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California Secretary of State March Fong Eu hands LEC finance chair Harry Kajihara a \$1,000 check as LEC chair Min Yasui and chief ass't. Secretary of State Florence Ochi look on. (Story on page 3.)

A/P women briefed at White House

by Mei Nakano

WASHINGTON — Approximately 250 women of Asian and Pacific Island origins gathered May 18-19 in response to an invitation to a special White House briefing. The briefing was arranged for "a select group of Asian American women" from across the U.S., said Eliza Paschall, associate Director of the Office of Public Liason to the White House, to discuss issues relating to employment, policy-making, and the family.

In conjunction with this event, the National Network of Asian and Pacific Women organized a two-day conference in which the wide variety of groups represented explored issues affecting them. Counted among the ethnic origins of the groups officially represented were Burmese, Filipino, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Cambodian, Hmong, Vietnamese, Thai, Samoan, Tongan, and Indian.

These ethnic groups were comprised of delegations from more than 20 Asian American women's organizations, including JACL Women's Concerns Committee. JACL women participating were Betty Waki, Rita Cates, Clare Kawamura, Lillian Kimura, Grayce Uyehara, Fae Minabe, Lily Okura, Betti Jane Watanabe, Mollie Fujioka, Mei Nakano, Lia Shigemura, Irene Hirano, Karen Seriguchi, Mary Nishimoto, Mae Takahashi, Jeanette Ishii and a number of Washington JACLers including June Sato and Betty Wakiji.

The California JACL contingent was additionally favored with a private luncheon meeting with Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.). Issues such as the mail-order bride catalogues of Asian

women, the "100-hour" employment regulation, and rising sentiment against Japan, fueled by rhetoric such as that of Chrysler chairman Lee Iacocca, were bandied across the table.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) also met briefly with the California delegation. Some of the same issues discussed with Matsui were brought up in this session as well as some details of the budget battle slated to take place that week.

The conference agenda included the election of Tin My Thein of the American Assn. of Burmese Women, preparation for the White House briefing, a special tribute to Indochinese women, and participation in six workshops.

Networking

The need for networking among A/P women was a note struck early in the conference. Though many organizations and ethnic groups had their own agenda to advance, the value and necessity of maintaining communication for mutual support, encouragement and enrichment provided the underpinning to the conference theme: "Today's Involvement Builds Tomorrow's Future."

Employment

The lack of networking was cited as one of the reasons that A/P women failed to move into positions for which they are qualified, stated Ranu Rasu, a panelist in the workshop on employment. Far too many A/P women suffer from not being in touch with sources of information, vital to upgrading their skills, knowing where and what jobs are available and where to get needed support.

Hirabayashi confident of court victory

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—Gordon Hirabayashi, speaking at a reception held in his honor May 30, expressed confidence about the outcome of an upcoming trial in which his 1943 Supreme Court case will be re-examined.

The reception, held at the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo, was part of an effort to raise \$50,000 to cover the cost of preparing for the trial, scheduled to begin June 17 in Seattle.

Now a resident of Alberta, Canada, Hirabayashi was a student at University of Washington when WW2 broke out. He spent 3½ years in prison for resisting curfew and evacuation orders directed at Japanese Americans. His appeal went to the Supreme Court, which

ruled that the government's actions were justified by military necessity.

The Court ruled against Fred Korematsu and Minoru Yasui, who had been similarly convicted of violating government orders, as well.

In 1983, attorneys representing Hirabayashi, Korematsu and Yasui had the cases reopened on the basis of recently declassified government documents indicating that War Dept. and Justice Dept. officials presented the Court with false information in order to portray Japanese Americans as a military threat.

A Full Hearing

In Korematsu's case, Judge Marilyn Patel vacated the wartime conviction and found the government guilty of misconduct in November 1983. In Yasui's case, Judge Robert Belloni vacated the conviction in January 1984 but declined to rule on whether the government had erred. Both decisions were reached largely on the basis of documents submitted by both sides.

Because of a ruling by Judge Donald Voorhees in May 1984, Hirabayashi's case will go to an evidentiary hearing.

"In our case," Hirabayashi explained, "the judge said, 'I haven't made up my mind... I want to hear more'... An evidentiary hearing is something like a trial, where evidence is presented in court, witnesses take the stand [and] they are cross-examined." No witnesses were called in the other two cases.

U.S. attorney Victor Stone has repeatedly asked the judge to dismiss the case without investigating the charges against the government. Voorhees has refused each time, most recently on April 29. Stone "has irritated the judge every time they've met" by "trying to get the judge to dismiss without bringing any new evi-

dence in," said Hirabayashi.

"If I were not involved, I would protest that our tax money is used so poorly by the government," he joked, "because I think we could have much better representation of the government's case."

Scheduled to Testify

Witnesses to be called by Hirabayashi's legal team include: Edward Ennis, the Justice Dept.'s director of enemy alien control during WW2 and a critic of the internment; Peter Irons, the attorney who obtained many of the relevant documents through the Freedom of Information Act and author of *Justice At War*; Jack and Aiko Herzig, who have done extensive archival research on the internment; and Hirabayashi himself.

Hirabayashi noted that his legal effort has the support of the attorneys general of California, Oregon and Washington. He called this development "a real coup" because it reverses the pro-evacuation position taken by the West Coast attorneys general, including California's Earl Warren, during WW2.

Government Witnesses

As for the government's witness list, "you would think the two star witnesses would be John J. McCloy, assistant secretary of war during the war period... and the chief architect of the process of uprooting and detention, Karl Bendetsen," said Hirabayashi. "Neither of them are on the list."

The omission of the two, both of whom continue to defend their wartime actions, "is quite significant and it reveals something about their case," he said, suggesting that their testimony might not withstand close examination in court.

Former U.S. intelligence officer David Lowman will give testimony on the "Magic" cables, decoded Japanese diplomatic messages

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Ron Ohata (left) and Willard Yamaguchi (right) present Gordon Hirabayashi with honorary plaque.

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Matsui urges political involvement

by Mei Nakano

WASHINGTON — Rep. Robert Matsui (D—Sacramento) delivered a rousing speech to a largely enthusiastic, responsive audience at the National Network of Asian Pacific Women's Conference, May 19. Keying his speech to the notion that Asian Pacifics no longer need be content to take back seats in any arena, Matsui urged the women, for example, to aspire not merely to be members of the Democratic

Committee but to *chair* that body.

Speaking to the redress issue, which had earlier been brought to the floor by Grayce Uyehara of EDC JACL, Matsui repeated her observation that the issue was not a Japanese American issue; it was an American issue. Further, the incarceration of a certain group solely because of race could happen again, he said, and all Americans should be vigilant against such a circumstance.

With the re-introduction of the redress bills (HR 442 and S1053), the alignment in the two houses remained about the same, according to Matsui. He noted that Senator Pete Wilson (R—Calif.) was not a sponsor of the bill.

For many women in the audience, particularly the newer arrivals from Indochina, information about the incarceration and the subsequent drive for redress appeared to be new.

As a member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, the congressman expressed great concern on the state of the budget and the priorities of the present Administration. "The fed-

eral government has changed a great deal under this Administration," he told the audience. "Instead of talking about the value of programs, they ask first how it impacts on the budget."

And despite the Administration's campaign pledge to get rid of the deficit, the fact is that, in a 5-year period the deficit has ballooned to \$1.83 trillion, or double what it was when Reagan took over, Matsui stated. In the process, the defense budget experienced the largest growth in its history and social programs were cut by \$750 billion.

Not mincing any words, the congressman declared that, in the area of civil rights, the Administration's policies had been "absolutely offensive."

Matsui also talked about the importance of networking. He urged the audience to make use of this process, not only within the Asian community, but more importantly, outside it, in order to effect change.

The 1980s is a time of transition and Asians could affect the shifts by getting involved, intimately and persistently, said Matsui, who urged members of the audience not merely to work for candidates, but to stay involved in the political process.

Trible responds to protests

WASHINGTON—Sen. Paul Tribble (R-Va.), who received protests from Asian American organizations when the Washington Post quoted him as saying that "Asians have no value for life," has claimed that his statements were taken out of context.

JACL president Frank Sato said in a letter to Tribble, "I am shocked and saddened that a member of the United States Senate... would display such blatant racial prejudice."

Tribble's statement was one of many about U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War in an April 15 article by Post reporter Myra Macpherson, who maintained that the quote was accurate.

In a May 16 letter to JACL Washington representative G. Tim Gojio, Tribble wrote:

"It is simply impossible to make general observations about the inhabitants of an entire continent. It was not my intention to disparage an entire group. Moreover, I have a profound respect for the dignity and beliefs of every individual, and I regret the misconceptions that arose from the manner in which I was quoted.

"As you know, the article... was focused on the Vietnam War, and my comments were directed at the wartime conduct of the Marxist regime of North Vietnam.

"My point was that the North Vietnamese were far more willing to sacrifice troops to achieve their military objectives than the United States. This observation is borne out by figures on the comparative loss of life on each side.

"Obviously, this was not made clear in the newspaper report, and I appreciate the opportunity to clarify my statement."

JCCCNC receives \$20,000 pledge

SAN FRANCISCO—The executive board of the Japanese Benevolent Society (Jikei Kai) approved a \$20,000 pledge to the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC), moving the project quickly into the second phase of the Vision 80's Campaign.

In his address to the general membership prior to the executive meeting, the Rev. Kenmyo Taira, president of the Jikei Kai, spoke of the society's historical role as a charitable organization dedicated to the community's welfare. In keeping with this role, he urged support of the center for the sake of the elderly and generations to come.

During their visit to the construction site, Jikei Kai's representatives presented the JCCCNC with a check for \$1,000 as the first installment of their \$20,000 pledge.

The gift helps to kick off the second phase of the Vision 80's Campaign which is now seeking an additional \$1.4 million to complete the \$3 million project. Construction of the two-story front building which will house community offices and programs began in March of this year and is scheduled for completion in February 1986.

The Benevolent Society is one of the oldest active voluntary organizations in the community and the first Japanese mutual aid society officially recognized as such by the State of California.

'Not My Fault' to perform at Ohana

OAKLAND — "Not My Fault," an improvisational comedy group from the Asian American Theater Company (AATC), will perform June 14 (8:30 p.m.) and 15 (8 p.m.) at the Ohana Cultural Center.

Ron Muriera, a member of the group, has performed with the National Theater of the De-ranked at Lipps Bar and Grill and is "one of the few Asians who admits to playing the accordion."

The ensemble's material is often based on "observations about Asians in society with social overtones... we're making fun of our own stereotypes," said Muriera. Past sketches have included "Youth in Asia," a satire of game shows; the "Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos cooking

class," and a view of men in Portsmouth Square, San Francisco.

On Sundays, from June 16 to July 21, 1-4 p.m., AATC will sponsor a 6-week class for playwrights and actors. The class will be taught by Dom Magwili, artistic director for AATC and director of its current production, "Zatoichi Superstar."

Magwili has won two Rockefeller Playwright in Residence Awards and Dramalogue Award for Outstanding Play, 1981.

Cost of the classes will be \$6 per session, \$36 for six weeks, and interested persons should call Magwili in advance at AATC, 928-8922, or Ohana at 658-1868.

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California official gives to LEC fund

LOS ANGELES — Secretary of State of California March Fong Eu on May 31 presented a \$1,000 check to Harry Kajihara, PSW District Governor and finance chairman of the Legislative Education Committee/JACL, in support of the current legislative drive to achieve redress for Japanese Americans. This initial contribution symbolized the awareness of the fundamental issues involved in redress as concerning all Americans, particularly those of Asian background.

"Mrs. Eu's personal contributions and support gives a tremendous boost to our fundraising efforts," stated Minoru Yasui, LEC chairman. "It also highlights the concerns of other Americans that our nation recognize the injustices of the past, and reinforces our commitment to the Constitution of the United States, giving people opportunity to petition Congress for redress. It is, indeed, a most generous and splendid gesture by March Fong Eu of California."

Kajihara also expressed his appreciation. "March Fong Eu as a high level state official is concerned that '120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, mostly United States citizens, were placed in detention centers,' and that she is concerned that action is needed to right that wrong."

Florence Ochi, Chief Assistant Secretary of State, assisted in the presentation. She is one of the highest level JAs in the California state government.

Utah JA runs for Democratic state chair

SALT LAKE CITY—Randy Horiuchi, 31, formally announced his bid for Democratic state chair on May 17, stating that "a new generation must reach out and grasp the reins of leadership."

Outlining his position before supporters in the Governor's Board Room at the Capitol, Horiuchi introduced his campaign co-chairs: John Hiskey, an aide to Salt Lake City Mayor Ted Wilson, and Elizabeth Wiley, outgoing Davis County party chair.

Horiuchi, a partner in a government relations firm representing corporate and trade association clients, said that the Democratic Party "is in its hour of greatest need" and that his "skills as a conciliator, motivator, organizational and strategist" can be of use.

"To come back in 1986, we will need to build from the ground up," he said. "We truly are the party of the people. New Democratic leadership must use any and all resources to make the grass roots viable again."

Declaring his intention to organize a state policy council to polish the party's image and communicate Democratic philosophies, Horiuchi said that the state party has shown its "vision" in supporting the state educational system and opposing desert deployment of the MX missile.



Ping Wu carves a poem into a barrack wall and Joan Chen comforts a distraught Rosalind Chao in scenes from the PBS drama, "Paper Angels."



KCET photo by Mitzi Trumbo

Angel Island comes to life in television drama

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—"Paper Angels," a drama depicting the struggles of Chinese immigrants detained on Angel Island in the early years of this century, will be broadcast nationwide June 17, 9 p.m., on PBS.

Adapted by Genny Lim from her stage play, the story takes place in 1915 and centers on life in the barracks where Chinese were held pending clearance or rejection for entry to the U.S. under restrictive immigration laws. The island, located in San Francisco Bay, was

used for this purpose from 1910 to 1940.

At a May 29 press conference at KCET-TV, where the drama was produced, Lim explained that the title refers to "paper sons," men who tried to enter the country by claiming to be the sons of legal entrants. Detainees were questioned at length in an effort to screen out those who did not meet entry requirements.

Director John Lone said that the drama shows the psychological pressure of "day in and day out, not knowing—are you supposed to be here, are you going to leave? It's like a prison. Therefore, people's behavior changes."

Cast members were enthused about the production. Actress

Beulah Quo commended KCET "for having the courage to choose a subject as heavy as this. I know that commercial television would never have bought a story like this... I hope that with a drama like this, people will begin to realize a little more about the history of Chinese Americans and Asian Americans in general."

Actor James Hong added, "It's important that we have things like this on the air so that there is an identity for our children... this is the first program of its sort."

Also on hand were cast members Rosalind Chao, Joan Chen, David Huang, Victor Wong, and Ping Wu; producer Ricki Franklin; executive producer Phyllis Geller; and KCET president William Kobin.

The show will be repeated locally on KCET (Ch. 28) on June 23 at 11 p.m.

AA endowment fund

SAN FRANCISCO—The first grants from the Asian American Endowment Fund, a project of the United Methodist Church, are scheduled to be made in June.

According to Rev. Jonah Chang, executive director of the National Federation of Asian American United Methodists, grants will be used for recruitment and continuing education of Asian American clergy and for Christian education programs in local congregations.

"This is a significant milestone

in the brief history of the endowment fund," Chang said. "What was only a wild dream of a few Asian Americans as recently as three years ago will become form and substance."

Formally launched by the federation in 1983, the fund totals \$22,000. The ultimate goal is \$5 million.

City council endorses redress

PENRYN, Calif. — The Roseville City Council at its regular meeting on May 1 unanimously adopted a resolution supporting redress for persons of Japanese ancestry who were unjustly incarcerated in internment camps during WW2.

JACL Placer area redress chairman Frank Kageta stated that Resolution No. 85-69, passed by the council of the largest city in the county, stressed among other items: the forcible exclusion from the West Coast without charges or hearings, the congressional Commission findings which found no military necessity for the exclusion, and the Commission recommendations of \$20,000 restitution to each surviving evacuee.

The Roseville City Council fully endorsed the findings and recommendations of the Commission and urged the U.S. Congress to enact the Civil Liberties Act of 1983 with the passage of S1053 and HR442.

The resolution, signed by Mayor Harry Crabb Jr., was placed on the council agenda through the effort of Frank Galli, former Roseville city councilman and well-known South Placer political figure.

Kageta and Hike Yego, redress legislative liaison, assisted Galli with background information on Nikkei social and economic hardships resulting from the evacuation which stemmed from Executive Order 9066.

Coalition honors Sacramento journalist

LOS ANGELES — The Korean American Coalition honored Kyung Won Lee, 57, investigative reporter for the Sacramento Union since 1970, "for his tireless dedication and inspiration," May 28 at Si Yeon Restaurant.

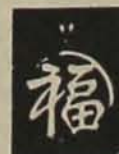
Founder of the all-English "Koreatown" newspaper for Koreans in the U.S. in 1979, Lee has worked for three dailies and one wire service.

KAC was founded in February 1983 as an advocacy community group bridging the gap between English and Korean speaking Koreans.

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past weekend (May 18) we attended her funeral.

THE SERVICES WERE held at the Deerfield Presbyterian Church, one of the centers of life for Mary and her family. Among other things, Mary sang in its choir; we understand that she had a very enchanting singing voice, but we were never privileged to hear it. The church, erected over two centuries ago in 1771, is dignified in its simplicity in its arbor setting. We had been in this same church previously when we all celebrated the happy occasion of the wedding of one of the Nagao daughters. As I sat in the church this past weekend, I harked back to that joyful day when Mary was the radiant mother of a radiant bride.

MARY AND CHARLIE were among the stalwart supporters of JACL and over the years we had occasion to see them often at JACL gatherings, whether at Seabrook or at district meetings. In fact, the entire family was involved in JACL operations, both husband and wife holding JACL offices, followed by son Scott serving as chapter president. Daughter Pauline was our district oratorical representative to the na-

FORTUNATELY, JUST ABOUT every chapter has a few: dedicated, highly competent, reliable women members who keep the chapter going and on its feet (even as we men occupy the proscenium and take the bows). In the Eastern District JACL and in the Seabrook Chapter in particular, for some four decades we'd been blessed by such a lady: Mary Chi-yoko Nagao, nee Yamashita, formerly from San Bernardino, Calif. With her husband, Charles, in December 1944 she left the barbed-wire Manzanar and planted her roots in the Seabrook area, active not only in JACL affairs but very much so in the civic and economic concerns of the overall community.

Following an unexpected illness, Mary died last week. This

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PETE HIRUNAKA 4/1/85

tionals in Salt Lake City in 1968. Whether in office or not, Mary continued to diligently serve and help. On more than one occasion she oversaw the chapter dinner-dance held at the Centerton Golf Club. If she was in charge, one could relax in the assurance that everything was going to be done right away. And it was. Last year she was in charge of the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the chapter which involved much planning, including assembling personages from far and near. It was a memorable affair as only Mary would do it.

AT THE DINNER I managed to chat and reminisce with her between her getting up from the table every so often to tend to some detail to make sure that everything was proceeding smoothly. She was relating some of her early experiences in Seabrook, incidents only she would know. I urged her to reduce all this to writing, "for posterity," and she replied that she had started to write a few things down. I also recalled this conversation as I sat in the church at the funeral services.

AS I LOOKED about the filled

church, I was struck by two observations: the mix, the amalgamation of AJAs, White and Black Americans; also, the number of young people who were present to pay respect to Mary's memory. Both of these reflected Mary's life, the impact that she has had and the scope of such impact. Speaking of young folks, I had always marvelled over the years how Mary stayed so youthful, in spirit as well as appearance. It was amazing.

She was a tiny person. But she leaves some awfully big shoes to fill.

HIRABAYASHI

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that allegedly show that Japan planned to recruit JAs as spies. Hirabayashi reported that Voorhees was familiar with "Magic"—having read the documents and written two papers on them—and considered it "not pertinent."

The cables, Hirabayashi added, show "what the Japanese government said they wish to do or intend to do. That doesn't mean they succeeded."

The trial is expected to last two weeks.

Legal Team

Hirabayashi praised his legal team, which includes Kathryn Bannai, Michael Leong, Camden Hall, and Rod Kawakami. In order to prepare for the trial, the attorneys are "putting in practically full-time...they're not well-to-do, and they're only spending part of their time on bread-and-butter cases."

Over the past 2½ years the attorneys have become "a pretty experienced group," he said, be-

cause working on the case has been "like going to several post-graduate schools."

Although the attorneys are working without compensation, \$50,000 is needed for witness-related costs, archival research and other expenses. Hirabayashi credited the Committee to Reverse the Japanese American Wartime Cases with helping to raise the needed funds.

While a victory in the trial will not involve monetary compensation, Hirabayashi feels that "it'll give very good ammunition for the redress movement...it should be helpful."

Hirabayashi also advises Japanese Canadians who are seeking redress from their government. "I'm living up there, so I'd like Canada to do the right thing."

The reception was jointly sponsored by Asian Pacific Bar of California, Japanese American Bar Assn., Pacific Southwest District JACL, Japanese American Democratic Club, and Japanese American Republicans, with Ron Ohata serving as chairperson.

Memorial Day, 1985

It was my honor to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in behalf of the JACL on May 25. This is an annual event sponsored by the Washington, D.C. chapter of JACL for the National JACL.

Accompanying me in the honor this year were Lt. (j.g.) Tomoko Ishikawa, U.S. Navy (the first Japanese American woman graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy), Col. Harry Ota, U.S. Army, and Col. Frank Nekoba, U.S. Air Force. Of particular note was that three of the armed services were represented, in contrast to earlier times when the service representation was limited for the most part to the Army.

Earlier on that day, memorial services were held at the gravesite of Pfc. Saburo Tanamachi; next to his grave is the burial place of Pfc. Fumitake Nagato. These two Nisei heroes were the first Nisei to be buried at Arlington, on June 4, 1948.

Col. Ota gave the keynote address and spoke eloquently of the sacrifices of the men buried at Arlington and elsewhere around the world and the legacy they have left for us.

Three weeks before this day, I had visited the Snake River chapter JACL in Ontario, Oregon. Mrs. Hiro Kido came up to me during the visit and relayed her thanks to the Washington, D.C. chapter for the annual memorial service and the placing of flowers at each of the 30 Japanese American gravesites, including her brothers'. Her two brothers, Wataru and Raito Nakashima, are buried near the site of the service this year.



PRESIDENT'S
CORNER:

by
Frank Sato

I believe Mrs. Kido expresses the feelings of other families of the other families of the men buried at Arlington for what the Washington, D.C. chapter has been doing for many, many years. We all thank them, particularly Key Kobayashi and his committee for this service to our Japanese American community. Key has chaired this event for over 15 years. Ira Shimasaki headed up this annual service beginning in 1948, and continued until Key took over around 1970. Mike Masaoka has been directly involved over the years also. This is another example of what JACL is all about.

Harry Walters, administrator of the Veterans Administration, speaks of veterans as very special citizens. Those that have given their lives in service to our country have made the ultimate sacrifice. Our Japanese American veterans honored this day across the United States are particularly special, for many served under trying circumstances while their families were incarcerated and their loyalty to this country was being questioned.

We thank these war heroes and remember them, for they have made the lives of Japanese Americans better today and every day. The names of the 30 Japanese

American servicemen buried at Arlington are as follows:

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| Buto, Jun | Col, 442 |
| Hada, Victor K. | Pfc, Co. K 442 |
| Henjyoji, Grant | Lt., Vietnam |
| Ishida, Haruo | T/4, Co. G 442 |
| Kokubu, Jimmie T. | Cpl, Co. G 442 |
| Kozai, Kenneth | Lt. USMC, Vietnam |
| Kuge, Thomas T. | Pfc, Co. K 442 |
| Masaoka, Ben F. | Pvt, Co. E 442 |
| Matsumoto, Hisao | T/3, MIS |
| Morihiro, Roy T. | Pfc, Co. G 442 |
| Murakami, Kiyoshi | Pfc, Co. G 442 |
| Nagano, Hiroshi | Pvt, Co. B 442 |
| Nagato, Fumitake | Pfc, Co. G 442 |
| Nakamura, John M. | Pfc, Co. K 442 |
| Nakashima, Raito | Pvt, Co. B 442 |
| Nakashima, Wataru | Sgt, Co. M 442 |
| Nakayama, Homer | Cdr USN, Vietnam |
| Oba, Stanley T. | Pvt, Co. G 442 |
| Onoye, Lloyd M. | Pfc, Co. I 442 |
| Osato, Timothy | LTC, 442 |
| Sakai, Paul | Col, MIS |
| Shimizu, Jimmy | T/Sgt, Co. F 442 |
| Shimizu, Osamu | Sgt, MIS |
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| Shiozawa, Roy R. | Pvt, Co. A 442 |
| Tanaka, John | Pfc, Co. C 442 |
| Tanamachi, Saburo | Pfc, Co. E 442 |
| Tomita, Theodore | LTC, MIS/FA |
| Toyota, Shichizo | Pfc, Co. E 442 |
| Yamaguchi, George | T/4, MIS |

The day's services were attended by more than 60 people, including some next of kin: Mike and Etsu Masaoka (brother of Ben Masaoka), Mrs. Yuri Tachino (sister of Fumitake Nagato), and Mrs. Tae Matsumoto (wife of Hisao Matsumoto). Flowers were also laid at the graves of Joseph Harrington, author of *Yankee Samurai*, and Virgil Miller, former commanding officer of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

If anyone should be visiting near Washington, D.C. around Memorial Day, please plan to join us for this most memorable annual service. If you are in the area at other times of the year, please plan to include a visit to Arlington, which is the nation's greatest military shrine—and a reminder that we must be ever vigilant.



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'Nichibei Futoboru'

Here it is June already and we're still talking about football in this space. Excuse me ladies, but our readers keep coming up with material that's just too interesting to ignore.

Beans Sogioka of Chino, Calif., writes to say he saw, and remembers well, the 1936 Japan-U.S. all-star football game in Los Angeles which was the subject of this column a few weeks ago.

"It was pretty much just an international goodwill event because from the opening kickoff it was strictly no contest," Sogioka recalls. "When the Japanese arrived the local football officials saw the size of the players and quickly decided to get some local high school kids instead of college all-stars.

"None of the Japanese weighed more than 150 pounds. The Hata brothers, who were the ball carriers, weighed only about 135. All they could do was try end sweeps because they were fast. Trying to charge through the line was impossible.

"Even our high school boys were big, averaging around 200. It's a wonder the Japanese didn't get killed. I don't remember the score. The Americans made four touchdowns, I think. The Japanese finally got a touchdown in the fourth quarter, but I wouldn't be surprised if our team let them score to make them feel good.

FROM THE FRYING PAN:

Bill Hosokawa



"At half time the announcer asked the Japanese coach to say a few words. All he said was 'Mina-san dozo yoroshiku.' The announcer made up what he thought the coach said—I'm very happy to be here. It's a wonderful ball game. We look forward to these international contests—and a lot of other stuff.

"There was a murmur all over the stadium like the fans were asking, 'Did he say all that just by saying dozo yoroshiku?' The stadium was maybe a half full and 75 percent of the crowd was local Nisei with their enryo syndrome. Nobody yelled, nobody clapped. I was a junior at Covina Union High School at the time."

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The other communication is from the Rev. Andrew N. Otani of the Japanese Christian Union Church of Minneapolis, reminding me that Paul Rusch in his book "Road to KEEP," had written about the early days of foot-

ball in Japan. And to make his point, the Rev. Mr. Otani sent along copies of the relevant pages.

Rusch wrote that the sponsors wanted the first football game in Japan, in 1934, staged with proper fanfare. Tadao Kaneko went to the Florida club dance hall and asked Tib Kamayatsu to bring his jazz band to the game to play the national anthems of the U.S., Japan and Great Britain.

"When the great day came," Rusch says in his book, "His Imperial Highness Prince Chichibu was present as guest of honor, and he was seated with the American ambassador, Joseph P. Grew. The pregame ceremonies went off very well, but the renditions of the national anthems were the jazziest versions ever recorded."

Bringing football to Japan involved more than playing a game. A rule book had to be written for "Nichibei futoboru" and uniforms manufactured for the slight Japanese.

Rusch remembers that the game against the Southern California All-Stars was Jan. 3, 1937. The game in Gilmore Stadium remembered by Sogioka was Dec. 27, 1936. Since the dates are a week apart, there may have been two games. Enroute home the Japanese played a scoreless tie against Roosevelt High in Honolulu for a moral victory.

Odds and Ends

BY THE BOARD:

by Miki Himeno



In May, the National Board concentrated on discussion of two major items: insurance, as relating to Sequoia chapter and its 501(c)(3) status, and LEC changeover. Both of these issues will have major impact on JACL chapters and the national redress program.

Budget requests were put on "hold" for this reason and for the reason that not all committees have submitted formal requests. They will need to be studied in context with other program demands, and the changes being made in JACL structure.

THANK YOU to Jan Yoshiwara and the scholarship committee for the tremendous work accomplished with the selection of scholarship winners and reporting so quickly, in time for the national board meeting. Forty-one scholars will be awarded a total of \$58,500, according to the report.

JACL's Women's Concerns Committee became organizational members of the National Network of Asian and Pacific Women as a contingent, led by Irene Hirano, national chair, attended that convention in Washington, D.C. Lia Shigemura, JACL program director, presented a paper on Asian Catalog Brides. They were invited to a White House briefing the next day.

Marshall Sumida, veterans affairs liaison, has drafted an amicus brief from the veterans' point of view for the Gordon Hirabayashi case and gave a brief pre-

sentation before the Board.

National Singles committee is co-sponsoring the 3rd Annual Singles Convention with the Greater L.A. Singles chapter in San Jose, August 30-September 1, 1985. To maintain independent funding GLASC hopes to sell raffle tickets. It is hoped that every chapter will purchase at least 2 books of 10 \$1 tickets to help defray expenses for their ambitious and worthy project.

Congratulations to Mika Hiramatsu, National Youth Council chair, who missed part of the National Board meeting to attend her graduation at UC Berkeley. Her major was genetics, and she will resume studies in medicine this fall. Mika also won the JACL Aibara Graduate Scholarship Award of \$1,000. Double congratulations!

Many thanks to staff members David Nakayama and Lia Shigemura for their outstanding work in support of these committees. Attention given to the finest details, the hours spent in research and preparation that facilitate committee work are greatly appreciated.

Letters

Ad Not Bad

I am rather puzzled by the furor accompanying the appearance of Hyster's 1984 ad campaign, which consisted of "menacing" photos of a kabuki actor, sumo wrestler, etc., and text "proclaiming that Hyster had met the competition head-on and come out on top" (March 22 PC).

First of all, I find the photos striking and powerful, characteristics that are desired in any ad. They are beautiful evocations of certain traditional aspects of Japanese culture, and I would call the expressions of their subjects "determined" rather than "menacing." Inasmuch as the ad focuses on the competition between American and Japanese companies, the photos serve as clearly identifiable Japanese images without being racially offensive.

As for the text, business entails competition, international as well as local. Hyster pays tribute to the great achievements of Japanese industry by citing it as "fierce competition," but goes on to say that Hyster has "transformed itself into a company on the leading edge" (quotes from the ad). Fine! After all, we should be proud that an American company, stimulated by a foreign example, took measures to improve itself. I find nothing offensive to either Japanese or Japanese Americans in these ads.

But Philip Tajitsu Nash of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund says that the implication that Americans are

better than Asians has hurt Asian Americans. Most of those who saw the ads were presumably business people capable of recognizing the purely business-related message of the ads. Hyster's other activities, however, such as blaming the closure of a Portland plant on "unfree and unfair" Japanese trade practices, appear to have inspired anti-Asian sentiment in the community and should be made to bear some of the blame. But I feel that the business ad campaign is a situation apart that should be treated as such.

Real examples of ethnic stereotypes abound in ads. How about the "German" Dr. Frank 'n' Stuff on the TV wiener commercial? As a German American I ought to be incensed. As an Irish American I should find the Irish Spring commercials degrading. Are they trying to say the Irish stink?! Of course, I realize that European Americans are today rarely the victims of discrimination and have less need to be sensitive to such portrayals. I hope this time will also come for Asian Americans in the country as a whole as it seems to have come here in Hawaii. Nobody locally seems to have complained about a Charlie Chan condominium commercial, whereas Mainland groups are attempting to ban Chan films from TV.

The Hyster ads, however, are not in this ethnic stereotype category. They are imaginative ads of great impact that perfectly make their valid point.

CHRISTINE FROECHTENIGT
Honolulu

Thank You, Karen

It is with sincere regret that we bid farewell to Karen Seriguchi, the former editor of Pacific Citizen.

In the relatively short time Karen was editor, she did a splendid job, and the dedication, loyalty and professionalism she brought to the PC will be missed by the many devoted readers of the newspaper.

The Redress Committee of the Salinas Valley Chapter joins me in expressing our appreciation for the support and encouragement she has given us, and we wish Karen all the best in her new endeavors.

VIOLET K. de CRISTOFORO
Salinas, Calif.

de Cristoforo is redress chair of Salinas Valley chapter JACL.

A Good Question

The PC is doing a damn good job in educating the Nikkei in America, but who is going to or is supposed to be educating the American mass about the Nikkei?

ALEX YORICHI
Zama, Japan

Believing that PC is capable of serving both functions, we have been sending it to various non-Nikkei groups and individuals, including members of Congress. If you want to educate a non-JA friend about the JA community, why not give him or her a gift subscription?

—Ed.

Crossroads of the Far East

NISEI IN JAPAN:

Barry Saiki



In recent years, Tokyo has become the crossroads of the Far East, augmented by the growing international trends in Hong Kong, Singapore and South Korea, as well as the opening of Communist China.

An increasing flood of visitors is making the long air passage from the United States and Europe, while the brisk economic activities of Southeast Asia and Australia have added to the flow.

And these waves of wayfarers are composed of numerous personalities who come for a variety of reasons, including commerce and tourism. As a highly advanced industrialized nation, with a tremendous volume of foreign trade, Japan attracts government and business leaders and representatives from all major countries, as well as developing countries, that seek the facilitation of foreign trade or of loans and grants for development.

While VIPs merit the public attention of the media, their visits are mainly political or economic in nature. This also applies to the

top talents in entertainment, who find in Japan a lucrative mine of "gold."

On the other hand, there are visitors who come to Japan for more personal reasons, usually educational or cultural, and who maintain their personalized international relations in seemingly insignificant yet vital ways.

Among the recent visitors of this genre were Mr. and Mrs. John Toland (though prominent), who spent about two months in Japan during late 1984 to gather more material for what is to be a three-volume historical novel about Japan. The first volume is set to appear in early spring this year via Doubleday. The second volume will deal with the wartime and postwar Japan, to be followed with the events covering the 1950s to 1970s. Hopefully, this work depicting the fortunes and frustrations of two families will encounter less misunderstanding than that subjected towards "Sanga Moyu."

Another recent visitor was Key Kobayashi of Washington, D.C. He was a sophomore at UC Berkeley in 1941 and we had not met since Pearl Harbor days. Dr. Haruyoshi Chikamori, the founder of the Joseph Heco Society, phoned from Osaka to inform me of Key's projected visit to Japan in late January and I asked him to send Key my phone number. While Key was in Tokyo, we had lunch

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Women's Concerns

The Other Side of Beauty Contest

by Mei Nakano

Let it rest, my instincts told me—at least for the moment. It seemed a good idea in view of the acrimony it had inspired. But now I am convinced that the issue of JACL-sponsored beauty contestants will not lie down, nor should it, until some resolution has been achieved.

That became evident with the appearance of Miki Himeno's PC column of May 3 which commented on the Beauty Contest Workshop held in Fresno recently. While her article purported to be an objective account (as indicated by the statements made as fact), it can only be described, charitably, as a personal view.

Lest the matter be left to slosh in readers' minds in this rather muddled condition, I feel impelled to respond.

Many members of the Women's Concerns Committee, from both NCWNP and PSW Councils, who were present at the workshop, have expressed their dismay at the column, remarking that it left the erroneous impression that the

workshop was a one-sided rout in favor of the pro debaters.

But that isn't the reason for this response. More important, somewhere lost in the swirl of the writer's various observations was the point that the bottom-line question posed at the workshop was: *Should JACL be involved in sponsoring beauty contestants?*

This question, critical to the reason for the Women's Concerns Committee of NCWNP JACL tackling the issue in the first place, had been advertised in the Women's Workshop hand-out, announced clearly beforehand, and reinforced by the panelists who argued against the question. And it hinged on the civil rights issue, the problem of the organization involving itself in an activity (beauty contests) that prohibited some persons from participating because of race.

Notwithstanding, the writer reported that "the major focus at ... [the] workshop seemed to be concern for the chapter's autonomy in activities they choose and the need to maintain good

public relations with the Japanese community, rather than the alleged violation of civil rights of women."

Note what is being conveyed here are the concerns of the proposition (sponsoring beauty contests), certainly not what we, of the Committee, consider to have "the major focus" of the workshop. Note also that the writer names panelists Jon Kaji and Deena Hard, who, she states, "convincingly countered beauty contest opponents," failing to mention at all the other two panelists, Mary Nishimoto and Alice Nakahata. To my mind, and to many others who were there, the latter presented equally, if not more, effective arguments against the proposition. I only cite this to point up the bias implicit in the article.

For the record, some of the arguments for JACL continuing the practice of sponsoring beauty contests were: (1) historically JACL became a vehicle for Japanese American women to participate in such beauty contests—they, being prohibited from entering non-JA contests; (2) contests afford the winner opportunities to expand her career horizons and

cultivate her personality; (3) winners can work to strengthen cultural ties within the community and to enhance the image of JAs vis-a-vis the outer society.

Opponents argued that: (1) a clause in the contest rules which specifically requires one parent of the contestant to be "100% Japanese," blatantly violates civil rights laws, a feature which should be of grave concern to JACL; (2) beauty contests reinforce a shallow concept that physical attributes are of paramount importance in women, relegating to secondary importance such features as intelligence, compassion and wit; (3) they reinforce negative stereotypes of Japanese American women.

In addition, the PSW Women's Concerns Committee issued a position paper (presented by panelist Mary Nishimoto) urging JACL chapters "to reconsider their future sponsorship of beauty contests and instead implement... programs which promote the political, economic and social status of women." Included among these should be "speech, debate and essay contests, workshops which focus on the positive aspects of our cultural heritage,

leadership development, technical and interpersonal skills, mentoring and networking and expansion of scholarship programs in traditional and non-traditional fields."

In spite of these cogent arguments, the resolution was doomed to defeat. We women of NCWNP Women's Concerns had pretty much anticipated that from the outset, knowing how hard-set are traditions and "institutions." In spite of that, we had decided to put forward the resolution. But at the eleventh hour, we were informed that the PSW Council had voted to table the matter (and would presumably make the same move if the resolution came to the floor). In a meeting, then, with Jon Kaji and Mary Nishimoto of PSW, we decided not to put the resolution to the floor, the feeling being that a defeat might work to put the matter to rest for good.

That's how we saw it.

And we are "hanging in there," as one stalwart supporter urged us to do, no less committed to our conviction that beauty contests are an unnecessary evil; moreover, that JACL needs to take a hard look at its involvement in this activity.

WOMEN

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no, 85% of whom are on the welfare rolls.

The "100-hour rule" stipulates that if a person on public assistance works more than 100 hours in any given month, he/she will be deprived of that assistance.

The newly-arrived refugees want to work, Ishii contended, but with their large families, they often cannot afford to work at the low-paying jobs available to them without some sort of supplement; hence, they sometimes work up to 99 hours and are idle the rest of the time.

On other matters relating to refugees, it was revealed that approximately 711,000 A/P refugees currently reside in this country, 65% of whom are Vietnamese. The Vietnamese, though still on the bottom rung of the economic scale, have been moving into the mainstream in a remarkably short time, owing to the advantage of having had some education.

The newer arrivals, however, are less educated (in the case of the Hmong, have not even the benefit of a written language) and greater efforts must be put towards upgrading their condition.

Mail Order Bride Catalogs

Lia Shigemura and Irene Hirano provided the groundwork and impetus for a workshop that revealed that businesses, now apparently burgeoning because of media exposure, offer photo catalogs of women from various Asian nations (primarily the Philippines and Malaysia) to American, Australian and European men. For a fee, marriage arrangements are made between the client and the woman.

In the process, the women are flagrantly exploited, advertised in sexually suggestive ways and, at the same time, presented as passive and submissive virgins.



Photo by George Wakiji

WOMEN'S DELEGATION—Front row (from left): Mei Nakano, Mollie Fujioka, Grayce Uyehara, Lillian Kimura. Back row: Mae Takahashi, Jeannette Ishii, Irene Hirano, Clare Kawamura, Karen Seriguchi, Mary Nishimoto, Rita Cates, Betty Waki, B.J. Watanabe, unidentified, Lia Shigemura.

The problem which underscores the plight of these women as well as some wives of military personnel is that, once in this country, they are usually at a great disadvantage, ignorant of their rights as well as the rules of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and vulnerable to abuse because of a lack of a support system and lack of English skills.

The goal set out by the workshop was to curtail the activity of these mail-order bride businesses by bringing public pressure against their practices through publicity and education and working through various government agencies such as the Postal Service, the INS and Federal Trade Commission, to uncover any regulation that might have been breached. The matter will also be brought to the attention of Congress where hearings and investigations could take place.

In other workshops, children and youth needs and exclusion of A/P women from programs and services were the topics of discussion. In these and other workshops, the one negative note that was sounded again and again was that the Reagan administration had not been particularly sensitive to the needs of women of color, and, in fact, had demonstrably failed to grapple with their problems.

The Briefing

In the briefing session, held in the Old Executive Building May 20, several emissaries from the Administration presented facts and views on the topics of family, employment and policy-making.

Among them was Anna Chennault who proved to be a vigorous, energetic speaker. "Speak up, organize, and do your homework," she exhorted, punctuating the advice by offering her own motto: "Success is persistence."

Chennault, an author, lecturer, business executive, and international business consultant, denied that she had "made it" because of her husband, Claire, who had been an advisor to Chiang Kai-shek and had organized the famed American volunteer group, "Flying Tigers." She declared that she earned her niche with her persistence and hard work.

Asked what she herself had done to promote Asian American women, Chennault prevailed on two Chinese American women said to be active in the Washington scene to stand and be recognized, leaving the audience to come to their own conclusions.

Bruce Chapman, deputy assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Planning and Evaluation, spoke on the subject of families, saying that the social policy of the government could not be considered outside the family. The clue to poverty was to be found in family composition, he said, and single-parent families are growing at a rapid clip, swelling the welfare rolls. "If we didn't have single-parent family situations, we wouldn't have poverty," he told the audience.

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Chapman added that the Administration was striving to alleviate this problem by doing everything it could to preserve the

Plan For Action

by Sandi Kawasaki

Do you want to see JACL more active in community and civil rights projects? The PSWDC Women's Concerns Committee (WCC) wants these things too! And we want to help men and women learn skills to assume leadership positions to attain these objectives. These leadership skills will help you at the chapter level as well as at the District and National levels.

The WCC would also like to hold workshops that will provide women with information on how to deal with issues such as abuse, sexual harassment, discrimination and stress. We would like to have several workshops each year and we need your input as to the topic of the workshops as well as to help participate in working committees.

We therefore extend an invitation to all interested parties to attend a potluck dinner at our next meeting on June 19 at the regional office, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm 507.

Please join us to make JACL become a stronger and more effective organization. RSVP to Carol Saito, regional office secretary.

family unit, including a tax proposal designed as an incentive.

The speakers, without exception, seemed genuinely impressed with the caliber of comments and questions advanced from the floor, and expressed interest in meeting with the women again.

That fact, said many women afterward, was possibly the most valuable facet of the briefing. It would be hard to calculate what fruits this precedent-setting encounter might bear down the road.

LEC/JACL page courtesy of Frank Watase, chairman, YUM YUM DONUT SHOPS, Inc., 18830 E. San Jose Ave., City of Industry, Calif. 91748



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May 31, 1985

Minoru Yasui, Chairman
Legislative Education Committee
Japanese American Citizens League
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Dear Mr. Yasui:

In 1942, a shameful chapter was written in our country's history, when one hundred twenty thousand persons of Japanese ancestry, mostly United States citizens, were placed in detention centers.

Now, through redress legislation HR442 and S1053, recently introduced in Congress, action is needed to right the wrong that was committed against the 120,000 blameless victims.

The Legislative Education Committee of the Japanese American Citizens League is now launching a major fund-raising drive to pursue redress.

I am in total support of your efforts and am enclosing my contribution of \$1,000. I wish you a very successful fundraising drive and for the passage of HR442 and S1053.

Sincerely,

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LEC Fund Drive Campaign Gets Underway

by Harry Kajihara

The Legislative Education Committee of the Japanese American Citizens League targets raising \$1.5 million over 3 years to implement the redress pursuit plan described elsewhere in this issue. LEC must recruit 2500 Concerned Americans to donate \$200 per year over 3 years, or 10,000 persons to donate \$50 per year over 3 years or 20,000 persons to donate \$25 per year over 3 years, and so on Arithmetically, if everyone participated, a smaller donation from each person would quickly total \$1.5 million. Anyway, you can all calculate for yourself the number of donor/donation ratio LEC must meet in order to raise the \$1.5 million.

The LEC fund raising plan

calls for each district recruiting a number of PRIME SOLICITORS. A PRIME SOLICITOR is a person who volunteers to assume the task of raising \$2000 and more by any method best suited to the person. Redress is an American issue. PRIME SOLICITORS should outreach to their non-JACLer friends for donations. All concerned Americans should be given the opportunity to support the redress pursuit fundwise.

I know that each PRIME SOLICITOR will pursue the method best suited to the person. However, I have found that mailers to my "Christmas Card Exchange List" does result in good responses. Of course, if time permits, nothing beats a personal contact when soliciting donations. In regards to a mailer, LEC has developed

"LEC REDRESS DONATION APPEAL" mailer, a solicitation letter, and a Congressperson support letter to be sent to the prospective donors. Please contact your District KEYPERSON for a supply of mailers. Who is a KEYPERSON?

To coordinate and oversee the LEC Redress Fund Campaign, each District has a DISTRICT LEC FUND DRIVE KEYPERSON. The KEYPERSONS are Paul Shinkawa, MP; Mike Suzuki, EDC; George Sakaguchi, MDC; Peggy Sasashima Liggett, CC; Denny Yasuhara, PNW; Hid Hasegawa, IMT; Molly Fujioka, NCWNP; and Harry Kajihara, PSW. The KEYPERSONS duties and responsibilities include coordinating, publicizing, acting as a conduit of information between the JACL National Board/LEC Board and the grassroots, promoting, pushing and pulling to make LEC fund raising a success. In addition, the KEYPERSON is responsible for recruiting PRIME SOLICITORS and submitting their names to the LEC Finance Chair, Harry Kajihara. The KEYPERSON also receives the donations from the PRIME SOLICITORS, maintains donation records, and submits donations to the LEC Finance Chair. The breakout of the targeted PRIME SOLICITORS to be recruited by the District KEYPERSONS are as follows:

| Keypersons | Prime Solicitors |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Molly Fujioka, NCWNP | 60 |
| Harry Kajihara, PSW | 60 |
| Denny Yasuhara, PNW | 12 |
| Peggy Sasashima Liggett, CC | 12 |
| George Sakaguchi, MDC | 12 |
| Hid Hasegawa, IMT | 8 |
| Mike Suzuki, EDC | 7 |
| Paul Shinkawa, MP | 5 |

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The recruitment tasking to the KEYPERSON is a huge one. But note that if each of the 176 PRIME SOLICITORS raises only the minimum of \$2000.00, the total amount raised is \$352,000.00, far short of \$500,000.00. The Finance Chair is counting on each PRIME SOLICITOR to exceed \$2000. When the LEC Fund Drive gets into high gear and donations are coming in at a torrential pace, your Finance Chair is counting on other PRIME SOLICITORS to voluntarily emerge so that the total PRIME SOLICITORS will reach 200-250. Certainly among the 27,000 JACLers, there must be at least 250 who will volunteer to raise \$2000 a year for the duration of this plan! Please rush to your District KEYPERSON and offer your name as a PRIME SOLICITOR.

LEC Timetable Announced

VOTES

To bring the Concerned Americans redress pursuit to a successful conclusion requires 218 yes votes for HR442 and 51 yes votes for S1053. The Legislative Education Committee of the Japanese American Citizens League has formulated the lobbying portion of the Concerned Americans redress pursuit plan. This plan incorporates a coordinated timeline for members of congress support votes, fund-raising, and budget requirements. The chart below shows the timelines in graphical display.

The lobbying portion of the redress pursuit plan is a three-year plan. As Shig Wakamatsu, LEC

Secretary-Treasurer, says, "Of course, if something develops for earlier legislative success, we can all REJOICE, but for now we stay on line with the 3-year plan."

All lobbying activities must focus on getting member of congress support votes. For June 1985 we are 50% along the members of congress support vote timeline. By December 1986, eighteen months from now, we must add, at minimum, 90 more yes votes for HR442 and 20 more yes votes for S1053. This brings us to the 90% support vote point (If more support votes, super! If the bills pass by then, super!).

In another 18 months, December 1987, we need to add the re-

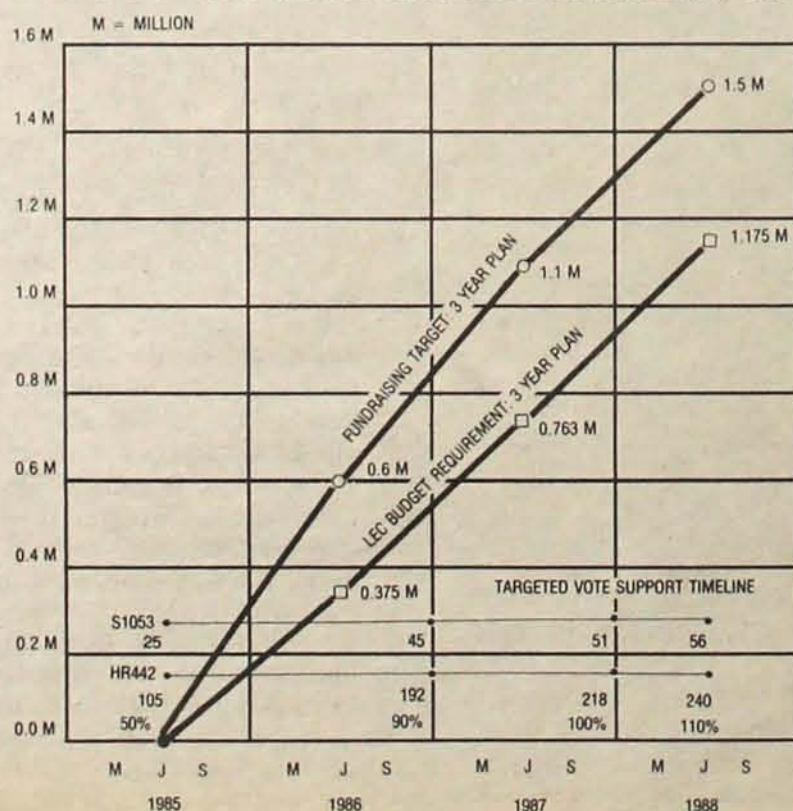
maining 10% votes, 30 more yes votes for HR442 and 6 more yes votes for S1053, to bring the redress pursuit to the 100% support vote point (These redress bills may have other identification numbers in the 100th Congress).

BUDGET

To obtain the needed votes, LEC must fund sufficient personnel to "walk the corridors of Congress." There are 535 Members of Congress. The LEC personnel must attend to the administrative work associated with the lobbying effort. They must communicate, orally and in written format, with the grassroots concerned Americans to keep them abreast of the redress pursuit accomplishments. LEC staff must conscientiously give an accounting for the funding support provided by the Concerned Americans. The volunteer redress workers and grassroots lobbyist must be reimbursed, at least in part, for the expenses incurred. LEC Board meetings are essential. Salaries, facility rental, telephone bills, utilities, resource materials, etc. must be paid. The bottom line is that this redress pursuit is going to cost money.

The 3-year lobbying redress pursuit budget approved by the LEC Executive Board meeting in San Francisco on May 17, 1985, is given in detail elsewhere in this LEC edition for scrutiny by Concerned Americans. This detailed 3-year budget is based on best information and factors available to the planning committee. It should be understood that corrective actions may be required and will be implemented as the redress events unfold in the future.

TIMELINE FOR TARGETED FUNDRAISING; BUDGET; MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SUPPORT VOTES



LEC Is on Its Way

The Legislative Education Committee (LEC) of the JACL was flashed a green light by the National JACL Board in San Francisco on Friday, May 17, 1985, to be fully responsible in lobbying for redress in Congress. With redress bills, H.R. 442 and S. 1053, introduced in Congress, LEC is on its way!

LEC is governed by a 15-member board, chaired by Minoru Yasui of Denver. Dave Nikaido of Washington, D.C., and Cherry Kinoshita of Seattle, are vice-chairs, and Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago serves as secretary-treasurer.

JACL is represented by Frank S. Sato, as National JACL President, with Vice-Presidents: Dr. Yosh Nakashima of San Francisco, Dr. Kaz Mayeda of Detroit, and Rose M. Ochi of Los Angeles; and JACL district governors Denny Yasuhara of the Pacific Northwest and Harry Kajihara of the Pacific Southwest, all serving on the LEC Board.

Grant Ujifusa of New York is legislative strategies chair, and Harry Kajihara is LEC fund-raising chairman.

At-large board members are: Joseph L. Rauh of Washington, D.C. (with impressive civil rights credentials); Arthur Morimatsu of Chicago, with extensive connections with veterans groups; Dr. James Tsujimura of Portland, as a past National JACL President; and Grayce K. Uyehara of Philadelphia, who is the East Coast dynamo for redress.

Ultimately, LEC must persuade 218 members of the House of Representatives in the U.S. Congress, and 51 U.S. Senators, to vote in favor of H.R. 442 and S. 1053, the redress bills, on the floor of the Congress.

Before that can happen, a majority of the members of both the House Judiciary Committee, and the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, must report out favorably the redress bills so



REDRESS UPDATE

by Minoru Yasui
Legislative Education Committee

a vote can be taken. Unfortunately, we do not have a roster of members on these committees at the present moment but we shall let you know the key members of each committee—so you can help in persuading them to support redress.

And, even before full committee consideration of redress, the sub-committees in both houses must "mark up" the redress bills, and report the bills to their respective committees.

Key members in the House judiciary sub-committee, for the Democrats, are: Sam B. Hall of Texas, who will probably be replaced by Dan Glickman of Kansas; Barney Ford of Massachusetts; Howard Berman of Los Angeles; Frederick Boucher of Virginia; George Crockett of Michigan, and Harley Staggers of West Virginia. The Republican members are: Thomas Kindness of Ohio (ranking minority member, and opposed to redress); Hank Brown of Colorado; Patrick Swindall of Georgia and Howard Coble of North Carolina. We need a majority of six members on this sub-committee, and at present are assured of the votes of only Frank, Berman and Crockett. We desperately need three more!

In the Senate sub-committee, the Republican majority members are: Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska, Sen. Chas. Mathias of Maryland, and Sen. Dave Durenberger of Minnesota. The minority Democrats are Sen. Albert Gore of Tennessee and Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan. Since both Stevens and Levin are co-spon-

sors of S. 1053, we need only one more Senator on this sub-committee to assure a favorable vote. Both Mathias of Maryland and Gore of Tennessee appear to be likely prospects, but both must be contacted and persuaded by constituents.

Harry Kajihara of the Pacific Southwest JACL district performs herculean tasks to assure that the LEC fund-raising drive will support the legislative efforts of LEC. Shig Wakamatsu, as Secretary-Treasurer, has submitted a budget of \$375,530 for June 1985 to June 1986. It's a big job facing us.

LEC is planning the full operation of the Washington, D.C. office for direct lobbying in Congress. Efforts in Washington, D.C., must be supported by grass-roots constituents efforts in the home districts and states of the U.S. representatives and U.S. Senators.

These efforts must be concentrated in the Midwest and on the East Coast, where the struggle for redress will be won or lost—because these regions have the votes to pass or to defeat redress on the floor of the Congress. It is also true that these regions will require more money and more

efforts than in other regions because there are relatively few Nikkei in critically sensitive areas.

Harry Kajihara and the District Keypersons are recruiting 200 "prime solicitors" to raise a minimum \$2,000 each for a targeted goal of \$400,000 per year. We have kicked off the LEC fund-raising drive as of June 1, 1985. We are most gratified that March Fong Eu, the secretary of state of California, has led the way in making an initial personal contribution of \$1,000.00. Others have followed her lead. We're on our way, and a-wing-ing for victory!

A Time to Give

by Shig Wakamatsu

It is my sincere hope that the launch of the LEC fund drive for \$1.5 million dollars will spark the final coalescence of all segments of the Japanese American community. The goal is the

achievement of our 1st Amendment rights of redress of grievances stemming from the injustice of WW2 mass evacuation and incarceration.

The three year budget presented here is a minimal one. It is

entirely within the current day economic strength of JA communities throughout our nation to give it substance. All of us know this.

The key to utilizing this strength lies in the three words of the Commission report title: *Personal Justice Denied*. The individual must make up his/her mind to stand up for his/her rights as Americans. The screen of years has brought complacency upon a whole lot of the WW2 Nisei. We're doing okay, we are enjoying our remaining days, we dislike rocking the boat and besides, due process is a term only for lawyers. . . . So we must ask those of us in the well-to-do group, How valuable are your \$400,000 homes, your expensive country club dues, your executive positions, if you do not lift a finger to right an injustice when an opportunity to do presents itself?

Come alive, we say, we were all in the same boat in 1942. To the various JA community groups, we must ask, What good are our various JA cultural centers, our church edifices and all our good works when we cannot take time-out and swing our collective strength to reinforce the fundamental tenets of our democracy which ensures our freedom.

We ask the leadership of these groups to take action to affirm the goal of redress: the affirmation of our Bill of Rights.

And to the rest of us, the 60,000 survivors of the camps, we must ask: wherever you are, in whatever station in life, is there any one of us who cannot manage a \$100 or \$200 or even a \$300 donation for a cause such as redress?

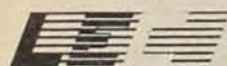
We must recall all the incidents of our lives—the whimsical expenditures, those trips to Vegas, those hopeful investments we've made. All of these we know will pale against the value of the investment in justice that we are now calling upon you to make as an individual American.

Remember the title *Personal Justice Denied*. The injustice hit us personally back in 1942. It is our turn to respond personally to the challenge of being an American citizen. Let's all fight the good fight and go for it!

JACL / Legislative Education Committee Budget

(The LEC Calendar year starts in June)

| | 1st Year 1985/1986 | 2nd Year 1986/1987 | 3rd Year 1987/1988 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. OFFICES / PERSONNEL | | | |
| 1. Redress Chair — Denver Office | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,300 | \$ 3,500 |
| 2. Washington, D.C. Office | | | |
| Rent | 18,000 | 18,000 | 19,500 |
| Phone | 2,400 | 2,500 | 2,700 |
| Office supplies | 1,500 | 1,600 | 2,000 |
| Subscriptions to Fed Register, etc. | 750 | 750 | 900 |
| Postage, UPS, Express Mail | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Insurance | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Office furniture | 1,500 | | |
| Electricity | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,500 |
| Equipment lease | 3,600 | 3,000 | 3,600 |
| | 34,950 | 33,650 | 36,200 |
| 3. Personnel Salaries — D.C. | | | |
| Staff | 111,000 | 116,800 | 123,000 |
| Fringe, Workmen's Comp, FICA | 20,000 | 21,000 | 22,000 |
| | 131,000 | 137,800 | 145,000 |
| 4. Clearing House — Chicago | | | |
| Secretary/Operator | 16,000 | 17,000 | 18,000 |
| Supplies, phone, postage | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Fringe, Workmen's Comp, FICA | 2,000 | 3,000 | 3,250 |
| | 22,000 | 24,000 | 25,250 |
| 5. Contract Services — JACL HQ, San Francisco | | | |
| Minutes of LEC meetings | 800 | 800 | 1,000 |
| Maintain financial records/reports | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Design/develop materials as required | 2,000 | | |
| Coordinate contacts—Nat'l orgs w/LEC-DC | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,500 |
| Coordinate local Redress w/LEC-DC | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Coordinate hearing testimonies w/LEC-DC | 2,000 | 1,200 | 1,500 |
| Maintain evaluated lists of materials, localities, costs | 1,500 | | |
| Rental of facilities | 500 | 500 | 600 |
| | 14,800 | 10,500 | 11,600 |
| TOTAL: OFFICES / PERSONNEL | \$ 205,750 | 209,250 | 221,550 |
| B. MEETINGS / TRAVEL | | | |
| 1. LEC Chair (average 2-yr. experience) | 14,000 | 14,000 | 10,000 |
| 2. LEC Chair - 2 mtgs (15x2) | 15,000 | 16,500 | 18,000 |
| 3. LEC Exec. Comm. - 2 mtgs (9x2) | 9,000 | 9,900 | 11,800 |
| | 38,000 | 40,400 | 39,800 |
| C. FUND DRIVE EXPENSES | | | |
| Key persons (8) | 5,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Prime solicitors (225, 250, 267, respectively) | 11,250 | 18,750 | 20,000 |
| Printing, ads | 2,000 | 2,000 | 3,000 |
| Phones, acknowledgments, communications | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Clerical/records/reports | 5,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| | 26,250 | 35,750 | 38,000 |
| D. MATERIAL PROCUREMENT | | | |
| Books - Justice for all - 535 @ \$10 | 5,350 | | |
| Justice at War - 535 @ \$8 | 4,280 | | |
| Bamboo People - 535 @ \$7 | 3,750 | | |
| Years of Infamy - 535 @ \$10 | | 5,350 | |
| Go for Broke | | | 7,000 |
| Legislative handbooks, brochures, tapes, slides, films, media kits, pins | 12,500 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| | 25,880 | 15,350 | 17,000 |
| E. LOBBY EXPENSES | | | |
| 1. Washington, D.C. Staff/Office | | | |
| Appointments, business meals (180 for 2) | 5,000 | 5,400 | 6,000 |
| Cabs, parking | 2,000 | 2,000 | 3,000 |
| Pay phones, misc. kitty | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Volunteer lobbyists, office asst's | 12,000 | 12,000 | 14,000 |
| Staff travel guideline \$165/day (max. 10 dy) | 1,650 | 1,650 | 3,300 |
| Fare | 1,500 | 1,500 | 4,000 |
| LEC meetings (4 x 2) | 4,000 | 4,400 | 4,800 |
| 2. Grassroots Volunteers | | | |
| Area coordinators | 5,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Local congressional districts | 25,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| | 56,650 | 63,450 | 71,600 |
| F. SPECIAL EVENTS, CONFERENCES | | | |
| P.R. and presence at banquets, political, civil rights and government functions, media events, LEC receptions | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| G. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES | | | |
| Finance Chair | | | |
| Secretary/Treasurer | | | |
| Legislative Chair | | | |
| Consultants, Legal Counsel, Auditor | 8,000 | 8,000 | 10,000 |
| BUDGET TOTAL | \$375,530 | 387,200 | 412,950 |



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May 1985

Dear Friend:

For some years now, we have worked together with concerned Americans to seek a legislative remedy for the wrongful exclusion and detention of Americans of Japanese ancestry during the Second World War. It has been an effort in which significant progress has been made.

In 1980, the President signed Public Law 96-317, establishing the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which conducted the first official investigation of the government's actions against Japanese Americans and provided the President and Congress with an official report and recommendations.

Those recommendations formed the basis of H.R. 442, the Civil Liberties Act of 1985, which is the redress legislation now before Congress. As the 99th Congress convenes we look forward to our continued effort with the Japanese American Citizens League and Legislative Education Committee to seek the passage of legislation in order that we might bring an honorable conclusion to one of the most shameful chapters in our great nation's history.

The Legislative Education Committee has embarked on a fund raising effort to provide the kind of lobbying support needed if we hope to achieve any degree of legislative success. We are joining as colleagues in the United States Congress to urge your support of the LEC's financial effort for a most worthwhile cause.

Although we can all be proud of our achievements thus far toward rectifying the terrible injustices of the evacuation and internment, we still face many difficult obstacles in our efforts. A legislative campaign such as this is costly, and we therefore hope that you will give the Legislative Education Committee your financial support.

Yours truly,

Daniel K. Inouye
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United States Senate

Norman Y. Mineta
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Member of Congress

Robert T. Matsui
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Member of Congress

KATO

by Shima

The bus finally slowed down and stopped opposite a break in the barbed wire fence that the road had been paralleling for some time. Outside a nondescript shack lolled several armed soldiers.

It was a cold winter's afternoon. Kato had taken a train from Livingston, Montana to a small town in northern Wyoming where he had transferred to a bus to complete his trip to the internment camp to visit his family before being inducted into the U.S. Army. He had ridden for several hours through this desolate area, seeing only scrubby sagebrush covered by occasional ragged patches of snow. In the mid-distance could be seen a range of majestic mountains, the foothills of the Rockies. In the midst of this desolation there was a certain serenity and calm in the vastness and the solitude.

The guard shack consisted of two rooms, one to register visitors and the other side was used by the soldiers. Kato, walked up to the receptionist, a civilian, who asked,

"Purpose?"

"To visit my family." Kato wondered if there was any other purpose to visit such a desolate place.

"Number?" What number did he mean?

"Your family number!" Then Kato remembered that his sisters had written to him and given him his family's number. He reached into his billfold, extracted a piece of paper and read off:

"8524."

"Block D, about one mile on your left as you leave the reception area". He passed through a gate in the second barbed wire fence and was greeted by three of his five sisters. His had never been a very demonstrative family. They greeted him with a teenage, "Hi, how is life outside?"

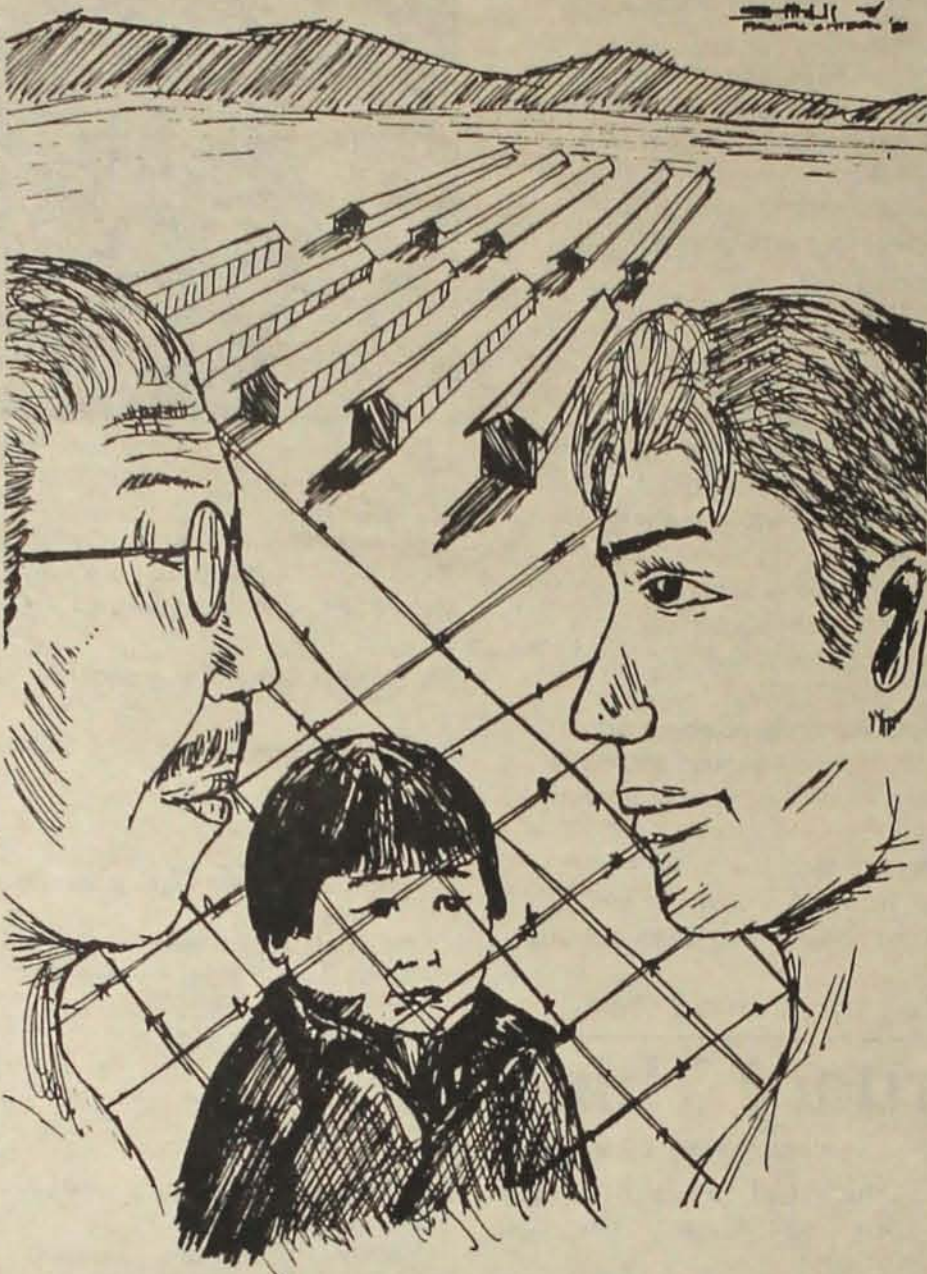
"O.K., Where are the other two?"

"Oh, Isabel has a slight cold and Pat is studying."

As Kato walked down the muddy street of this, the third largest city in Wyoming, he asked about mother and dad.

"Oh, they're O.K."

Kato looked around at the countless rows of one storied tar papered barracks about one hundred feet long by twenty feet wide, the "homes" of six families per barrack. It reminded him of the workers' shacks described in the "Grapes of Wrath" except on a vastly larger scale. He learned that each block consisted of many



barracks, a central dining/kitchen/laundry and shower rooms and housed approximately 1,000 inmates. Whenever it rained or snowed, the streets became very muddy and all those who were fortunate enough to own boots had to wear them to get around. They walked past blocks "A", "B", "C" and arrived at block "D". "That's where we live," pointed out his youngest sister, aged eight.

Kato noted six stoops over six doors, just enough roof to protect one from the direct snow or rain before going into or out of "home." He entered and found himself in a room about 18 feet by 20 feet. The only furniture besides the eight army cots was a pot bellied stove near one wall. The room itself did not have any interior finish, the bare 2 x 4 studs and walers were exposed. The outer walls consisted of 1 x 12 boards with one layer of tar paper on the outside. His family had scrounged some extra blankets and stretched a wire from one side of the room to the other and had enclosed a "bedroom" to afford some privacy.

Kato's father greeted him with a cheery, "Glad to see you looking so fit."

"Where's mom?" asked Kato.

"Oh, she's out at the Coal Rush," one of his sisters replied. "She'll be back soon as it is almost too dark to see anything anymore. But if you want to see her now, we can walk out there." One of his sisters accompanied him to an area behind the cookshack where several old women were bent over small hillocks of coal dust. In the freezing cold, his mother was using a small vegetable sieve to sift through the coal dust to save any small pieces of coal, the size of coarse grains of sand to pea gravel size.

"Don't they furnish you coal?"

"Yes, they do, but lately, it has been so cold that there is a mad rush for the coal when it arrives and all of it is gone within minutes and often fights break out among the 'Coal Prospectors'." His mom had a small box in the room where she kept an emergency supply of the screenings. Recently they had been out of coal for two days in sub-zero weather and the family had had to huddle together to keep warm. As soon as Kato's mother saw him she rushed over and greeted him with tears in her eyes.

They went back home and sat around talking about camp, the outside side, school, etc. It was time for supper. They all went over to the dining hall where they got into a typical chow line. They picked up compartmented metal trays, and as they walked down the line, portions of food were ladled out into the trays. Usually they had butter, bread, some kind of vegetable, milk for the children and some kind of meat. He was informed that for the past month they had had only ham as that was the only meat that the army had in surplus. Kato heard later that some super patriot reporter had learned about the ham being served to the "Jap Traitors" and asked why they were being so coddled. Such is the price of freedom of the press.

The next day Kato got up early as was his custom and swept out the snow that had blown in during the night. The girls went off to school or to visit with friends and Kato had an opportunity to have an undisturbed talk with his parents. He told them that he had just received his draft notice to report for duty in the U.S. Army. He had been quite apprehensive about how his family would take this news in view of the fact that his parents had lost the fruits of forty years of their lives and were being interned under armed guard by soldiers wearing the same uniform that their son was to don. His mother's response was probably typical of all mothers as she said with forced nonchalance, "Probably you will be rejected because of your heart condition and will be back soon."

Kato's father's reply was a surprise to him, although in thinking back, he should have expected it. After a slight hesitation he solemnly said, "Just because your government has not seen fit to grant you the rights and privileges due every American citizen by the Constitution, does not in any way relieve you of your responsibilities to your country."

What sort of man was this that could say this after having lost his life's work and was being interned under guard? His only son had just announced that he would be donning the same uniform as the guards who manned the machine guns in the guard towers surrounding the camp. His father was a very strict disciplinarian who in times of crisis had no doubts as to what was right and wrong. Kato realized that he should have known this from his

experiences as a child, as he went through high school and especially in those agonizing days when his family, having lost everything, had called him at college saying that the next day they were being sent to an unknown destination with only what they could carry in their hands. Their last words to him just before the telephone lines had been disconnected had been, "Regardless of what happens to us or to you, you must complete your education."

As Kato went through life, he has met many men of character but his father stands out as one among many in his integrity and strength to meet adversity with dignity. His father has long since passed away as has his mother, their lives shortened by their experiences of the evacuation and internment. But it seems only yesterday that he had heard his father say the unforgettable words, "Just because your government does not see fit to accord you the rights and privileges that are guaranteed to all citizens by the Constitution, does not in any way relieve you of your obligations to your country. Such is your heritage."

"Shima" is the pen name for a Nisei writer in Arizona.

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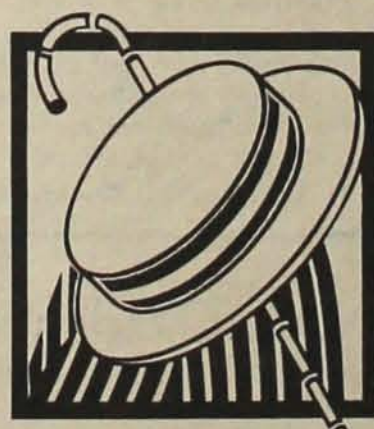
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MY FATHER AND MYSELF FACING THE SUN

We are both strong, dark, bright men,
though perhaps you might not notice,
finding two figures flat against the landscape
like the shadowed backs of mountains.

Which would not be far from wrong,
for though we both have on western clothes
and he is seated on a yellow spool
of emptied and forgotten telephone cable
and I recline on a green aluminum lounge,

we are both facing into the August sun
as august as Hiroshima and the coming of autumn.



Dr. Inada inspects molars of one of the Jerome internees. Photo from "75th Anniversary" of the Japanese Congregational Church (Bancroft Library Collection).

There are differences, however, if you care
to discover, coming close, respectfully.
You must discover the landscape as you go.

Come. It is in the eyes, the face, the way
we would greet you stumbling as you arrive.
He is much the smooth, grass-brown slopes
reaching knee-high around you as you walk;
I am the cracks of cliffs and gulleys,
pieces of secret deep in the back of the eye.

But he is still my father, and I his son.

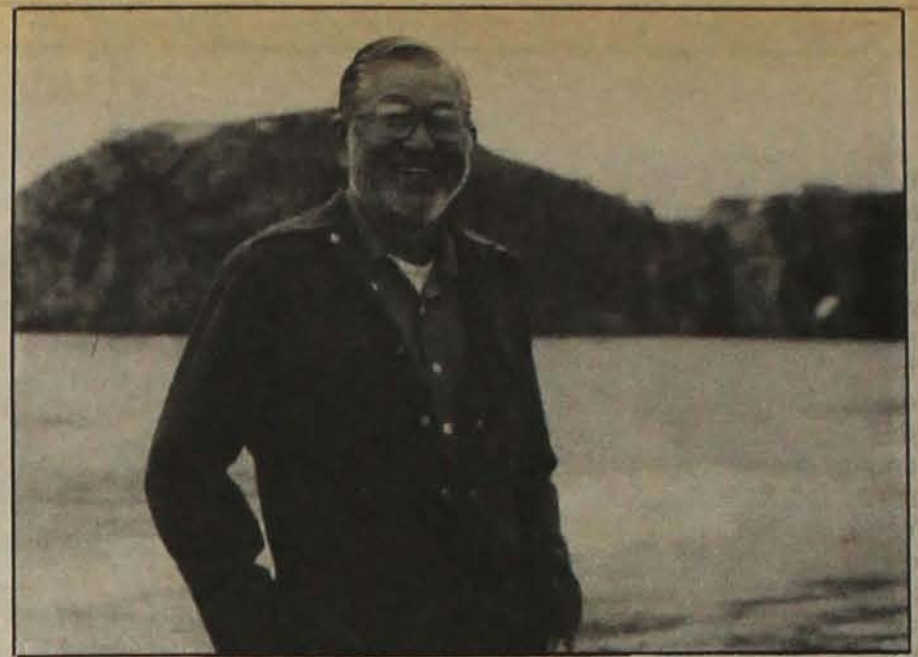
After a while, there is time to go fishing,
both of us squatting on rocks in the dusk,
leaving peaks and treeline responsible for light.
There is a lake below, which both of us
acknowledge, by facing, forward, like the sun.

Ripples of fish, moon, luminous insects.
Frogs, owls, crickets at their sound.
Deer, racoon, badger come down to drink.

At the water's edge, the children are fishing,
casting shadows from the enormous shoreline.
Everything functions in the function of summer.

And gradually, and not by chance, the action
stops, the children hush back among rocks
and also watch, with nothing to capture but dusk.

There are four of us, together among others.



Fusaji Inada

Photo by Masako Inada

And I am not at all certain what all this means,
if this mean anything, but feel with all my being
that I must write this down, if I write anything.

My father, his son, his grandsons, strong, serene.

Night, night, night, before the following morning.

8/18/76

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February Third

—a short story by Mira Shimabukuro

"Sharon, time to wake up!" yelled Mrs. Akune.

"I'm already up, aunty!" Sharon yelled downstairs. It had been about three months since she had started living with her aunt and uncle and it was working out fine. Sharon missed her dad a lot. He had moved to Boston earlier. But at the end of this school year, Sharon would be moving to be with him.

As she combed through her hair, Sharon thought about what was happening that day. "Not much at school..." she thought to herself, "but I have my dance class at 3:30." Just as she parted her bangs, she remembered what today was — February third. It was her birthday! Sharon grabbed her pack and ran out of her room. "I can't believe I forgot it," she said to herself as she ran downstairs into the kitchen where her aunt and uncle were eating breakfast.

"Good morning, Sharon," Mr. Akune smiled. "You look very nice today. Is today something special?"

"Why...yes, uncle," Sharon said sarcastically. "My dance class is today."

"Really?" Mr. Akune acted surprised. "Had I any idea I would have gone out and bought you a new radio." And with that, he put a brand new radio on the table.

"Happy birthday, Sharon," smiled Mrs. Akune. "It's from your uncle and me."

"Oh, thank you!" gasped Sharon. "It's just what I've been wanting."

"I'm glad you like it, but right now we'd better leave if I'm to get you to school on time," said Mrs. Akune.

"Okay, but can I have a party this weekend?" asked Sharon.

"We'll talk about it tonight — after your dance class," said Mr. Akune. "But you two better go, or else both of you will be late."

"Your uncle's right, Sharon. We have to go. Goodbye, Tom," said Mrs. Akune.

"Okay. 'Bye, uncle," said Sharon.

Sharon's classes had never been longer. She knew it was because she couldn't wait until that night to hear if she could have a party.

Finally the last bell rang. Sharon and her best friend, Lucy, walked to their lockers from science.

"I can't wait until tonight. Oh, did I tell you? My aunt and uncle said maybe I could have a party!" Sharon said excitedly.

"Yes, Sharon, but only a hundred times," sighed Lucy.

Sharon giggled, "I'm sorry. I guess I just really want a party."

"That's okay. I'd be excited too," said Lucy.

Sharon dialed her combination. "I have dance, so I can't walk home with you, Lucy."

"Okay, but call me when you find out about your party. All right?" said Lucy.

"It's a deal. I'll talk to you later. Okay?" said Sharon. "I've got to go, 'bye."

"'Bye!" Lucy yelled down the hall to her friend. "Just wait until 3:30, Sharon," Lucy said to herself, and with that she walked home.

It was 3:20 by the time Sharon arrived at the dance center. As she walked up to the second floor, she hummed her favorite song, "Lucky Star" by Madonna. Sharon walked down the hall to room 203. When she got to the door, she noticed the lights were out. "That's funny," she said to herself as she opened the door. "Mrs. Cornell is always early."

Sharon put her bag down and turned on the lights.

"SURPRISE!"

Sharon turned around. There stood almost every single person she knew. Her aunt and uncle, Mrs. Cornell, her entire dance class, Lucy and just about everyone from school was there.

"Happy birthday, Sharon," a voice said from behind her.

Sharon knew that voice. She turned around again.

"DAD!" she yelled.

"Hello, darling. Thought I

might drop by, for your party," John Akune grinned.

Sharon practically jumped into her father's arms. She was so happy to see him.

After Sharon calmed down, she went over and hugged both her aunt and uncle. Then she went over to Lucy.

"I can't believe you knew about this all the time," said Sharon.

Lucy grinned, "I knew you loved surprises, so I asked your aunt and uncle if we could throw a surprise party for you."

"Well, you were right! And I especially love that one," said

Sharon pointing at her dad.

Lucy smiled, "Well, that was your dad's idea."

Sharon grinned. This was the best birthday she had ever had. There were all her favorite foods like sushi, miso soup and pizza. And cake and ice cream, of course.

Sharon was very happy, but she needed to do one more thing. She walked over to her father.

"Thanks for coming, dad. I missed you a lot."

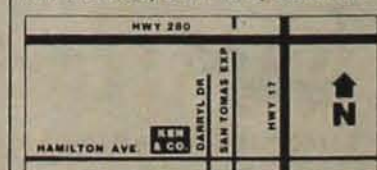
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of respect, for as we all know, teachers were held in very high esteem by immigrants from Okinawa and the rest of Japan.

About the third or fourth class, my dad came home looking pretty smug, just waiting for me to ask what happened. Being a dutiful son, but not knowing what to expect, I tentatively asked, "So how was class?"

"Why was the Civil War fought, Bob?"

Finding myself to be a straight man in a comedy routine, I again dutifully answered what was expected, "To free the slaves."

"Hah!" said dad. "Just what my teacher said."

"So what did you say?"

"Because the North felt that there was no way they could com-

pete with the South as long as the South had free labor."

And I thought, "Oh no, here comes another unasked-for history lecture from dad."

But I was wrong. Instead, he laughed loudly, saying, "You should have seen the look on her face. She just sat there with her mouth open."

Realizing that my dad had the gift of exaggeration, I didn't know for sure what transpired in the class, but having given off-beat answers in class to stunned teachers myself, I assumed he was not stretching the truth very much.

Next week, dad came home, walked into the house with a very boastful demeanor and said, "Guess what, Bob?" He paused long enough for me to ask, "What?" and continued, "The

teacher came up to me before class and said that she had done some research and that there was a lot of truth to what I said." And then he laughed long and hard, relishing his moment of triumph.

Now I could go on and on about my dad but with all the dress-for-success, "successful" image-reworking emphasis going around, I thought it would be wise to end with my dad's perspective on the subject. "Never trust a man in a three-piece suit," he used to say, "he's out to put something over on you."

Well, you know what flashes through my mind whenever I put on my three-piece suit—he was most definitely right.

From one father to all the rest, Happy Father's Day.

My Dad, the Writer

by Richard Oyama
Hokubei Mainichi

"As I listened to the poems, I was transported to the barracks and was once again an internee with the deep Arkansas mud clinging to my boots (the stickiest mud in the world, good for the creation of ceramics). And I thought of my father with his soap factory project...in camp and my mother so proud of the miniature cloth dolls that she made, and how important I thought I was independent of them. My parents now dead..."

"I was once again transported back to the International House in New York, and watched the snow coming down silently outside on this quiet night, and thought, how unbelievably long ago! The young actors and actresses on stage hadn't even been born then. How could they feel that experience we thought no one would ever understand? There was comfort in the knowledge that they knew, and I had to suppress a tear."

Joe Oyama, a long-time Nisei writer and columnist for the Pacific Citizen, wrote the above paragraphs about "Cold Snowy Wind of Missoula," a dramatized reading of haiku, senryu and tanka written by Issei internees in camp. Oyama is also, incidentally, my father.

I have always liked my father's writing. I've admired the simplicity, humor, honesty, and the evo-

cative memories he summons in his work.

In the above passage, I get a true feeling of camp life with "mud clinging to my boots," his unspoken sorrow at the loss of his parents, the silent snow, the dizzying spiral of time and the solace of shared understanding. In writing about a poetry reading, he achieves a kind of poetry in his own recollection.

"Hoboken has a decrepit old city hall, but (it also has) a wonderful old-fashioned bandstand in the middle of a tree-shrouded park in the center of the city. On the Fourth of July, standing on the banks of the Hudson River at night, we saw spectacular fireworks from the Manhattan side and listened to Dixieland jazz coming from the sightseeing excursion boats plying up and down, lighted with colorful Japanese lanterns. Fireflies whirl and dart among the trees..."

I lived in Hoboken for a while, too, and my impressions of the town were quite different from my father's, but I remember the things he saw as well. And he saw them clearly: "Fireflies whirl and dart among the trees..." In that northern New Jersey town, there were moments when it had a quaint, turn-of-the-century feeling and my father captured that leisurely feeling in his passage.

In one Pacific Citizen column, he wrote about staying in an "American home during the an-

nual Northern California Young People's Christian Conference in Berkeley before the war.

"This was a solid house with oak furniture, and the breakfast room was in the front with white laced curtains, the early morning sun striking golden rays into the room. There were doilies, silverware and white napkins and a thick white tablecloth on the table—and grapes on each dish! In the center of the table, there was a vase of yellow and red roses.

"The hostess, an elderly woman (I do not recollect her name), soft-spoken, sat down with us for breakfast and offered a simple prayer. She ate the grapes with the skin on, because she said that the best part of the grape was under the skin. We all did the same thing, chewing very hard, spitting out the seeds."

The telling detail is that "she ate the grapes with the skin on," which reveals the unfamiliarity, the strangeness even, of both the place and character, the sumptuous delicacy of "grapes on each dish!"

One of my favorite PC columns by my father is the one he wrote about taking judo when he was 47 years old with his two sons, my older brother Bob and me.

He writes that most men of his age "would have taken to a milder sport like fishing, bowling, aikido or tai chi," but that he chose judo out of a "certain paranoid fear that someone might be after me," a not uncommon fear in New York City where we lived at the time.

He recalls when his father built

an outdoor judo dojo and sumo area in their backyard. "My father, who was an early riser, would awaken us before 6 a.m. and we would be out on a winter morning on the frozen mat white with early morning frost...He wasn't really what a Nisei boy could call 'Dad,' he was then 'Father,' somewhat formidable and unrelenting."

Oyama recalls the time when my grandfather challenged my father to hit him on the head with a bamboo pole after my father had studied kendo for only six months. "Deflecting my pole with just a flick of his wrist, suddenly he would swoop down on me with a hard blow on the head. What a sobering experience. Mama always did say we had one extra 'kodomo' (child) in the family and that was Dad!"

In much the way childhood is, this passage is both funny and a little cruel. It is as much a portrait of some archetypal stern, foreboding patriarch as it is about his own authoritarian Issei father. He makes this point in a startling revelation:

"One evening after an especially rigorous practice, completely exhausted and drenched with perspiration from head to foot, I meditated after the evening practice was through. Enveloped in a cloud, I saw myself trying to defeat my father. There wasn't only father, but many indistinguish-

able fathers and I was the small helpless boy.

"When the revelation occurred, I quit judo."

"One cold winter day, as I crossed Fifth Avenue, a bus stopped near me, suddenly I slipped on the icy street, falling right in front of the bus in full view of the passengers. I broke my fall with a beautiful 'ukemi,' landing on my back with my head safely tucked up. This is the only time that judo came into practical use for me, and I thank Father."

Much as we try to disguise the fact, we all embody the various roles we've played throughout our lives; we might be child, adolescent, adult, lover and parent all at once. It is my father's confession of the "small helpless boy" within him trying to battle a train of innumerable fathers that makes this passage so poignant.

My father is a good writer, but he writes in a style that doesn't call attention to itself, doesn't show off. The writing does its work quietly and with a minimum of detail, but the details he does choose are the right ones: the clinging Arkansas mud, the silence of the drifting snow, the whirling fireflies, the unpeeled grapes. The ability to make writing look effortless is one of the hardest things to learn.

My father has attained that gift of simplicity in his work.

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Chapter Scholarships

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STOCKTON, Calif.—Recipients of the 1985 scholarships were honored at a June 2nd luncheon at Kazan at 1 p.m. Main speaker for the event was Mitsuaki Ohata, winner of the **JACL-Elizabeth Humbargar H.S. scholarship**. Ohata was a participant at the Presidential Classroom in February. He attends Stagg H.S., where he is senior class president and has been active in the Key Club, Interact Club, Asian Club and Band. "Mits" has been accepted to UC Davis, where he plans to major in Biological Sciences.

Other recipients were:

Sumitomo Bank of California Award: Michele Fujihara.

California First Bank Award: Judy Fujii.

Fred K. Dobana Memorial: Lynn Saga.

Stockton JACL: Don Satow, Janet Fujii, Joyce Nishioka.

JACL-Elizabeth Humbargar Scholarship for San Joaquin Delta College Foreign Students: Wilson Che Wa Luk, Dickey Lee, Louisa Mei Lee.

Seattle

SEATTLE — Presentation of scholarship awards was held on May 15 with an informal dinner reception following. Recipients of awards were:

Minoru Tamesa Scholarship Fund: Jill Nishi, Lee Ann Tanagi.

Reverend Emery Andrews Memorial Scholarship: Michael Ishii.

Jill Nishi is a 1985 graduate of Franklin H.S. and will be attending the University of Puget Sound this fall where she will major in business.

Lee Ann Tanagi is a 1985 graduate of Rainier Beach High School and plans to attend the University of Washington this fall as a pre-medicine major.

Sheri Nakashima will be graduating in June from the University of Washington and will attend University of Puget Sound Law School.

Michael Ishii is currently completing his freshman year at Oberlin College as a music major.

Special recognition was given by Seattle JACL to Mr. Uhachi Tamesa in grateful appreciation for the scholarship fund he set up in memory of his son, Minoru Tamesa. Tamesa recently celebrated his 101st birthday—an event which was also recognized by the chapter.

Tri-Valley

SAN RAMON, Calif.—Sharon Kamegai and Tina Takemoto are the winners of the 1985 chapter scholarships. Kamegai attends Granada H.S., is a member of the California Scholarship Federation and is listed in Who's Who Among American H.S. Students. He is active in the French Club, Interact, Speech and Debate, Spanish Club and JACL Jays.

Takemoto also attends Granada H.S. and will attend UC Berkeley in the fall. She is also a member of the California Scholarship Federation and includes among her awards, Student of the Week, Bank of America Math and Science, Most Valuable Gymnast and Alameda County Fair Student Art Competition. Her activities include Spanish Club, Gymnastics Team, Senior Food Drive, Art Club and JACL Jays.

Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. — Ryan Tsujimura from Parkrose H.S. received the 1985 JACL scholarships at the annual graduation banquet held at the Red Lion May 5.

Tsujimura, a 4.0 student, belongs to many clubs and organizations within the school, including the German Club and National Honor Society. He is a member of the soccer team and captain of the Parkrose varsity tennis team.

He will be attending the University of Washington and majoring in pre-med.

Students to be awarded

by Roy Yoshida

PENRYN, Calif.—Placer County JACL's annual scholarship fund raising dinner has been slated for Saturday, June 8, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Placer Buddhist Church, according to Lee Kusumoto, community services chairman. Cost of the dinner will be a donation of \$7.50 a person.

Amy Tokutomi, general chairperson for food, said the menu will feature chicken teriyaki, chow mein and the customary trimmings. She will be assisted by Kiyoto Hamasaki, well known chicken teriyaki chef.

The three chapter scholarships to be presented this year are: JACL-Thomas M. Yego, Sr. Award (\$500); S/Sgt. Masa Sakamoto Award (\$300); and Placer JACL Award (\$200).

Yego, a co-founder of JACL, headed the establishment of the

Placer Chapter as well as serving as its first president (1928-29). Placer JACL is one of the national organization's charter chapters.

Placer JACL also presents the Okei Memorial Achievement Awards to outstanding graduates of Gold Trail Elementary School at Gold Hill near Coloma. The awards memorialize Okei Ito, a member of the ill-fated Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony at Gold Hill, who died in 1871 at the age of 19.

In addition, the chapter administers a \$200 scholarship awarded by the California First Bank of Roseville, conveying its spirit of community service with this worthwhile grant.

The four finalists for 1985 awards are: Karen Alaman and Katsuo Morimoto, Placer Union H.S., Auburn; and Dorothy Hirota and James Takahashi, Del Oro H.S., Loomis. Recipients and their parents will be introduced during the evening.

SAIKI

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and compared notes subsequent to evacuation. He had assisted Dr. Chikamori in the 1960s at the Library of Congress when Chikamori visited to check historical records of Joseph Heco. With Key volunteering as interpreter, Chikamori was able to verify much data in both Washington and Baltimore; and the two families maintained excellent relations.

Key, the Far East representative for the Little League, came on this occasion to teach umpiring to the Japanese Little League arbiters. In view of the popularity of the Little League in Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and the Philippines, his active involvement is noteworthy. I later read Ron Ikejiri's commendation of Key for his voluntary work on redress activities, indicating that people who are concerned about others find time to be active in many areas.

Just before her departure for the U.S. from Japan, a Mrs. Mary Bowman of Sumi-e Studio, 28239 Ridgebrook Road, Michigan 48018, phoned me, having obtained my number from a Sansei JACler. She said that she was a former Dayton JACL Chapter member and was currently connected with the Detroit Chapter, through Mrs. Toshi Shimeura, who had assisted in selling her sumi-e note papers as fundraisers for chapters. She wrote me later about her visit.

Majoring in fine arts, she received her B.A. in 1949 from Antioch College in Ohio and has studied sumi-e for a year in 1965 under Mr. Beiko Inada, Iwado, Wakayama. She began teaching sumi-e in Ohio in 1968 before moving to Detroit in 1974. She currently teaches at the Farmington Community Center (for the past 10 years), Grosse Pointe War Memorial Art Assn., Mainstreet Art Gallery in Royal Oak and the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.

Her eighth trip to Japan had

Jays workshop scheduled

SEATTLE—"Focus on Your Future," a student development program for college/career success, will feature a panel of distinguished members of the community who will share their personal experiences regarding the advantages and disadvantages of being a minority in the workplace and school.

The program will be held on June 22 at the University of Washington, Communications Building Room 120.

Workshops addressing public speaking, stress management and studying skills will also be held.

The program was created by JACL-JAYS to bring together students, educators and community leaders in an effort to actualize the talents within the community.

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been arranged by Mrs. Tanimoto, her ikebana teacher (now 90), to visit the 95-year old Inada in Wakayama for a reunion. Throughout her three weeks in Japan, she stayed with Japanese friends in Nagasaki, Osaka, Mino, Kyoto, Toyota, Gifu and Tokyo, renewing contacts with sumi-e teachers, H. Hirayama of Tokyo and S. Tsukada of Toyota, and learning additional techniques. Bowman described sumi-e as a Zen Buddhist art rooted in the subconscious and its beauty exists here, now and everywhere. Most touchingly, both Inada and Tanimoto told her that they will live to be a hundred so that she can visit them again in two or three years.

Interesting personalities like Key Kobayashi and Mary Bowman are some who weave the low-profile, cultural threads that can promote better understanding of U.S.-Japan relations, uncluttered by the high-image, often obtuse, political and economic issues, which like a football, rise and fall to suit the whims of the respective populaces.

Books from Pacific Citizen

As of JUNE 1, 1985

Some books listed previously are out of stock at the PC.

RECENT ARRIVALS

The Lost Years: 1942-1946. Edited by Sue Kunitomi Embrey. Features "Why It Happened Here" by Roger Daniels (1967), a historian's view of the Evacuation after 25 years... Pictures, poems and pieces of camp life... Selected bibliography. □ \$5.00 ppd, softcover.

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People

Education



Dr. Bob Suzuki, dean of graduate studies and research at Cal State Los Angeles, has been appointed vice president for academic affairs at Cal State Northridge. The Portland-born Nisei, a graduate of Cal Tech and UC Berkeley, was chosen from four finalists and starts work in July. He has taught education and engineering at several universities and was assistant dean of administration at Univ. of Massachusetts' School of Education.

Awards

Dr. Haruko Morita, principal in the L.A. Unified School District for 21 years, was presented the mayor's APPLE (Appreciation for People who Promote Learning Excellence) Award at a May 29 City Hall ceremony.

'Family Tree'

In response to how to "fix up the family tree" (back page, PC May 31), each box in the Genealogy chart should list the name of the husband and wife, followed by the siblings and their spouses. As charted, there is only room for the first or any two siblings per generation.

Gerald Fukui, president of Fukui Mortuary, Inc., plans to sponsor the chart annually but because of a typographical error (the phone number should be corrected to 626-0441), the chart will reappear soon with the bottom line corrected.

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Dr. James Taguchi, charter member and current chapter chair of Dayton JACL, received a community service award in recognition of his support of the Asian Pacific community in the Wright Patterson and Greater Dayton area. The award was given

during the community's 7th annual luau held May 18 at Arcade Square in downtown Dayton.

Denise Kato, a senior at Channel Islands H.S. and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Tsugio Kato of Oxnard, Calif., recently received Youth Citizenship Awards from the Camino Real Region of Soroptimist International and the Federation of Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc. She plans to enter UCLA this fall as a biology major.

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Dance

Chiseye Fujima, who has taught Japanese classical dance in Southern California for 25 years, has been named official choreographer of the 1985 Nisei Week Ondo. Born in Hawaii, she studied in Japan for 10 years and taught in Hawaii for several years before coming to Los Angeles in 1958.

Bob Okazaki, 83, of Los Angeles, raconteur, actor, journalist and the Tokyo-born son of a pioneer Seattle Baptist preacher, died May 28 following a prolonged illness. Surviving are w Toshi, stepson Lt. Col. Curtis Higuchi (Colorado Springs), 6 gc, sis Sumi Kashiwagi, Amy Okazaki and Yuri Sugimura.

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The Fund-A-Rama held on April 20 was a huge success. Approximately 400 people were served Hawaiian dinner. Over \$2,000 was made to sponsor the chapter's 1985 activities.

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SARATOGA, Calif.—The annual chapter tennis tournament will be held September 28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at West Valley College.

Entry forms will be available beginning the first week in July. There will be a limited number of entrants so submit your entry forms early. Information: Yosh Deguchi, (408) 295-6457, or Sayeko Nakamura, (408) 267-9032.

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Kimura pleads innocent at arraignment

by Katie Kaori Hayashi

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—Fumiko Kimura, a Japanese national who attempted parent-child suicide at Santa Monica Beach on January 29, pleaded not guilty to two counts each of murder and felony child endangering. The May 17 arraignment at Los Angeles Superior Court was over within 15 minutes.

Kimura, who allegedly became despondent after learning that her husband had a mistress, walked into the ocean taking her 6-month-old daughter and 4-year-old son with her. Bystanders pulled Kimura out of the water, but her children subsequently died.

Defense attorney Gerald Klausner requested that Judge David Fitts reduce the \$100,000 bail, but the judge refused on the grounds that Kimura might commit suicide if freed.

Fitts did, however, grant Klausner's motion to hold a pretrial hearing on June 14. Klausner said that he made the motion partly to determine additional details.

Some members of the Fumiko Kimura Fair Trial Committee appeared in court. The support group chose its official name at its second general meeting on May 10 at the Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) in Los Angeles.

The steering committee consists of: Bill Watanabe, executive director of LTSC; Sumiko Ono, a social worker at LTSC; Yoshiko Yamaguchi, a social worker at San Fernando Japanese American Community Center; and Walter Tanaka.

The fundraising chair is Yaeko "Suki" Forman and the public relations chair is Ren Kimura (no relation to the defendant), a minister and director of a human services program at San Fernando Japanese American Community Center. Miyako Desai is in charge of petitions.

The chief members of the committee expressed their reasons for supporting Kimura. They noted that parent-child suicide, known as *shinju*, is viewed more sympathetically in Japan, where it is treated as manslaughter rather than murder.

Watanabe, temporary chair of the steering committee, said,

"The purpose of this group is not to determine whether Fumiko Kimura is innocent or guilty, but to ensure her the right to a fair trial... we want to educate Americans about her cultural act."

Ono said that as a social worker, she "couldn't overlook Fumiko Kimura's tragedy. I don't disagree that she killed her children... but through this case, I, as an immigrant, want to learn how American justice treats a cultural act."

"The United States consists of various national groups, and each has its own culture," said Yamaguchi. "I don't want Kimura's act to be judged by American standards. I want Americans to understand cultural differences and respect other cultures."

Tanaka said that when he attended the second preliminary hearing, he found that the Japanese ability of officer Mitch Kato, who interrogated Kimura while she was hospitalized, was poor. "I seriously doubt if she understood her constitutional rights. After that, I became concerned about her case."

"In my 25-year American life, many people helped me when I was in trouble," said Forman. "By helping Fumiko this time, I am just returning their kindness and showing my thanks to the people who helped me."

"For me, a Nisei, Fumiko's *shinju* is still a mystery," said Ren Kimura. "She committed murder... but her act wasn't done by malice or hatred. She did it according to Japanese custom. I am not trying to dismiss the case, but I ask for leniency for her. I want Americans to understand her motive. I feel real compassion for Fumiko."

Desai said that she lives near Kimura's San Fernando Valley home. "If I had known her and had been friends with her, Fumiko might have asked advice of me and wouldn't have committed *shinju*... I don't have any objection to her being punished by American law, but I want the court to consider the fact that she committed *shinju* because of her mental illness and cultural conditioning."



Carol Ogawa

AA woman appointed H.S. principal

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A graduate of Manual Arts High School and USC, Ogawa taught math at Adams and Wilmington junior high schools and Gardena High School. She went on to be-

come head counselor at Gardena, assistant principal of Virgil Junior High School, and LAUSD's coordinator of instructional planning and development for junior high schools.

She is a forceful advocate of participatory management, a style of leadership in which administrators, department chairpersons and other faculty members, parents and, in many instances, student representatives express their opinions on important issues facing the school.

Ogawa lives in Rancho Palos Verdes. Her husband Kazuo is math advisor for the senior high schools division of LAUSD.

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