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## 'Day of Remembrance' Events

■ **New York** — Program is scheduled for Feb. 22, 1 p.m., at West Bldg. of Hunter College (68th and Lexington), Rm. 714. Speakers include Sumi Koide on the legislative redress drive; Marc Iyeki on the *coram nobis* cases; a spokesperson for National Council for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR); Rev. Franklin Woo; and David Dinkins, Manhattan Borough president. Also featured: jazz pianist Sumi Tonooka, the film "Gaman," and an audio-visual presentation on the East Coast Nikkei community. Co-sponsors include Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund; Concerned Japanese Americans; 442 Veterans; Japanese American Assn.; N.Y. JACL; Japanese American Counseling Center; Japanese American Help For the Aging; Hunter College School of Social Work; Japanese American Social Services, Inc.; Japanese American United Church; and N.Y. Buddhist Church. Info: Julie Azuma, (212) 219-3658, or Lani Sanjek, (212) 865-8134.

■ **Los Angeles** — A candlelight procession through Little Tokyo on Feb. 23, 5 p.m., starts at JACCC Plaza, 244 S. San Pedro St. Program will be held 6 p.m. at Little Tokyo Towers, 455 E. 3rd St., with speakers U.S. District Judge Robert Takasugi, Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.) and City Councilman Mike Woo. Sponsors: National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, Pacific Southwest District JACL, 100/442 Veterans. Info: Miles Hamada, 628-2725.

"Week of Remembrance" activities at UCLA: Feb. 18—Exhibit of Manzanar photos by Toyo Miyatake at Kerckhoff Art Gallery, open 8 a.m.-8 p.m. throughout week; Showings of Steven Okazaki's film "Unfinished Business" at noon in Ackerman Union second floor lounge and 6:30 p.m. in Rolfe Hall 1200. Feb. 19—Forum on internment with Heart Mountain draft resister Frank Emi, archival researcher Aiko Herzig, and Dale Minami, attorney for Fred Korematsu, noon-2 p.m. at Ackerman Union second floor lounge. Sponsor: UCLA Nikkei Student Union. All events free and open to public. Info: Gann Matsuda, 825-7184 or 825-1006.

■ **Seattle** — The 10th anniversary of the rescission of Executive Order 9066 by President Gerald Ford will be observed by Seattle JACL Feb. 19, 8 p.m., at Bush-Asia Center. Pacific Northwest District JACL, Washington Coalition on Redress and Ethnic Heritage Council are co-sponsors. The program will feature the videotape "Voices Long Silent"; a panel discussion of the recent U.S. Court of Appeals ruling on the NCJAR class action suit with plaintiff Chizu Omori and attorneys Roger Shimizu, Mike Leong and Rod Kawakami; an update on congressional redress bills by Chuck Kato of WCR; and a candlelight ceremony led by Rev. Richard Nishioka. A social hour with refreshments follows. Program is open to the public. Info: (206) 623-5088.

Northwest Asian American Theatre presents a special performance of "Breaking the Silence," a dramatization of stories spanning three generations by former Minidoka internee Nikki Nojima Louis, on Feb. 19, 8 p.m., at Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St. Admission: \$7 general, \$5 seniors, students and groups. Info: 624-8800.

■ **San Francisco** — A program with the theme "The Struggle for Justice Continues" takes place Feb. 22, 2-4 p.m., at Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St. Sponsor: National Coalition for Redress/Reparations. Speakers include Chizu Iiyama of NCCR; Don Tamaki of Fred Korematsu's legal team; Rafael Espinoza, who will discuss immigrant rights; and a speaker on the current forced relocation of Navajos in the Southwest. Info: Sox Kitashima, (415) 922-1534, or Marlene Tonai, (415) 436-5259.

■ **San Jose, Calif.** — Program begins Feb. 16, 5:30 p.m., at San Jose Buddhist Church, 640 N. 5th St. Following a candlelight procession, the program continues at 6:30 at Wesley United Methodist Church, 566 N. 5th St. This year's theme is "40 Years of Freedom Without Justice—Redress and Reparations Now!" Sponsor: Nihonmachi Outreach Committee. Info: Richard, (408) 287-9710, or Susan, (408) 279-5592.

■ **Salinas, Calif.** — A program with the theme "Through Veterans, All Things Are Possible" will be held Feb. 19, 7 p.m., in the Santa Lucia Room at the Sherwood Gardens rodeo grounds. In addition to presentations of "Day of Remembrance" resolutions from local and state government representatives, the program will include tributes to Japanese Americans who served in WW2, Korea and Vietnam by Shigeya Kihara (Military Intelligence Service), Dale Omoto (100th Infantry Battalion), Lawson Sakai and Royal Manaka (both of 442nd Regimental Combat Team) as well as a Nisei VFW Post 1629 color guard and the Watsonville Issei Choir's rendition of "God Bless America." Info: Robert Ouye, (408) 384-3633 (home) or 384-3715 (office).

## Astronaut's death mourned

As the space shuttle Challenger blasted off Jan. 28 from Cape Canaveral, a delegation from Hawaii made up of 64 relatives and friends of astronaut Ellison Onizuka were on hand to witness the launch.

"It was a beautiful blast-off and I could picture Ellison in the spacecraft," said Norman Sakata of Holualoa, Hawaii. "Then suddenly there was an explosion... and everybody was yelling 'He's exploded,' 'Dad!' and 'No, no, no.'"

Three rows away from Sakata sat Onizuka's immediate family: wife Lorna, daughters Janelle, 16, and Darien, 10, mother Mitsue, brother Claude, sisters Shirley Matsuoka and Norma Sakamoto with their husbands and children.

Three days later at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, the family members were again assembled—this time for a memorial ceremony.

Speaking before a gathering of about 15,000, President Reagan

eulogized each of the seven Challenger crew members in turn.

"We remember Ellison Onizuka, who, as a child running barefoot through the coffee fields and macadamia groves of Hawaii, dreamed of someday going to the moon," Reagan said of the 39-year-old Sansei from Kona. "Being an Eagle Scout, he said, had helped him soar to the impressive achievements of his career."

Also attending the ceremony were JACL president Frank Sato and Buddhist Churches of America Bishop Seigen Yamaoka, reminders of the fact that Onizuka was both the first Japanese American and the first Buddhist to go into space. JACL and BCA held a joint memorial service Feb. 4 at Buddhist Church of San Francisco.

During his first flight on the shuttle Discovery in January 1985, a flight shrouded in secrecy because a Dept. of Defense satellite



Photo by J.K. Yamamoto

A space shuttle model and a portrait of Onizuka are among the mementos placed on the altar during services.

was placed in orbit by the crew, Onizuka had with him a wisteria crest medallion of the Jodo Shinshu denomination as well as insignia of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and JACL.

He presented mementos of his space flight to Jodo Shinshu abbot Monshu Koshin Ohtani of Kyoto in San Francisco and appeared at such community events as the Nisei Week parade and Asian Pacific American Heritage Week dinner, both in Los Angeles.

At the unveiling of a memorial plaque for the seven astronauts at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) focused on Onizuka's heritage: "He was a hero of the Japanese American community. He attained a dream that many thought was once out of the realm of possibility..."

"Because of him, such achievements seem impossible no more. He and I share this feeling as

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Photo by J.K. Yamamoto

Mourners pay their last respects at a Feb. 2 memorial service held at Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in Los Angeles. Friends and relatives of Onizuka and representatives of numerous local organizations attended.

## Decision in Fujita complaint stands

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — The County Civil Service Commission has refused to change its finding that pharmacist F. Carole Fujita was not discriminated against by the County Health Services Dept. when she applied for the position of Pharmacy Supervisor III in 1983.

Commissioners George Nojima, N. Keith Abbott, Ernest Goodman, Tom Salata and Cecilia Sandoval were not swayed by objections presented Jan. 15 by Fujita's attorney Russell Iungerich, who called Fujita's treatment "a

travesty in the exam process."

Iungerich argued that testimony heard last year supported claims that the person who rated Fujita's performance was unfamiliar with her work, that it had been decided in advance that no one from Harbor/UCLA Medical Center (where Fujita worked) would be chosen, and that a male who did not meet the prerequisites was allowed to take—and pass—the exam.

He argued that the commission's proposed remedy—to give Fujita a revised Appraisal of Promotability score—was useless because her name would still appear "on a dead list." He also claimed that this may have been Fujita's last chance to

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## Senate redress bill gets new co-sponsor

WASHINGTON — Shortly after Congress reconvened Jan. 21, Senate redress bill S. 1053 gained Sen. Alan Dixon (D-Ill.) as a co-sponsor.

Elected in 1980, Dixon is on the Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry, Armed Services, Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs, and Small Business committees.

The other Illinois senator, Paul Simon (D), was an original co-sponsor when the bill was introduced in May 1985 by Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii).

The addition of Dixon brings the number of sponsors to 29 (20 Democrats, 9 Republicans).

## Nisei fund to aid college students

PORTLAND, Conn.—Marking the fifth anniversary of its scholarship awards program, the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund, Inc., will grant eight \$500 scholarships to college-bound Asian Pacific students residing in the Los Angeles area.

J.D. Hokoyama, USC Asian Pacific American Student Services director, and Dr. Robert Suzuki, NRSC Fund board member, will co-chair the Los Angeles committee in charge of the project. Local community organizations will also be involved.

NSRC awards have been given in Philadelphia, New England, San Francisco and Chicago in previous years.

For the past three years, hundreds of Southeast Asian refugee students have applied for the scholarships. The NRSC Fund has been commended by Southeast Asian community organizations as the only source of financial aid specifically targeted to this group.

This year, eligibility may be expanded to include other Asian Pacific groups.

The fund was established in 1979 by Japanese Americans residing in New England to commemorate the National Japanese-American Student Relocation Council, which enabled over 3,000 interned Nisei to attend institutions of higher learning outside

the restricted zones during WW2. Lafayette Noda of New Hampshire is chairman; serving on the board of directors are Lillian Ota Dotson, Nobu K. Hibino, Kenji Murase, Robert H. Suzuki, and May O. Takayanagi.

NRSC Fund qualifies as a non-profit charity under IRS criteria and is thus eligible for matching gifts from employers of contributors. Atlantic-Richfield Foundation's matching gifts program, which matches employees' gifts 2 to 1, tripled one donor's contribution.

Support is being sought among the general public as well as the original Nisei beneficiaries. Tax-deductible donations payable to NRSC Fund, Inc., can be mailed to 19 Scenic Drive, Portland, CT 06480.

## Wartime state employees sought

OLYMPIA, Wash. — State Rep. Gary Locke (D-35th District) plans to introduce a bill during the current legislative session that would permit municipalities to grant redress to Japanese

American employees who were terminated or forced to resign during WW2.

A similar bill, sponsored by State Sen. Phil Talmadge in the last legislative session, was passed in the Senate but was killed in a House committee. Redress has been signed into law for JA employees of the State of Washington and the City of Seattle who lost their jobs in 1942.

The Seattle JACL Redress Committee is seeking to identify JAs outside Seattle who lost their jobs with a county, city, township or special district in Washington in late 1941 or early 1942.

"The success of the proposed bill could depend on identifying any such Japanese American employees," said Locke.

Anyone fitting the above description or who knows of such an individual is asked to contact the JACL office at 316 Maynard S., Rm. 108, Seattle, WA 98104; (206) 623-5088.

## FUJITA

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apply because such positions seldom open up.

Fujita felt the commission had ignored statistics she had compiled indicating that no woman has been appointed above the Pharmacy Supervisor I level even though women make up 38% of all county pharmacists.

"The issue of [sex] discrimination was not addressed," she said, adding that she would pursue other avenues through the Dept. of Health Services, the County Commission for Women, the Service Employees International Union, and the County Board of Supervisors.



From left: Ruth Watanabe, Harry Yamamoto and Betty Yumori plan events for the second phase of Japanese Retirement Home's \$6.5 million fund drive.

## Retirement home gets donation

LOS ANGELES—Japanese Retirement Home, now in the midst of a \$6.5 million fundraising campaign, has received a \$10,000 contribution from Kikkoman Foods.

"Issei have been using our products for many years and we thought it would be appropriate to make a contribution to the retirement home which is serving Japanese Americans," said Kikkoman Shoyu vice president Minoru Sakaguchi, who, along with senior vice president Tamotsu Noshiyama and executive vice president Yoshihiro Nagayama, arranged for the donation.

Located at 325 S. Boyle St., JRH is raising funds for remodeling its buildings to meet earthquake safety standards and constructing a resident hall. The new building would raise the number of possible residents to 150, compared to 103 at present.

The first phase, which consisted of solicitations by campaign workers to obtain "leadership gifts" from selected individuals,

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0386 (Mar / 1986)	0586 (May 29, 1986)

## County supervisors recall Feb. 19, 1942

LOS ANGELES — The County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed on Jan. 21 a resolution by chair pro tem Mike Antonovich to declare Feb. 19 a "Day of Remembrance."

On that day in 1942, the issuance of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin Roosevelt "resulted in abridgement of constitutional rights and evacuation and internment" of Japanese Americans, the resolution reads.

"American citizens and legal immigrants were forced to sell their possessions, farms and businesses and relocate in camps surrounded by barbed wire. They were separated from family and friends and suffered severe emotional and financial consequences by this unconscionable act."

Antonovich said the declaration conformed to a resolution by Gov. George Deukmejian (see Jan. 17 PC) stating that "it is important that the internment... be remembered to ensure that American citizens never again be refused their personal liberties while residing in their own country."

A third and final phase will focus on solicitations of foundations, business sectors (such as financial, high tech, retail and trading firms), and other target groups.

For more information, call (213) 263-9651.

## Community Affairs

OAKLAND, Calif.—Not My Fault, the improvisational comedy group from San Francisco's Asian American Theater Co., appears at Ohana Restaurant/Cultural Center, 4345 Telegraph Ave., Feb. 8 at 8:30 p.m. Admission: \$4 per person. Info: (415) 658-1868.

EUGENE, Ore.—"An Asian New Year Celebration," featuring 11 food booths, demonstrations, stage shows and a modern and traditional Asian art show, takes place at Lane County Fairgrounds Auditorium, Feb. 16, 2-8 p.m. Individuals and groups from the Thai, Laotian, Vietnamese, Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiian, Filipino, Korean, Polynesian, and Singaporean communities are sponsoring the event. Proceeds will be used to produce an Asian/Pacific directory for the area. Admission: \$1 adults, 50¢ children.

DELRAY BEACH, Fla.—Lamps and Accessories by Sinya Okayama, featuring 15 objects ranging from tables to stools to valets by a contemporary designer of interior furnishings, runs at The Morikami Museum until Apr. 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. every day except Monday. Info: (305) 964-4420.

SAN FRANCISCO—Japan Society of No. Calif. presents a luncheon and program with the authors of *Kaisha: The Japanese Corporation as Competitor*—James Abegglen, director of Graduate School of Comparative Culture at Sophia Univ. in Tokyo, and George Stalk, vice president of Boston Consulting Group—Feb. 11, 11:45 a.m., at second floor meeting room of World Affairs Center, 312 Sutter St. (corner of Grant). \$12 members, \$20 non-members. Info: (415) 986-4383.

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## Dancers to present lecture/performance

SAN FRANCISCO — Dancers Brenda Wong Aoki and Sachiko Nakamura will lecture on and demonstrate performance pieces Feb. 14, 8 p.m., at Christ United Presbyterian Church social hall, 1700 Sutter St. (at Laguna).

During a visit to Japan last year, Nakamura and Aoki performed with Theatre of Yugen at Tsukuba Expo '85 and at Keisokan Theatre in Tokyo. They received training in arts heretofore limited to men from *kyogen* master Mansaku Nomura in Sendai and *noh* master Shiro Nomura in Tokyo. Both men are designated Cultural Intangible Properties by the Japanese government.

Training intensively in these disciplines since 1979, Aoki has performed in over 20 traditional *kyogen* plays and *noh* adaptations. She also dances and sings in Jefferson Starship's music videos "No Way Out" and "Laying It on the Line."

Nakamura, founder and former director of Asian American Dance Collective, is also an actress who has appeared in "Asa Ga Kimashita" by Velina Houston and in several Asian American Theater Co. plays.

Aoki and Nakamura team with two musicians in the performance group Sound/Seen.

The program is free and open to the public. Sponsor: Center for Japanese American Studies.

## Yamamoto's works published in Japan

TOKYO—A collection of works by Nisei writer Hisaye Yamamoto entitled *Seventeen Syllables: 5 Stories of Japanese American Life* has been published in Japan by Kirihara Shoten, Inc.

The short stories "Seventeen Syllables," "Yoneko's Earthquake," "The Legend of Miss Sasagawara" and "The Brown House" and the essay "Life Among the Oilfields" are printed in English. The book also includes introductions and notes in Japanese by Robert Rolf and Norimitsu Ayzawa.

Info: Kirihara Shoten, 2-44-5 Koenji Minami, Suginami-ku, Tokyo 166; (03) 314-8181.



JA National Museum staff members: project secretary Akiko Takeshita (seated), program coordinator Dean Toji, and project coordinator Nancy Araki.

## Two added to JA museum staff

LOS ANGELES—Japanese American National Museum project coordinator Nancy Araki has announced the hiring of Dean Toji and Akiko Takeshita as JANM staff members.

Program coordinator Toji, a native of Los Angeles, has worked in public television news at KCET, was art director of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center publication *Counterpoint: Perspectives on Asian America*, and was involved in a UCLA/Veterans Administration project on the health status of atomic bomb survivors.

He has also been active in community organizations, including Little Tokyo People's Rights Organization, in which he served as co-editor of the *Nikkei-Sentinel* newspaper, and Friends of Atomic Bomb Survivors.

Project secretary Takeshita,

formerly of San Francisco, has been active in such Bay Area community organizations as the Manzanar and Tanforan committees, Asian Student Union and S.F. Konkō Church. A graduate of S.F. State University, she is a former staff member of the National JACL redress program.

JANM, which is currently negotiating with the City of Los Angeles for a lease on the old Nishi Honganji temple in Little Tokyo as the permanent museum site, is engaged in development work in architectural and exhibit design and in the research and collection of artifacts and photos.

Staff members can be contacted at JANM's temporary administrative and archival offices, located at 941 E. 3rd St., Suite 201, L.A., CA 90013; (213) 625-0414. Office hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

## GFB's Tanaka leaves for Hawaii

SAN FRANCISCO—Fifty friends and associates gathered Jan. 24 to bid farewell to Chester Tanaka, who is taking a temporary leave of absence from his position as executive secretary of the National Japanese American Historical Society of Go For Broke, Inc.

Tanaka is accompanying his wife Missy, who has accepted an 18-month assignment to set up an early childhood education curriculum program at Kamehameha School in Honolulu.

Tom Kawaguchi, executive director of NJAHS, said that Tanaka will be active as the group's representative in Hawaii.

In that capacity, Tanaka will meet with Smithsonian Institution officials who will visit the Islands in March to gather material for an exhibit on the Japanese American experience scheduled to be part of the Smithsonian's commemoration of the bicentennial of the Constitution in 1987.

He has also been assigned the task of returning the diaries of 200 Japanese American soldiers

of the 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team. The diaries were confiscated by the Army in 1943 and only recently uncovered in the U.S. Archives and retrieved by NJAHS.

Tanaka has been associated with Go For Broke since its inception five years ago, when it assisted the Presidio of San Francisco Museum in presenting a photo exhibit on the 100th/442nd. Following the success of that showing, the organization assisted the Presidio Museum in presenting the "Yankee Samurai" exhibit, which featured the Nisei of the Military Intelligence Service who fought in the Pacific.

NJAHS has since showcased the "East to America" exhibit, which follows the struggles of the earliest Japanese immigrants to the U.S. This exhibit was first shown at Angel Island, the port of entry for many Issei.

The group is currently serving as the Smithsonian's primary resource center for assembling artifacts from JA history for the 1987 exhibit.

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# Onizuka's Message to Youth

The following commencement essay was written by the late Ellison Onizuka for JACL's 1984 scholarship yearbook.

I am very pleased and extremely proud to have the opportunity to congratulate the exceptionally talented, dedicated, and motivated young men and women who are recipients of JACL distinctions and scholarships.

You young men and women have demonstrated extraordinary academic talent, while simultaneously assuming critical positions of leadership. You have exercised responsibility with care and capability, and you have been motivated in all your activities by a strong sense of achievement merged to an enthusiasm for commitment.

As industrious and educated young people still in the pursuit of higher learning, you are alive to the possibilities within yourselves, profoundly aware and vibrantly appreciative of the world about you.

As an American of Japanese descent, I am particularly proud of your achievements. Distinguished young students and scholars, you have really shot to

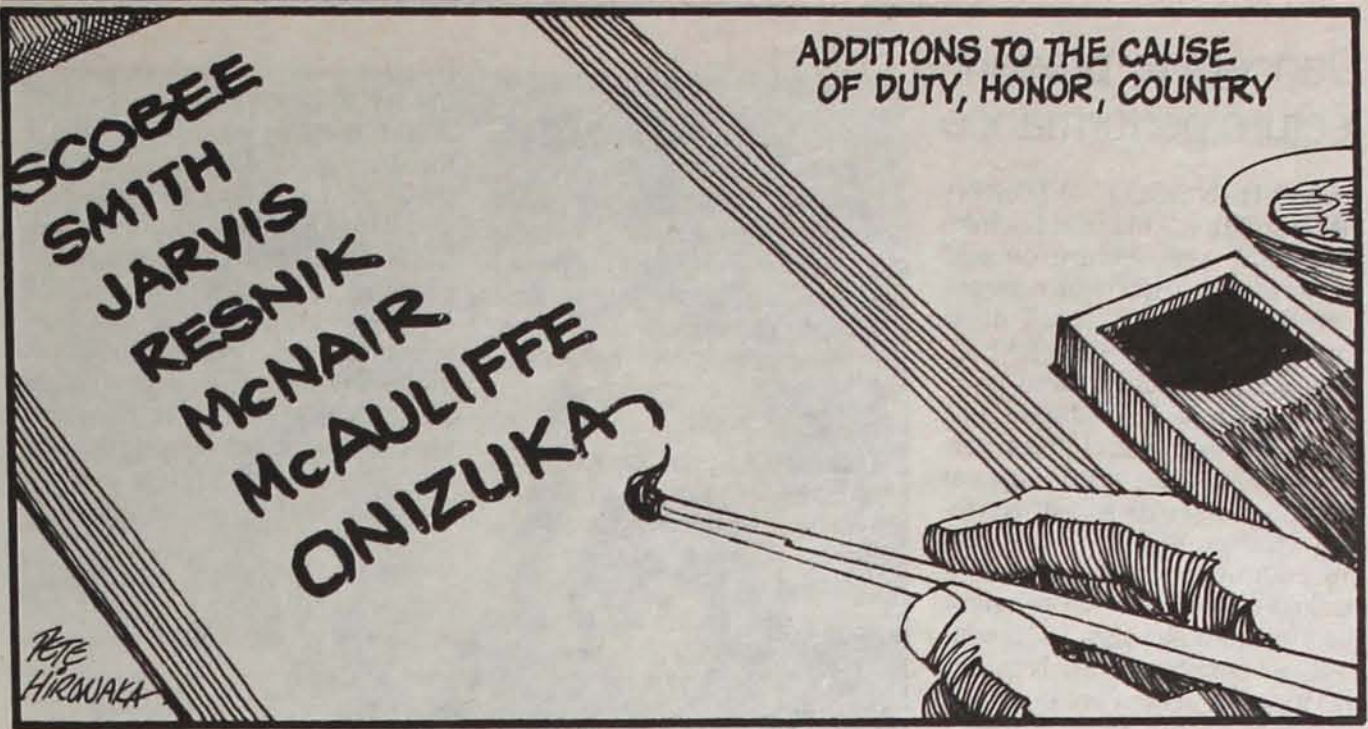
the top in terms of being exceptional young people even among an exceptional group.

For not only are you good students, but you are also National Merit Scholars, National Honor Society enrollees, and Phi Beta Kappa members.

Not only are you outstanding athletes, but you are also sport team captains and school letter winners.

Not only are you writers, musicians, and debaters, but you are also national poetry award recipients, nationally recognized young artists, and national debate team winners. Most importantly, you have applied yourselves in your pursuit of greater achievements and demonstrated your will to be leaders in your communities, extracurricular activities, and the competitive environment around you!

You are part of the Japanese spirit and courage which have helped to build a great nation. What a tribute you are to the sacrifices of your parents and grandparents. What a proud realization of the Issei promise, a deliverance of the Nisei dedication and efforts.



Aristotle was once asked how much educated men were superior to those uneducated. "As much," he said, "as the living are to the dead."

You young men and women have made available to yourselves what, in all man's history, has been the single finest achievement—the development of the individual mind. As educated young men and women, disciplined and principled, you have experienced the triumph of extending your talents and appreciating your abilities.

In the process, you have explored the ideas of your heritage, and synthesized the accomplishments of generations. By better understanding the history and traditions which have preceded you, you have better discovered the mysteries and potential within yourself.

And that potential, that tremendous possibility for even greater achievements, is too compelling, too exhilarating to surrender to the forces of inertia. Fully realize the best in yourself. Actualize the opportunities before you.

As a member of our American space program, I see first-hand what intelligence, creativity, energy, dedication, and determination can accomplish. And I know that each of you possesses these same qualities. Each of you has a personal dynamism capable of

full realization through important contributions.

Do you realize that in many cases your accomplishments are beyond those achieved at your age by men and women we today recognize as leaders? Therefore, while you are at the culmination of great achievements, you are also at the threshold of even greater accomplishments.

In what for me as an American astronaut is, perhaps, a very natural analogy to offer, I would like to suggest that like our country's Space Shuttle, you are at the beginning of a new era of exploration, with a long and remarkable career ahead of you.

At this point in time, the Space Shuttle has demonstrated that it has the capabilities to confront the challenges which the future holds for it, but there is so much more of which it is capable. And, if we were to presumptuously stop or curtail our space venturing activities merely to sit back, self-satisfied with our present, if extraordinary, accomplishments, I truly believe that in the final analysis, all previous efforts on behalf of man's great space adventure would have been wasted.

Like our country's Space Shuttle, you have demonstrated that you have the capabilities to confront the challenges which the future holds. But the demand now is to fulfill your promise, to crystallize what is yet your potential.

Being of Japanese heritage, you realize what the Issei tradition has imparted to its children seeking fulfillment in a country of freedom and opportunity. As Americans, you seek to fulfill that tradition in a nation to which you have unhesitatingly pledged your spirit, your allegiance, and your love of country. The many sacrifices of the Issei and Nisei to overcome once unbelievable obstacles with honor, pride and hard work, dedication and tradition have given all of us a very special heritage to build on.

America needs your talent, your youthful vigor, your idealism, your commitment. America needs you to meet the challenge of fulfilling your own potential, while taking a sincere and patriotic stand in shaping the destiny of our country. While building a greater America you must not forget the dream, the sacrifices, and the pathfinding of the generations before us. Try to make them proud!

It is with great pride that I salute you young men and women. It is with great confidence that I entrust to you our country's future, for as upright young Americans of principle, integrity, and honor, I truly believe you are capable of meeting the challenges of the 21st century.

There isn't a thing you can't do—all you've got to do is TRY! Good luck to all of you!



Ellison Shoji Onizuka  
June 24, 1946-Jan. 28, 1986

## The Saga of War Orphans

EAST WIND

Bill Marutani



were raised in the Chinese culture with awareness, in varying degrees, that they were of Japanese lineage—"Nikkei."

And under the sponsorship of the Japanese government, various contingents of these "orphans" have been visiting here seeking parents and/or relatives—any clue to their roots in Japan.

ON JAPANESE TELEVISION recently, the latest contingent of now middle-aged "war orphans" was featured on national viewing in the effort to locate relatives in Japan.

In an earlier column (Jan. 24 PC) we had reported about the wartime episode in Manchuria where, in the aftermath of WW2, a number of Japanese residents left their minor children in the care of Chinese families; that in the ensuing 40 years, these young children

EACH ORPHAN APPEARED on television, obviously nervous, desperately expectant. Each was introduced in his/her Chinese name, often accompanied by a map showing the neighborhood in which each resided or was believed to have been left by their departing Japanese parent(s).

Only one remembered her Japanese name; another only recalled that phonetically she was called "Shizuko" or something similar to that. Yet others sought

to describe the kind of clothing they were wearing when their parent(s) deposited them with a Chinese foster family. They ranged in age from two months to ten years.

All spoke in Chinese with a Japanese interpreter translating. Almost any clue which might help in the identification was mentioned: number of members in the Japanese family; occupation of father ("he rode a red horse"); birth marks; bodily injuries (burns of the back; a partially severed finger; a damaged finger tip; a bad cut on the left wrist; etc.); prominent facial features; a teenage picture with or by their Chinese foster parents.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, the late evening news reported that six of them located parents or relatives. The one who remembered her Japanese surname and given name was reunited with her mother and siblings in Hokkaido. An-

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## They've Grown Up

FROM THE  
FRYING PAN:

Bill  
Hosokawa



Old-time readers of this column may remember Mike, our first-born. He was barely a toddler when the column was launched back at the time of the Evacuation. Every once in a while I'd write about him—his experiences at school, losing his first tooth, going to ball games together. That kind of homey stuff, including Mike's siblings as they appeared on the scene, struck a responsive chord among Nisei readers who, too, were rearing their families. Even now people ask about the kids.

Well, they're no longer kids. Mike has been on his own for a good long while, the last decade or so as a professor at University of Missouri at Columbia. He has a couple of college-age youngsters of his own, and he has settled

down to a fairly comfortable lifestyle.

Despite his geographic isolation from the Asian American mainstream, Mike has retained a strong liking for Japanese food. Perhaps "developed" is a better word than "retained," because he got little of it during his formative years in the Midwest.

At any rate he has located a Korean provisions store in Columbia, where he picks up Oriental staples on occasional trips to St. Louis, and he takes considerable pleasure in preparing Chinese and Japanese dishes on weekends for his round-eyed family.

Recalling the marvelous New Year feasts May and Frank Torizawa used to prepare in Denver for what seemed like half the town, Mike and his wife Betty decided to put on a Japanese-style open house for their Missouri friends. He gave us a report, which I'd like to share:

"The New Year open house went better than expected. Stayed up most of the night before chopping, cutting and otherwise preparing. After this experience I have an even greater apprecia-

tion for May Torizawa's gathering for 10 times more people and 10 times more variety in food. I did *nigirizushi* with the shrimp, *makizushi*, I found a small octopus which I boiled, and we made Chinese spareribs, boiled shrimp, Chinese steamed dumplings (shrimp and pork). We also had sliced ham and cheeses, cookies and a few other things. It all went like hotcakes except the ham and cheese. I typed up descriptions of each dish, and everyone seemed to enjoy that. We had about 30 people.

"The entire affair ran about \$250 which further enhances my appreciation for what the Torizawa used to do. Ten pounds of shrimp and three cans of eel is expensive. In Missouri there is no *sashimi*, *kazunoko*, *gobo* or sea cucumber. It was fun and probably will be repeated. Not too many caterers around here who can make *makizushi*."

It's something of a wonder that Mike has taught himself to make *makizushi*. He has also demonstrated that the pull of ethnic foods is powerful, and at least that part of the ancestral culture is not in danger of vanishing even though the setting is in the heart of the American Midwest.

## Letters

### Supporting the Sansei

Bob Shimabukuro's column on "Constructive Criticism" (Jan. 24 PC) hit a chord in me. His lament that some Sansei "drift in and out" of JACL for lack of support made me appreciate the support Sansei in Seattle JACL receive from their Nisei colleagues.

Seattle JACL has blossomed into a large, busy and visible membership which spans all age groups. There is a healthy and genuine respect of each generation's talents, gifts and abilities.

In the last six years, we've had four Sansei chapter presidents, one of them a woman attorney, who received the full support of Nisei leaders. Sansei members take on their share of committee chairmanships in critical areas such as programs and membership.

The Nisei have always supported the Sansei in their work, showing their appreciation through kind words, letters and even awards. (At its installation banquet Jan. 25, Seattle JACL publicly recognized a team of young, mostly Sansei attorneys who represented Gordon Hirabayashi in his fight to clear his WW2 curfew

conviction in Seattle federal court last year.)

A Nisei woman put it to me simply: "The Issei supported us, so we want to support the Sansei." Together, the generations have made Seattle JACL what it is and will be. Bob has every right to be envious of Seattle's Sansei.

LORI MATSUKAWA  
Bellevue, Wash.

### A Different View

Congratulations for the Jan. 3-10 issue of the PC, which included much information that I had not noticed previously in the PC. It is well edited, and having had a brief experience in editing a newspaper, I appreciate the monumental work/time put into the PC. Please keep up the good job.

My comments on "PC Board's Views of PC" (Jan. 3-10 PC) are as follows:

—The article was welcome. At least it gave the view from the board. I would supplement this by having a general survey from PC readers, if possible.

—Lack of JACL news is probably due to lack of submitted news articles from the various

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## Showing Responsibility

### BY THE BOARD

by Yosh Nakashima

At its most recent meeting, the National Board took an action which reaffirmed the September 1985 request to transfer budget funds to the Legislative Education Committee. I don't doubt that the Redress program and issue is the highest priority of the

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other was shown in a tearful reunion with her mother—to whom she bore a striking resemblance. Of those shown on television with parents and/or a sibling, a family resemblance could be seen.

THESE "ORPHANS" APPEARED on television attired in Western clothing, the men in ties and jackets—"country" style. (I was struck by the apparent fashion of men's shirts having some flower print visible on them—which reminds me that I myself have such a shirt dating years back.) None was dressed like a "city slicker." Most politely bowed at the conclusion of that search-interview on television.

We understand that most of them are resigned to the reality or odds against realizing a family connection. Four decades is a long gap to fill with tentative clues of a little child seeking parents who no longer may be alive. Notwithstanding, one can understand why such a person would at least give it a good try, to satisfy the

National JACL, but we must remember that there is more to the organization than redress. We have seemingly forgotten that the National Council passed several resolutions which voiced the strong need to pursue other equally important issues: U.S.-Japan Relations, Aging and Retirement, Leadership Recruitment and Development, Women's Concerns and a few others.

Paper and lip service is not enough. We must give some long range assurances of spiritual and a sense of tangible financial support. If the present trend con-

tinues, that sense of financial support will not be forthcoming since we can realistically run out of funds. At a time when we have the capable executive staff leadership which has put us in a position to apply for and receive grants from the private foundations and private sector, that aspect will be in jeopardy if we once again start running a deficit budget.

We must continue to show responsible leadership that assures a strong financial base and a balanced program that assures a future for JACL. We must invest in those who must carry on the intent and purpose of JACL and not dwell in history. One area which requires serious attention and must take high priority is our National staff. Whether executive, junior executive, secretarial or clerical, they all contribute significantly to the total National effort on behalf of all of us. They provide full service to all sectors of our membership as well as for the community at large within which they work and live. They must be even-handed in their delegation of time and effort to assure the necessary continuity of all aspects of JACL.

If the present trend continues with membership growth and fund-raising, are we going to cut staff further with salary reduction or termination? The remaining staff then becomes further burdened with a greater work load at the same or reduced salary and the future possibility of their job being cut. At some point in time, each and every staff person of National JACL will seriously look at their situation and probably look for other options to assure some sense of stability for themselves and their families.

Most of our present staff could have worked for better compensation and in a less hostile environment in recent years, but

yearning and rest the soul. BUT WHAT ABOUT the Chinese foster parents back in Hotenshi and other towns in Manchuria? There was one photo of one of these "orphans" when she was no more than five years old, taken with her two Chinese foster parents and a little foster brother. That she was very much part of this Chinese family, there was no doubt—notwithstanding that she was of Japanese blood, the same blood as those who invaded, crushed and occupied Manchuria in the mid to late '30s. Was it not magnanimous that these Manchurians assented to care for the children of the occupiers, to lovingly raise them as their own? And what conflicting feelings they must now have—on the one hand hoping that their foster child's search will be successful, yet on the other hand fearful of what success may mean to the continuance of the foster family.

AND THE MAJORITY who will make no connection will continue unaware of their birth date and just who they really are. It is a saga that continues to grip the Japanese public.

Communication and cooperation are essential for continued progress. Take the time to deliberate and forward your thoughts to the leadership. The time for whispering among yourselves should stop. Start asking the questions which need to be asked of us.

In a recent issue of the Pacific Citizen, we were informed about the status of the LEC fund-raising. If you don't see a future report about the expenditures of those funds, don't hesitate to ask about it. Previous redress fund-raising and expenditure information, although not printed in the Pacific Citizen, has been available to the National Board on a regular basis.

Although there was some allegation of spending irregularity with the redress program in recent months, with the moratorium on the redress education program and the elimination of the redress staff positions, those concerns seem to be less. The information has always been available. The difference in opinion as to the degree of importance of the education program led to programmed opposition and concern. The perception of disharmony and disunity must stop bilaterally, not unilaterally. We must be trustful and forthright with each other or we are surely programmed to fail.

chose JACL for reasons of their own. We must show a greater sense of perspective so as not to diminish what we have and assure the continuation of progress in every sector of the organization.

The redress program has shown us that there are a multitude of personalities and egos involved at every level of participation. There is the emergence recently of some who feel that the whole "ballgame" would come to a screeching halt if they stopped their participation. They have voiced concern and an implied threat that there is no opportunity to "win" if they drop out. That attitude is that of a "super-ego" and there is no place within the present redress program for those persons.

No one, I repeat, no one is irreplaceable. There are those who contribute more than others, but the ultimate result is a team effort. Of course, we must recognize some for their special efforts but we must give all of us credit for the ultimate result when it happens. Group dynamics will surely give credit and recognition for those who deserve it and one need not seek it too eagerly.

Finally, recognizing the need for the present funding of the redress effort, at what point in this effort do we seriously look to another funding source or mechanism? It seems clear from recent information and advice from experts that we can use another funding mechanism other than that now in place. We implemented what we did in 1985 based on available information at the time.

Now it seems clear to us that we need to look for the retraction of a previous action and the use of a previously used mechanism to raise the needed funds. We mustn't be afraid to use whatever means necessary to fund the re-

# Coordinating Constituents

Sen. Daniel Inouye, who usually avoids predicting the outcome of a bill, has made a positive assessment of the redress bills—"This bill will pass"—and encouraged all of us to participate in the lobbying for redress.

All four Japanese American members of Congress were upbeat about mobilizing the constituents to seek support for H.R. 442 and S. 1053, initially from the members of the congressional committees where the bills are assigned and also any member who will co-sponsor the bills.

The gauntlet was passed to the over 500 people who attended the Pacific Southwest District JACL-LEC dinner at the Hotel Bonaventure on Jan. 17 to honor and express appreciation to Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga and Reps. Robert Matsui and Norman Mineta and to raise funds for the JACL-LEC lobbying program.

### PSW Accepts the Challenge

Over 30 people representing JACL chapters, National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, Nikkei veterans' groups, Japanese American Republicans and the National Republican Party met Jan. 19 at the PSW regional office with Grant Ujifusa, LEC legislative strategy chair, and LEC's executive director (myself).

The redress workshop focused on sharing information about the LEC lobbying activities and the need for developing a coordinated lobbying activity in PSW District, where so many members of Congress have yet to support the redress bills.

Two representatives in PSW identified as members of the Judiciary Committee were William Dannemeyer (R-39th Dist.) of Fullerton and Carlos Moorhead

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Grayce Uyehara



(R-22nd Dist.) of Pasadena. Also discussed were Sen. Pete Wilson (R-Calif.) and Rep. Daniel Lungren (R-42nd Dist.) of Long Beach.

Lungren served on the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and supported its recommendations except for individual payments to survivors of the internment. Because he served on the CWRIC, it will be important for him to continue to hear from his constituents.

At the conclusion of the workshop, I suggested that a PSW coordinating committee be formed with volunteers from this group who should try to meet on a monthly basis to carry through plans to expand constituent contacts with the MCs.

There were 15 volunteers, including Ron Tsuji, PSW redress chair, who will chair the committee; Ken Inouye, PSW governor; Mote Nakasako, chief of the Veterans Services division of Los Angeles and leader of a Southern California Nikkei veterans organization; Lance Izumi, president of JA Republicans; Bert Nakano of NCRP; and redress chairs or chapter presidents Toshiko Yoshida, Phil Shigekuni, George Kodama, Harry Kawahara, Gary Itano, Ken Hayashi, Miyo Senzaki, Mary Ogawa and Ron Shiozaki. Toshi Yamamoto of the National Republican Party also

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# Chapter Pulse

## Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE—Peter Irons, an attorney who helped reopen the wartime Supreme Court cases of Fred Korematsu, Min Yasui and Gordon Hirabayashi, spoke at Milwaukee JACL's inaugural dinner Jan. 12 at Country Gardens Restaurant. Irons, who is also associate professor of political science at UC San Diego and author of *Justice At War*, emphasized the injustice of the internment and the need to work toward resolving the injustice.



Peter Irons

## Watsonville

WATSONVILLE, Calif.—Newly elected chapter officers are Gerry Kondo, pres.; Mas Hashimoto, 1st v.p.; Doug Nakashima, 2nd v.p.; Gini Bianchi, sec'y; Rosie Terasaki, treas.; Betsy Shikuma, auditor; Willie Yahiro, youth director; and Harry Fukutome, official delegate. They were installed by No. Calif.-W. Nevada-Pacific District director George Kondo on Dec. 6 at Aptos Seascapes Lodge. JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi addressed the gathering.

## Florin

SACRAMENTO — The many who attended the annual installation dinner Jan. 13 at the historical Fransinetti Winery were treated to a speech by Dr. Kenneth H. Ozawa, an appointee of Calif. Gov. George Deukmejian

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George Kondo, NCWNPDC regional director, installed the following officers: George Miyao, president; Bill Kashiwagi, vice-president; Dr. Kenneth Ozawa, 1000 Club chair; Tosh Fukushima, treasurer; James Abe, ways and means; Mary Tsukamoto, redress/LEC; Alfred Tsukamoto, historian; Glenn Taniguchi, official delegate; Betty Kashiwagi, secretary; Paul Takehara, youth leader and newsletter editor; George Furukawa, insurance commissioner; Tommy Kushi, membership; and Nellie Sakakihara, scholarship.

Chapter meetings are scheduled every third Monday of the month at the Florin Buddhist Conference Room starting at 7 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend.

## Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Historical Building Sites Foundation is registering Spenser Library as a historic site, it was announced at the Jan. 13 Salt Lake JACL Building Committee meeting. The designation permits owners to obtain a low interest loan from the Foundation for renovation purposes. Under the terms of the registration, the exterior building design cannot be altered. Engineers Sadao and Brian Nagata co-signed on the Foundation loan with the chapter, which recently purchased the former library building as its future headquarters.

It was also reported that the *mochi-tsuki* fund-raiser netted about \$800 for the Building Committee. George Nakamura chaired the meeting attended by Brian Nagata, Ben Aoyagi, Taka Kida, Sadao Nagata and Kay Nakashima.

## West Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—WLA general meeting will be held on Feb. 10 at the Nora Sterry Elementary School auditorium, 1730 Corinth Ave. The chapter's 1986 program will be presented at the meeting. Day of Remembrance will also be discussed. Guest speaker R.H. Eaton of GTE of Calif. will speak on the recent telephone deregulation and long distance calls. All chapter members are urged to attend.

## Arizona

PHOENIX—On February 22-23, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., the Matsuri will be held at Heritage Square, 6th St. and Monroe. The 1986 Festival will include numerous craftsmen, artisans, entertainers and Japanese foods. All participants must be displaying or selling authentic Japanese items. Other sponsors include: City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation, Japan America Society of Phoenix, Hi-meji Sister City Club of Phoenix, and the American Graduate School of International Management. *Ozoni* will be sold by the chapter at a reasonable price. Info: Masa Takiguchi, 934-9637.

## Riverside

RIVERSIDE, Calif.—LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara of Philadelphia encouraged JACLers to get their communities to fully support the redress bills in Congress during the 20th annual Riverside JACL installation dinner Feb. 1 at Riverside City College Student Union.

Dr. Junji Kumamoto, reelected chapter president, and his board were installed by John Saito, Pacific Southwest regional director. Chapter scholarship chair Michiko Yoshimura was presented the JACL silver pin, symbolic of outstanding service to the chapter for 10 years or more. Riverside Mayor Ab Brown extended greetings and Rev. Homer Hill of First Christian Church gave the invocation and benediction.



Sen. Spark Matsunaga

## Ventura County

VENTURA, Calif.—Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) will be keynote speaker and Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) will be special honored guest at the Ventura County JACL installation dinner Feb. 15 at Fairfield Harbortown Hotel, 1050 Schooner Dr. at Ventura Harbor. No-host bar opens at 6 p.m.; dinner is at 6:45. Cost: \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members and those without reservations.

Officers to be installed are: Yas Umeda, pres.; Nate Harimoto, 1st v.p. (programs); Teri Komatsu, 2nd v.p. (membership) and health benefit; Bob Nukushina, 3rd v.p. (ways and means) and treas.; Dorene Tsukida, rec. sec'y; Doug Russ, telephone chair; Ron Komatsu, hist. and youth/scholarship; Janet Kajihara, p.r. and newsletter; Yosh Katsura, Jim Tsukida and Henry Asaoka, members at large.

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# Headquarters Bulletin

**ENDOWMENT FUND** — The JACL completed fiscal year 1985, borrowing \$60,000 from the endowment to fund redress efforts during 1985. The 4th year pledges received in 1986 have been restricted by National Board action, dedicated to repayment of the loan from the endowment fund. The \$60,000 represents the total balance due to the endowment fund. Loans from the first and second years of the chapter pledge program have been repaid per the loan agreement schedule.

**MUSUBI**

by  
**Ron Wakabayashi**



**FOURTH YEAR CHAPTER PLEDGES**—Chapters are requested to submit pledges at earliest possible date to allow timely payment of the balance. Outstanding pledge balances from previous years will refund national operating budget for redress program deficits, allowing for reinstatement of budget restriction imposed by National Board. The National Board has prioritized reinstatement of staff cost of living adjustments (normally made in January) and district allocation reductions, made to allow transfer of \$75,000 to the LEC this year.

**SPEECH AND FORENSIC COMPETITION**—Five districts, including EDC, MDC, NCWNP, PSW and CCDC, will sponsor district-wide speech competitions for JACL members between the ages of 16-19. The district competitions will be held spring/summer 1986. Winners from each district competition will travel to the 1986 JACL convention to compete in the national competition where contestants will have opportunities to compete for cash awards. Chapters should encourage possible contestants to enter district competitions.

**MINORITY HEALTH FAIR**—Chapters are encouraged to sponsor or co-sponsor a minority health fair in 1986. National JACL can provide financial assistance to chapters participating in this program. Varying levels of chapter participation are possible. Presidents should bring this activity to the attention of their chapters.

**ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE**—JACL's report on anti-Asian violence was distributed to the National Board and all chapters. Reps. Mineta and Matsui plan to distribute the report to the House of Representatives, and Sens. Inouye and Matsunaga have been requested to make a distribution in the Senate. Requests from other government bodies and community organizations have been considerable, probably requiring a second printing, which will be made available at a nominal cost of \$2/copy. Volume discounts can be accommodated for chapters desiring additional copies.

**YANKEE SAMURAI**—March 15 will be the American premiere of "Yankee Samurai," a European production on the internment and the 100th/442nd RCT. Sponsored by Go For Broke, Inc. and the American Jewish Committee, the 50-minute documentary is one of the best productions on the internment in recent years. The premiere will take place in San Francisco, with plans for a Los Angeles showing in progress.

**INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**—At this writing, hearings as a result of the audit of the Sequoia chapter have not yielded a technical ruling from the IRS regarding the permissibility of a 501(c)(3) corporation managing a group health insurance program. Headquarters is meeting with California Blue Shield Committee to prepare transition to an acceptable corporate structure.

## New head of Nisei Vets sworn in

LOS ANGELES—George Nishinaka, retired executive director of Special Services Group, was installed as president of the 100th/442nd Veterans Assn. at the 26th annual installation dinner at New Otani Hotel Jan. 25.

With several guest speakers praising and recognizing the work of the Japanese American GIs during WW2 in fighting bigotry at home and the enemies abroad in the European and Pacific theaters, Nishinaka reminded the 325 in attendance that the challenge to carry on the battle against prejudice, discrimination and injustice remains.

Former H Company Commander Col. Christopher Keegan, who installed the officers, said he would never forget the heritage wrought by the 100th and 442nd and neither should the rest of America.

Gardena Councilman Mas Fukai presented a special resolu-

tion to the group on behalf of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

H. Cooke Sunoo, Little Tokyo Community Redevelopment Project director, pointed to the projected Japanese American National Museum as a means for preserving the 100th/442nd heritage. The State of California has already passed legislation authorizing \$750,000 for establishing a museum provided the City of Los Angeles adds another \$1,000,000. Negotiations with the city are in the process of completion, he added.

The state and city have shown their interest, and the community must follow through, Sunoo concluded. "It's in your hands."

Nishinaka's cabinet is composed of Richard Shinto and George Higa, vice-presidents; Mino Kaminishi, treasurer; Henry Sakato, secretary; and trustees Min Sumida, Monte Fujita, and Dr. Arthur Sakamoto.

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signed on to work with the committee.

I have, since this meeting, heard from Selanoco Chapter that a committee has been formed to plan their area lobbying program.

Gene Takamine, Ken Inouye and I just barely made it to the chapter installation dinner at the Buena Park Hotel on Jan. 18 after dashing from the National JACL Board meeting and PSW-hosted potluck supper.

Takamine lost his notes to introduce me as the speaker, so he was to the point. Inouye arrived in time to install the new officers but could not find the official JACL oath for installation, so he stood on a chair and asked the new officers and board to say "I do."

I met Councilwoman Norma Nomura Seidel from La Palma. She has agreed to lobby using her contacts. The chapter has a strong board, so we wish them well as they lobby for new co-sponsors of H.R. 442.

### Riverside Installation

"The Right to Redress" was my topic when I addressed Riverside Chapter at their installation

dinner Feb. 1. The focus was again on encouraging active participation in the lobbying process. After the dinner, a redress planning meeting was held to discuss specific activities for chapter members to push for new support for the two bills.

We are gratified to see more and more active involvement at the chapter level. The activities are getting organized with a committee whose members have clear assignments. We are moving away from the redress void because several chapters and the Pacific Northwest District responded to the request to identify MCs who fall within the purview of the chapter. Hank Tanaka, Cleveland Chapter president, actually assigned chapter members to the MCs in the area. Good idea.

Now with another district work period coming up—Feb. 8 through Feb. 18—appointments should be made in the district office to speak with your MC. Then go ahead and speak with the staff person in charge of the district office. That person will make sure your message is passed on to the MC. Then follow up with letters from all your friends from the community.

Let's keep the movement going

## Library needs info on JA publications

SAN FRANCISCO — Japanese American Library is seeking information on books and other publications relating to JAs.

The library is particularly interested in such materials as histories or anniversary books by local communities and organizations, biographies, and collections of essays or literary works.

The 1985 "Books-in-Print," a list of materials that the library has compiled since 1969, contains over 400 titles.

The library was organized to establish a resource center to preserve—and promote interest in—Japanese American heritage; to provide for the informational needs of the JA community; and to provide a communication link between the community and the general public.

The library collection consists of books, periodicals, manuscripts, newspapers, cassettes, photos and videotapes on Japanese Americans, Asian Americans, and Japanese culture. These materials are acquired, catalogued and made available to the public on an ongoing basis.

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# A 'Journey' Worth Taking

by June Kizu

*Japanese American Journey—The Story of a People* (Japanese American Curriculum Project, 1985) is an informative, sensitive and relevant book. Intended for 5th- to 8th-grade students, it is written in a clear, straightforward style.

The first section chronicles the history of the first immigrants to come to America: the settlement patterns, the environmental, social and political conditions, and the years of struggle and endurance.

The authors describe specific examples of Issei in agriculture, Issei in cities, school segregation, the effects of such laws as the Oriental Exclusion Act, the Alien Land Laws and Executive Order 9066, and the daily encounters with hostility rooted in racism and economic motives.

The section goes on to discuss issues that are alive today, such as redress, anti-Asian violence and the rising immigrant population.

Each chapter begins with a re-

cap of the preceding events, which helps students to understand and develop some perspective of the situation.

The second section, which contains several biographies of early Japanese Americans, was particularly enjoyable. There are tales of pioneers such as Joseph Heco, the boy who left Japan in 1846 for the life of a sailor and became the first American citizen from Japan; and George Shima, the man who developed and reclaimed the swamps of the San Joaquin Delta into one of the richest farmlands in the world. There is the story of Daniel Inouye, a 17-year-old high school student in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was bombed, who served with valor in the armed forces during WW2 and is today a U.S. senator. All are very readable.

Each story depicts the extreme hardships that were encountered. The thread through each biography tells of the strength of each person and his/her family to endure and overcome in spite of obstacles, and that person's

important contributions to this country.

The last section has three wonderful short stories from contemporary authors Yoshiko Uchida, Toshio Mori and Valerie Pang. Each selection sensitively relates personal experiences from a young person's viewpoint.

With the growing number of Asians in the American population, there is an urgent need to expand awareness of Asian Americans. Too often people substitute inadequate textbook images and distorted media images for first-hand experiences. There must be a greater emphasis in the schools on educating students about Asian Americans.

The educational representation must show the diversity of Asian American peoples; the long history of contributions by Asians in building this country; and the inherent right to full citizenship of Asians and all ethnic groups in the American scene.

This book can be a valuable resource and supplement to textbooks and programs on American history. It provides a balance of historical facts, biographical sketches of positive role models, and relevant short stories.

# Credit Union to meet Feb. 15

SALT LAKE CITY—The National JACL Credit Union holds its 42nd annual meeting Feb. 15 at Salt Lake Sheraton, 255 South West Temple, with social hour at 6 p.m. and prime rib dinner at 7, followed by dancing.

Two three-year positions on the board of directors are to be filled. Those seeking nominations must be Credit Union members in good standing, at least 18 years of age, bondable, free of any conflicts of interest, and able to attend at least 75% of duly called board meetings.

Nominations must be submitted, not less than 48 hours prior

to the meeting, to election chair Skip Tabata, 4000 South 3250 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84117; (801) 278-9997.

Admission is \$12.50 for members, \$18.50 for non-members. Those who come without reservations will be charged an additional \$2.50. Reservations should be made by Feb. 12 by calling the Credit Union office at (801) 355-8040.

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# JACCC nearing fund drive goal

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American Cultural and Community Center's "Challenge Countdown" campaign, announced in October with a goal of \$2.3 million, is within 20% of reaching its goal, according to Tosh Terasawa, JACCC president and chair of the campaign.

"But the last 20% is always the hardest to raise," he added.

Terasawa said the fund drive to pay off the mortgage and establish an endowment fund got its impetus in late 1984, when the National Endowment for the Arts gave JACCC a challenge grant of \$250,000 to be matched 3 to 1 within three years.

The campaign received a big boost in November 1985 when the Getty Trust contributed a \$500,000 grant. With other donations, including \$50,000 each from Yaohan and George Aratani, board chair of Kenwood and Mikasa, JACCC will be able to trim some \$300,000 off expected interest payments and fund-raising costs.

Terasawa said that the Community Redevelopment Agency is expected to approve an agreement in which CRA will give the last \$350,000 to complete JACCC's mortgage payment in lieu of rental subsidies to non-profit community organization tenants

in JACCC who were displaced from other parts of Little Tokyo due to redevelopment activities.

In addition to about \$100,000 in pledge payments from previous drives, the center needs to raise \$450,000 more by the end of the year to be mortgage-free.

Contributions of \$10,000 or more will be recognized with a special plaque on the Friendship Wall of the patio overlooking the James Irvine Garden.

To date, donations of \$10,000 or more to date include \$15,000 from Nippondenso, \$11,147.50 from M/M Minoru Tonai, \$10,448 from Kazumasa and Takako Hayakawa and \$10,000 each from George Kambara, Jack and Satoko Sugihara, Tom Kamei, and U.S. Suzuki Motor Corp.

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## New and Distinguished Books in Asian American Studies

(By special arrangement with the Univ. of Washington Press, the Pacific Citizen offers books in Asian American Studies on a "direct shipment from UW Press" basis. Some of the books are in the PC Library for review but not available for sale here.)

S. Frank Miyamoto 1939: 200 pp (1984 reprint)  
**Social Solidarity** List: \$ 7.95 (soft)  
Among the Japanese in Seattle

A classic prewar (1936) study of a Japanese community within the larger context of the majority society and larger historical process within (impending Evacuation) which it was moving.

Mine Okubo 1946: 209 pp (1983 reprint)  
**Citizen 13660** List: \$ 8.95 (soft only)

The book has captured all the bumping and fumbling of the early evacuation days, all the paths and much of the humor that arose from the paradox of citizens interned. —MOT, Pacific Citizen.

Yoshiko Uchida 1985: 154pp  
**Desert Exile** List: \$ 8.95 (soft only)

The Uprooting of a Japanese American Family  
A personal account of the Berkeley family who lived through the sad years of World War II internment in the Utah desert.

John Okada 1980: 176pp  
**No-No Boy** List: \$6.95 (soft)

First published in 1957, it received little attention and its author died thirteen years later believing Asian Americans had rejected his works: a story of Ichiro Yamada who chose to go to federal prison rather than serve in the U.S. army during WW2. His struggles and conflicts upon his return to his family and to the realities of postwar America are revealed in this angry and intense novel.

C. Harvey Gardiner 1981: 248pp  
**Pawns in a Triangle of Hate** List: \$25.00

The Peruvian Japanese and the United States

The full account of a little-known chapter of WW2 history—the evacuation of nearly 1,800 Japanese from Peru to the U.S. Some were exchanged for U.S. prisoners of war in Japan, fewer than 100 returned to Peru. Gardiner (who testified on this phase before the Committee on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians) relates the policies of the U.S. and Peruvian governments that resulted in U.S. internment.

Takeo Ujo Nakano with Leatrice Nakano 1981: 136pp  
**Within the Barbed Wire Fence** List: \$15.00

A Japanese Man's Account of His Internment in Canada  
Even in this period of anxiety and sadness, Nakano, an accomplished poet, turned to writing poetry (tanka) for sustenance.

Monica Sone 1979: 256pp  
**Nisei Daughter** \$8.95 (soft)

With humor, charm and deep understanding, a Japanese American woman tells how it was to grow up on Seattle's waterfront in the 1930s, then be subjected to "relocation" during WW2. First published in 1952.

Bienvenido N. Santos 1979: 200pp  
**Scent of Apples: A Collection of Stories** List: \$7.95

Sixteen stories dealing with the lives of Filipinos in America—the barbers, cooks, munitions workers, clerks, students and aging Pinoys—comprise the first collection of his works to appear in the U.S.

Carlos Bulosan 1973: 352pp  
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First published in 1946 and out-of-print for many years, the Filipino poet reminisces of his boyhood, his coming to America, the years of hardship and bitterness here during the '30s.

Two Plays by Frank Chin 1981: 171pp  
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As a portrait of an Asian American's furious struggle for identity, 'The Year of the Dragon' is a searing statement, a powerful cry—The New York Times.

Louis Chu 1979: 250pp  
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A landmark in Chinese American literature when it was first published in 1961, it is the first novel to capture the tone and sensibility of everyday life in an American Chinatown.

James Morton 1980: 294pp  
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# Reactions to Ruling on NCJAR Suit

Following is a sampling of reactions from around the country to the Jan. 21 ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals that the lawsuit filed against the government by National Council for Japanese American Redress should be allowed to proceed (see Jan. 31 PC).

• Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii): "The decision of the Appeals Court is good news not only for those Japanese Americans it affects, but for our country as a whole. The majority ruling in this case affirms that justice delayed is justice denied... Implicit in this opinion is a recognition that the federal government erred..."

"It is important to realize, however, that this ruling does not affect reparations legislation currently pending in Congress, which is designed to accord official recognition of the injuries inflicted by unjustified and illegal government action and to offer compensation to all those interned, in-

cluding those who may have received as little as 10¢ on the dollar for lost property under the American-Japanese Evacuation Claims Act of 1948..." [The Appeals Court ruled that anyone who received compensation under the Act cannot be included in the class action suit.]

• David Dinkens, Manhattan Borough President: "An honest accounting is long overdue for the victims of President Roosevelt's 1942 Executive Order 9066... It saddens me that our government has to this day refused to acknowledge and right this wrong. The U.S. government must recognize its responsibility to... those Japanese Americans interned in WW2. Monetary compensation for the losses suffered are long overdue. In addition, a formal admission of wrongdoing must be given..."

• Anchorage Daily News (Jan. 22): "The wheels of justice move slowly. They have moved much too slowly for thousands of Japanese-Americans—including some Japanese-Alaskans... The court's ruling is the proper one, given what these citizens have suffered and lost. It's also a reminder that the federal government has not justly compensated the surviving 400 Aleuts—there were originally 800—who were removed from their homes during the Aleutian campaign and interned for the duration of the war..."

"Fiscal conservatism is all the rage in Washington this year. But surely Congress and the courts can find their way to indemnify these Americans... It's been four decades since the war ended; it's time enough to make restitution..."

• San Jose Mercury News

(Jan. 23): "Government cannot use the law to shield itself from the consequences of breaking the law. That's why it was right for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to rule in a 2-1 decision... that 19 Japanese-Americans, four of them from San Jose, may proceed with their damage suit..."

"It is doubtful that the 19 plaintiffs will collect anything near the amount they seek [an average of \$200,000 per individual interned], and there are good fiscal reasons to hope they won't. But that does not alter the essential fact: They are entitled to their day in court."

"Having had that, it would be tragic if in pressing their individual claims they inadvertently undercut congressional efforts to redress the wartime wrong... Reparations of this nature were

recommended... by the congressional Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians. We supported the commission's recommendations four years ago and continue to support them today."

• Spokane Chronicle (Jan. 23): "Judge J. Skelly Wright wrote: '...the Founders provided that the right to obtain just compensation for the taking of one's property should remain inviolate. In so doing, they also most certainly assumed that the leaders of this republic would act truthfully...'"

"Acting truthfully,' in this instance, clearly means providing the survivors compensation for the financial and psychological losses they suffered 40 years ago."

"This court ruling may provide added impetus to the legislation in Congress. Legislative handling would be quicker and far less cumbersome than lengthy lawsuits."

## A Garden of Friendship

by Shigeya Kihara

The Garden of Peace is a gift from the people of Japan to the people of America memorializing the mutual respect and friendship of two great military leaders, Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz and Fleet Adm. Heihachiro Togo.

Deep in the heart of Texas, in the small town of Fredericksburg, unknown to most Americans and Japanese, the beautiful garden was dedicated on May 8, 1976, in the hope of eternal peace, friendship and understanding between Japan and America.

Toward the end of 1905, Midshipman Nimitz, just graduated

from Annapolis, happened to be on the USS Ohio in Tokyo Bay and was sent to join in a celebration for Adm. Togo, home from victory over the Russian Baltic Fleet in the Battle of the Japan Sea, one of the greatest sea battles in history.

Togo, who had studied modern naval tactics in England and spoke English, sat down and talked to Nimitz for 10 minutes. It was the start of a lifetime of mutual respect and friendship between the two sailors.

As captain of the USS Augusta, flagship of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, Nimitz and his men marched in the state funeral for Togo in Tokyo in 1934.

When Nimitz sailed into Tokyo Bay on his flagship, the USS Missouri, in September 1945, he visited Togo's flagship, the Mikasa, and was appalled to see that it was being vandalized for souvenirs, which he stopped immediately.

He wrote an article for Bungei Shunju, appealing to the people of Japan to save and restore the ship, and made a personal donation to start a fund drive. Nimitz also started a movement to restore the Togo Shrine in Harajuku, which had been damaged and was in disrepair after the long war.

On May 27, 1961, the 56th anniversary of the Battle of the Japan Sea, Nimitz represented the U.S. Navy in a ceremony celebrating the restoration of the Mikasa.

A number of years later, in appreciation of Nimitz's actions, a committee was formed in Japan, plans were formulated, funds were raised, and a team of carpenters and landscape gardeners came to Adm. Nimitz State Historical Park in Fredericksburg in 1976 and created the Garden of Peace adjoining the Museum of the Pacific War in the old Nimitz Steamboat Hotel, opened by Nimitz's grandfather in the 1860s, where Nimitz had played in his childhood.

Takekora Saita, the garden's designer, said, "The hopes of the Japanese and Americans who worked together are expressed in this beautiful garden—to transform the spiritual attachment between admirals Nimitz and Togo into a friendly relationship between the people of America and Japan, a living memorial to this friendship and respect."

Mrs. Lyndon Johnson wrote, "My sincere thanks to my neighbors in the Hill Country, to all Texans and to the citizens of Japan for bringing this charming garden to us. I have watched this project grow. It is a serene, green spot that speaks eloquently of Japan. One feels that one knows the country of Japan better after seeing it. Thank you for giving us this lovely link of friendship and this reminder of your beautiful country transplanted to the Hill Country of Texas."

Another dimension was added

## Aging workshop planned

LOS ANGELES—The National JACL Convention's workshop on Nisei aging/retirement in Chicago this summer was a major topic at a special JACL meeting held at the Japanese American Cultural

to the Garden of Peace story on Sept. 2, 1985, the 40th anniversary of the end of the war, when the Yankee Samurai exhibit, telling the story of the Military Intelligence Service and its contributions to American victory, was opened at the museum.

The "Yankee Samurai," loyal to the country of their birth, served America, hoping that their skills in language and intelligence would bring an end to war even a day sooner. They then went on to help in the reconstruction of Japan and restore peace in the Pacific, the ocean of peace.

Now, at the museum, the extraordinary story of second generation Japanese American soldiers is enfolded within the extraordinary story of a third generation German American warrior, Adm. Nimitz—which is what America is all about.

& Community Center on Jan. 18.

With most Nisei about to reach age 65, general awareness on how to prepare for retirement is expected to be the thrust at the workshop, according to Dr. Ford Kuramoto of Los Angeles and Patrick Okura of Washington, D.C., co-chairs of the committee.

Besides the workshop at the convention, there will be an exhibit booth and a field trip on aging/retirement programs.

Expansion of the discussion guide to "A Tale of Nisei Retirement," JACL's videotape on the subject, is also projected.

## LIBRARY

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are a reference service that assists those doing research on JAs; an information and referral service that responds to inquiries about JAs and Japan; and publication of the "Abstract/Index," which lists news articles from all Nikkei newspapers in North America.

Additional programs planned for this year include a bulletin summarizing news affecting JAs; a fact sheet series providing basic information on JA-related topics; and a scholar-in-residence program which will sponsor a scholar to conduct research.

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**Masao Isobe**, 66, of Honolulu died Dec. 10 at St. Francis Hospital. Born in San Francisco, he attended UC Berkeley and served with the YMCA for 40 years. He was former chief executive officer of Honolulu YMCA, where a memorial fund is being established in his name. Services were held Dec. 14 at Harris United Methodist Church. He is survived by w Lily, s Terence, d Sheryl, sis Yoshie Okabayashi and Yuki Iwaihara, and 1 grand-daughter.

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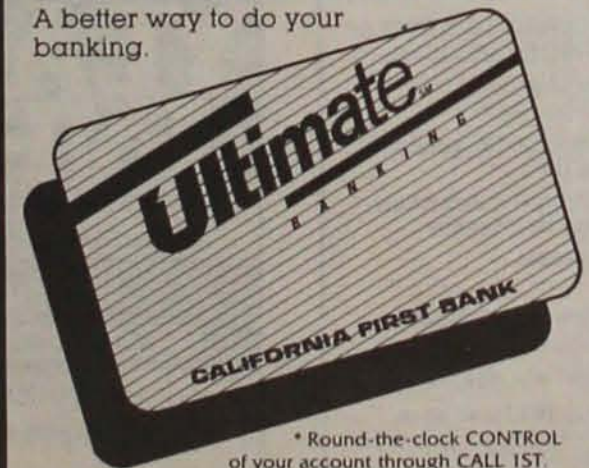
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# ONIZUKA

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Americans of Japanese ancestry: the excitement and disbelief of reaching a goal our parents never thought attainable."

A moment of silence was observed Jan. 31 at University of Colorado, where Onizuka earned bachelor and master's degrees in aerospace engineering in 1969 and where he and his wife met.

In Onizuka's native Hawaii, a tape of a speech he gave in the state Senate chambers in April 1985 was played there the day of the fatal accident. A singer sang two of Onizuka's favorite songs—"E Kolu Meanui" and "Kona Kai O'pua"—before the Senate adjourned. Speaker Henry Peters called for a moment of silence in the state House to "pay our tribute, honor, respect and aloha."

"Ellison inspired us with his courage," said Gov. George Ariyoshi. "He lifted our spirits and made all of us in Hawaii very proud."

Sen. Daniel Inouye said he knew Onizuka "as an individual who faced the challenges and danger of the space program in dedicated service to our nation."

"We were very fortunate Ellison was able to come home last year," said Big Island Mayor Dante Carpenter, "and that he had the opportunity to speak to our Big Island children... I am sure they will remember him forever."

State Sen. Milton Holt, chair of the Higher Education Committee, asked the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to rename the Big Island's Mauna Kea Observatory after Onizuka.

At the Onizuka family store in Keolu, closed since the astro-

naut's 72-year-old mother left for Florida to see the lift-off, a bow of black crepe was tied to the doorknob and an ikebana arrangement placed on the porch. Onizuka's parents, both children of immigrant sugar workers from Fukuoka, opened the store 53 years ago. Onizuka's father Masamitsu died in 1968.

Among Island schools, Honokohau Elementary School and Konawaena High School, which Onizuka attended, were particularly hard hit by the tragedy.

Onizuka's dream of becoming an astronaut, which he said began at age 13, would not be realized until 1978, when he was accepted by NASA as a candidate for the space shuttle program.

Prior to entering the space program, he served in the Air Force as a test flight engineer, pilot and instructor. He was a major on his first shuttle mission and had been promoted to lieutenant colonel before his last.

Onizuka had been hoping to view Halley's comet this time around. "They tell me I'll have one of the best views around," he said. He also aspired to be on future missions. "I enjoy what I'm doing right now and hope to continue as long as I can contribute to the program."

Commenting on the dangerous aspects of space flight several weeks before the launch, he said:

"You launch, not knowing exactly what is going to happen. And that is the challenge you have to take. Without doing that, one would never be able to accomplish the work you set out to do... You can always plan for what you expect to see, but the unknown is always there."

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chapters (Houston being guilty of this in the past). For non-journalists, though, it is extremely difficult to generate articles on a regular basis, similar to a student responding to the task of writing a term paper. Perhaps if you can pinpoint individuals to specifically report news, it might assist you in this endeavor.

—My personal feeling about the articles in the PC: actually, I like the non-JACL, non-Nikkei news articles better than some of the JACL-related ones, i.e. about Chinese Americans and other Asian Americans.

Here in Houston, the Asian Americans are a lot more interested in the group as a whole, and seek news of all Asian ethnic communities. There are so many news items that never get printed or reported in our two major newspapers (Houston Chronicle and Houston Post) that Asian Americans feel they are simply ignored, or that censorship of some sort is practiced. We make headlines in terms of "Asian Crime Wave" or "Asian Businesses Threaten Local Establishments."

—Contrary to someone's opinion, I welcome abstracts or reprints from other newspapers if the article/news/story is important.

—About one-fourth of the comments from the board members appear to have been written because of ignorance and belong to the "garbage" category. I agree with what Bob Shimabukuro said in "The Editor Replies" (Jan. 17 PC).

—It is true that some of the Houston PC readers say that news articles affecting Nikkei in

Houston are lacking, and they only skim through the paper. If I ask them how to "pep up" the PC, they will usually say to "have more Nikkei news," but such individuals have no idea of what specifically they mean—although I notice a mentality of the National Enquirer type of sensationalism-seeking attitude.

—Can you recruit JA college students to write articles or report news? Can you recruit non-Nikkei people to contribute, to get a different perspective? We have a big country, and there must be several good writers/reporters out there.

Keep up the good work. I'll toss in my trivial comments from time to time.

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## Grow Up

Editor Bob Shimabukuro's Jan. 24 column is appalling in its simplicity. Receiving criticism is part of any publication. Lashing back at each with anger is child-like, and when he twists his rationalization into a generational issue (Nisei-Sansei), his immaturity becomes all too painfully evident.

J. NAKAMURA  
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## Encouraging Awareness

I am a recent subscriber to the Pacific Citizen, though I have in past years been a regular follower of your newspaper's information. I wish to commend you for your apparent expansion of direction, both in news coverage and editorial page commentary.

The Pacific Citizen is becoming a publication which truly reflects the wide and critical concerns of the community—and

hopefully the JACL—about issues that are relevant to all Asian Americans, especially those issues which we often mistakenly believe are inappropriate for open public discussion.

As a community, we have been negatively stereotyped by some as a people who are quiet, passive and often prefer to avoid difficult situations and decisions rather than confront them. We continue to challenge and break that stereotype.

By touching upon such issues as interracial marriage, the impact of trade imbalance upon our and other Asian American communities (such as the tragedy of Vincent Chin), issues of intergenerational relationships, the political, emotional and psychological ramifications of the camp experience and the fight for redress, and other "gut level" subjects, the Pacific Citizen is embracing relevant issues as they arise.

You provide news and opinion, not just announcements and verbatim press releases. As such, it encourages consciousness within the community, helps challenge the barriers of our own internal bigotry, and allows us the choice to embrace issues that are relevant to us all.

I would like to especially commend Bob Shimabukuro, whose thought-provoking columns probe into areas that are central and interesting, who seems willing to risk taking a stand, and whose apparent commitment is to help shape a better informed and more compassionate Japanese American community. Thank you for your continued efforts.

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