Buddhist Bell Being Returned to Okinawa, a Shuri Castle Relic

(From the Washington, D.C. JACL News Notes)

On May 30, there will be a ceremony in Okinawa, marking the return of a Buddhist bell to Japan, the result of a 15-year endeavor.

The bell, originally part of Shuri Castle in Okinawa, was taken by American GI's during World War II. The return of the bell is principally the result of retired Col. William F. Lee, his wife Esther Kasiki Lee, and Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Utah).

The history of the bell (one of two) was aptly described in Okinawa: The Last Battle, p. 402.

"On a high oval knob of ground at the southern edge of the town, Shuri Castle had stood. Walls of coral blocks, 20 feet thick at the base and 60 feet in height, enclosed the castle area of approximately .390 acres. The castle in its modern form had been constructed in 1544. Here the kings of Okinawa had ruled. Now the magnificent walls were shattered, the roofless (5- and 6-meter) arches from American bombs lay scattered in all the areas inside the castle walls. There were ditches, pillboxes, and postholes everywhere. Inside the castle area one could discern the outline of the masonry and great puddles formed. Magnificent large trees that had been placed along the castle ground were now blackened skeletons on the skyline."

"From the debris of what once had been Shuri Castle, there were soldiers who could be identified as in the field for only one thing, to search for shell. On and on we went from one debris to the next, searching for shell, but finding none. Quite often was the question asked, 'And why not?'

"And why not?"

"The Southern Seas of the old Ryukyu Kingdoms, widely known for their scenic beauty, The Kingdom of Ryukyu possesses the excellent qualities of the three Hans of Korea and the culture of the Mogu. Separated as it was from these islands, the islands of Ryukyu was."

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The story verified that the bell was cast in 1457 and presented by the then ruling king, Sho Taiiku, to the Eikoku Temple, located in the city of Shimabara. The gift was made from the proceeds of a three-day celebration in 1457 by the U.S. Army from the ruins of Shure Castle, removed to XXIV Corps Headquarters for safekeeping. Ireland, as the allotted nation of the Kyushu Island Buddhists Temple Bell and was indeed a very important nation in national property.

The surviving widow, after changing her mind a number of times, unhesitatingly allowed the bell to be returned to Lee. He immediately moved it singlehandedly from the warehouse where it remained stored last Oct. 14. Lee's wish was to return the bell to where it belonged as soon as possible. However, it was decided not to take official action until the widow proved adequate.

Sen. Matsunaga's Help

When this occurred, Colonel Lee requested the assistance of Sen. Matsunaga, and through his son, the assistant of Army officials in Okinawa. Colonel Lee gave their assistance in the endeavor to return the bell to its rightful owners—the people of Okinawa.

Lt. Col. Chris T. Popowski, U.S. Army, Chief, Okinawan Field Office made an on-site inspection of the Bell at Arlington on Oct. 24, Capt. Richard E. Doran, U.S. Army Special Forces, made an on-site visit on Nov. 14, to arrange for the packing and shipping of the bell. The bell was unpacked and shipped to Arlington where it was inspected by Armitage Air Force Base to be airlifted to Okinawa for the presentation.

Colonel and Mrs. Lee are members of the JACL have attended Four Palm American Nikkei Association conferences in South America and are active supporters of the anti-apartheid demonstrations. The Lee's were stationed at Camp Ochan, Japan from 1953 to 1955.

The Foley amendment was defeated 172 to 252. A substitute amendment by Rep. Silvio O. Conte (R-Mass.) which would have cut $1.8 billion from the $4.7 billion measure including $250 million for redress payments was introduced.

Many who voted "nay" to Foley's amendment did so because of their opposition to cuts in defense and domestic programs. While redress was not a central point of the floor debate, some made comments, such as:

Rep. Ron Marlenee (R-Md.)—"It is simply outrageous to blackmail veterans' health care funding by attaching $270 million for Japanese American reparation to this bill. Last year, I told my constituents that I would not support funding for reparations, especially when veterans have to beg and grovel to receive the federal benefits they have earned with their blood and sweat.

Rep. Conte's remarks in the Congressional Record were described by JACL-LIN in iracquire when he noted that the Justice Department said 'they will not be ready to make any substantial payments during this year.' Due in part to the delay in the authorizing legislation that the earliest recipients are to be paid fast. The first payments will be made in fiscal 1990, so funds are not needed at this time.

JACL-LIN's Director Rita Takahashi pointed out that the Justice Department had indicated that they would be able to pay out the maximum amount ($0 million) of the money available.

Matsunaga Remains Optimistic

Although the Justice Department said that the bill was stalled but was also optimistic that it will return in some form with the redress funds intact. No date has been set for reconsideration by the full House. That will be up to Appropriations Committee Chairman Jim Wright (D-Mass.)

Matsunaga also added another important debate is currently going on in the House Budget Committee where lawmakers will soon determine how much the redress will receive in the 1990 budget.

Rep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee on civil and constitutional rights, declared:

"It was the considered judgment of Neal Smith, chairman of the Appropriations Committee on civil, military, and judicial, to begin redress payments with the supplemental. It was passed primarily for the personal and for the country when Congress enacted the Civil Liberties Act last year. We need very much in the eyes of the world. Our Nation admitted for the first time in its history that it was wrong over 45 years ago when the civil and constitutional rights of persons of Japanese ancestry were violated. And we made a promise to make redress. This is a promise we must keep. But redress will be only a beginning. We will do supplemental to begin to keep our promise."

OMB Interpretation

Rep. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii) and N royalty Morita (D-Calif.), both who had challenged the Office of Management and Budget's previous interpretation of the redress that P.L. 100-383 required all eligible recipients be located and certified before any payments could be disbursed and in a letter to Akaka, said:

"The language of the act states that the Justice Department shall endeavor to identify qualified beneficiaries, and does not require classification as a prerequisite to funding."

WASHINGTON—For an emergency spending bill containing $250 million for redress payments was temporarily stalled on the House floor this past week (April 26) as the measure was sent back to committee for "corrective surgery," according to Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.). The measure, H.R. 2027, was termed the "direct emergency supplemental appropriations act."

It contains $250 million for redress payments in 1989 plus $6.4 million for administrative costs.

Members had debated for 5½ hours in a lively and emotional manner. To make the bill more acceptable to a greater number of members, House Majority Leader Tom Foley (D-Wash.) offered an amendment which would have cut 57% of the previously enacted FY 1989 de­cretionary appropriations for defense, foreign aid and domestic programs but funds passed included in H.R. 2027 (the redress payment and discretionary programs) intact.

Ryukyu Limestone to Be Placed Inside Washington Monument

TOKYO—A 15-year-old pledge between the United States and the King­don of Ryukyu (Okinawa) will be realized this summer when a piece of limestone will be placed inside the Washington Monument.

In 1974, Commodore Mathew Perry of the United States negotiated with the Ryukyu Kingdom, a dependency of Okinawa, to place limestone within memorial stones from throughout America and around the world.

It was last observed in the time of the U.S. Civil War when construction on the monument was halted. Last fall, the Ryukyu America Society suggested a substitute stone to realize Perry's intention.

The story of the missing stone was related by Bob Deschi, an American member of the society, who visited the monument as a tourist five years ago. He noted the records indicated an Okinawan stone was imbedded, but he only discovered the Shimoda stone from Japan.

Tadahiko Kinjo, a king protector to send the limestone, said the effort is directed at young Okinawans, informing them of century-old relationship between Okinawa and the United States.

New City Library Opens in Little Tokyo Church

LOS ANGELES—In 1977, Friends of the Library of Okinawa, Inc., went to the city to park its bookmobile once a week into the area.

Last year until April 29, the city’s 63rd and smallest branch library was opened at the newly constructed Centenary United Methodist Church, which opened Saturday. The branch is attached to the Centenary United Methodist Church on 3rd St. in Los Angeles’ Little Tokyo.

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Over 400 Japanese Firms in Business in Chicago

CHICAGO—Duguo Kagoeo, chief executive of JETRO. Chicago, spoke to the Northern Illinois Industrial Assn. breakfast meeting April 20 on “Doing Business with Japanese Companies: How to Approach Them, Do’s and Don’ts.” He noted there are more than 400 firms in Japan the greater Chicago area.

Copy of the official reunion events (12 postcard) available for re- order. The album features individual portraits, candid shots taken throughout the three-day reunion held last Sep- tember. Order from: Del Me Studios, P.O. Box 2203, Clar- junk, NC 28222; (304) 334-6980; attention of Barry Smith. 

Also available is the Program Book- let (55 postcards) containing stories and pictures with cover design by Topoy artist Mine Okubo of New York, from: Funakoshi Ins. Agency, Inc. 213-10 I 130 S. Western Ave., Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60616.

East West Player Search New Director

LOS ANGELES—East West Players announcing resumes until May 22 from qualified individuals for the position of artistic director.

The mission of East West Players is to foster creation of an Asian-Pacific American aesthetic and point of view in theater and performing arts in the traditions of Asian and Western contemporary art, tempered by the his- torical experiences of Asians in America. The primary objective is to nurture the development of artists and works which address this mission.

Directing and managing the artistic integrity of the organization. select plays for each season, supervises the artistic and production staffs, and develops the production budgets. 

Resume and cover letter should be addressed to: Artistic Director Search Committee, c/o Dr. Artistic Director, East West Players, Suite E, Rowland Heights, CA 91748.

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By Harry K. Honda

NENO, Nev. — Henry Tanaka of Cleveland, the volunteer chair who conducts long-range planning commission sessions in a "professional" manner for National JACL, as it approaches the final decade of the 20th century, trends to compile a lot of statistics from the grass-root participants before recommendations are presented at the 1990 National Convention in San Diego.

He had previously surveyed his home Midwest District at an spring session at Dayton the previous year. Two similar workshops on long-range planning were conducted at the Tri-District (N. Cal.-W. NV. -Pacific Central Cal. Pacific Southwest) Convention at the Peppermill Hotel here April 22.

More sessions are anticipated this year. And it works like this.

Process Requires Participation

To issue a grass-root characteristic ("nothing from the top down this time," Tanaka explained), a questionnaire was given to everyone at the evening meeting. Each evening brought its "year" ideas on the strengths and weaknesses of JACL, and what the trends might be in the 1990s on the other side.

The following morning, the compilation was posted around the workshop room. There were 41 strengths, 55 weaknesses and 21 trends perceived by some 80 members who had filled out the questionnaires. They included:

STRENGTHS—National network of chapters, for example, assistance among cities, staff help, local chapters, in touch, lots of potential, legislative influence, friendship. "WEAKNESSES—Denoting membership, no direction, no clear goals, lack of direction, too much networking of JACL, too many columns in the P.C., lack calls emotional, lack direction, too low a conservaitve mentality, apathy, apathy, etc., and/or too many people.

Of the questionnaires, only two or three could be available in a group.

TRENDS—JACL will affect in the 1990s—Death, retirement, immigration, then the media, aging membership, ethnic concern, new immigrants, education: technology, on-exactant, inter-racial, inter-group, cooperation, etc.

Said Tanaka: "The JACL's 'Mission Statement' Workshop attendees reviewed the JACL 'mission statement,' as provided by National Headquarters:

'The mission of JACL is to serve as a human rights organization, having a particular focus on issues that have a direct impact on Americans of Japanese ancestry and Asian Americans.

'The National Council, as the policy-setting body, shall comprehensively review the operational needs of the National organization and adopt a Program for Action for the ensuing two years, designed to maintain and vitalize the JACL National organization, to achieve its goals, and to promote a responsible image as a National civil rights organization.'

'The JACL National Council and the JACL National Board shall identify key issues and activities for the biennium at the biennial National convention and report the National Board. Such action shall be conducted in establishing the national organization and the National Board shall be guided by such policies.'

And also in the hands of participants was a pink sheet listing the purposes of JACL as stated in the JACL Constitution.

Designing Seven Goals

What "do you see as the goals for JACL in the 1990's," Tanaka then asked. "There is no time or money factor in selecting the goals. It is not measurable and relates to the mission statement," he continued.

"Goals are usually stated, beginning with such words as: (a) To provide . . . and (b) To establish . . . (c) To create . . . (d) To assure . . . or (e) To facilitate . . ."

Everyone had 15 minutes to write down some (at least seven) of a blue sheet from a long-ranging perspective. Many perused the lists posted about the room for ideas.

Similarly, Tanaka now asked the audience to write down some objectives, which are specific in nature, measurable (will money, membership factors be affected?), appropriate (does it relate to the defined interests and need?), realistic (can the program fit, given inherent limitations of funds, staff, time, etc.), and time-bound (will the objective be fulfilled in one year's time)?

The Fun Part Starts

An hour remained to wind-up the workshop. Each participant read off their own goals for JACL. Ron Osajima, assisting Tanaka, numbered and summarized 22 different goals on large sheets of paper, which were posted on the wall. Among them were:

(1) Knowledge specific national issues; (2) Impact from Japanese economic issues; (3) More JACL (not as many as the chapter level); (4) Less funding for outside sources; (5) Increased education; (6) Greater involvement with other Asian; (7) Find ways to keep the trend.

Then on a 3 x 5 index card, each was asked to put down the number in their estimation of what the "most important" goal was for JACL in the 1990s at the upper left corner. Then at the lower right corner, show the number of the goal thought to be the "least important.

In prioritizing five different goals from the most to the least important, Tanaka weighed them from 5 to 1, respectively. Each was then asked to pick up the index card, showing remaining choices as the third goal, then the least important of the remaining three, and the number that remained on the index card, then was numbered "3".

The tabulation will be shown to the participants the date of the in detail in Tanaka's columns on long-range planning in the P.C.

The workshop evaluated the priorities of goals had differed even between the two sessions at Reno.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senior Citizens' Rate

Is there a senior citizens' rate for a P.C. subscription? Ken and Nylina (M.W.)

Concord, Calif.

Not only should, judging by the increasing number of inquiries. This is a decision which requires action by the P.C. Editorial Board for the National Board. The National Council since the JACL budget would be increasing the number of inquiries. This is a

senior citizens' rate for the P.C. office, We only have one

and of course wherever we look in the JACL offices,

To that, we will be asking Congress and legislative carryover provisions of the Redress Law expediiously

generously in the spirit in which it was passed last summer. Given the change of administrations and Congressional preoccupation with other matters, this will not be an easy assignment.

Yet there is every confidence in Kagawda's skills, and there is no question of the dedication to JACL that runs in the Kagawda bloodline. Meanwhile, to Rita Takahashi, sincere thanks for a job well done.

Redress Idea

Recently a friend related that it was suggested that a Congressional bill be introduced that would provide the $5800 per year for those who were interned. This may be the first working session of the idea although a bit too early to help for those still alive or uncommitted. If enacted, this could be a blockbuster means of obtaining compensation in a timely fashion.

The passage of this proposed bill appears to be questionable. However, it may

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Executive Order 6066 of (Feb. 19, 1942) was supported by the Executive Order 9056 of March 19, 1942, which established the War Relocation Authority (WRA) under the Treasury, etc. It was the WRA who had the responsibility of making the evacuation of Japanese Americans possible. WRA handled the evacuation of Japanese Americans, which was necessary to protect national security.

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Volunteering engendered a moral dilemma. It was a matter of a continent-wide movement. We were not sure if we were on the right side or the wrong side.

I must say that the RCT was successful. It was a very important event in Japanese American history.

Wrote: ‘PC’ and ‘PC’—the only two books that were written about the RCT. I was very proud of them.

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THE CALENDAR

FRESNO
May 27-28—Bowl, Oleande and Mon­nini, 13th Annual Bowl for Schizophrenia, Registration 1:00 pm. Bonanza: 5:30 pm. Master of Cer­emonies, Dr. Tony Kunko. 209 405-5859.

LOS ANGELES AREA
May 7-9—Julian, near Julian, Annual Rodeo, Registration 8:00 am. Friday, 10:00 am. Saturday, 10:00 am. Sunday, 10:00 am. Monday, 10:00 am. Cost: $14, seniors and groups of 10 or more.

May 23—4:30 pm. Tickets: $14, seniors and groups of 10 or more.

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THE NEWSMAKERS

SOHYA HITOMI

U.S. District Judge A. Wallace Tashima ruled that a civil liberties

action, Frank Wilkerson, and his attu­

dees including the ACLU of Southern California, in content of court. 3 for releasing an FBI memorandum that was part of a federal court protective order. "I really hate to do this," the judge de­

clared. "I'm going to have to take an appeal and proof I am wrong." Tashima said a 1984 court order prohibited documents arising from Wilkerson's long-running suit against the FBI.

STEPHANIE NISHIMURA BABA

Dr. W.M. John, a homolcristic

will be remembered by the Idaho Nikkei

for his research at the Boise Idaho Potato Research Center before moving to continue his efforts at Washington State University, is retiring this year and a graduate student assis­
tant fund has been set up at WSC. He was recognized for his contributions to the Northwest Potato industry as the 'Re­


Edward K. Kavalaher, 40, of Sac­

eramento was appointed by Gov. Don­

sko to serve as the director for the Calif. Small Busi­

ness Development Center program, a state­

commerce department post. A gradu­

ate of UC Riverside in 1971, followed by a master's degree in 1974, and a doctorate in 1981, Baba was named as director of the Cal­

ifornia Small Business Development Center in 1985.

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