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UTAH'S REDRESS NON-TAXATION LAW—On March 14, Utah Gov. Norm Bangerter signed into law SB 22, which exempts redress monies from state tax. Bangerter recalled that as a child, his father opposed the internment of Japanese Americans at the Topaz WRA Center in Utah. For the signing ceremony, Bangerter invited members of the Salt Lake, Mt. Olympus and Wasatch Front Chapters of the JACL. Salt Lake Chapter President Jeff Itami presented Bangerter with a Certificate of Appreciation for Civic Contribution for the governor's prior efforts on behalf of the Nikkei community. IDC Veterans' Representative Mitsugi Kasai presented the governor with a hardbound copy of *Go for Broke*. Pictured above (standing, l-r) are Jeff Itami; Kevin Aoki; Mits Kasai; Roy Nakatani; Mrs. Nakatani; John Owada; Floyd Mori; Alice Kasai; Sen. Rex Black; George Sugihara and Floyd Tsujimoto. Seated: Gov. Norm Bangerter.

Interpretation Snarls Redress Payments

WASHINGTON — Confusion and misinterpretation of wording in Public Law 100-383 regarding redress payment procedures among high-ranking bureaucrats may have further delayed distribution of redress money, according to the Washington JACL-LEC Office here.

During recent testimony before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies, U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh stated that the Justice Department had to identify all eligible persons before payment could begin.

OMB Seems to Agree

Apparently, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is under the same impression. In the March 9, 1989 letter to the Japanese American Citizens League-Legislative Education Committee (JACL-LEC), an OMB representative declared:

"Until the identification and location process is completed, the Department of Justice will not be in a position to make individual payments. That is because the law requires that funds be disbursed to eligible recipients in order of age, starting with the oldest."

Because of the inaccurate statements by the Bush administration, Rita Takahashi, acting JACL-LEC director, quoted the law in her testimony

Attorney General Says All Eligible for Redress Must Be Identified First!

before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights on March 15 and said,

"Contrary to the testimony given by the attorney general during a Senate hearing a few weeks ago, the law does not require the attorney general to first identify all eligible persons and then begin payments. Rather, the attorney general is to attempt to make payments to the oldest eligible persons first.

Priority Is to Age

"This means that payments can be made to the oldest persons who have been identified at the time monies are appropriated. In no way should the payment process be delayed because each and every eligible person had not been identified. Congress had no intention of setting up such barriers to redress implementation."

Specifically, the law says,

"The attorney general shall endeavor to make payments under this section to eligible individuals in the order of date of birth (with the oldest individual on the date of the enactment of this Act (or if applicable, that individual's [eligible] survivors . . .),

until all eligible individuals have received payment in full (*emphasis added*)."

When asked about this issue the next day, (March 16), during hearings before the same subcommittee, which was chaired by Rep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.), Office of Redress Administration Director Bob Bratt said that they do not plan to wait until they identify all eligible persons. They will, however, attempt to identify as many as possible before payments begin.

In fact, Bratt said that they were in the process of trying to locate the harder to reach eligible persons, such as persons living in Canada and Japan, as well as those in remote rural areas.

The hearings were considered important by JACL-LEC because they brought to the record important testimony with regard to the administration of the redress program. Furthermore, it dispelled some of the incorrect interpretations of the law, Takahashi concluded.

Calif. Senate Reviews UCB Admissions Policy Report

BERKELEY, Calif. — California State Sen. Art Torres chaired a hearing of the Senate Special Committee on University of California Admissions on March 13 to examine whether or not UC Berkeley admissions policies discriminated against students of Asian ancestry.

According to an article appearing in the *Oakland Tribune*, Asian American leaders were disappointed with a UC Berkeley faculty committee report that cleared the campus of long-term bias in admitting students of Asian ancestry. The hearing was held because, according to Sen. Torres' office, of "confusing conclusions." According to Torres, "On one hand, the report states that some policies at UC Berkeley may have been biased against Asian Americans; on the other hand the report claims that UCB is not guilty of 'long-term' systematic discrimination."

Criticism by Asian Americans of the so-called "Shack Report" included calling it a "whitewash" and a "smoke-

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ORA Operations Praised

House Subcommittee Initiates Budget Process for Redress Money

WASHINGTON — Rep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.), chair of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, held two days of hearings this past week in the Rayburn House Office Building. This oversight hearing was on the Fiscal Year 1990 Authorization Request for the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ).

In opening the hearings on the first day, March 15, Edwards said that the hearings were to "... explore the performance of the Civil Rights Division in carrying out its new mandate [under Public Law 100-383]."

Two panels were called to respond to this question, as well as to the questions of resource needs to implement the law.

Intent of Law Stressed

In the first panel, Reps. Norman Mi-

neta and Bob Matsui (both D-Calif.) emphasized that the intent of the law is to "front load" payments. In the early years, significant amounts (\$500 million) need to be appropriated because many of the eligible persons are in their senior years.

The second panel, consisting of representatives from the Japanese American Citizens League-Legislative Education Committee (JACL-LEC), the National Council on Japanese American Redress (NCJAR), and the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRP), strongly recommended that the \$500 million be appropriated, and that the DOJ be given substantial amounts to administer the redress program.

Furthermore, the three representatives gave glowing reports about their experiences with the Office of Redress

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American War Veterans Relief Association

Anti-Redress Group's Past Called 'Murky'

SAN FRANCISCO — An investigation conducted by San Francisco reporter Vic Lee of KRON-TV has revealed that the American War Veterans Relief Association, which has filed an injunction to stop redress payments to Japanese Americans, is "a little known group with a murky past."

According to Lee's report, filed March 17, the organization claims to provide services and money to veterans and VA Hospitals. However, interviews with VA Hospital administrators and the San Francisco Veterans of Foreign Wars dispute their claim.

In the television interview, Leslie Buchman of Volunteer Services of the San Francisco VA Hospital stated, "They were using this medical center as an example of places where they had donated money and had given money to support recreational programs at this medical center. That was not true."

In addition, Lee disclosed a letter written in 1988 from a hospital administrator sent to John Kirby, head of the American War Veterans Relief Association, requesting they stop using the VA Hospital name in their solicitations.

Don Ellis, commander of the San Francisco District of the VFW, has

also investigated the Anaheim, Calif.-based veterans organization. Ellis concurred that there was "no proof that they were giving any kind of money to any VA hospital in Northern California."

The American War Veterans Relief Association reportedly conducts its fundraising by hiring independent contractors, mostly veterans, to solicit contributions in front of supermarkets.

It was also reported that "as recently as 13 months ago, Kirby headed another group called the United Veterans Way . . . an organization that used the same solicitation methods."

Lee also discovered that four solicitors for the United Veterans Way were arrested in November of 1987 for various drug charges, providing false information to a police officer and existing arrest warrants.

Upon learning of the news investigation, JACL National Director Bill Yoshino commented, "While the American War Veterans Relief Association claims to represent 30,000 veterans and supports VA hospitals, the evidence presented by Vic Lee suggests that no such services nor money were provided to veterans in Northern California. These revelations may call into question the credibility of that organization."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Yamaguchi Competes in World Championship

PARIS — Kristi Yamaguchi of Fremont, Calif. finished sixth in the women's individual competition at the World Figure Skating Championships held March 18. The 17-year-old also finished fifth in pairs event with her partner, Rudi Galindo. This was Yamaguchi's first world championship experience. Meanwhile, Midori Ito of Japan took first place. Last year, Ito finished sixth.

Iwata-Sanchez Passed Over for Chancellor Spot

SEATTLE — Naomi Iwata-Sanchez was passed over in her bid to become chancellor of the Seattle community colleges when trustees chose Thomas Gonzales for the post on March 15. Gonzales was reportedly chosen for his greater educational experience and leadership ability. Iwata-Sanchez, 39, a vice chancellor for the Seattle Community College District in charge of personnel and the district's legislative-lobbying efforts, was opposed by many faculty members across the district because they felt her experience was "too limited to qualify her to be a good chancellor." Iwata-Sanchez, who has a doctorate in education from the University of Washington, previously was a policy analyst in Washington Gov. John Spellman's office and has held various positions with King County Youth Services. She is the current president of the Seattle Chapter of the JACL.



Photo By Craig Schwartz

SANSEI BENEFIT—Pictured above are the members of the company of Sansei taken at the March 11 gala benefit during dinner at the Pavilion Restaurant in Los Angeles. Left to right are Nelson Mashita, Dan Kuramoto, Lane Nishikawa, Marc Hayashi, John Kuramoto and Johnny Mori. Sansei will run through May 7 at the Mark Taper Forum. The Leadership Committee of the PSWDC JACL is sponsoring a theater night on April 7. For information, call John Saito at (213) 626-4471.

Animal Cruelty Charges Against Cambodian Refugees Dismissed

P.C. Note: A part of Tenth Street near Temple Avenue in what was a rundown section in Long Beach, Calif., has been called "New Phnom Penh" since the mid-1970s, the haven for an estimated 30,000 Cambodian refugees, most of them being ethnic Chinese. Their problems of acculturation and assimilation have been in the media off and on—the latest issue was headlined in the *Los Angeles Times* on Monday, March 13—"Culture Clash or Animal Cruelty: Two Cambodian Refugees Face Trial After Killing Dog for Food."

LONG BEACH, Calif.—The charges against Sokheng Chea, 32, and Seng Ou, 33, for misdemeanor cruelty to animals was dismissed by Municipal Court Judge Bradford Andrews March 14 after two days of testimony.

If they had been convicted, they faced a maximum penalty of a year in jail and a \$2,000 fine. (A side issue here is that the local jails are so overcrowded that many serve little or no time on conviction of a misdemeanor.)

The judge granted the request of the defense attorneys Joseph Beason and Harvey Ginns to dismiss the charges because of insufficient evidence. "I am sympathetic to the feelings of those who champion the cause of animal rights, but the remedy lies in getting legislation enacted to make the conduct of these defendants unlawful," the judge said.

Most of the jurors also agreed that there was no evidence to support the finding that the two men killed the dog in an "unjust and unnecessary" manner as deputy city prosecutor Sarah Lazarus had charged.

The defendants, through interpreters, assured, "Nothing like this would happen again. It's not worth it to go through this again."

Background of Case

The case stemmed from an incident which occurred in June, 1988, when the two men decided to eat a four-month-old German shepherd-Doberman mix-puppy that a co-worker had given them as a pet. The Times reported the dog was held down on the kitchen floor of Ou's apartment, struck over the head with a blunt instrument, its throat slashed and they were starting to skin it.

That is when the police arrived. Neighbors had heard the dog's yelps. The two men were arrested.

Lazarus told the Times before the trial:

"We intend to prove that this was cruelty. It's cultural to the extent that each segment of our society has its own cultural customs, but some of those customs . . . can be woven into the fabric of our society and others cannot."

Dr. H.J. Holshuh who performed the autopsy on the dog, testified that the dog was killed humanely in a man-

ner consistent with contemporary slaughterhouse practices.

The defense attorneys said the two recent immigrants were following their own national customs with no idea that they were offending American sensibilities. Noted Beason:

"If the dog had been some other kind of animal—like a chicken or a duck or a pig—these people wouldn't be in court. While (Americans) consider it completely acceptable to go out and shoot a deer, those same hunters would disapprove of killing a dog for food."

Clash of Cultural Values

Lawyers for both sides admitted there was a clash of cultural values. The big question was: Just how much is America willing to bend to accommodate the incoming wave of immigrants?

Animal-rights activists, who monitored the case closely, were disappointed by the ruling and vowed to lobby for new state laws making it illegal to kill dogs for food. At a pre-trial hearing, Judge Andrews had cited that state laws prohibiting cruelty to animals do not make it illegal to kill any animal for food.

A national organization, Fund for Animals, Torrance, Calif., is pushing for legislation to specifically prohibit the killing of dogs and cats for human consumption in wake of reports that Southeast Asian refugees had been foraging for stray dogs and other animals in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Vora H. Kanthoul, associate executive director of the United Cambodian Community, a social service agency based in Long Beach, told the Times that while eating of dogs is not uncommon in such countries as Korea, the Philippines and Vietnam, it was highly unusual in Cambodia until the 1970s, when people there were near starvation during the regime of Pol Pot.

Community Cameo—The local Cambodian community has four Christian churches and one Buddhist church, a TV program and four newspapers. Many Cambodian refugees have also settled in other parts of the county, especially Echo Park and Chinatown in Los Angeles. One businessman even ran for a seat on the Long Beach city council.

The initial group of Cambodians were students in the 1960s at Cal State Long Beach, but the majority of refugees arrived after Pol Pot emerged as the leader of the Khmer Rouge and took over the nation in 1975.

JACL Connection—The action by President Nixon in April 30, 1970, authorizing U.S. troops to act against North Vietnamese enemy sanctuaries in Cambodia to protect American troops in their withdrawal operations, also elicited genuine disapproval of the action from JACL No. Calif.-Western Nevada DYC chair Carolyn Uchiyama who regarded the move was "to further escalate the war".

And the Washington Newsletter [May 15, 1970, P.C.] columnist Mike Masaoka was troubled and wondered if the time had come for the National JACL Council might take positions on Asian American political issues. The national council did by amending the policy on JACL involvement in international affairs be extended to include "not only Japan but other countries of the Asia-Pacific area".

—Harry K. Honda

'Japanese American' in Time 'Will Not Exist,' Rev. Kodani Predicts

LOS ANGELES — The "Japanese American will not exist" in time, the Rev. Mas Kodani of the Senshin Buddhist Temple, declared at the Feb. 4 installation dinner of the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California.

The keynote speaker on the topic, "Japanese Americans: Do We Have a Future?", based his apprehension on statistics which show more than 50 percent of Sansei and Yonsei generation Japanese Americans are marrying outside their race.

Sue Embrey is the new JAHSSC president.

American Lawyer Sets Japan Legal Precedent

TOKYO — Japan's supreme court ruled 15-0 that the ban on note-taking in a Japanese court violated a constitutional guarantee of public trials in a case raised in 1985 by Lawrence Repeta, 38, of the Sameth and Repeta law firm in Seattle, Wash.

The precedent-setting ruling was handed down March 8 allowing anyone to take notes at all levels of the Japanese court system but drawing sketches, still photography, video or audio taping of court proceedings are still forbidden, Repeta said to the U.S. press.

About 50 foreign lawyers, mostly American, are registered to practice in Japan.

S.F. Nihonmachi Gears for Festival

SAN FRANCISCO—The two-evening Miss Cherry Blossom Festival will be held the first weekend of 1989 festival April 14-15 with a dinner Friday at Miyako Hotel and program Saturday at the AMC Kabuki 8 Theatre.

Based upon presentations of both evenings, a previously written essay and other criteria, judges will select a young woman whom they feel will best represent the Japanese American community of Northern California.

Deadline for applications closed March 10, co-chairs Yo Hironaka and Benh Nakajo said.

DEATHS

Thomas T. Sakakihara, 88, former Big Island magistrate, a World War II internee and a Republican legislator (1932-1954) in the Territorial legislature, died Feb. 22 in Honolulu. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he was named special deputy sheriff and liaison to advise the Hilo police and military. However, he was removed from the job, arrested "on suspicion of being an alien" although he was born in Hilo and detained for a short time at Honouliuli internment camp on Oahu. In 1957, he was appointed magistrate for the Ka'u district court, then to the court for Hamakua and Kohala district. He retired in 1968. Memorial services were held Mar. 5 at Hilo Hongwanji. He is survived by d Ruth Ishida, Jeanne Kanahale, 5 gc, and 1 ggc.

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Asian Immigrants Among Target of Australian Violence; Inquiry Scheduled

SYDNEY — Recent incidents of racial violence and vandalism across Australia have sparked a national inquiry into racism under federal race discrimination commissioner Irene Moss, the Christian Science Monitor writer David Clark Scott reported March 2. Public hearings will be conducted from June; a report is due by the end of the year.

The principal targets in Australia are Asian immigrants, Aborigines (Australia's black natives), anti-apartheid activists and a growing number of politicians and writers raising race-related issues.

In the west coast city of Perth, two Chinese restaurants have been fire-bombed. Right-wing individuals have been blamed.

While Australia does have antidiscrimination laws, there are no laws against inciting racial violence—yet. But the New South Wales parliament is considering such a bill.

P.C. Note—A nation of some 15 million people today, Australia's immigration pattern until 1978 had been 70% European. Since then,

Asia, including refugees, has become the major source of new settlers. About 5% of the population (750,000) is Asian.

Australia eliminated racial bars to naturalization in 1956 and began to admit Asians and Anglo-Asians, many from India and Ceylon (Sri Lanka) in the '60s, the Southeast Asia refugees in the '70s. Racial factors to immigration laws were finally dropped in 1973 to admit non-Europeans who could speak English, had a job in Australia and professional training.

As for Japanese presence, the number of immigrants from Japan is low. Japanese technical and sales personnel abound in the mining areas for iron, coal and aluminum, and Japanese holiday resorts are being established along the Queensland shores.

In the '80s, multi-culturalism has been made part of the nation's image; the presence and good behavior of thousands of Asian students who have graduated in recent decades from Australian universities and the tourist travels by Australians to Japan and Southeast Asia have liberalized what was once a "white Australia" policy.

Japanese Cemetery in Broome

In northwestern Australia, where some of the richest pearls in the world are found, is a Japanese cemetery that holds 2,000 graves — of pearl divers

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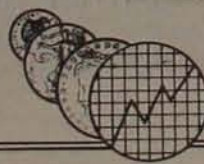
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Administration. Their unanimous assessment is that ORA has operated efficiently and effectively.

As a result, the maximum number of redress checks could be issued if the monies were authorized, it was felt.

'Front Load' Approach

In addressing the issue raised by Mineta and Matsui about the "front load" intent of the law, JACL-LEC's Acting Executive Director Rita Takahashi reminded the subcommittee members that the Senate version of the Civil Liberties Act (which passed overwhelmingly in the full Senate) included a "front load" approach (\$500 million for 1989, \$400 million for 1990, \$200 million in 1991, \$100 million in 1992, and \$100 million in 1993).

William Hohri, chair of NCJAR, commended the work of the DOJ's ORA. Having been involved in the class action lawsuit for many years, and having served in what he called "adversarial combat" for five years with the Department of Justice, he said, "I must admit that it's nice to have (DOJ) on your side."

In the testimony presented by James S. Fukumoto, spokesperson for the NCRR, the ORA was again commended for their work thus far. "However," he said, "unless a significant appropriation is made to implement H.R. 442, the work of the ORA will not lead to the timely and efficient payment of funds to eligible individuals."

March 16 Hearings

The next day, when the DOJ was called to testify, Edwards began by saying that on the previous day, the panelists "... praised the work of the ORA..." He added, however, that,

"It is no secret that the majority of members of this subcommittee had serious problems with the Civil Rights Division over the last eight years. We believe there was a tragic retreat in the area of civil rights, both on the enforcement side and in the atmosphere in this country."

During the question and comment period, Edwards said to the representatives of the Civil Rights Division: "You've been on the wrong side with protected classes... They [protected classes] want you on their side... [and the Civil Rights Division needs] to do better."

DOJ Requests

Representing the DOJ in the area of Public Law 100-383 was James P. Turner, acting assistant attorney general of the Civil Rights Division, and Robert Bratt, administrator of ORA. Responding to a question, Turner said that the DOJ requested the following amounts for redress payouts:

\$500 million under the supplemental 1989 budget and \$500 million for fiscal year 1990.

In addition, he said that they asked for \$6.4 million in supplemental 1989, and \$6 million in FY 1990, to administer the program under ORA.

Under Reagan's 1990 budget, \$20

million was budgeted in FY 1990 for redress payments, and \$3.5 million was included for administrative expenses (and only \$2.1 million was included, for 1989, for administration).

Relative to the latter point, Rita Takahashi testified that in a July 14, 1987 letter written by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the following had been stated,

"... the DOJ could incur costs of \$10 million to \$15 million during the first year after enactment of the bill..." Despite these estimates, the Reagan Administration budgeted a mere fraction of CBO's estimate.

Bob Bratt said that if the monies were appropriated, the ORA could get all the redress payments out in two to three years. He further testified that the ORA has received 54,000 individual contacts. Of this number, he estimated that 45-50,000 are eligible for redress payment.

ADMISSIONS

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screen." The 15-month study by the special committee appointed by the Academic Senate examined the period of 1981 through 1987 at UCB.

The report, written by committee chairman W.A. Shack, did not "rule out the possibility" that admission policy changes were aimed specifically at Asians, but added, "Neither can we confirm that possibility." Shack said the committee "found nothing remotely resembling a quota on the admission of Asian Americans at Berkeley." Four of the nine committee members were of Asian ancestry.

Henry Der, director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, reacted with "strong disappointment and protest against the Shack Committee's failure to find significant bias." This was based in part on a drop of 231 in numbers of Asian American students, from 26% to 23.5% of the freshman class, from 1983 to 1984.

In 1984, admissions policies were abruptly changed for the College of Letters and Science such that high SAT verbal scores were favored, which some felt inherently favored White students, while hurting Asian students. Also, the minimum grade point average (GPA) for admission for the school was raised from 3.75 to 3.9.

A study by the Asian American Task Force on University Admissions contends that, "Asian American applicants were more likely to be retained on the basis of GPA alone while White applicants were more likely to be retained on the basis of test scores alone." The policy was dropped the following year for one that combined high school grades, test scores and other factors.

Other charges leveled at the Shack Report, apparently confirm critics' charges that the university's foreign language criteria put Asian students at

a disadvantage since no achievement tests were available for non-European languages.

Sen. Torres is still investigating the matter and according to his office, he will decide within the next two weeks whether or not he will recommend an investigation into the situation by California Attorney General John Van de Kamp.

Walnut Grove Issei to Celebrate 100th

SACRAMENTO — The friends of Yasu Kawamura, pioneer Issei woman of Walnut Grove (a prewar Japanese farming community along the Sacramento River), will celebrate her 100th birthday in May. The grand birthday party will be held on Saturday, May 13, at 6 p.m. at Saga Restaurant, 2315 Northgate Blvd. in Sacramento.

The birthday party committee, chaired by Isao Hamada, extends an open invitation to all of Kawamura's friends. Advance reservations can be made with Hamada at P.O. Box 745, Walnut Grove, CA 95690, by Saturday, April 15.

As seating is limited, early reservations are advised. Tickets are \$20 per person and includes a donation for the gift. For information call: Hamada, (916) 776-1456.

Hotel in Little Tokyo Named 'Historical'

LOS ANGELES—The Queen Hotel, above Far East Cafe on the northside of E. 1st St. in the Little Tokyo Historic District, was added to the National Register of Historic Places March 9 when it was reopened with civic leaders in attendance.

Built around 1911, the hotel provided furnished rooms for Japanese laborers while the ground floor housed a photo studio, pool hall, hardware store and the Chinese restaurant.

CSU Sacramento Given \$20,000 for Japan Studies

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — NEC Electronics Inc. (America) awarded \$20,000 to the Japanese language program headed by Prof. Shotaro Hayashigatani at CSU Sacramento to promote Japanese culture and exchange.

T. Hashimoto, NEC manager in Roseville and president of the Port of Sacramento Japanese School, was instrumental in the presentation.

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JUSTICE IN ACTION—The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) celebrated its 15th anniversary at its fourth annual Lunar New Year Dinner on Feb. 2 at New York's Silver Palace Restaurant. "Justice in Action" awards were presented to Benjamin Gim, immigration attorney; David Henry Hwang, Tony Award-winning playwright; and Grayce Uyehara, redress advocate. The awards were presented by Maurice N. Nessen, Yoko Ono and Rep. Norman Mineta.

Accent Discrimination Suit Dismissed

HONOLULU — The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed this month the dismissal of a discrimination lawsuit filed against the city by Manuel T. Fragante, who claimed he was unfairly denied a job because of his Filipino accent.

The unanimous decision ruled that Federal Judge Paul Rosenblatt did not err in 1987 when he tossed out Fragante's suit. Although Fragante scored the highest on a written test in his applicant pool for a clerk's job, he wasn't considered the top candidate because city officials felt it would be difficult

to understand him.

The court held that Fragante was not denied because of his accent, but because of the "deleterious effect his accent had on his ability to communicate orally." The court said the distinction is important because employers may base their rejection on an applicant's accent when "it interferes materially with job performance."

In Fragante's case, it was felt that the job required the ability to communicate effectively in English with members of the public.

LEAP Forum to Examine L.A. Future

LOS ANGELES — What multicultural issues will Los Angeles face in the year 2000? Los Angeles Asian Pacifics will grapple with that question at a Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) Community Forum on Wednesday, March 29, at the Biltmore Hotel.

The forum is one of a series of LEAP community seminars funded by AT&T.

Asian Pacific leaders representing the public, private, community and non-profit sectors will examine mul-

ticultural issues discussed in the final report published by the LA 2000 Committee.

Rand Corp. Survey

Established in 1985 by Mayor Tom Bradley, LA 2000 Committee is preparing a strategic plan for Los Angeles.

Dr. Jane Pisano, president of the LA 2000 committee, will discuss re-

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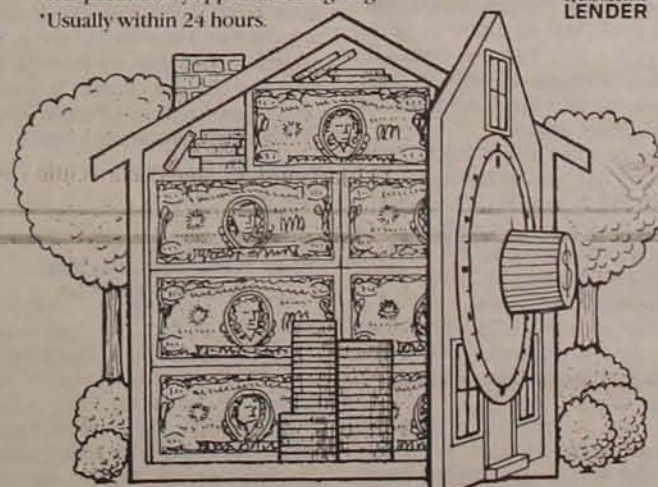
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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN:

Misinformed Patriot

JOHN J. MCCLOY, who died recently at age 93, was a top level attorney, government official, diplomat, member of numerous corporate boards, and adviser to presidents from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Ronald Reagan. He will be remembered as a distinguished citizen and patriot.

But he remains a controversial figure among Japanese Americans. McCloy, as assistant to secretary for war, was the civilian aide to Secretary of War Henry Stimson responsible for issues involving Japanese Americans. He was among those who approved the suspension of the Constitutional rights of Japanese Americans and ordered their evacuation and imprisonment as a matter of "military necessity," which, it turns out, never existed.

On the other hand, as he realized the enormity of the outrage done Japanese Americans, McCloy saw the desirability of restoring military responsibilities to the Nisei. He advocated formation of the 442nd Central Postal Directory and returning Nisei Selective Service rolls. Given this responsibility, Japanese Americans established a magnificent record that had a major part in the success of the Redress movement.

Perhaps it was a slip of the tongue that betrayed McCloy's incomplete understanding of Japanese Americans. In testimony before the Commission on Wartime Relocation, he referred to the Evacuation as "retribution" for the Pearl Harbor attack. Brought up sharply by Commissioner William Marutani, McCloy backpedaled in some discomfort. But he insisted that the Evacuation had been "carried out in accordance with the best interests of the country, considering the conditions, exigencies and considerations which then faced the nation."

McCloy's intentions are beyond challenge. But the dark episode in an otherwise distinguished career underlines the point that ignorance about Japanese Americans and insensitivity persist even among the best-informed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time to Fly

In John Saito's column "From Pacific Southwest" (P.C., Jan. 21, 1989), he wrote about the increasing number of phone calls he has received from Japanese Americans concerning anti-JA hostility/violence. He concluded feeling heartened since people were beginning to open up and speak out against unfair treatment and "starting to flex their muscles."

It is a wonder how we as people have survived this far if as Mr. Saito seems to indicate that we are just now flexing our muscles. There are many law cases in the past with Issei and Nisei plaintiffs who have gone to court to fight against unfair treatment.

As a current example I'm sure by now Mr. Saito has read in the same P.C. issue on the front page the excellent article from the *Hokubei Mainichi* by Robert Tokunaga concerning the Mitsue Takahashi case. This is one courageous Nisei woman who has been flexing her muscles for over nine years. She did not just give up and quietly disappear. Instead she now takes her fight into the final round right to the "squared circle" of the U.S. Supreme Court. The Issei would have spoke of her in the superlative as a woman who is *kanshin* with *yuki* and has a lot of *gaman*.

I hope the Livingston-Merced Chapter JACL and their president have at least come around to give her 100% support even if at this late date. But what is really heartening is to read in the P.C. (Feb. 6, 1989) that the National JACL board have unanimously passed a motion to "file an appropriate endorsement" in her case petition to the U.S. Supreme Court. I hope JACL will encourage other organizations to do the same.

What was disappointing is to see no motion on the No-No Boys. At the National Convention in Seattle, Roger Shimizu, president of the Seattle Chapter, courageously introduced the resolution which in effect would have the No-No Boys "coming home in '88." After some discussion from both sides a compromise

of sorts, or was it more a political expediency or just plain cop out that the motion was tabled until the 1990 convention. In the meanwhile a presidential body was to be formed for further study on the issue.

Time is of the essence. For JACL, 1990 is not too far off. For the No-No Boys time is running out. But above all it must be reconciliation time for once and for all.

The JACL prides itself of being a human rights organization. From time to time they do follow through on few select issues. However, the bird on the JACL logo must not remain in a squatting position. It must flex its wings more often to soar and strike for justice for all JA's whether we be members or not. Maybe it's time that we re-design a more appropriate up-to-date logo depicting movement.

Let us resolve to make all Japanese American causes our cause for we are only 700,000 plus in this nation which incidentally includes the No-No Boys. We must stand tall together or languish alone. We must learn from the past or doom ourselves to repeat the mistakes of our past. Never again in our history must one or 120,000 of us be forced to move like sheep, led by uncertain sheep dogs on unlawful orders from government shepherds swinging crooked staffs right into sheepholds known as America's concentration camps.

STANLEY KANZAKI
New York, N.Y.

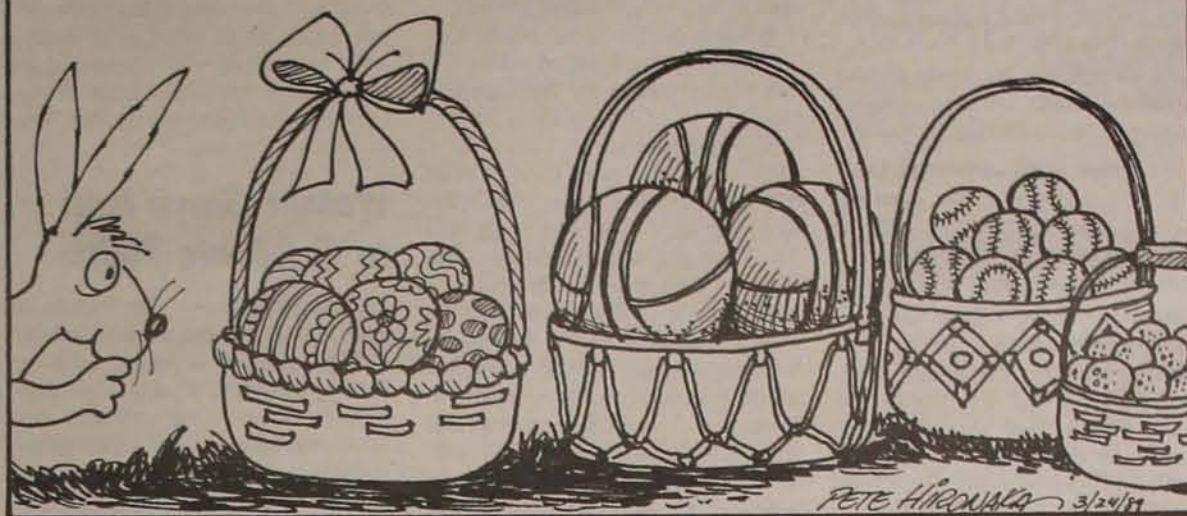
War Refugee Shelter

Yes, Fort Ontario in Oswego, New York (often referred to as "Fort Oswego") became in late 1944 an adjunct to the WRA concentration camp set-up (see Norio Mitsuoka's "Letter to the Editor," Feb. 3, 1989). Another Rooseveltian Executive Order (9417) led to the establishment of this temporary war duration sanctuary for nearly one thousand European refugees, 916 of whom were Jews, WRA and the administration were then careful to refer to

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SEASONAL RELIGIOUS BASKETS

SOME MEDITATIVE... SOME FANATICAL



EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

Mōdan Nihongo



THOSE WHO LEARNED *kanji* in days of yore—meaning pre-war and in the military intelligence schools at Camp Savage, Ft. Snelling and a few other places—are finding that many of the characters have undergone a metamorphosis (in some cases, drastic surgery) so that some are hardly recognizable. I don't know many, but a few come to mind. Such as *kaeru* (return), *koe* (voice), *kuni* (nation, country), *yo* (meaning "to determine, establish," when combined with *sada*(meru) meaning "to determine, establish," read as *yotei*, meaning "previously scheduled" or "arranged.") There must be thousands of such other streamlining of *kanji*.

SOME OF THEM have undergone such drastic paring that they're difficult to recognize. Or if one recognizes them, one forgets what the former (old-fashioned) form of the *kanji* was. For example, the *yo* "previously" referred to above: it is written today with just four strokes, whereas in days of yore it required sixteen strokes, no less. The four-stroke form is, roughly, the *katakana* "ma" at the top, followed by a horizontal line, then a straight line

"*KOE*" (voice) was reduced from seventeen strokes down to seven. There undoubtedly are some of you out there who can write the *kanji* the old way. (It may be that for a few out there, it's the *only* way.) Well, Rip van Winkles, take that old form and lop off the following portions in order to be in the 21st Century. (What follows is a literal-but-very-much-free "translation.") Drop off: *ki* (table), *mata* (again) and *mimi* (ear), and what's left is today's *koe*.

ACCORDING TO my stroke count (number of strokes needed to write a particular *kanji*), the old *kaeru* required eighteen strokes. Only the left side underwent change: what used to involve ten strokes is now cut down to two; formerly, what looked like two square box kites atop the *kanji* for *tomaru* (stop, halt), was replaced by two strokes, somewhat similar to the *katakana* *ri* except the right side is a dropping from the middle portion of the horizontal line. I couldn't begin to describe here the portion that was eliminated, although I might start with *ku*, which it isn't.

long swoop downwards. The right side of *kaeru*, however, remains the same, consisting of eight strokes. While it might seem that they should have also economized on that side, it does make sense to wait until people have adopted to the new form which is still recognizable, and then perform further surgery.

THE *KANJI* for "nation, country" (*kuni*) used to be written with the *kanji*, *aru* (some), inside a square. However, *aru*, which required eight strokes, was replaced by *tama* (jewel) which involves five strokes. A reduction of but three strokes seems hardly worth the trouble of the change; I must admit, however, that the new *kanji* for "country" has more symmetry. I've heard, but never confirmed, that the Chinese have gone one step further on this *kanji*: it is written simply as a square. ("Boundaries" of a country, so to speak?) In Japanese writing, such could present some difficulties: if written a bit too small, it could be confused with the *katakana* "ro;" or if large enough but not a square, it can be read as *kuchi* (mouth), which also is empty within.

Which is the time to close mine.

MOSHI MOSHI

JIN KONOMI

A Funeral Thought: The Tennō System



Feb. 24, the day of the state funeral for Japan's late Emperor Hirohito, was a holiday. But in the Shinjuku and Ueno stations of the Japan Railways the morning rush was heavy as if it were a working day. The crowds, however, were not commuters. They were skiers leaving for ski resorts.

When the government ordered the national observance of the late emperor's state funeral, a village in Okinawa-ken held a special meeting of the village council to decide whether or not to obey the government order. "When it is clearly established that the late *tennō* (emperor) was responsible for starting the war", said one dissenter, "and when you consider the terrible price we had to pay for his act, it is preposterous that we should be compelled to express sorrow for his death." So the naysayers won. The village council voted to refuse participation in the national mourning. It also rejected the national holiday.

The night before and on the day, there were more than 140 rallies, demonstrations, and marches throughout the country. By placards, banners and *Sprechchors*, the participants protested the state funeral which (they charged) was patently in violation of the constitution and the government order compelling the people to participate in

the mourning. The protesters warned against the resurgence of *tennō* adoration, and declared opposition to the *tennō* system.

It is obvious that an anti-*tennō*—or *tennō* system—sentiment is widespread throughout Japan. But will it be able to stop that nation's backsliding into the past?

According to a recent poll by CBS-N.Y. Times, 31% of the Japanese are opposed to the *tennō* system. Thirty one percent is nearly one-third, a respectable minority. But does it indicate the strength of the opposition? Here is my assessment.

The skiing crowds of the Shinjuku and Ueno stations are middle class, intellectual, and more or less liberal and affluent. But they seem to be only pleasure bent rather than making a gesture of defiance.

Although Okinawa suffered terrible carnage and destruction in the war, it was only one village that openly defied the government order to mourn Hirohito.

As for the rallies and marches, they were the spontaneous local expressions of the anti-*tennō* sentiment rather than the concerted uprisings of a national movement. As a matter of fact I know of no such movement's existence.

With the government's determined push to restore the *tennō* institution by chipping away the people's rights, backsliding into the past is a present danger that hangs over Japanese democracy.

All through the days of Hirohito's illness, death, and funeral, one phenomenon put an incongruous note into the general mood of sorrow and mourning. It was the obvious indifference and boredom shown by considerable segments of the population. On Jan. 7 and 8, the TV stations of Tokyo were flooded with complaints from the viewers for so many *tennō* bulletins and features replacing their favorite regular programs.

When the mayor of Nagasaki made a statement critical of the *tennō*, then still living, he became the immediate target of verbal attacks and threats. But this was an isolated case. On the day of the state funeral, at none of the anti-*tennō* rallies and marches was there a counter demonstration or one violent interference. The zeal of the pro-*tennō* majority, including the reactionary, violence prone elements, is obviously declining.

In the generally gloomy prospect for Japan's democracy, this development seems to throw a spot of light, however faint.

FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

Book Tells of Japanese in the Wild West



Hisashi Tsurutani came to the University of Wyoming from Japan in 1961 to further his studies. Why he picked this relatively unknown school on the lone prairie, where the coyotes howl and the wind blows free, I do not know. Before long he was fascinated to learn that hundreds of Japanese immigrant laborers less than a half century earlier had worked in Wyoming coal mines and on railroad lines. Further, he was distressed that almost no one was aware of the role the Japanese had in developing the state.

Tsurutani set out to learn more about these Japanese pioneers. When he returned home he dug into the immigration archives. In 1977, after several trips back to the States to pursue further research, Tsurutani wrote a book whose title can be translated as *The Japanese and the Opening of the American West*. This year the English translation of his book, titled *America-Bound*, was published by the *Japan Times*.

Tsurutani delves into areas of history covered only lightly by other historians who focused on the activities of Japanese immigrants in the coastal states. He learned, for example, that there were 172 Japanese graves in Rock Springs, and most of them were

without legible inscriptions. Cemetery records registered most of them only as "A Jap."

Life on the frontier was rough, rude and dangerous. At Kemmerer Tsurutani found 17 Japanese had died in a coal mine explosion in 1924. A year later nine Japanese had died in another mine blast.

"I felt pity for these nameless people, buried in the farthest reaches of a foreign land," Tsurutani writes. "I could not help praying silently, not before any particular tombstone but in front of the cemetery in general."

Tsurutani documents the heartless exploitation of country youths by other Japanese who contracted with the railroads to provide laborers. Individuals with a little knowledge of English (in the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king) and a lot of greed and ambition went into the business of recruiting laborers. The exploitation started quickly; often the recruits were delayed unnecessarily before they could board ship for the trans-Pacific voyage, being required meanwhile to pay for meals and lodgings at inns in which the contractors had an interest.

Once in the States the recruits were sold clothing marked up by the contractors and required to pay various

commissions and fees. There was also something known as an "office fee" usually amounting to a dollar a month. When a contractor had several thousand men on his rolls, his income was substantial. Contractors took advantage of the loneliness and frustration of the men by operating gambling games and making prostitutes available.

Interestingly enough, Tsurutani found evidence that Japanese prostitutes arrived in the Rocky Mountain area many years before Japanese men. The explanation probably is that women from southern Japan had been sold into prostitution in China, and then had been sent to America when Chinese laborers who came to the U.S. about a generation before the Japanese.

The book is not without faults. It reads as though the translation were done with greater regard for literal fidelity than for the needs of the English reader. Tsurutani skips casually over the effects of the Japanese exclusion law of 1924, and the intense effort that resulted in the remedial Walter-McCarran Act of 1952. Both had profound effects on the people of which Tsurutani writes. Nonetheless, *America-Bound* is an important addition to the history of a people.

MIS Founder-Instructor Shig Kihara to Be Accorded Gala Testimonial Dinner

BURLINGAME, Calif. — A testimonial dinner party for Shig Kihara—founder, instructor/administrator of the Military Intelligence Service Language School (MISLS)—will be held at the Marriott Hotel near the San Francisco International Airport on Saturday, April 22. The reception is from 6, dinner at 7, testimonial 8-9:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the MIS Association of Northern California (MISNORCAL) with assistance from the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS), of which Kihara is the current vice president.

The occasion will also serve as an installation of the 1989-1991 MISNORCAL cabinet officers. Roy Ueyehata is the current president.

Kihara will also be recognized for his involvement in the three Bay Area veterans organizations and projects honored by the JACL-LEC for their support of the redress campaign.

Besides the MIS Association of Northern California, Kihara belongs to the original Go For Broke, Inc.,

founded by Tom Kawaguchi, and he was a key source with the documentary films *Nisei Soldier* and *Color of Honor* by Loni Ding of San Francisco.

Presentations will be made by Harry Tanabe, representing the National JACL Veterans Affairs Committee for California; and Arthur Morimitsu of Chicago, National JACL Veterans Affairs Committee chair, representing the National JACL-LEC.

The added programs of installing the Northern California veterans organizations and projects which had great impact on the successful redress campaign are to complement the Japanese American community's gratitude and appreciation for Kihara's many years of effective leadership.

Dinner tickets are \$30 per person. Definite reservation must be made by March 31. Checks, payable to MISNORCAL, go to:

MISNORCAL, P.O. Box 2110086, San Francisco, CA 94121.

For additional information, call: (All 415)—Noby Yoshimura 495-2883, John Yamauchi 751-6279, or Clifford Uyeda 431-5007.

1871 KKK Act Sustains Developer's Rights

BILLINGS, Mont. — The Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871, one of the first civil rights law passed to protect the rights of Blacks, is being used by developers to sue cities over building disputes. The Wall Street Journal noted March 21 in its real estate column.

As cited in the WSJ story, developer Gerald Bateson, who lost in foreclosure hearings, had claimed the delay doomed his project, charging that his right to due process was violated, despite his compliance with city zoning codes when the city rejected his permit for a condominium and retail complex.

Lawyer Group Heads Support Tenure for Nakanishi

LOS ANGELES—The presidents of seven lawyer associations expressed outrage in a letter this past week (March 16) at UCLA's refusal to grant tenure for Prof. Don Nakanishi in the Graduate School of Education and chided Chancellor Charles Young for his lack of sensitivity to the concerns of the Asian Pacific community. They noted Nakanishi was forced to pursue nearly three years of "tortuous administrative appeals, and despite victories in both of his grievances regarding improprieties and bias in his tenure review, UCLA still has refused him tenure." Signing the letter were:

Stewart C. Kwok, So. Calif. Chinese Lawyers Assn.; Jerry Chong, Asian Pacific Bar of California, Sacramento; A. Carl Hufana, Philippine American Bar Assn.; Debra Evenson, National Lawyers Guild, New York; Fred Fujioka, Japanese American Bar Assn.; Jeffery Ogata, Asian Bar Assn., Sacramento; and Rosemarie T. Poitras, American Indian Bar Assn.

The Ninth Circuit of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling in the developer's favor and ordered the City of Billings to pay him \$500,000 in damages.

The act bars public entities or individuals from violating the rights of others without due process, and never specifically mentions race.

P.C. Note—This Ku Klux Klan law may be the antiquated Civil Rights Act of 1870 that makes it a federal crime for two or more persons to conspire to deprive a citizen in the enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or federal laws. Heretofore, the courts have so narrowly construed this statute that it has seldom been used (c.f. *Government by the People*, Burns & Peltason).

J-Town Revue Promises Night of Nikkei Entertainment

SAN FRANCISCO — The audience of "J-Town Revue" will be treated to a variety of local Nikkei talent on Saturday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., at the Kabuki 8 Theatres in Japantown.

This year's program will include several dance performers, including the ballroom dance duo of Hiroshi Kawanami and Amy Kuo, the High Stepping Happy Tappers, and the Chidori Children's Dance Theatre.

J-Town Revue is a benefit for the Japanese Cultural & Community Center for Northern California. Admission is \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets are available at:

Sumitomo Bank, Union Bank and Paper Tree in Japantown; Yamane Jewelry in Los Altos; Suruki Japanese Foods, Burlingame — Castro City (Mountain View).

Information: JCCNC (415) 567-5505.

Unpublished Memoirs Claim Britain Knew Attack Plans on Hawaii

LONDON — Memoirs of two British intelligence officers during World War II maintain Prime Minister Churchill knew of Japan's plan to attack Pearl Harbor, according to the newspaper Independent, the United Press International reported March 9.

Details of the allegations appear in "Codebreaker Extraordinary" by Eric Nave, a former officer in the British Code and Cipher School, and James Rusbriger, a former British intelligence officer. Because of restrictions under the Official Secrets Act, the publisher decided to withhold publication.

"One thing is certain," Nave said. "Had Britain shared with the Americans its full knowledge of the work . . . against Japanese naval codes, the attack on Pearl Harbor would never have occurred." The authors said Churchill had "a wealth of accurate intelligence" about Japanese plans to launch a surprise attack and apparently did not share it all with the United States.

Nave, now 90 and living in Melbourne, was an Australian naval attaché in Tokyo in the early 1920s. He started the Japanese section of the code and cipher school in 1925 in Britain, and then headed Australia's counter-intelligence service during WWII.



BOOK DONATION—Four cartons containing 172 books donated by three Japanese publishers were shipped free of charge by Kinokuniya Bookstores for the Franklin D. Murphy Library at the JACCC in Los Angeles recently. Kats Kunitsugu (r), library director, thanks Takao Kagawa, general manager of Kinokuniya Bookstores of America, for the company's generosity, since high yen rates are making it difficult for the library to purchase Japanese books. The donations from Kadokawa Shoten (158 books), *Japan Times* (five books) and Ongaku no Tomo (two-volume "Nihon no Ne" were greatly appreciated.

Denver Area Scholarships Now Ready

DENVER — From a program that started in 1956 with a single \$50 scholarship given by the Mile-Hi JACL, 25 community organizations have available \$20,000 for graduating high school students of Japanese ancestry in the Denver area. Deadline for applications is April 7.

Application forms should be available from counselors of greater Denver Metro area high schools, and from the participating organizations or from Mrs. Mary Higa at (303) 296-2437.

Over 500 awards have been made in the past 33 years of the program. This year's awards range from \$300 to \$1,500.

Winners of the scholarships, which are judged by an independent panel, will be announced at the annual community graduation dinner-dance, June 10, at the Stouffer Concourse Hotel.

This program, at which all graduating students of Japanese ancestry are invited, is sponsored by the Japanese American community as a gesture of appreciation to the students for a successful completion of their high school courses and to encourage their pursuit of further education.

N.Y. JACL Chapter Announces Deadline Change

NEW YORK — At the New York Chapter JACL Board meeting held on March 8, a decision was made to extend the deadline date for the chapter's scholarship application from March 15 to April 30, 1989.

The chapter once again encourages and welcomes all qualified individuals to apply.

For any information on the New York Chapter JACL Scholarship and also the National JACL Scholarship (deadline April 1, 1989) contact:

Masa Sasajima, Chairperson, NY Chapter JACL Scholarship Committee, 344 E. 63rd St., Apt. 2E, New York, NY 10021; (212) 308-5170 (evenings & week-ends).

Most Japan Firms Rate Foreign Workers 'Useful'

TOKYO — Nearly nine out of every 10 Japanese companies with foreign employees said workers from abroad are useful to their operation, according to an Immigration Bureau of the Justice Department survey.

Some 3,000 firms were asked last November, including 1,000 listed on the main Tokyo stock exchange. Most (54%) said they needed their language abilities in copywriting and teaching foreign languages.

LEAP

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sults of a community survey conducted by the Rand Corp., which looked at historical development of Los Angeles, current trends, and policy recommendations for the future.

LEAP forums are expected to bring together individuals speak on a wide range of topics and panels that discuss issues of mutual interest and concern affecting both the Asian Pacific and greater Los Angeles communities.

The March 29 forum, which is free of charge, will be held in the Roman & Corinthian Rooms of the Biltmore Hotel, 506 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles. A reception will be held at 5:30 p.m., and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

For information or reservations: J.D. Hokoyama, LEAP executive director at (213) 485-1422.

LETTERS

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these people as "European," not Jewish refugees. "Upon termination of the war they will be sent back to their homelands," FDR had assured Congress on June 12, 1944 in announcing plans to set up an "Emergency Refugee Shelter."

The group comprised of skilled professionals and dependents, so the wage level, whether individuals were engaged in professional or menial labor, was \$18.00 a month, in sharp contrast to the wages of Japanese American inmates. The sliding monthly wage scale of Nikkei internees was initially \$8, \$12, \$16, for those categorized as unskilled, skilled, professional. Later there was a slight adjustment to \$12, \$16, \$19. I believe the \$12 category was eventually cancelled.

Clothing allowances given the European refugees on a monthly basis also exceeded those of Nikkei internees, who could apply for assistance with needed. European refugees, 18 years or over were given \$8.50 monthly; \$7.00 monthly for those 12-17 years of age; \$7.00 monthly for those 11 years and under. Whereas Nikkei adults were allowed a maximum of \$3.82; children up to 5 years old were allowed \$2.60 per month; those 6-18 years of age were allowed \$2.85. Such "awards" increased somewhat in inland camps as resettlement began to be urged.

There is extensive documentation at the FDR Library on the history of this one and only camp set up in the U.S. in an effort to save victims of the holocaust, some of whom had sons serving in our Army, a sad story of another great betrayal. There is a WRA publication entitled *Token Shipments* available in most major libraries. See also p. 315, 316 in *Years of Infamy*. MICHIO NISHIURA WEGLYN New York, N.Y.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DETROIT

■ April 8—Sixth Annual Rededication Dinner of the American Citizens for Justice, Southfield Hilton, 17017 Nine Mile Rd. Cocktails: 6 pm. Dinner: 7 pm. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Joy Cherian, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. RSVP by March 25. Info: Dave Fukuzawa, 313 557-2772.

FRESNO

■ March 24—Reception for the Japanese American National Museum, 7:30-9 pm, Fresno Betsuin Annex, Kern & E St. All welcome. Attending the reception will be Irene Hirano, museum director; Bruce Kaji, president; Fred Hoshiyama, v.p.; Nancy Araki, project manager and board of governors member Lorna Onizuka. Info: George Teraoka, 209 834-2774 or Akiko Takeshita, 213 625-0414.

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.

■ Present—April 23—East West Players present Warren Kubota's Webster Street Blues, East West Playhouse, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Fri. and Sat. evenings, 8 pm; Sun., 2 pm. Info: 213 660-0366.

■ Present—May 7—AJA 4, an exhibit at the JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Tues.-Fri.: noon-5 pm. Sat. & Sun.: 11 am-4 pm. Closed Monds. Free. Info: 213 628-2725.

■ Present—April 23—"Framed: A Video Installation" by Bruce and Norman Yonemoto, Long Beach Museum of Art, 2300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach. Admission: \$1 donation. Info: 213 439-2119.

■ Present—April 23—"Masami Teraoka: Waves and Plagues," the mainland premiere exhibition of 33 new works by Masami Teraoka, Long Beach Museum of Art, 2300 E. Ocean Blvd. Admission: \$1 donation. Info: 213 439-2119.

■ Present—May 7—Mark Taper Forum presents Hiroshima in Sansei, 135 N. Grand Ave. Tickets: 213 410-1062 or 714 634-1300. Info: 213 972-7373.F

■ March 26—A visit to Japanese Village Plaza by the Easter Bunny. 12:30 pm, Martial arts by Hirokazu Yamamoto; 1:30 pm, odori by Hanayagi Rokumine; 2:30, taiko by Zenshujii Zendeke. Info: Jackie, 213 620-8861.

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■ March 29—Cross-cultural substance abuse issues, Cal State University, Dominguez Hill, Carson, 4:30-7:30 pm, Serenity Center, CSUDH Campus. Representatives from the Asian American Drug Abuse Center will also be present. Free. Info: 213 516-3656.

■ March 29—Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) presents "LA 2000: A City for the Future," Roman & Corinthian Rooms, Mezzanine Level, Biltmore Hotel, 506 S. Grand Ave. Reception: 5:30 pm. Program: 6:30 pm. Registration fee: No charge. Info: J.D. Hokoyama, 213 485-1422.

■ April 1—"Speaking Up! Effective Communication Skills for the Asian Woman," and "Writing for American Business: A Workshop for the Asian Executive," offered by UCLA Extension. Speaking Up: Rm 2134, Rolfe Hall, UCLA campus, taught by Gloria Axelrod and speech consultant Clara Shaw, \$155. Writing: Rm. 2288 Franz Hall, UCLA Campus, taught by Suzanne Solimbene, \$135. Info: UCLA Extension, 213 825-4192.

■ April 2—The New Otani Hotel & Garden 1989 Cultural Program presents a demonstration of the Sogetsu School of Ikebana, 2-3 pm, in the lobby level. Info: 213 629-1200, ext. 53.

■ April 8 & 9—"Hanamatsuri Celebration," JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Activities include screening of film *The Harp of Burma* (April 8 only), 11:30 am and 4:30 pm. Movie tickets: \$6. Other festivities beginning at 2 pm: Hanamatsuri Buddhist Service, Zendeke and West Covina Taiko performance, Koyasan Drum and Bugle Corps; 11:30 am-5 pm, food booths, games and activities for children. Info: 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.

ORANGE COUNTY

■ 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.

SACRAMENTO AREA

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

■ April 1—Channel 3 presents "Perceptions," 8-8:30 pm, KCRA-TV. Topic: Asians and AIDS. Reporter: Sandra Gin Yip. Info: Jan Young, 916 325-3799.

SAN FRANCISCO AREA

■ Present—March 30—Photos by Leon Cho and collaged still life arrangements by Dean Yeishin Oshiro on exhibit at the Ohana Cultural Center, 4345 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. Exhibit hours and info: 415 658-1868.

■ April 2—Meeting of the Nisei Widowed Group, 2-4 pm at the home Sandra Dineen. New members welcome. Info: Elsie Uyeda Chung, 415 221-0268 or Yuri Moriaki, 415 482-3280.

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

SAN JOSE AREA

■ April 8—Cherry Blossom Festival honoring Cupertino's sister city of Toyokawa, Japan, 10 am-5 pm, Cupertino Civic Center, Cupertino. Special attractions: Japanese food, music, dance, art fashions, exhibits, martial arts and the San Francisco Taiko Dojo Band.

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.

■ Present—April 22—"Surinomo," early 19th century Japanese woodblock prints, Honeychurch Antiques, 1008 James St., Mon.-Sat., 10 am-6 pm. Info: 206 622-1225.

■ March 30—April 7—Art exhibit by Shinzaburo Takeda, 3rd floor, El Centro de la Raza, 2524 16th Ave. S. Opening reception: March 30, 6-8 pm, jointly hosted by the consulate general of Japan, the JACL, consulate of Mexico and El Centro de la Raza. Regular hours: Mon., Wed. & Fri., 9 am-6 pm. Tues. & Thurs., 9 am-9 pm. Sat., 11 am-4 pm. Info: 206 329-2974.

■ March 31—Readings by Mitsuye Yamada (*Desert Run: Poems and Stories*) and Hisaye Yamamoto (*Seventeen Syllables*) from their new books, 8 pm, Elliott Bay Books, 101 S. Main St. Tickets: \$3.50. Info: 206 624-6600.

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• Tri-district meeting, hosted by Placer County JACL, April 21-23, Peppermill Hotel/Casino, Reno, Nev. Pre-Registration Package: \$27.50/ea. (if received by April 1, 1989), includes registration, Friday night mixer and Saturday luncheon. Separate Fees: Registration, \$10/ea.; Friday night mixer, \$7.50/ea.; Saturday luncheon, \$15/ea. Send registration checks to: Northern California-Western Nevada Pacific District Council, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115. If staying at the hotel, room reservations must be made directly with the Peppermill (1-800-648-6992); tell reservation clerk that the reservation is for the JACL tri-district meeting. Room Rates: \$45 (single or double), standard; \$55 (single or double), tower. Extra person charge: \$10 per person per night. Info: George Kondo, 415 921-5225.

CONTRA COSTA

• CARP meeting, March 31, 8-10 pm, East Bay Free Methodist Church, El Cerrito. Speaker: Tomoye Takahashi. Topic: How to integrate mon, family heirlooms, special collections and other Japanese treasures for creative effects in the home. Informal social hour to follow. Info: Masa Sato, 415 524-1313.

DIABLO VALLEY

• Discussion facilitated by Peggy Saika on the community response to the Stockton shooting, 8 pm, April 8, Rossmoor multi-purpose room #3. Info: 415 531-7514.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

• The GLA Chapter of JACL is offering two \$1,000 scholarships for any university, vocational or fine arts school. Applicants must be freshmen in fall '89 and reside in Los Angeles or Orange Counties. Application Deadline: May 1. Application forms and info: Emy Sakamoto, 213 324-2669 or Norma Tazoi, 714 532-2635. • Pre-registration for the 4th National JACL Singles Convention in Torrance, Calif. is in progress. Deadline: March 30 for best rates. Events: Golf, tennis, bowling, sightseeing, shopping and seminars. Dates: Sept. 1-3, 1989, Marriott Hotel. Info: B.K. Yanase, 1525 Eagle Park Rd., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.

JAPAN

• Screening of *Living on Tokyo Time*, 7:15-9 pm, March 30, Nakano Mushino Hall, 5 minute walk from JR Nakano Station, north exit in the Rosan Mall. Cost: ¥1,000; non-members, ¥1,500.

MDC

• District meeting, April 14-16, Dayton, Ohio, Marriott Hotel. Friday: Evening reception. Saturday: Business Session, Long Range Workshop. Sunday: Morning business session. Info: MDC Office, 312 728-7170.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

• Dinner to honor past JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi, April 28, Hyatt Hotel on Union Square, San Francisco. Reception: 6 pm. Dinner: 7:30 pm. Cost: \$35/ea. Info: Neal Taniguchi, 415 921-5225.

PUYALLUP VALLEY

• Aging & retirement seminar, rescheduled for April 22, 12:30-6 pm, Tacoma Buddhist Temple, 1717 S. Fawcett Ave. Topics: Retirement planning-transitions & adjustments; Health Insurance-nursing home, Medicare; financial planning; budgets; tax & estate planning; and travel & other activities. Info: Paul Seto, 206 272-6758.

SAN JOSE

• Bridge Tournament, 7 pm, April 8, Fellowship Hall of Wesley United Methodist Church, 566 N. 5th St. Prizes will be awarded for junior, intermediate and major duplicate categories. Admission: \$5.

SOUTH BAY

• April Fool's Potluck/Dance, 7 pm, April 1, 2nd floor of the Pacific Business Bank, 510 W. Carson St., Carson, Calif. Admission: Potluck food item or \$10. RSVP and other info: Brenda, 213 515-5700 8:30 am-5:30 pm or Geri, 213 329-6875 (after 6 pm).

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THE NEWSMAKERS

► **Lawrence Matsuda**, who taught the first Asian American history course in Seattle at Sharples Junior High in 1969, was recently appointed director of the Seattle School District's equity, evaluation and compliance division. He assumed the position in January after more than five years as principal of Olympic Hills Elementary School. He was also responsible in 1969 to have Univ. of Washington admissions recognize Asians students as a minority group as the result of a story appearing that summer at the U.W. campus daily. The *Beacon Hills News* added Matsuda was born at the Hunt (Minidoka) relocation camp in Idaho.

► **Christie Fukunaga and Charles Hur** of Gardena High School received \$500 City of Gardena scholarships to help defray the cost of their trip to Washington D.C. as members of this year's Close-Up program (Feb. 12-18), which focuses on the history of U.S. presidents and how they shaped the nation's destiny.

► **Justice Joyce L. Kennard**, 47, of the California appellate court at Los Angeles, was nominated by Gov. Deukmejian Mar. 11 to the state supreme court. An Asian-born immigrant who spent part of her childhood in a Japanese internment camp in Java during World War II, her Dutch-born father had died while she was infant. She and her mother were in the camp run by mercenaries. After the war, they moved to Holland and Kennard studied at a private high school, which was interrupted for two years when she lost a leg from infection. She became a Dutch-English translator and, at age 20, came to Los Angeles and became a secretary. Seven years later, her mother died and she used the \$5,000 her mother left to enroll at Pasadena City College. With a scholarship, she transferred to USC, graduating with Phi Beta Kappa honors and later earning a law degree in 1974 and joined the attorney general's office, working in the criminal division and later as a senior research attorney for the appellate court. In 1967, she became a naturalized citizen. Gov. Deukmejian appointed her to the L.A. municipal court in 1986, to the superior court in 1987 and to the appellate court in 1988. The nominee is married but has no children. If confirmed, Kennard will be the second woman to serve on the state's highest tribunal. The first, Chief Justice Rose Bird, was defeated by voters in the November 1986 election.

► **Cherry Y. Tsutsumida**, chief of multidisciplinary programs within the U.S. Public Health Service, Rockville, Md., spoke on power politics and its influence of minority health care before the National Black Caucus of State Legislators at its 12th annual conference at Tulsa Nov. 29-Dec. 3. The onetime JACL Eastern District Governor was the keynote speaker at the health symposium. She urged those in state legislatures to make state colleges and universities more accountable for training more minority health professionals and also warned the poor of the ghettos are still being ignored, producing an ever more entrenched underclass. She is also head of the national education program responsible for training of health professionals for AIDS.

► The Japanese American Curriculum Project in San Mateo announced the election of Diabla Valley JACler **Takako Endo** of Danville, Calif., and **Cheryl Tanaka** of San Francisco to its board. Endo has won prizes in poetry and her pieces have been published in anthologies. She co-authored three educational books: *Negro American Heritage*, *Hayward—the First 100 Years and Concord—Its Progress and Promise*. Former junior high teacher Tanaka has been editing technical copy for a software house, engaged in freelance writing for the ethnic press and desktop publishing.

► **Cheryl Tsuruda**, co-editor of the San Mateo High newspaper, and contributor to the *Foster City Progress* and the *San Mateo Times* won a \$750 scholarship from the American Society of Newspaper Editors Foundation, it was announced Jan. 25. She will enroll at Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism in the fall. Her dad, who teaches journalism and math at Abbott Middle School, told her to stay with journalism "because I already knew how to type," she revealed. "And because I love it."

► At the first joint Washington state high school wrestling tournament at the Tacoma Dome over the Feb. 17-20 weekend, Richland junior **Tom Yamamoto** won the 108-lb. title in a state championship effort for the third time. He could become the first wrestler to win four in-state titles. He won the 101-lb. title two years ago and the 108-lb. crown last winter. At the Washington state high school gymnastics meet the same weekend at Sammamish High, **Lara Kidoguchi**, 14, a sophomore at Kent-Meridian, captured two state titles in the balance beam and uneven bars. She had quit the sports in the seventh grade, training with Gymnastics Unlimited, only to return this past season.

► **Roy Miki**, 46, English professor at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, B.C., received the SFU President's Award for his work on behalf of the Japanese Canadian redress movement. The award, made Feb. 16, acknowledges outstanding and unique service to the community by an SFU staff, student or faculty member. Miki was among a handful of Japanese Canadians present at the House of Commons last Sept. 22 to hear Prime Minister Brian Mulroney publicly acknowledge the injustice of wartime internment and announce a \$300 million redress settlement package that includes \$21,000 individual compensation for 12,000 surviving internees. The redress movement gained momentum after a 1977 photo exhibit and publication in 1982 of "Why Redress Now?" which attracted the attention of a *New York Times* reporter, whose stories were regarded as a "turning point" by Miki.

► **Marilyn Tokuda**, Univ. of Washington drama school graduate, portrays the bride of a Borneo jungle king (Nick Nolte) in a John Milius World War II adventure flick, *Farewell to the King*, which opened nationally March 3. The Seattle actress told John Hartl, *Seattle Times* film reviewer, the chances for Asian roles are growing and was excited that "more positive Asian roles" are emerging as well as Asians doing major commercials.

► **Lynn Sakamoto**, 33, was named by L.A. County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn to be his new press deputy effective March 13, succeeding Dan Wolf who leaves to work for Disney. She had been editor of the Pacific Citizen for several months before joining Hahn's staff in 1987.

► Active in both the Jesse Jackson and Michael Dukakis campaigns last year, **Deborah Mah** of San Francisco succeeds **Kevin Acebo** of Los Angeles as the Asian Pacific caucus chair of the California Democratic Party, it was announced by **Georgette Imura**, of Sen. Robert's Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. Over 90 Asian American delegates met at the party's convention in Sacramento Feb. 10-11 to pick the chair.

► **Dwight Chuman**, former English editor of the *Rafu Shimpo* who had dropped out of sight, told Kashu Mainichi editor **George Yoshinaga** while attending a boxing match at the Forum in February that he's living in Las Vegas, Nev., now and running a public relations firm.

AUSTRALIA

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