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AADAP HONORS ITS OWN—The Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP) held a dinner commemorating its 15th anniversary Saturday night at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel. Honored were AADAP's past executive directors, and U.S. Rep. Robert Matsui and his wife Doris for their ongoing commitment to combat drug abuse. Pictured above are: Debbie Nakatomi, co-master of ceremonies; Mike Watanabe, AADAP executive director; Mas Fukai, chief deputy to Los Angeles Supervisor Kenneth Hahn; Tommy Chung, AADAP executive director, 1975-1980; Ron Wakabayashi, AADAP executive director, 1973-1975 and 1980-81; Doris Matsui; Rep. Matsui; Patrick Ogawa, AADAP executive director, 1981-82; and Los Angeles City Councilman Michael Woo, co-master of ceremonies.

Report Addresses Voter Registration in the U.S.

By Rita Takahashi

WASHINGTON — A conference sponsored by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), May 10 and 11 at the Capital Hilton, and a press conference held by the Commission on Civil Rights on May 11 both addressed the issue of low voter registration in the United States.

Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.) and Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) were the guest speakers at the conference, entitled "200 Years of Expanding the Franchise." They are primary advocates for legislative reform of voter registration laws and for passage of the Universal Voter Registration Act of 1988.

Conyers stated that the act "allows eligible voters to register for federal elections by mail, on election day, and at agencies that serve the public directly. Those methods work and are working in a number of states." He emphasized that reforms are needed because of the magnitude of current voter registration problems.

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AA Have Much to 'Contribute' to Country, Says Dukakis

By Laurie Mochidome

LOS ANGELES — If elected president of the United States, Democratic hopeful Michael Dukakis promises that members of Asian American and other ethnic communities will have the opportunity to contribute to his administration.

The Massachusetts state governor was in Chinatown May 20 to attend a \$350-a-plate fund-raising dinner held in his honor. Sponsored by the

UCB Changing Admissions Formula

By Robert Tokunaga

BERKELEY, Calif. — This summer, UC Berkeley will be testing various admissions formulas for the 1989-90 academic year, according to Chancellor Ira Michael Heyman.

The chancellor said that he, along with admission office officials, faculty and Asian American community leaders, will take this action in response to concerns in the Asian American community about possible discrimination in UCB's admissions process.

"I have no doubt there will be changes, but whether there will be major changes, I don't know," said Heyman during a Friday luncheon for the Asian American press in San Francisco.

The changes will be made in the supplemental criteria used in the admission process for approximately 60% of the freshman class. The other 40% are admitted by using the students' grade point averages and scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and other college entrance tests.

The supplemental criteria award a set number of points for essay-writing, extracurricular activities,

and extra work in math, science, foreign language and other sources.

Some Asian Americans involved in the controversy have said the university discriminates against Asian immigrants who speak English as well as their native language by forcing them to learn a third language taught at their high schools.

Heyman said he would "have no objection" to a change in the criteria whereby a student who speaks the language of his/her immigrant parents would be awarded points for the foreign language requirement.

"If you can find a way to test it," he said, "then it's feasible." He added, however, that such a change would only "mean a 10 to 15 people difference" in the number of students affected.

"The major points for the supplemental criteria are for the essay," Heyman pointed out. "Our study and the state Auditor General's study both showed—that Asians did just as well if not better—than whites did (on the essay)."

Heyman called the informal luncheon as part of his continuing effort to cool off the adversarial and heated relationship between university officials and some Asian American community leaders.

In retrospect, he admitted, the university prolonged the controversy by not immediately investigating the charges of discrimination in 1984.

"We were very defensive," said Heyman, recalling the university's initial response to the charges. "Clearly, what we should have done was to look at the charges and said, 'You know, you have a point there and here's what occurred' and just did it right off the bat."

"That would have served everyone's purposes immensely well."

—from the Hokubei Mainichi.

House Votes to Approve Hate Crimes Statistics Act

WASHINGTON — By a vote of 383 to 29, the U.S. House of Representatives on May 18 approved a bill that will address the problem of violent crimes which are motivated by prejudice.

Entitled the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, H.R. 3193 would require the Department of Justice to collect and publish statistics on crimes which manifest hatred based on race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity. At present, according to Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.), there are no comprehensive, accurate and up-to-date statistics kept on the national incidence of hate crimes.

In urging his colleagues to support the measure, Matsui, who is a co-sponsor of the bill, had cited examples of the victimization of some individuals for "no other reason than their race, religious heritage or sexual preference."

He reported that Asian Americans were the victims of 14 percent of the hate crimes committed in 1985, a number which "almost doubled to 24 percent in only one year" in 1985.

"Clearly this bill will not stop any crimes based on prejudice," the congressman told his colleagues. "But it will provide the statistical data needed by our law enforcement organizations to combat these types of activities. Hate crimes, motivated by political and social intolerance must be distinguished from crimes motivated by other factors."

"In looking for an appropriate re-

sponse to this problem, we can begin by enacting H.R. 3193. As a nation, we must have comprehensive, accurate and up-to-date statistics on the number of hate crimes committed in this country. We must know more about this despicable form of violence if we are to deal effectively with this tragedy."

In a statement released after the House's passage of the bill, Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.) said, "For Americans of Asian ancestry, [hate crimes] are especially frightening. In addition to the terror and intimidation such assaults create, they also epitomize the barriers to full acceptance into American society still facing Americans of Asian ancestry."

"I have heard of Cambodian Americans being assaulted in Massachusetts; of Vietnamese Americans being harassed in the Gulf Coast states... We don't know if these incidents are indeed proof of a burgeoning trend of hate crimes because the Justice Department does not currently collect data on these crimes."

"The first step in stopping these vicious attacks is to know the scope of the problem. That is why the Hate Crimes Statistics Act is necessary," said Mineta. The House's approval of the bill, he added, "will make a statement that this body does not condone these despicable acts and will not tolerate an environment where such crimes are ignored or shrugged off."

News in Brief

Cosby Planning Chinese American Sitcom?

According to a report in the May 6, 1988 *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, Bill Cosby is "developing a TV series about a Chinese-American family." The show will reportedly be about a second- or third-generation Chinese-American family. Progress for the show is temporarily halted because of the writers strike.

TV Station Aims Show on Internment, Yasui

DENVER — KUSA-Channel 9 aired "An Injustice Forever?" a half hour documentary dealing with WW2 evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans. The late Minoru Yasui was a "major part" of the locally produced documentary, aired April 22. Other Denverites featured were Bill Hosokawa, Tom Masamori and Jo Sakato. The show was produced and written by Kathy Teets and anchored by Monica Gayle.

AJC Supports Redress

LOS ANGELES — A letter to Pacific Citizen from William Levin, co-chairman of the Urban Affairs Commission of the American Jewish Congress-Pacific Southwest Region, expressed support for Japanese American redress. The letter, dated May 2, reads: "We want to express our support for the much too-delayed Congressional action several weeks ago in connection with this country's treatment of Americans of Japanese descent who were interned. That chapter of American history is a shameful period. Monetary payments will not right the wrong, but at least it represents a recognition of our government's mistake. Somehow, we can now hold our heads a bit higher."

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Recovery of JA History Urged at Conference

By Frank Abe

PULLMAN, Wash. — The perceived failure by existing histories to tell the story of Nisei draft resisters in WW2 was condemned in a panel called "The Falsification and Recovery of Japanese American History," a theme that was echoed in several other presentations at the fifth national conference of the Association for Asian American Studies held March 24-27 on the Washington State University campus.

Frank Emi, one of the surviving leaders of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee (FPC), called it a myth that all Nisei "went quietly and sheeplike into segregated combat units." "Some JACL leaders of another era are still propounding that fairy tale," he said. "Nobody I knew applauded that decision."

Emi spent 18 months in a federal penitentiary for conspiracy to promote draft resistance before an appeals court threw out his conviction.

"Instead of following a policy of appeasement," Emi said those who attended FPC meetings agreed that "drafting of Nisei's from these concentration camps, without restoration of their civil rights, and rectification of the tremendous economic losses suffered by them, was not only morally wrong, but legally questionable."

Journalistic Squabbles

But instead of backing their cause, Emi said the "JACL-WRA controlled camp newspaper, the *Heart Mountain Sentinel*, was relentlessly attacking the leaders of the FPC and James Omura with their vicious editorials. I think they used every derogatory word in Roget's Thesaurus."

Omura, the wartime English editor of Denver's *Rocky Shampo*, was introduced as the only Nisei journalist to write of the resistance as it was happening. Indicted along with the draft resisters, he was the only one acquitted.

The government accused Omura of encouraging resistance with his editorials and his printing of the FPC's news releases, but Omura said "Resistance was a loaded gun ready to explode." Emi said Omura had never met or talked with committee leaders. Omura said he independently "took up the cudgel for Nisei rights," because "their actions appealed to me."

The draft resisters were dismissed as a "relatively small number of



Photo By Frank Abe

OTHER VIEWPOINTS—James Omura and Frank Emi stand in front of a lamp honoring Michi Weglyn at the fifth annual Association for Asian American Studies conference of March 24-27 in Pullman, Wash.

dissidents" in the recent autobiography of wartime JACL leader Mike Masaoka, but Omura said the camp resistance was closer to 21 percent of the 78,000 who were handed the WRA's loyalty questionnaire.

Omura said a true accounting must include the 16,080 segregants who said "No," refused to answer, or gave qualified answers. He said that number must also include 28 Nisei soldiers at Fort McClellan, Ala., whom he said disobeyed a marching order in part to protest their families' continued incarceration. 21 were court-martialed and drew sentences of from five to 30 years.

Lonely Struggle

Omura said his testimony before a wartime Congressional commission led Masaoka to brand him as "Public Enemy No. 1 of the JACL." Inside the camps, Omura said the "passive corps of Nisei writers" turned their backs on him and on the issues and "dwelt on the pleasant and inane aspects of living," while vernacular newspapers in the free zone "all hewed to the JACL policy of collaboration and accommodation and to its narrow philosophy of favorable public imaging."

"This was a lonely struggle," said

Omura, now 74. He said people who raised money to help defend the Heart Mountain resisters in court "were avoided on the streets, gang-beaten in an alley, intimidated with bodily harm, shown the door, supposed friends distanced themselves, and long business relationships broken." For himself, Omura said, "I would be hounded from job to job by the Nisei to deny me employment."

Omura cited support he received from White journalists and officials. "Does it not seem strange that not a single person of Japanese descent can be listed?"

President Truman in 1947 pardoned all 265 Nisei draft resisters. Emi, now a 71-year-old judo instructor, chided both wartime JACL leaders for opposing their test cases and contemporary Japanese American writers, especially what he called "JACL-oriented writers," for continuing to misrepresent their story. "Forty years ago the government

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APAC Workshop Focuses on Fighting Job Discrimination

SAN FRANCISCO — The Asian Pacific American Coalition/USA (APAC/USA)'s May 14 forum, an encore presentation of "Racial Discrimination in the Workplace: Another Form of Anti-Asian Violence," has been called a success by its organizers.

Designed to provide effective counter-measures to racial discrimination in the workplace, the forum began with personal, in-depth perspectives from those who have been victims of job discrimination. The panelists began by describing the frustration and confusion of their experiences. Dr. Jessie Furukawa, who won her case against the California Department of Education, likened the emotional process of employment discrimination victims to the grieving process by identifying the feelings of denial, isolation, anger, depression and acceptance she experienced.

After realizing and accepting the fact that they had been discriminated against, most panelists had decided to fight the perpetrator. Successful cases included the involvement of community-based organizations, in particular APAC/USA, to provide the critical measure in combating the discriminatory incident and rendering appropriate retribution.

Such organizations provide a sounding board for the victim's decision-making process; exerts pressure on and brings attention to the offending party; serves as a network for important resources and contacts; and functions as a psychological, emotional and social support system.

Loren McMaster, Esq., who successfully represented Furukawa, urged those who are contemplating their cases to consult an attorney

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'They Call Me Moses Masaoka'

Masaoka to Book-sign in Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO—Back-to-back mid-day book-signing receptions will be hosted for Mike Masaoka by the San Francisco and San Jose JACL chapters on June 4 and 5, respectively, at JACL Headquarters Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. and at the San Jose Issei Memorial Bldg., 565 N. 5th St., on Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. His just released autobiography, "They Call Me Moses Masaoka," (Morrow: \$18.95) will be available.

Masaoka will be enroute from

Washington to attend the AJA National Veterans Reunion at the Bally Hotel, Reno, June 7-10.

Although some controversy has been raised by the book, it has been endorsed highly by public officials and colleagues who have worked with him since he began his work in Washington, first with JACL in 1946 and then as a private lobbyist since 1953. "It is a story of how one man can make a difference," says Mike Mansfield, U.S. ambassador to Japan, in the introduction.



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"Voting is more just a virtuous civic act," said Cranston. "It is a means to an end—to a government which speaks for every diverse segment of our population... to a nation where no minority is voiceless or powerless against injustice."

Commission Releases Report

Following the LCCR conference, the Citizens' Commission on Civil Rights released its report, "Barriers to Registration and Voting: An Agenda for Reform" (Washington, D.C.: Center for Policy Alternatives, 1987), which contained its findings and recommendations.

The report is based on data and information gathered from multiple sources (between 1984 and 1987), such as field hearings in three U.S. regions—New York (Nov. 26 to 27, 1984), Atlanta, Ga. (Feb. 25 to 26, 1985) and in Phoenix, Ariz., (Nov. 18 to 19, 1985)—and a range of research studies.

According to the commission, the study was undertaken to "determine whether, notwithstanding the civil rights laws of the past three decades, registration practices still were barriers to the right to vote." Of great concern to the commission was the overall steady decline in voter turnout for the past 24 years.

In 1984, according to page 2 of the report, the U.S. Bureau of the Census reported that "only 59.9 percent of the voting age population reported voting in the 1984 elections." This led the commission to state in its report that "Although the electorate has been enlarged, it is still the minorities the poor and other discrete groups who participate least in the process... it appears that dis-

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Sac'to Leaders Support Redress

SACRAMENTO — "Providing redress to Japanese Americans interned during WW2 is the honorable thing to do," said Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin.

On May 11, the Legislative Education Committee of the Florin Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League sponsored a press conference at the State Capitol. The panelists who urged President Reagan to sign the redress bill were State Sen. Ralph C. Dills (D-Gardena); Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin; Illa M. Collin of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors; Rev. Dexter McNamara, chairperson of the Mission Action Committee of the Presbyterian Church; Robert Dresser of the Sacramento Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission; and Yosh Matsuhara, a Japanese American WW2 veteran. Jerry Enomoto, Na-

tional chairperson of the JACL/LEC, was the moderator.

Dills told about the efforts made by the State Legislature to support redress. Senate Joint Resolution 21, authored by Dills in 1987, urges the Congress to pass and the president to sign the redress bill. Rudin and Collin spoke about city and county efforts in support of redress.

On a different note, McNamara of the Presbyterian Church, whose national body has endorsed redress, spoke of the immorality of the internment and how only Japanese Americans were singled out while Dresser explained how the Evacuation Claims Act was a far cry from adequately compensating Japanese Americans for their material losses.

Matsuhara, who served in the Military Intelligence Service during

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SACRAMENTO LEADERS SHOW REDRESS SUPPORT—Pictured above are (l-r) Rev. Dexter McNamara; Jerry Enomoto; State Sen. Ralph C. Dills; Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin; Sacramento County Board of Supervisors member Illa M. Collin; Yosh Matsuhara; and Robert Dresser. They met May 11 to express their support for legislation to redress Americans who were interned during WW2, as well as to call on President Reagan to sign H.R. 442 into law.

DISCRIMINATION

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who is experienced with employment discrimination and with whom the client is completely comfortable. Then, he suggested filing cases with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or California Department of Fair Employment and Housing immediately after such a consultation. "To be effective," McMaster continued, "you [the victim] have to be angry and want to fight [the discrimination]. You must be committed to win."

William Wong, associate editor of the *Oakland Tribune*, described the competition of stories in the media

market and recommended research to identify possibly sympathetic as well as influential editors and reporters. Dale Shimasaki, special assistant to Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, suggested careful selection of politicians who can help. Some are part of the problem. Also legislators tend to have more impact on policy at the public level.

APAC/USA will reproduce, copyright and improve the syllabus, which was distributed at the forum. As a critical resource, the booklet covers warning signs, proactive measures, general protective measures, decision-making and the role of community-based organizations. It will include additional topics, such as how to select an attorney.

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Problems and Opportunities

THE COMING biennium is likely to be a period of great opportunity—and many knotty problems—for JACL. The organization will need strong, imaginative leadership able to bring many divergent views together.

Three candidates are vying for the opportunity to provide that leadership. In alphabetical order, they are Mollie Fujioka, Helen Kawagoe and Cressey Nakagawa.

Fujioka is governor of the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific district. Kawagoe is a former Pacific Southwest district governor and a former national vice president. Nakagawa has served the San Francisco chapter as four-term president.

The three shared the platform recently at a Pacific Southwest District Council meeting and responded to questions about the nature of their concerns for JACL and proposals for addressing them. This is a healthy approach. More such forums are needed for an interchange of thoughts between candidates and membership.

Under JACL's system, individual members do not vote directly for national officers. The officers are elected by official delegates from the various chapters. Small or relatively inactive chapters have the same vote as large chapters.

The rationale for this system is based on the fear that what is a national organization might be dominated by large West Coast chapters if elections were conducted on a one-member, one-vote basis.

JACL did indeed elect national officers by membership mail ballot on two occasions. Hito Okada, elected president in 1946 in Denver, became the first JACL chief executive chosen by the general membership when he was returned to office in 1948. However, only about 30 percent of members bothered to vote. In 1950, when Dr. Randolph Sakada was elected president, only 38 percent of the ballots were returned. After that the organization went back to having official delegates elect officers at the national convention.

The fact that individual members are one step removed from the electoral process underscores the importance of getting them involved as much as possible. Candidate forums, adequately reported in this newspaper, will go a long way toward bringing issues home to the membership and help individual chapters to cast their votes wisely.

'Balancing' the JACL Budget

AN OBSERVATION by San Francisco JACLer Cressey Nakagawa spotted a shortfall in the proposed National JACL budget for 1989-90, and what he said parenthetically makes sense as the matter comes up for review at the National JACL Board meeting this weekend (May 29-30) at Headquarters. He saw the proposed budget at the May 15 forum for JACL presidential candidates meeting in Los Angeles. There were three clusters of figures headed: "No dues increase," "\$2 increase," and "\$4 increase." The bottom line figures, enclosed in parentheses, indicated the budget was not balanced; therefore, dues would have to be increased or a program or an office would be cut to keep out of the red.

Looking at the \$80,000 shortfall for 1989 under "no dues increase," it could be met, Nakagawa said in passing, by getting—at \$34 per—2,500 new members (\$34 being the current national JACL dues for one year.) That's specific enough but who's going to do it?

Longtime JACLers can remember the "how" and "who" to that question. The answer came during those hectic hours at a National Convention trying to hammer out quotas for each district council's share to meet the budget. The principle being honored was a chapter's "ability to pay/raise funds" rather than what it is today, "national equalization," where everyone pays a flat amount in dues with no pressure to meet a particular goal.

It is understandable why the Quota System was replaced. It took too much time inside a tight convention schedule to pass—what with social events, luncheons and dinners in the way. Some wanted a budget-only convention in the odd-numbered years but that was too costly for most chapters to buy.

The National Conventions decided the quotas for each district council. The district council then worked out what each chapter's share or quota. In reality, each district knew ahead of time what the chapter quotas would be. Looking at the Quota Performance chart for Sept. 30, 1966, for instance, the National budget was \$115,000 with this quota breakdown: Pacific Northwest \$7,900; No. Calif.-W. Nevada \$38,300; Central Cal \$7,700; Pacific Southwest \$27,000; Intermountain \$9,400; Mountain Plains \$5,000; Midwest \$14,400; and Eastern \$5,300. NC-WNDC was the only district to top its quota with \$48,192 and you can see why—15 chapters of its 25 had met their quotas.

While history says little about how any organization can survive financially, JACL has managed for some 50 years now—a testament to the faith and dedication of its members and leadership to JACL's fundamental goal: to promote and protect the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in America and other Americans. We have over 2,000 non-members subscribing to the Pacific Citizen. They stand-out as choice prospects for JACL membership now.

Letters to the Editor

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Reply to Sakai

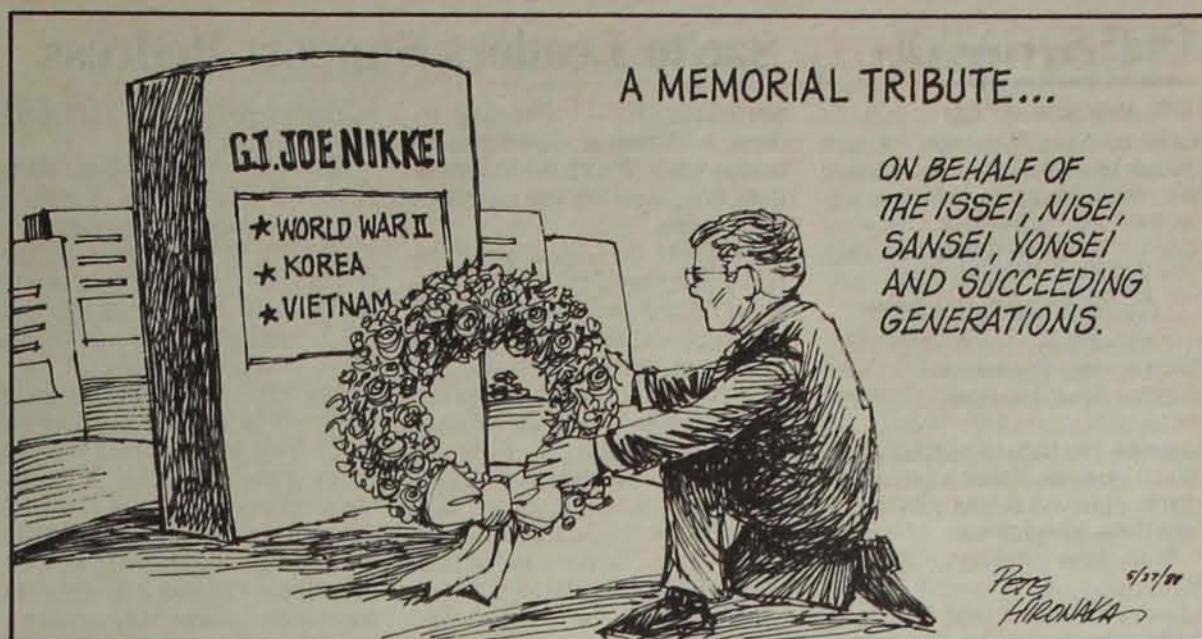
Henry Sakai, your conjectures and conclusions in your recent letter to the editor are fallacious because they are not based in facts. You would never have reached those conclusions had you attended

the National Board meetings and Executive Sessions over the past four years and had obtained first hand information.

HARRY KAJIHARA
National JACL President

Thanks for Answers to Questions

I am a student in political science at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. I wish to thank the JACL, the JACL-LEC and the Pacific Citi-



Helping Those Who Helped So Much

Buried deep inside a recent issue of Pacific Citizen was a small item that caught my eye. It said friends were collecting funds to help meet the cost of caring for two Nisei physicians stricken with Alzheimer's, that dreaded disease about which we've been hearing so much lately. The two are sisters, Kazue and Teru Togasaki of the truly remarkable Togasaki family of San Francisco.

Shocking news, and testimony of the cruel ravages of time.

Until recently Dr. Kazue and Dr. Teru had been cared for by their sister, Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki. But the burden became too heavy, and now the two are in a San Francisco nursing home where the cost is not small.

The fact that these three sisters, never married, all became physicians gives you an inkling about this exceptional family, and why the disability of two of them is so sad. Let me tell you their story, familiar to many Nisei but perhaps unknown to others.

Their father, Kikumatsu Togasaki, came to the U.S. in 1886, a youth of 19 but already a graduate of Japan's government school of jurisprudence. Here he married Shige Kushida, daughter of the co-founder of the Japanese Women's Christian Temperance Union.

That marriage produced eight children, six girls and two sons. The oldest, George, was born in 1895. A former president of Rotary International and a veteran of World War I, he lives in Tokyo where he is in fragile health. Kazue was born three years after George, followed by the

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa



late Susumu (Sim), Mitsuye, Yoshiye, Chiye, Teru and Yaye. (Their half-brother, Shinobu, was born of Kikumatsu's second marriage after Shige's death.)

Rearing such a family was not easy. Kazue once recalled they had an unwritten rule that the children could have butter or jam with their bread, but not both. They grew up during the period of heaviest immigration from Japan. Mrs. Togasaki, with her children in tow, would be at dockside to meet and comfort the bewildered, help them to buy American-style clothing, set up house-keeping.

When the Nisei generation began to arrive, the Togasaki residence became a free maternity home. The older girls helped nurse the women, bathe the infants, wash diapers, serve meals. No wonder three of the girls became physicians and the other three went into nursing.

Kazue got her M.D. at Women's Medical College in Philadelphia and had a busy interracial obstetrics practice in San Francisco. The Nisei and Sansei she delivered must run into thousands. If the parents were too poor to pay, it never

bothered her. Dr. Kazue's 12-room home in Japantown was a shelter for waifs of all ages. There she offered not only hospitality, but counsel, hope, encouragement. Her friends referred to it as the Togasaki Hotel.

Teru, a Johns Hopkins graduate, practiced in Honolulu where her special interest was volunteer work with juvenile delinquents and prison inmates. She returned to California after retirement.

Taking after their parents, Sim for many years was National treasurer of JACL. Dr. Yoshiye was director of United Nations refugee camps in Italy after World War II and public health officer in Contra Costa county.

She was reluctant to go public with the plight of her sisters. But their savings are depleted by their catastrophic illness and Yoshiye, at 83, found her own energy and resources limited. Finally, she was persuaded that letting the people know would dramatize the growing problems of the elderly which today includes so many Nisei. The community owes the Togasakis a deep debt of gratitude and now there is an opportunity to pay back a little of it. The Japanese have a term for this noble tradition: *On-gaeshi*, repayment of a moral obligation.

(Contributions to The Togasaki Family Fund may be sent to the Japanese Cultural and Community Center, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115. Trustees are Mollie Fujioka, Yo Hironaka, Yukio Wada, and Yori Wada.)

Redress Bills Still In Conference Process

The bill to redress Japanese Americans and Aleuts is still undergoing the conference process. According to the staff of the Senate and House conferees, the draft bill will be reviewed this week by the conferees and there is a possibility that it could be ready for a May 27 vote. If not, it will have to wait until after the Memorial Day recess. The House will recess from May 28 through 31; the Senate recess is from May 30 through June 3.

A brief look at the president's schedule shows that he will be leaving May 25 for Helsinki. He will ar-

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Grayce Uyehara



rive in Moscow May 29 for the five-day summit meeting with Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev. President Reagan will leave Moscow on June 2.

Because the conference bill is not yet ready to go to the floor of the Senate and the House, it may well be the week of June 6 before the redress bill is presented to the president for his signature.

The next two weeks will be critical in mounting the White House campaign through letters, mailgrams and telephone calls. This is not the time to let down on lobbying for redress.

Sufficient Funds

The JACL-LEC was informed this week that the \$20,000 account for the free mailgrams to the president has sufficient funds left after the calls received during the first week.

Those wishing to send a mailgram and/or telephone the White House directly should follow the below instructions:

- Mailgrams**
1. Call the toll-free Western Union number, 1-800-257-4900, and ask for hotline operator number 9395.
 2. Tell the operator that you wish to send a message to the president to support the Japanese American redress bill.
 3. Ask the operator to read the pre-stored messages and select one. The charge for this mailgram is \$3.50, \$4.50 after the number of mailgrams exceed the \$20,000 mark.
 4. If you prefer to give the operator your personal message, the cost is \$5.45 for up to 50 words in the mailgram, which includes the sender's and receiver's address.
 5. Once the free mailgrams have been utilized, expenses for mailgrams can be billed to your personal telephone, or they may be charged to credit card.
- Pre-stored Messages**
- Message 1—Dear President Reagan: Please sign the bipartisan bill to redress Japanese Americans and the Aleuts. Your signature on this overdue bill will show that America truly lives by its magnificent Constitution.
- Message 2—Dear President Reagan: Free people everywhere will applaud your action in signing the Japanese American and Aleut redress bill. You will send a message to the world that this nation upholds individual freedom.

Telephone Calls

Please call the White House (1-202-456-7639) and leave a brief message. Request the president to sign the Japanese American and Aleut redress bill into law. Generally, when calling the White House number, the

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Community Calendar

LOS ANGELES AREA

■ June 2—"Born in the USA: A Salute to Japanese American Vietnam Veterans and Vincent Okamoto," the Bonaventure Hotel. Proceeds to establish a memorial plaque for Japanese Americans who served in Vietnam at the Japanese American National Museum. Tickets: \$100/person, \$1000/table. Info: Tom Okamura, 213 540-3060; Ron Wasserman, 213 540-3315; or Sumi Shimazaki, 213 225-1501.

■ June 4—The Sage United Methodist Church annual "Oriental Bazaar," noon to 7 pm, 333 S. Garfield in Monterey Park. Info: Toshi Ito, 714 861-9676; or John Furukawa, 818 307-5010.

■ June 16 & 22—Philip Kan Gotanda's *Yankee Dawg You Die*, two benefit performances on behalf of the L.A. Theatre Center and the Japanese American National Museum. June 16—8 pm; June 22—6:30 pm, Los Angeles Theatre Center, 514 S. Spring Street. Tickets: \$27/special seats; \$22/same as L.A.T.C. prices; \$15/students, June 22 only. Info and to order tickets: 213 625-0414.

PASADENA

■ June 11—Lecture/demonstration of woodblock prints by Wu Biduan, 2:30 pm, Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave. Info: 818 449-2742.

RENO

■ June 8-12—National AJA Veterans Reunion, "the biggest ever," Bally's Hotel. MIS, Canadian, Nikkei Korean and Vietnam War vets invited. Appearances by Sen. Daniel Inouye, Sen. Spark Matsunaga, Rep. Norman Mineta and former Nevada Gov. Mike O'Callaghan. Registration and other info: Wilson Makabe, 4165 Hackamore Dr., Reno, NV 89509 or 702 747-1302.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

■ May 28-June 18—The California Japanese Ceramic Arts Guild exhibit, Kimura Gallery, 482 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. Info: Evelyn Oi, 213 546-3563.

STOCKTON

■ June 12—The San Joaquin Nikkei Widowed and Divorced Group monthly meeting, 2 pm, Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1239 S. Monroe St. Deputy Sheriff Stan Kaneko will speak on burglar proofing the home.

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REGISTRATION

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crimination practices inhibit the participation of citizens in the electoral process on account of race, sex, age, income level and physical disability."

The report also stated that the U.S. has one of the lowest rates of voter turnout among major democratic countries, that the U.S. is the only democracy where the responsibility of registration is placed on the individual and that there is an absence of a single national registration system.

Barriers to AP Participation

Among the reasons cited in the

2,000 AJA Vets Expected in Reno

RENO—Some 2,000 are expected for the National AJA Veterans Reunion June 8-12 at Bally Hotel/Casino, according to Wilson Makabe, 1988 reunion chair.

Over 1,800 from across the country and Hawaii are already registered for the opening banquet Wednesday, June 8, when Mike O'Callaghan, former Nevada governor, will speak. Sen. Daniel Inouye will address the Saturday farewell dinner, while Sen. Spark Matsunaga will speak at the Sunday memorial. Aside from the golf tournaments, all events are scheduled at Bally's.

report for low voter registration in the Asian American community were language barriers and citizenship issues. Quoting the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, the commission stated that some Asian residents in the U.S. are "not yet citizens because until very recently it took up to two and a half years to become a citizen between the time of application and swearing in."

Furthermore, many immigrants may have "an inherent distrust of government and government processes" because of the "severe political trauma" some experienced in their "home nations." Others also may have come from countries where "there was no opportunity for meaningful participation in national or local elections."

The commission also stated in its publication that "all Asian subgroups fell substantially below the overall registration rate (60 percent) in Los Angeles County," with Japanese Americans having the "highest registration rate at 43 percent." Other difficulties faced by Asian Americans reportedly include the lack of bilingual staff, public hostility against bilingual elections, the failure of some registrars to comply with the Voting Rights Act, insufficient enforcement of the act and hostility toward Asian speaking poll

workers.

Recommendations

The press conference concluded with recommendations that Congress consider and adopt legislation that would accomplish the following objectives: a) permit citizens to register by mail to vote in federal elections and to assure that their names will remain on the rolls unless there is good reason for removal; b) permit citizens to register for federal elections up to and including the day of election; and c) assist states in improving their electoral systems and in undertaking an affirmative obligation to facilitate enrollment of citizens as voters.

The commission further recommended that "Congress conduct or commission a study of other methods of increasing voter participation and investigate the extent to which people who are housed in shelters for the homeless or lack a fixed address are denied the right to register and vote and determine whether corrective legislation is needed."

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WW2 while his family was interned stated, "I am hopeful that all Americans will finally understand that the constitutional violation of the rights of citizens of Japanese ancestry is a violation of the constitutional rights of all Americans."

In response to the question whether the \$20,000 will be enough, Dills responded, "How can you redress being accused of treason and potential sabotage, taking away the three to four years of their life, their schooling, the opportunity to work, to keep their businesses? Money is not the entire thing at all. It is the fact that we recognize that we committed the gravest error."

Florin JACL President Richard Uno stated that the Florin chapter wanted to take a stand against some of the negative publicity about redress which accompanied the recent passage of S 1009. In addition, he credited chapter members Andy Noguchi and Pat Takayama for organizing the press conference. Uno said, "The goal of this press conference was to inform the public about the great property and personal losses suffered by the internees and to show the broad support for redress beyond the Japanese American community."

DUKAKIS

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Norman Mineta, Robert Matsui and Matthew Martinez (all D-Calif.), state Controller Gray Davis, state Attorney Gen. John Van De Kamp, Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy, Assemblyman Bruce Bronzan and Los Angeles City Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky.

"Each of our ethnic groups, each of our cultures, traditions, can contribute something very, very special to this country," Dukakis told his audience. "I want to be the president who brings the Asian American community into the government of this country because you can make a contribution to this government of

ours."

"... That door to the White House is going to be open to this community and communities all over the country... and you're going to be invited in as full partners, not just because it is your right, but because you have something very special to contribute to the government of the United States."

Dukakis, who speaks Greek and Spanish fluently, also spoke a few words in Korean, the knowledge of which he attributed to a 16-month military stint in Korea, when he was stationed at Munsan U.S. Army Base during the Korean War.

Referring to his wife, Kitty, who was also present, and her continuing work in helping to relocate Cambodian refugees to the U.S., he added, "The reason Kitty and I feel so strongly about this evening and about seeing you is because we have had very special, in many cases, very emotional experiences, with your community."

"I don't think it was a coincidence that Norm Mineta and Bob Matsui said they'd support me because we have so much in common," he said in recognition of the two congressmen who were reportedly the first outside of Massachusetts to publicly endorse his campaign.

The evening represents a "coming of age for all of us," he continued, "not just the Asian American community. Because if this son of immigrants can seek and win the presi-

dency of the United States with your help, then your kids and grandkids... can do the same."

Addressing the need for better public transportation in Los Angeles and a national health insurance plan, Dukakis also vowed to do "everything I can" to eliminate racial violence in the nation. Calling the Democratic party the "party of opportunity," because of the ethnic diversity of its many members, he told his listeners to "run for office... if a Greek American can become president of the United States in January of 1989, there's no reason why a Chinese American, a Japanese American... or anyone else can't be president of the United States."

"... Our government is not some appendage in the sky," he said. "It is us and that is why tonight is so special to Kitty and me."

The dinner, which netted \$150,000 for the Dukakis campaign, was the "largest fundraiser held by the Asian American community for any presidential candidate," according to AAFDC co-chair Albert Lum. AAFDC is comprised of members from the Chinese and Korean American communities, and the Southeast Asian and Indian communities.

Dukakis, who spoke at a downtown health clinic the following morning, left for New Jersey on May 22. He is scheduled to return to Los Angeles June 1 to continue campaigning for the June 7 primary.

Photo By B. Richert

JAPANESE TV—Harry Anderson hosts "Primetime Japan," an engaging and entertaining look at Japanese television, to be broadcast Friday, June 3 at 9:00 p.m. on national public television stations.* This one-hour special produced by WTTW/Chicago, offers a look at a typical day's television programming in Japan.

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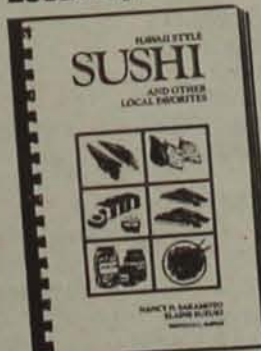
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• Garage Sale & Baked Goods Sale, June 17 & 18, Ken and Yas Matsumoto's home, 4240 Briarwood Dr., Indianapolis. Bring your donated treasures. Info: Judi-Izuka Campbell, 317 842-8326.
• Japanese Kitemaking Workshop, June 18, 1-3:30 pm, President Benjamin Harrison's home, 1230 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis. Fee: beginners—\$5 member/\$6 non-member; intermediate—\$10 member/\$11 non-member. Info: Ann Moore, 317 631-1898.

IDAHO FALLS

• Idaho Falls JACL two-day reunion, July 30 & 31, 1988. Open to per-

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• Opening of "JACL Softball" season, June 5, 9 am, Mill Valley Middle School. Info: Moss Fujii, 415 388-3449.

SAN JOSE

• The 36th Annual JACL Junior Olympics, June 5, at Chabot College in Hayward. The San Jose JACL sponsored team will act as the host team. Participants in this annual, all-day track and field event may compete in age groupings beginning at eight years and under through Masters' divisions. More information or entry forms: Tom Oshidari, 408 257-5609.

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• Annual community picnic, May 29, beginning 10:30 am, Mickle Grove Park. Festivities include races for children, horseshow contest for adults and a raffle. Dick Fuji is this year's picnic chairperson. Info: Nelson Nagai, 209 476-8528.

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• Annual Picnic, June 5, 11 am, Briggs School, 14438 W. Telegraph, Santa Paula. Bring one potluck dish. Games provided. Info: Stan Mukai, 805 650-1705.

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JA HISTORY

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acknowledged that the resisters had a legitimate reason for their actions," said Emi. "Bill Hosokawa and Mike Masaoka still do not."

Hosokawa declined an invitation to speak on the same panel. Contacted later by the Pacific Citizen, Hosokawa said he was editor of the *Sentinel* only until October 1943, and did not have a hand in the anti-FPC editorials. "I have no recollection of that at all," he said from his home in Denver. "By then I had relocated to a job with the *Des Moines Register*," he said, adding, "That's the sort of thing I object to from Omura and his ilk. They falsify my position to substantiate their own."

Hosokawa agreed the Nisei did not go "quietly and sheeplike" into combat. "Only about 900 volunteered out of several thousand who were eligible," he said.

Speaking after the panel, professor Lane Hirabayashi of San Francisco State University said dissenting views of history are healthy for the community. "After the war we had to be unified, it was a survival thing," he said. "Now that we're more established, the diversity of opinion is a luxury we've earned. I think that's good."

Weglyn Recognized

In a special tribute to the author of *Years of Infamy*, an *akari* paper

lamp designed by Isamu Noguchi was installed inside a glass case in the school's student union lounge and dedicated in honor of Michi Weglyn.

According to William Hohri, lead plaintiff in the class-action lawsuit for redress, Weglyn was the first to properly place the burden for the incarceration "squarely on the president and the government of the United States. During the war and for three decades following, for most Japanese Americans, Michi's accusation was unthinkable."

Hohri praised Weglyn for refusing in 1968 to rely solely on published works, searching instead for hidden history buried in declassified documents in the National Archives. Weglyn emerged from 8 years of research to produce what Hohri called "a lesson in the triumph of documented, verifiable truth over false, accepted theory."

Denny Yasuhara of the Spokane Chapter of JACL was given the association's Outstanding Service Award for his eight year legal battle to force Washington State University to create an Asian/Pacific American Studies program. That program is now staffed by director Gail Nomura and faculty member Stephen Sumida, who, along with Gary Okihiro, were organizers of the conference which attracted 250 people.

Frank Abe is a reporter for KIRO Newsradio 71 in Seattle.

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