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## Redress Bills Not Out of Conference Committee Yet

LOS ANGELES — Contrary to published reports dated June 11 that an agreement had been reached on the differences between the House and Senate versions of the Japanese American redress bills, a finalized version of H.R. 442 was still not resolved as of June 14.

In a telephone conversation, JACL-LEC Strategies Chair Grant Ujifusa said, "It's not out of the Conference Committee yet." Pacific Citizen further confirmed this in a telephone interview with a Judiciary Committee staff member. According to the staffer, the report that a resolution was reached is "not officially true." The staff member added, "The Senate has not gotten the language yet. They've agreed to concepts, but it is still unresolved."

The "language" referred to is wording regarding vesting or bequeathal rights. The House version allows for the monetary portion of redress to be willed to a family member should a recipient die after the president's signature. The Senate version does not include language addressing that possibility. JACL-LEC Executive Director Grayce Uyehara was told by Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) that, "On the individual payment of \$20,000, agreement has been reached that if the eligible individual is living when the bill becomes law and has registered for payment and subsequently dies, only the individual's spouse, children or parents can become beneficiaries."

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**SEN. INOUE'S FRIENDS**—The senior senator from Hawaii, who delivered the main address at the National AJA Veterans Reunion before some 2,200 people, is besieged by well-wishers after the Saturday Banquet. At his left is Cookie Takeshita, active Alameda JACLer.

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**AUTOGRAPH DESK**—Mike Masaoka (seated), assisted by his wife Etsu, autographs his book, "They Call Me Moses Masaoka," at the National AJA Veterans Reunion at Bally's Reno. Over 10 cases of the books were ordered by Reno JACL for the one-day special event.

## 'Japanese American Story' as Theme for Memorial Proposed

RENO, Nev.—The brand new Go For Broke Veterans Assn., opened to all Nikkei veterans (GIs and WACs) of WW2, Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War, spelled out a full program to commemorate the 50th anniversary in 1993 of the formation of the 442nd Infantry at Camp Shelby, Miss., the landing of the 100th Infantry for combat in North Africa, and revelation of Nisei in military intelligence service in the Pacific.

Mike Masaoka, temporary chair, explained use of the "Go for Broke," motto of the 442nd Infantry, in the group's name. As a popular American phrase from Hawaii to mean

"shoot the works," it has name recognition with a Japanese American aura. It is a WW2 Nisei contribution to the American dictionary, he noted, which embraces the spirit of all Nikkei.

### Heroic Memorial

The keystone to the 1993 commemoration, Masaoka pointed out, would be a heroic memorial on the Avenue of Heroes along the entrance way to Arlington National Cemetery.

It would be dedicated to the Nisei volunteers of World War II, the Japanese American evacuees who were denied their constitutional rights and the parent generation who first sustained the prejudice and discrimination in the prewar years.

The grand proposal ("akin to what the Vietnam War memorial has accomplished," in Masaoka's words) would recommit America to the proposition that "Americanism is a matter of the mind and the heart, and not of race or ancestry," uttered by President Roosevelt in 1943 when

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## P.C. to Begin Double Dating Issues Next Week

The Pacific Citizen summer schedule will go into effect later this month. The issues listed below will be double-dated and will come out every other week. Also listed below are the deadlines:

Date of Issue	Deadline	Press
June 24-July 1	Fri, 6/17	Tue, 6/21
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August 19-26	Fri, 8/12	Tue, 8/16
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\* Weekly schedule is resumed with this issue until December. The year-end changes will be announced in late November.

## Sen. Inouye Addresses Reno Reunion

## 'War Against Prejudice' Still Faces Nisei Veterans

By Harry K. Honda

RENO, Nev.—Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) told a huge ballroomful of Japanese American veterans Saturday night (June 11) that their war against racial prejudice must continue.

Inouye spoke to some 2,200 gathered for the farewell dinner and dance of the National Americans of Japanese Ancestry Veterans Reunion at Bally's Reno.

Inouye, who gained recognition for being on the Watergate hearings panel and heading the Iran-Contra hearings, also said the United States would soon correct the "national obscenity" of holding Japanese Americans in internment camps during World War II.

"Hopefully, in the next few weeks, we will have a bill on the president's desk for him to sign," Inouye said. "I hope he will have the good sense to sign the measure."

The bill, now in conference committee, would give \$20,000 to each of those who were placed in camps.

Inouye, who fought in the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team during World War II, said the veterans should be proud of their service to the country, despite being wronged by their government.

"We honored our country," Inouye

said. "We demonstrated to our fellow Americans that we were just as good as they were, or even better."

But Inouye said the veterans had to keep fighting because their biggest battle, racial prejudice, had not been won.

"We've done well, but our work is not finished," Inouye said. "I'm shown every day that racial hatred and prejudice is alive and doing well—and it's a blow against our country."

Inouye said one way to combat prejudice was to remind children of the price that was paid for their future.

"We must tell our children about our concept of duty, honor and country," Inouye said. "That memory will help us combat prejudice."

"It may not be eradicated in our lifetime, but we must continue to fight it."

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) was toastmaster. In addition to the introductions, he reported the conference committee on the redress bill was "close to agreement... except for the payment section." He expected the bill to come out "in the next several weeks."

Mineta formally introduced Mike Masaoka, who received the reun-

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Civil Rights Chairman Dies from Heart Attack

SAN DIEGO — Clarence Pendleton, chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, died while exercising on June 5. A heart attack was suspected as the cause of death. He was 57.

Pendleton, who was Black, headed the commission since 1981 and often met with resistance from other Black leaders because of his opposition to affirmative action and busing.

### Inouye's Census Proposal Approved

WASHINGTON — The Senate Subcommittee on Commerce Appropriations approved on June 10 legislation proposed by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) which would require the Census Bureau to tabulate Asian American and Pacific Islander ethnic groups under separate categories. The Census Bureau currently plans to categorize Asian and Pacific Americans under a single category. Persons wishing to specify their ethnic group can do so by writing it in separately.

Inouye's proposed legislation would require the 1990 Census to follow the same format used in the 1980 Census, which listed nine ethnic groups under the Asian/Pacific Islander category. The subcommittee agreed to include the proposal in the 1989 fiscal year budget for the Census Bureau.

### Mineta, Matsui Win Primaries Unopposed

SACRAMENTO — Reps. Norman Mineta of the 13th District in San Jose and Robert Matsui of the 3rd District in Sacramento were unopposed in the Democratic race of the June 7 primaries. They will face token Republican opposition in the November general elections.

An article published in the *Hokubei Mainichi* reports that Mineta will face Luke Somer, while Matsui will face Lowell P. Landowski.

Other Asian American candidates running in the California primaries did not fare as well.

In their bid for congressional nominations, Sang Korman, a Korean American businessman, and Lily Chen, former Monterey Park, Calif., mayor, lost, respectively, to incumbents Elton Gallegly and Matthew Martinez.

Gallegly, a Republican, garnered 81.9 percent of the voters in the 21st District (San Fernando Valley) to Korman's 14.2 percent. Chen lost the Democratic 30th District (Alhambra/Montebello) nomination, winning only 26.29 percent of the votes. Martinez received 73.7 percent of the votes.

According to an article published in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, incumbent Judge John Oda lost his seat on the Berkeley-Albany Municipal Court to Jennie Rhine by a margin of 47 to 53 percent of the votes.



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**AAJA FORUM**—The Los Angeles Chapter of the Asian American Journalists Association sponsored a forum on "The Changing Face of L.A. News," held May 25 at KABC-TV in Hollywood. Pictured (l-r) are Joanne Ishimine, forum moderator; Shelby Coffey of the *Los Angeles Times*; George Nicholaw of KNX Radio; and John Severino of KABC-TV. The speakers discussed their views of the future of L.A. news.

## Death Notices

**Otsune Miyamoto**, 71, of Monterey, Calif., died at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula after a brief illness.

Miyamoto, a homemaker who was known as Oski, was born on Nov. 21, 1916, in Monterey, where she lived all her life. She was a member of El Estero Presbyterian Church and the Monterey Peninsula JACL.

She is survived by her husband, Hoshito, who is known as Oyster, two daughters, Carole Miyagishima of El Monte and Diane Uyeda of Seaside; a son, Alan of Salinas; three brothers, Rinzi Manaka of Garden Grove, Tim Manaka of Los Angeles and James Manaka of Montebello; two sisters, Emma Sato of Monterey and Mary Shiba of Cutler, and four grandchildren.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to El Estero Presbyterian Church.

**Reiko Weston**, 59, who introduced *teppanyaki* style cooking to Minneapolis in 1959, died May 7 at her Minneapolis home. For her entrepreneurial work operating the Japanese restaurant Fujiya on the banks of the Mississippi River, she was honored in 1979 with the Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year Award. She was the daughter of Admiral Kaoru Umetani.

**Carl Minoru Tamaki**, 68, a former interim general manager and chief engineer of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP), died June 2. In a 32-year career with the giant utility, Tamaki helped design several major DWP facilities, including the Valley, Scattergood and Haynes generating stations and the Mohave Power Project. The native Californian served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps during WW2. He attended U.C. Berkeley and the University of Missouri. Tamaki was past president of the Westside Optimist Club, past director of the Westchester YMCA

and Crenshaw YMCA and served on the district attorney's advisory council. He was also on the board of directors of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center and was president of the Japanese Community Pioneer and Social Service Center.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Mae; sons, Paul and John; daughter, Mary Haydon, and sisters, Yone Nishimura, Nobu Okamoto and Rose Uyeno.

**Dr. Thomas T. Semba**, 64, chief pathologist at North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale, Minn., died May 2.

He is survived by his wife, Hannah, sons, Robert, Richard and Charles, daughter, Laura, brothers, Ted, Frank and Yutaka and sisters, Haru Tanabe and Mayme Nishimura.

**Mary Toshiko Murai** of Menlo Park, Calif., died May 8. Murai, 75, was a member of the Palo Alto chapter and of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Palo Alto, Calif. She was married to the late Frank Y. Murai.

Murai leaves behind sons, Aron and Dave, daughter, Cherry, brothers, Frank and George Fukui, and sisters, Rosie Fujikawa and Lily Kuwata.

**Mary Nakaishi**, 71, known as the "Angel of 25th Street," died April 27 of a heart ailment at the McKay-Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah. She and her surviving husband, Yukio, owned Utah Noodle Parlor and Uke's Cafe for 40 years. They probably "gave away more food than they sold in their 30-plus years of running restaurants (1956-1982) in Ogden," the *Ogden Standard-Examiner* editorial commented in tribute. "She had a way of giving people dignity and making them feel good about themselves," said a soup kitchen co-worker and former director at St. Anne's Mission, where they had moved their restaurant equipment to help a then-struggling soup kitchen. As retirees, they prepared the noon meals at St. Anne's until late 1985. Until last year, they worked with the Weber County Problems Anonymous Group mental health program, cooking food for residents.

Other surviving family members are son, Curtis, daughter, Annette Johnson, 7 grandchildren and sister, Irene Tanji.

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## Matsunaga Running for 3rd Term

Declaring he still has much to do in the areas of space, peace and alternate energy, Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) formally filed for reelection June 2, said a report published in the *Honolulu Advertiser*.

Matsunaga, 71, is campaigning for his third term in the U.S. Senate. He was first elected in 1976 after 14 years in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Over the years, he has been closely identified with his push for a national commitment to peace research, with the idea of cooperative multi-national space projects and with the drive for alternate energy sources. These projects remain unfinished, he stated.

Matsunaga said his effort is to convert temporary authorization for a U.S. Peace Academy extended beyond its expiration date this year and to convert the project into a permanent U.S. Peace Institute.

The Kauai-born senator is a veteran of the 100th Infantry Battalion with service in Europe during WW2. He holds a degree from Harvard Law School and began his political career in the Territorial house from 1954 to 1959.

To date, his opponents this year include author and planner Bob Zimmerman, a Democrat, and Republican Maria Hustace, a Molokai rancher and businesswoman.

## Third Annual NJAHS Picnic Set for Sept. 4

SAN FRANCISCO — The third annual *undokai* picnic sponsored by the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) is scheduled for Sept. 4, and will be at the Japanese Garden of the Mt. Eden Nursery, at the foot of the San Mateo bridge. The picnic is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and can be ordered by mail through the NJAHS office at 1855 Folsom St., Room #161, San Francisco 94103; or by calling (415) 431-5007.



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## Nisei War Dead Remembered

RENO, Nev.—In memory of the Nisei war dead, "this reunion offers vindication of the redress bill," declared Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), main speaker at the closing services of the 1988 National AJA Veterans Reunion at the Bally Hotel here Sunday, June 12, before some 1,800 people.

Optimistic that the president will sign the redress bill now in conference when it reaches his desk, this reunion thus celebrates "a precious legacy from our departed comrades" which gave tremendous impact toward passage of the measure in the Congress, Matsunaga said.

To the muted sounds of "My Buddy" from the Reno Municipal Band, tall white candles on stage

were lit by Sen. Matsunaga in memory of the WW2 Nisei war dead, by Hiroshi Miyamura for his fallen comrades in the Korean conflict, and by Capt. Gordon Nakagawa, USN, the Vietnam war dead and Lt. Col. Ellison Onizuka.

Matsunaga was introduced by Mike Masaoka. Lt. Col. J. Edgar Wakayama (U.S. Army Reserve) was emcee. Other participants included:

Songleader Helen Lee and Prof. Ted Puffer, Univ. of Nevada-Reno music dept.; Glen Little, bandmaster, and the Reno Municipal Band; the Rev. George Aki, retired 442nd RCT chaplain, of Paramount, Calif.; William Irons (who rendered the "Lord's Prayer" in Indian Sign language) of Reno, a member of the Hunkpapa group of the Teton Sioux Nation; and the Nevada National Guard color guards.

## REUNION

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ion's main tribute for his 50 years of contribution to America, adding that as a brother-in-law, he was inserting a family perspective. He then recalled the time in 1941 "when Mike came to see my sister Etsu (and now his wife) and gave me a nickel to leave the house and see a movie."

Recounting Masaoka's activities with the Japanese American Citizens League before and after the war, as the first Nisei to volunteer for the 442nd and of his recent role on the redress bill, Mineta added he was convinced that the redress bill would not have happened "without Mike's persistence."

### Special Recognition

The newly-formed Go For Broke Veterans Assn., Washington, D.C., honored Eric Saul in absentia for his research and work at the Army Museum at the Presidio of San Francisco, where the story of the Evacuation, the 100th, 442nd and MIS was presented and which became the inspiration for the Smithsonian Institution's U.S. Constitution bicentennial exhibit on the same subject last year.

It was the largest sitdown banquet of its kind in the memory of many reunion participants. "Though some have passed on, many more are coming out for the first time since so many are retired and are able to travel," commented Sohei Yamate of Hilo, Hawaii, an MIS veteran who has attended all of the reunions since the mid-1950s. "At first they were five years apart, then three years; now, it's but two years away in Hawaii. See you there!"

Wilson Makabe and his wife Marga, who co-chaired the reunion and accommodated hundreds of registrants at the last minute, received plaques from Rudy Tokiwa on behalf of the veterans.

Also attending were 19 Nisei from Canada, most of them WW2 military intelligence servicemen attached to the British Army; and veterans of the 34th Infantry and 36th Infantry divisions. The 100th Infantry were part of the Iowa 34th Infantry in Italy before the 442nd entered combat. The 442nd veterans who rescued the Lost Battalion (of the 36th Infantry from Texas) are honorary Texans today.

Pierre Moulin, spokesman for the 17 from Bruyeres, France, invited the veterans to a reunion next year at Bruyeres sometime in June-July. This delegation was conspicuous by their wearing a French medallion with a tri-color ribbon of red-white-blue.

The evening concluded with dancing to Al Shay's Band. More veterans and their spouses, however, retired to their respective company hospitality suites to continue swapping stories and catching up with one another.

## 442nd in Top Ten

RENO, Nev.—The huge painting depicting the 442nd's rescue of the Lost Battalion in October, 1944, hangs among the top ten battles in U.S. Army history dating from the Revolutionary War at the Pentagon, Sen. Daniel Inouye mentioned during the address at the 1989 reunion of veterans here last weekend.

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## VETERANS

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the 442nd RCT was activated.

Masaoka concluded the memorial would signify the end that "never again will any individual or group of Americans be similarly victimized regardless of race, ancestry, nationality, creed, color, condition and/or circumstance."

The GFB Veterans Assn. proposal would include:

A presidential proclamation, Congressional tributes to the 100, 442, MIS and Nisei WACs, a commemorative stamp, official ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, and other Washington events.

### Fund-Raising Outlined

While contributions to launch the paperwork for GFB Veterans were

accepted by Masaoka at the Reno reunion, no budget was announced but it could be substantial, he said. He hoped the federal government would provide the site but the memorial would have to be supported from non-governmental sources.

"If the redress legislation is passed, this could be a primary source for such major projects as the heroic memorial," Masaoka added, from its Civil Liberties Public Education Fund.

"We need to persuade them (the board of directors for the fund) that our proposed projects are not only education projects but also the most appropriate under the remedial statute and within the contemplation of the congressmen and president."

Close to 900 veterans were present at the special meeting Saturday to hear reports and plan for the next reunion.

## 'Winter War' Ready for Santa Fe Premiere

SANTA FE, N.M. — This city is getting ready for war ... *Winter War*, a ballet with its world premiere performance by the Pajarito Ballet Theatre set for June 24.

*Winter War*, described as "a trilogy of the American Japanese," deals with different aspects of the Japanese American experience, including the internment of WW2.

Act one is about the Issei and the rejection of their bid for citizenship due to the U.S. Supreme Court upholding a 1790 immigration law. The second act deals with WW2, including Pearl Harbor, the 100th/442 Regimental Combat Team and a sequence entitled "the rape of justice." This act also covers regaining lost honor.

The third act involves today's younger Japanese Americans and how they cope with society. "Some of us are 'homogenized,' including those who are of full Japanese ancestry," said Cory-Jeanne Houck, principal dancer for the production.



**WINTER WAR**—Cory-Jeanne Houck, principal dancer in *Winter War* in a scene from the upcoming Pajarito Ballet Theatre production.

"At the end of the ballet we show how everything comes around full circle."

In addition to Houck, Peter Yao, plays the lead Japanese American character, while Gregory George plays Soldier Blue, the major Caucasian American character. *Winter War* is co-written by Mariko and Cory-Jeanne Houck.

The ballet will be performed at the Greer Garson Theatre, College of Santa Fe. Tickets are \$10, \$12 and \$13, with \$2 off for seniors. After its premiere in Santa Fe, the ballet should reach Los Angeles sometime this fall. Following this, the ballet will be performed in San Francisco, New York and the East Coast. For further details, call (505) 984-1345.

## The 'Untrustworthy' Japanese

By Shigeo Hayashi  
Washington Correspondent  
Tokyo Shimbun

I saw two disturbing movies recently in New York—*The Last Emperor*, Pu Yi's life story, and *Empire of the Sun*, the experience of a British boy in Shanghai during World War II. Both films deal with Japanese aggression and show the Imperial Army's brutality in China, including footage of the "Rape of Nanking."

When atrocity scenes flashed on the screen, Americans gasped, shut their eyes or sighed in disgust. The episodes were integral to the stories and not gratuitously inserted to vilify Japanese.

Nevertheless, I felt guilty and ashamed. Although I am not personally responsible for what happened in China 50 years ago, it was my countrymen, my father's generation, who did these things.

I realized that for a Japanese, ethnicity is destiny. When I get to know an American really well, inevitably he or she confides to me:

"Japanese are frightening. You never know what they are thinking or might do next. In feudal times, samurai committed harakiri, and during the Pacific War kamikaze pilots crashed into our ships. Today, Japanese businessmen are notorious for blind loyalty to their company. Such fanatical behavior seems crazy."

My generation regards Nanking as one incident in the Japanese invasion of China. It's history and has nothing to do with us.

Americans, however, don't feel that way. They think Nanking was a "quintessentially Japanese act." In

their eyes, we are an untrustworthy people. Didn't the U.S. government relocate Japanese Americans during World War II because their loyalty was suspect?

To say Americans fear the yellow peril may be an exaggeration. But many do resent Japanese for challenging the United States in high technology and topping it in per-capita gross national product—\$19,600 compared with \$18,400.

In dealing with Americans, we should be as discreet in our speech and behavior as a Toyota salesman in Detroit. Many Japanese don't realize the intense animosity we incur as an economic giant with a militaristic past.

—from the Asia Foundation's Translation Service Center

## Kona-Kailua in Hawaii the Site of 1990 Vet Reunion

RENO, Nev.—The next National AJA Veterans Reunion will be in Hawaii two years away, centered on June 19, in Kailua-Kona on the Big Island, it was decided by the participants at the 1988 reunion last weekend.

Fred Fujimoto (232nd Engineers) had extended the invitation, which was greeted by applause.



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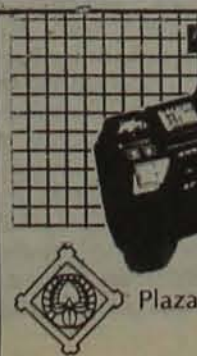
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## EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN:

### Redress Money and the JACL

AS ITS National Board was made aware recently, JACL is in tight financial straits. The Board accepted a biennium budget of slightly more than one million dollars but many condemned it as inadequate to carry out necessary programs. A dues increase would be required for a larger budget and that is undesirable for various reasons.

Some JACLers may be thinking that the organization's coffers can be replenished with redress money. There is precedence for this idea. Back in 1948, when the Evacuation Claims Act was passed, JACL suggested members contribute 10 percent of payments to the organization which had been most instrumental in getting the relief measure through Congress.

But any talk at this time of looking to redress funds for JACL is inappropriate.

In the first place, there is no assurance that any money will be available.

Second, JACL has been pushing for monetary payment for individuals as a token solatium from the government for the outrage suffered by individuals. Seeking a percentage of such a solatium, if and when it becomes reality, is uncomfortably crass, particularly since the campaign to obtain redress was financed largely by individual contributions.

It would be another matter if individuals, in appreciation for JACL's efforts on their behalf, voluntarily contributed to support its other programs. But at this stage, this is a matter that requires the most delicate treatment.

### Was Racism Involved?

HUNDREDS OF thousands of Blacks served in the U.S. armed forces in World War I and World War II, many with great courage and distinction. Strangely, not one was awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest decoration for military valor.

Some Americans suspect racism was involved. Two members of Congress have launched a campaign to award the Medal of Honor posthumously to two Black military heroes. One, Sgt. Henry Johnson, served in France during World War I. The other, Seaman Dorrie Miller, helped save his wounded captain and downed two enemy planes with machine gun fire from the battleship West Virginia during the Pearl Harbor attack.

Racism has no more place in the military than it has in civilian life. Nor does tokenism. If investigation shows Johnson and Miller deserved the Medal of Honor at the time of their heroism, recognition even at this late date would be proper.

Japanese Americans faced somewhat similar discrimination in World War II. The 442nd Regimental Combat Team won 18,143 individual decorations, including 9,486 Purple Hearts for injuries in action and 52 Distinguished Service Crosses for extraordinary valor, but only one Medal of Honor.

Mike Masaoka writes in his autobiography: "I had a deep, dark suspicion that some deskbound second lieutenant down the line was automatically downgrading citations a notch when he received them, but I couldn't prove it." Later he expressed his concerns to his friend, Sen. Elbert Thomas, who promised to investigate. Some time later the Medal of Honor was awarded posthumously to Sgt. Sadao Munemori. Masaoka writes that Munemori's recommendation for the Medal of Honor was the only one from the 442nd which had not been acted on at the time Thomas made his inquiry.

Our nation has become much less racist since World War II, in no small part because of the heroism of men like Munemori and Miller. But it is never too late to redress past wrongs.

## Reflections on Passage of S. 1009

By K. Patrick Okura  
National JACL President, 1962-1964

Sept. 17, 1987, and April 20, 1988, are two very significant days in my life. On these two dates, H.R. 442 and S. 1009 were passed by the Congress. The redress struggle that was a part of our Civil Rights Movement started in 1963 when I was National president. It has finally reached the point of the passage of legislation in which the government of our country apologizes for our internment, as well as the establishment of a trust fund and the payment of individual reparations to all living survivors of the internment.

As I look back over the years following WW2 and the evacuation and internment, I cannot help but recall the dark days of February, 1942, when I was employed as a personnel

technician for the Los Angeles City Civil Service Commission and was forced to leave my position before the evacuation notices were issued. Bill Hosokawa, who wrote *Nisei, the Quiet Americans* in 1969, states my position:

"The Nisei did not have to go looking for harassment. It was unavoidable. The experience of K. Patrick Okura is a startling example. A graduate of UCLA, Okura was employed by the Los Angeles City Civil Service Commission as a personnel technician. Early in February, 1942, Drew Pearson charged in one of his broadcasts that a Japanese American passing himself off as an Irishman, named K. Patrick O'Kura had wormed his way into the Los Angeles City government, had familiarized himself with the City Power and Water System, and had installed a ring of fifty saboteurs within the Bureau of Water and Power, who were poised to blow up the entire system when the word came. Like so

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## Yamato Damashii and the Nisei Soldier

By Marshall Sumida  
and Joe Oyama

Zen is not a religion but a philosophy, a way of life. It feels but does not explain. What this feeling is cannot be rationally explained.

When *Yamato Damashii* is mentioned, a Japanese child will bear up his courage and self-discipline. Sometimes, he is reproached for acting too childish, and not enough like a samurai, disgracing not only himself but also his family and friends.

In Japan *Yamato Damashii* awakens in most Japanese a feeling of honor. Children are taught to respect the Japanese flag. In America, the Nisei, when they were children, were taught the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag, and

sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Like their counterparts in Japan, they were also taught *Yamato Damashii* by their Meiji-era (1868-1912) Issei parents.

When a Nisei soldier stands before his regimental colors, saluting, he recalls the tremendous battle casualties and sacrifices of his comrades-in-arms of the 100/442nd Regimental Combat Team. He knows that it was the *Yamato Damashii* spirit of self sacrifice, which led to such high casualties. A purity of feeling pervades the Nisei soldier's code of honor, unstained.

A Nisei veteran said, "Those who say they know, really don't know, and those who really know, do not speak." Performed with deeds far

beyond the call of duty, it is an inexplicable depth of feeling...

To the Nisei soldiers who fought in the 100/442nd, honor unblemished meant everything...

Our difficulty today is not the awareness of injustices—redress, legality or illegality, money, etc.—the problem is that as human beings, we seem to have lost the essence of our feelings, the feeling which comes from the heart and not from the intellect.

Perhaps what lies beneath our occasional nostalgia for the past, when we were growing up under the guidance of our Issei parents, is the loss of a positive sense of direction and optimism, not characterized by the cynicism of today.

## Letters to the Editor

■ Letters to the Editor should be typewritten (double-spaced) or legibly hand-printed and no more than 200 words. A contact phone number and address must be included or P.C. will not print the letter. Letters may be subject to editing.

### Giving Credit

At the 1988 JACL National Convention in Seattle, due credit should be given to the many dedicated Japanese Americans who worked so hard for the recent passage of the redress bill in Congress and the Senate.

Let us also remember the men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, who gave their lives to redeem the honor of Japanese Americans. It would show an incredible lack of appreciation if the heroism of the unit after which H.R. 442 was named is overlooked, while a resolution, recognizing the contributions of the No-No-Boys, is offered, as suggested by some members of the host chapter.

Never before in history has an ethnic group, grossly mistreated as "national security risks," proved its loyalty with such distinction as the Japanese Americans of World War II.

Our scattered veteran groups annually pay homage to their comrades-in-arms who made the supreme sacrifice for America. Shouldn't the National JACL also acknowledge our unpayable debt to our Yankee samurai?

MAS ODOI  
Federal Way, Wash.

### Canadian Redress

It is my concern that our Canadian brethren are deserving of amelioration for what we have finally and hopefully near—our goal to achieve redress.

What writer Roger Obata (P.C., April 29, 1988) has narrated points to the ultimate in obfuscation by certain Canadian officials who apparently and blatantly choose to underestimate the democratic strength of fair-minded Canadians.

I would like to be able to correspond with Mr. Obata and assure him that we Americans of Japanese ancestry are not only concerned but would like to help as much as we can to assist them in their quest toward obtaining an equitable redress.

FRANK H. SAITO, D.M.D.  
19983 Santa Maria Ave. #202  
Castro Valley, Calif. 94546

### 'Chronology' Presents Limited View of History

In your May 6th edition, you printed a "redress chronology" that was supposed to list notable redress events covered in the Pacific Citizen. Sadly, your redress chronology missed many important moments in redress history and represented JACL's limited and narrow interpretation of history.

While you mentioned the writings of Bill Hosokawa and Michi Weglyn, you did not cite the contributions of

Peter Irons and Richard Drinnon. Furthermore, your redress chronology failed to recognize the important contribution of the National Council for Japanese American Redress. People such as William Hohri, Sue Embrey, and Jack and Aiko Herzig played major roles in the redress movement and deserve recognition.

Additionally, your chronology seemed to misplace the *coram nobis* cases. Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi, Min Yasui and their teams of lawyers made substantial gains and certainly represent big news.

Finally, I found it unbelievable that the Pacific Citizen failed to recognize the existence of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR). Whether you liked it or not, in August, 1987, NCRR did organize and send over 100 people to Washington, D.C. to lobby members of Congress. (Many JACL people participated in this lobbying effort.) JACL should applaud the efforts of NCRR and their leaders (Alan Nishio and Bert Nakano).

I understand that JACL sponsors the Pacific Citizen. However, in the interests of responsible journalism and the coalition of Japanese American groups supporting redress, I believe the P.C. should have acknowledged the combined efforts of all the redress organizations.

MICHAEL R. KODAMA  
Redress/Legislative Chairman  
San Fernando Valley JACL

## 'False Statistics' Cited in Mooring Article

By Arthur T. Morimitsu

The op/ed article in the *San Jose Mercury News* by John Mooring on Feb. 4, 1988, reprinted in the April 1, 1988 issue of the Pacific Citizen in which Mr. Mooring called the redress legislation "racist," cited several false statistics to prove his point.

As a former native-born American citizen from Sacramento, Calif. where I was incarcerated at the Tule Lake Relocation Center along with my parents and others of Japanese descent without any charges placed against us, no trial or individual hearing, I volunteered to serve with the U.S. military intelligence services for the war against Japan.

Over 5,000 Japanese Americans

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### For the Record

The redress chronology which appeared in the May 6, 1988 P.C. had some lines which were printed out of order. The two lines at the beginning of the text on page 3 should have appeared at the bottom of page 3 under the 1981 listing.



## Japan: Dissolving the myth of the \$14 breakfast... and then some

Not everyone returning from Japan talks about the expense of eating out. On the contrary, the knowledgeable travelers are boasting of how they beat the myth of prohibitively expensive meals there.

It is true that meals taken in hotels or expensive "name" restau-

rants are about the same as at comparable establishments here, but, if you step outside of the hotel a whole new world of dining becomes available.

There are literally thousands of clean and oftentimes quaint, restaurants outside of the hotel that boast

of prices that are only a fraction of the cost in hotels.

A good example is "morning service" at a coffee house which costs a little bit more than \$2.00. At the hotel a similar breakfast will run \$14.00 or more.

Reasonably priced meals are not limited to Japanese cuisine. Japan is a very cosmopolitan country. Restaurants that serve Italian, German, French, Chinese, Indian and even American dishes abound throughout the nation.

There are some caveats though; stay away from imported (often American) beef, oysters from Australia, fresh fruit from Africa and some items that while an everyday sort of food here in America, such as honey dew melon, are considered delicacies by the Japanese. (The tip off that it is considered a delicacy is the price). Follow these general rules and you will find meals to be quite reasonable.

We at JATC encourage our clients to join the hundreds of other knowledgeable tourists who venture outside of the hotels to dine. It is fun, perhaps adventuresome and it is guaranteed to enrich your travel.

## JATC initiates 'air only' reservation department

In response to the increase in demand for air only travel arrangements, JATC has set up a department dedicated solely to air travel reservations and ticketing.

A separate telephone and airline reservations computer system has been installed to expedite air only transactions.

Steve Lepisto, a newcomer to JATC, will be handling air-only requests. Steve comes to his new position with a background in travel that spans close to twenty years.

Prior to accepting his new responsibilities Steve worked as a reservations and ticketing agent. He mastered the skills of computer reservations and ticketing during a

10-year stint with Air New Zealand. He has travelled throughout the South Pacific and to various cities in Asia and Europe.

To avoid delays in securing airline reservations and tickets, readers may call direct to the air-only desk at (213) 624-1558. Out-of-state callers can still use the existing "800" line, (800) 877-8777, and ask for Steve at extension 702.

Tours, Cruises and other travel requirements will be handled exclusively by Bill Hamada and Sami Kushida at the existing telephone numbers (213) 624-2866 and the above "800" line.

As the information operator always says, "Please make a note of it".

## Volunteers save some of Little Tokyo history

By JATC Supplement Writer

It's the same routine every day for me. Exit the freeway at Los Angeles Street, turn left on Temple and right on San Pedro pass by the police station and the abandoned church next to the Firm Building (I usually make the traffic light on the corner of First and San Pedro) and turn right into the parking lot of the Kajima building where I have my office.

Same scenery, same unmarked police cars turning into the police parking lot and the same people strolling along the sidewalks. But not this morning.

I didn't make the traffic light at First and San Pedro. Had to stop along with a line of cars in front of me. And that's when I noticed them.

About 60 volunteers dressed in old clothes carrying paint brushes and buckets of paint were busy

painting the San Pedro Firm Building.

The Firm Building has been a part of Little Tokyo since shortly after the First World War.

It seems the city of Los Angeles owns the building which houses several elderly people in low income housing.

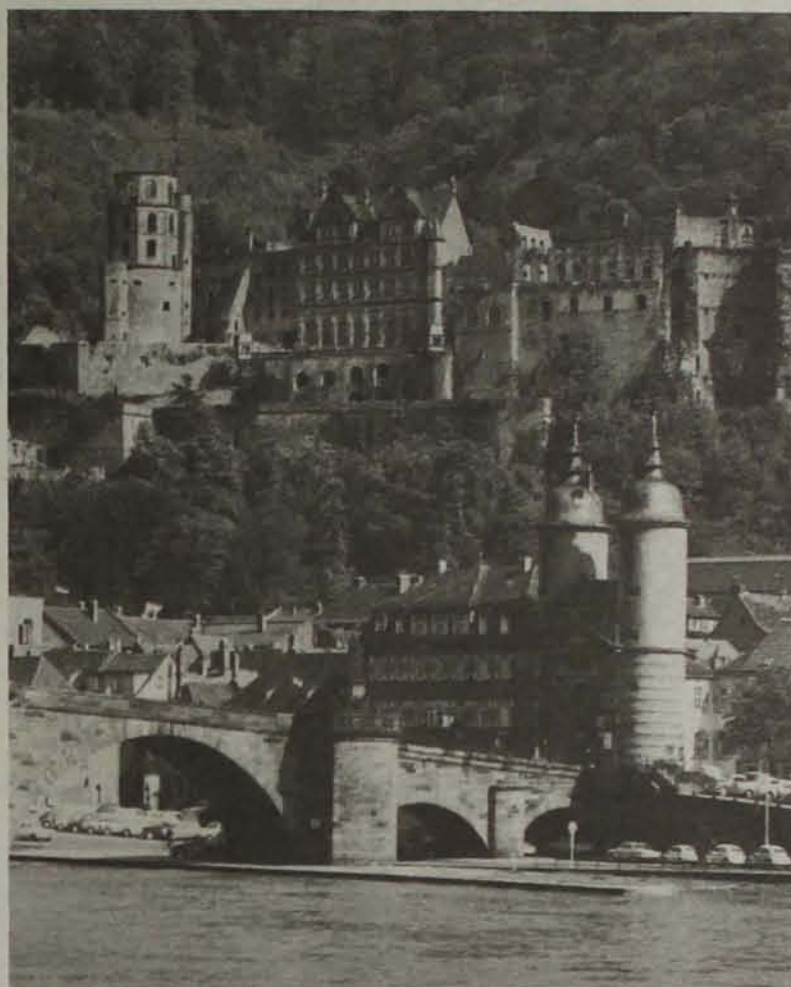
Like so much of the old Little Tokyo the building has an uncertain future in store. The master plan which city fathers have authored has brought about dramatic changes in this area.

In the fifties Little Tokyo was much larger and thousands lived here. That's all changing now. Developers and planners have torn down many of the old hotels and homes and the occupants, many of them Issei, have left. Today less than 1000 live in Little Tokyo.

Today's efforts to spruce up the Firm Building was undertaken as a demonstration of the need to stop tearing down what is left of the housing here. To preserve the few remaining buildings which offer housing for residents and to bring about a balance of commercial, cultural and residential centers.

I can't really say how successful the volunteers' efforts will be. We all know what it is like to fight City Hall.

But I do know that I will look closely at the Firm Building and many of the other older buildings in Little Tokyo each time I pass by. Those same streets and same people may not be there the next time I look. What price progress?



Heidelberg Castle, former residence of the Electors of the Palatinate, overlooks an ancient town in the Neckar Valley.

## Germany's Castles Reflect History, Lifestyle & Culture

Many first time visitors to West Germany don't realize that Germany is the home of some 10,000 castles, palaces and stately homes representing virtually an unlimited variety of style, purpose and historical significance.

Germany's position in the heart of medieval Europe made it a central hub of the continent for empire builders, conquerors and noble families. As elsewhere in Central Europe the Romans left the stamp of their empire in Germany by means of imposing and amazingly durable forts, gates, roads and bridges. Built primarily for military purposes the architectural style was quickly copied and has endured throughout the centuries as churches and castles.

Heidelberg Castle (pictured here) is located in the medieval town of the same name and is perhaps Germany's best known ruin of romanticism. Situated on a hill overlooking the ancient town in the valley of the Neckar the castle, now unoccupied, was the residence of the Electors of the Palatinate. Of its many attractions and wings which were expanded through the centuries the restored interior rooms of the National Apothecary museum and Giant Barrel room, made from the trunks of 130 oak trees, are of particular interest.

The 600-year-old castle is still

in use today and reverberates to the sounds of Sigmund Romberg's "The Student Prince" during the summer. Its "Drinking Song" can be heard the year round in the wine cellars and taverns of Heidelberg.

Castle building reached its peak during the Middle Ages when the wall-and-tower fortifications of this era were designed for defense. Hundreds of castles were built throughout Germany during this period with cliff top strongholds dominating the upland areas and moated castles the lowlands.

Today there are a great many castles and palaces still surviving from past centuries in all parts of Germany. Some are still inhabited by old aristocratic families. Most are open to the public as museums and art galleries. Others are now hotels and restaurants affording visitors an opportunity to experience the past in a unique and personal fashion.

Most of Germany's castles and palaces are open year round though many are closed on Monday. A brochure with more detailed information about the rich heritage of Germany's castles is available from the German National Tourist Offices in New York and Los Angeles. For information on tours to Germany call JATC at (800) 877-8777.

### JATC EDITOR'S CORNER:

## Travel Club Service Expanding

Welcome to our second quarterly Travel Section for 1988.

The past three months have been busy ones. Air, Cruise and Tour sales have markedly increased during this time.

In fact our activities have increased to the point where we have now set up a new section within JATC dedicated only to Airline reservation and ticketing. (See related article on page 2.)

We have expanded our Bargain Air fares to include the South

Pacific with Australia and New Zealand and have added London and Frankfurt to our Europe fares.

Our Tour sales have expanded too with many travelers taking advantage of off-peak prices to such destinations as Australia and New Zealand in the South Pacific.

We have also learned over the last three months that many of our readers save the Travel Section and use it as a reference for vacation and travel plans. With that thought in mind we have listed a variety of our travel programs along with a brief descriptions of the areas highlighted in this Travel Section.

We hope you will find this new feature and our exclusive Air Only desk helpful in your travel planning.

— Travel Supplement Editor.

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## LETTERS TO THE TRAVEL EDITOR:

## Good Advice Noted

Dear Sami,

Just a quick note to thank you for the time you took and advice you gave concerning our trip to Japan.

The hotel accommodations at the Metropole were very good and the convenient train transportation near the hotel made access

to downtown Tokyo easy and quick.

I must say we were a bit skeptical about your estimates of the reasonable cost for meals in restaurants away from the hotel and were delighted when it proved to be correct.

Thanks for making our trip enjoyable.

Mr. and Mrs. H.K.  
Dallas, Texas

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## Benefit from 'Snafu'

Dear Steve,

Except for the small snafu at the hotel (which as it turned out was to my benefit) my trip was a success.

Your recommendation to fly Business class was a good one. On the Korean Airlines flight I flew, Business Class was located in the upper deck of the airplane, and the service was excellent. Thanks too for showing me the benefits of using JATC for my airline ticket needs.

Mr. L.  
Los Angeles

Editor's note: The hotel "snafu" referred to in this letter came about when the writer misplaced his hotel voucher. A telex voucher was sent to the hotel using that day's current exchange rates resulted in a small savings in room cost.

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Four foot thick walls eliminate the need for airconditioning and hand hewn beams adorn the ceiling of the intimate public areas and dining rooms.

The choice of restaurants for meals during the tour is consistent with hotel selection. Each was singled out for its charm, quality of food and service and are long time favorites with the local population. Many restaurants date back to the days of royalty catering today to a full house that because of their original, albeit small size, may be only 5 or 6 tables.

With this thought in mind each mini coach used on the tour is equipped with a cellular phone and the driver phones ahead to ensure that a table is ready for the group.

The itinerary was designed by Richard L. Mandl, a veteran of forty years in the travel industry, exclusively for "Truly European Tours", a Division of Japan & Orient Tours. Weekly departures are offered on Saturdays through October. Land costs for this unique European Holiday are \$2430.00. For further details please call JATC.



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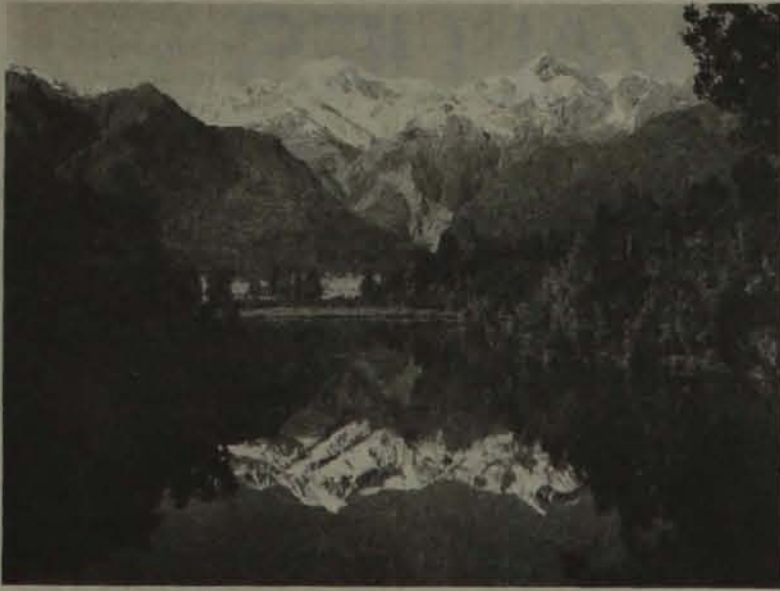
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Famed Lake Matheson, known for its very clear reflections in the water of Mt. Cook and Mt. Tasman.

## FISHING IN NEW ZEALAND:

# World class anglers congregate in Feb.

Any avid fisherman's dream is to fish New Zealand. The few Nikkei who strayed to those islands have repeated year after year. One world class angler, Kobo Fukutaki, has spent a month or more every February/March for the past four years. You must remember, the seasons are upside down in the "Land Down Under". So February is summer and ideal for fishing.

Where to go? Although during the days of Zane Grey, it might have been the Bay of Islands. Now, the place to go is Whakatane. The city is situated on the shores of the Bay of Plenty on North Island, New Zealand, a short flight from Auckland's International Airport or about a hour's drive East from the sight-seeing center of Rotorua. About the same distance as the Coronados are from San Diego's municipal pier is White Island. This is an awesome active volcano. Its plume of steam and smoke is a gigantic weather vane.

It is thought that the thermal activity makes the ocean surrounding this island an ideal habitat for fish. First time anglers as well as seasoned aficionados will stare in awe as the water turns from blue to frothy white from the frantic action of feeding fish. Most disconcerting is when the skipper impales a whole albacore or skipjack on a No. 12 hook for bait. It is the first indication that the game fish is bigger than what you might be used to hooking off our shores.

### Game Fish 'Bigger'

And the fish are large. Yellow-tails, called "Kingies" in New Zealand, will take your bait and rock you before you can set your hook.

Even if you do set your hook with 50 lb. test line, it takes a very good man or lady to keep the fish's head up so's not to lose him in the rocks.

"My personal experience was a 40-kg yellowtail," Fukutaki recalled. "They use metrics there, but in pounds it is 88. I thought that my fish was big, but another boat came by with one over 100 lbs. resting on the transom. Any fish under 30 lbs. is thrown back. The first time they do this, it is a real shock. Here, a 30 lb. yellow will make the Western Outdoor News.

### Bigger Trout at Taupo

Meet the friendly town folks, play golf, fish from shore or go up stream for trout. The local people do not bother with the trout around Whakatane. For them, they are too small. They weigh in at 2 to 5 lbs. They prefer the really big ones at Lake Taupo (only a 2-hour drive away).

Accommodations are very reasonable. The best run about \$50 per night. The one in town which most fishermen prefer are less than \$25 per night if you get a room with running water. Cheaper if the bathroom is down the hall. Food is plentiful. Fresh vine or tree ripened fruit, green vegetables, plenty of sea food and meats. If you get tired of local restaurants, prepare dinner by yourself. Hospitality abounds even at the hotels.

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# Lower air fare bargains between international vs. domestic shown

Many travellers are missing a chance to save money on air fares. And they have only themselves to blame.

Many deeply discounted air fares, such as those quoted elsewhere in this Travel Section, carry restrictions that at first glance might seem too restrictive.

"While we deal mainly with International Travel which is less restrictive" says Bill Hamada of JATC, "many domestic air fares carry 100% cancellation fees and may require a passenger to stay over a Saturday night. It is for that reason that some of our accounts are reluctant to use them."

But there is evidence today that some travellers are seeing the light. For example, heavy users of air transportation find they can save significant sums if they buy the "tourist" fares on a regular basis even if it means that they must occasionally pay cancellation fees.

Some companies have come out so far ahead by using the discounted air fares that they encourage their employees to stay over on a Saturday by offering to pay for the extra hotel night calling it a "Vacation Weekend".

"International air fares differ" Hamada notes "in that the requirement to stay over a Saturday night are not part of the rules. Instead there is often a requirement to stay for a minimum period of time, often 7 days. This rarely presents a problem", he goes on "as most of our travellers are visiting more than one city and frequently require a stay of 7 or more days."

"There are also many airline com-

panies that do not require us to impose a limitation on the number of days our clients must stay in order to qualify for our reduced fares. We make this fact known to all our

clients. After all" he says, "we are a Travel Club and we feel we owe it to our members to give them the very best fares. That's what JATC is about. Ask Air-Only: 624-1558.

## Tasting Room in Museum Devoted to Kimchi

SEOUL—Kimchi's main characteristic—a spicy blend of garlic and red pepper—makes it well-loved among Koreans, but it is more of a culinary curiosity for Seoul's foreign visitors.

Foreigners can receive a thorough introduction to kimchi, Korea's favorite vegetable dish, by visiting the Kimchi Museum, near the Chung-muro subway station in downtown Seoul.

"Kimchi is important to the Korean diet because it aids digestion and contains many vitamins," Joo-Hwan Limb, West Coast director of Korea National Tourism Corp., explained. "Koreans eat kimchi at every meal, seven days a week, so we develop a special kimchi craving," he said. "We call kimchi our national vegetable dish," he added.

### Classes on Wednesday

At the museum, the entire kimchi story is explained, and visitors can experience kimchi on introductory or in-depth levels. There are history and preservation rooms, an information and material room, and a buffet restaurant and tasting room.

Kitchen tools and standard ingredients are displayed with explanations in English and Japanese. Additionally, a teaching session is held every Wednesday, and students ex-

perience preparing kimchi firsthand.

"For kimchi fans, there is a secret to eating and enjoying kimchi," Limb said. "The rice is bland, so it is the perfect complement for kimchi," he explained.

### 50 Kinds of Kimchi

At the museum, some 50 types of kimchi can be tasted with 15 other traditional foods. The tasting fee is nominal, about \$3.75, and visitors are served Korean tea and rice cakes with the kimchi.

Traditionally, kimchi is prepared after the Fall harvest in order to preserve cabbage and other vegetables for the long, cold winter, and there are as many recipes for kimchi as there are kitchens in Korea. In place of cabbage, kimchi can also be made by preserving radishes, carrots, lettuce or even cucumbers.

The Kimchi Museum is open year round, and there is no entrance fee. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For details or travel information, contact Korea National Tourism Corp., (213) 623-1226, 510 W. Sixth St., Ste. 323, Los Angeles, CA 90014.

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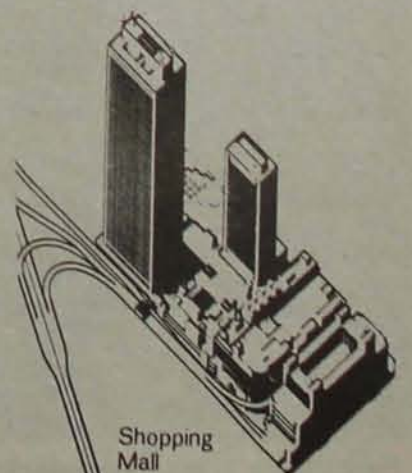
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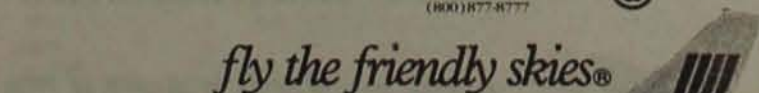
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# GUIDE TO TRAVEL VALUES

## Australia and New Zealand Tours

With our seasons reversed the best values for travellers from North America visiting the South Pacific are during our spring and summer months. Air fares and hotel rates are at their lowest and accommodations are uncrowded. Mentioned below are two tours which have been designed to take advantage of off season rates. Most tours listed for the South Pacific depart 2 or 3 times each week from Los Angeles.

**New Zealand:** For the period May through September, JATC offers an 8-day tour to this land where sheep outnumber the *populus* and trout under 13 inches long are routinely thrown back. Priced to take advantage of off season rates this tour features 5 nights first class accommodations, half-day city sightseeing tour, round trip airport transfers and air fare from Los Angeles for just \$896.00 per person double occupancy. JATC offers a variety of optional extensions to Rotorua, Christchurch and Queenstown.

**Australia:** The seasons are much the same in Australia as they are in New Zealand and the savings just as significant. A similar 8-day, 5-night tour of this "Land Down Under" with accommodations at the Hyde Hotel in Sydney. Tour price includes the hotel, half-day city sightseeing, airport transfers and air fare all for just \$996.00 per person double occupancy. Optional extensions are also available to Melbourne and Brisbane, site of Expo 88.

The Australia and New Zealand

can be combined to form a 12- or 13-day program starting at \$1499.00 per person. Single supplements are available for each tour.

## The Orient

While the seasons may not be reversed in the Orient and travel to this area of the world is at peak June through August (September in Japan) travel values are available from JATC. Some examples:

**Hong Kong:** Travel to this bustling Asian city is in high gear during the summer months. But with 5.5 million inhabitants on this cluster of islands and rocky peaks the crowds always seem to be the same. A popular tour of Hong Kong spends 8 days/6 nights and features luxury accommodations, airport transfers, a sightseeing tour of Hong Kong Island and round trip air fare from the West Coast. Excursions to mainland China are a popular option from this gateway city to China. Tour price for the Hong Kong program June through July is \$990.00 per person double occupancy. Add \$250.00 for single supplement.

**Korea:** This "Land of the Morning Calm" which will host the 1988 Summer Olympic games in September is fast gaining the reputation as one of the best shopping areas in the world. Best buys are for clothing including leather goods and eel skin products. Shopping arcades are plentiful and bargaining in small shops can produce both entertainment and valuable savings. The Shopping Spree tour of 8 days/6 nights includes hotel, sightseeing and airfare and is priced



The Palace-style Grand Hotel in Taipei.

at \$1120.00 per person, double for the period June through August. A special 9 day/7 night tour combines both Hong Kong and Seoul for only \$19.00 additional. Single supplement for both tours is \$370.00.

## China

China is still one of the mysteries of the Orient. The growing modernization of its cities contrasts sharply with the unchanged vistas of the country side. Each year more cities and areas within China are being opened to tourists. Independent tours once forbidden, are now a regular feature of tours to the "Middle Kingdom". Tours in combination with other Asian capitals are popular. A 15-day program visiting Japan, China and Hong Kong featuring two meals each day and comprehensive sightseeing in addition to hotels, transfers and air fare is priced at \$3495.00 per person. A 16-day China, Hong Kong tour in-

cluding Xian and Guilin is priced from \$3625.00 during the peak season.

## Southeast Asia

New, interesting destinations are now available through the Japanese American Travel Club. Tops among these programs are visits to Malaysia including Borneo and Singapore. Some combine Hong Kong with an 11-day tour set at \$1180.00 including air. Other programs of 8 days feature significant values with prices for an 8-day tour ranging from \$799.00 to \$998.00. All include air, hotel, sightseeing and transfers.

## Japan

Despite what is being said Japan is still affordable either as a tour destination in itself or as a part of a multi country tour of Asia. A prepaid tour will cover the daily necessities and eliminate any "sticker shock" on arrival. Eating

away from major hotels and restaurants will also help to keep costs in line. A popular 8-day independent tour of Japan visits Tokyo, Kamakura, Hakone and Kyoto. Tour price \$1399.00 includes hotel, transfers, sightseeing including the Meiji Shrine and Asakusa Kannon Temple in Tokyo and the 700-year-old Great Buddha in Kamakura, and air fare from the West Coast. Departures every Saturday. A 15-day multi destination tour visiting Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong is priced at \$2070.00 per person. Extensions are available to Thailand and Singapore.

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## REFLECTIONS

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many loosely made charges, Pearson's 'revelations' held a measure of truth. Okura jokingly had been called the Japanese Irishman by his friends. He had conducted examinations among applicants for jobs—like cable splicer, lineman and reservoir-keeper in the Bureau of Water and Power. And over a period of time, some fifty Nisei had entered the Los Angeles Civil Service system and were working in various departments.

"When Pearson's charges were published in the Los Angeles newspapers, the next morning, someone on Mayor Bowron's staff apparently became very nervous. Okura received a telephone call from the mayor's office suggesting it might be a good idea for him to resign, thus setting an example for the other Nisei on the city payroll. Okura demanded to know on what grounds his resignation was being sought. The official replied delicately that the resignation of all Nisei might save the city a good deal of embarrassment. Okura then declared he had done nothing wrong and would not resign, reminding his caller that the proper procedure for discharging a civil service employee was to bring charges before the merit board.

"A few days later, Okura was summoned to the mayor's office and Bowron, himself, asked for Okura's resignation. Again, Okura refused. When word spread, the entire staff of twenty-five in Okura's department announced that they would resign in mass if he was fired. Soon, however, it became apparent that evacuation orders would be issued shortly, and Okura asked for and was given a leave of absence for the duration of the war. Although his skills were needed by federal agencies, word of the furor apparently destroyed his chances of government employment. He and his wife, Lily were evacuated to the Assembly Center at Santa Anita race track, then relocated to Boys Town, near Omaha, Neb., where he was employed as a psychologist."

Hosokawa continued my story with a mention in his subsequent book *JACL In Quest of Justice*:

"Los Angeles Mayor Fletcher Bowron ... testified that Patrick Okura, former member of the Los Angeles Civil Service Commission, had been investigated by his police department and was considered 'the most dangerous Japanese American in the country.'"

For the following 25 years, I was deprived of the opportunity to seek employment with the federal government and it was not until 1968 that my name was finally cleared.

This victory on the federal level

for the benefit of all Japanese Americans who were interned follows the action of the state and local governments that have made reparations for those who were employed in their respective jurisdictions.

The city of Los Angeles in September, 1984, passed a resolution apologizing for its action following Pearl Harbor and presented all former employees of Japanese ancestry and their heirs, the sum of \$5,000 for the wrongs inflicted at the time of WW2. This action was a very emotional episode in my professional career, as this was the agency that had labeled me as the most dangerous Japanese American in the United States because of Drew Pearson's allegations.

The passage of H.R. 442 and S. 1009 terminates my personal frustrations and heals some of the psychic wounds as the result of my removal and incarceration. The Nikkei's personal quest for justice and acceptance as loyal Americans have finally been fulfilled.

Because of these circumstances, I have dedicated myself to the work of JACL and the redress program for the past 45 years and plan to continue our struggle for equality and justice until every person incarcerated has been taken care of.

The recent victory has shown that eventually the injustices of the past can be corrected under our form of democratic government, if we are willing to work for what we believe is right and just.

2,000 years ago, Hillel (70 B.C.) addressed three questions to mankind:

"If I am not for myself, who is for me?  
and  
If I am for myself (alone) what am I?  
and  
and if not now, when?"

His words remind us that if we are to improve our human conditions, we must act for ourselves; that if we are to achieve full humanity, we must regard others as not less than ourselves; and that since life is brief at best (and today altogether uncertain), we must act now for there may be no tomorrow.

## Butt of 'Jokes'

RUSHING TO CATCH a bus, I snatched up any copy of reading material piled up and happened to grab the May 23rd issue of *Newsweek* magazine. Near the end of the magazine I lazily came upon an article entitled "When Is a Joke Not a Joke?" I was about to toss the magazine aside when my eye caught the letters "JAP." Here we go again, I thought to myself.

If one has been kicked in the shins often enough, whenever even a shadow of a foot appears, there's an automatic reaction.

IN MY FRAME of reference, the opening of the *Newsweek* article left me baffled. The "joke" went: "What's the difference between a JAP and a vulture?" followed by the response "Fingernail polish." I distinctly sensed there was something cruel about it, but I was puzzled: I didn't get the "joke." The last one left no doubt in my mind: "What do you call 49 JAPs floating face down in the river?" followed by "A beginning." Understanding or not, that one was not just cruel; it was downright sick.

The exposition which followed did not alleviate my recoiling.

IT SEEMS THAT these three letters, JAP, constitute an acronym for Jewish American Princess," an appellation with definite negative connotations applied, according to those who would justify its use, "to women who are obnoxious in certain recognizable ways."

According to the *Newsweek* article:

Until recently, Jewish organizations had been reluctant to confront the problem, partly because it was seen as a women's issue and hence unimportant, and partly because the earliest jokes and images originated with the Jews themselves.

## EAST WIND

Bill Marutani



In my opinion, to put it mildly, it's unadulterated claptrap. Simply because the perpetrator happens to belong to the same ethnic group does not justify pollution with "ethnic toxic waste" where I live and breathe. The acronym, and what it purportedly represents, constitutes sexism, anti-Semitism and general pollution.

No matter who is perpetuating the concept or the practice.

NO THIS ISN'T the first time I had heard the term "Jewish American Princess." Somewhere, years ago, I think I overheard the term, but not coupled with the viciousness connected to the concept as reflected by the two "jokes" referred to above. Rather, I interpreted the term to refer to a somewhat pampered *ojō-san*, so to speak, in whom a doting parent indulges. The male counterpart is a *bot-chan*, a little "Lord Fauntleroy." But an *ojō-san* or a *bot-chan* is not confined to any particular ethnic group. Not so with JAP, even though it might, at times, be used to apply to non-Jews. The basic caricature is founded upon being Jewish, and therein lies the viciousness.

SOME MAY SAY, "Don't take it all so seriously. Can't you take a joke?" Of course.

It's just that my shins are so sore.



## The Years Slip By

## FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa



The years slip by and the grandchildren are reaching maturity. Would you believe that our Mike's two youngsters are getting ready to receive their college degrees? Long, long ago Mike was introduced to readers of this column as a toddler. His experiences in coping with the world helped fill this space on many occasions, and he grew up to become both athlete and scholar. Now his own children, Ashlyn and little Mikie (well over six feet tall), will have sheepskins in hand before long.

You might remember Pete. He's the banker son with a droll sense of humor. He has a son, Patrick, who will be entering the University of Colorado this fall. Wants to get into aerospace engineering and judging from his grades he'll make a good one.

What started all this reminiscing was Matt, who is the first-born of Christie, our youngest. He has just celebrated what now has become the coming-of-age rite of the American middle class. He turned 16, which means he is now entitled to a driver's license.

Under parental eyes, he prepared diligently for the step that now gives him mobility. He took a driver's training course which involved many hours with the books and

many more hours at the wheel in traffic, on the highway, on mountain roads and suburban streets. Then he qualified, six months after his 15th birthday, for a learner's permit which allowed him to drive under supervision. The training has made him careful and responsible, and that is reassuring.

As parents know, adding a male teen-aged driver to the family auto insurance policy means a sudden and startlingly large increase in premiums. Matt is able to keep the increase minimal because he has taken the training course and he gets good grades. But he is made aware of the cost of the privilege of driving by having to pay for the premium increase out of his allowance. He will also make himself useful. He'll take over some of the chauffeuring of his kid brother Jon and sister Tiffany to music lessons, swimming lessons, Scout meetings,

visiting with friends, and a lot of other stuff that requires transportation.

Some youngsters skip school on their 16th birthday to pick up the coveted license. Matt sensibly figured he could attend classes and then get the job done later. It was pretty much routine. The license was prepared when he qualified for his learner's permit, and they just handed it over when he demonstrated that nothing terrible had happened since that time.

Oh yes, there's one more kid in the family. Susan. Her children, Steve and Stephanie, are still in the bicycle stage so it will be a few more years before driver's licenses become an issue. The bigger concern now is that they don't get run down on the way to school by some kid not so well trained as Matt.

Let's see, when was it that I got my first driver's license? I must have been about 14 years old, and the permit cost something like 50 cents, which was a lot of money back then. There was no testing in those days. You just filled out a form and because cars had little power and moved at a leisurely pace, they were less dangerous than they are today. As I started to say, the years slip by.

## FALSE

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served in the military intelligence services and half of them either volunteered or entered the MIS from internment centers. In response to Mr. Mooring's claim that 9,000 Japanese Americans were educated in Japan, it is fortunate for the United States that these *kibei* were available for the military intelligence services because the best instructors and students were those with education in Japan.

Mooring claims that food quality at the internment centers equalled or exceeded military posts or even civilians. As a former internee, his claim is ridiculous. After I was inducted at Ft. Douglas, Utah, and enjoyed the army mess, I can truly say there was no comparison.

Mooring was correct in citing the large numbers of volunteers from Hawaii where Japanese Americans were not interned en masse, the numbers of volunteers far exceeded the quota.

In contrast it is a wonder that interned Japanese Americans were even willing to volunteer or to serve in the U.S. armed forces when they were declared untrustworthy in the beginning and then told to volunteer for the armed forces.

Over 30,000 Japanese Americans served in our armed forces during World War II and contrary to what Mr. Mooring cited about half of them came from the various internment centers or outside after they were released from the detention centers.

Referring to Mooring's statement that Japanese concentrated in strategic areas on the West Coast states, he is ignorant of the pre-war anti-Asian land laws which limited lease of agricultural lands to Japanese farmers to areas no other Americans wanted to farm. Most of the so-called strategic installations—airfields, etc. came years later when the farm lands became valuable through the intensive farming by Japanese Americans in areas like the desert region of Imperial Valley.

Mooring's statement that evacuees were earning salary equal to army privates (\$21 and up) is also laughable when internee professionals—nurses, doctors, dentists received \$19 per month plus room and board while others in managerial capacity received \$16 per month.

Japanese Americans in our armed forces used to send CARE packages to their family members in the internment centers—a reversal of what other Americans were doing in civilian life.

In contrast to Mooring's attempt to minimize the patriotism of Japanese Americans the national American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the 34th Inf. Div. Assn. all adopted strong resolutions recognizing the injustice of internment loyal American citizens of Japanese descent and the tremendous patriotism of Japanese Americans during World War II.

In answer to Mooring's cynical statement that evacuees did not

want to leave the confines of the internment centers, there were several reasons: our government failed to provide protection of evacuees who wanted to return to their former homes despite threats from anti-Japanese groups many who benefited from properties picked up at bargain-sale prices during the evacuation period, especially real estate which increased tremendously in value; evacuees were often penniless after losing their properties and other assets; tremendous anti-Japanese statements issued by politicians and others threatening Japanese Americans who hoped to relocate to other states. Most evacuees left were aged ones or the very young.

During World War II there was not a single case of Japanese American deserting his unit in the front lines. They may have been bitter over the way they were treated in civilian life back home but they remained absolutely loyal to the country of their birth.

American veterans who served with the Japanese Americans or knew of their battle records could teach Mr. Mooring a thing or two about loyalty.

Morimitsu is a Past Commander, Chicago Nisei Post No. 1183; a life member, 124th Cavalry Regt. Assn. of Texas; MARC Task Force, MIS and the Office of Strategic Services (the WW2 predecessor of the CIA.) VFW, American Legion, CBI Vets Assn. and edits the Chicago Shingo English section. He is also the "Go For Broke" / MIS Midwest Regional Chairman and the National JACL Veterans Affairs Chair.





**DARK NIGHT**—Fred Tan's *Dark Night*, a controversial film which takes the woman's viewpoint in struggle against social pressures, is currently playing in the U.S. The movie stars Sue Ming-Ling and Emily Chang.

## NEWSMAKERS

► **Sen. Daniel K. Inouye** (D-Hawaii) will be honored as the 1988 Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Aloha Council of the Boy Scouts of America during a special dinner Aug. 17 at the Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel in Hawaii. The award was announced May 12 by Gov. John Waihe'e, who said Inouye "gives all of himself to all of us all the time, whether it's tackling the tough issues in Washington or helping those in need in Hawaii."

► **Tahya Nagai, Stanley T. Yamane, Gregory H. Furumoto and Lee T. Kimura**, all of whom are Hawaii high school seniors, have won National Merit Scholarships. Nagai and Yamane, who attend Iolani School, respectively received a scholarship from the University of California at Los Angeles and from Harvey Mudd College. Furumoto of St. Louis School won a scholarship from Harvey Mudd College and Kimura of St. Andrew's Priory received a scholarship from Earlham College in Indiana.

► **Kristin Takeda, Jason Mikami and Jennifer Koyama** received awards at the 11th Annual Scholar-

ship Awards presentation of the Lodi JACL chapter, held May 11 at the Japanese Community Hall. The event honored the graduates of Lodi and Tokay high schools—among them Michelle Kobayashi, Cory Kobayashi, Frank Kim, Misa Kurata, Karina Nakamura, Emily Shimamoto, Debbie Shinozaki and Brandon Tsusaki. Takeda and Mikami won the \$400 JACL Awards and Koyama received the Kiino Memorial Scholarship Award.

► **Junko Lowry and Marjorie Yoshioka** were named as recipients of the first awards for Excellence in Second-Language Teaching, sponsored by the Hawaii Association of Language Teachers and the *Honolulu Advertiser*. Lowry has taught Japanese at Kamehameha Schools for nine years and Yoshioka, a 22-year teaching veteran, is director of Kani High School's Foreign Language Learning Center. Each received a certificate of excellence and \$500 at a luncheon at the Hale Koa Hotel.

► **Dr. Robert S. Yasui**, a resident of Williamsport, Penn., received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at Lycoming College's 140th commencement exercises on May 8. A surgeon, Yasui serves on the staffs of both the Williamsport Hospital and Medical Center and Divine Providence Hospital. Among his achievements, the younger brother of the late Minoru Yasui is the author of *The Yasui Family of Hood River, Oregon*, a book which is available from JACP, Inc., San Mateo, CA 94401.

► **Eunice Sato** of Long Beach, Calif., has been reappointed to the California Council on Criminal Justice. Sato, 66, has served on the council since 1983. A former Long Beach City councilwoman, she is president of the board of directors for the Long Beach chapter of the American Red Cross.

## REDRESS BILLS

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Referring to the story that the conferring of the bill was completed, Ujifusa added, "Premature speculation about the final form of the bill does nothing but endanger ongoing negotiations on the bill in the Conference Committee."

Meanwhile, the Judiciary Committee source added that agreement may be reached in the Conference Committee by June 15 or very soon thereafter, "after the House conferees review the proposals."

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### LOS ANGELES AREA

■ Present-July 31—"AJA-3" exhibit, George J. Doizaki Gallery, Japanese American Community and Cultural Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Works exhibited by painters Mitsuko Namiko, Nancy Uyemura, Katsu Yokoyama and John Yoyogi Fortes; and photographer Koji Takei. Noon-5 pm, Tues.-Fri., 11 am-4 pm, weekends. Closed Mon. Info: 213 628-2725.

■ June 18 & 19—Arts & Crafts Fair for Children, featuring Japanese arts & crafts for children, featuring origami, dollmaking, painting, etc. Japanese Village Plaza, 1st & 2nd Sts. between San Pedro & Central, Little Tokyo. Info: Jackie, 213 620-8861.

■ June 18—Los Angeles County Probation Department sponsored Recruitment Fair for Asians and Hispanics interested in becoming probation officers, 9 am-5 pm, held in four different locations. 1) East Los Angeles Service Center, 133 N. Sunol Dr.; Asian Service Center, 14112 S. Kingsley Dr., Gardena; L.A. County Chicano Employees Association, 3128 W. Beverly Blvd., rm. 3, Montebello; and the Korean Youth Center, 309 S. Oxford Ave. Info: Wally Takata, 213 908-3121.

■ June 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. 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. Tickets and other info: 213 625-0414.

■ "An Evening of Celebration Honoring John Hatakeyama," deputy director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, Miriwa Restaurant, 747 N. Broadway. Cocktails, 6 pm; dinner, 7 pm. Info: Special Service for Groups, 1313 W. 8th St., Los Angeles, CA 90017.

■ June 26—Tempura class, 3-4 pm, banquet level, New Otani Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles St. Taught by chef Fumio Yamazaki. Tickets: \$13; day of the event, \$15. Info: 213 629-1200, ext. 3.

■ June 29—The Korean American Coalition's Wine and Cheese Reception, 6:30-8 pm, Arthur Andersen & Co., 911 Wilshire Blvd. RSVP to Hiran Kim, 213 545-7770.

■ July 28 & 3—A reunion of former residents of Keetley, Utah, circa WW2.

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■ July 7—The 9th Annual Little Tokyo Service Center awards banquet, the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Info: 213 680-3729.

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■ June 24—Orange County Sansei Singles Sadie Hawkins Dance, 8:30 pm-1:30 am, Sequoia Athletic Club. Partial proceeds benefit children's charities. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$12. Info: Aiko, 213 516-6170 or Lorraine, 714 891-9775.

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■ July 27—"Topaz," a one-hour KUED-TV documentary airs over PBS, 10 pm, EST. Program examines group of more than 8,000 men, women and children of Japanese ancestry interned in Utah during WW2. Check local listings for exact airtime.

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■ June 29-July 23—Exhibition of sculptures and functional works by clay artist Judy Hiramoto, the Himovitz/Salomon Gallery. The public is invited to a reception for her on June 30, 5:30-7:30 pm. Info: 916 448-8723.

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■ July 29 & 30—The Minidoka Relocation Camp Hunt High School classes of '43 and '44 reunion. Info: Frank Muramatsu, 20005 3rd Ave., S.W., Seattle, WA 98166 or 206 878-4513.

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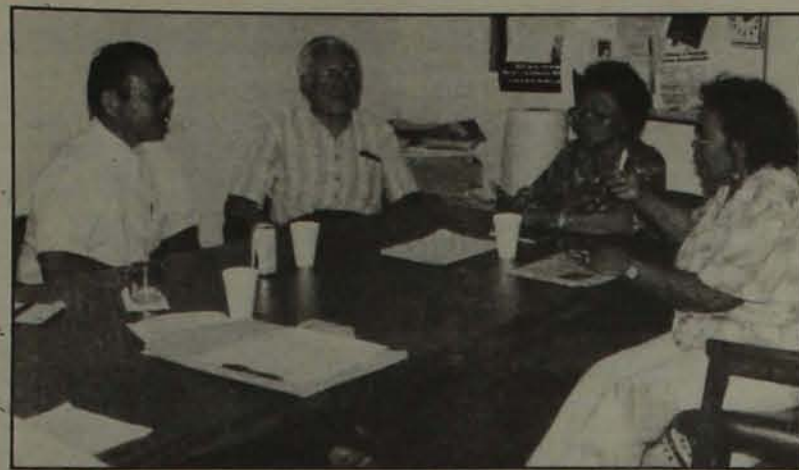
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**THE PALAU SITUATION**—Representatives from "Mothers of Palau" discussed their situation June 2 at the PSW District Office in Los Angeles. Pictured (l-r) are PSW District Regional Director John Saito; George Ogawa; Gabriela Ngirmang; and Yoshiko Ramarui.

## 'Mothers of Palau' Meet with PSW Reps

By George Johnston

LOS ANGELES — Two representatives of *Delal Belau* (Mothers of Palau) met with Pacific Southwest District JACL Regional Director John Saito and George Ogawa June 2 at the PSW District office to discuss the situation they face in their homeland. The meeting with the two representatives, Gabriela Ngirmang and Yoshiko Ramarui, was unusual because the common language was Japanese.

Although a bit awkward at times since Saito's and Ogawa's Japanese was a bit rusty, the basic message of the two women did get through, thanks in part to help from Koichi Ichikawa, who helped interpret. The two were in Los Angeles after presenting a petition to the United Nations' Subcommittee on Small Territories of the Special Committee of 24. The organization Ngirmang and Ramarui represent would like to reject the Compact of Free Association between the U.S. and Palau, since they believe it to be incompatible with the Palauan Constitution.

In August of 1987, 73 percent of the voters in Palau, the world's last United Nations Trust Territory, voted in favor of a compact of self-government in association with the United States. The Compact allows for defense of the island to be taken care of by the U.S.

According papers presented by Ngirmang and Ramarui, however,

the Palauan Constitution requires 75 percent approval, thus rendering the August 1987 vote invalid. Furthermore, according to their paperwork, the Compact "allows for appropriation and the use of an unlimited amount of our land. The Palau government must turn over this land within 60 days of a request by the U.S." This agreement is contrary to the Palauan Constitution, which protects the Palauans from the loss of their land. The Palauan Constitution also declares that Palau be free from nuclear weapons and waste.

Ngirmang and Ramarui also explained to Saito and Ogawa the political situation in Palau and problems facing younger Palauans due to welfare payments from the U.S. government, Palauan government corruption and a lack of interest in Palauan culture because of Westernization.

The reason for communicating in Japanese was because Ngirmang and Ramarui speak only Palauan and Japanese. Palau was under Japanese control between WW1 and WW2, at which time the two women were taught Japanese in school. Palau consists of 200 islands in the Caroline chain, of which 8 are permanently inhabited. The president and vice president are elected by popular vote and advised by a Council of Chiefs regarding traditional law and custom.

## Thousand Club — Three Reports

**Summary (Since Nov 30, 1987)**  
Active (previous total) ..... 1049  
Total this report: #20 ..... 58  
Current total ..... 1107

**May 9 - May 13, 1988 (58)**  
Boise Valley: 12-Ritsuko Eder.  
Chicago: 12-L.D. Schectman, 39-Hirao Sakurada.  
Cincinnati: 19-Joseph Cloyd, 31-Benny Okura.  
Cleveland: 2-Kirk Yano.  
Clovis: 12-Mae Takahashi, 6-Ronald Yamabe.  
Dayton: 12-Yuriko Tanamachi.  
Detroit: Life-Tes Tada.  
Downtown Los Angeles: 1-Gerald Fukui, 14-Kokusai International Travel, Inc., 27-Norikazu Oku, 27-Ted Okumoto, 2-Amy Tambara.  
East Los Angeles: 34-Cy Yuguchi.  
Fresno: 14-Hiram Goya, Life-Alvin Hayaishi, 13-Barbara Taniguchi.  
Golden Gate: 34-Katherine Reyes.  
Hoosier: 3-Elmor Hanasono, 3-George Hanasono, 4-William Yoshino.  
Lake Washington: Life-John Matsumoto.  
Livingston Merced: 33-Frank Shoji, 31-George Yagi.  
Marina: 7-Jon Mayeda, 6-Howard Okumura.  
Marysville: Life-Takeo Nakano.  
Mile Hi: 4-Robert Sakaguchi, Life-Matilde Taguchi.  
New York: 13-Fujio Saito, 14-Seiichi Shimomura.  
Omaha: 8-Chiyeko Tamai.  
Placer County: 18-Ken Kashiwabara, 26-Koichi Uyeno.  
Pasadena: 22-Mack Yamaguchi.  
Salt Lake City: 14-Gerold Mukai.  
San Diego: 16-Joseph Shiraishi.  
San Francisco: 27-Kayo Hayakawa, Life-Cressey Nakagawa, 22-Will Tsukamoto.  
San Gabriel Valley: 22-Robert Fujii.  
Seattle: 4-Ted Imanaka, 11-Sam Kozu.  
Selma: 30-Alan Masumoto.  
Sequoia: 22-Koji Murata.  
Snake River: 25-Kenji Yaguchi.  
South Bay: 25-Joe Hashima, 23-Yoshiaki Tamura.  
Venice Culver: 25-Frances Kitagawa, 30-Betty Yumori.  
Washington DC: 8-Yuka Fujikura, Life-Akiko Iwata.  
West Los Angeles: Life-Emiko Yamada, Life-Henry Yamada.  
West Valley: 8-Kayo Kikuchi.  
National Associate: 13-Herbert Ueda.

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**Summary (Since Nov 30, 1987)**  
Active (previous total) ..... 1107  
Total this report: #21 ..... 31  
Current total ..... 1138

**May 16 - May 20, 1988 (31)**  
Alameda: 29-Jim Yumae.  
Chicago: 6-Stanley Fukai, 13-Shuichi Ogawa, 10-Chieko Onoda, 9-Frank Saito.  
Detroit: 20-Kaz Mayeda, 4-Kathleen Yee, 5-Ronald Yee.  
East Los Angeles: 5-Kathryn Chono-Herring.  
Marysville: 22-Ronald Rudge.  
New Mexico: 11-Hiroshi Morimoto.  
Omaha: 26-Yukio Ando, 7-Rudy Mudra, 2-Jackie Shindo.  
Pasadena: 22-Kiyoshi Ogawa, 2-Faye Tomoyasu.  
Sacramento: 1-George Kubo, 9-Kinji Kurosaki, 38-Joe Matsunami\*, 31-Tom Sato.  
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Twin Cities: 15-Carl Somekawa.  
Wilshire: 40-Roy Nishikawa.

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**CENTURY CLUB\***  
10-Joe Matsunami (Sac).

**Summary (Since Nov 30, 1987)**  
Active (previous total) ..... 1138  
Total this report: #22 ..... 21  
Current total ..... 1159

**May 23 - May 27, 1988 (21)**  
Alameda: 8-Tatsuya Nakae.  
Chicago: 27-Kaz Horita.  
Clovis: 14-Ted Takahashi.  
Diablo Valley: 8-John Kikuchi.  
Detroit: 24-William Adair.  
East Los Angeles: 18-Tak Endo.  
Fresno: 28-Paul Takahashi.  
Honolulu: Life-Henry Akutagawa.  
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• Tax seminar by Bill Hirose at Drop-In Center, North Berkeley Senior Center at 10 am, June 25. Info: 415 434-4703.

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• 17th Annual Benefit Steak Bake, July 24, 11 am-2 pm, Barnes Park, 400 McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park. Proceeds to benefit Japanese Welfare Rights Organization and the chapters scholarship fund. Info: Sid, 213 261-9202; or Mable, 213 263-8469.

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• A special showing of "Slaying the Dragon" and a panel discussion of Asian media stereotyping, June 25, 8 p.m., East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito. Panelists: Film director Steven Okazaki; playwright Hiroshi Kashiwagi; actress Sharon Omi; and Asian American Journalists Association National Executive Director Diane Yen-Mei Wong. Free. Info: Tom Arima, 415 525-9615; or Joe Yasaki, 415 465-7300 or 415 638-9013.

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• Annual Family Picnic & Kite Fly, June 26, 1-5 pm, Sahn Park, 6981 E. 91st St., Indianapolis. Bring a favorite dish to pitch-in lunch. (Table service and beverages provided.) Info: Susie-Kubota Russell, 317 881-0476.

### IDAHO FALLS

• Idaho Falls JACL two-day reunion, July 30 & 31, 1988. Open to persons residing or who resided in the vicinity of Idaho Falls, regardless of

the length of residency and includes persons who relocated to the area during the evacuation period. Info: Todd Ogawa, 1526 Westland Ave., Idaho Falls, ID, 83402; Sud Morishita, 1131 Bannock, Idaho Falls, ID 83402; or Martha Sakaguchi, 1059 Redwood, Idaho Falls, ID 83401.

### SEATTLE

• Nikkei Educational Conference, a two-day conference held in conjunction with the JACL National Convention, Aug. 6 & 7, the University of Washington. Hosted by state Superintendent of Public Instruction and UW, the conference will formulate guidelines for the future of American education from a Nikkei perspective. Participants: Sociologist Harry Kitano, & L.A. School Board of Education member Warren Furutani. Fee: \$40/JACLers; \$55/non-members. Info: Mako Nakagawa, program director, superintendent of public instruction, Office of Basic Education, Old Capitol Building, Olympia, WA 98504.

### VENTURA

• JACL Singles Potluck/Meeting, June 26, 5 pm, 10261 Erie St., Ventura. Please bring a main dish. Discussion of possible singles events. Info: Bruce Katayama, 805 659-5241, or Stan Mukai, 805 650-1705.

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