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BUDDHIST BELL—Esther and Col. William Lee of Washington, D.C. JACL take one last look at the Shuri Castle Buddhist bell, which is being returned from a Virginia home to Okinawa through assistance of Sen. Spark Matsunaga.

Buddhist Bell Being Returned to Okinawa, a Shuri Castle Relic

(From the Washington, D.C. JACL News Notes) On May 20, 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 GIs during World War II. The return of the bell is principally the result of retired Col. William F. Lee, his wife Esther Keiko Aoki Lee, and Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii).

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 southem edge of the town, Shuri Castle had stood. Walls of coral blocks, 20 feet thick at the base and 40 feet in height, enclosed the castle area of approximately 290 acres. The castle in its modern form had been constructed in 1544. Here the kings of Okinawa had ruled. Now the massive ramparts, which had been battered by 14- and 16-inch shells from American battleships, remained intact in only a few places. Inside the castle area one could discern the outline of the rubble-strewn and pitted parade ground. Magnificent large trees that had graced the castle grounds were now blackened skeletons on the skyline.

"From the debris of what once had been Shuri Castle two large bronze bells, scarred and dented by shell fire, were dug out by the troops. One of them was about five feet in height, the other three and a half. Cast about 1550, they were inscribed with characters that may be translated as follows:

" 'In the Southern Seas lie the islands of Ryukyu Kingdom, known widely for their scenic beauty. The Kingdom of Ryukyu embraces the excellent qualities of the three Han states of Korea and the culture of the Mings. Separated as it is from these nations by distance.

still it is as close to them as lips to teeth "'Behold! What is a bell? A bell is that which sounds far, wide, and high. It is a rare Buddhist instrument, bringing order to the routine of the monk. At dawn it breaks the long stillness of the night and guards against the torpidity of sleep "'It will always ring on time, to toll the approach of darkness, and to toll the hour of dawn. It will startle the indolent into activity that will restore honor to their names. And how will the bell wound? It will echo far and wide like a peal of thunder, but with utmost purity. And evil men, hearing the bell, will be saved.

for the purpose of returning the bell to Okinawa.

Following the death of the possessor, his widow permitted Lee to conduct a historical study of the bell. He was assisted by his son, Lt. Col. Danwill Aoki Lee, who at that time was a student at the U.S.-Foreign Service Institute at Yokohama and Dr. Warren Tsuneishi of the Library of Congress. Coincidentally, Dr. Tsuneishi, while serving as military intelligence sergeant during the battle for Okinawa had translated the larger bell

for the XXIV Corps. The study verified that the bell was cast in 1457 and presented by the then ruling king, "Sho Taikyu," to the Eifukuji Temple, recovered by the U.S. Army from the ruins of Shuri Castle, removed to XXIV Corps Headquarters for safekeeping, listed as missing in a listing of historical bells in the Dictionary of Ryukyuan History (Ryukyuans Buddhist Temple Bells) and was indeed a very important national cultural property.

The surviving widow, after changing her mind a number of times, unconditionally gave the bell to Lee. He immediately moved it singlehandedly to his residence where it remained until 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 passed away.

Sen. Matsunaga's Help

When this occurred, Colonel Lee requested the assistance of Sen. Matsunaga, and through his son, the assistance of Army officials in Okinawa. Both parties readily gave their assistance in the endeavor to return the bell to its rightful owners-the people of Okinawa. Lt. Col. Chris Tragakis, U.S. Army, Chief, Okinawan Field Office made an on-site inspection of the bell at Arlington on Oct. 24. Capt. Richard E. Dumais, U.S. Army Special Forces, made an on-site visit on Nov. 14, to arrange for the packing and shipping of the bell to Okinawa. It was transported to Andrews Air Force Base to be airlifted to Okinawa for the presentation. Colonel and Mrs. Lee are members of the JACL; have attended four Pan-American Nikkei Association conferences in South America and are active supporters of the AJA reparations bill. The Lees were stationed at Camp Otsu, Japan from 1953 to 1955.

House Stalls Emergency Appropriation Bill With \$250 Million Redress Payment

WASHINGTON—Momentum for an The Foley amendment was defeated emergency spending bill containing 172 to 252. \$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 \$4.7 billion measure, H.R. 2027, was termed the "dire emergency supplemental appropriations act." It contains \$250 million for redress payments in 1989 plus \$6.4 million for administrative costs.

Members had debated for 51/2 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 discretionary appropriations for defense, foreign aid and domestic programs but leaving funds specified in H.R. 2027 (the redress payment and discretionary programs) intact.

Ryukyu Limestone to Be Placed Inside Washington Monument

TOKYO -A 135-year-old pledge between the United States and the King dom of Ryukyu (Okinawa) will be realized this summer when a piece of Ryukyu limestone is placed inside the Washington Monument.

In 1854, Commodore Matthew Perry brought a piece of rock from Ryukyu to the United States so that it could be imbedded in the monument with memorial stones from throughout America and around the world.

But it was lost about the time of the U.S. Civil War when construction on the monument was halted. Last year, the Ryukyu America Society suggested a substitute stone to realize Perry's intention.

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

Tadahiko Kinjo, a project leader to send the limestone, said the effort is "aimed at young Okinawans, informing them of a century-old relation of friendship between Okinawa and the U.S." A group of Okinawa students will accompany the gift-stone this summer.

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, was not 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

Rep. Ron Marlenee (R-Mont.)-"It is simply outrageous to blackmail veterans' health care funding by attaching \$250 million for Japanese American re parations 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 theyh have earned with their blood and sac-

rifice." Rep. Conte's remarks in the Congressional Record were described by JACL-LEC as inaccurate 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 directive in the authorizing legislation that the eldest recipients are to be paid first. The first payments will be made in fiscal 1990, so funds are not needed at this time."

JACL-LEC acting director Rita Takahashi pointed out that the Justice Department, in hearing after hearing, testified they would be able to pay out the maximum amount (\$500 million) if the monies were available

Matsui Remains Optimistic

Matsui said he was disappointed 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 Appro-

New City Library Opens in Little Tokyo Church

LOS ANGELES-In 1977, Friends of Little Tokyo Public Library Services got the city to park its bookmobile once a week into the area.

This past week (April 29), the city's 63rd and smallest branch library was opened at the newly constructed Centenary United Methodist Church, which is providing 2,500 square feet rent free for five years in its community center at E. 3rd and Central.

About 25% of the library's 6,500 books are in Japanese. The library is open Mon.-Thu., 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

priations Committee Chairman Jamie Whitten (D-Miss.)

Matsui also said another important debate is currently going on in the House Budget Committee where lawmakers will soon determine how much money 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 subcommittee on commerce, justice, state and judiciary, to begin redress payments with the supplemental . It was proud day for me personally and for our contry when Congress enacted the Civil Liberties Act Act last year. We stood very tall in the eyes of the world. Our Nation admitted that a terrible mistake was made over 45 years ago when the civil and constitutional rights of persons of Japanese ancestry were violated. And we made a promise to make , this is a promise we must redress keep. We have a real opportunity with the supplemental to begin to keep our prom-

OMB Interpretation

Reps. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii) and Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), who had challenged the Office of Management and Budget's previous interpretation of the redress law that P.L. 100-383 required all eligible recipients be located and certified before any payments could be disbursed, were gratified by the assurance from the associate director legislative affairs, Thomas A. Scully, that their interpretation was "entirely correct."

Scully, 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."



'Hidden' for 28 Years

The bell was removed and unofficially taken to Arlington, Va., in 1945 as a "souvenir" where it was kept in a below ground level garage for many years

Col. Lee accidentally became aware of the bell's existence in 1973. A cursory inspection indicated that this bell was of historical and religious significance.

Lee was unsuccessful in his initial attempts to gain possession of the bell



Photo By Alvina Lew

YOUNG READER-A girl checks out the new Little Tokyo Branch Library, which opened Saturday. The branch is attached to the Centenary United Methodist Church on 3rd St. in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo.

Photo By J.K. Yamamoto ROASTING RON-Ron Wakabayashi, former national director of the JACL, tried not to become deflated while being roasted and toasted by friends at a dinner in his honor held April 28 at the Hyatt on Union Square in San Francisco. Wakabayashi remained a good sport as Louise Renne (S.F. city attorney), Henry Der (director, Chinese for Affirmative Action), Frank Iwama (former JACL legal counsel), Ernie Weiner (American Jewish Committee), Georgette Imura (state Sen. David Roberti's Office of Asian Pacific Affairs) and Dale Minami (JACL legal counsel) socked it to him. About 250 friends attended.



WORLD RECORD RELAY TEAM-The L.A. Valley Athletic Club 4-man-400 meter relay team (from left: Wayne Ambrose, Gene Harte, Dr. Robert Watanabe and Jack Greenwood) smashed the 60-plus National Masters Indoor track & field record with a 3m.29s. clocking at Ohio State University March 31-April 2. The old mark was 3m.37s. The same guartet also won the 4 x 200-m relays. The legendary Nisei sprinter finished second in the 60-m and 200-m dashes and was recognized as the top-ranked runner in the country for 1988 with times of 12.4s. in 100-m and 25.5s. in the 200-m events.

New California Sushi Served with 'Spam'

SAN JOSE - Spam Musubi or Spam with rice - a slice of the meat layered with rice and wrapped with seaweed - is selling well in San Jose Japantown's Bento Xpress.

Don Sakai, manager, told the United Press International this past week (April 14), "A friend of mine from Hawaii gave me the idea. He said it's the most popular thing in Hawaii right now.

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Topaz Reunion Albums, **Programs Available**

SAN FRANCISCO - The Topaz WRA Camp Reunion committee has a limited number of the Photo Memory Album (\$12 postpaid) available for reorder. The album features individual portraits, candid shots taken throughout the three-day reunion held last September. Order from:

Del Mar Studios; P.O. Box, 22025; Charlotte, NC 28222; (800) 334-6388; attention of, Barry Smith.

Also available is the Program Booklet (\$5 postpaid) containing stories and pictures with cover design by Topaz artist Mine Okubo of New York, from: Yone Ito, 567 Carmar St., Hayward, CA 94544.

Copies of the official reunion events on videotape, produced by George Nomura, are available for \$25 from him: 880 Bates Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Over 400 Japanese Firms in Business in Chicago

CHICAGO-Tsugio Kisajima, 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 from Japan in the greater Chicago area.

JETRO, a nonprofit governmentsupported organization, promotes mutually-beneficial trade and economic relationships between Japan and other nations.

Testimony Before CWRIC Hearings to be Published

SAN FRANCISCO-Persons who testified before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians may finally see their testimony in print, the Japanese American Library announced April 30.

Nearly 675 individuals addressed the CWRIC in 1981. The transcripts consist of some 4,200 pages. The final works with index is expected to run seven volumes, according to Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga, project director.

While the CWRIC wanted to publish, it had neither time nor funds. Library director Karl Matsushita and Rep. Norman Mineta both agreed to start the project without securing funding, relying on contributions toward the project now and seeking funds for actual printing later.

The Japanese American Library, P.O. Box 590598, San Francisco, CA 94159 (Note: add "CWRIC Hearings" to your check), serves as a national repository for redress materials.

East West Players Seek New Director

LOS ANGELES - East West Players is accepting 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 the performing arts in the traditions of Asian and Western contemporary art, tempered by the historical experiences of Asians in America. The primary objective is to nurture the development of artists and works which address this mission.

The director maintains 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 sent to:

Artistic Director Search Committee, c/o Dr. Andrew K. Wong, 18415 Colima, Suite E, Rowland Heights, CA 91748.



VISA BUCKS-Stan Takemoto (left) of Sumitomo Bank presented JACL National President Cressey Nakagawa a \$4,000 check April 22 at the Reno Tri-District Convention. The check goes to National JACL, resulting from the Sumitomo/JACL Affinity Visa Card program.

Poston High's Class of '44 Reunion Set

LOS ANGELES - June 10, 1944, was an especially hot day in the Poston, Ariz., relocation center. That evening 224 high school seniors celebrated their graduation as only the second group to ever matriculate from Poston High School.

Again, on June 10, members of that graduating class will gather for a reunion at the New Otani Hotel in Little Tokyo. Class president Yasuo Yoshida announced that special tributes would be paid to former teachers and school administrators. Reservations for the banquet or hotel may be made through: Nancy (Sakamoto) Nakamura (213) 320-1684. Suds Nishioka (213) 313-1169 or Toshi (Sato) Mizuno (213) 283-5034.

Nisei Week T-Shirt **Contest Offers 2 Prizes**

LOS ANGELES-Two cash awards (\$50 first, \$25 second) will be given to winners of the Nisei Week T-shirt contest. Designs, which must include the Nisei Week "Matsuri" logo, are due May 27 at Firefly Designs, 330 E. 2nd St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. For contest rules: Henry Yamada, (213) 628-4077.

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Japan to Host World Symposium on Black Bias

TOKYO - A world symposium of Black activists fighting racial discrimination will be held in Tokyo June 24.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson and Louis Farrakhan, Black Muslim leader, are expected to attend, according to Jiji Press. The symposium is a prelude to the world rally of Black Activists for World Peace and Human Dignity in Tokyo in the spring of 1990.



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'Contemporary JACL Issues' the Topic of **Tri-District Workshop**

By George Johnston

RENO, Nev. - Increasing membership and the perception of JACL were two of the main items discussed at a workshop held April 22 during the Tri-District Conference at the Peppermill Hotel Casino.

The Contemporary JACL Issues workshop was an opportunity to discuss complaints, ideas and issues with other JACLers. At first, the demographics of JACL were discussed.

With JACL membership guessed to be about 75% Nisei, the consensus was that the average age of JACL's majority group was over 60 years, which brought up the concern of attracting younger JACL members.

When the topic jumped to the JACL's perception, some felt an image change was needed to attract younger Nikkei. When a younger participant broached the idea of updating the JACL's image by changing its logo, a Nisei man blurted, "Sounds ridiculous.

One Sansei woman felt that JACL was often upstaged by publicity generated by other Nikkei organizations. A suggestion for a JACL public relations person came up, but reaction was lukewarm.

Another Nisei man joked that he would like to see a 65-year-old age ceiling for leadership in JACL. He felt that the Nisei should "let go" of the reins of power. Others countered that they would happily vacate their positions if they could find younger replacements.

A reason cited for declining membership was tied to JACL's insurance policy. A participant contended that many people who joined in the past did so for a good deal on JACL health insurance, which requires JACL membership. Since some may have felt that the benefits weren't as attractive as they used to be, they dropped out of JACL as a result.

Although the workshop could have continued past the alloted two hours, moderator Les Hata concluded it to break for lunch.

Planning Workshop Sizes Up JACL Strengths & Weaknesses

By Harry K. Honda

RENO, 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, intends to compile a lot of statistics from the grassroot participants before recommendations are presented at the 1990 National Convention in San Diego.

He had previously surveyed his home Midwest District at its spring session at Dayton the previous week. Two similar workshops on long-range planning were conducted at the Tri-District (No. Calif.-W. Nev.-Pacific / Central Cal / Pacific Southwest) Conference at the Peppermill_Hotel here April 22.

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

Process Requires Participation

To insure a grassroot character ("nothing from the top down this time,' Tanaka explained), a questionnaire was given to everyone at the evening mixer-calling for listing "your" ideas on the strengths and weaknesses of JACL and what the trends might be in the '90s 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, significant record of accomplishments, stability of staff, chapter feedback to grassroot community, redress, insurance, lots of poten-tial, legislative influence, scholarships,etc. WEAKNESSES—Dwindling membership,

no dimension, no clear agenda, lack of direc-tion, structure, poor marketing of JACL itself, too many columns in the P.C., P.C. lacks influence in the community, thinking too small, conservative mentality, apathy prevails, etc. (Tanaka assured a complete listing would be available in a couple of weeks.)

TRENDS (which will affect JACL in the 1990s)-Anti-Asian violence, stereotyping by the media, aging membership, ethnic concerns, new immigrants, inadequate textbooks (re: Evacuation), interracial marriages, coalitions,



'LONG-RANGE PLANNING' IN ACTION-Henry Tanaka (right) of Cleveland explains process to Tri-District Conference delegates present at his Long-Range Planning workshop; Ron Osajima (left) at the easel.

tate.

East.

asked. "There is no time or money

factor in selecting the goals. It is not

measureable and relates to the mission

with such words as: (a) To provide

. . (b) To establish . . . (c) To create

. . (d) To assure . . . or (e) To facili-

Everyone had 15 minutes to write

some down (at least seven) on a blue

sheet from a long-ranging perspective.

Many perused the lists posted about

Similarly, Tanaka now asked the au-

dience to write down some objectives,

which are specific in nature, measura-

ble (will money, membership factors

be affected?), appropriate (does it re-

San Fernando Valley

JACL to Honor Matsui

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Valley JACL's evening with Rep. Bob

Matsui on Saturday, June 3, at the SFV

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Sacramento congressman for his role

in the passage of the redress bill, a

fund-raiser for chapter programs and

a mini-reunion of Nikkei who spent

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with program following. For informa-

tion, call Mitsi Kushida (818) 360-

6718 or Sam Uyehara (818) 886-4930.

"Goals are usually stated, beginning

statement," he continued.

the room for ideas.

drug abuse, dispersal of J.A.s, identity, "invasion" of Japanese money, etc.

Workshop attendees reviewed the JACL "mission statement," as provided by National Headquarters:

The mission of JACL is to serve as a human Americans of Japanese ancestry and Asian Americans

The National Council [as the policy-setting body] shall comprehensively review the opera-tion needs of the National organization and adopt a Program for Action for the ensuing biennium, designed to maintain and vitalize the 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 biennium National convention and meetings of the National Board. Such action shall be construed as estab-lishing policies of the National organization and the National board shall be guided by such policies.

Also in the hand of participants was pink sheet listing the purposes of JACL as stated in the JACL Constitution

Designating Seven Goals

"What do you see as the goals for JACL in the 1990's," Tanaka then

Annual Fowler JACL **Dinner Close to Home**

By Thomas Toyama

FOWLER, Calif. — Fifty members and guests of Fowler Japanese American Citizens League attended the annual dinner meeting at Fowler Buddhist Church youth building recently; with guest speaker Dwayne Kaitfors discussing Medicare and Supplementary Insurance.

On the committee were:

Ken Hashimoto, chef for the steak and lobs-ter dinner; Miyo Honda, Mary Teraoka, Alice Fujikawa, Ann Yoshimura and others, salad, rice and dessert.

This is second year the annual din-

late to the defined interests and need?), realistic (can the program fly, given inherent limitations of funds, staff, time?), and time-bound (when will the objective be achieved?).

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) Establish specific national issues; (2) Impact from Japanese economic issues; (3) More [National] exposure at the chapter level; (4) Funding for outside sources, (5) Intensify educational programs (i.e., textbooks); (6) Greater involvement with other Asians; and (7) Find ways to keep dues low

Then on a 3"x5" index card, each was asked to put down the item 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 weighted them from 5 to 1, respectively. Each was then asked to pick the most important of the three remaining choices as the third goal, then the least important of the remaining two choices. The middle remainder was thus numbered "3"

The tabulation will be shown to the participants at a later date (if not in the detail in Tanaka's columns on longrange planning in the P.C.).

Tanaka indicated the priorities of goals had differed even between the two sessions at Reno.

PSWDC Workshop on **Aging/Retirement Set**

LOS ANGELES - Questions which face those about to retire or those who will care for the elderly in the family, or are concerned with investments for retirement will be discussed at the PSWDC aging and retirement workshop on Saturday, May 20, at the Centenary United Methodist Church, E. 3rd and Central Ave.

A pre-retirement session especially geared to the Sansei and Yonsei is also on tap

The first 200 JACLers will be free of charge. Non-members will be charged \$8. Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch and workshop material. Pre-registration confirmation is required from:

PSW JACL Regional Office, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 90012, (213) 626-4471.





JACL's 'Mission Statement'

and civil rights organization, having a particular focus on issues that have a direct impact on



Pacific Citizen Photo By George Johnston IDEA EXCHANGE-Steve Okamoto gets his point across during the workshop on Contemporary JACL Issues, held April 22 during the Tri-District Convention at the Peppermill Hotel and Casino.



ner meeting was held at Fowler Youth building instead of going to expensive restaurants outside of town.



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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN:

Carrying on the Tradition

T CAN be said that Fred Hirasuna of Fresno was a member of the Japanese American Citizens League before there was a JACL. He was among leaders of the American Loyalty League of Fresno, one of JACL's predecessor organizations, in the 1920s. Hirasuna was also a delegate to JACL's founding convention in Seattle in 1930. Since then he has served his chapter, and the national organization, in many distinguished ways.

Thus it was particularly poignant that a new Hirasuna generation, JoAnne Kagiwada, daughter of Fred and his wife Setsu, was named this month as executive director of JACL's Legislative Education Committee in Washington, D.C. Kagiwada takes over a position filled ably on an interim basis, following Grayce Uyehara's retirement, by Dr. Rita Takahashi who is planning to return to academia.

Kagiwada also holds a doctorate, in law, from the University of California at Berkeley. She brings to her new position, in addition to an understanding of Japanese American history and aspirations, a distinguished record as an administrator in the Disciples of Christ church headquartered in Indianapolis.

In her new post Kagiwada's top priority will be to persuade Congress and the administration to carry out provisions of the Redress Law expeditiously and in the generous 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 Kawagida's skills, and there is no question of the dedication to JACL that runs in the Hirasuna bloodline. Meanwhile, to Rita Takahashi, sincere thanks for a job well done.

SEASCAPE by

DIRECTOR'S SEAT BILL YOSHINO; JACL NATIONAL DIRECTOR

JACL's Program for Action

This is an important and thoughtful time for the JACL. We are still in the midst of the redress campaign and at the same time the organization is moving forward in other areas.

The direction of the JACL for this biennium was determined at the convention in Seattle when the National Council acted on the Program for Action. This document outlined the major goals the organization would attempt to achieve during the biennium including, among others, the pursuit of redress to its conclusion and pursuing advocacy in keeping with the mission and civil rights purposes of the organization.

During past bienniums there wasn't a structured aproach for implementing the goals contained in the Program for

Action. This is not to say the Program for Action was ignored but that it was implemented without a defined process. Since the convention, the staff and the National Board has been working together to identify a structured approach for implementing the National Council's goals. At the first National Board meeting following the convention the board and staff identified a number of objectives for implementing each council goal. For example, under the generalized goal of redress various objectives included educating and assisting the community on the provisions of H.R. 442 and exploring the possibilities of JACL involvement in the Civil Liberties Trust Fund. Following the completion of these objectives, the staff identified a

number of activities which could be utilized to address each objective.

The determination of objectives and activities by the National Board and the National Staff is more than just an exercise. It is a process that determines the manner in which the organization will conduct itself at all levels during the biennium. The implementation of the final Program Action also rests with the National JACL committees, the districts and the chapters.

The completion of redress is still the organizational priority, but the Program for Action also tells us that a great deal of work in many other areas still remain for JACL until a new Program for Action is acted on by the delegates at the San Diego Convention in 1990.

IROIRO

GEORGE JOHNSTON

Sounds Familiar

Asian groups was also partly the why Chol Soo Lee went to jail . . . that a Korean could be implicated for a Chinese gang killing did not seem the least bit unusual to the cops.

Aithough many would say that the focus of a movie dealing with the topic should have been K.W. Lee or Chol Soo Lee himself, K.W. Lee contends that what happened was a story about Asian Americans. According to K.W., it was a group of third-generation Japanese and Chinese American activists, along with Chol Soo Lee's family, which approached him about the case.

It was this group that got the ball rolling, that got people to realize something wrong had happened. Later, as the immigrant Korean community joined in the cause, money was raised for a defense fund. To K.W. Lee, *this* was the story, the story of Americanborn and immigrant Asians coming together to aid another Asian.

The movie completely overlooked this, though, concentrating instead on a character based upon the attorney who took the case, Tony Serra of San Francisco. By all accounts, he did his job masterfully. Brilliant and important as he was, however, Serra was but one of many players in the saga. Someone somewhere decided that a character based on him, though, would be the focus of the movie. Which is fine-after all, it's the prerogative of the party fronting the money to make these decisions. To see a movie relevant to an Asian American experience, however, you'd be better served watching a couple of recent documentaries. For instance, Who Killed Vincent Chin?, a film by Christine Choy and Renee Tajima, examines the infamous slaying of an Asian American man. The other film is Family Gathering, by Lise Yasui. Although neither film won in their categories, both were up for Academy Awards in March. Not unlike other Hollywood movies in last few years, from The Killing Fields to Cry Freedom to Mississippi Burning, True Believer was criticized for essentially telling the story of a non-White, either through the eyes of a sympathetic White person or by playing up the White characters. Critics contend that this diminishes the perspective, the viewpoint and the experience of the non-White characters. Pretty heavy criticisms. Unwarranted?

Well, maybe, maybe not.

According to the producers of these movies, White audiences won't go to see a movie that doesn't have at least one White actor in a major role. In other words, no matter how important or universal the story to *all* people, the bottom line says, "No White character, no money to make the movie." Although there are plenty of examples to counter it, this theory basically sells short the capacity for understanding by White Americans.

What may put this theory to the test

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senior Citizens' Rate

Is there a senior citizens' rate for a P.C. subscription? We are 63 and 70 years old. M.W.

Concord, Calif.

No! Maybe we should, judging by the increasing number of inquiries. This is a decision which requires action by the P.C. Board and concurrence of the National Council since the JACL budget would be impacted. The standard rate is \$25 per year by mail; \$12 if you buy it at the news stand or the P.C. office. We only have one news stand carrying our paper—in Little Tokyo at E. 1st and San Pedro St.—Harry Honda, Gen. Mgr./Operations.

Not Missing

In my "By the Board" column of April 21 titled "JACL's Proposed 'Mega-Fund'," an important word was left out of the sentence, "Planned as a long-range funding vehicle, and specifically geared only for the anticipated redress 'windfall' ... " should have read, "... and not nevertheless be worth an attempt at passage. Possibly this idea should be held in abeyance as a back-up mode depending on the success of the present congressional budget process of redress money. JIM NISHIZAKA Torrance, Calif.

On Scholarships

We need to re-evaluate our thinking or re-consider our standard.

It seems incomprehensible to award a \$500 scholarship to a university student, unless that student is attending a trade school. Even a \$1,000 scholarship to a university student seems inadequate.

Scholarship awards should be in the range of \$5,000 to \$10,000. For postgraduate students, \$25,000 to \$50,000. Meritorious awards, \$100,000.

The difficulty is that the different organizations tend to keep Japanese Americans apart. We cannot serve the larger community divided. We must come together, and JACL serves as that common ground. YURIKO L. KOJIMA True Believer, a recent movie starring James Woods, Robert Downey Jr. and Yuji Okumoto, told the story of a Korean immigrant, Shu Kai Kim, (the first name, I was told, is not actually a Korean name) went to prison for a Chinatown murder. While in prison, he kills a man. Kim's family hires an attorney, played by James Woods, who discovers that Kim should not have been in jail in the first place.

Predictably, the attorney, after a series of twists and turns, unravels a conspiracy that goes up to the high levels of the city leadership and the wrongly accused immigrant is freed. Taken on that level, *True Believer* is a movie that'll hold your attention for the duration, due mainly to the screen presence of James Woods. You pay your \$5.50, you get what you wanted, right?

Well, maybe, maybe not.

specifically geared for . . . "

The JACL Fund idea would have been promoted regardless of the status of redress compensation—that potential only provided the appropriate timing.

As JACL ponders its future and explores ways to build a firm financial foundation to assure its survival, the *Wall Street Journal* article "Yellow Peril Reinfects America" should be tacked up on the wall to provide the grim answer to the question, "Is there any need for JACL in the future?"

CHERRY KINOSHITA JACL VP for Public Affairs Seattle, Wash.

Redress Idea

Recently a friend related that it was suggested that a Congressional bill be introduced to provide a tax break (dollar for dollar) for the \$20,000 due redress recipients. This may be fine for working ex-internees but would be of little or no help for those retired or unemployed.

If enacted, this could be a backdoor means of obtaining compensation in a timely fashion.

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

Salt Lake City, Utah

East Wind Commentary

In pasting up the March 31 Pacific Citizen, I noted Bill Marutani in his column mention: "... there are *myōji* that end in consonants... But not many." True, but here is an item he could perhaps file away. I have a sister-in-law married to a Kamon, a brother-in-law married to a Sakon, and of course there's my wife. All surnames ending in "n".

Still on Marutani's column, a few weeks back he mentioned that the word *burakumin* was nowhere to be found. I suggest he check volume I, page 216 of the *Kodansha Encyclopedia of Japan*. The subject covers almost a page and a half.

MAS IMON P.C. Office Los Angeles, Calif.

Responsibility Questioned

The editorial of March 24, 1989 ("Misinformed Patriot"), was kind to the memory of John J. McCloy. I question, however, his responsibility for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

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When I saw the TV commercial for the movie earlier this year, I knew this had to be some sort of take-off of the Chol Soo Lee case. Chol Soo Lee's case, as it turned out, was the blueprint for *True Believer*. Other than a change of venue (New York's Chinatown instead of San Francisco's) and the addition of a drug conspiracy, the movie stayed true to what actually happened.

Well, maybe, maybe not.

After watching the movie, I spoke with Sacramento Union reporter K.W. Lee for his opinion. Besides getting an innocent man freed, the significance of what occurred in the Chol Soo Lee case was not even touched in the movie, according to K.W. Lee. It was K.W. Lee who began a series of articles that looked into what really happened to Chol Soo Lee.

In that series, K.W. Lee discovered that Chol Soo Lee went to prison because of bureaucratic and procedural ineptitude and sloppiness. Mistaken identity, possibly willful, by the police due to differences among different are recent investments in movie companies by the Japanese. I wouldn't bet on it, but since the party with the bucks calls the shots, it's at least possible that they could stipulate that a story about Japanese or Japanese Americans isn't bleached in its perspective.

At minimum, maybe in the future more Asian American actors and actresses will get work for marketability's sake when the films are shown in Asia. But an actor hoping to benefit from trickle-down due to Japanese movie investments shouldn't hold his breath.

In the meantime, Alan Parker, director of *Mississippi Burning*, is currently engaged in pre-production for a movie dealing with the Japanese American internment. Its title is *Come See the Paradise*. The story? Dennis Quaid is set to star as a Manzanar camp guard who falls in love with an interned Nisei woman . . . well, you get the picture already.

Well, maybe not. But I think maybe.

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REDRESS PERSPECTIVES

JERRY ENOMOTO, JACL-LEC CHAIR

In the End Zone

As we stand on the threshhold of the last decade of the 20th century, almost 50 years since the infamous internment of 1942, Japanese Americans find ourselves at once victims, beneficiaries and makers of American history. Once victims of the racism that unfortunately exists in our imperfect Democracy, we have been able to utilize the tools of that Democracy to secure vindication in the form of an' apology from our government, and a symbolic monetary redress. In so doing we have played a significant role in validating the principles of justice embodied in the Constitution of the United States.

In sports terminology we are in the fourth quarter, we have the lead, and we have the ball. Things look good, especially as we learn of the action of the House Appropriations Committees in approving the \$250 million in supplemental funds for Redress in the 1989 fiscal year-an unexpected, but very gratifying action. We must, however, remember that there is a long way yet to go-final quarters often seem to last forever when you are ahead. Certainly it is no time for complacency. Fundraising must continue because our Washington office must be maintained, and lobbying is a costly process. All forms of communications to our legislators must go on and, most of all, we must remember what got us here-teamwork.

JACL can be justly proud of it's role in the attainment of Redress, especially the knowledge that we "stayed the course," despite years of disappointment. Neither can we forget those like Edison Uno, Ed Yamamoto, Min Yasui and others who led us here, but are not with us to appreciate the importance of their pioneer efforts.

Most important, we must be sensitive to the fact that the attainment of Redress, and it's ultimate implementation, has been and is a community effort. Neither the JACL or LEC own Redress. Many organizations, notably including NCRR, NCJAR, the coram nobis legal teams and the AALDEF have contributed significantly. When this ball game ends and goes down in history, all of us who survive need to be able to look back on it as something that the most and least of us had something to do with winning because in this game there were no spectators, only players.

FROM THE FRYING PAN **BILL HOSOKAWA**

Mellowing Out

The men seated around the table in a Tokyo room had arrived individually at their places by various circuitous and sometimes tortuous routes. But whenever the paths each had followed, they all had two things in common. First, they were of Japanese ancestry. Second, they had acquired most of their education and spent their formative years in the United States.

Now, some were living in Japan by choice. They had come to Japan as members of the U.S. Occupation forces, came to like what they experienced, and either took their discharges in Japan or returned later to find jobs and live as expatriates.

Others had come to Japan before the outbreak of war-to learn the language and customs, or in search of economic opportunity that seemed to elude them at home. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor changed their lives permanently. They spent the war years in Japan doing whatever was necessary to keep body and soul together.

At war's end, for any of a variety of reasons, it was too risky or too difficult to try and get back to the States. So they made the best of a difficult lot, and in the process picked up careers that contributed very significantly to the success of the Occupation and Japan's recovery.

You might think that the different ways in which these Nisei had spent



the war years might, in some way, influence their regard for each other. Around the table, it was obvious it hasn't. These were simply Nisei enjoying each others' company in the present, and savoring pleasant memories of the long past. And as the evening mellowed, even the ordeals of the war years, no matter where spent, became amusing with the re-telling.

I enjoyed the live-and-let-live, what's-the-past-is-past philosophy of these men. In another time these Nisei, dressed in different uniforms, might have tried to kill each other had they met in the madness of battle. That they are willing to forget those times, or more accurately, don't have occasion to think of them, is a tribute to the human spirit.

Somehow the camaraderie around the table was in delightful contrast to the animosity over what happened during the war years that still seems to be the raison d'etre for some Nisei elements in the U.S. Apparently lacking other gratification, they engage in loud, finger-pointing did-didn't-did too-did not screaming matches that serve no real purpose except to provide grist for the press, perpetuate hostility and feed egos.

I wish that a few of those who have made a career of denigration and bitterness could sit with some of my Nisei friends in Tokyo. They would learn something about coping with life.

NATSUKASHII DÖRI NAOMI KASHIWABARA

'I Remember You' At Santa Anita

I was, in case anyone is interested, in the Santa Anita Assembly Center in 1942. For five months I lived in a stable in the Southern California racetrack turned wartime incarceration center. On April 6, 1989, I joined senior citizens of San Diego for "A Day at the Races" at the same Santa Anita Park. 1 do not follow the sport of kings and would-be kings, so this was my first visit to this place since 1947 when another Nisei fellow and I rode to the track on public transportation and peered through the fence at where we and 19,000 of our kind had lived for five months, courtesy of the U.S. government.

This time I sat in the grandstand. In this same place 47 years ago I had tried to teach mathematics in the assembly center. I admired the young people who came to class but my service as a teacher was short-lived and I went back to scullery tasks in the Yellow Messhall.

There were several messhalls; the inside of the grandstand was called the Red Messhall. I remember the comely girls who waited tables in the Yellow Messhall, particularly willowy Kay and lustrous-eyed Shigeko. I remember spirited Charley, who tackled the bigger, Hakujin steward, also

named Charlie, in a rousing fight about whether an \$8-a-month worker or the non-paying "guests" should be fed first. There was Nobe, my foreman, who had an unattenuated work ethic.

I remember others in the assembly center : Hippo, Audrey, and Frank, the cheerful trio from San Francisco who made us smile; popular Dick from Hawaii, the champion intercollegiate boxer and ukelele player who had the entire center singing "Manuela Boy"; dignified Yoshitaro, the judo leader, and boys practicing judo in jackets made of rice-sacks; lively Tiger, the amateur boxer from San Francisco; YMCA leaders, who, it seemed led songs wherever three or more gathered (" . . . mill stream . . . not me but you . . . not green but blue and the capable writers who published the Santa Anita Pacemaker, edited by Eddie, who had worked on the Boston Transcript.

There was Hal, who tap-danced, and Bob, who crooned "I Remember You" ("I remember you, You're the one who made my dreams come true ") to the music of the Starlight Serenaders. (How good it was for us that these talented musicians got or brought their musical instruments.)

One night a jitterbug contest was held on the sloping floor in front of the grandstand and regal Susie barely bested cute "Butch" Miwako from Harbor City for first place.

I shall never forget Harry, who had boxed professionally in Hawaii and who had also an M.S. in bacteriology from USC. Harry encouraged all of us in his boxing class but his star pupil was Johnny, a well-built athlete. Johhny was to die in WW2 while wearing the uniform of his country-his country that had denied him his rights and put him into guard-towered Santa Anita.

How quickly earth has gone around the sun 47 times since 1942. I am now older than my father was when he returned to Los Angeles from the relocation center in Arkansas in 1946 to pick up vocationally how he had started as an immigrant youth in 1906. How short life is-this mysterious interval of consciousness between two still eternities.

P. C. Note-Mr. Kashiwabara, a retired engineer in San Diego today, has contributed to the San Diego JACL "Borderline" newsletter and the Pacific Citizen over the years. He remembers all the last names (which he purposely left out) in the article except for "Audrey of San Francisco.'

LETTERS

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I've believed the OWI was responsible. McCloy may have implemented the RCT to counter enemy propaganda on "Asia for the Asiatics" where evacuation was prov-

ing an embarrassment. Volunteering engendered a moral dilemma. If none did, we could never enter mainstream America. Japanese sense of duty, obligation compounded the issue. To top it off, feeling that we were being used did not help.

I feel that was the way it was. No general wanted the RCT until Gen. Mark Clark, in dire need, asked they be included. If the RCT was McCloy's baby, this wouldn't have happened.

In reports of McCloy's testimony at redress hearings, I sense no contrition for the suffering caused. Did he realize the enormity of the outrage?

Recent writings appear to show a racist president. McCloy's superior, Stimson probably was key to the showdown with Japan. It almost happened with him in the With such immediate superiors, could McCloy be less racist.

Possibly among your readership there are individuals who were acquainted with McCloy and can bring a clearer understanding of the man and his times.

NORIO MITSUOKA Westminster, Calif.

No Apology Required National JACL has no reason for mak-

ing any apology on the Evacuation issue. The Evacuation was already set by President Roosevelt after receiving the request made by the congressional delegation from the Pacific Coast-Washington, Oregon and California-which met at the office of Sen. Hiram Johnson.

Executive Order 9066 (of Feb. 19, 1942) [was promulgated] and followed by Executive Order 9095 on March 19, 1942 (to establish the War Relocation Authority though it was dated March 11, 1942, and released a week later).

Prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor during the summer, a special banquet was sponsored by Fresno JACL for public relations. Invited were the mayor, top officials and Hakujin friends pointing out the objectives of the JACL [and Japanese Americans] to become fully loyal to our nation and to work for progress in race relations.

When the attack occurred, I was asked for cooperation from the Fresno police department. The chief mentioned there had been reports of sabotage in Hawaii, but I pointed out that any loyal citizen of Japanese ancestry would not conduct such activities, as well as the (Issei) aliens who were denied citizenship by law.

The fault lies among the Nisei and chapter presidents for not corresponding with is government and adm nistrat ficials in Washington, D.C. [to dispel their fear and suspicions] during the 1941, when the situation was worsening. [A year after Hitler invaded Poland to commence World War II,] President Roosevelt put an embargo against Japan. [It was on export of scrap iron and steel against all countries except Britain and those in the Western Hemisphere signed by the president on Sept. 26, 1940. The Japanese ambassador in Washington called the measure "an unfriendly act."]. Ever since Dec. 7, 1941, I have corresponded with many officials, especially Congressman Bertrand W. Gearhart of Fresno, throughout the years 1942-1944 on various matters including the adoption of a service flag.



EAST WIND

phrases that most Nisei have heard for so long that they thought they knew the meanings. I got to thinking about a couple of them the other day and finally decided to look them up. The phrases or words are somatsu-na and mottai-nai. I suspect that the Nisei have heard these terms used by their Issei parents from very early in their lives. And no one-at least in my case, no one-ever sat me down and explained just what these terms meant. But children have a way of somehow sensing some of the meanings, particularly so when judging the circumstances under which they are used.

But you can't take them literally, as we all quickly learned.

TAKE, FOR EXAMPLE, the Issei mother's preparation of a few dishes for an okyaku-san (guest) that was due to come to the house the next day. You could readily tell it was not going to be some chazuke-'n-kökö affair when you saw the many ingredients, the time involved preparing the dishes. the new aromas that wafted throughout your palate a preview, a firm remonstrance was in order.

Then comes the following day when that okyaku-san arrives.

SINCE KIDS ARE not to be seen, let alone heard-and yet all kids are curious-you take advantage of peeking between the door jamb and the hinge. (Of course, everyone knows you're there, but they all pretend not to notice.) As your Issei mother hauls out delectable looking dishes of food, you hear her say "Somatsu-na mono desu ga ..." If at that point you had looked up the term the definitions you would have seen would be: "course; crude; inferior; shabby; humble; plain; poor" and other degrading labels. But even a kozo had a sense of what the term literally meant, and more than once had I thought to myself: "The guest ought to be here when I'm fed."

Then you'd get the meaning of "somatsu

I THOUGHT that such disclaimers took place only in our home, until I

ARE SOME nihongo the house. And if you decided to give had occasion to be in other Issei households and saw the very same ritual practiced. And as a kozo, I could never quite figure out the "reverse spin" placed on the presentation. But then the term "somatsu ni suru-mon ja-nai" (Don't treat the substance disrespectfully.) The companion to that admonition was "mottai-nai." This latter I had simply sensed meant something along the lines of "shameful waste." something akin to "desecration." Well, it's never too late to clear up the doubt. So I looked it up.

> THE LITTLE "JITEN" I used set forth the following definitions: "impious; profane; irreverent; gracious; be too good (for); wasteful." I must say that's quite a mix. When my parents applied the term "mottai-nai" to me. I had always thought I was being admonished but perhaps I was mistaken, what with definitions such as "gracious" included.

> I CAN'T HELP but wonder what terms the Issei would use in reference to the lifestyle of our offspring.

Sensitivity Needed

Very few of us are truly sensitive to the feelings of people to whom we do not relate. I refer to the use of the term "Mongoloid idiots" in the article "Comic Book Revives WWII Stereotypes of Japanese" (P.C., March 3, 1989). This is an offensive term, as it was used almost exclusively 40-50 years ago in describing individuals with Downs Syndrome. I'm certain individuals and families of people suffering from this problem did not enjoy seeing this usage in print.

Also in a column of the editorial page in the same edition the term eta was used. This word is quite offensive to members of the group of Japanese to whom it is applied. My source is a Japanese junior high school teacher (and friend) who lives and works in Kyoto.

It is hard, and sometimes impossible to be sensitive to people in every circumstance.

RICHARD T . SCHULTZ Hayward, Calif.

Be a 'PC' Ad Watcher

JOSEPH D. SASAKI, OD, (ret.) Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dr. Sasaki, who was the Fresno American Loyalty League (JACL) president in 1941, attached 39 pages of his letters and material from which information above within parentheses was taken. The bracketed information for purposes of clarification appear in standard U.S. history books.

THE CALENDAR

FRESNO

May 27-28-Bowles, Oleander and Monmouth area residents. Registration: 1:30 pm. Banquet: 5:30 pm. Master of Cere-monies. Mitsugi Fukuda. Info: Fumi Kuma-001, 209 485-5089

LOS ANGELES AREA

Present-May 7—AJA 4, an exhibit at the JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Tues-Fri.noon-5 pm. Sat. & Sun.: 11 am-4pm. Closed Mons. Free. Info: 213 628-2725.
 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
 Present-May 14—Asian American improvisational comedy group Cold Tofu presents" Living Tofu," Harmon Ave. Theatre, 522 N. La Brea Ave. Fri. & Sat. & pm. Sun.

522 N. La Brea Ave, Fri. & Sat.: 8 pm. Sun.: 3:30 pm. Tickets: \$14; seniors and groups of 10 or more, \$12. Info and reservations: 213 739-4142.

Present-May 23-UCLA Extension's "Literary Encounters with Leading Asian American Writers." Speakers: Maxine Hong Kingston, May 9, Geraldine Kudaka with Sesshu Foster, May 16; David Henry Hwang, May 23. Admission: \$10, single; series, \$55; \$5, single, students with full-time ID. Info: 213 206-8154.

May 6-Arigato Bazaor, 11 am-7 pm, Centenary United Methodist Church, 300 S. Central Ave. Free admittance. Info: 213 617-9097

May 15—Pasadena City College presents a screening of A Great Wall in conjunction with Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, 7:30–9:30 pm, PCC Forum, corner of Bonnie Ave. & Sierra Bonita Ave. Info: 818 578-7221.

NEW YORK

May 21-June 30—"Memory in Progress: A Mother/Daughter Project, Silkscreen Prints of Asian American Women by Tomie Arai," New York Chinatown History Project, 70 Mulberry St., 2nd fl. Hours: Sun.-Fri., noon-5 pm. Info: 212 619-4784.

PORTLAND

Present-May 21—Yankee Dawg You Die, Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. Info: 503 243-7930.

SACRAMENTO

May 9-"I Think I Love You," Take a

DEATHS

Donald Ikeda, 64, of Danville, Calif., died March 21 of a lung ailment at UC San Francisco Medical Center. A recent Diablo Valley JACL president, he was born in Havre, Mont., grew up in Pasadena before the war, interned at Manzanar and spent the postwar years with Liquid Air Corp. in Chicago until he was transferred to the Bay Area in 1981. He is survived by w Yo, 3 sis Yuri Tajima, Ph.D. (Phoenix, Ariz.). Dorothy Ito (Chicago), Sue Tong (Long Beach, Calif.); 5 bro Albert (Honolulu), William (War-ren, Mich.), Carl, Ph.D. (Phoenix), Otto (Tokyo), Ted, M.D. (Santa Ana), 21 nieces and nephews. Burial: Montrose Cemetery, Chicago

Konosuke Matsushita, 94, founder of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., died April 27 of pneumonia in an Osaka hospital. A billionaire industrialist, he had humble origins; his father went bankrupt speculating on rice and Konosuke left his native Wakayama village school at age 9 to apprentice at an Osaka com-pany making hand warmers. In 1918, he started his own company making light bulbs and prospered. The Allied Occupation broke up his company and other zaibatsu groups after WWII but he rebuilt it to be the world's largest consumer electronics firm. After the war, he established the PHP Institute to promote his philosophy of "peace and happiness through prosperity.

Bow Production's performance of four play vignettes, Hoi Sing Restaurant, Info: 916 422-4270.

May 21-Reunion of all the past Florin AC boseball teams, Wakano Ura Restau-rant, 2217 10th St. Mixer: \$5 pm. Dinner & program: Dinner & program. Info: (all 916) Shiro Tahara, 428-0494, Walt Menda, 392-1896; or Bill Tsukamoto, 421-6249.

SAN DIEGO

May 6-Union of Pan Asian Communities 6th annual dinner, La Jolla Marriott. Guest speaker: Velina Hasu Houston. Tickets: \$75/ea. Info: 619 232-6454.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

 May 8—Speech by playwright Philip Kan Gotanda, 7–9:50 pm, rm. 250, School of Creative Arts Bldg., 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco State University. The lecture is part of the Arts and Artists series. Free. Info: 415 38-1478.

May 13—"Preparing for Incapacity: Legal and Financial Aspects," Nisei and Retirment meeting, 1–3:30 pm, Community Room, 1st fl., Nihonmachi Terrace, 1615 Sutter St. Info: Jim Kajiwara, 415 731-2967. May 13-Nisei Ski Club presents "Wild Thing," 9 pm-1:30 am, Oakland Airport Hyatt, 455 Hegenberger Rd., Oakland. Ad-mission: \$10, member; \$12, non-member; \$15 at the door. Music: Nightshift Make checks payable to: Nisei Ski Club, c/o Alan Tani, 129 Madera Ave., San Carlos, CA 94070. Deadline: May 1.

May 20—Asian American Social Club Spring Banquet, 7 pm, the Olive Garden, Farwell Dr. at the Mowry East Shopping Center, Fremont, RSVP and info: Rhonda Masuda, 415 656-7417 or Joyce Gee, 415 793-5962

May 20-"In Defense of Civil Rights," 17th Anniversory Celebration of the Asian Law Caucus, Inc., Cabernet Ballroom, Meridien Hotel. Keynote speaker: David Henry Hwang. Cocktail Reception: 7 pm. Pro-gram: 8 pm. Dancing: 9 pm. Music: Nightshift. Tickets: \$40, general admission; \$20, students and seniors. Info: Joe Lucero, 415 835-1474

May 21—Japanese Community Youth Council annual celebration featuring Great Leap's Talk Story-Chapter Two, 8 pm, Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St. (at 17th St.). Reception: 9:30 pm. Tickets: \$45/ea., first come, first served. Reservations and info: 415 563-8052.

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May 20—Seattle Keiro Rummage Sale, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St., 9 am-4 pm. Donation drop off dates: May 17, 18 & 19, 6-9 pm. Proceeds to benefit Keiro Nursing Home. Info: 206 323-7100.

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Tashima ruled and challenged a civil liber-

ties activist, Frank Wilkinson, and his at-

torneys including the ACLU of Southern

California, in contempt of court April 3

for releasing an FBI memorandum that was

part of a federal court protective order. "I

really hate to do this," the Nisei jurist de-

clared. "I'm going to have to find plaintiffs

and counsel in contempt. It's such a clear

case but I hope you take an appeal and prove I am wrong." Tashima said a 1984

court order protected documents arising

from Wilkinson's long-running suit against

Two longtime teachers of the Japanese.

tea ceremony in Little Tokyo will be hon-

ored by the JACCC at its ninth anniversary

dinner at the Century Plaza Hotel May 17.

They are Mme. Sohwa Hitomi, 94, who

still teaches the Omote Senke style at the

Nichiren Buddhist Temple, and Hawaii-

born Mme. Sosei Matsumoto, who holds

the Urasenke School of Tea's Sanji rank

with Konnichi-an and has been teaching

the FBI.

U.S. District Judge A. Wallace

THE NEWSMAKERS



STEPHANIE NISHIMURA BABA

Dr. W.M Iritani, a horticulturist well-remembered by the Idaho Nikkei farmers for his research at the Aberdeen (Idaho) Potato Research Center before moving to continue his efforts at Washington State University, is retiring this year and a graduate student assistantship fund has been set up at WSC. He was recognized for his contributions to the Northwest Potato industry as the "Researcher of the Year (1988)" by the Washington State Potato Commission.

Edward K. Kawahara, 40, of Sacramento was appointed by Gov. Deukmejian as director for the Calif. Small Business Development Center program, a state commerce department post. A graduate from UC Riverside in 1971, followed by his master's (1975) and doctorate (1981) in social science from UC Irvine, Kawahara lectured at UCI until 1984, became a program manager at UC Berkeley from 1985-1988, and moved to Sacramento that year to be an associate development specialist in the state commerce department. He serves at the pleasure of the governor. He is a Democrat. The position does not require Senate confirmation and the salary is \$45,936.



SOSEI MATSUMOTO

Two Chicagoans, Arthur Morimitsu and Ron Yoshino, were among Asian American community leaders honored at the April 27 Lunar Festival dinner at the Chicago Hilton. The Chicago Nisei Post 1183 Color Guards was among community organizations honored. Communities represented were the Chinese, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Thai and Japanese Americans. The Asian American Lunar Festival was sponsored this year by the Vietnamese community; next year it will the Japanese Americans' turn.

Dr. Stephanie Nishimura Baba, practicing in Berkeley, was elected president of the Alameda-Contra Costa Counties Optometric Society, the largest group in the state. A graduate in 1978 from UC Berkeley School of Optometry, she also is assistant clinical professor at her Alma Mater

Yuka K. Mullen, of Sacramento's Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., was named a Freshman Leaders Award recipient as one of its top new associates.





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FLORIN

 Observance of Asian/Pacific Heritage Week, May 13, Sacramento City College. General Chairperson: Curtis R. Namba. Food Booth: Beef kushiyaki, nigiri, tamago yaki & fortune cookies. Hours: 11 am-5 pm. Food Prep: Aillene Nakashima, Dorothy Kadokawa, Myrna Hitomi, Fumi Okamoto, Frances Kushi & Grace Kono. Arrangements: Tommy Kushi., richard Uno & Bill Kashiwagi.

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NLA

· Benefit wine tasting to raise scholarship funds, sponsored by Nikkei Leadership Association, Lotus West Restaurant, May 21, noon-3 pm, 11930 San Vicente Blvd., between Bundy and Montana, Brentwood. Tickets: \$6. RSVP and info: Trisha Murakawa, 213 393-2717 (D) or 213 822-7470 (E).

 Scholarships for graduating high schools seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 1989 are now available. Criteria: Students with demonstrated leadership abilities, commitment to the Asian Pacific community and involvement in extracurricular activities; high GPA not a major factor. Deadline: Postmarked no later than May 26. Applica-tions: Kimberlee Tachiki, 213 822-5780.

NCWNPDC

 Appreciation and recognition dinner honoring Rep. Leon E. Panetta, state Sen. Henry J. Mello; and Supervisor Barbara Shipnuck, chairwoman, Monterey Coun-ty Board of Supervisors, San Carlos Hall, May 20, San Carlos Cathedral's San Carlos Hall, 550 Church St., Monterey. Reception: 6:30 pm. Co-sponsored by the Watsonville, Moneterey Peninsula, Gilroy, San Benito County and Salinas Valley JACL Chapters. Special Guests: Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui. Keynote Speaker: Cressey Nakagawa. Cost: \$30/ea. Info: (all 408) Salinas Valley, Paul Ichiuji, 422-7784 or Harry Iida, 424-1623; Watsonville, Harry Fukutome, 722-0230; and Monterey Peninsula, George Uyeda, 372-1035.

SACRAMENTO

 Dinner honoring Judge Charles Kobayashi, May 11, Red Lion Inn Redwood Room. No host cocktails: 6 pm. Dinner & Program: 7 pm. Cost: \$15/ea. RSVP: (all 916) JACL Office, 447-0231; Mike Sawamura, 441-4314; Mike Iwahiro, 447-9200; or Lon Hatamiya, 329-7946.

SAN DIEGO

 The 32nd Annual San Diego JACL Scholarship Dinner, May 7, Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant. Cocktails: 6 pm.

619 230-0314. · Showing of Bad Day at Black Rock, starring Spencer Tracy, Ernest Borgnine, Lee Marvin, Anne Francis, Walter Brennan and Robert Ryan, 2 pm, May 13, Kiku Gardens, 1260 3rd Ave., Chula Vista. Post-screening: Commentary by Professor Don Estes. Free and open to the public. Info: 619 230-0314.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

· Recognition of Rep. Robert Matsui's redress efforts, June 3, San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, 12950 Branford St., Pacoima, Social Hour: 6 pm. Dinner: 7 pm. Program: 8:30 pm. Cost: \$35/ea. Info: 818 893-1581

SAN JOSE

 Scholarship breakfast, 10 am, May 20, Issei Memorial Bldg., 565 N. 5th St. RSVP: May 15, Sharon Uyeda, 408 259-3656 (after 7 pm).
The 37th Annual JACL Junior Olym-

pics, June 4, Chabot College, Hayward. Age groups beginning at 8 yrs. and under through masters' divisions. Entry deadline: May 11. Info, entry forms or advertising contracts: Tom Oshidari, 408 257-5609; Akio Yamamoto, 415 964-9995; or Robert Setoguchi, 408 247-1494.

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• Annual luncheon in observance of Asian/Pacific Heritage Week, 10:30 am, May 18, Martin Luther King Center. Cosponsored by the Chinese Senior Club and the Pilipino Seniors. Slide Presentation: Richard Nakanishi. Topic: Early Japanese immigrants in the San Mateo area. All seniors invited. Free. Reservations and info: 415 343-2793.

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· Recognition dinner honoring Roy Nakatani for receipt of the Community Service Award from the emperor of Japan, 7 pm, May 20, High Country Inn, Ogden. Co-sponsors: Buddhist and Christian churches and other Japanese organizations, Tickets: \$10. Dinner: Roast chicken, beef, turkey, RSVP: May 5. Reservations & info: (Both 801) Fudge Kunimoto, 394-8902 or Dorothy Maeda, 773-2543.

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Movies, slides, fellowship renewal with third Sunday of the month, 1-3 p.m., at Japanese School Auditorium. 2110 Cor-inth Ave. West L.A. (Located nr Olympic corner West of San Diego Freeway.)

1989 Group Tours (Revised Jan. 30, 1989)

- 8 Caribbean Cruise May 27 - Jun 4 Toy/Eric, escorts Optional 4-Day Walt Disney World/EPCOT Jun 4 - June 7 Toy/Eric, escorts
- 9 American Heritage May 6 May 15 Jiro, escort
- #10 Ura-Nihon Tour May 27 - Jun 8 Ray, escort
- National Parks & Canyon Country Tour Jun 3 - Jun 15 Yuki, escort
- #12 Popular Europe Panorama June 5 - June 21 Bill, escort
- #13 New Mexico/Carlsbad Cavern Jun 10 Jun 17 Toy, escort
- #14 Greece / Turkey Jun 25 Jul 7 Phyllis, escort
- #15 Japan Basic Tour June 23 - July 5 Galen, escort
- #16 Alaska/Yukon Jun 29 - Jul 11 Masako, escort
- #17 Explorer: Ireland/Britain Jul 8- Jul 22 Toy, escort
- #18 Scardinavia & Russia Jul 22 - Aug 12 Yuki, escort
- #19 Canadian Rockies Tour Aug 9 - Aug 19 Veronica, escort
- #20 Japan Festival Tour Jul 31 Aug 13 May Maeda, escort
- #21 Portugal/Spain/Morocco Sept 27 Oct 13 Hidy/Jiro, escort
- #22 New England/Canada Fall Foliage Tour Oct 3 - Oct 17 Galen/Phyllis, escorts
- #23 Japan Basic Tour Oct 7 Oct 21 Ray, escort
- #24 LA-Nagoya Festival Tour Oct 7 Oct 21 Toy, escort



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