Some 600 Over Age 90 Prepare for $20,000 'Redness Payment'

WASHINGTON — The Department of Health and Human Services has received more than 600 responses to its mailing of $13,300 redness certificates to American citizens age 90 and over. The certificates were the result of individuals who had been identified as the correct recipient. The Veterans Affairs and the Department of Interior will distribute the certificates.

"We have received more than 600 responses," a Department spokesperson said. "We are still working on the distribution of the remaining certificates." The spokesperson declined to provide further details.

On REDRESS ENTITLEMENT:

Inouye's Speech in Senate About His Mainland Buddies of 442 Volunteering 'From Behind Barbed Wire' Stirs Wide Support

By Jeanne Kagawa

WASHINGTOON

On Sept. 23, the Senate, by an overwhelming majority, passed a bill which would provide redress payments to Japanese-Americans who were interned during World War II.

Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) said in his speech that he had been watching the hearings and the debate for several months, and that he had been more impressed by the testimony of the Japanese-Americans than by any other testimony he had heard during his tenure in Congress.

"I have never been more convinced," said Inouye, "that the government has a moral obligation to do what is right and just in this case."

The bill, which would provide $13,300 to each eligible individual, was approved by a vote of 90-2. It now goes to the House of Representatives, where it is expected to pass easily.

Signs of Concession

"I am very pleased," said Inouye, "that the Senate has taken this step. I hope the House will act quickly to pass the bill."
9th Annual Film Festival in Washington, D.C.

Interracial Asian-American Themes in Spotlight

WASHINGTON — The Criterion Komoko, a rare example of Hollywood's treatment of interracial romance, will open the 9th annual Asian American Film Festival on Friday, Oct. 27. The film pairs James Shigeta, one of the few Asian American leads in the late 1950s, with Patricia Shaw in a complex, intertwining love story that highlights the challenges of Hollywood standards of 1959.

The festival, which runs Oct. 27 through Nov. 2, includes a mixture of documentary and short-length and 25 short films by established and emerging Asian and Asian American filmmakers from China, Korea, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Japan, and the United States.

The festival also explores the raw edge of the new Asian American cinema, which ranges from visceral animation to political satire, to punch, to dramatic narrative.

Two panel discussions will be held on Hollywood's treatment of interracial sexuality and Asian Americans, as well as on Asian American cinematic views of themselves. In addition, Asian American filmmakers and experts will lead informal discussions at each screening.

The festival will commemorate the late Asian American filmmaker Steve Ng, whose 1972 film "The Story of a Young Man" was the first film by an Asian to be shown in the cultural history in Boston's Chinatown. Moderators include Peter Chow, director of Picket Me My Cry and co-producer of Asian Cine Vision; Vivian Chen, assistant director of the Alliance for the Arts Education, John T. Kennedy Gerfert for Performing Arts, Dr. Amy Ling, Rockefeller Fellows in the Humanities Program, Associate Dean, Queen College, CUNY; Dr. Marko O'Neill, assistant professor of theater work at the University of Maryland-Stant-}

Placer JACL Slates 49th Goodwill Dinner

PENSKIN, Calif. — Cressey Nakagawa, National JACL president, will be the main speaker at Placer County JACL’s 49th annual goodwill dinner on Saturday, Oct. 20, 6 p.m., at the Placer Buddhist Church, 3190 Boyington Rd.

Said as a community public relations effort to combat anti-Japanese prejudice and discrimination in the 1940s, especially during the hectic wartime period after WWII, the dinner over the years has been the “finest event of its kind within the Placer Tri Valley area,” who addressed the group several times.

Local resident and national JACL treasurer Alan Nishi will be master of ceremonies. Mike Aho and E. Ken To- ko, CPA, are co-chair. As tickets will not be sold at the door, reservations at $20 per person are being accepted until Oct. 15 by (1) (916) 880-1833 or 653-0355.

PSWDC Election Slated at Las Vegas

Las Vegas, Nev. — The Pacific Southwest District will conduct its last quarterly meeting on Dec. 1-3 in Las Vegas, Nev. Election of officers for the coming district biennium will highlight the weekend, but the function is promoted by the host Las Vegas JACL. Accommodations will be at the Park Hotel ( downtown) and the meeting will be held in the Holiday Room of the California Club on Saturday, Dec. 2. Registration is $5 and includes continental breakfast and a luncheon buffet.

The room rate is $48.50/person based upon double occupancy for Friday and Saturday nights. The hotel has a $13 baggage handling charge for hotel guests coming by car. The round trip fare for the bus is $50. The bus is scheduled to leave from 244 A 6th St. at 6:30 on Saturday, Los Angeles (Regional office) at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 and leave Las Vegas at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3.

For further information contact the regional office at 244 A 6th St., No. 207, Las Vegas, Calif. 89101, (213) 626-4471.

CAL JACL Alumni Scholarships Available

The $15,000 for Enrollees in UC System

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Alumni Association JACL has awarded a total of $15,000 scholarships to students currently enrolled in any University of California system. The awards were presented Sept. 27 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel to recipients from Northern California. The recipients are:

Undergraduates: Diana Shigemori, Berkeley; Gary Asche, Berkeley; Christopher Delfong, Davis; Jonathan Kanda, Berkeley; Geoffrey Murase, Berkeley; Breanna Minter, Berkeley; Robert Miyasaka, Santa Barbara; Joo Nakashima, Redwood Grads: Kent Kawakami, Los Angeles; Anna Kawahara, Berkeley; Emily Murase, San Diego; and Dr. Anne Otsuki, Berkeley.

Additional Honors: Yamashita Yamanaka, Berkeley, and Lisa Goto, Santa Barbara, $250 each in recognition for studying Japanese to gain for academic excellence. A memorial award to Keith Abe, engineering major a 1989 CJAALA Award Committee chairman, will also be presented.

From Mr. Soy Noguchi in memory of his late brother Yoshusho. Similar presentations will be made to undergraduate students at schools in the state.

Guest speaker Yot Wada, member of the University of California Board of Regents, told the students that their responsibilities will be to their families and neighbors and to use their acquired knowledge for the benefit of all people of the world as well as their communities.

George Kondo, CJAALA president chairman the evening dinner, Mr. Noguchi scholarship chairman, presented the awards.

CJAALA Board of Trustees members in attendance were Hata Atsawa, Neal Taniguchi, Mrs. Eliza Nakamura, Akio Mochizuki and George Sekanani. Scholarships for the 1990-1991 academic year will go to undergraduates and graduate students in the sciences, medicine and related subjects. Applications can be obtained at the office of Financial Aid on any of the UC campuses. The applicant must be an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, returning or continuing at any University of California campus. Applications can also be obtained from CJAALA, P.O. Box 1521, San Francisco, 94115-0991.

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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

Ambassador Nobuo Matsunaga

In a few weeks Nobuo Matsunaga will leave his post as Japan’s Lambassador to Washington in the Foreign Ministry’s normal rotation. He has spent four and a half years in his charge of Japan’s most important diplomatic outpost. They have not been easy years.

Economic, having stepped out of Japan’s huge trade surplus, has been a persistent problem between two nations that are so heavily dependent on each other. In addition, Matsunaga has experienced personal problems, including the divorce and marriage, leaving him the Toshita matter, when it was revealed that strategic Japanese machine tools had been shipped to the Soviet, and the damaging 1959 incident when Japanese ships pummeled Nanking, Nanking appearing to make dispairing remarks about American minorities.

Ambassador Matsunaga’s fortiethness and skill as a diplomat had been all but obscured by this, and he was the proper man for these problems. As the counterpart of our Ambassador Mike Mansfield in Tokyo, Matsunaga demonstrated similar ability to make friends, make his country’s position clear, and help the two nations to understand each other.

All this is important to Japanese Americans, for friction between the country of our ancestry and the country of our birth and citizenship is extraordinary close to our heart. We are sorry to see Nobuo Matsunaga return to Tokyo, but to well-deserved retirement. We wish his successor well.

TRUE VOLIDY YOURS

HARRY K. HONDA

Nisei Search for Roots

Now that I come back from a three-week journey, having stumbled on the Japanese American World War II casualty list, I have had the chance to restate the American patriotic commitment to search for American Blood on the east coast.

VOIR THE INDO COUNTRY

I READ SOMEWHERE that House Majority Leader, U.S. Congressman Richard A. Gephardt (D-Mo.) is engaged in a cause for an ex-Nisei delegate to the 1959 World Congress of the International Democratic Peace Movement, and the Nippon Kanji, which has 2,500 basic characters needed to be able to read a newspaper. For a hard copy with the text in English and Japanese facing each other, and discussing various (Japa
dese) industries, get “Japanese Business Glossary” published by Mitsuhashi Corporation. This is an excellent way to force yourself to actually read the publication. The cover comes in several volumes, but one volume will hold you for a while. It’s small enough to fit into your pocket. These glossaries also provide an insight into Japanese thinking.

OTHER DICTIONARIES you must have are Kenkyusha’s Japanese-Eng lish (large book) which now costs $11 (I begrudgingly putting out $7 when I bought mine). Another “must” is Nelson’s “The Modern Reader’s Japanese-English Dictionary.” Be sure to read the foreword and the appendices, which is something I must find. Yes, get yourself a dictionary that is “alphabetized” in nihongo (it’s not alphabetized). It’s so you’re compelled to gain familiarity with the Japanese alphabet—the objective being to use a Japanese, not exclusively.

A BEST BUY is a pocket-sized, red-covered book by Barnes titled “Talking Business in Japan.” It is organized by vocabulary and industries, and with an English translation. It’s English and Japanese and vice versa. For $6.09, it’s a steal.

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JAPANESE PRESS TRANSLATIONS

Get Your Head Out of the Sand, America

The head of Japan Broadcasting Com-
pany (NHK) in U.S. operations is con-
sterned about terrorism's failure to extend to the
emergence of new economic and political
forces in West Europe and Asia. Writing in a
popular opinion journal, Yoshiki Hidaka
says Americans are reluctant to recognize
the European integration. West Germany's
desire for more independent expressions
and the growth of yen-dominated Asian
trade reflect the success of U.S. policies.
Rather than grumble and resort to insin-
uations, which is a Hidaka way to dissuade
the United States should continue to
exercise world leadership.

By Yoshiki Hidaka
(From View)

The Cold War is ending. Pax
Americanica is crumbling, and new
constellations of economic and political
power are emerging in Western Europe
and East Asia. These developments re-
flect the success of U.S. policies, but
instead of welcoming new challenges,
Uncle Sam is burying his head
in the sand.

During a trip to Washington in late
April, West German Foreign Minister
Hans-Dietrich Genscher alarmed U.S.
officials by announcing that the Iron
Curtain was collapsing and the Cold
War was over. The White House inter-
preted his terse statements as Bonn's de-
claration of independence from Ameri-
can tutelage. Genscher was in the U.S.
capitol to brief the Bush administration on
the political situation in West Germany.
With elections just around the corner,
Chancellor Helmut Kohl was caught
between a popular consensus favoring
closer ties with the Soviet Union and
U.S. pressure to maintain short-range
nuclear missiles on German soil.

European Community

In 1992, the European Community
will form a single market. The White
House views European economic inte-
gration as the first step toward German
reunification and a politically united,
independent Europe. Washington fears
this scenario will signal a return to the
powerful Europe of pre-World War II days.

But the Americans should have seen
it coming. After all, former President
Ronald Reagan set the stage for détente
by shaking hands with Soviet leader
Mikhail Gorbachev.

Born has been a staunch U.S. ally
only because of the Warsaw Pact tank
troops just across the border. With the
thraw in East-West relations, West
Germany breathed a sigh of relief.
As tensions eased, many began to question
the need for 245,000 U.S. troops in
Germany and an alliance with
Washington.

Meanwhile, Japan and Asia's newly
industrialized economies are moving
toward a yen-dominated economic
sphere. South Korea, Taiwan, Hong
Kong and Singapore are using their
huge export earnings to accumulate
yen, not dollars.

Rival Sphere in Asia

A rival economic bloc in Asia is
unwelcome to U.S. policymakers.
Recently, a top Bush administration
official reportedly charged that Japan has
suddenly become the new cold war em-
peror in a bid to revive the war-time
Greater East Asia Co-prosperity
Sphere.

Again, Washington is largely at
fault. It was U.S. pressure that forced
Japan to realign its currency vis-a-vis
to the dollar in 1985, almost doubling
the yen's value.

Americans have traditionally been
very powerful, stable competitors
in Europe and Asia. The United States
entered World War II mainly to prevent
Germany and Japan from establishing
regional hegemony.

Since 1945, U.S. global strategy has
focused on containing the Soviet
Union. President Reagan embarked
on a major military build-up to bring
the "Evil Empire" to its knees.

Political Changes Inevitable

Gorbachev's agreement in De-
ember 1987 to limit intermediate nu-
clear forces changed the game.
Washington should have realized that
Gorbachev would open a Pandora's box.

Unlike Reagan, Bush appears uncon-
cerned about how history will judge his
presidency. A talented technocrat who
prefers tactics to strategy, he is commit-
ted to preserving the status quo. The
U.S. media have criticized him for
being timid and unimaginative.

Despite Washington's visceral fear of
a United States of Europe and a
Japan-dominated trade zone in Asia,
U.S. leaders seem confused. They lack
both global perspective and historical
vision.

For the last 45 years, the United
States has provided Japan and the West
with firm, enlightened guidance. A re-
versal of the isolationism of the 1930s
and 1940s would be disastrous.

We have come too far together for
Washington to hesitate now. The East-Wed
confrontation is over, but without
strong U.S. leadership, the Free World
cannot come in from the cold.

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