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NEW BOARD—New board members and officers for the PSWDC were elected Nov. 21 in Las Vegas. (front row, l-r) George Ogawa; Sharon Kumagai, secretary; Bill Kaneko, vice governor; J.D. Hokoyama, governor; Phyllis Murakawa. (back row, l-r) B.J. Watanabe, Miyo Senzaki, Mabel Yoshizaki, Linda Hara.

Intermountain JACL Supports Minidoka Project

By Harry K. Honda

JACKPOT, Nev.—In 1981, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation had dropped plans for lack of funds to follow-up on the designation of Minidoka Relocation Center to the National Register of Historic Places made in 1979. Now, the Idaho JACL chapters with blessings of the Intermountain District Council have responded to the Bureau's efforts to develop the site as an Idaho Centennial project.

JACL support was approved at the Intermountain District Council convention Nov. 21 here at Cactus Pete's Convention Center. Hero Shiosaki of Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL presented the background.

The 950-acre center, situated about 10 miles northeast of Twin Falls, Idaho, ranked as the state's eighth largest community in 1942-45 when some 10,000 evacuees from the Pacific Northwest were detained without trial by the U.S. government.

Today, lava-rock walls of the guardhouse and the waiting room for visitors, both roofless, stand beside the county road leading to Eden from US-93 north of Twin Falls. From this

spot, visitors can look northward and view what was the entire camp residence area and southward upon the wide irrigation canal.

Text of Sign

Beside the waiting room is a sign describing the center as "one of the ten concentration camps established in World War II to incarcerate the 110,000 Americans of Japanese descent... victims of wartime hysteria (who) lived a bleak, humiliating life in tarpaper barracks behind barbed wire and under armed guard. May these camps serve to remind us what can happen when other factors supersede the constitutional rights guaranteed to all citizens and aliens living in this country."

Bureau blueprints and artist's rendering of 1981 plans were displayed at the meeting showing an overlook and monument to be constructed adjacent to the remaining guardhouse and waiting room. Interpretive signs will be placed in key locations. It will also be handicapped accessible from the original visitors' parking lot. Estimated cost for the development has been

set at \$15,000.

Shiosaki pointed out the IDC action came "in the nick of time" as requests for Idaho Centennial consideration in proposal form are due by the first of the new year. The Idaho chapters have started a special fund-raising campaign with Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL, the nearest chapter to the campsite, assuming the charge, while the Bureau will be responsible for research, design and erecting the interpretive sign.

It was pointed out that "Take Pride in America," a federal program boosting U.S. national treasures, historical, cultural and natural, offers a starting point for volunteer efforts, such as JACL for money or in-kind labor towards the project. Job Corps and Idaho Centennial Project were also mentioned as possible funding resources.

1000 Club Celebration

Close to 150 JACLers, including some from three West Coast districts, came to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the 1000 Club at the Saturday banquet.

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PSW Elects Hokoyama Governor

By George Johnston

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Command of one of JACL's strongest bodies, the Pacific Southwest District Council, went to J.D. Hokoyama, when he was elected district governor at the PSWDC meeting held Nov. 21; also vying for the position was Sandy Kawasaki, who was absent because of a ruptured appendix.

The vice-governor spot went to Bill Kaneko, secretary to Sharon Kumagai and treasurer to Amy Tanbara, all of whom ran unopposed. Elected to the Board of Directors were Linda Hara, Phyllis Murakawa, George Ogawa, Miyo Senzaki, B.J. Watanabe and Mabel Yoshizaki. Unsuccessful in their bids for board spots were George Kanegai, Meriko Mori, Mabel Takemoto and Luis Yamakawa. Mori narrowly missed becoming a board member when there was an unforeseen four-way tie among Mori, Ogawa, Murakawa and Senzaki.

Financial Matters

A request for \$2,500 in "seed money" from the Japanese American Library in San Francisco was amended to \$500, with approval at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. Concern was raised about a possibility of "duplication of efforts" because of a lack of better coordination among the Japanese American National Museum (JANM), the National Japanese American Historical Society and the Japanese American Library. Citing a precedent of \$500 given to the JANM by the

action concerning the nomination of Judge Bork was deferred.

• The possibility of a \$2 JACL membership increase was announced.



Ken Inouye
Past PSWDC Governor

• Doug Urata updated the health insurance situation; because it was a "bad year," the Blue Shield trust went up, causing a first-time split between Northern California and Southern California since the southern rates are higher than the northern rates. It will probably be this way from now on. He also emphasized that the district is no longer responsible for so-called "chapter sponsored health insurance plans." Years ago it was started as a district sponsored plan with the now bankrupt California Life. Many still erroneously believe that plans like the San Fernando Valley Chapter's, which picked up the California plan, is still district sponsored. Work is being done to rectify the situation.

• Urata also spoke about the Ethnic Concerns Committee, telling those present about a situation currently being investigated that occurred after Los Angeles' KABC-TV ran a pro-redress editorial. Soon after, a retired admiral, Robert Garrick, taped a rebuttal which KABC apparently deemed airworthy, running it three days in a row. The rebuttal allegedly used incorrect material regarding WW2 fifth column activity by Japanese Americans, ending with Garrick apparently saying, "Remember Pearl Harbor." Urata stressed the importance of JACL support for monitoring this and other examples of anti-Nikkei/anti-Asian American defamation.

• PSWDC Regional Director John Saito told the audience that the Asian American Journalists Association Executive Director Karen Seriguchi, in cooperation with the JACL, is making a media guideline for newsrooms addressing slurs and proper language concerning Asian American minorities.

• Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), who was a major player in the Sept. 17, 1987 passage of H.R. 442, may have a reception sometime in 1988 through the auspices of JACL-LEC.



Trisha Murakawa

PSWDC, the requested amount was reduced.

A motion for \$1,000 for a plan by Terry Tokeda to increase Asian American voter registration was approved; a request by new PSWDC Youth Representative Jimmy Tokeshi and Trisha Murakawa for \$500 to help fund a one-day conference, tentatively planned for April 9, 1988, to establish ties between college students (target age 18-25) and the JACL, was also approved.

Vernon Yoshioka of San Diego presented a resolution that the PSWDC loan the San Diego Chapter \$6,000 for the purpose of organizing the 1990 JACL National Convention, to be held in San Diego. This was also passed.

Other Business

• The long awaited PSWDC Women's Concerns Committee Directory was distributed two to a chapter by Linda Hara. The booklet contains contact information on PSWDC JACL women leaders, listed by chapter affiliation.

• Ken Inouye, outgoing PSWDC governor, recounted the dilemma that was encountered by the National Board at the Oct. 1 meeting when

LEC Update

S.1009 and the White House

By Grayce Uyehara

Washington, D.C.

With adjournment of the first session of the 100th Congress fast approaching for some time in December and presently scheduled for Dec. 16, I can sense the anxiety and impatience of the many individuals who have spent the past several years lobbying the congressional delegation to vote for the redress bills. The numerous phone calls to the JACL-LEC office asking for the date of the vote on S. 1009 reflects this.

Sen. Spark Matsunaga, prime sponsor of S. 1009, in his meeting of Oct. 28 with the JACL-LEC strategy team in Washington, stated that he has every intention of getting S. 1009 to the floor of the Senate for a vote before the end of the first session. He has not veered from this plan and is working with the Senate

leadership to work out the logistics of procedure and time. The staff in the Washington JACL Office is just as anxious as each day passes.

The House has already recessed for the Thanksgiving district work period and the Senate will also be recessing after today. Congress will not convene until Dec. 1.

Senate Action

The rules of procedure in the Senate are different from the House, which has a rules committee. Sen. Matsunaga's plan is to ask for unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of S. 1009. This procedure permits the Senate to pass the bill with limited debate. A simple majority vote is necessary to carry an amendment as well as to pass a bill.

Not only does a unanimous consent order often limit the amount of

debate but it can also list the amendments that will be considered.

The other procedure is for a motion to consider the bill on the calendar. The call on the calendar motion is generally used when unanimous consent cannot be obtained.

If senators opposed to the passage of S. 1009 want to prevent or defeat action, they can resort to "filibustering." To overcome such action, this debate can be closed if 16 senators sign a motion for that purpose and the motion is passed with the assent of three-fifths of the total membership of the Senate. The number is 60 senators. Since S. 1009 has 75 co-sponsors, it should be possible to invoke cloture if the bill takes this particular path.

Sen. Matsunaga is working out the procedural matters with the Senate

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ARATANI DAY—Los Angeles Supervisor Kenneth Hahn cracks up George Aratani after officially declaring Nov. 17 as "George Aratani Day." Aratani was recognized for his involvement in the Nikkei community. Pictured to the left is Fred Wada, chairman of the board for the Japanese Retirement Home.

Seki Named New Consul General of L.A.

LOS ANGELES — Hiromoto Seki has been named the new consul general of the Los Angeles office, it was announced Nov. 17. He replaces Taizo Watanabe, who is being transferred to Washington, D.C.

Seki, 51, is a graduate of Tokyo University School of Law. He entered foreign service in 1958 when he passed the examination which made him eligible to serve in his department.

His first assignment was in the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs' economic affairs bureau. In August of 1959 he was assigned to the Japanese Embassy in Washington, D.C. Later, he was with the New York office of the consulate general.

In May of 1970, Seki was assigned to the Japanese Embassy in Thailand. In addition, prior to his Los Angeles assignment, he was director general for the International Affairs, Defense Agency.

Matsui Opposes Census Plan

WASHINGTON — Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.) announced Nov. 23 that he may introduce legislation forcing the U.S. Census Bureau to provide a breakdown of Asians by separate ethnic designations when the bureau conducts its 1990 Census. "If the Census Bureau does not provide this information on its own, I am prepared to seek a legislative remedy," Matsui said. "This information is just too important for the welfare of the Asian American community."

For its 1990 decennial census, the bureau plans to change the way Asian Americans are questioned about their ethnic backgrounds. Instead of checking off one of nine ethnic backgrounds such as Chinese and Japanese, Asian respondents will write in their ethnic background. Census officials say that tests show that the write-in system is more effective than the check-off procedure.

Census officials add, however, that it will only tabulate this information from the questionnaire that it sends to one in six households and not the one that goes to every household. And, Matsui noted, the questionnaire that goes to one in six households may go to even fewer households in the future under a proposed plan by the Office of Man-

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"What this means is that we could well be left with wholly incomplete and insufficient data on Asian Americans in this country," Matsui said.

He acknowledged that the questionnaire being sent to every household will have a check-off system to determine if someone is white, Hispanic or Asian so that the total number of these larger groups is known. But, he added, that information is not enough. Social service agencies, private foundations, and Asian American groups need the breakdown of Asians by ethnic background and the Census Bureau is the only institution that can provide that data, Matsui said.

"I am not so concerned whether Census collects that information through a check-off or a write-in system as long as the complete information is obtained, tabulated, published, and released," said Matsui. "Clearly, this information must be

gathered from the questionnaire that goes to every household."

Matsui said the Census must also obtain and release data on Asian Americans in a more timely manner than it has done in the past. He noted that data on Asian Americans from the 1980 Census has still not been released to the general public. "The information we seek will not do anyone any good if Census takes seven years to release it," he said. "That is just not acceptable."

Matsui said Census officials are reviewing their decision not to code information on Asian Americans in the questionnaire that goes to every household, and that they will have a decision by Dec. 15. "If it is not forthcoming, the bureau should know that I will pursue this issue in Congress."

The congressman said that agencies or individuals who rely on ethnic specific data should contact the Census Bureau and register their objection to the plan.

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Peace Institute Off to a Strong Start

WASHINGTON — Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), chairing a joint oversight hearing of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources and the Committee on Foreign Relations, on Nov. 10 heard witnesses from the private sector and officials of the U.S. Institute of Peace testify that the institute is off to a "strong start" after 20 months of operations.

John Norton Moore, chairman of the board of the institute, began his testimony by complimenting Matsunaga on his efforts on behalf of the institute, saying "I don't know of anyone in this country, Mr. Chairman, who worked harder than yourself to bring this institute into being and make it prosper."

Matsunaga had introduced legislation to establish a National Peace Academy in 1963, during his first year in Congress. "I reintroduced the measure in six succeeding Congresses as a member of the House," said the senator. "I was unable even

to secure committee hearings on the bill."

Upon being elected to the U.S. Senate, Matsunaga reintroduced his bill and in response to his 22-year effort, the U.S. Institute of Peace was approved by Congress and the president in 1984.

The institute actually began its operations in February 1986 when its board of directors was sworn into office and was reauthorized for a two-year period in 1986 without oversight hearings. The 1984 Act required the oversight hearing take place before both the Foreign Relations and Labor and Human Resources Committees.

"I appear before you today to bring a message of strong progress," Moore said. "And it is a particular honor to be privileged to share that message in person with one of the fathers of the Institute of Peace."

Moore also introduced the second president of the institute, Amba-

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MUCH OBLIGED, TEX—Speaker of the House Jim Wright of Texas was honored for his role in aiding redress efforts. (l-r) Miya Iwataki, Speaker of the House Wright, Carson City Councilman Michael Mitoma and Congressman Mervyn Dymally.

Wright Awarded for Redress Efforts

By Martie Quan

BEVERLY HILLS—In a gala affair set in the posh, dining establishment of Jimmy's Restaurant in Beverly Hills, approximately 200 Asian Pacific Americans and the Friends of Congressman Mervyn Dymally gathered at a \$200-per-plate luncheon to honor the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Jim Wright.

Last year, as majority leader, Wright was the primary sponsor of H.R. 442, the Japanese American redress bill.

"He (Wright) sat down with the folks in Gardena and said to them, 'What's on your mind?'" Dymally said. "They said to him, 'We want a redress and reparations bill.' And so he outlined the problems and difficulties he faced and assured them...that if he became speaker...a bill would get out."

Dymally introduced Wright by calling him a "politician that keeps his promises" and someone "very sensitive to the issue" of redress and reparations. He also termed the luncheon an expression of gratitude for Wright's "commitment to our cause."

Wright greeted the enthusiastic applause by saying he was impressed with the flattery and that he hoped he could be a politician who kept all his promises.

Wright said another cause for celebration was the Constitution's 200th anniversary, being saluted this year. "As Justice Marshall said earlier this year, the people who wrote the Constitution were imperfect."

However, Wright said over these past 200 years, the Constitution has been "expanding and adding freedoms" to it.

"We are imperfect and we make

mistakes," he continued. "But as long as we keep on plodding ahead in this direction...namely toward freedom," everything will move swiftly in this country.

As an example Wright reminisced to when he was flying B-24s in the Fifth Air Force during WW2 in the South Pacific. He said he came back in 1944 and read a newspaper that said the U.S. Supreme Court had ruled that it was admissible and all right in this country to deny the rights and freedoms to people just because of their Japanese ancestry.

It also said, he continued, that it was all right to take people, American citizens, without any other claim against them than the fact they have ancestry in Japan, and have them incarcerated and jailed.

"And I said to myself, that's wrong," he stated. "I was only 21-years-old and I knew that was wrong. And I also knew that is fundamentally alien to the philosophy of this country."

"It didn't make any difference to me that I had just come from the South Pacific, where I had been engaging in powers of warfare against people who were Japanese. The important thing was that these people we were talking about were not Japanese. They were American citizens and that's all that was supposed to count," Wright said.

But, Wright continued, "This country is still growing. We're not through and we're still expanding

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sador Samuel W. Lewis, who assumed office earlier this month. Other witnesses included Keith Geiger, vice president of the National Education Association; Joseph V. Montville of the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service Institute; John A. Baker, Director of Education of the Atlantic Council of the U.S.; Gene Sharp, president of the Albert Einstein Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and J. David Eberly, program coordinator of the World Peace Academy, Church of the Brethren.

Moore said the institute has approved more than fifty grants, totaling nearly \$1.5 million, to official public or nonprofit institutions. The Grants Program was announced in July of 1986 and received applications requesting nearly \$25 million in assistance.

"Television is obviously an expensive medium, but it is also one of the most effective means of reaching a large audience and fulfilling part of our public education role," said Moore.

He also said that the institute chose to maintain a "low-key approach" during its start-up period to facilitate building a strong administrative infrastructure.

"That mission has been accomplished, and we are now determined to bring our success story to the people of this country and the world, and to expand our contacts to include more organizations and individuals in the work of the institute," Moore stated.

Meanwhile, Moore said the institute's "very highest short-term priority" is obtaining adequate funding from Congress. Matsunaga said the Senate included \$5 million for the institute in appropriations for educational programs, and although the House had eliminated funds for the institute in its appropriations measure, he was confident the Senate position would prevail in conference negotiations.

The Jennings Randolph Program for International Peace was created in February of this year, with the appointment of eight Jennings Randolph Distinguished Fellows from the U.S. and abroad, Moore said. The program opens competition for other fellowships later this month.

Also under way are a national

Inouye to Receive AAPAA Award

LOS ANGELES—United States Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) will be the recipient of the Association of Asian and Pacific American Artists (AAPAA) Lifetime Achievement Award, announced Ernest Harada, president of AAPAA. The award will be presented at the annual AAPAA Media Awards Dinner to be held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on March 21, 1988.

Said Harada: "Sen. Inouye is today one of the most visible Asian/Pacific Americans in the media. Our organization is recognizing his remarkable accomplishments and his impact as a positive role model not only for members of our community, but for all Americans."

Annual awards, nicknamed the "Jimmie" after the late Academy Award-winning cinematographer James Wong Howe, are given annually to entertainment production companies who depict Asian/Pacific in a balanced and responsible light in their projects, and those who expand job opportunities for Asian artists behind and in front of the cameras.

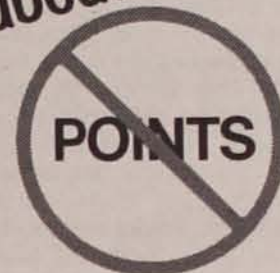


Daniel Inouye

John P. Singleton, vice chairman of Security Pacific Corporation and chief executive officer of Security Automation Company, has been named dinner chair for the event.

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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN:

Weekend Full of District Conventions

WHAT a hectic JACL weekend it was (Nov. 20-22) as three district councils —Intermountain, Central California and Pacific Southwest—gathered in convention at Jackpot (Nev.), Fresno, and Las Vegas, respectively. Fortunately, the P.C. was able to cover each with a staff writer: George Johnston at PSW's, Laurie Mochidome at CCDC's, and Harry Honda at IDC's 40th anniversary of the 1000 Club.

Some of the impressions and observations, outside of the straight side of the news, are being carried here to acknowledge another "first" for the Pacific Citizen—we being at three different affairs on the same weekend.

The 1000 Club 40th Anniversary Whing Ding

If folks expected a replay of the 1000 Club whing ding, a la Inagaki, at the IDC Convention banquet at Cactus Pete's Convention Center, they didn't throw tomatoes or pennies in protest. Emcee Joe Saito of Snake River Valley JACL (one of the original 12 who started the 1000 Club rolling at Idaho Falls in 1947) allowed times have changed and fines would not be assessed, though the challenge before 1000 Clubbers to finance Headquarters operations has not. Another of the original 12, Ken Uchida of Wasatch Front North, once known as Ogden JACL, with aid of George Sugihara behind the scenes and Maxine Kato, starred in a comic *udon* routine. Salt Lake 1000 Club life member Joe Owada, geared with a ten-gallon Stetson and guitar, twiddled three songs and was told to standby to sing some more. Mt. Olympus stalwart Yukus Inouye called for Saito's blue tie to be snapped—as bowties for men and garters for the ladies (they are worn on the arm) are whing ding "musts"—but there was no scissor on hand. The emcee looked worried for a quick moment. Such were lighter sides of the 40th Anniversary evening. On the serious side, Mas Hironaka of San Diego JACL, ballyhooing the Life Member Trust Fund, was in smiles, lofting two \$500 checks from two new members.

But this should not kiss off whing dings altogether as the next national convention, set for Aug. 6-10 on the Univ. of Washington campus. Hi-jinks bubble more naturally in a campus setting.

38th Annual Central California DC Convention

A warm, homey feeling prevailed at the 38th annual convention of the Central California District Council (CCDC), held at the Fresno Hilton Hotel.

The chapters that make up CCDC find their members in the sprawling farmlands of Central California, in little towns where neighbors may live ten miles apart. This may account for the community spirit of most of CCDC's convention goers since an understanding of seasonal concerns breeds kinship among farming families. CCDC members come from the chapters of Clovis, Delano, Fowler, Fresno, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, Selma and Tulare County. And they're some of the nicest, friendliest people one is apt to meet in the JACL.

Two other distinguishing features of CCDC conventions are its mass installation of all chapter presidents and the issues chosen for discussion over the weekend.

"If you look at it from an institutional point of view," said National Director Ron Wakabayashi, "with all due respect to the Thousand Club anniversary and PSW, I'd pick Central California (to attend)... They're very good at identifying the issues. If you look over the agenda, they have identified the principle story for that year."

What Wakabayashi, a faithful attendant of CCDC's convention each year, was referring to, of course, was the choice of Dr. Thomas Crouch as keynote speaker for Saturday night's banquet. Crouch is chief curator of the Smithsonian exhibit, "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution."

The convention, which was themed after the exhibit, ended with over 250 JACLers and friends attending its banquet. Celebratory spirits were so strong that night, not even the infamous Fresno fog could dampen them.

No Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas

Hunter S. Thompson may have encountered "fear and loathing in Las Vegas," but I sure didn't. On my first trip to the gambler's mecca, I met mostly very nice people. *Kechinbo* that I am, I spent a measly five bucks for some nickels and quarters to waste on the slot machines... Mr. Big-time Gambler.

I'd like to thank past PSWDC Governor Ken Inouye for introducing me to people at the meeting; it can be annoying at a gathering of people when no one introduces you. But Ken went out of his way to do that, which was very conscientious. I just hope I can remember the names.

The contingent of folks from Phoenix were also friendly. When they went to the dinner served by the Las Vegas JACL, they arrived in force, wearing their "colors," matching blue hapi coats. Pretty slick.

Speaking of the dinner, my compliments to the Las Vegas JACL's hospitality. They put together a good menu of Japanese food. The service was very prompt; I think they said they were able to serve about 80 people in 22 minutes. We ate at Las Vegas JACL President Wayne Tanaka's junior high school. He is also the school's principal. Someday he'll have to teach a course on how to run a successful public school; give him a call if you want a teaching job in Las Vegas. Those there didn't need to see a comedy show, since George Goto entertained with his fish tales. Overall, it was an enjoyable time.

Letters to the Editor

The Worst Lies

Lincoln stated that a "half truth is the worst kind of lie."

In his anti-redress editorial of Oct. 17, the *Omaha World-Herald* editorial writer stated that "the emperor had declared that Americans of Japanese descent remained Japanese citizens." That is not true; Emperor Hirohito, who is still living, made no such declaration. So that sentence in the editorial is groundless, and whatever influence it has upon any readers or analysts should be ruled out.

I liked Attorney Raymond Takashi Swenson's spirited rebuttal which the *World Herald* printed and P.C. reprinted. Many distorted perceptions and assumptions regarding Americans of Japanese descent persist in the mainstream mentality, because some uninformed citizens or the elderly incurable want to remain "down on all Japs."

Another editorial argued against redress, saying of the relocatees, "Some were citizens and some were aliens..." *Most were citizens and some were aliens. It is a half-truth to neglect mentioning, as did that editorial, that they were permanent resident aliens and, like one of my cousins who died in camp from inadequate medical attention, were aliens only because of the Oriental Exclusion Act.*

Forget anti-redress newspaper writers, and remember Justice Owen Roberts' words of significance to readers of history, that E.O. 9066 treated Japanese as an *enemy race*. That attitude, I believe, had the blessings of its promulgator, the old man himself, F.D.R.

T.J. KAWAKAMI
Los Angeles

Tenure Case Probably Stems from Politics

I am a doctoral candidate in Comparative International Education at UCLA and am very distressed that the faculty of the UCLA Graduate School of Education is not willing to grant tenure to Dr. Don Nakanishi.

Dr. Nakanishi is one of the finest professors I have ever come in contact with. He is truly an inspiration to all of us who strive through education to achieve a more pluralistic

and equitable society for all.

It is highly probable that ethnicity and politics are involved in Dr. Nakanishi's failure to receive tenure. I would like to urge the JACL to investigate exactly what is happening in more detail and perhaps give it community exposure. I find it extremely difficult to understand how a person of Dr. Nakanishi's caliber, experience and involvement could not be granted tenure. It seems that in a city with an ever increasing Asian population and at a university where 20% of the freshman class is Asian American, there should be at least one Asian American on the faculty of the School of Education.

MARY NISHITA
Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Luncheon a Good Move

One of the "official" events of the JACL Board meeting in Washington, D.C. in early October was a luncheon with Japanese Ambassador Matsunaga at the Embassy. We were heartened to see the board feel comfortable and secure enough to have lunch at the Japanese Embassy when one remembers that only two years ago there was much controversy over, and the board eventually voted to place a moratorium on, JACL's association with the Sansei visits to Japan.

As 1985 participants in that program, we remember vividly the arguments that JACL should not associate closely with the Japanese government because such perceived association would jeopardize the redress efforts. It is ironic that this luncheon occurred during the middle of the passage of the redress bills by both chambers of Congress in the face of a possible presidential veto.

It is encouraging that the board has taken a more mature and less parochial view of JACL's role in the dynamic field of U.S.-Japan relations and our own civil rights causes. We hope that this official action is indicative of the more progressive, worldly and open attitudes of the JACL Board members.

MIKE HONDA
San Jose, Calif.

KRIS H. IKEJIRI
Washington, D.C.

MIKE MITOMA
Carson, Calif.

BETH RENGE
San Francisco, Calif.

In Search Of...

I am writing at the suggestion of Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga, Arlington, Va. I am a scholar researching American Broadway entertainer George M. Cohan (1878-1942). I am trying to locate Cohan's valet, Michio "Mike" Hirano, whom I do not know to be living or dead. I hope you can help me.

I have very little information on Michio Hirano. According to a 1941 telegram in which Cohan protested the treatment of Japanese Americans to Attorney General Francis Biddle, Hirano, came to the United States around 1923 and began working for George M. Cohan in 1926. Michio Hirano became a well-loved figure in the New York theatre community. His charming presence backstage in Mr. Cohan's dressing room allowed Hirano to meet many of the era's notables, and he was often mentioned in newspaper articles about Cohan.

Friends and family of Cohan recall that Michio Hirano was "arrested" around the time of the Pearl Harbor incident. One actor told me that Hirano had been a lieutenant commander in the Japanese naval reserve, and that he turned himself into the authorities following Pearl Harbor. Cohan was at the time dying of cancer, and was unable to help free Hirano. Somehow, however, Hirano was released, because he attended Cohan's funeral in New York City on Nov. 7, 1942.

After that, no one seems to know what happened to him. One actor told me that in the late 1960s, Hirano was running an antiques and novelties shop on 8th Avenue in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan.

I started looking for Hirano as a part of my study of Cohan, but in the course of my search I have developed an interest in Hirano himself, who seems to have led a fascinating life in his own right. I will appreciate any help you can give me in finding him or learning his fate.

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Overseas Brats Unite!

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George Johnston



The Nikkei are pretty diverse and getting more so every minute. Just some of the factions that I've noticed are the Northern California Nikkei and the Southern California Nikkei, the West Coast and everyone else, Hawaii and the mainland (Katonks and Buddha-heads?), Issei/Nisei/Sansei/War Bride/New Issei, pro-and anti-redress, vets and resisters, camp versus camp, *Naichi* and *Uchinanchu*, city/rural, part-Japanese (not just Japanese/non-Asian, but those of Japanese/Korean, Japanese/Chinese, etc. ancestry, too) and "full (not 'pure') Japanese. Despite all this, there is something that seems to put all these folks under the same umbrella; they're all Americans who have or had some sort of link to Japan.

I myself belong to a category that doesn't get a whole lot of exposure. Not only am I in the WASP/Nikkei slot, but I'm also in an even less pub-

licized category, the "overseas brat." Before you ask, an "overseas brat" is a sub-division of the "military brat" or a dependent son or daughter of a U.S. military person who spent (did?) time in an overseas Department of Defense (DOD) school. It also covers civil service and civilian dependents who went to DOD or private schools overseas.

This category has sub-divisions too, the most obvious being the Europe/Pacific split. After that, it can get further divided by country, military installation, branch of service, NCO/officer/civilian, year of graduation and most importantly, school. I myself belong to the "Kubasaki High School, Okinawa, Japan, Class of 1980" species.

The amazing thing about this phenomenon is that there is now a specialized magazine devoted to the topic of the overseas brat, appropriately titled "Overseas Brat." It's published by Joe Condrill of San Antonio, Texas. The magazine has articles about high school reunions, famous overseas brats, "in search of..." ads, reminiscences about past experiences, etc.

It turns out that almost without exception, those who became friends overseas have formed strong friendship bonds, oftentimes stronger than "homegrown" friendships. Also, most overseas brats seem to

have fond memories of living overseas in the military sub-culture, despite the problems encountered at the time.

Okinawa, for instance, has a minimum of 90 percent humidity, giant flying cockroaches, indoor gecko lizards, poisonous millipedes, giant African snails, swarms of mosquitoes, chronic mildew, monkey lizards, banana spiders, unexploded WW2 ordinance, a 30-mile per hour speed limit and typhoons. Nonetheless, there is something special about the place.

But, when you are a teen-ager on a 65-mile long rock, the only thing you want to do is get back to "the world." The fact is, after the initial excitement of getting stateside is over, the ignorant questions and the lack of understanding from hard-to-warm-up-to locals begin. A few of my peers went through a milder version of something akin to Vietnam Veterans syndrome. Overseas brats soon realize that they were part of something special. One of the most telling things I heard was from a friend of mine, Eric Stewart, who also went to Kubasaki. He told me that his younger sister, after the family was transferred, had more fun in her freshman fall semester at Kubasaki than she did in 3½ years of high school in the states.

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our freedoms."

He thanked God that we will live long enough to correct this blot in the history of the United States.

"We can make our honor pure and good, and say to those people we're sorry. It was wrong. You're citizens, full-fledged citizens, and this is the apology of a nation," he concluded.

Wright was also the recipient of an appreciation award, presented by Carson City Councilman Michael Mitoma, on behalf of the Asian Pacific American community.

"I am speaking on behalf of Asian Pacific Americans, not only in Southern California but across the United States because we do have concerns with regard to the leadership in the White House," Mitoma said in presenting the award.

"But we have no concerns with regards to the leadership in the House of Representatives. With your leadership... I know we'll be fairly represented."

Additionally, Wright and Dymally made a presentation of four congressional awards.

One award was bestowed upon Kiyotaka Imai, president of Texim Corporation in Japan, for his pioneering work in promoting relationships between the major Japanese corporations and minority businesses in the United States.

Bert Nakano, national spokesperson for the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations, accepted a plaque for NCRR's contributions to the redress and reparations issue, while Councilman Mitoma, also president of Pacific Business Bank, was honored for his contributions to the Asian American community and to the city of Carson.

Richard Lim, past president and founder of the Korea Marine Corp

Veterans—United States and owner of High Society, a men's tailor store in Los Angeles, received a plaque for his civic activities in the Korean American community. He is also founder of the Korean Business Association and a board member of the Wilshire State Bank.

Also, as an added surprise for Dymally, Alan Nishio, co-chair of NCRR, presented the congressman with a gold kanji character, meaning long life, encased in glass.

"This is an expression of our appreciation for the fine work Congressman Dymally has done over the years," Nishio said.

According to Miya Iwataki, organizer of the luncheon and special assistant and press secretary to Congressman Dymally, the event was a success.

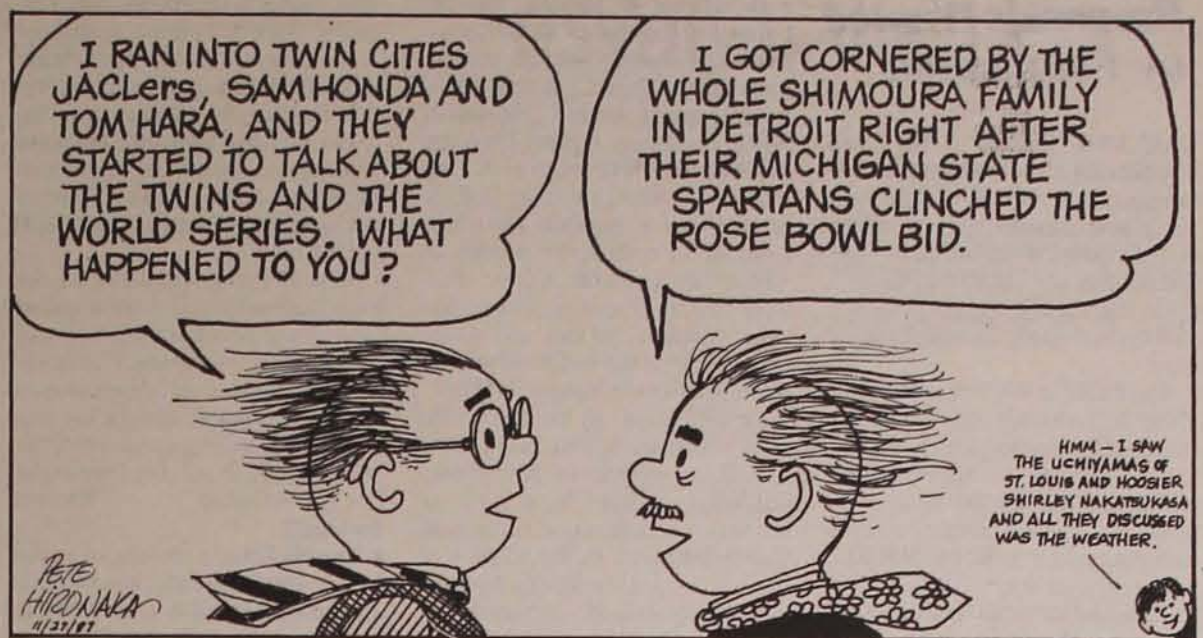
"I was so pleased with the turnout. I know Congressman Dymally felt very honored with the type of people who came out for the luncheon, and especially the strong showing from the Asian Pacific American community," Iwataki said.

Among those in attendance included congressmen Julian Dixon, Marty Martinez, Esteban Torres and Beryl Anthony Jr.; Los Angeles City Councilman Nate Holden, Carson City council members Mike Mitoma and Vera Robles DeWitt; Carson treasurer Mary Custer; Carson Mayor Kay Callas; and Los Angeles Unified School District board member Warren Furutani.

"As a Japanese American," Iwataki continued, "I really felt honored that the speaker of the house came to address this Asian Pacific American gathering."

"This just reaffirms the commitment and caring he has shown, not only to the Asian Pacific American community, but to all nations and all people."

—Taken from the Rafu Shimpo.



Years Go By, Rice Gets Heavier

In the years when the Nisei were growing up, it was customary for their families to buy rice by the 100-pound sack. They ate a lot of rice in those days so there was nothing astonishing about buying it in big quantities. It was no more strange to stock rice by the sack than it was to stock flour by the sack.

The rice was double-bagged. On the outside was a gunny sack, and the inner sack was made of white cotton cloth. It was customary to use the cloth, after it had served its original purpose, as a dish towel. Having grown up in a family without sisters, I gained a lot of experience drying dishes with a former rice sack. You must remember that before automatic dishwashers were invented, dishes were washed and dried by hand.

But this isn't what I started to tell you. The 100-pound sacks of rice, which were delivered to homes every few months, had to be wrestled into the pantry or some corner of the kitchen. When the boys were young, their fathers moved the rice. As Nisei boys grew older and stronger, they assumed the responsibility.

I suppose it was inevitable that ability to manhandle a sack of rice came to be regarded as a measure of a lad's growing maturity. Eventually it became a test of strength to see whether a youth could pick up a sack of rice and hoist it over his head. The technique was to get a good hand grip on the burlap at the top and bottom of the sack, lift it off the ground to waist level, and then push it overhead with a mighty heave.

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill
Hosokawa



One day as a teen-ager, I found that I could lift a 100-pound sack of rice overhead. That isn't bragging. Many fellows could do it. In fact, there were muscular football players like Roy Nakagawa and Harry Yanagimachi, who, as I recall, could shove a 100-pound sack of rice overhead with one arm, either arm. I didn't even try to do that. It was all I could do to hoist a sack with two hands, but finding I could do it gave me a great sense of accomplishment.

(Once, while working as a truck loader—we were called swam-pers—in a wholesale warehouse, the boss chided me for being slow about loading sacks of rice onto a truck. This was before the days of forklifts. I lifted a sack on each hip and trotted over to a truck. If we were strong as oxen in those days, we were just about as smart, too.)

All this came back to me the other day when we were urged to pick up some of that excellent California rice which had just arrived in Denver. It came in 80-pound sacks. What would we do with 80 pounds of rice? It would last a year, maybe two. Nonetheless, this family's purchasing agent was convinced this was a bargain too good to pass up. So we bought a sack. A strapping young fellow put the rice in the car, but I had to unload it.

It's amazing how heavy an 80-pound sack is these days. Certainly, it weighs more than a 100-pound sack used to. In fact, an 80-pound sack today is so heavy, it would take a couple of large men my age and a small boy to unload it and tote it into the house.

What did they do to make a sack of rice weigh so much more than it did in the good old days when I was a teen-ager?

Redress Also Finds Support of French

The following are excerpts from a statement written by John Ota of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif.—Strong support for the redress bill, the Civil Liberties Act of 1987, is coming from an unexpected quarter—Bruyeres, France.

Why are French citizens concerned with redress and reparations for Japanese Americans? It was Japanese American soldiers from the 100th/442nd who had liberated Bruyeres in 1944 from the Nazis, reminded Rudy Tokiwa, a 442nd veteran who has been in close touch with two representatives from Bruyeres who participated at the recent opening ceremonies of the Smithsonian Institution exhibition of the Japanese American experience in Washington.

Tokiwa was informed ten days after the Oct. 1 opening that some 1,400 signatures were gathered by Frenchmen Serge Carlesso and Pierre Moulin. The letter is asking President Reagan to sign the redress bill. Plans are to collect thousands more, Tokiwa was told.

When Carlesso and Moulin returned home, the idea of sending letters to President Reagan emerged. They approached shop owners, Kiwanis and Lions Club members to gather signatures on letters and petitions, asking the President to carry on the U.S. tradition of upholding freedom and justice by signing the redress bill, Tokiwa explained.

Carlesso, president of French disabled veterans, founded the Go For Broke Club in Bruyeres. Moulin, club secretary, is author of "Go for Broke" in French about the WW2 exploits of the 442nd RCT/100th Infantry, its liberation of the mountain town in eastern France and the their rescue of the Texas Lost Battalion.

Bruyeres, today a sister city of Honolulu, observes the last Sunday of October as its Liberation Day, near the 442 monument near the site

where the Lost Battalion was rescued and where so many men of the 442nd were killed and wounded.

Tokiwa, a disabled veteran, volunteered from Poston, Arizona, where he and his family were confined during the war. His father was a WW1 veteran.

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leadership. His office states that S. 1009 will be scheduled before the first session adjourns this year.

The Final Step

When S. 1009 is passed by the Senate, the bill will require agreement of both bodies—the Senate and the House. The House bill, H.R. 442, in its present form does not include the Aleut and Pribiloff Islanders portion. It was removed from the House bill this year. This section, Title III, is in the Senate bill. The Aleuts and Pribiloff Islanders Corporation, in discussion with me, have stated that they now want to go with the Senate bill which includes them.

Other differences in the bills are minor and it will be possible to work them out in conference without too much work and a copy of the bill is enrolled for presentation to the president. We, therefore, do not see the bill moving to the president this year. The enrolled bill is signed first by the speaker of the House, the president of the Senate, who is the vice-president of the United States. The speaker may sign the enrolled bill whether or not the House is in session. The president of the Senate may only sign the bill if the Senate is in session.

I think it may be timely to discuss the White House and the president's signature on the redress bill at this time. I have not put out the information on this most important and final hurdle we must make in order to attain redress for the 60,000 plus survivors of the evacuation and incarceration.

Both the House and the Senate

are made up of Democrats and Republicans. The grassroots lobbying, consequently, involved people from both parties. At the same time, the redress bills have always been considered a bi-partisan issue. Further, we have addressed redress as an American issue for the focus has been on the denial of constitutional rights.

President Ronald Reagan is a Republican with strong conservative beliefs. The JACL-LEC strategy team which has responsibility for planning the Washington strategy realizes we are in the most difficult phase of the redress effort. The team is composed of Grant Ujifusa, LEC legislative chair; Mike Masaoka, former JACL Washington representative and presently a lobbyist in Washington, and myself. This team receives support and input from the five Nikkei members of Congress, Sens. Dan Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, and Reps. Norman Mineta, Bob Matsui and Pat Saiki.

When the team met with Sen. Matsunaga on Oct. 28, the focus of the meeting was on the strategy to get the president's signature on the redress bill. Clearly, the final step requires connecting with the right people in the administration and in the country. These individuals are Republicans who are in the position to talk directly with President Reagan.

A great amount of work has been done to make inroads into the White House and the effort has been led by Grant Ujifusa. He has been able to make many of the necessary appointments in Washington as the co-author of "The Almanac of Amer-

ican Politics," with Michael Barone. Since Barone is senior editor at the Washington Post, he also is in a position to give redress his help.

Gov. Thomas H. Kean, Republican governor of New Jersey, came to Washington a few weeks ago to meet with the president. The redress bill was discussed for 35 minutes and Kean reported to Ujifusa that the president is knowledgeable about what happened to the Japanese Americans in California and the rest of the West Coast. Kean further said that the president is personally sympathetic about this issue, but did not commit the administration.

Ujifusa has also talked with people in the Justice Department and has been told they will not lobby against the bill. He has also talked with staff at the Office of Management and Budget and they are now considering the department's final position.

Mike Masaoka has also been using his longtime presence in Washington along with his representation of the Nisei Veterans/Go For Broke organization to talk with various individuals who can use their influence.

Sen. Matsunaga has talked with Chief of Staff Howard Baker of the White House. He is sympathetic and will talk with the president. Needless to say, our issue can only be brought up at the opportune time. Now that the two sides have agreed on the fiscal budget deficit program, we are looking for some sign from the White House in December.

I have asked certain Nikkei Republicans to do their part in getting

their message to the White House. These individuals have been Republican campaign contributors and are active in Republican circles. Other Republican task assignments have been made and we are waiting to hear of the results.

We now call upon all Republicans to respond to our call for help at this time either as individuals or through organizations. At the same time, the other very important activity is the massive letter-writing campaign. We have heard from all over the country, including the JACL Chapters and District Councils that they have acted on writing to the president and in most cases the plan is to release the letters as soon as S. 1009 is passed.

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essay contest and public television programming to encourage discussion of issues of war and peace and increase public awareness of the peace institute.

Moore said the first television production will be ready for broadcast early next month, on the eve of the U.S.-Soviet Summit in Washington, D.C. The program was recorded in September at the Virginia Studios of WETA Television. The institute joined with the Smithsonian Institution's Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars to bring together a cross-section of scholars, historians and former senior government officials to examine the effectiveness of U.S.-Soviet summitry as a vehicle for peace.

Proposals Wanted by Foundation

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Asian Foundation for Community Development is requesting proposals for its first grant-giving cycle of 1988. It anticipates distributing at least \$40,000 this year: \$25,000 in the first cycle in early 1988, \$15,000 in the second cycle towards the middle of the year.

The funds in the first cycle come from a restricted fund and are targeted for employment and training programs. Approximately \$20,000 of the \$25,000 total is set aside for Oakland programs. Grant size can range from \$250 to \$10,000.

Funding for projects may be used in conjunction with existing positions. Applicants, however, should clearly define the extent of staffmembers' work for the Foundation and that on other projects. Requests must meet the following criteria:

- 1) be from a non-profit organization
- 2) serve Oakland and/or Bay Area residents
- 3) serve identified target populations (low income Asian)
- 4) increase job or job training opportunities

The Foundation will look favorably on programs that use its funds as a challenge grant or which look for matching grants.

Application deadline is December 23, 1987; the Allocations Committee of the Board of Directors will interview applicant organizations in early January of 1988. Grants will be awarded by late January of 1988, and projects should begin by early Spring.

For an application, list of possible program areas and further information, contact Grant Din, program manager, at 415 444-2680.

• **Dr. Harold B. Kitaoka**, was appointed to the staff of Adult Reconstructive Surgery, Department of Orthopedics, at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He is a graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio and received the M.D. degree in 1981 from Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus. He was a resident in orthopedic surgery at Akron City Hospital, Akron, Ohio, from 1982-86. Since that time he has been a fellow in foot and ankle surgery. He is the son of **Hiroo and Shizu Kitaoka** of Granger, Indiana.

• **Richard Itaya**, an architect who died of cancer in 1984, had a park named after him in El Cerrito, California. Richard Itaya Plaza, as the park is known, is next to the completed bike trail in the shadow of the BART tracks on Manila Avenue, east of City Hall. He served on the Planning Commission and Design Review Board and is credited with nearly single-handedly drawing up the original plans for El Cerrito's bike path.

• **Rose Onaka and Richard Ogata** won their respective divisions in Hawaii's first annual Karaoke State Championship. Onaka, of Kona, won the adult (18-59 years) division, while Ogata, of Oahu, won the senior (60+) division. The prizes are trips to Japan.

• **Trent Kanemaki** of Fullerton, California, was awarded the Eagle Scout Award Oct. 17. He is a member of Troop 578 in Anaheim, where he serves as Senior Patrol Leader; he is also in Scouting's Order of the Arrow. He is a 13-year old freshman at Sunny Hills High School.

• **Sayuri Tahara** of Fountain Valley, California and **Christine Marie Ragos** of Westminster, California,

were winners of the third annual Japanese Speech Contest, sponsored by the Franklin D. Murphy Library of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo. Tahara won the Japanese American Category and Ragos won the non-Japanese category. The contest, held Nov. 15, had a prize of \$300 and a trophy.

• **Nobu McCarthy and Mako** are the leads in a made for TV movie called "The Wash." Shooting began Nov. 20 in San Jose's Japantown. The movie is about a 60-year old Nikkei woman stepping out on her own for the first time and is based on a play by Philip Gothanda. It will be directed by Emmy-nominated **Michael Toshiyuki**.

• **Russell Endo**, a sociologist at the University of Colorado, was recently appointed to the Statewide Affirmative Action Task Force of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. The Task Force is developing affirmative action plans for minority students and faculty which are to be implemented at all public colleges and universities in the state.

• **Norman Watkins**, 16, a junior at Prospect High School in San Jose, California became a Fall 1987 congressional page earlier this year. He was elected the junior class president for 1987-88 but declined to fulfill his duties as a page. The 4.0 student worked previously on Rep. **Norm Mineta's** 1986 campaign.

• **Ray Kinoshita** was among two entries declared a winner of the design competition at the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York. The first place award was \$15,000.

Post-Exhibit Party Attended by 150

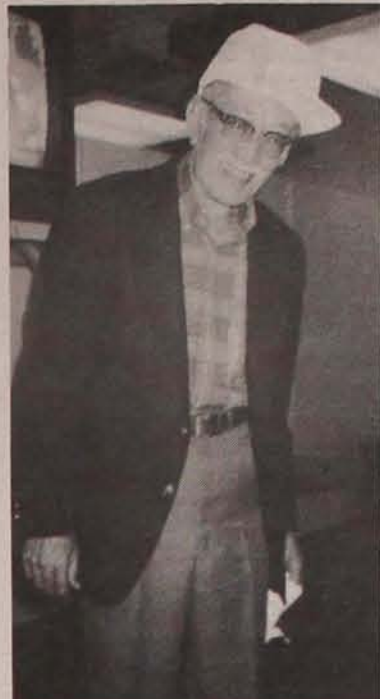
SAN FRANCISCO — At a potluck dinner held November 13, the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) screened video tapes of official events held in conjunction with the opening of the Smithsonian exhibit on Japanese Americans, which occurred Oct. 1-2. The events, sponsored by NJAHS, National JACL and the National Veterans Group, were documented by Paul Hara.

In addition, John Tateishi, NJAHS consultant, presented a summary of the official activities given in conjunction with the historic week.

The post-Smithsonian party was attended by about 150 guests and friends who were part of the crowd of 4,000 that assembled in the nation's capitol. Co-chairing the party were Fumi Hayashi and Tosh Otsubo.

The photo exchange display produced many outstanding photographs. Recognizing these skills and other distinctions, Shig Iwasaki awarded prizes to the following persons:

- **Youngest Traveler**—Alyssa Lampert, Fremont
- **Oldest Traveler**—Dr. Yoshiye Togatani, Lafayette (almost 84 years old)
- **Newest NJAHS member**—Mary Doi, Chicago/San Francisco
- **Most visits to Smithsonian AJA exhibit**—Heizo Oshima, El Cerrito
- **Most miles driven to attend the exhibit**—Bill and Esther Oda, San Jose (11,100 miles)
- **Collected most celebrity autographs**—Sumi Haramaki Lampert,



Heizo Oshima

Fremont

- **Best photo display**—Dr. Frank Saito, San Leandro
- **Best Album**—Kikuji and Grace Ryugo, Sacramento
- **Outstanding photo**—Walter Tanaka, San Jose

George Iwao entertained the guests with slides taken at the various events. Harry Iwafuchi served as toastmaster for the program.

Copies of the video tape covering official NJAHS events in Washington as well as the Smithsonian exhibit will be available for sale through the NJAHS office after December 1.

An Accumulated Sadness of 45 Years Lies Buried

In the days that followed the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, my maternal grandmother dug several trenches near her tiny farm cabin on the Palos Verdes Peninsula of Southern California.

Into them, she poured the minutiae of her 50 years—jewelry, dishes, tea service, scrolls, books written in the Kanji: things Japanese. All of these she covered with shovelfuls of earth.

Today I see her, a small solitary woman, first bent over her shovel, then standing to rest her back. Maybe looking for a few moments at the green-blue Pacific, looking west. Or maybe west and a few compass points north, looking across Abalone Cove. The view there, from high up on the hill, even after the hard years of farming, must have been something wonderful. If you have ever driven from San Pedro, around the Peninsula, past Frank Lloyd Wright's church and toward Marineland, you will know what I mean.

After she had finished burying her possessions—did she draw a map or trust her memory?—she burned all of her family photographs. Then, with part of her past buried, and part burned, she packed her clothes and closed up the house. Already, my grandfather, an Issei truck-farmer, had been taken to the San Pedro Jail. Within days, he would travel—in a railroad car filled with mostly old Japanese men—north, then west toward Bismark, N.D. The shades on the car were drawn.

Bewildered, my grandmother would follow her sons north to Strathmore, where they could continue farming on leased land. Because it was more than 50 miles from the coastline, they would not be arrested. So they had been led to believe. Before the first harvest, all were traveling to the War Relocation Agency camp at Poston, Ariz.

There, my grandfather was reunited with his family. It could not have been as harsh as Bismark; actually, Poston was considered the best of the eight WRA-run camps. A

sad distinction.

Back in Southern California, somewhere between the first frightening visits by FBI agents and my grandfather's incarceration, my grandmother had hidden a flashlight on her farm. This, she sincerely believed, explained her husband's year-long separation from his family and the confiscation of their \$3,000 savings account in the Sumitomo Bank of Los Angeles. Someone, she was sure, had discovered the flashlight.

Three generations of Japanese Americans left their homes to sit out the war in places like Poston and Manzanar in the desert of Arizona and California.

For the Sansei, it was not as hard. My mother remembers the lines of buses. With my father, she carried three suitcases and my older sister, then one year old.

Arriving at Manzanar, they were greeted by armed guards and dust. All were assigned to barracks, where each family member was al-

lotted space measured by the distance between two overhead rafters. For a family of three, that meant 12 feet for three iron cots and straw mattresses.

What is remembered about the Japanese internment is the violation of an entire people's human rights. My mother remembers the everyday indignities; a woman's common latrine with 12 stark toilets standing along the wall, common showers, compromises with privacy required while living with only a sheet dividing a family of three from a family of five, the 1920 Navy-issue clothing that dwarfed the diminutive Japanese.

At Manzanar, on the \$16-a-month salary my father earned as a supply clerk in the camp, my family began—by catalogue—a lifetime relationship with Sears & Roebuck.

For all of this, my parents never forgave President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his Democratic Party. They have voted Republican in every election since 1944, when they

found a sponsor to sign for their release. No one ever returned to the farm on the peninsula: All that was past.

My grandfather's savings, \$3,000, was returned—without interest—in 1967, 10 years after his death.

The Palos Verdes Peninsula, geologists claim, is crumbling into the Pacific. The buckling state highway that clings to the coastline there proves they are at least partly right. Perhaps, on some sunny afternoon, my grandmother's treasures will be

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'TIME' ON CASSETTE—Now you can watch Ken Nakagawa (l) and Minako Ohashi (r) on videocassette in Steven Okazaki's "Living on Tokyo Time."

Okazaki Film Arriving on Videocassette

LOS ANGELES — "Living on Tokyo Time," the offbeat comedy from Academy Award nominated director Steven Okazaki, will arrive on videocassette Jan. 27, 1988, from Charter Entertainment.

The romantic comedy, which has been described as "a wry observation about the rock 'n' roll scene and the immigrant experience," involves a young girl from Japan who marries a would-be rock musician for a green card. The marriage of convenience turns to love as Ken begins to appreciate his ancestral

roots through Kyoko.

Produced by Lynn O'Donnell and Dennis Hayashi, the film was directed by Okazaki from a screenplay he co-wrote with John McCormick. Okazaki received an Academy Award nomination in 1985 for "Unfinished Business."

"Living on Tokyo Time" will be offered on videocassette at a suggested retail price of \$79.98. It will also be screened on Pay-per-View and Pay TV windows following the homevideo release.

Ando Taking Part in FLES Program

DENVER — Michi Ando, a Denver first grade teacher at Crofton Elementary School, is participating in the Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools (FLES) Pilot Program by teaching her students the Japanese language.

The U.S. Department of Education-sponsored program is designed to teach children foreign languages through instruction periods of 15 to 20 minutes, several times a week. The lessons do not involve paper-work or assignments; instead, they stress a listening approach with exposure as the main emphasis.

Crofton School is one of three elementary schools in the Denver Public School system participating in the program, which was implemented in conjunction with the University of Denver.

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Masumoto to Discuss 'Country Voices'

SAN FRANCISCO — The Center for Japanese American Studies offers an Evening with David Mas Masumoto, author of *Country Voices*, the oral history of a Japanese American family farm community, on Dec. 4, at 8 p.m., in the upstairs lounge of Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St. The event is free and open to the public.

In *Country Voices*, Masumoto describes the historical development of a rural community and explores the cultural and spiritual growth of its people. He will take listeners on a visit into this world to hear the people speak about their land and community, about the satisfaction in their harvests and of meeting life's challenges.

Masumoto, who earned his mas-

ters degree in sociology at U.C. Davis, received the James Clavell National Japanese American Literary Award in 1986. His first book, *Silent Strength*, and *Country Voices* will be available for purchase during the evening.

SADNESS

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disgorged along the rocky beach.

Should that happen, I innocently hope that whoever finds them is a Japanese. She will gather everything into a box, take it home and slowly clean away 45 years of accumulated sadness. And maybe understand.

—San Diego Tribune

The Calendar

ORANGE COUNTY

■ Dec. 12—Orange County Sansei Singles planning meeting 8 pm, followed by a dance at 9 pm. Includes a raffle for prizes. Sequoia Athletic Club, 7530 Orangethorpe in Buena Park. Wear something red. Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. For advance tickets and info: Lorraine Yasui, 714 891-9775; Richard Kakita, 213 926-3089; Shirley Lee, 213 822-1715; or Leeji Low, 213 291-6453.

SAN DIEGO

■ Dec. 3—"Hiroshima," a photographic exhibit by Tokyo photojournalist Hiromi Tsuchida, the Museum of Photographic Arts, Balboa Park, 6:30-8:30 pm. Followed by "The Significance of Hiroshima to the Nikkei," three personal views by Kengi Ima, Yoshito Kawahara and Yoko Fujita. Donation: \$10.

SAN FRANCISCO

■ Dec. 6—Nisei and Retirement Christmas Party, 2-4:30 pm, Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter St., Issei Memorial Hall. Includes a presentation of Warren Kubota's play, *High Tone*. Tea dancing and a "pot-luck" dessert party will follow. Please bring your favorite dessert and Nisei and Retirement will provide beverages. Info: Jim Kajiwarra, 415 731-2967.

SEATTLE

■ Dec. 5—The Japanese Gardeners' Association's Fifth Annual Christmas Dance, 8:30 pm-1:30 am, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. Tickets: \$10/ea. Info: 206 242-3198.

DENVER

■ Apr. 7-9, 1988—The 10th annual National Association for Asian and Pacific American Education Conference, at the Radisson Hotel. Proposals are being solicited for paper, panel and workshop presentations on a wide variety of topics related to Asian and Pacific American education. Deadline for proposals: Dec. 31, 1987. Info: Siri Vongthier, 303 866-6784 or Russell Endo, 303 443-9587.

LOS ANGELES AREA

■ Present-Nov. 29—*A Chorus Line*, presented by the East/West Players. Fri. and Sat. 8 pm show, \$15; 2 pm matinee, \$13. 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Info: 213 660-0366.

■ Present-Dec. 12—Jude Narita's *Coming into Passion/Song for a Sansei*, 8 pm, Fri. and Sat., Fountain Theatre, 5060 Fountain Ave., Hollywood. Tickets: \$10. Info: 213 466-1767.

■ Present-Dec. 27—The contempo-

rary paintings of Keisho Okayama and Richard Yokomi, George Doizaki Gallery, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Tue.-Sun.—12-5 pm; closed Mon. Free. Info: 213 628-2725.

■ Dec. 6—Yuji Ichioka will speak on "NHK Shortwave Radio Broadcasting to North America, Dec. 1941-Dec. 1942," 2 pm, 2nd floor rm. A, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Sponsored by the Japanese American National Museum. Free. Info: 213 625-0414.

■ Nov. 27—"U.S. Asians," 7:30-8 pm, KSCI channel 18.

■ Dec. 5—"The Psychology of Japanese Businessmen: Out-Thinking the Competitors," 9 am-12 pm, followed by "How to Get a Job Teaching English in Japan," 1:30-5 pm, at Santa Monica College. Presented by Naginata Associates. Info: 213 452-9214.

NEW YORK

■ Dec. 6—New York UNICEF benefit fundraiser performance of *The Nutcracker*, at the New York State Theater at Lincoln Center. Mrs. Shig Kariya, chairman; Amb. K. Kikuchi, permanent representative of Japan to the U.N. and Mme. Kikuchi, honorary chairmen. Info: 212 557-8166.

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• The annual Christmas Party, Dec. 12, at the Rossmore Club House. This potluck is for adults, with food managed by Sumi Nakashima (415 934-9658) and Alice Kanagaki 415 672-2569. Info: Don Ikeda, 415 837-7795 or Hannah Yasuda, 415 934-2610.

• Annual Installation Dinner, Jan. 24, at the China Pavillion. 5 pm, cocktails; 6 pm, dinner. Guest Speaker: Mary Tsukamoto. Installing Officer: Mollie Fujioka. Info: Hannah Yasuda, 415 934-2610.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

• First biennial recognitions luncheon, 1:30 pm, Dec. 6, Sami Restaurant, Downey. Info: 213 626-4471.

VENTURA COUNTY

• "Annual Pot Luck Get-Together," Dec. 12, 6 pm, Thousand Oaks Library, 1401 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks. Bring main dishes; drinks, dessert and table service will be provided. Youngsters encouraged to attend. Info: Mitzi Ogata, 805 983-7075 or Marsha Miyasaka, 805 499-2117.

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• Annual "Mochi-tsuki," Dec. 5, with first shift beginning at 7 am, at the clubhouse. Info: Bill Oda, 408 867-0255.

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AMAZING GRAYCE—JACL-LEC Executive Director Grayce Uyehara smiles during the 38th Annual Central California District Convention in Fresno on Nov. 21. On the left is Kings County Supervisor Leslie Brown and on the right is Cheryl Berman.

MINIDOKA

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A three-minute videotape message from Mike Masaoka enriched the theme of the IDC convention. He recalled how the 1000 Club was founded in 1947 when the JACL treasury was nearly depleted and Hito Okada, then national treasurer and JACL's financial genius, came up with the thought of 1,000 JACLers contributing \$25 a year above their dues—"though we knew how much \$25 meant to evacuees and veterans just home then."

National President Harry Kajihara was unable to attend because of a recurrence of a lingering back problem.

Hasegawa Re-elected

Program, chaired by Joe Saito, included the installation of Hid Hasegawa of Idaho Falls as governor and his cabinet of Seichi Hayashida of Boise Valley, Hiroshi Sakahara of Salt Lake, the two vice-governors, and Saige Aramaki of Mt. Olympus as treasurer; comments by PNW Governor Denny Yasuhara who paid tribute to the pioneer Nisei and oldtime JACLers, by 1000 Club Life Trust chair Mas Hironaka of San Diego who called upon the IDC to rise to the occasion once more, and by PC general manager Harry Honda who recounted the war years when National JACL Headquarters was relocated to Salt Lake City in '42 and literally kept alive by the IDC; skits and entertainment by 1000ers (see the editorial); and presentation of awards.

The sapphire pin was presented to Seichi Hayashida and George Sugihara of Wasatch Front North. The pin recognizes 10 years of outstanding service to JACL, with five years at the district or national level. Both were in prewar JACL in the Seattle-Puyallup Valley area. Hayashida was also very active with the JACL National Bowling tournaments in the 1950-60s. Sugihara has been IDC redress chair.

Alice Kasai of Salt Lake received the Japanese American Creed plaque for her longtime service as IDC secretary-historian. A posthumous award to Yosie Takahashi of Boise Valley, a charter member who recently passed away, was also conferred.

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Lillian Kimura and Jo Uyehara of the national YWCA have sent out a legislative alert to their 450 offices to act on the Senate bill and to write to the president. This is an example of one organization but we have many of the other human and civil rights organizations in Washington who have put out the same information to their membership during November.

Ujifusa says, "In the face of the budget deficit problem, the chances of the bill being signed are 50/50." We are most sensitive expectations of the community for the redress bill to pass. Passage remains a dicey political and economic issue.

Council Names Hironaka Honoree of Year

SAN DIEGO—The San Diego Japanese Coordinating Council, comprised of some 30 corporate, business and community groups, wanted to keep it a secret but could not since the honoree of the year was its treasurer, Masaaki Hironaka, 68, who was just recovering from knee surgery.

Over 300 in San Diego attended the testimonial dinner for Mr. JACL Paul Kuyama emceed; Dr. Yoshi Ka-neda of Ocean View United Church of Christ gave the invocation as well as the Charger-Raider football score as the game

progressed during the dinner. He had a vest-pocket radio. Plaques, praises and gifts were presented by:

The Buddhist Temple, VFW Post 4851, Kiku Gardens, House of Japan, JACL, JCC, City Councilman-elect Bruce Henderson (who made his *aisatsu* in Nihongo), Reinhold Klein, president of Housing Management Associates (which built Kiku Gardens, the retirement home), National JACL President Harry Kajihara, PSWDC Gov. Ken Inouye and National JACL executive director Ron Wakabayashi (a message).

1000 Club Report

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Oct 5 - Oct. 9, 1987 (47)

Boise Valley: 25-Ronnie Yokota.
Chicago: 31-Kazuo Higashiuchi, 22-Jack Kabumoto, 34-Lester Katsura, 20-Roy Kuroye, 27-Frank Okita, 32-Roy Teshima.
Contra Costa: 33-Thomas Oda.
Downtown Los Angeles: 3-Edward Kamiya, 2-Kathleen Sankey.
East Los Angeles: 5-Dean Aihara*.
French Camp: 23-Hiroshi Shinmoto.
Fresno: 29-Otto Suda.
Hollywood: 4-Sumiko Kozawa, 17-Bill Teragawa.
Honolulu: 6-Kay Kaneko*.
Japan: 8-George Nakamura.
Livingston Mercer: 12-Londa Iwata.
Marysville: 24-Billy Manji.
Mt. Olympus: 29-Tom Matsumori.
New York: 31-Mitty Kimura.
Oakland: 34-Katsumi Fujii.
Orange County: 27-George Maye.
Placer County: 19-RE Metzker, 24-Bunny Nakagawa, 23-Richard Nishimura.
Puyallup Valley: 33-Paul Seto.
Reedley: 31-Carolyn Ikemiya, 32-James Ikemiya.
Sacramento: 7-Rudolph Loncke, 36-Henry Taketa.
St. Louis: 29-Richard Henmi.
Salinas Valley: 36-Henry Tanda.
San Francisco: 22-Masato Toki, 32-Grace Yonezu.
San Jose: 7-Frank Ito.
Seattle: 34-Susumu Fukuda, 19-James Hara, 33-Joe Hirota, 3-Tom Tsukiji, 32-Billee Yoshioka.
Stockton: 14-Ted Yoneda.
Twin Cities: 31-George Yoshino.
Venice-Culver: 34-Fumi Utsuki.
Washington, DC: 19-Ben Kitashima, 9-Michio Nakajima*.
National Associate: 8-Lincoln Taira.
CENTURY CLUB*
3-Dean Aihara (ELA), 1-Kay Uno Kaneko (Hon), 7-Michio Nakajima (WDC).

NOTE: The 1000 Club report No. 40 appeared in the Oct. 30 PC, reports No. 41 and 42 in the Nov. 13 PC.

Summary (Since Jan 1, 1987)

Active (previous total) 1,751
Total this report: #43 31
Current total 1,782

Nov 2-6, 1987 (31)

Berkeley: 9-Chie Kondo, 11-Martha Tsutsui, 20-Yuriko Yamashita*.
Chicago: 33-Roy Iwata.
Downtown Los Angeles: 10-Kenneth Kasamatsu, 33-Chester I Katayama*.
East Los Angeles: 32-George Watanabe.
Fresno: 35-Dr. George M Suda.
Houston: 2-Betty Waki.
Japan: 6-Matsuya Matsumoto.
Marina: 22-Dr. Roy T Ozawa.
Monterey Peninsula: 18-Dr. Takashi Hatatori.
New York: 12-Joseph E Tashiro.
Orange County: 27-Dr. S Douglas Arakawa, 34-Ken Uyesugi.
Pacifica-Long Beach: 31-Dr. Katsumi Izumi.
Pasadena: 32-Hayato Harris Ozawa.
Placer County: 26-Kunio Okusu, 17-Jack K Yokote.
Portland: 36-George I Azumano*, 23-Jim S

BRATS UNITE!

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What's also interesting is that even if you weren't tight with someone you were acquainted with from an overseas school, a chance meeting stateside makes you into instant friends. Incidentally, those who went to Kubasaki are planning a big, all-class reunion in Dallas in 1988.

Although not big compared to some factions, there are Nikkei who went through the overseas brat experience. Kitty Sankey, who is now behind Little Tokyo's "Shogun Santa," is a Kubasaki grad. This past week-end at the PSWDC meeting in Las Vegas, I met Frances Hachiya, who went to Nile Kinnick High School at Yokosuka, Japan. I could not resist ranking on her about how we beat them in the 1980 Far East Basketball Tournament (I didn't mention how we lost the final game to Seoul Foreign). Despite the kidding around, it is always neat to meet another overseas brat.

City Accepts Immigrant's Gift

EL MONTE, Calif.—Homeless for more than a year, the 22-foot replica of the Statue of Liberty was dedicated at its permanent site Nov. 18 as part of the city's 75th anniversary at the Civic Center, 11333 E. Valley Blvd. The statue was donated to the city last year by Dr. Jing T. Wang, a Taiwan immigrant, as a gesture of appreciation to his new homeland.

(Jiji Press last week reported that the Paris-based France-Japan Symbol Association hopes to see a replica of the Statue of Liberty in Tokyo Bay or Osaka Bay by 1989, the bicentennial of the French Revolution.)

The Porch

Hangout for Chapter Presidents

Justice Is Near!

By Frances Hachiya
Selanoco Chapter

Alas! Justice is near! The victory of the H.R. 442 redress bill from the House of Representatives is proof of what *unity of people for a common goal* can accomplish. This is the way the game is played. Majority rules. That's democracy at its best. I commend all of you that wrote letters or sent mailgrams to your congressman. I commend all of you that supported and continue to support the redress effort. Now we all must cross the final hurdle and it won't be easy.

Let's all play the numbers game again... 50 letters for the bill is better than 20 letters against. Five hundred mailgrams for the bill is better than 200 mailgrams against. Five thousand telephone calls for the bill is better than 2,000 calls against. Fifty-thousand votes for the bill is better than 20,000 votes against.

We must continue to gain the momentum but we must cross the line *together*. Please continue to write to your congressman and senators to let President Reagan understand what it means to pass the bill. It means justice for *all*!

As space permits, "The Porch" feature for chapter presidents will appear on the back page, now being groomed for JACL Chapter news. Articles come from their newsletter.

Morning workshop on aging and retirement was conducted by Larry Burr, AARP official from Scottsdale, Ariz., and Jerry Riffin, financial consultant from Boise. Questions from the floor on the effects of Black Monday with assessments and suggestions from the consultant made for a lively session. It dovetailed into the promotion of the 1000 Club life trust plan led by Mas Hironaka.

The afternoon workshop on art by watercolorist Fred Ochi of Idaho Falls was a hectic, humorous 20-minutes of his painting his famous red barn with broad, quick motions. Over the decades, his caricatures and signs have adorned 1000 Club and JACL activities in the IDC.

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Oct 10	Japan Autumn Adventure (Ext-Hongkong)
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ORIENT

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NOTE: \$13 per person U.S. Departure, Customs, Immigration charges to be added to all above tour costs.