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Hirabayashi trial

Gov't case was badly prepared, witnesses say

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES-The U.S. government did a poor job of defending itself against charges of misconduct at last month's reopening of the WW2 Supreme Court case of Gordon Hirabayashi, according to witnesses Jack Herzig and Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga.

The Virginia couple, who have done archival research for the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, the National Council for Japanese American Redress and the coram nobis cases of Hirabayashi, Minoru Yasui and Fred Korematsu, commented on the trial July 8 during a visit to Los Angeles.

Hirabayashi, convicted of violating curfew and internment orders, had his appeal turned down by the Supreme Court in 1943. Hirabayashi's attorneys now charge that he was denied a fair trial because government officials suppressed intelligence reports showing mass internment of Japanese Americans to be unnecessary while allowing rumors of espionage to be reported as fact.

The Herzigs were among the witnesses called by Hirabayashi's legal team during an evidentiary hearing held June 17-27 in Seattle. Judge Donald Voorhees presided and U.S. attorney Victor Stone represented the government.

"The government attorney kept saying that military necessity was the key . . . and if it's militarily necessary, then the things that folzig recalled.

'Magic' Debate

Former intelligence officer David Lowman, who testified during congressional hearings on redress last year, was called to the stand to talk about the "Magic" cables, decoded Japanese diplomatic cables in which the possibility of using Japanese Americans as spies was discussed.

Herzig, who was called by Hirabayashi's team as a rebuttal witness, thinks Lowman's claim that the cables justified fears of espionage was based on "misuse of facts." He charged that Lowman treated "Magic" as proof of sabotage by Japanese Americans "when in fact there is no corroborating evidence anywhere, even in the Magic cables themselves."

Neither man heard the other's testimony because, at the govern-



Aiko and Jack Herzig

ment's request, witnesses scheduled to testify or to give rebuttals were barred from the courtroom when they were not on the witness stand.

Herzig said that Stone's case was "poorly prepared," citing his failure to meet the judge's deadline for submitting a list of documents to be used as evidence. Herzig further reported that Stone was able to submit a document relating to "Magic" at the trial's end but that the judge, upon reading it, burst out laughing.

"In essence, this is a document from a Japanese consulate in England, and it names as intelligence sources something like this-11 Irishmen, 7 Welshmen, 3 Englishmen and 2 Catholics . . . that really encapsulated the government's defense."

As to the reason why the government did not call as witnesses former assistant secretary of war John McCloy and Karl Bendetsen of the Western Defense Command, both key figures in the internment, Herzig speculated that it was "because for the first time, both of lowed could not be considered them would have been subjected governmental misconduct," Her- to swearing an oath that they would tell the truth, and been subjected to cross-examination. I don't think either one of them could stand up to that situation."

Since neither was under oath when testifying before Congress and the CWRIC, he said, they were able to "evade and distort."

Availability of Documents

Yoshinaga testified on another issue—the government's contention that Hirabayashi, using information available for decades, could have taken his case to court years ago but failed to do so.

Based on her experience in combing through government archives, she has found that "records in general are very difficult to find ... You don't go to the card catalog, find a book and go to the shelf...sometimes the inventory is so general, there's a period, say,

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Asians appointed to DNC; caucus status in doubt

WASHINGTON—The ment of two Asian Americans, both from San Francisco, to positions in the Democratic National Committee was announced by DNC chair Paul Kirk on June 28.

Thomas Hsieh, chair of the DNC's Asian Pacific Caucus, will be one of four at-large members of the 41-member executive committee; Sandy Mori, past presi-dent of Nihonmachi Political Assn., will be one of 25 at-large members of the 377-member DNC.

This development comes at a time when the Democratic leadership has been drawing fire from Asian American Democrats because of the apparent elimination of the party's Asian Pacific Caucus in May.

Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui (both D-Calif.) hailed the appointments. Mineta said that Kirk and the DNC were acknowledging "the important contributions made to the Democratic Party by the Asian Pacific Caucus." Matsui said that the appointments "further illustrate the growing importance of Americans of Asian ancestry on the American political scene."

Bay Area Asian Democrats applauded the appointments at a June 26 press conference in San

appoint- Francisco, but they also reaffirmed their intention to regain formal recognition of the Asian Pacific Caucus from the party.

Mabel Teng, Northern California chair of the California Asian Pacific Caucus, said, "The incorporation of the APC into the Democratic Party bylaws is a sign of whether or not the party will treat us with equality and respect. We will not give up our effort."

Anger at Kirk and other executive committee members stems from a May 17 vote to end the official status of the Asian Pacific, gay and lesbian, liberal and progressive, and business and professional caucuses of the DNC. The Black, Hispanic and women's caucuses, which are protected by the party's charter and bylaws, were unaffected. The Asian Pacific Caucus was established in 1983 but was never incorporated into party bylaws.

Asian Democrats in Los Angeles denounced the move at a June 26 press conference. Carol Ono of the West San Gabriel Asian Pacific Democratic Club said that the party's message to Asian Americans was that "our concerns are meaningless, our vote is useless and our financial contributions are worthless."

Like their Northern California counterparts, the spokespersons wanted Kirk to support an amendment to party bylaws giving the APC formal recognition.

Status Unclear

However, Hsieh, after meeting with Kirk in Washington the week of the DNC appointment, announced that the caucus would receive "continued recognition and support as a unit of the party."

Mori has accepted her appointment but agrees that the status of the caucus needs to be clarified. She told the Pacific Citizen that the resolution passed in May is being interpreted two ways-"continuing with the caucus structure or that there are no caucuses."

She said she is certain that party leaders, trying to get away from the perception of Democrats as "the party of special interests," feel they have eliminated the cau-

Mori was also sure that "the Republicans are going to use this situation" to recruit Asian Americans. California Republicans are, in fact, stepping up recruitment efforts directed at Asian Americans, and Dalia Remys of the National Republican Heritage Groups Council has indicated that a national organization of Asian Republicans may be in the works.

Although she was not sure whether incorporation into party bylaws would resolve the problem with the Democrats, Mori stressed that "Asians have got to do their homework with the DNC to make it [the caucus] more of a permanent situation.'



HAIR CURLING — Sign that offends some Asian Americans.

Business name may not be permanent

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Ca.—May- try find the term acceptable. or Valerie Terrigno said June 21 that she will investigate the possibility of forcing a hair salon called "JAPSS" to change its name, according to City News Service.

The salon, whose name comes from the initials of the five coowners' first names, has been the target of a petition and letterwriting campaign coordinated by National Coalition for Redress/ Reparations (NCRR). The owners, two of whom are from Japan, have defended the name.

NCRR members are concerned that approval of the name "JAPSS" by the Japanese coowners will give the impression that all people of Japanese ances-

Endorsers of the campaign to have the name changed include PSW JACL Ethnic Concerns Committee, Japanese American Bar Assn., Manzanar Committee, and Asian Pacific American Advocates of California.

not violate any city ordinance, Terrigno said she would ask the city attorney to see if any state or federal law prohibits racially offensive signs.

For those who wish to express their views on the salon name, the address of JAPSS is 9041 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood,

Liu murder subject of KQED special

SAN FRANCISCO—The 1984 murder of Chinese American journalist Henry Liu, a critic of the Taiwan government, is the subject of an "Express" investigative report to be broadcast on KQED (Ch. 9) on July 24, 8 p.m. and July 28, 5 p.m. Producer Stephen Talbot and associate producer Linda Jue cover new developments in the case, which has been linked to the head of Taiwan's military intelligence agency.

Liu's supporters believe that his Since the sign apparently does murder was sanctioned at the highest levels of Taiwan's government. Although two confessed assassins and the official who allegedly ordered the killing have been tried and convicted in Taiwan, members of Congress have sought their extradition for trial in the U.S. Liu, an American citizen, was shot to death at his home in Daly

Ito begins campaign for school board seat

SAN MATEO, Calif.—Ann Ito, a member of the city's Human Relations Commission, is running for the City School District Board of Trustees, reports the San Mateo Times.

Ito, 63, has been active in school and community affairs for more than 20 years. She is the first nonboard member to formally announce her intention to run for one of three seats in the November 5 election.

A San Mateo resident for the past 38 years, she said she was prompted to run for the board by the deteriorating relationship between trustees and the community.

"Communication is so impor-

tant," she said. "It's important to get the people involved, even if it takes a little longer. They [trustees] go through the motions, but they really are not listening to the concerns of the people."

Ito said trustees have not been as sensitive to the concerns of parents from schools that have been closed as they could have been.

Ito is a member of the Bay Area United Way board of directors and a former member of the San Mateo County Human Relations Commission. She has also served on committees for the San Mateo Union High School District and the San Mateo County Community College District.

Now retired, she has been a nursery school teacher and has also worked with severely mentally

disabled children.

Southwest 'Omatsuri' draws 20,000

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—An estimated 20,000 people attended the fourth annual Japanese American "Omatsuri" sponsored by the New Mexico JACL at the Civic Center on June 22.

Chapter president Henry Tamura opened the festival, with Randolph Shibata officiating as master of ceremonies. The theme of this year's celebration was the 40th anniversary of the closing of the internment camps and the 95 years of Japanese American history in New Mexico. Ruth Hashimoto, originally from Seattle, recounted her experiences and memories of the Heart Mountain camp in Wyoming. Min Yasui, as chair of JACL's Legislative Education Committee (LEC), was keynote speaker.

In addition to Japanese food booths, there were demonstrations of aikido, ikebana, bon odori, shigin, tea ceremony, shibu, haiku, and kenjutsu, culminating with a kimono fashion show.

Booths included a sword display by Ronald Shibata and Ken Yonemoto, bonsai displays, koi culture, a sister cities display by Ruth Hashimoto, and redress activities

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explained by Harry Watson, Col. Joe Ando, and Randy Shibata.

A dozen Albuquerqueans who extended assistance to Japanese Americans during 1942-1946 were honored, including Bob Collum, a former WRA official who headed the Cleveland, Ohio, office; Ernest Salazar, who as a deputy U.S. marshal assured Japanese Americans in the Albuquerque area of the protection of the law; and Rev. Albert Kinsolving, who gave services behind barbed wire at the Santa Fe, N.M., internment camps.

Among the former internees recognized were Charles Matsubara from Manzanar; the Yoshimoto family from Rohwer and Gila River; and Lorraine Morimoto from Topaz.

New Mexico JACL recognized the support given by Mayor Harry Kinney and the City of Albuquerque, as well as all segments of the local news media.

Christians to gather in So. California

for Christians of Japanese ancestry will take place July 24-28, when the World Congress on Japanese Evangelization will bring together Japanese Christians from around the world to set strategy for evangelism to Japanese people.

Approximately 500 participants representing Brazil, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the U.S. are expected to attend the four-day conference on the USC campus.

Speakers include Dr. Mas Toyotome, founder and executive director of Missionary Strategy Agency; Dr. Kosuke Koyama, professor of World Christianity at Union Theological Seminary; and Rev. Akira Izuta, chair of the Japan Protestant Congress.

The program also includes small group seminars offered in both Japanese and English. Among the topics: evangelism as

Life term for robbery

SEATTLE-Wai-Chiu (Tony) Ng, the last of three defendants to be tried for the 1983 robbery and murder of 13 persons at a Chinatown gambling club, was sentenced July 3 to 13 life terms by King County Superior Court Judge Charles Johnson.

Ng was acquitted of 13 counts of first-degree murder but was convicted of 13 counts of first-degree robbery, for which the maximum penalty in Washington is life imprisonment, and one count of assault for wounding the lone survivor of the massacre. Benjamin Ng, no relation to Tony, and Kwan-Fai Mak had already been convicted of 13 counts of aggravated firstdegree murder. Ng was sentenced to life without possibility of parole; Mak received the death sentence.

LOS ANGELES-A historic event it relates to Japanese culture, ancestor worship, cults, abortion and the nuclear arms race; evangelism to business leaders, senior citizens, youth and families; resources for evangelism; guidelines for training others in evangelism; and church growth and church planting.

On July 28, an outdoor evangelistic rally in Little Tokyo will feature Rev. Koji Honda, Japan's foremost evangelist. A banquet at the Hotel Bonaventure and a communion service will close the con-

The cost of attendance for the entire week is \$250 for registration, meals, housing and closing banquet. Information: Union Church, 401 E. 3rd St., L.A., CA 90013; (213) 626-6080.

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'Japanese American Experience' opens in East Coast showing

Mineta (D-Calif.) was guest of honor at the opening reception of the "Japanese American Experience" exhibit at the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies on June 14. About 300 guests attended.

After viewing the exhibit, Mineta said that it tells "a moving and dramatic story-the story of a group of people who wanted nothing more than to be seen as what they were: loyal Americans willing to serve their nation in whatever way they could.

"These photos remind us over and over again that the Americans of Japanese ancestry were not a nameless, faceless group of people but indeed were individuals, each with their own history and future."

Many Americans on the East Coast, he said, are not familiar with the WW2 internment or the record of the all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team. "We cannot convince anyone to...fix the wrongs of the internment if people do not know about those wrongs." He added that redress would be

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of 1940-45. And then they'll say, 'We have 100 boxes on this subject. Where do you want to start?'

A government witness, military archivist Hanna Zeidlik, testified that finding such records was very easy. Yoshinaga said that Zeidlik's testimony was misleading because "she has the kind of access to records that, as a private citizen, I don't have.'

Yoshinaga was particularly resentful of this attempt to discredit her testimony because she remembered specific instances when Zeidlik and attorney Stone had difficulty locating certain documents despite their government contacts.

Herzig and Yoshinaga added that some valuable records, such as the first draft of Lt. Gen. John DeWitt's "Final Report" and a copy of U.S. Solicitor General Charles Fahy's arguments in the Korematsu case, were discovered purely by accident because no one knew that they existed.

Outcome of Trial

Although Voorhees' decision is not due until October at the earliest, the Herzigs were confident that Hirabayashi would get a favorable ruling. Herzig felt that the government would have difficulty contesting such a ruling because "both sides did have a fair chance to present their case.'

At the same time, both said that the media gave the trial inadequate coverage. "They picked up Lowman's stuff, for example, on Japanese Americans involved in espionage, and they filed that in the morning," said Herzig, "so they never got around to hearing my viewpoint as a counterintelligence officer."

Yoshinaga concluded that "We have to do a lot of publicity for it [the trial] to have an impact."

The two spoke at Monterey Park's Sage Methodist Church and elsewhere during their stay here.

PHILADELPHIA—Rep. Norman easier to enact "if every American could see these exhibits.'

> The Japanese American story told by the exhibit includes early immigration in the 1890s, evacuation and internment, postwar resettlement in Philadelphia and Seabrook, and traditions that have continued to the present.

> Also featured are two traveling exhibits: "Go For Broke," which depicts the exploits of the 442nd, and "Born Free and Equal," a collection of 52 photographs taken at Manzanar in 1943.

The 80 photographs in the "Go For Broke" exhibit are supplemented by photos of local 442nd veterans. Harry Sakamoto lent an original 442nd jacket while others loaned combat medals, an American flag, and other memorabilia. The traveling exhibit is sponsored by the National Japanese American Historical Society and organized by Go For Broke, Inc. at the Presidio Army Museum in San Francisco.

The "Born Free and Equal" photos, taken by the late Ansel Adams, show camp life at Manzanar. Best known for his nature photography, Adams sympathized Continued on page 5



INVESTORS — Jack Ozawa (center) and Grayce Uyehara (right) present checks for \$1,000 each to LEC Chair Min Yasui, JACL President Frank Sato and Eastern District Governor Mike Suzuki during district LEC meeting June 15.

Editors to examine community media

LOS ANGELES—Asian American Journalists Assn. (AAJA) looks at "The Role of the Ethnic Media" July 23, 7-9 p.m., at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. The panelists are Naomi Hirahara, Rafu Shimpo; Sophia Kim, Korea Times; Daisy Tseng, Chinese World TV; Tan Shih-Ying, Centre Daily News; Do Ngoc Yen, Nguoi Viet; and Cecile Ochoa, Filipino American Press Club.

The panel will examine such issues as: advantages and disadvantages of working with the ethnic media; the political influence of the native or ancestral country; the conflicts of covering one's own community; the services which the ethnic press can provide and the mainstream media cannot; and how the ethnic media can better serve their communities.

Admission is free. For more information, call (213) 389-8383.

Denver to celebrate Asian art and culture

DENVER-Asian food, entertainment, art and educational activities will highlight the third Festival of Asian Arts and Culture, July 27-August 4 at the Denver Botanic Gardens, 1005 York St.

To mark the event, Colorado governor Richard Lamm and Denver mayor Frederico Pena have proclaimed July 27-August 4 Asian American Heritage Week.

Oscar winner Dr. Haing Ngor, star of "The Killing Fields," will open a special lecture series on July 28. Noted educators will present lectures July 29-August 1.

Evening entertainment features Thai, Japanese and Korean artists August 2, Cambodian, Vietnamese, and Lao/Hmong on August 3, and Indian, Pilipino and Chinese on August 4.

Throughout the festival, visitors can see select pieces of Asian art from the Denver Art Museum and sample food from some of Denver's finest Asian restaurants.

Proceeds benefit the Asian Pacific Development Center, which serves the state's non-English speaking Asian groups through counseling and other support ser-

For more information, call the A/P Development Center at (303) 393-0304.

Community Affairs

DELRAY BEACH, Fla.—The Ice and Fire exhibit continues through July and August at the Morikami Museum, focusing on the Obon festival, Japanese ways of beating the heat, and other aspects of summer life in Japan. The museum, which can be reached by taking Linton Blvd. west from I-95 or Atlantic Ave. east from Florida's Turnpike to Carter Rd. south, is open Tue.-Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO-Asian Pacific American Advocates of California, S.F. Region, presents "Hibakusha (Atomic Bomb Survivors)-Past, Present and Future" July 16, 7 p.m., at JACL Headquarters, 1795 Sutter St. Terri Handa of Friends of Hibakusha and Gina Hotta of Bay Area Asians for Nuclear Disarmament will address the issues of a-bomb survivors and nuclear warfare. Steve Okazaki's film "Survivors" will also be shown. Call Allan Seid, (408) 998-1544 or Marlene Tonai, (415) 848-3560.

SACRAMENTO-Asian Legal Services Outreach holds its 8th annual fundraiser, "Beat the Heat," August 3, 7 p.m., at Sacramento Buddhist Church Kaikan, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Dancing, no-host cocktails and the music of Henry and Peter are featured. ALSO provides translation and other support services to Asian American seniors. Tickets: \$8 advance, \$10 at the door, \$2 discount for students, seniors and members. Call (916) 447-7971 or write ALSO/SACR, 1903 14th St., Sacramento, CA 95814.

LOS ANGELES-The first recipient of the Stephen J. Tatsukawa Memorial Award will be honored at an informal reception July 27, 7:30 p.m., at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. The award recognizes individual achievement in promoting creative expression and opportunities for Asian Americans in media. Contact: Chris Iwanaga Aihara, 628-2725. Tatsukawa,

who died last year, was a key mover pist, will talk about marital and family in Visual Communications and other as director of program development 540-5373. at PBS station KCET-TV. CHICAC

The recent works of Anita Kiyan Ota are on display at Little Tokyo Clayworks, 106 N. San Pedro St., July 13-28, open Wed.-Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and closed Mon.-Tue. Call: (213) 617-7193.

MILL VALLEY, Calif.—The Berkeleybased East-West Counseling Center sponsors a lecture on "The Challenges Facing Asian-Caucasian Marriages" July 18, 7:30 p.m., at Marin Buddhist Temple, 390 Miller Ave. Ryo Imamura, licensed marriage and family thera-television. Call 744-4052 or 744-1547.

issues arising from such marriages. Asian American media groups as well A \$5 donation is requested. Info: (415)

CHICAGO—A seminar on Minority Business Enterprise aimed specifically at Asian American businesses and civic leaders will be presented July 18, 10 a.m. at the Kraft Bldg., 500 N Peshtigo Crt., 4th flr., by the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Asian American Affairs and the Office of Cable Communication. Representatives of cable companies, the Mayor's Office of Employment and Training, and the Dept. of Purchases, Contracts and Supplies will be present to discuss the center's executive director and a Asian American involvement in cable

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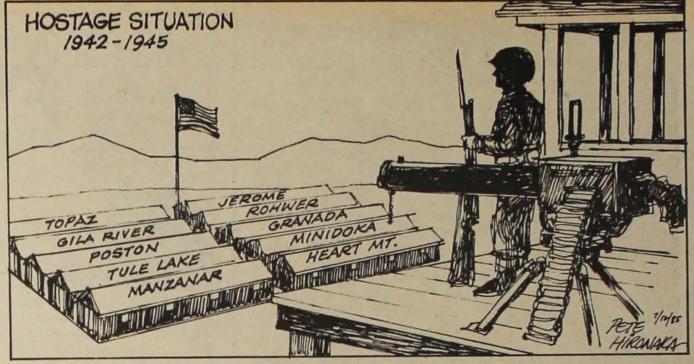
WE RECENTLY ATTENDED a burial in a Jewish cemetery when 80-plus-year-old Ethel Sporkin was laid to rest in a moving and dignified ceremony. Mrs. Sporkin was the wife of longtime jurist Judge Maurice W. Sporkin, an outstanding judge before whom I've had the pleasure of appearing as a trial attorney. Judge Sporkin, nearing the age of 90 years, was sorrowfully unable to attend the funeral, being hospitalized from a recent stroke that he

weather appeared threatening, and to meet the contingency, two cemetery. But as the people be- stein. gan to gather, the sun broke through the low clouds.

I FIND THAT, generally speaking, funerals are basically the same whether they be Buddhist, Jewish, Protestant or Roman Catholic. Each has its own solemn dignity, although the ceremony differs in various respects. For a Jewish funeral service, whether it be in a synagogue or in the open cemetery, a head covering for men is in order. I had forgotten my hat in the automobile so I was given a yarmulke. In a Roman Catholic church, ladies cover their heads in homage, often with a lace shawl.

THE FIRST TIME I ever entered a synagogue, as a mark of respect for any house of worship, I automatically removed my hat as I entered. I quickly determined that this was error and put my hat back on. I must admit that it took a little getting used to, wearing a hat during worship services. This was some years ago when I at-Just before the ceremonies the tended (Jewish) New Year's services at the Har Zion, one of the largest synagogues in these parts, tents had been erected in the led by its dynamic Rabbi Gold-

> LATER THIS MONTH we're scheduled to speak at one of the



synagogues in the suburbs. Oh, no, nothing such as a sekkyo, for we're not qualified for anything like that. But to play it safe, we're going to take along our yarmulke, just in case. In fact, I plan to have it on when I enter. It'll be less embarrassing to take it off rather than putting it on as an afterthought. Because we have occasion to attend so many ceremonies-be they weddings, Passover, funerals, etc.-in a synagogue, in the past I've toyed with

the idea of having my own tailormade head cover-with my family crest on top.

However, so that I don't inadvertently offend protocol, I'll first check with a rabbi if this would be acceptable. I've seen other worshippers with colorful yarmulkes with interesting patterns.

YARMULKE OR NOT, lace head covering or not, regardless of how each may elect to worship

Letters

the one God of all of us, I have little doubt that the various paths will take us to the one gathering place. An understanding, forgiving God would not have it any

And so, when I check my chips in-which hopefully won't be for quite a while yet-I have little doubt that I'll again see Mrs. Sporkin and all the other folks who will have preceded me.

Provided, of course, I head in the right direction.

Sheroes of Herstory

by Carole Hayashino and Lia Shigemura

In response to Bob Shimabukuro's recent PC articles examining "heroes," or lack thereof, in today's youth, we want to contribute our thoughts on this provocative

The origins of the word "hero," as stated in the American College Dictionary, come from Greek mythology. Hero was a priestess of Aphrodite and lover of Leander. Leander, guided by a lamp in Hero's tower, would swim to see her nightly. After finding Leander's drowned body on the rocks below her tower, Hero joined her lover by committing suicide. This act was defined as "heroic."

Although the word "hero" originated in this myth, the term has evolved into the "masculine." The dictionary defines "hero" as "a man of distinguished valor or performance, admired for his noble qualities." (Italics added.)

The dictionary also defines "heroine" as "a female hero." The have an impact on who and what term "female hero" is not only we are, and what we can become.

redundant, it's incorrect! Hero was a woman! Yet the term "hero" refers exclusively to men. (So Bob, what do you really mean when you call a man a "hero"?)

Some women, fed up with maledominated language, have begun to create words which are felt to be more accurate and meaningful to women. From such humble beginnings come words like "herstory," "womyn," "wimmin," and "sheros."

Why "heroes?" Why not, as Maya Angelou says, "sheroes?" A more appropriate question, for at least half of the world's population, would be "Who are your sheros?" Shero. Herstory. New words? Perhaps, but too long in coming for those who are searching for words which are inclusive of the lives and experiences of women.

These new terms might not find widespread use within JACL, but they do serve a purpose. They remind us that words and language

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Search for Acceptance

The difficulty encountered by Japanese Americans to gain complete acceptance into the American mainstream can be disconcerting. The third and fourth generation descendants of our immigrant forbears may well ask, "How long will it be before Asian Americans gain the full acceptance enjoyed by Americans of European ancestry?"

Bill Hosokawa, in a recent PC column, wonders whether "our emphasis on ethnic cultures" may have added to the difficulty of achieving acceptance as "unadulterated Americans."

"If this is so," questions Hosokawa, "... is there merit in returning to the long-ago grade school maxims which taught us to forget the old country culture and strive to become 110% Americans?"

Some of us older Nisei are wont to take a nostalgic glance at the halcyon years of the '20s and '30s. We dream of the past as being a little more pleasant than it was. Besides, it is less enervating to reminisce than to approach a subject surgeon-like, with scalpel in hand. Still, I am tempted to poke and probe into this matter a bit more.

First off, reject any notion of adopting pre-WW2 teachings. The narrow nationalism thrust upon us in those days would be unnaceptable to today's youths, whose minds, fortunately, encompass a wider horizon. Let the prejudices

of yesterday remain buried. Yet for all their irrelevance, reactionary ideas persist. The huge popularity of the Reagan Administration may be partly to blame for this. We now see the tragic spectacle of a mighty nation stumbling about in bewildered retreat because we lack the imagin-

problems of the '80s. To continue he or she be located in Washingto wander into the pastoral past is ton, D.C. to move in the direction of an unfulfilling mirage in the arid regions of history—a sterile course of action.

There are many ramifications to the problem of assimilation. In search for answers to this or any other national dilemma, there are no quick answers. Barring miracles, there remains the painfully slow and tedious process of education and appropriate political action. Patience and the power of knowledge are still the qualities which must be employed in order to deal effectively with the numerous and vexing situations which trouble the world as we approach the closing decade of the 20th Century.

The complete and satisfying assimilation of minorities into the melting pot of America is a national concern. It is a responsibility of the majority as well as the minority. The search for acceptance must be greeted with a willing and open reception.

> **BILL FUKUBA** San Jose, Calif.

Directorship of LEC

It's been brought to my attention that an ad in the PC for the LEC executive director's position has raised an apparent concern among some JACLers that I was not asked to assume that position.

I appreciate the concern raised in such a question, but in fairness to Min Yasui and the LEC, I feel I need to clarify this matter.

I've served as the LEC acting director since 1982 and was aware that once the LEC became activated, it would require a full-time staff director. At the same time, I've been aware that the director's

ation to confront the enormous functions would necessitate that

Because a move to Washington would place undue hardship on my family, I would not find it in any way possible to relocate to Washington, whether with the LEC or in any other capacity. In fact, I had been asked on a number of occasions to move to Washington in my present position with the JACL, but had refused such a move.

Sometime within the past few months, Min and I discussed the LEC director position, at which time I informed him that I could not serve in that capacity but would continue to provide whatever assistance I could to LEC.

Please be assured that I feel the LEC is in good hands and have the greatest confidence that it will provide the redress campaign with an effort of which we will all be proud.

JOHN TATEISHI

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Concerns at the National Level

U.S.-Japan Relations: What's the Plan?

by Henry S. Sakai

Having been active in JACL for 13 years and served on the National Board as treasurer and Pacific Citizen board chair, I have some concerns about what is happening (or not happening) at the national level. I will discuss these separately, and hopefully it will stimulate some action and thoughts from those in charge and also from the membership.

I think we have an excellent national staff. However, they need support and some direction from the National Board in establishing priorities and plans.

U.S.-Japan Relations

In 1981, when Jim Tsujimura was the first president from National JACL to go to Japan to meet with government and business people, it was the start of the U.S.-Japan relations program. After he returned, and a number of months went by, the so-called experts started to criticize Jim because JACL did not respond with a proposal or program. These experts said the Japanese were waiting to see what JACL would do and expected us to respond with a pro-

After Floyd Shimomura was elected president, he and the national director went to Japan and the director went again by himself later. Floyd came back and said the Liberal Democratic Party wanted to invite some younger Japanese Americans over as their guests. But he was concerned about getting involved with a political party and said maybe JACL could help suggest a few names. Later, about eight or nine young Nisei and Sansei (coincidental that they were JACLers) went over as guests of the LDP.

After current president Frank Sato was elected, he and the national director went over to Japan also. In addition, about six Sansei selected by JACL went over again as guests of the LDP. Now the National Board has approved this as an official JACL function. I'm not sure that JACL should be accepting free trips from a political party or even be involved with them, as Floyd Shimomura originally said. I have no problems with the individuals that went; it's the program itself.

Secondly, I'm still waiting for the proposal or program that the so-called experts criticized Jim Tsujimura for not coming up with back in 1981. Are the Japanese still watching and waiting? I'm not sure what the purpose of the U.S.-Japan relations program is other than free trips.

Yes, I read Floyd's articles and Frank's articles. Frank told the Japanese that we Japanese Americans worked and sacrificed to be accepted here in America, which in turn made it easier for the Japanese to come in and be accepted in the '60s and '70s, and they agreed-so that's one debt they owe us.

Secondly, we have told them that we catch and have to fight the backlash that they create by their actions. They said they understood that and were concerned about it too, so that's two debts that they

So where are we? We spend a lot of time and money fighting the backlash, the Japanese make big money and give millions to other American institutions, and JACL gets nothing other than a few free trips and maybe a handful of corporate members.

When I was national treasurer, we met with a study team from Japan and I told them that I felt that since they were giving away millions to other American organizations they should help JACL. Then we could set up a public affairs program to fight the backlash. Let's face it, money is the bottom line whether you're in America or Japan.

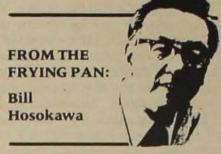
I don't think that receiving part of the millions they give to American organizations makes JACL a puppet of Japan. Other ethnic groups such as the French, Italians, Greeks, and Jews are much closer to their ancestral land than we are, and certainly they aren't bashful about giving or taking money and positions.

Besides, how much can you take before you become a puppet? Is it \$30,000, which is about what it cost for the free trips? Is it \$50,000, or \$250,000? I think JACL needs to decide to get in or get out as far as accepting funds, free trips, corporate memberships, etc. Hobnobbing in the corporate dining room may be great for some people's egos, but it doesn't mean a thing if you've only got ten dollars in your pocket, worried they may say 'Dutch treat."

I notice that the Japanese American Republicans of Los Angeles passed a resolution supporting President Reagan's position and saying that America should avoid any racist action in resolving the trade issue. If JACL can't take that kind of position, I don't know if it can ever do anything in U.S.-Japan relations. Therefore, we should lower its priority to a cultural exchange program.

Part one of a series

We're Not Kidding Around



If there is such a thing as a stereotypical Japanese, my father would have fit. He was short and stocky and had a bristling moustache. He wore glasses to correct severe myopia. He worked hard until late in life, when he decided it was more fun to take it easy. He did a pretty good job of mangling the English language.

If he had lived, he would be celebrating his 103rd birthday this week, but alas he is long gone.

What distinguished him from most of his contemporaries was that he was a marvelous raconteur. He could entertain his friends by the hour with stories about his experiences, about people he had known, about things he had seen. He made the fun of his boyhood in rural Japan a shared pleasure. He had his audiences roaring in laughter, even though they may have heard the stories many times, about his misadventures as a young immigrant in the strange land called America.

He loved to tell about going fishing and the big ones that eluded him (although in reality he was an excellent fisherman), and going out to shoot pheasant and stuffing a cabbage into the pocket in the back of his jacket to make it look as though he were a more successful hunter than he was. He had a knack for making those stories come alive and he enjoyed entertaining his friends with them.

In short, he had a sense of humor. He could be serious, but he once in a while.

knew how to laugh. He thought laughter was an important part of life and he had a wonderful time helping others to laugh.

How many Nisei do you know with that kind of talent? Oh, sure, there are guys like Pat Morita, who makes a good living as a comedian, and the late Goro Suzuki, who as Jack Soo could make people laugh simply by looking mournful. Guys like Butch Kasahara, the singer, who has great stage presence, and the late Charlie Kamayatsu who, like my Dad, was full of funny stories.

But they are the exceptions. Most of the rest of us are overly earnest and sober-sided, acting as if the weight of the world's ills and sorrows rests on our shoulders and it is our destiny, indeed our obligation, to wear sackcloth until we succeed in banishing them. How do I know this? Just look at the Japanese American press.

Scan this newspaper sometime in search of levity. Are you likely to find any other than in Pete Hironaka's cartoons or Judge Bill Marutani's countryboy accounts of the delights of pickled mustard greens? Rarely. If this newspaper reflects the society it seeks, we are indeed a lugubrious lot.

It can be argued, of course, that there isn't much to laugh about when you're preoccupied with the injustice of current racism and redress for long-past wrongs, which we are told we should be doing.

Of course these are pressing matters. But surely there must be more to life than anger, frustration and outrage, and more involved in leadership than stirring up these moods.

I'm grateful that my father, who like most Issei lived a life harsher by far than that of Nisei and Sansei, taught me the pleasure of laughter. It would be a sorry thing to forget how to smile, at least

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with the internees and considered the internment unjust.

Balch president M. Mark Stolarik and museum director and curator Gail Stern welcomed the guests. Sumi Kobayashi, JACL exhibit committee chair, thanked Balch, the JACL exhibit committee and the more than 40 persons who loaned or donated items for the exhibit. Emily Medvec, organizer and curator of "Born Free and Equal," also spoke.

The show includes the drawings and paintings of four Nikkei art-

Special Thanks

ists, each of whom has a long list of credits. Henry Sugimoto and Mine Okubo of New York attended the reception.

Sugimoto, whose works are displayed in the Smithsonian and many other museums in the U.S. and abroad, is exhibiting paintings which show the suffering caused by evacuation and internment. Okubo is exhibiting paintings as well as original drawings used in her book Citizen 13660, based on her experiences at Tanforan Assembly Center and at Topaz.

Ben Kamihira, a well-known Philadelphia artist currently in Spain, is exhibiting two contemporary paintings. Roger Shimomura of Lawrence, Kansas, is displaying oil paintings inspired by entries in his grandmother's diary during WW2. His work has been described as having elements of pop art and of ukiyo-e prints.

Among the out-of-town guests were JACL-LEC chair Min Yasui and wife True, Denver; Joe and Naomi Tanaka, St. Louis; Richard and Teru Graves, Port Washington, N.Y.; and from Washington, D.C.: JACL Eastern District Council chair Mike Suzuki, Key Kobayashi of Go For Broke, Lily and Pat Okura, and Toro Hirose.

Also attending were represent-

atives of companies funding the exhibit, including Denise Middleman and Robert Lee, Subaru of America, and Stephen Prichard, FMC Corp. Representing Rep. William Gray (D-Penn.) was his press secretary, William Epstein.

The exhibit is co-sponsored by the Balch Institute and Philadelphia chapter JACL, with participation by Seabrook JACL and support from JACL Eastern District Council. Major funding was supplied by the Subaru of America Foundation with additional support from FMC Corp., Bell of Pennsylvania, and Polaroid.

The exhibit will be on display until September 12. The museum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The following businesses and individuals contributed food and labor to the reception:

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Chapter Pulse

French Camp

will be held July 20, 4 p.m., at 5363 or 202-6976. French Camp Community Hall, Psychic Barbara Conners will featuring foods, games and door be the chapter's special guest at prizes. Planners include Alan Ni- the August 1 meeting. She will disshi, Lydia Ota, George Komure cuss her work with the police and and Carl Yamasaki. Funds go to will perform individual readings. scholarships and a children's Christmas party.

Salinas Valley

SALINAS, Calif.—The 1985 chapter scholarship award winners are: Bill Matsui, a graduate of York School who has been accepted by Harvard; Sally Yoshimura, a Gonzales H.S. graduate bound for UC Berkeley; and Susie Matsuno, a York graduate accepted by UC Berkeley and Stanford. Chris Yamane was scholarship committee chair.

Marina

SAN PEDRO, Calif.—A 21/2-hour cruise of L.A. Harbor can be reserved on the sailing ship Buccaneer Queen for a special dinner on -Sumiko Kobayashi the town, August 3, 6:30 p.m. Food

and music, dinner at sunset and a FRENCH CAMP, Calif.—The an-romantic moonlit return are yours nual French Camp JACL bazaar for \$25.50. Call Terry Takeda, 481-

Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Ohio - Twenty persons or more are needed for a theater party at Playhouse Square of "Jacques Brel Is Alive and Living in Paris," July 25, at 8 p.m. For reservations, call Suzi Nakashige, 771-4444, ext. 251.

The chapter also announces that the revised Cleveland JACL directory is available. Copies may be purchased for \$2.50 at the Buddhist Temple, Omura's Japanese Food Store, and the Cleveland Assn. of Retired Persons. Mail orders at \$3.50 per copy are also taken by Peggy Tanji, 1786 W. 52 St., Cleveland, OH 44102; or Mary Obata, 1868 Roxford Rd., E. Cleveland, OH

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Special thanks go to Dr. Toshi Kuge of Portland, who is the second individual to donate \$1,000. He gave the donation in the hope that PC "continues to have a long life" and to honor his mother, Takaye Kuge, who celebrated her 94th birthday in May.

Kuramoto to be feted for volunteerism

DENVER-George Kuramoto, 75, was named "Volunteer of the Month" for July by the Denver Community Volunteer Awards committee for his 32 years of voluntary services as a judo instructor and community leader in the Denver metropolitan area.

Presentation ceremonies are scheduled for July 14, 7:30 p.m., at the Tri-State Buddhist Temple, 1947 Lawrence Street. The Kuramoto presentation will precede the Temple's annual O-Bon festival.

Kuramoto was born in 1910 in Hawaii. After graduation from high school in Hawaii, he trained and worked as a mechanic in San Francisco from 1930-35. He moved to Walnut Grove, Calif., in 1935, where he established a garage,

JACL staffer honored by local government

CHICAGO—JACL Midwest Office Assistant Alice Esaki was recently named as one of 12 recipients of the 1985 Superior Public Service Award given annually to those employed in local government who have distinguished themselves in service to the public.

Esaki serves as a guidance clerk at Nicholas Senn High School, where her work is concentrated in the Title VII program for limited English speaking students, most of them Indochinese. Cited among her many accomplishments was her development of a book for vocational tutoring.

The award was formally presented to Esaki at a luncheon in the Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House on June 13.

Science

Theodore Kuwana, a pro-

fessor of chemistry at Ohio

State University, has been

named director of Kansas

University's Center for Bio-

analytical Research after a

nationwide search lasting

nearly a year. The pro-gram is aimed at develop-

ing sophisticated analytical

methods for use in the

pharmaceutical, chemical

and petroleum industries.

A native of Idaho Falls, Ida-

ho, he earned his doctorate

Mae Morita, president of

the Central Unified School

District board of trustees,

was presented the 1985

Fresno County Golden Ap-

ple Award on May 23 by the

Fresno County Chapter of the Assn. of California

School Administrators. She

was honored for over 25

years of service to public

education, including 4 years

on the CUSD board and 8

on the Biola Pershing

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prize and earned an MS in

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global hunger and food pro-

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and married Alice Maeda in 1939. Caught in the 1942 evacuation, Kuramoto and his family were sent to the Amache, Colo, camp. After WW2, Kuramoto moved to Denver and established a garage and service station with Ping Oda. "Ping and George's" became a social gathering place for local Nikkei during postwar years.

Until he was forced to close his service station by urban renewal, Kuramoto was active in promoting and establishing the Denver School of Judo, where he is still a 6-dan instructor and president. He has devoted 53 years of his life to teaching judo.

After 12 years with Gart Brothers as a salesman and manager, Kuramoto retired in 1982, but he continues his voluntary activities in judo.

Kuramoto's nomination was submitted by the Rev. Kanya Okamoto of the Tri-State Buddhist Church and Albert Tagawa, head instructor at the Denver School of Judo. The nomination was supported by the Denver Central Optimists through president James Hada; the Jefferson County School District, by teacher Philip Jordan; Simpson Methodist Church, by Rev. Hidemi Ito; and six other organizations and individuals.

The Denver Community Volunteer Awards carries \$1,500 in grants, which were distributed to the Tri-State Buddhist Church, the Simpson Methodist Church, and the Denver School of Judo, in accordance with Kuramoto's wishes. Past Nikkei winners of the awards are Dorothy Fujino of the Tri-State Buddhist Church, and Tom T. Masamori of Nisei American Legion Post #185.

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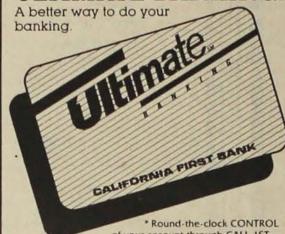
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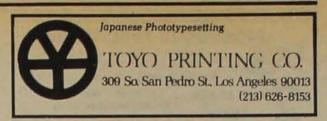
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