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WOMAN WARRIOR SCHOLARSHIP—Patricia Horikawa, Asian Pacific Women's Network-L.A. Scholarship co-chair, presented Dolkar Khando with a scholarship award March 2 at the 1989 Woman Warrior Awards, held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Los Angeles Music Center. A wrap-up of the event will appear in the next issue of the P.C.

JACL-LEC Meeting

Redress Campaign Continues

By Karen Seriguchi

SAN FRANCISCO — Members of JACL's Legislative Education Committee (LEC), recognizing that the government's redress program is poised at a critical juncture, assigned themselves two major tasks during their first meeting of 1989. First, LEC is lobbying key congresspersons in anticipation of a House hearing on redress appropriations next month. Second, LEC plans to step up its fund-raising, possibly with a banquet in either San Francisco or Los Angeles, this summer.

The LEC board canvassed these activities, among others on Feb. 25-26 at National JACL Headquarters.

• **Congressional Lobbying**—WW2 veterans around the country have deluged Congress with letters opposing redress appropriations. House and Senate aides have advised LEC that redress supporters "need to get those (favorable) letters in by the tons," said Acting LEC Executive Director Rita Takahashi.

According to Takahashi, letters should be sent as soon as possible to the Hon. Neal Smith, 2373 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515-1504; and to the Hon. Harold Rogers, 434 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515-1705. Reps. Smith (D-Iowa) and Rogers (R-Ky.) are the chair and ranking minority member, respectively, of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies, which is holding hearings on redress appropriations the first week of April.

In the Senate, letters should be sent to the Hon. Ernest F. Hollings (D-S.C.), the Hon. Warren Rudman (R-N.H.), and the Hon. Phil Gramm (R-Texas). All letters can be addressed to the Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510.

Sens. Rudman and Gramm sit on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee handling redress appropriations, which Sen. Hollings chairs.

• **Fundraising**—Treasurer Shig Wakamatsu reported that in 1988, LEC had disbursed \$178,667 and had received \$185,542. Fundraising Chair Mae Takahashi announced that 3,439 persons had responded to LEC's most

recent mail campaign, donating a total of \$131,176. The treasurer has estimated that LEC will need to raise another \$100,000 this year to ensure that it can continue its work. The fund-raising committee is looking into a banquet, a mail campaign to non-JACLers, and local fundraising campaigns.

Other activities conducted by LEC members and staff include communicating with the Office of Redress Administration, with the 50 states, and with the Office of Personnel Management, honoring veterans groups that have supported the redress movement, and producing such in-house management tools as a personnel manual.

• **LEC-Proposed Eligibility Requirements**—LEC lead counsel John Nakahata reported to the board that the Department of Justice (DOJ) regulations regarding redress would be published in the *Federal Register* sometime this spring. These regulations will lay out who the DOJ considers to be eligible for redress and will explain the mechanism by which the DOJ will make payment. The public may make comments on the regulations for 30 days after they are published.

LEC's position, articulated in a letter to DOJ last November, is that a number of groups should be treated as "eligible individuals" under the redress law. Such groups, Nakahata said, would include veterans who were discharged during the war but who could

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Suit Called 'Frivolous'

Vets' Group Plans Injunction to Stop Redress

WASHINGTON — A group called the American War Veterans Relief Association apparently plans to file an injunction challenging the constitutionality of Public Law 100-383, a law redressing those Japanese Americans evacuated from the West Coast and incarcerated by the federal government during WWII.

According to a March 1 press release, the group's attorney, John P. Coale, said, "The families of the men who died for their country at Pearl Harbor and on the beaches at Iwo Jima, Guam and Saipan received only \$10,000 from our government for their sacrifice. Under this law, a Japanese American who spent just one day in a relocation center or a Japanese alien interned for deliberate acts against our government during the war will receive \$20,000 and a public apology from the U.S. Congress. This is patently absurd."

Citing his legal reasoning for the injunction, Coale said, "The basis of this suit is that the law gives \$20,000 to Japanese Americans and aliens while denying payment to or even acknowledging the existence of the German and Italian Americans placed in relocation and internment centers alongside the Japanese . . . We are filing suit to stop the implementation of this law because it blatantly denies equal protection to similarly situated persons."

"The law, ironically misnamed 'The Civil Liberties Act of 1988,' is constitutionally suspect for a number of reasons. Reparations to Japanese were already made as early as 1948; the Supreme Court had already ruled that the evacuation was constitutional; an extremely biased committee (many of whom, themselves, are now eligible to receive \$20,000) misinformed Congress regarding the military necessity for the evacuation; and the list goes on and on. It is the wildest rewriting of history I have ever seen—straight out of Orwell's *Animal Farm* and 1984."

Further justifying the injunction, the administrator of the American War Veterans Association, John Kirby, said, "Millions of veterans over the age of 60 who served faithfully in World War II live in fear that Congress

will cut their Social Security and Medicaid benefits . . . this suit is being filed for those veterans who are outraged that the same Congress which has pledged to handle the federal deficit problem has passed a law handing out billions of dollars."

'Frivolous'

Jerry Enomoto, JACL-LEC chair, saying that the injunction "flies in the face of our congressional leaders," added, "After years of careful and reasoned study by our Congress and by the administration, both bodies came to the conclusion that 'a grave injustice was done' and that monetary compensation and an apology are in

order. Now, we have this group arrogantly undercutting the work of our government leaders. They do this without reasoned research and analysis. Instead, they begin with faulty assumptions and end with twisted interpretations."

Enomoto also said, "I am convinced that this suit is done to frustrate the efforts of Congress and the executive branch. Clearly, this action was taken to retard processes toward justice. People will recognize this suit for what it is . . . frivolous."

Cressey Nakagawa, national JACL president, also responding strongly,

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Turner, Bratt, Testify for More Redress Money

WASHINGTON — Acting Assistant Attorney General James Turner and Office of Redress Administration Director Bob Bratt testified March 2 before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies.

Turner's testimony centered on Section 105 of Public Law 100-383, the "restitution" section. Turner said that the ORA has exerted many efforts to reach out and to locate potentially eligible persons.

Turner related how the ORA has spoken at more than 50 meetings in 13 different states and metropolitan areas. In addition, he noted that it has participated in five radio and television interviews, and issued releases.

According to Turner, 475 community organizations throughout the country received "introductory information" from the office and it has engaged in an outreach program to Japan and Canada.

'Cheaper Now'

Taking the position that it is desirable to make payments as expeditiously as possible, Turner said that it is cheaper to pay eligible persons now rather than wait and have to pay eligible heirs later.

Hate Crimes Bill Reintroduced in Congress

WASHINGTON — A bill requiring the federal government to keep statistics on "hate crimes" was reintroduced into Congress Feb. 22 by Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) and Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.).

The bill, entitled the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, was introduced into both chambers of Congress and would require the U.S. Justice Department to annually collect and publish data on crimes based on race, religion and sexual orientation.

Expounding upon the importance of the bill, Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) said, "There is no question that these crimes and the attitudes which permit them must be confronted. Yet, how can we begin to fight them when their depth and scope are unknown?"

Racial Motivation?

JACL Urging State Investigation of Jan. Stockton School Shooting

SAN FRANCISCO — The National JACL has contacted California State Attorney General John Van de Kamp urging a comprehensive investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding the January shooting spree that left five children of Southeast Asian ancestry dead and 30 wounded at the Cleveland School in Stockton, Calif.

National JACL President Cressey

Right now, we rely only on spotty, anecdotal information. This bill sets up a system whereby hate crimes are added to the standard federal crime data collected."

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), who also voiced support for the bill, said, "Law enforcement organizations currently have no up-to-date, comprehensive statistics to help them fight such crimes. This legislation is a start. Clearly, it's not going to single-handedly stop these despicable crime. But it will help us gain more insight into this form of violence so we as a nation can react more effectively to this tragedy."

A similar measure was approved 383-29 by the House last year but was stalled in the Senate.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Sen. Matsunaga on Duty in Senate Despite Mishap

WASHINGTON—Despite sustaining two broken right ribs and a hairline fracture of his left leg in a fall at his suburban Maryland home last Jan. 23, Sen. Spark Matsunaga attended a morning hearing of the Senate Finance Committee on Wednesday (Jan. 25) and cast his first three votes in the 101st Congress. He voted to confirm the nominations of Secretary of State James Baker, Secretary of Labor Elizabeth Dole and Office of Management and Budget Director Richard Darman. The accident happened when Matsunaga was going to the basement of his home and somehow tripped and fell down eight steps, his office reported.

Canadian Author Ken Adachi Found Dead at Home

TORONTO — Onetime editor of the *New Canadian* and a *Toronto Star* book critic, Ken Adachi, 60, was found dead Feb. 10, according to police, who found him and his wife at home on the floor from apparent drug overdose. Wife Mary, 40, was taken to the hospital where a spokesman said she was in a serious but stable condition. Death came to the Nisei author days after he left the *Star* following complaints that he failed to attribute parts of a recent review to another publication, his editor John Honderich revealed to the Canadian Press. Adachi authored "The Enemy That Never Was" (1976), a history of Japanese Canadians, had edited the *New Canadian* in postwar years while attending the Univ. of Toronto. He later taught English literature there and also lectured in English at the Univ. of Maryland from 1964-1968. Upon his return he worked at the *Toronto Telegram*, then joined the *Star*'s sport copy desk, took a leave of absence in 1976 to write the Japanese Canadian history, and later became the book editor and literary columnist. In 1986 he won a national award for critical writing, was among two Canadians invited by the British Council to Cambridge on the state of British literature. During WW2, he was an outspoken critic of Canada's treatment of Japanese Canadians, calling the Evacuation "an act born of racism."

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CHULA VISTA, Calif. — "How Do Sansei Deal with Stress?" will be the topic of a San Diego JACL and UPAC panel discussion on Saturday, April 22, 2 p.m., at Kiku Gardens, 1260 Third Ave., Chula Vista. Light refreshments and a tour of Kiku Gardens will be offered at 1:30 p.m.

Panel moderator will be Roger Bailey, Ph.D., psychologist and program manager for the San Diego Area Agency on Aging; panelists are:

Amy Okamura, LCSW, project director for UPAC's Counseling and Treatment Center, Kathleen Kashiwa, Ph.D., recently on staff at UCSD Psychological and Counseling Services Department, Yosh Kawahara, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Mesa College, and Kathleen Kubo, LCSW, counselor at Kaiser Permanente, San Diego.

This program is free and open to the public. Information: UPAC (619) 232-6454.

DEATHS

Gen. Bolte Dies at 93, Commanded 100th Infantry

Charles L. Bolte, 93, who commanded the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in the 1943-1944 Italian campaign and was a four-star general upon retirement in 1955, died Feb. 11 after a stroke at Mt. Vernon Hospital. He and his wife of 65 years, Adelaide, who survives him lived in Alexandria, Va.

A decorated combat veteran of both world wars, as a major general he commanded the 34th Infantry Division (to which the 100th was attached) through the Gothic Line and the winter Apennines campaign. After the war, he held senior staff posts at the Pentagon, chaired the Inter-American Defense Board and was commander-in-chief of Army ground forces in Europe in 1952-53. His final post was as Army vice chief of staff.

A native of Chicago and graduate in chemical engineering of what is now the Illinois Institute of Technology, he also studied and taught at infantry, war and general staff colleges between the wars.

Former Loomis Judge Cosma Sakamoto Dies

Cosma K. Sakamoto, 82, former Loomis District judge (1970-1977) and traffic hearing officer for juveniles (1978-1985), died Feb. 15 at a Roseville (Calif.) convalescent hospital following a brief illness.

A charter member of Placer County JACL founded in 1928, and two-time chapter president, the eldest of eight children who was born on Sherman Island in the Delta, his family bought a ranch in Rocklin in 1925, the same year he graduated from Placer High School.

Cosma served with the military intelligence during WW2 and won the Bronze Star for valor in the Central and South Pacific campaigns. Brother S/Sgt. Masa was killed in action in France in 1944, two other brothers were also servicemen: Sgt. Walter with the 442nd and T/3 Calvin with the MIS. Upon his return home in September, 1945, after the war, his home on the Loomis ranch was fire-bombed and burned to the ground by local "night-riders" protesting the reopening of the West Coast to evacuees.

For his work with the Boy Scouts, he was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1968, was active with the American Legion Post 775, Loomis Lions, American Cancer Society and Sierra Council on Alcoholism.

He is survived by w. Eiko, s. Ernest (Marysville), Kenneth, Kay, bns. Walter, Calvin (Palo Alto), sis. Toki Okusu, Gladys Inouye (Yuba City), Edith Chikuda (Palo Alto), and 2 gc.

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CARSON CHAPTER 1989—The Carson Chapter of the JACL held its 14th annual installation Jan. 28 at the Hotel Ibis in Carson, Calif. Pictured above, front row (l-r) are Carol Mori, v.p. youth; Mabel Saito, board member; Agnes Hikida, corresponding secretary; Miriam Nishida, president; Ruth Sakamoto, v.p., membership; and Maria Hohman, board member. Back row (l-r) are Joe Harlow, board member; Ken Harada, treasurer; Paul Schneider, recording secretary; Joe Sakamoto, consultant; and Kaz Nishida, board member.

Urgent Need to Preserve Nikkei Artifacts, Information Stressed

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — About 75 members and guests attended the St. Louis JACL Chapter installation dinner Jan. 28 at Garavellis Restaurant to hear Irene Hirano, director of the Japanese American National Museum. She stressed the urgent need to catalog, preserve, collect information and artifacts before they are destroyed or lost.

Hirano felt, however, it not necessary or desirable that all items be housed in the museum but that each individual family should collect and preserve information and artifacts concerning their own families. A national data bank could be initiated to catalog the location of the various items so that in the future a computer search can be made.

Incoming President Dr. Michael Hoshiko and the board members were sworn in by John Hayashi, the Midwest District governor.

Bill Yoshino, acting director of the JACL, gave an update and summary of the national JACL activities. George Uchiyama, a member of the board gave the invocation. Sam Nakano, also a member of the board and Redress/LEC chairperson, was the master of ceremonies. The installation dinner was chaired by Dr. Al Morioka, who arranged for the magic show entertainment, which was enhanced by Irene Hirano, who "volunteered" to be the magician's assistant.

Cathy Hironaka, the out-going president, presented acknowledgments and

JACL Credit Union Asks for Account Designations

SALT LAKE CITY — Since November 1988, the National JACL Credit Union has been sending a Membership and Account Agreement form to those members who have not designated a co-owner or a beneficiary for their share accounts. This action was instituted to help members and their families in the event of the member's demise.

Members who have not returned the completed agreement to the credit union, are urged to do so now. For assistance on completion of the form, please call the credit union office at either (801) 355-8040 or (800) 544-8828.

awards to Ed Shimamoto, who chaired the Japanese Festival; to Bill Ryba, who handles the cookbook sales; to Pauline Sakahara, who is the flower arranger for chapter events; George Hasegawa, who chairs the scholarship committee and to the Japanese Festival calligraphers, Ed Izumi, Paul Maruyama, Bob Endo and Paul Tanabe.

George Sakaguchi has been selected to co-chair the National Awards & Recognition Committee. He will entertain any nominations. He is also the director of the Midwest Project. Nikki Hara, with her husband John, publish and edit of the chapter's newsletter "The View". The chapter will be pleased to exchange newsletter with other chapters address; 904 Penny Lane, Ballwin, MO 63011.

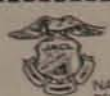
Mt. Olympus JACL Planning Reunion for July 21-22

SALT LAKE CITY — The Mt. Olympus JACL Chapter is holding a reunion in Salt Lake City on July 21 and 22. Although still in the preliminary stages, currently planned are a banquet for Friday night with a picnic on Saturday to be held in conjunction with the Old Farmers Group of the area.

Chapter members are in the process of gathering addresses of friends and relatives who previously lived in the area in order to send out notices. Anyone interested in attending (or knowing addresses of people who might be interested) could help the effort by sending addresses to Reunion Chairman: Mas Namba, at 2510 W. 5400 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84118; phone (801) 968-5461.

A few of those helping with the reunion are Shake Ushio, Tom Matsumori, Yukus Inouye, George and Mabel Okubo as well as all board members. Some of the Mt. Olympus Chapter members have been active in JACL since its inception. "This should be a great opportunity to renew friendships and make new friends," according to chapter member Irene Mori.

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5 JACL Chapters Co-Sponsor Kinen-hi Ceremonies at Salinas Assembly Campsite

By Fred Oshima

SALINAS, Calif. — The historic Kinen-hi Japanese Garden in the majestic, tall eucalyptus studded California Rodeo Ground, the one-time infamous temporary processing assembly center for thousands of Central California Coast Japanese Americans in Salinas, was the scene of the Day of Remembrance, Feb. 19.

The brief, impressive Sunday afternoon ceremony was sponsored by the area's Japanese American Citizens League chapters—Monterey Peninsula, Gilroy, San Benito County, Watsonville and Salinas Valley.

Paul Ichiuji, vice president, Salinas Valley JACL chaired the commemorative program and was followed by a reception at Buddhist Temple of Salinas. Serving with Ichiuji were Helen Kitaji, Harry "Tar" Shirachi and Harry Sakasegawa.

The Day of Remembrance is a memorable occasion that signified the

47th anniversary of the Feb. 19, 1942 issuance of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, which authorized the West Coast evacuation and forced internment of 110,000 Japanese Americans into 10 concentration camps.

The Kinen-hi Japanese Garden monument is located just east of the Rodeo Ground's Sherwood Hall/Community Center complex and is adjacent to the unique Hat in Three Stars Landing, a colorful trio of huge over-sized cowboy hats, symbolizing this city's famous annual summer western round-up week.

A meaningful, sober reminder of World War Two, the memorial garden is maintained by the area's five JACL chapters through the supervision of Harry Sakasegawa.

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JACL-LEC MEETING

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not return to their prewar homes; those born outside camp but whose parents lived in the exclusion zone before the war; those whose right to travel freely was restricted by the military; and minors who were taken to Japan during the war.

Nakahata emphasized that the final decision on eligibility rests with the Department of Justice.

• **States' Treatment of Redress Payments**—Acting Director Rita Takahashi reported that she had written the governors of all 50 states to find out how each state plans to treat redress payments. At the time of the LEC meeting, 25 governors had responded.

Most of the 25 states, following federal policy, will not tax redress payments. In addition, most will not reduce aid from such programs as Medicaid, food stamps, and Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

A summary of the 25 states' policies can be found in the February/March "Redress Monitor" newsletter, available from the JACL-LEC Office, 1730 Rhode Island Ave. NW #204, Washington, D.C. 20036.

• **Office of Personnel Management**—A number of Nisei, victims of racism, were fired from federal employment after Dec. 7, 1941. The redress law requires "each department and agency of the United States Government (to) review with liberality . . . any application by an eligible individual for the restitution of any position, status, or entitlement lost in whole or in part because of any discriminatory act of the United States government against such individual which was based upon the individual's Japanese ancestry and which occurred during the evacuation, relocation, and internment period."

Takahashi has asked the Office of Personnel Management to draft procedures for individuals wishing to apply for consideration under the redress law. LEC will publish these procedures as they become known.

• **Appreciation of Veterans Groups**—Several months ago, LEC ordered 33 plaques to present to veterans groups and individuals who had supported the redress campaign. Art Morimitsu, chair of the effort, announced that some 13 plaques have been presented thus far, most recently at the Nisei VFW reunion at Los Angeles (see Feb. 24, 1989 P.C.). The board agreed that the veterans' support was crucial in the passage of the redress bill.

• **Endorsements**—In other matters, LEC endorsed the concept of a "JACL Fund," being developed by an ad hoc JACL committee. The committee is planning a 10-year campaign to raise \$20 million, most of which will be held as an endowment.

LEC also endorsed the nomination of Jerry Enomoto, Lillian Kimura, and Jan Pillai as candidates for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

• **Board Elections**—Nominations Committee Chair Wakamatsu announced that the following persons were elected to the LEC board, with terms expiring the end of 1991: JACL-appointed members Mollie Fujioka and Peggy Liggett; and at-large members Jerry Enomoto, Mae Takahashi, and Tom Kometani. The board also elected Meriko Mori of Greater L.A. Singles Chapter as an at-large board member.

Officers retained their positions. They are: Jerry Enomoto, chair; Grant Ujifusa, vice-chair/legislative strategy; Cherry Kinoshita, vice-chair/operations; Shig Wakamatsu, treasurer; Mollie Fujioka, secretary; Mae Takahashi, fund-raising chair; and Hank Tanaka, personnel committee chair.

Other members of the board are: Cressey Nakagawa, Arthur Morimitsu, Gene Takamine, and Denny Yasuhara. All members of the board except the newly elected Mori attended the meeting.



Photo By Jem Lew

NEW OFFICERS—The 100th/442nd Veterans Association held its installation banquet Jan. 21 at Almansor Court in Alhambra, Calif. Ben Tagami was installed as the 29th president of the group and accepted the office's gavel from Kenny Higa, eldest son of the late outgoing president, George Higa, who died the week before. Pictured (l-r) are Tagami, Higa, guest speaker Col. Tadachiko Ono, commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer, installing officer Col. Christopher R. Keegan and Pierre Moulin of Bruyeres, France, who invited veterans to a July 7 and 8 dedication of a 100th/442nd peace monument and museum.

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increased incidents of racial violence and defamation toward Americans of Asian descent. Increased tensions in inter-group relations exist in localities that have experienced the settlement of new Asian communities. In many cases, local authorities have demonstrated little or no sensitivities to easing and counteracting these tensions." Nakagawa and Yoshino believe "a comprehensive investigation is warranted especially in light of the local law enforcement investigation which has concluded that no evidence of racial motivation exists."

The JACL hopes that the investigation will demonstrate California's strong intolerance for violent acts motivated by race.

Greater Portland Area Reunion in 1990 Slated

PORTLAND, Ore. — The date has been set for the Greater Portland Reunion—1990 for Aug. 3-5 with golf, fishing, sightseeing and a Saturday night banquet. The committee, c/o Nikkei Jin Kai, 1550 SE Oak Grove Blvd., Portland, OR 97267, would like to hear from all interested persons who lived prewar in the greater Portland area, including Vancouver, Wash.; Hood River, Salem, Gresham and Hillsboro.

Texas Bishops Denounce 'Concentration Camp' for Latinos

Bishops' Response

AUSTIN, Texas — The new U.S. plan by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to deal with Central Americans seeking political asylum was denounced by the Catholic bishops of Texas here Feb. 21 for a meeting of the Texas Conference of Churches.

It would create "the largest concentration camp on U.S. soil" since the Japanese Americans were incarcerated in World War II, the bishops said in a statement issued here.

As part of the plan, INS has been sending its employees to boost its border patrol in southern Texas and handle the petitions for asylum within 24 hours of receipt.

In Brownsville, Texas, immigration commissioner Alan Nelson on Feb. 20 had announced the estimated 2,000 Central American refugees who cross weekly in southern Texas will be detained or deported within hours if they do not qualify for asylum. "We intend to send a strong signal to those people who have the mistaken idea that by merely filing a frivolous asylum claim, they may stay in the United States . . . This willful manipulation of America's generosity must stop."

Mineta Upset By Hotel's Abbreviation

LOS ANGELES — While attending a board meeting of the Japanese American National Museum on Feb. 18, Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) encountered a rude shock while at the Stouffer Concourse Hotel. The reason? The notation on his bill read "Jap/Amer National Museum."

As a result, Mineta wrote a letter to the hotel informing its manager, Timothy Russell, that the abbreviation for "Japanese" used on the bill was improper. In his letter, Mineta wrote, "Of course, at its core this is . . . an awareness problem. The proper abbreviations for 'Japan' and 'Japanese' are 'Jpn.' and 'Jpnz.' respectively."

The congressman from California received a letter in response from Russell explaining the situation. Mineta replied, and said "I was heartened to hear that this offensive word ('Jap') is not included in your computer program, that this was not the abbreviation used for other guests from the Japanese American National Museum, and that the abbreviation was an inadvertent

lapse on my bill.

"I was also heartened by your prompt response and thoughtful letter, which reinforces your explanation that the incident was certainly unplanned and inadvertent. I am confident that your sincere response will help to assure that this will not happen again at your hotel."

Mineta concluded his letter by writing that as a result of the hotel's response, he looked forward to future visits to the hotel and its affiliates.

Mineta also received a letter from the president of Stouffer Hotels assuring him that the company did not condone or tolerate racism and that the incident would reinforce the need for proper sensitivity throughout the hotel chain.

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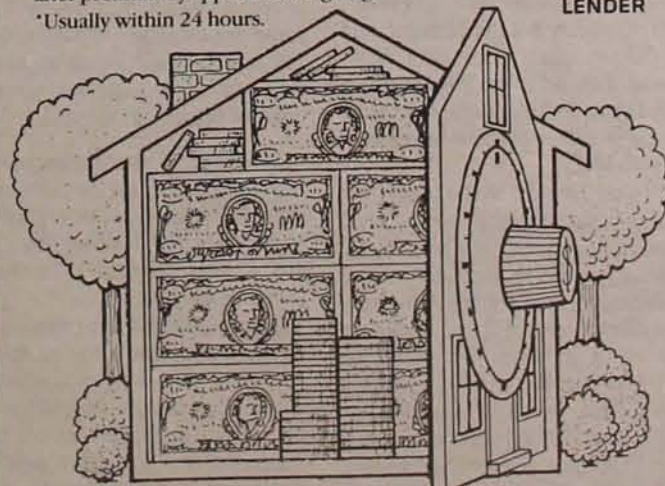
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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN:

Do They Know? Do They Care?

THE FLAMBOYANT manner in which Japanese interests have bought property in the United States has concerned many Americans, including Japanese Americans. It does not seem to matter that British and Dutch holdings in the U.S. are substantially greater than those of the Japanese. There is something about Japanese acquiring property that upsets some people.

In his Pacific Citizen cartoon a few weeks ago, Pete Hironaka captured the irrationality of the situation. It shows a person, half asleep, listening to a television newscaster.

In the first panel the announcer says: "A London-based group has purchased half of Manhattan." The man listens emotionless.

Next the announcer says: "A huge U.S. conglomerate has been sold to interests in Holland." Still no reaction.

Then the announcer says: "Financial syndicates in France announce a buy-out of major American chain stores." No response.

In the last panel the announcer says: "A Japanese company has purchased interest in a Midwest steel . . ." The man snaps awake and is shown shouting, "What! Didja hear that?! Them #&* Japanese are taking over!"

What Hironaka might have said, if he had the space, is that Americans by far are the world's leading investors in foreign countries. Investments from abroad stimulate, rather than damage, domestic economics.

In the case of the Japanese, few have recognized a staggering irony: it was the efforts of Japanese Americans that made it possible for the Japanese to acquire American real estate. Before the war, anti-alien land laws in many states prohibited ownership of property by "aliens ineligible to citizenship." These laws were directed specifically against Japanese.

JACL succeeded in getting anti-alien land laws declared discriminatory and unconstitutional, enabling anyone regardless of citizenship to acquire property. Do the Japanese recognize this? If they don't, they should.

Pima Indians Recall Injustice Against Japanese Americans

By Joanne Bertsche

In November, Laura Baren (executive director, Evanston/Northshore YWCA), Betty Korshak, and I attended the YWCA Leadership Training Center. While there, our training group was able to enjoy the hospitality of the Pima Indians at the Gila River Reservation, 50 miles south of Phoenix. Our visit was on Veterans Day, but our hosts were more than glad to spend their holiday showing a group of YWCA women around, and for this experience I will always be grateful.

Our Pima guides talked about their life on the reservation, and, as you can imagine, their history was full of injustices by our government. However, their voices were not full of anger, and they did not speak as much of themselves as they did of the great injustice of the Japanese Americans, who were interned in camps on their reservation during WWII.

We were brought to the site of the Butte internment camp, one of two camps on the reservation where 16,000 Japanese Americans (actually 13,348 was the total count for the two camps at Gila River) were relocated from the West Coast in 1942, the year after Pearl Harbor, the U.S. government created ten such "concentration camps" for 110,000 Japanese Americans. They were given 48 hours notice to sell all their possessions or give them away before relocation.

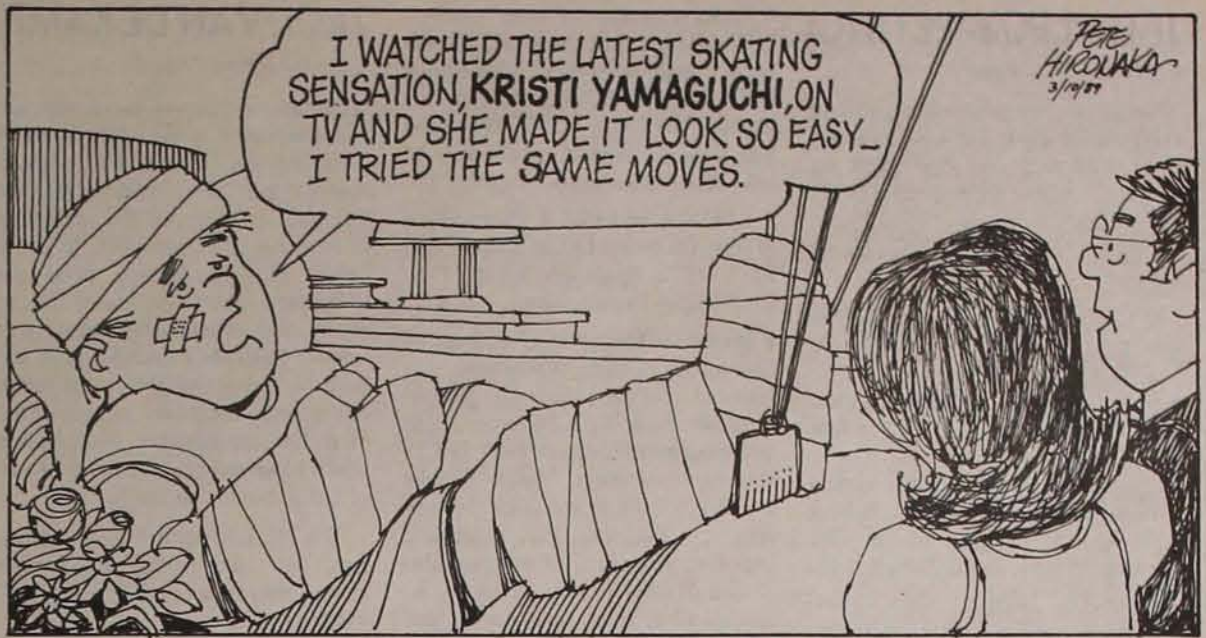
(P.C. Note: There is confusion over this 48-hour notice. On Feb. 10, the Justice Dept. ordered Japanese and Japanese American resi-

dents on Terminal Island to leave the island by Feb. 17. The next day, they were told the Navy was in control and would be given 30 days. Within the same week, the Navy changed its order for them to leave within 24 hours; the Christian churches and other groups protested and the deadline was put off for 48 hours. The Army moved the first group to the assembly center at Manzanar on Mar. 22, a month after it was designated by E.O. 9066 to implement the order. The first evacuees to reach Poston was May 8.—cf., Allan Bosworth, *America's Concentration Camps*)

At the Butte Camp they lived in terrible conditions. Five families were crowded into hot, tar papered barracks, each getting a living space of 20' x 20'. The families had no privacy and no indoor plumbing. No one was allowed to leave the closely guarded camp which didn't close until 1945. Ironically, many Japanese American men were at the same time serving our country bravely in the 442.

Our visit to the internment camp happened to fall on the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the night the Germans terrorized Jewish communities, and what is believed to be the onset of the Holocaust.

What struck me most about our visit to the internment camp is that there was no memorial to acknowledge this shameful period in our history. When one of our dignitaries travels to Germany, he or she is often seen laying a wreath at Dachau or Auschwitz. Why haven't we acknowledged the oppressive treatment of our fellow Americans and erected a memorial that says we won't allow this to happen again?



FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

Everyday Nikkei Humor or A Pun in Mai Asa

Just about three years ago Dr. Te-tsuden Kashima, then (and maybe still) director of Asian American studies at the University of Washington asked for help in collecting examples of Japanese American humor. He wrote that Japanese Americans allegedly do not have a good sense of humor, and he was looking for evidence to disprove that contention.

Kashima sent along some samples which I passed along:

- What kind of pants does a Japanese American wear? Answer: Nihon-jeans.
- What kind of food does a Japanese American cannibal eat? Answer: Ra-men.
- What did the Japanese American lumberjack exclaim when he dropped his axe on his foot? Answer: Aw-gee, no-mo-toe.

I asked for readers of this column to send in their favorite Japanese American stories and got a bunch of them which I used in a subsequent column. Most of them fell in the category of language errors or puns which are

rather unfunny for those who do not understand Japanese.

The best of the lot in my opinion was from Nikki Sawada Bridges which Joe Oyama sent along. It's simple:

- "Ikura is not hamachi." Okay, I'll explain. *Ikura* is the word of salmon eggs which are a sushi ingredient and it also is a question, "How much?" *Hamachi* is a fish and also a sushi ingredient, and close to the pidgin "How muchi?" Thus, *ikura* is not *hamachi*. Don't get it? Read it again, you'll get it.

What revives the subject is a couple of letters that arrived recently. Mas Odoi of Federal Way, Wash., which was only a wide place in the road between Seattle and Tacoma when I lived up that way, recalled those old columns and offered one printable joke:

- "Do you know the name of the kamikaze pilot who flew 37 missions? Chicken Teriyaki."

And Ryo Uchida of San Francisco sent along a clipping about the Rev. Ichiro Noda, a Methodist minister who

uses ventriloquism which he learned from watching Edgar Bergen movies, to attract Japanese to Christianity. The amusing part of the story is how Noda became a preacher. It seems that in his youth he attended a sermon given by Toyohiko Kagawa, the famous evangelist.

Kagawa asked Noda, "What are you going to do with your life? If you don't know, why don't you become a minister?" The Japanese word for minister is *bokushi*. Noda thought Kagawa had said *bokushingu* (boxing) and said "Yes, sir."

Uchida says the story reminded him of the American GI who said to a cute little Japanese chick, *Anata wa hen desu ne*. In Japanese, *hen* means odd or strange, so the GI's effort at conversation came out, "You're odd, aren't you."

Do you have some stories? Send them along and we'll share them with readers of this column. All of us can use a little laughter, can't we?

'OUR TIMES'

Japan's Era from Showa to Heisei

By Masaru Ogawa

(From The Japan Times)

The Showa Era has ended and is now history. Through a smooth transition, Japan has now entered the new Heisei Era, which promises continuing achievements in the ways of peace.

The 62 years of the Showa Era was a remarkable period. It was marked by much turbulence and violence, at least during its first 20 years, when the nation was launched on the settlement of its international disputes through armed force.

Defeat on the battlefield and total surrender in 1945 brought a peace which lasted more than four decades. During this period, the thoroughly battered Japanese nation picked itself up, worked hard, and achieved a recovery and growth, ranking it second only to the United States in economic vitality.

The ranks of the people who went through these years of major changes with Emperor Showa are thinning out, but that may be all the more reason for their sense of loss and grief over his passing away.

In our own instance, we recall visiting Kyoto as an early teen-ager to view the parade marking the coronation of Emperor Showa in late 1928. The Emperor had succeeded to the Throne two years earlier in 1926, but the coronation rites were delayed because of a death in the Imperial Family. The memory is dim, but the images

of horse-drawn carriages, of flower-bedecked streetcars, and of crowds lining broad streets flash back.

We were invited to two Imperial Garden parties, but were not among the people selected to converse with the Emperor. However, we stood close enough to hear him exchange pleasantries with guests representing a wide range of activities and interests. We marveled that he knew the right questions to ask, interspersed with his charming "Ah so." He impressed us as knowing what was going on.

During his fatal illness and after his death, the questions of the late Emperor's responsibilities and guilt for the war against China and for World War II have been raised. Our understanding is that under the former Meiji Constitution, to which he was bound until its replacement with the present postwar national charter, he was a sovereign with absolute powers, but he did not employ that authority without the "consent and approval" of the Diet and the "advice" of Cabinet ministers.

Moreover, the "war guilt" charges are not limited to one. Some hold him responsible for starting the war, others blame him for losing the war, still others say, like the mayor of Nagasaki, that he should have stopped the war earlier. And there are those who are opposed to the Emperor system itself, as in the case of the Japan Communist

Party. Incidentally, it is a wonder how the communists manage to be numbered among the "defenders" of the Constitution, which names the Emperor as the "symbol of the State and of the unity of the People. . .

A question asked most frequently is why the late Emperor was unable to stop the start of World War II when he was able to end it. In the absence of a more detailed study, it would seem that there was little opposition to the launching of the war, but there was a Cabinet deadlock which the Emperor was asked to break at the war's end.

The final judgment on the Showa Era should come at a much later date. Our own hope is that Emperor Showa will not be viewed as the uniformed leader riding a white stallion, which did mark the first 20 years of the era, but rather as the hardworking "symbol" of the nation, with hat in hand, encouraging the people from one end of the nation to the other (with the exception of Okinawa) or as the scholar examining a marine plant specimen, a field the late Emperor was a recognized expert, which was an integral part of his final 40 years.

Now a new era has begun, peacefully and quietly, under Emperor Akihito, who is the 125th in the Imperial Family which has its roots in the days prior to written history. He was

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said, "The injunction by the American War Veterans Relief Association represents a spurious attempt to create problems at a time when Congress will begin consideration of appropriating funding to carry out the provisions of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

"It is a frivolous lawsuit which should not serve to distract from the task at hand, which is to gain maximum appropriations so that those who are eligible to receive compensation resulting from their wartime incarceration are able to do so."

Meanwhile, JACL National Director Bill Yoshino said, "The tone of the injunction is similar to advertisements which had been placed in the *Los Angeles Times*. This is clearly part of a misguided campaign to side-track further progress in the process of appropriating funds to implement the Civil Liberties Act."

Yoshino further emphasized the meaning of redress, saying, "Race hatred was a clear factor which led to the removal of Japanese Americans from the West Coast in 1942. It would be hoped that nearly 50 years later we would have learned to become a more tolerant and just society. The Congress and the president have acknowledged this as have a great majority of the American public."

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) called the report "offensive, misguided and unworthy of being provided a public forum." He added that "the constitutionality of redress is rock solid." Similar sentiments came from Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), who said, "Any challenge to this law based on constitutionality is, at best, frivolous. Personally, I find such a challenge ridiculous, since the P.L. 100-383 reaffirms our Constitution rather than weakening it as opponents claim."

The American War Veterans Relief Association has reportedly been in existence since 1980.

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brought up under the tutelage of Dr. Shinzo Koizumi, a former president of Keio University and a highly respected scholar.

And it was a Quaker Mrs. Vining, who taught the new Emperor his fluent English.

In truth, both the Emperor and the Empress, in their roles as Crown Prince and Crown Princess, were most interested in meeting people.

When planning an anniversary party for the America-Japan Society, we were told by the Imperial Household Agency officials that the Crown Prince and Princess would be happy to mingle with the guests. But when the expected attendance promised to exceed 600, that was the time for the police and security people to step in to say, "No mingling. Because we can't be responsible for any incident."

It would seem no one wants to assume responsibility, and would impose their own inadequacy even on the Crown Prince and Princess. The "rules" may be even stricter now that they are the Emperor and the Empress, and the Imperial Couple may be truly hidden behind the Chrysanthemum Curtain.

There seems to be differences of views on the relationship between the Emperor and the people. Some say it should be kept open and free, and others feel a certain amount of aloofness should be kept.

It is recalled that when the then Crown Prince Hirohito completed his tour of Great Britain, he is said to have remarked that he is like "a bird in a cage." Our hope is that the Emperor and Empress will soar the wide, open skies.

It is a long step from Showa to Heisei. Naturally, things must be done in a different way. Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko must be pioneers in their own right.

Floyd Introduces Legislation to Distinguish Asian Pacific Groups

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — State Assemblyman Richard E. Floyd, (D-Carson) introduced legislation Feb. 22 requiring all state agencies to stop classifying all Asians and Pacific Islanders together and to use separate collection categories that distinguish each major cultural group when conducting demographic surveys of residents or workers.

"Our official state policy has been that all Asians look alike, act alike and, therefore, should be treated alike," said Floyd, whose district contains sizable Asian and Pacific Islander communities. The bill also embodies one of the main recommendations of Attorney General Van De Kamp's Asian and Pacific Islander Advisory Committee, whose final report was released last month.

Floyd's bill requires separate categories for Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese, Asian,

Indian, Hawaiian, Guamanian, Samoan, Laotian, Cambodian and other groups. Floyd's bill is an outgrowth of the recent adoption by the U.S. Census Bureau of these same categories for their data collection.

"This bill translates the victory won at the federal level with the Census Bureau down to the state and local level," Floyd commented. Ironically, California law now requires separate classification of Filipino workers in the state surveys but makes no similar provisions for any other ethnic group.

"The more than 60 ethnic groupings which make up our Asian and Pacific Islander communities represent almost 10% of California's population and will grow to over 14% by the end of this decade," Floyd argued. "It is time we started paying more attention to these complex, diverse, and fast growing communities is our midst."

Ron Takaki Talks About Nikkei Literature

By Cynthia Takano

PASADENA, Calif. — Pasadena City College launched its first ever lecture series on Asian/Pacific Americans Feb. 22 with a talk by Dr. Ron Takaki, professor of ethnic studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

More than 200 people representing all ages and ethnic groups were on hand to hear Takaki's lecture, "Reflections of Immigrant History in Asian-American Literature: Japanese American Experience."

Struggles Still Continues

His politically tinged discussion of Japanese American literature juxtaposed the triumphs of the early Issei over their hardships to today's continuing struggle for acceptance as Americans.

"We don't look like Americans," he said. "Even today we're being told we don't belong in universities. We still have a Chinese man bludgeoned to death in Detroit because he looks Japanese."

The author of several books, including "From Different Shores: Perspective on Race and Ethnicity in America," Takaki focused on literature as the most direct and revealing route to understanding the immigrant experience.

"We need to become listeners, to train ourselves to listen to their voices," he said. "Historians talk about these people rather than letting them speak for themselves. By listening to

their voices, we allow them to reclaim their history."

A near 100 percent rate of literacy among Japanese immigrants, he added, resulted in a wealth of newspapers, books, poetry and songs.

Work Songs and Poetry

Bypassing the more familiar books on the subject, Takaki instead embroidered historical perspectives with translations of the work songs and poetry of the early Issei.

Using their own words, he spotlighted the brutality of the Issei struggles on the Hawaiian plantations and the California railroads. He traced their conversion from sojourners with a dream to make their fortunes and return to Japan to settlers who stayed to build a new life.

"Japanese laborers in California put their labor into the soil, and transformed deserts into lush valleys. They earned their right to settle," Takaki said.

"The dreams are still there," he added. "That's why people like me are still trying to make their claims on history—to show how artistry fits into the history of America."

Takaki's discussion was the first in a series of lectures, films and exhibits entitled, "Asian/Pacific Americans: Six Generations in California," which continues through December at Pasadena City College. More information may be obtained by calling Joanne Kim at (818) 578-7221.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

HANK TANAKA

Organizational Changes Are an Enormous Task

Recently I was appointed by Cressey Nakagawa, national JACL president, to serve as the chairperson of the Long Range Planning Committee. Having served on a similar committee in the 1981-82 biennium chaired by Lillian Kimura, I am aware of the enormous task. But it also reminded me that it could be a futile task as well.

For whatever reasons, these well researched reports tend to get "shelved" after being approved by National Council.

At its recent meeting in February, the National Board urged that the planning committee include a reevaluation of the JACL organizational structure in its planning process. Since our present mission statement will also be reviewed in that process, a different organizational structure could be indicated to meet our new goals.

The planning process will be from the bottom up, not top down, with active participation by the membership.

Long range planning workshops are planned to be held at each JACL dis-

trict council meeting during 1989. They will be facilitated by the chair of the committee and assisted by a representative member of the appropriate district. The workshops will be staffed by Bill Yoshino, recently appointed JACL national director.

Workshops are also being planned at the California tri-district meeting in April, the Mountain Plains/Midwest/Eastern tri-district meeting in early August and the Pacific Northwest/Intermountain joint district meeting in late August.

The Planning Committee of representatives from each district council is in the process of being formed. The committee will plan to meet in San Francisco in January 1990 to hammer out a national strategic plan, based on data from the district meeting.

This column will serve as a means of reporting to the membership the progress of the planning committee. Summary information from district meetings will be included in the reports.



Photo By Lee Salem

READY FOR SANSEI—Los Angeles and Hiroshima, Japan will take part in a cultural exchange as part of the gala benefit on the opening night of fusion band Hiroshima's *Sansei* on March 11 at the Mark Taper Forum. Pictured above are Kenji Numata, Isao Tomikawa, Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and Toshimitsu Saito. For info, call (213) 972-7680.

'Webster St. Blues' Ready for Run at East West Players

LOS ANGELES — East West Players presents the Los Angeles premiere of *Webster Street Blues* by the late Warren Sumio Kubota on March 15 at 8:00 p.m. on the theatre's mainstage at 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Voted "best new play" last year by San Francisco-area critics, *Webster Street Blues* will be directed by Nobu McCarthy, who recently appeared in movies *The Wash* and *Karate Kid II*.

The cast features Susan Haruye Ioka, John Miyasaka, Yuji Okumoto and Marilyn Tokuda. Sets and lighting design are by Rae Creevey and costumes are by Terry Tam Soon. The production stage manager is Marlene Shire.

Set in the 1970s among the turbulent, multi-ethnic streets of San Francisco's Japantown, the play follows the lives of four friends in their passionate, often funny and inevitably painful process of growing up. According to Philip Kan Gotanda, fellow playwright and friend, "Warren was a keen observer of the human experience, particularly of Japanese America. He was brave in his writing, and wasn't afraid to write about what he saw."

For opening week only, *Webster Street Blues* runs March 15-18 at 8:00 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m.; from March 24 - April 23, it runs Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m. only, with Sunday matinees. For more information and tickets, call (213) 660-0366.

Gila River Butte High '45 Reunion Set Oct. 6-7

TORRANCE, Calif. — A 40th year reunion of former Butte High School, Gila River, Ariz. Class of 1945, is planned for Oct. 6 and 7, in Torrance, Calif.

General Chairperson, May (Yogi) Higa, said the exact site and program will be announced. About half of classmates have responded. Those interested in attending and obtaining further details may contact:

Bay Area, Yo (Tanaka) Hiraoka, (415) 849-3531; No. Central-Stockton, Lily (Katayama) Tanji, (209) 466-7750, or Taya (Iwata) Takeda (209) 941-2511; Santa Maria Valley, Tets Furukawa, (805) 937-4667; West L.A., Takao Shishino, (213) 390-6287; San Fernando Valley, May (Yogi) Higa, (818) 781-6249; South Bay-Gardena, Tomi (Shinozaki) Harada (213) 329-2079, or Toshi (Imamura) Nagata, (213) 404-1648.

Registration forms: May Higa, 6852 Langdon Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406.

Velina Houston to Speak at UPAC Dinner on May 6

LA JOLLA, Calif. — In conjunction with Asian Pacific American Week, the Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC) will hold its sixth annual dinner on Saturday, May 6, at the La Jolla Marriott featuring as guest speaker the award-winning poet and playwright

Velina Hasu Houston. Her highly acclaimed play "Tea" was performed at the Old Globe in San Diego last season.

Born in Japan of a Japanese mother and a U.S. serviceman of Black and Native American descent, Houston's talk is entitled "Amerasian: Living Between Two Cultures." She was graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Kansas State University in 1979, received her Master in Fine Arts in playwriting at UCLA in 1981 and has received numerous commendations for her work.

UPAC is a non-profit community services agency serving the Asian Pacific and immigrant refugee population in San Diego. Tickets are \$75 per person. For information and reservations (619) 232-6454.

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THE CALENDAR

FLORIDA

■ March 18—The Marikami Museum and Japanese Gardens 2nd Annual Block Tie Gala, 4000 Marikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. Info: 407 495-0233.

LOS ANGELES AREA

■ Present-April 2—"Longing for Home," an exhibition of recent works by Sunwook R. Park, Pacific Asia Museum Foyer Gallery, 46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena. Info: 818 449-2742.

■ March 11—Gala benefit performance of *Sansei*, a new play by Hiroshima, Mark Taper Forum, Los Angeles Music Center, 6:30 pm. Los Angeles-Hiroshima opening ceremony and entertainment (the Music Center). 8 pm: *Sansei* performance. 10 pm: Benefit celebration buffet dinner (the Pavilion Restaurant). Tickets and info: 213 972-7680.

■ March 11—"Routes to Business Success," an Asian business symposium, sponsored by the Asian Business Association, the U.S. Small Business Administration and Pacific Bell, Santa Barbara Room, Bonaventure Hotel, 515 S. Figueroa St. Registration and Continental Breakfast: 7:30 am. Welcome: 8:30 am. Workshops: 9 & 10:45 am. Luncheon: 12:15 pm. Tickets: \$35/ea. pre-paid, \$50 at the door. Info: 213 933-1151.

■ March 11—"Organizing Asian Pacific Workers: Looking Towards the Future," 9:30 am-3:30 pm, March 11, auditorium of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 770 at 630 Shatto Place. Registration: \$25, includes lunch; reduced registration fees available for low-income people. Info: Kent Wang, 213 748-9000.

■ March 11—USC Hawaii Club 10th Annual Luau, 6:30 pm-midnight, USC Campus Gym. Tickets: \$12.50. Info: Grace, 213 745-2204.

■ March 11—Seiho Wakayagi Kabuki Dance, Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St. Tickets: \$25. Info: 213 680-3700.

■ March 12—Screening of *Pak Bueng an Fire*, a film by Supachai Surongsoin in association with Visual Communications, Los Feliz Theater, 1822 N. Vermont Ave., Hollywood. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Info: 213 680-4462.

■ March 13—"Family Care of the Elderly in Japan," a free lecture by Daisaku Maeda, director of the Department of Sociology, Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology, 7 pm, Dodd Hall, Rm. 200, UCLA campus. Info: 213 206-1459.

■ March 14—"Japan's Response to It's Rapidly Aging Population," a free lecture by Daisaku Maeda, noon, Dodd Hall, Rm. 200, UCLA campus. Info: 213 206-1459.

■ March 18—Book-signing party celebrating the publication of *Seventeen Syllables and Other Short Stories* by Hisaye Yamamoto, and *Desert Run* by Mitsuye Yamada, 2-5 pm, conference room D, JACCC, 244

5. San Pedro St. Free. Sponsored by the Franklin D. Murphy Library of the JACCC and the Amerasia Bookstore. Info: 213 638-2725.

■ March 21, 22 & 23—"Kids Discover Japanese Culture Workshops," for children 5-10 years of age, 10 am-2 pm, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Workshop focuses on Japanese flower crafts. Casual dress; children should bring sack lunch. Fee: \$50, \$30 for JACCC members. Registration and info: Chris Aihara, 213 628-2725.

NEW YORK

■ Present-March 31—"Turning Leaves: The Family Albums of Two Japanese American Families," New York Chinatown History Project, 70 Mulberry St., 2nd fl. Sun-Fri., noon-5 pm. Opening celebration: Feb. 5, 2-5 pm. Info: 212 619-4785.

■ March 17-19—Baba Dancers, sponsored by Chen & Dancers, Mulberry Street Theater, 70 Mulberry St. March 17-18, 8 pm; March 19, 7 pm. Reservations and info: 212 349-0126.

ORANGE COUNTY

■ March 19—Golf pointers for beginners, sponsored by the Orange County Sansei Singles, 9 am, Heartwell Golf Course, Long Beach. Cost: \$3.50 bucket, \$6.50 18 holes, par 3. Info: Loma, 714 774-6030 after 4 pm.

■ April 10-14—UC Irvine presents Asian Week 1989, "East Within West: Coming Together," a week-long celebration of Asian culture. Info: 714 856-7215.

OXNARD

■ March 18—"How to Get a Job Teaching English in Japan," and "How to Do Business in Japan: A Practical Guide," two seminars presented by Naginata Associates, Oxnard College. "Business": 9 am-12:30 pm. "English": 1-4:30 pm. Info: 805 986-5822.

SACRAMENTO AREA

■ April 1—Dragon Run '89, the Asian Pacific Community Counseling 8k run and 2 mile walkathon. Info: 916 452-7836.

SAN FRANCISCO AREA

■ April 8—"J-Town Revue," AMC Kabuki Theaters in Japantown. Proceeds to go towards the Japanese Cultural and Community Center. Volunteers & info: 415 567-5505.

SEATTLE

■ Present-March 31—"Reflections of Spring," includes works by Irene Kimura, Michi Osaka and Aki Sogabe, Kirsten Gallery 5320 Roosevelt Way N.E., daily 11 am-5 pm, Thurs until 9 pm. Info: 206 522-2011.

■ March 18—Nippon Kan Heritage Association presents Madame Hanayogi Yohsano in "Folk Dances of Japan" 7:30 pm 628 S. Washington St. Admission: \$7, general; \$5, students/seniors; 75 and older, free. Tickets available at Uwajimaya, House of Rice or at the door. Info: 206 624-8801.

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LEC Treasurer's Report: 1988

Receipts & Disbursements 1/1/88 - 12/31/88

Below is a summary form of the record of our financial activities during the eventful year of 1988.

On behalf of JACL/LEC, I wish to express our appreciation to all who have generously donated funds and to the countless number of redress volunteers who have worked so tirelessly and whose out-of-pocket expenditures are not reflected in this report.

President Reagan's execution of H.R. 442 on August 10, 1988, was indeed the climactic event of 10 years of concerted effort from the grassroots level through the Halls of Congress and to the White House. However, today, as the recent national budget stories indicate, we are in a different kind of ball game, not unexpected, but where steadiness, skill and support are needed as never before in order to fulfill the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 in a meaningful manner. Your continued financial support, therefore, will be essential in seeing this through.

I. JACL/LEC Fund Drive Status

Balance at 12/31/87 at First California Bank (Fresno) including close-out transfer from Oxnard Dept. \$175,204.76
Certificate of Deposit \$100,000.00
Total 12/31/88 275,204.76

II. Summary of Receipts

LEC Treasurer/Chicago
Checkbook Balance at 1/1/88 \$13,382.94
LEC Fund Transfers from Oxnard and Fresno 160,000.00
Donation: Min Yasui Memorial 10,000.00
Miscellaneous Reimbursements 967.80
Bank Interest 1,196.97
..... \$818,547.71
Less Bank Charge 5.93
..... \$818,541.78
Less Disbursements 178,666.64
Checkbook Balance at 12/31/88 \$6,875.14

III. Summary of Disbursements

A. Personnel
Salaries \$37,825.43
Insurance 3,593.33
Director's D.C. Travel 12,109.71
B. Taxes
IRS, FIT, FUTA, FICA 14,545.33
States 3,410.27
C. D.C. Office Expenses
Printing, phone, postage, supplies, service, etc. 25,000.00
D. Lobbying
Direct - Legis. Strategy Chair, Staff, Mailgram 15,392.84
Grassroots - Coordinators, Legis. Chair, Staff 2,343.84
E. LEC Fund Drive 18,716.01
F. Board and Executive Committee Meetings (5) 16,652.78
G. Special Events/P.R.
JACL Convention - Guests/Speakers \$1,732.73
D.C. Signing Ceremony - H.R. 442
Special Guest: LEC Chair (travel) 2,609.34
Plaques, Certificates of Appreciation
Congresspersons, Gov't Officials, Individuals 10,407.88
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The Port of Los Angeles has previously performed an environmental assessment and obtained a zone variance for development of a hotel and related facilities. Proposals for development must be limited to the scope of project referenced above and consistent with design guidelines prepared by the Port of Los Angeles.

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All proposals must be received by the Director of Property Management at the above address by 5 p.m. on Monday April 17, 1989.

Upon receipt, evaluation and rating of proposals, the Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles will conclude a lease agreement with the proposer or proposers considered most satisfactory. The lease agreement is subject to the review and approval of the Board of Harbor Commissioners and Los Angeles City Council. The Port of Los Angeles reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any or no reason. All parties submitting proposals will be requested to appear for an interview. All parties submitting proposals will be notified of the selection of the successful proposer.

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Nisei Week Queen Candidates Sought

WEST COVINA, Calif. — Candidates are being sought for the 1989 Miss ESGV JCC queen contest, which will be held at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center on Saturday, April 29. The winner will represent the center at the Nisei Week queen pageant in August.

Applicants should be between 19 and 25 years of age, never married and one parent must be of Japanese descent. She must also be a resident of the greater San Gabriel Valley area. Application forms are available at the center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina, CA 91790, (818) 960-2566 or contact Lillian Nishihara (213) 693-0488 (evenings) or (818) 333-5274 (day).

An orientation will be held on Monday, March 27, which is also the deadline for applications. On the committee are:

Lillian Nishihara, Ray Takai, Nobu McCarthy, Bill Cuthbert, Toshi Ito, Mamoru Marugaki, Marvel Miyata, former queens, and present reigning Nisei Week Queen Karen Uchizono.

Sacramento Crab Feast Benefits New JACL Office

SACRAMENTO — Sacramento JACL's annual crab feed played host to more than 300 crustacean lovers on Feb. 4 at the Sacramento Betsuin Hall. Attendees were also treated to spaghetti prepared by Sue Okubo and committee. The annual benefit is earmarked for the operation of the newly opened JACL office at 2124-10th St. Cash donations, ranging from \$25 to \$250 were received by the JACL for the office fund. Additional donations to this fund will be welcomed and will be duly acknowledged.

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NEW MEXICO

• Banquet commemorating the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, March 18, Albuquerque Hilton. No host cocktails: 6 pm. Dinner: 6:30 pm. Cost: \$30/ea. Info: Ron Shibata, 505 275-2111.

PSWDC

• Fundraising theater outing to see jazz fusion band Hiroshima's play *Sansei*, 8 pm, April 7, Mark Taper Forum. Sponsored by the PSWDC Leadership Committee. Reception to follow. Tickets and info: John Saito, 213 626-4471 or B.J. Watanabe, 714 779-4140.

PHILADELPHIA

• Annual installation dinner, April 8, Mt. Laurel Hilton, Mt. Laurel, N.J. Keynote Speaker: Cressey Nakagawa. Tickets: \$25, adults; \$20, students and senior citizens 65 and over. Reservation deadline: March 30. Send checks made out to Philadelphia JACL to Mas Yamatani, 1925 Gibson Dr., Hatboro, PA 19040 or call 215 672-4082.

RENO

• Annual Scholarship Fund Teriyaki Dinner/Sushi Sale, April 16, noon-4 pm, Senior Citizen Center, 9th & Sutro, Reno. Info: Jane Yamamoto, 702 853-2741.

SAN DIEGO

• "How Do Sansei Deal with Stress?," a panel discussion, 2 pm, April 22, Kiku Gardens, 1260 3rd Ave., Chula Vista. Co-sponsored by the Union of Pan Asian Communities. Light refreshments and a tour of Kiku Gardens: 1:30 pm. Free. Info: 619 232-6454.

WEST LOS ANGELES

• Candidate night, 7 pm, March 13, Nora Sterry School, 1730 Corinth Ave., West Los Angeles. The auditorium is on the corner of Corinth and Nebraska. Scheduled Appearances: *Mayor Candidates* — Mayor Tom Bradley, Councilman Nate Holden; *Councilman Candidates* — Councilman Marvin Braude, Irwin Moss Kaplan; *School Board Candidates* — Boardmember Alan Gershman, Mark Slaykin, Gary Garcia and Terry Edward Allen. The public is invited. Info: Shig Takeshita, 213 473-0629.

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SUMI KOBAYASHI

► Sumi Kobayashi was appointed by Pennsylvania Gov. Robert P. Casey as the Japanese American representative to the Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Commission upon the recommendation of President M. Mark Stolarik of the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies in Philadelphia. Commissioners serve a two-year, non-salaried term. The commission promotes the state's diverse ethnic cultures and is comprised of 38 ethnic community leaders, nine at-large members and four legislators.

► Judge Ida K. Chen, appointed by Pennsylvania Gov. Robert P. Casey in 1988 to a vacancy on the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, kicked off her campaign for a full 10-year term Feb. 25 at a Chinatown dinner. She is currently presiding in family court. She is the only Asian American running for elective office in the Philadelphia area. Former Judge William Marutani chairs her campaign: Committee to Keep Judge Chen, 211 S. Broad St., 8th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19107.

► Dr. Allan Seid, Palo Alto psychiatrist and executive director of the San Jose-based Asian Americans for Community Involvement, and Rep. Norman Mineta, will be among honorees of Pathway Society, Inc., San Jose, during its 20th anniversary dinner Mar. 3 at the San Jose Fairmont. This United Way agency is considered the county's premier drug rehabilitation and drug education group. Seid and Mineta are among the founding members. Seid had authored the first comprehensive drug abuse prevention and control plan for Santa Clara county in 1970, chaired the county drug abuse commission for two years and counseled scores of school districts and neighborhood efforts. Mineta, then mayor, was an early advocate of community involvement to combat drug abuse.

► Gov. George Deukmejian appointed John S. Sugihara, 69, of Richmond to the 23rd District Agricultural Assn., operators of Contra Costa County Fair. The owner-operator of Sugihara Nursery since 1945, his term expires Jan. 15, 1993. He is active with the Calif. Floral Council, Calif. State Florists Assn. and the Contra Costa Farm Bureau.

► Wash. State Rep. Gary Locke, Seattle Democrat, was named chairman of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, which is writing a two-year budget of some \$18 billion. The panel inherited the task from the recently disbanded ways & means committee and will oversee some 400 agencies, boards and commissions of state government.



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