nihongo*.) One has to have at least one parent of Italian ancestry in order to be eligible. The national organization of the Justinians also sent invitations, so I joined.



So I can lay claim to being at least an "honorary Italo-American" barrister.

SPEAKING OF THE American Bar Association, that's a story in itself. Since I had joined one of the law firms in Philadelphia, "respectability" included joining the American Bar. The membership application form had a space for "race" which I completed by filling in the word "human." Back came the application with directions to fill in "nationality" to which, of course, I filled in "American." Back it came again

with directions to indicate the ancestry of my parents. Now what that had to do with my qualifications as a lawyer was beyond me, and back went a letter to headquarters in this vein. The response from the Chicago headquarters was some lame reasoning that "because this is business practice." I wrote back declining to accept that as a reason. They finally gave up and accepted my money.

Not too long after that, this inquiry was removed. At least, I never saw it again.

AND NOW TODAY some 35 Asian American lawyers in various areas and levels: city law department, state attorney general's staff, federal law departments, a number in many of Philadelphia's most prominent firms, including a number of women lawyers. We understand that shortly an Asian American woman lawyer will be joining one of our local law schools as a professor, reportedly a "first" outside of Hawaii.

WE'VE COME A long way. But it's only another beginning.

Thanks, Mom

ONE THING
LEADS
TO ANOTHER

Bob
Shimabukuro



I was home from school one day, laid up with an asthma attack, trying desperately to breathe. My mom was with me, gently rubbing my back, singing. My brother's cocker spaniel, named Ronnie Hansen Shimabukuro after the Baltimore Oriole shortstop, lay just off the *futon* as close as he could get to us without being shooed off, when we heard a car drive up.

Mom stopped singing, got up,

peeked out the window and came back quietly, gently petted Ronnie, and sat down next to me again. "Electric man," she said softly. "Shhh," she admonished Ronnie.

The bill collector pounded on the door. "Anybody home?" he asked loudly. Ronnie got up, growled softly, looked at mom, who again warned him to be quiet with what we kids termed the old "stink eye," then calmly went back to his spot, stretched out and carefully watched my mom with his inquisitive eyes.

After about five minutes of absolute stillness inside the house and a racket outside our front door, the "electric man" left. "Good dog! What a good dog, I guess you can stay in the house today," sighed mom with relief as she went to the door to pick up the all-too-familiar termina-

tion-of-service notice.

"Well, at least we gained another 24 hours by sitting still...and tomorrow's payday," she said as she laughed softly.

I remember this episode in my life every year as Mother's Day rolls around perhaps because it has become a symbol to me of mom's patience, quiet humor, devotion to her children and intense desire to carry on with her life despite far too many obstacles.

She has seen all seven of her children pursue varying careers and lifestyles, some of them very anti-traditional. Yet, she has rarely interfered or objected; in fact, she has been supportive of all her children through the most trying of circumstances.

That she possessed these qualities was probably no accident. She herself was raised to be a strong, free-thinking woman by her non-traditional (and very well-respected) immigrant father from Gushikawa, Okinawa. He was supportive of her endeavors and was, in mom's words, "a real good, kind man."

By plan or pure accident, these traditions are carried on somehow. Both of my sisters exhibit those same independent qualities and, in their own way, so do my 13-year-old daughter and 2-year-old niece.

As my mom joked to me one day while talking about her life, "You better watch out, Bob. Mira's going to run off with her boyfriend when she's 17." I cringed, a little panic stricken. I only hope I can deal with that situation (should it arise) with as much grace as my grandfather.

To Yasuko Nakanishi Shimabukuro, a very happy Mother's Day, 1985.

Gearing Up for '86 Convention

by Yosh Nakashima
Vice President,
General Operations

SAN FRANCISCO—As was suggested by Hank Sakai (April 19 PC), I wish to give a summary of the activities of the various committees which report to our office.

The JACL Personnel Manual was completed and distributed to all staffers early in 1985 and is again undergoing some revision in the area of disability and maternity leave definitions of what may be required by law and what is best for all concerned.

The many committees—Personnel, Nominations, Japanese American of the Biennium, Awards and Recognitions, Resolutions, Credentials, and National Convention—are all led by capable persons who are hard at work to assure a smooth and successful 1986 national convention in Chicago. The one piece of cooperation that we need is district representation on the various committees by those individuals who will be at the convention.

While there may be some minor changes in the various forms used for chapter and delegate credentials for the 1986 national convention, most will basically be the same as before.

Resolutions

There will be a definite change in how resolutions are to be handled for 1986. Resolutions on subject matter(s) dealt with by the National Council recently will most likely be not acceptable unless there is a need to restate the issue in a stronger fashion. Those introducing similar resolutions will be encouraged to merge them into one resolution. We shall also

encourage early submissions of resolutions so that delegates can review them with the local membership and chapter leaders for appropriate action. It is possible that resolutions may arise from the various workshops during the convention and those will be programmed appropriately.

Nominations activity shall be announced by the end of 1985 so that potential candidates will have firm rules and guidelines. Hopefully, there can be a financial cap on campaigns and the guidelines for the wording on endorsements and also for the issue of who can or cannot be nominators.

There may be consideration of a new award to be presented either in 1986 or, more definitely, in 1988. All recipients of National Council awards—Japanese American(s) of the Biennium and JACLer of the Biennium—shall have their travel and lodging covered by the national JACL and convention.

A Wonderful Town

The National Convention Committee in Chicago is definitely on top of the convention and everything is progressing on time and efficiently. There is much activity being planned and we should all plan to be there for business and for pleasure.

Chicago is an interesting city with much historical and cultural interest. The weather will be warm, so plan to get a good suntan and leave heavy clothes at home.

We believe that the lineup of workshops will be of interest for those of all ages. There may also be workshops in the area of employment and professional in-

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Potpourri of Memories

FROM THE
FRYING PAN:

Bill
Hosokawa



By coincidence, Bob Shimabukuro, Pacific Citizen's assistant editor, sent me a clipping about Wally Yonamine the same week that we heard of Kaiser Tanaka's death.

The Yonamine story appeared in the Honolulu Advertiser. Yonamine, who played professional football for the San Francisco 49ers and professional baseball on the Salt Lake City farm team of the San Francisco Seals, went to Japan in 1951.

What he went through has been likened to the experience of Jackie Robinson who broke the color bar in American baseball. Although he barely spoke Japanese, Yonamine's aggressive, go-for-broke style of play revolutionized that country's baseball and opened the way for other American players. Yonamine led the Yomiuri Giants to eight championships in ten seasons and set a career batting average of .311.

Kaiser Tanaka was of another era. Born in Hawaii as was Yonamine, Tanaka went to Japan in the 1930s and played college and pro baseball. Postwar he was a big league coach and manager. He was an employee of the U.S. Army's recreational services when he died at his home in Tokyo a few weeks ago. Three of his children, Harold and Gus and Mrs.

Shigemi Nakamura, live in Denver.

Seems we were short-changed by Uncle Sam in still another way back in those dark days. John M. Yumoto of San Mateo, Calif., sends along clippings from Linn's Stamp News in which Richard B. Graham writes about postmarks on letters sent from War Relocation Authority camps. He says that postage-free mail privileges were provided "detained civilian internees" by something called Order 19127 effective Nov. 6, 1942.

It provided that "letters, postcards ... parcels of mailable matter not exceeding four pounds in weight intended for or dispatched by prisoners of war, including civilian enemy detainees and internees, shall be accepted free of postage when mailed at

and addressed to any place where the United States mail service is in operation." Graham adds:

"Which is to say, in World War II, not only the U.S. armed forces and their civilian attendants, but enemy prisoners of war and interned civilians had the free mail privilege. Apparently, among internees in the United States during World War II, only those in the Nisei camps lacked the free mail privilege."

Graham notes that of all the WRA camps, apparently the one in McGehee, Ark., was the only one to have its own postmark. It seems other camps used postmarks from the nearest town.

Graham doesn't indicate whether stamped and postmarked envelopes from the WRA camps have anything more than curiosity value, but those who have kept old letters might be wise to hang on to them a bit longer.

Back to the subject of American football in Japan, George Shimizu of Greenbrae, Calif., sent along copies of stories he wrote for the Japan Advertiser in 1938 when he was a part-time sports reporter in Tokyo. Shimizu was a senior at the American School in Japan with a yen to write. In the absence of someone more mature, he not only covered the games but picked the first All-Japan football team. Unfortunately Shimizu used only last names (except Clarence Shima of Rikkyo and Kojack Naito of Waseda), and mentioned no home towns.

"Many of these football players," Shimizu notes, "later served in the Military Intelligence Service as language instructors and in the service at Camp Savage, Fort Snelling and the Presidio, and in the Pacific during the war and in the postwar occupation of Japan."

Speaking the Language of Success

THE RECRUITMENT & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

—by B.J. Watanabe

The Recruitment and Leadership Committee sponsored its first workshop at the recent Tri-District Convention in Fresno. The overall purpose of the workshop was to stimulate thinking on some of the elements of leadership and to provide participants with an opportunity to exercise their own styles of leadership and problem-solving skills in a team setting.

After Pat Ogawa, PSW committee member, greeted everyone and explained the game plan for the three-hour session, I briefly covered the background, goals, and activities of the national committee, and introduced Frank Sato, JACL national president, who spoke on the "Elements of Leadership."

Sato had given this presentation to the first session of national JACL's Washington, D.C. Leadership Conference almost two years ago, and we asked him to again share his views on leadership.

With respect to skills development, Sato discussed four broad areas in which leaders must be concerned: appearance, commu-

nication, ethical conduct, and strategy. In the area of communication, he emphasized the importance of speaking well, networking, and interpersonal skills and felt that we must develop greater capabilities in these areas in order to be more effective leaders. He recommended a favorite book, *Speak the Language of Success*, by Hoffman and Gravich to those interested in polishing their communication skills.

I was most interested in Sato's discussion of strategy, which included: (a) setting clear goals and objectives; (b) assessing internal capabilities; (c) understanding the mandate or legitimacy of purpose.

It seems that all too often discussions on leadership focus on well-worn areas like appearance

and communication skills and not enough on strategy. Yet people who have well-developed skills in this area are often the most effective leaders and can make the difference between shaping an organization that treads water (or worse, loses ground) or one that continually progresses and aspires to greater levels of influence.

Sato also noted that goal-setting is important and that everyone has to understand and agree with the goals in order to attain them. In fact, goal-setting was one of the first things that he did when taking office as national president: he laid out the goals and objectives for the organization, and requested national officers and committee chairs to do the same for their areas.

Clarity of goals and commitment to them by team members is important if progress is to be made. Otherwise, it's too easy to float along treading water without making any kind of significant gain.

An important part of goal-setting is that these goals must be tailored to the capabilities of the

group. Ambitious objectives are unrealistic if group members do not have the resources or access to persons with those resources needed to meet the goals.

For example, fundraising is a key part of our goal to attain redress. Because we lack the resources within our organization to raise funds outside the community, the national board has hired a fundraising firm to tap those individuals outside the community most likely to make a contribution.

Recognition of our internal strengths and weaknesses and adoption of strategies to meet our goals (or tailor them) given those strengths and weaknesses are important elements of good leadership.

Following Sato's presentation, Alan Kumamoto had participants break up into small groups to discuss the points Sato had made. Kuwamoto is the director of the Center for Non-Profit Management and served in the past as JACL's national youth director.

Participants agreed and disagreed with Sato and added the following remarks:

"An understanding of the larger picture is also an important aspect of leadership, for that awareness may also modify your objectives and strategies."

"JACL has enough leaders — our priority should be to recruit more 'troops.'"

"We must be careful of stereotyping ourselves, for example, in the communications skills area. There are lots of Nikkei who are articulate and lots who will argue at the drop of a hat."

"We Nikkei must also be sensitive to the cultural factors involved in working in an organization like JACL. For example, younger people may be reluctant to disagree with older people because that may be taken as a sign of disrespect."

Byron Kunisawa, management consultant, then introduced the next part of the session, the Sub-Arctic Survival Situation. (Part II to be continued.)

The committee thanks Ida Nakano Minami, who designed the new committee logo. She is a free-lance graphic artist who lives in the Washington, D.C. area.

CHICAGO CONVENTION

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terests. Keep tuned to your Pacific Citizen for regular updates.

The 1988 National Convention will be held in Seattle, Washington, and you will receive more information about that one in Chicago. As the recipient of the Inagaki Chapter of the Biennium Award on many occasions, Seattle should deliver a different and exciting type of national convention in 1988. Each convention has many similarities but also unique differences.

Handbooks

Most of the goals of our office for the biennium have been met or are on schedule. We have taken on some other responsibilities which may or may not be completed as we had hoped.

We are in the process of com-

pleting the Former Chapter President's Handbook with Harry Honda's assistance as well as that of our national director. Sometime this year we hope we will finish. It is not as easy as we thought it would be. It will be in loose-leaf format so that changes can be added without reprinting the whole thing.

A guidebook for "Hosting a National Convention" is also in the works and that is being done mostly by our national director. Only because of a strong host chapter's ability to conduct a national meeting have we been able to see successful conventions. JACL is fortunate to have the capable leadership that it has had and continues to have.

Lastly, on the issue of the IRS

audit of one of the chapters, this matter is being handled at the national level and we are optimistic about a favorable result. All chapters shall be fully informed about this matter as it progresses. Please be sure that the information about your chapter's annual report is returned to national headquarters as soon as possible. We need the information to assure optimum advice from the national staff to chapter leaders.

We are also looking into the possible need for a change in the corporate posture/structure of the various health insurance programs offered by JACL throughout the nation. There will be no change in coverage or plans offered except as noted by the individual programs. Be aware and read all information sent to you. Don't assume anything.

Letters

Hollow Honor

Honoring John J. McCloy (April 12 PC) is both ironic and prophetic when the hunt for Dr. Josef Mengele continues in the jungles of South America. Is it any wonder that John J. McCloy as Asst. Secretary of Defense would, at the early stages of WW2, help imprison 110,000 innocents and then at the conclusion of the war would grant safe passage through Europe and finally to South America a Nazi, Klaus Barbie, The Butcher of Lyon? What more can we expect from those members of the Establishment who demonstrate so little regard for humanity? The honor rings hollow to these ears, Ronny Baby.

JAMES OSHIKA
Allen Park, Mich.

Reminder

Ken Masugi's noble aim to promote a "color-blind" government (March 22 PC) is commendable but his opposition to reparations is not.

Many of our citizens are unaware that our government erred (EO 9066 and its abridgement of due process) and many more are adamant that our government's action was justified. Reparations, however nominal, will greatly publicize our government's misdeed and its related admission of error.

Perhaps all ethnic Japanese, particularly in California, Oregon and Washington, ought to go through a mock evacuation to assembly centers each February — lest they forget!

YASUO SAITO
Torrance, Calif.

Journey Into Our Heritage

by June Oba Hashimoto

FREMONT, Calif.—Braving the cold and threatening weather, 25 friends and members of the Fremont JACL attended the unveiling of the photos of the 100-year anniversary of the Japanese immigration to America held at Angel Island in San Francisco Bay on April 20. With a carpool of five cars, the group left Fremont at 8 a.m.

The 15-minute ride on the ferry to Angel Island was lovely and enjoyable. Once on Angel Island, the hike straight up 1.2 miles to the immigration building where the photo exhibit was held required some physical stamina, but it was quite exhilarating because of the cold weather.

The photo exhibit was impressive and told the story vividly of the immigration to America. Since I was born and raised on Maui, Hawaii, the photo exhibit on Hawaii was especially interesting. As I approached the end of the exhibit, my eyes focused on a photo with a caption that read "West Maui Community" with a familiar banyan tree in the background and the Honor Roll billboard of the 100th/442nd veterans which I walked by every day on my way home from grammar school.

Excitedly, as I studied the group photograph closely, I recognized my late grandmother, Mrs. Okuno Oba, and standing next to her my late grandfather, Mr. Joichi Oba. It was especially emotional moment for me, as my husband and two children ages 15 and 11 had never seen a photograph of my grandfather. Grandpa Oba died at the age of 74, 33 years ago in 1952. I was nine at the



Photo by June Hashimoto
ENGROSSED — Mary Misaki, Yutaka Honda and others view exhibit.

time of his death and did not remember him looking so young. The photo clearly showed him wearing an eyeglass with the left lens frosted. He had lost his eye when he was in his late twenties working on a demolition gang in Hawaii.

As I studied my grandmother in the photo, she too looked younger than I ever remembered. She died in 1978 at the age of 94. Memories of my early years surfaced as I gazed at the photo. I recognized the black shoes she was wearing with the chunky heels that I used to wear running around the house in child's play.

The sad, painful look on the faces of the Issei parents in the photograph (probably taken around 1945) bespeaks their never-ending sacrifices—in this case, the loss of sons in battle for their newly adopted country.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Go For Broke, Inc. and the exhibit committee for a most outstanding photographic display of the first Japanese immigrant generation.

White House briefing set

LOS ANGELES—National JACL women's concerns committee chair Irene Hirano announced that the White House will host a briefing on issues of concern to Asian and Pacific Islander women on May 20. White House staff and individuals from the National Network of Asian and Pacific Women have been coordinating the briefing.

Focus will be on several issues, including policy-making; exclusion of A/P women from programs and services; needs of children and youth; unemployment and underemployment; refugee needs; and the issue of mail-order brides. In conjunction with the White House briefing, the National Network of Asian and Pacific Women will sponsor a two-day conference prior to the briefing to prepare participants for discussion on the issues of concern.

Hirano indicated that more than 28 Asian and Pacific women's organizations, including the national JACL women's concerns committee, will be sending representatives to participate in the briefing and conference. The following women, from geographically diverse areas of the country, will represent the JACL: Betty Waki, Rita

Cates, Peggy Sasashima Liggett, Clare Kawamura, Margaret Yamamoto, Lily Okura, Lillian Kimura, Grayce Uyehara, Fae Minabe, Mollie Fujioka, Mei Nakano, Irene Hirano, Jeanette Ishii, Mae Takahashi, Mary Nishimoto, Karen Seriguchi, and Lia Shigemura.

Hirano and JACL program director Lia Shigemura will lead a workshop on the issue of mail-order brides at the conference. The mail-order bride issue has been of recent concern to the JACL women's concerns committee because of the reinforcement of stereotyping and concerns regarding exploitative aspects of these businesses which deal in the trade of Asian women. The women's concerns committee's position on this issue has been endorsed by a number of Asian/Pacific organizations, including the National Network of Asian and Pacific Women and the JACL National Board.

The White House briefing and conference will provide an opportunity for Asian and Pacific Islander women leaders from around the country to share information and provide input to the White House and individuals in private and public policy-making positions.

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a great leap forward for the United States. But it must be commemorated, committed to and held in memory as a reminder... of those who here endured what no American must ever again be asked to endure."

Rare Distinction

The National Park Service has had "a special interest" in Manzanar, he noted, because internees temporarily housed at Civilian Conservation Corps barracks at nearby Death Valley National Monument volunteered their labor in park improvement and maintenance.

The camp site, which was declared a California Historical Landmark in 1972, was nominated as a possible national landmark in the summer of 1984 and, after a

study by the National Park Service, approved by the Dept. of the Interior in February.

Manzanar is one of about 1600 National Historic Landmarks nationwide and the 76th in California. Rogers considered the designation of Manzanar to be "of exceptional significance" because places less than 50 years old are rarely given that distinction.

Accepting the plaque on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, which owns the property where Manzanar stood, Cunningham praised "the spirit of those who persevered" in the camps and declared, "Never again will we allow this to happen."

Among those accompanying him on the platform were his aide, Dennis Nishikawa, and Rose Ochi of the mayor's office.

After presenting Manzanar Committee chair Sue Embrey

with a congressional certificate of appreciation, Dymally gave an update on House redress bill HR 442, which he is co-sponsoring. He expressed hope that Congress would pass the bill "not next year, but this year."

The bill is now in the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, which has been chaired by Rep. Sam Hall (D-Texas). Hall's expected departure from the subcommittee "is a very good sign for us," Dymally said, because Hall "was not favorably disposed to this bill." Next in line to chair the subcommittee is Rep. Pat Schroeder (D-Colorado), who Dymally thinks will be more sympathetic.

Other statements on redress efforts were made by Jim Matsuoka of National Coalition for Redress/Reparations; George Ogawa, redress chair of JACL's Pacific Southwest District; Elaine Yoneda, who announced a redress endorsement from the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU); and Ralph Lazo of National Council on Japanese American Redress.

Warren Furutani of the Manzanar Committee directed some of his comments at non-internees in the audience. Referring to the desert heat, he said, "Think about living out here in these conditions for two, three, four years. And you didn't have the choice of getting into your air-conditioned car and driving home to Los Angeles, you didn't know when you were going to leave."

Experiencing the environment in which internees had to live should create "not only a respect for the people that endured, but also energy to make sure that... [they] receive the justice that is due to them," he said.

Located 210 miles north of Los Angeles on Highway 395, the remains of the camp consist mostly of building foundations. The guard houses at the entrance, the camp auditorium (now used by the Inyo County Dept. of Highways) and the cemetery monument are the only standing structures left.

The pilgrimage, organized by the Manzanar Committee, includes walking tours of the grounds, religious services in memory of those who died there, a potluck and ondo dancing.

SUCCESS

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fessional advice, "give money to a cause you subscribe to," and "get you a job." Lacking contacts in any of these areas, he cautioned, means that one's ability to succeed would be hampered.

Discussion in the question-and-answer period, moderated by Fae Minabe of the JACL, focused on attitudes of sexism and racism in the workplace, ways to combat stereotyping, and the relationship of Asians to other minority groups.

It was announced at the meeting's end that the New York chapters of the JACL and the OCA are initiating a series of workshops on group discussion, presentation and communication skills, group dynamics, assessing managerial styles, and how to get promoted.

Those interested may contact JACL members Joy Miyasaki, 130 Water St., Apt. 7F, New York, N.Y. 10005, or Fae Minabe, 550 Madison Ave., Rm. 29-500P12, New York, N.Y. 10022.

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Museum contains camp artifacts

INDEPENDENCE, Calif. — Six miles north of Manzanar, artifacts and memorabilia of the WW2 camp are on display at the Eastern California Museum, thanks to contributions from former residents and the work of Shi Nomura over the past ten years.

The frontier-style museum, located three blocks west of Inyo County Courthouse (which is on US 395), features Manzanar photos from many Nisei and from the private collection of the late Ralph Merritt, project director, includ-

ing shots of the first incoming group and the last family leaving. Also of interest are local pioneer and Paiute-Shoshone materials.

Nomura is currently taking a voluntary census of Manzanar residents. He requests the following: (1) name, (2) maiden name, (3) address, (4) phone, (5) address while in Manzanar, (6) club, sports, or social affiliations, (7) military service, (8) prewar residence.

Information should be sent to Eastern California Museum, P.O. Box 206, Independence, CA 93526.

Chapter Pulse

Mile-Hi

AURORA, Colorado — Monday, May 20 is the date for the Go For Broke Golf Tournament at the Wellshire Golf Course. The tournament is a benefit for the community graduates program for the Community Graduates Award Dinner, Saturday, June 8, at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, 3200 S. Parker Road. Banquet tickets are \$20, with reduced rates for seniors and students. Entry fee for the golf tournament is \$100. Tickets and information for both events are available from Dennis Ioka at 796-8758 or Kent Yoritomo at 936-4362.

San Diego

SAN DIEGO — The annual JACL community picnic will be held this year on June 30, at Bonita Basin in Mission Bay Park. This year's date, a departure from the traditional July 4 date, was mandated because of the congested beach space on Independence Day. Co-ordinating the event this year are Ben Nakata and Robert Ito.

Arizona

GLENDALE, Arizona — The PSW District Council meeting will be held at the JACL office

here, June 1-2. The chapter is providing transportation from the Phoenix airport to the Embassy Inn and the meeting site. A Western Barbeque is planned for Saturday night. For information, contact John Saito at the PSW office, (213) 626-4471; or George Kanegai, (213) 820-3592 in the evenings.

Golden Gate

SAN FRANCISCO — "Return to Bainbridge," a film about the expulsion of Japanese Americans from their homes on Bainbridge Island in Washington, will be shown Monday, May 20, at the Christ United Presbyterian Church, Second Floor Social Hall, 1700 Sutter Street, 7:30 p.m. The film, to be followed by discussion, will be presented at the May meeting of the chapter. The public is invited.

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easier like
don't make waves,
expedient like
horsetails and deserts.

"Mr. Commissioner . . .
...the U.S. Army Signal Corps confiscated
our property . . . it was subjected to vandalism
and ravage. All improvements we had made
before our incarceration was stolen
or destroyed . . .
I was coerced into signing documents
giving you authority to take . . ."
...to take
...to take.

My mother,
soft like tallow,
words peeling from her
like slivers
of yellow flame,
her testimony
a vat of boiling water
surging through the coldest
bluest vein.

She, when the land labored
with flowers, their scent
flowing into her pores,
had molded her earth
like a woman
with soft breasted slopes
yielding silent mornings
and purple noisy birthings,
yellow hay
and tomatoes throbbing
like the sea.

And then
all was hushed for announcements:
"Take only what you can carry . . ."
We were made to believe
our faces betrayed us.
Our bodies were loud
with yellow
screaming flesh
needing to be silenced
behind barbed wire.

"Mr. Commissioner . . .
...it seems we were singled out
from others who were under suspicion.
Our neighbors were of German and Italian
descent, some of whom were not citizens . . .
It seems we were singled out . . ."

She had worn her sweat
like lemon leaves
shining on the rough edges of work,
removed the mirrors
from her rooms
so she would not be tempted
by vanity.

Her dreams
honed the blade of her plow.
The land,
the building of food was
noisy as the opening of irises.
The sounds of work
bolted in barracks . . .
silenced.

Mr. Commissioner . . .
So when you tell me I must limit testimony
to 5 minutes, when you tell me my time is up,



Janice Mirikitani

Photo by Nancy Wong

I tell you this:
Pride has kept my lips
pinned by nails
my rage confined.
But I exhume my past
to claim this time.
My youth is buried in Rohwer,
Obachan's ghost visits Amache Gate,
My niece haunts Tule Lake.
Words are better than tears,
so I spill them.
I kill this, the silence . . .

There are miracles that happen,
she said,
and everything is made visible.

We see the cracks and fissures in our soil:
We speak of suicides and intimacies,
of longings lush like wet furrows,
of oceans bearing us toward imagined riches,
of burning humiliations and
crimes by the government.
Of self hate and of love that breaks
through silences.

We are lightening and justice.
Our souls become transparent like glass
revealing tears for war-dead sons
red ashes of Hiroshima
jagged wounds from barbed wire.
We must recognize ourselves at last
We are a rainforest of color
and noise.

We hear everything.
We are unafraid.
Our language is beautiful.

(Quoted excerpts from my mother's testimony
modified with her permission)
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THREE GENERATIONS — Poet Janice Mirikitani (center), with
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Women fight harassment

FRESNO, Calif. — More women at work are bringing complaints against their employers for sexual harassment than ever before, said Norma Crane, district administrator of the State Dept. of Fair Employment and Housing.

"Even though sexual discrimination has been against the law since 1971," seeking legal relief through the filing of complaints, Crane said, "is a departure from the way women handled it [harassment] in the past... it's part of the growing consciousness of women everywhere."

Crane spoke a workshop on employment rights for women at the Tri-District Convention held here on April 19-21.

The Fair Employment and Housing Commission, a quasi-judicial and enforcement agency, investigates complaints of discriminatory treatment based on race, ancestry, sex, religion, color, creed, national origin, marital status, handicap, or medical condition.

Every employee is entitled to a discrimination-free work envi-

ronment, Crane said. In the area of sexual harassment, department regulations recognize that such harassment may be conditional or environmental. Employers may require sexual favors as a condition of employment or promotion. Or harassment may take the form of verbal epithets or slurs; touching, physical assaults, the blocking of someone's way; or visual assaults like derogatory posters.

Although the commission seeks amiable settlements, Crane said, penalties for sexual harassment have included back pay, compensatory damages (including damages for stress) and training for employers. Cases in which an employer retaliates against an employee for filing a complaint receive first priority, she added.

The Dept. of Fair Employment and Housing has offices in 11 districts: Sacramento, San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Salinas, Fresno, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Santa Ana, and San Diego.

WASHINGTON

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And Rep. Paul Sanders (R-Bellevue) disputed claims the internment was irrational or hasty. "Pearl Harbor was bombed on Dec. 7 and the executive order wasn't issued until February of the next year. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a Democrat, had plenty of time to think it over and it was his best judgment as commander in chief."

Sanders also complained that payments of reparations would cost \$1.2 billion. "I say let's let bygones be bygones," he said.

Rep. Mike Padden (R-Spokane) conceded that an injustice had been done to JAs. "But," he said, "there are many injustices, injustices based on religious and racial grounds. The treasury is not big enough to take care of all the injustices in the world."

Rep. Art Wang (D-Tacoma) reminded his colleagues that many voted against a state of Washington reparations bill saying it was the responsibility of the federal government. "Let's turn it over, then, to the federal government."

The bill Wang was referring to was passed in 1983, resulting in payments of up to \$5,000 from the State of Washington to Japanese Americans who lost their state jobs during WW2 because of their ancestry.

Other Measures

Another redress-related bill, SSB (Substitute Senate Bill) 3369, was also introduced in the current legislative session. It was intended to implement the Seattle School Board's decision, made in April 1984, to compensate JA employees fired during WW2. A clause requiring approval by the state attorney general or specific enabling legislation has held up the payments.

SSB 3369 would have enabled municipalities (including school boards) to compensate dismissed

JA employees. It passed the Senate March 13 but failed to be considered on the agenda of the House Local Government Committee before the April 5 deadline.

Jerry Shigaki, head of a lobbying committee composed of JACL and Washington Coalition on Redress members, expressed optimism that the enabling legislation would be passed in the next legislative session.

In addition to Shigaki, others who testified at hearings on both SJM 104 and SSB 3369 were the respective prime sponsors, Sens. George Fleming and Phil Talmadge; Seattle School District legal counsel Michael Hoge; and Toyo Tokuda, Tim Otani, Mako Nakagawa, Becky Sasaki, and Jan Yoshiwara.

WANG

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by one-third, Wang was obviously delighted.

The machine was designed to keep liquids suspended and rotating in space using sound waves. The results of Wang's experiments may yield information on manufacturing without containers in a weightless environment.

Other problems faced by the crew included a urine analysis device which sprayed urine into the cabin, the escape of food particles and feces from the monkey and rat cages on board, and the breakdown of a device designed to analyze the earth's ozone layer.

Wang was born in Shanghai and later moved to Taiwan. He earned a Ph.D. in physics from UCLA in 1971, began work at JPL in 1972,

and became a U.S. citizen in 1975. He lives with his wife Beverly and two sons in Glendale, Calif.

The other crew members on the Challenger were Robert Overmyer, Frederick Gregory, Don Lind, Norman Thagard, William Thornton, and Lodewijk van den Berg.

Wang's alternate for the flight, Eugene H. Trinh of Los Angeles, monitored the flight from Mission Control in Houston. Trinh, a native of Saigon, is a co-investigator with Wang on fluid dynamics and is expected to fly on a future shuttle mission.

Wang is the second Asian American in space. The first was Ellison Onizuka, who helped launch a military satellite from the shuttle Discovery in January.

Unwitting Victims of Events Abroad

The following article, written by Seattle Times editorial page editor Herb Robinson, appeared in the April 21 edition of the Times. Since the latest U.S.-Japan trade dispute began in March, this is, to the best of our knowledge, the first editorial in a non-ethnic paper that has drawn a connection between anti-Japan sentiment and hostility toward Japanese Americans.—Ed.

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From the perspective of many Japanese American citizens here, the past week was one of some highly satisfactory developments.

In Seattle, for example, there was the announcement that Mayor Royer has nominated David Okimoto to head the city's Department of Human Resources. Okimoto, a member of several boards and commissions involved in drug-abuse, mental-health, and human-services issues, and for nine years executive director of the Asian Referral and Counseling Service, plainly has good credentials for leadership of one of the city's most sensitive agencies.

The nomination was cause for special approval in the Asian community because Okimoto is the first Japanese American to be named to the mayor's cabinet.

Meantime, word was circulating that Tsuguo (Ike) Ikeda, for 32 years the respected executive director of the Atlantic Street Center, soon will receive recognition from one of Seattle's most influential organizations, the downtown Rotary Club. Ikeda is in line for Rotary's prestigious community-service award.

About the same time, in Olympia, the Legislature was completing action on a resolution to Congress and the White House urging reparations payments to Japanese Americans who were forced into internment camps shortly after the start of the Second World War. The resolution received House approval by a comfortable, 61-35 vote.

These events are welcomed by many Asian Americans because they come when it is more important than ever that careful distinctions be made between Japanese nationals and the government of Japan, and American citizens who by accident of birth are of Japanese ancestry.

Some of last week's Olympia debate on the reparations resolution, for instance, produced fresh evidence of the lingering, wrong-headed notion that Japanese Americans here somehow shared with militarists in Tokyo the responsibility for Pearl Harbor.

To argue the motivation of President Roosevelt's wartime relocation of thousands of people to detention camps is to skirt—or miss entirely—the main point: that the government perpetrated a grave injustice by trampling wholesale on due process and the constitutional rights of its own citizens.

As Congress takes up the reparations issue anew, Japanese Americans well may be apprehensive about anti-Japanese feelings in this country in connection with a far more contemporary issue. Throughout the nation, increasing numbers of Americans are becoming more and more impatient toward Tokyo's intransigence on lowering its trade barriers.

The ballooning U.S.-Japan trade deficit, expected to hit \$50 billion this year, is inspiring a fresh round of "buy American" sentiment within the general population and moves in Congress toward punitive countermeasures. Last week, for example, Sen. Slade Gorton of this state proposed a 20 percent surcharge on all imports from Japan, which would be reduced by 1 percent for each \$1 billion annual increase in Japanese purchases of U.S. goods.

Those who let their displeasure over Japan's trade policies find expression in hostile gestures toward U.S. citizens of Japanese

descent repeat the errors of 1942. In effect, Japanese Americans are unwitting victims of decisions and events across the Pacific.

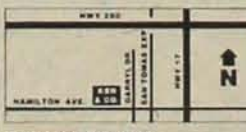
It is a time for recognizing the achievements of those in the Japanese American community and for remembering that they are, after all, a part of all of "us."

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Eisenhower, former WRA director, dies

BALTIMORE, Md.—Milton S. Eisenhower, director of the War Relocation Authority during WW2, died May 2 at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He was 85.

Although he served as an advisor to several presidents, including his brother Dwight, and as president of Kansas State, Penn State and Johns Hopkins University, he may be most remembered by Japanese Americans for his role in their WW2 internment.

The WRA was a civilian agency created to oversee the forced removal of JAs from the West Coast. President Roosevelt appointed Eisenhower, who had been working in the Agriculture Dept., as the WRA's first director on March 18, 1942.

Though Eisenhower had originally intended to resettle JAs outside the West Coast security zone established by the military, he opted for internment after meet-

ing with politicians from the interior states, all of whom vehemently objected to the presence of Japanese Americans unless they were under armed guard.

Also in response to public demand, Eisenhower and other policy planners kept wages for internees employed by the government to \$12 a month for unskilled labor and \$19 a month for those possessing "exceptional skills," such as doctors.

Confining his misgivings about the internment to his private correspondence, Eisenhower stated in his final report to Roosevelt that "public attitudes have exerted a strong influence in shaping the program and charting its direction. In a democracy this is unquestionably sound and proper." He resigned in June 1942 and was succeeded by Dillon Myer.

In later years he went on a fact-finding tour in Latin America for President Eisenhower, negotiated with Fidel Castro for President Kennedy, and studied causes of domestic violence for President Johnson.

In his 1974 book *The President Is Calling*, Eisenhower declared the evacuation and internment "an inhuman mistake." Americans of Japanese ancestry, he wrote, "were stripped of their rights and freedoms and treated almost like enemy prisoners of war. Many lost their homes, their businesses, their savings. For 120,000 Japanese the evacuation was a bad dream come to pass."

Nip Drivers released

TORRANCE, Calif.—An all-white rock band called Nip Drivers has released its second album, "Oh Blessed Freak Show," on the Enigma Records label. The members of Nip Drivers are Mike Weber, Kurt Schellenbach, Nick Passiglia, and Pat Hoed. Their first album, released last year on the New Alliance label, was entitled "Destroy Whitey." An illustration of a kimono-clad woman is featured on the covers of both albums.

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A Liberated Issei Woman

by Meriko Mori

Who is this liberated woman born in 1897 in a little town in Tochigi, Japan? She is my mother, last surviving child of seven children, sixth child and second daughter of Haruzo Noguchi and Shime Yamana. Others have known her as Fuki, Ba-chan, or Hoshiyama Sensei.

And why do I say she is a liberated woman? She had an adventurous spirit, was strong-willed, persevering, energetic and dedicated her life to the children of the Japanese community of Sawtelle.

In 1918, when she came as a picture bride on a Japanese freighter, she landed at Long Beach Harbor and was met by her brother Gizo. She was introduced to her husband, Suematsu Hoshiyama, born in Niigata, who at that time was farming sugar beets in Smeltzer, Orange County. She and Mrs. Fujioka were the only women on board. She related that they were given the best berth and were treated extremely well.

Weekend Marriage

Very early in their marriage, she decided that she needed to learn English. She did not stay on the farm. My father continued farming with his brother, and my mother went to live in a Caucasian home in Hollywood. This is where she learned how to make beautiful beaded lamp shades for the Ambassador Hotel, and she helped with caring of the children while attending Polytechnic High School to learn English and sewing. She was not a typical woman from Japan subservient to her husband...she saw her husband only on weekends or days off.

She was one of a very few women who learned to drive a car. In fact, in the 1920s, her first car was a Model T Ford. When it was brand-spanking new, she drove it to the downtown Motor Vehicle Department. She came out with a license, and—lo and behold—the car disappeared. Someone had stolen it. Of course, in those days, there was no way to lock cars...it had no windows...it had a hand crank.

Subsequently, she drove a monstrous two-door Chrysler, a used car. With it, she transported many school children on short trips to the beach, ran errands to the bank and post office, and drove to school and meetings. She always had her own vehicle. She often said, "If you want to stay broke, own a car." Most of her small salary went to running her car. But this freedom of having her own transportation she did not give up until the late 1970s. At that time, she was having a series of small accidents, and she decided then

that perhaps her judgment was no longer good.

Teaching Career

As far as I can remember, she always had a career. She had gone to live at a school principal's home at 11 years of age, and she cooked the evening rice for dinner and took care of the children when she came home from school. After receiving a teacher's certificate, she taught 2 years in Japan, in 1919 a short while at Dai-ichi Gakuen, and from 1927, for 40-odd years at Sawtelle Gakuen. During the World War II years, she even taught privately in Manzanar between her dishwashing hours at the mess hall. Not only did she teach the language but also set a model for her students.

Among the many principles of character she advocated, there are five principles that come to mind.

1. *Yo no naka o jozu ni wataru no ni wa, kado no tatanai ningen ni nari nasai.* Translation: In order to go through life successfully, be a person without any barbs. In other words, "Don't be like a porcupine." While she was actively teaching, she did not affiliate herself with either the local Buddhist or Christian churches. She felt that she had to remain neutral in her religious preference and kept good communication with ministers of both churches as well as the kendo, judo, community council, and many other organizations.

2. *Ningen no ue o hashiru koto.* Translation: In daily life, travel on a path above the other party. This was meant to prevent unnecessary confrontation. If words came your way like a poisoned dart, rise above it.

3. *Ningen no kao o mite aisatsu shinasai.* Translation: Look at a person's face when you converse. The facial expression will tell you where the other person is coming from, what his or her mood is, and you can then communicate better.

4. *Iwanakute yoi koto wa iwanu koto.* Translation: If it's not necessary to say it, don't say it. In other words, hold your tongue. It may hurt others.

5. *Jibun no koto wa jibun de se yo.* Translation: Whatever is your own responsibility, do it yourself. Be independent and capable of handling your own affairs.

In her home hung a *kakemono* (scroll) given to her by her high school principal.

It denoted five aspects of living: *Jin-Gi-Rei-Chi-Shin*: Tolerance-Honor-Respect-Knowledge-Faith.

Many students remember her as a very strict disciplinarian and say, "I'm glad she had that stick in her hand and did not hesitate to use it. At least, we learned Japanese from her class." We remember *Kiritsu...Rei* (Attention, Stand Straight and Tall...Bow) as we stood in line daily at the sound of the bell. Then, invariably, we had *Taiso* (Exercise) as part of our daily education. It helped the flow of oxygen throughout our young bodies and minds.

Unusual Father

At the same time I call my mother liberated, I remember my father as a very understanding and an atypical Issei man. He was very open-minded. Mother usually stayed up late doing schoolwork; dad thought nothing of getting up early in the morning to make his own breakfast of hot oatmeal, making his sandwich, filling the thermos with coffee and taking off to work while mother was just getting up.

Also, in the evening, since mother taught school until 6 p.m., he would shop for the makings of his tasty soupy stew and cook the washed rice. Of course, during prohibition, he made his own brew in a huge crockpot set in the back porch where it was nice and cool. Ota-ojisan would drop by, and they would toast each other and sample the brew.

Some may have said that my dad was hen-pecked. On the contrary, I admire my dad for his acceptance of her place in the community and encouragement given to her to pursue her teaching career. When he passed away in 1951, she grieved deeply and lost much weight. She must have been well aware that if it weren't for him, she never could have had so much freedom to pursue her career.

Numerous Honors

In 1954, she became a naturalized citizen. In 1960, she received a Moku-hai (special Japanese Government recognition and certificate) in commemoration of the 100th year of U.S.-Japan Trade and Amity Relations. In 1964, the West Los Angeles JACL recognized her for community services. In November 1969, at 72 years of age, she went to Japan to receive the 5th Class Order of the Sacred Treasure from Foreign Minister Aichi and had an audience with Emperor Hirohito at the Imperial Palace together with several others for their contribution in the field of international relations between U.S. and Japan. She was the second Issei woman in the U.S. to receive such a recognition and honor. Her 46 years of teaching, working with and direction of many teachers, in-

cluding the Rev. Rhuhei Masuoka and the Rev. Kogi Sayama, and involvement with the community qualified her for this high honor.

Since her retirement from teaching, her poor health has kept her at home, hospital, and now in the Keiro Nursing Home. A non-believer in Western medicine, she took responsibility for her own health. At one point in time, when she was suffering from an ulcer, Dr. K. Ogawa examined her and suggested surgical intervention. In no uncertain terms, she said, "I will cure my own self," and walked out of the office in furor and with determination. When her ulcer flared up again about a year later, Kaiser doctors recommended surgery, and to the doctor's surprise, this little woman refused with a loud NO. In time, close to death from severe ulcer symptoms, she succumbed to emergency surgery. Now, with only one third of the stomach left, her personality has become mild, she has become dependent, and her zest for life has waned.

Irene and Bruce, the grandchildren, would say, "Ba-chan is strong. You know she's the boss when she shouts the orders or tells you what to do or not to do. She may be an invalid now, but she'll be in control of her life 'til the end."

So the strong, indominate spirit goes on...never a complaint, tolerant of much pain, inflicted on her by others and by her physical body, and always maintaining high principles of daily conduct. A mother, but always a Sensei, too.

Yasui receives library award for contributions

DENVER — The Auraria Higher Education resource center will dedicate a special room as a "Minoru Yasui personal papers section" in its library at 3 p.m., May 14.

The Friends of Auraria Library will present an award to Yasui at this dedication in recognition of the donation of his papers to the Auraria Library Archives.

Mike Foster, president of Friends of Auraria Library, told Yasui that, "the Yasui collection will prove an invaluable resource for both local and national scholars."

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- **Thursday, May 23**
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- **Saturday, May 25**
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- **French Camp** — Parents Day party
- **Sunday, May 26**
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Gilroy — Memorial Day service, Gilroy Cemetery, 11am
- **Memorial Day, May 27**
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- **Sunday, June 2**
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Orient Highlights Tokyo, Kamakura, Hakone, Kyoto, Nara, Bangkok, Singapore and Hong Kong/31 meals/\$2,495. Paul Bannai, tour escort.	16days	Nov 9
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