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Bob Matsui Set to Run for U.S. Senate in '92

WASHINGTON-Last Friday (Jan. 12), the California newspapers ran front-page headlines and stories with Rep. Robert T. Matsui's picture, re-porting his intention to run for the U.S. Senate in 1992, the seat currently held by Sen. Alan Cranston.

The Sansei congressman from Sacramento has often expressed an interest in the senate if Cranston retired or if Sen. Pete Wilson left a vacancy by winning the 1990 gubernatorial campaign. And recent polls have shown Cranston losing his grip in wake of the Lincoln Savings and Loan scandal, especially in Northern California.

A Democrat, Matsui was first elected to Congress in 1978, a member of the powerful House Ways and Means committee, which shaped the recent tax reform measures. As Japanese Americans are well aware, he was personally committed to redress and a legislative leader in the House with other Nikkei members campaining for the bill.

(The Santa Barbara JACL announced Rep. Matsui will be guest speaker at their installation dinner Sunday, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m., at the Montecito Country Club. Tickets are \$22 per person with a Feb. 15 RSVP deadline. Information: Jane Uyesaka (all 805) 964-2209, Bernice Ohashi 966-6029, Reiko Uyesaka 962-2534. The neighboring San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria Valley and Ventura County JACL chapters, civic and district JACL officials and dignitaries have also been invited.)



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SANSEI APPOINTED TO RUN NEW CITY DEPARTMENT—Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley is appointing Lillian Kawasaki, 39, (at the podium)

as general manager of city's new Department of Environmental Affairs. She is the first Asian American department head ever to serve the city Flanking them are (left) Councilwoman Joan Milke Flores, whose motion created the new department, and members of the council's committee on the Environmental and Waste Management, chairman Marvin Braude, and Ruth Galanter. Joy Picus is the third committee member.

New L.A. City Department Seeks to Restore Environmental Quality of Life

LOS ANGELES-Mayor Tom Bradley, this past week (Jan. 12), announced the appointment of Lillian Kawasaki as the first general manager of the newly-created Department of Environmental Affairs, which is expected to establish city policy on air pollution. Santa Monica Bay, resource conservation and other issues that affect the quality of life in Los Angeles.

is currently director of environmental management for the city's Harbor Department, where she has been since 1978 after receiving her B.S. in zoology and M.S. degree in biology at Cal State Los Angeles. She has been the port's environmental scientist, focusing on reducing the pollutants in the harbor activities and surrounding area.

Bradley explained in addition to working with the city family for a unified approach to environmental restoration, Kawasaki will also serve as a public educator on the environmentabout recycling, water and energy conservation, ridesharing, tree-planting and hundreds of other deeds "that wwill ;materially iumprove our environmental quality.

Subject to confirmation of the city council, her biweekly rate of pay will be \$3,180 as a general manager.

Dr. Les Hata Assumes NCWNP Governor Post as Gov. Yosh Nakashima Resigns

By George Johnston

Former Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council Vice Gov. Les Hata became governor of the JACL district Nov. 9, 1989, following the resignation of Dr. Yoshio Nakashima from the position.

In a recent telephone interview, Hata said the board was "surprised" at Nakashima's decision. Asked about the status quo of the district, Hata said, "We want to make sure we have everything together for the (1990 JACL) convention and get the district's feeling on

Peruvian Nisei Open Own Bureau in Japan

LOS ANGELES-Under auspices of the Pan American Nikkei Association-Peru Branch, an office to assist Peruvian Nikkei in Japan has been established in Kawasaki, a Tokyo suburb, it was announced here this week by Isaac Higa, a Nisei attorney in Lima.

The Oficina de Apovo Nikkei, headed by Alberto Morioka, is being supported by three Peruvian Nikkei credit unions, Credit Bank of Peru and PANA. The office will provide remittance services in dollars from Japan to Peru, FAX communication and general information to Peruvian Nikkei working as contract laborers in Japan.

Higa represented the Lima institutions to organize the office in Japan in order to by-pass agents who are exploiting the Latin American Nikkei in Japan being charged excessive fees to send money home.

Higa met Jan. 15 with Noritoshi Kanai, president of PANA-USA, and Fred I. Wada, longtime benefactor of Nikkei causes and PANA. The Latin became vice governor. Hata has served American Nikkei problem in Japan is on the board of the San Francisco Chapon the PANA agenda, Kanai added.

the Legacy Fund."

Citing "personal and significant" reasons for decision, Nakashima of San Francisco informed the NCWNPDC Executive Board of his intention to resign in a letter dated Nov. 20, 1989. Although the letter stated that Nakashima would resign pending a new election, the board decided that rather than having an election, Hata would succeed him without an election. Hata, a dentist living in El Cerrito, Calif., assumed the duties officially on Dec. 9.

Although Nakashima did say "dissatisfaction" was part of reason for resigning, he declined to elaborate. He stated that he will be "totally removed" minimum of two years and possibly longer, but qualified that by saying he would support certain JACL-related activities based on his feelings and who umnist William Norwich. did the asking.

In resigning from the post, Nakashima also resigned from the district's Executive Committee so as to not influence their activities subsequent to his resignation. "Knowing what I know, I would have a hard time keeping my mouth shut," he said. Asked if he had any message to JACL members, he said, "People at the chapter level need to be more vocal about JACL and its future." In the 1988 presidential race for the national JACL, Nakashima, who had been a candidate, dropped out leaving Mollie Fujioka the sole candidate until Helen Kawagoe and Cressey Nakagawa threw their hats into the ring in a campaign eventually won by

With Hata's ascension to district governor, former National JACL administrative director Neal Taniguchi

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Nikkei Beginning to Note Media's 'Japan-Bashing'

NEW YORK-Japanese and Japanese Americans have long been quiet about many stories appearing in recent years from JACL activities at any level for a over American alarm of the Japanese economic clout and infiltration, New York JACL president Lillian Kimura recently told New York Daily News col-

> "But more and more we are beginning to protest this sort of media treatment." she said.

There is a remembrance that this country (Japan) was at war with us 40 years ago. That and the feeling we can't bear people doing things better than

Communications director Tadao Fujimatsu for Japan Air Lines thinks Americans should see Japanese investment here as a sign of respect.

But Glenn Bernbaum, owner of a society eatery in Manhattan, snapped at Japanese shoppers who recently approached him for street directions.

"Our prejudices are in no small measure the result of Japanese economic clout and their making of acquisitions here (e.g. Mitsubishi's purchase of Rockefeller Center)," he said.

Columnist Norwich asks: "Would society tolerate the open resentment Bernbaum unloaded if it were directed at African Americans or Jews?"

Verification Letters Being Sent to 85-86 Age Group

ORA Estimates Over 60,000 Eligible Survivors as of 1988

Verification Letters, and since Dec. 21 is contacting those in the 85-86 age group. Some older people however whose verification is more difficult remain to be contacted.

In the Verification Letter, ORA notifies a person that they have been found preliminarily eligible for redress and requests documentation in order for ORA to confirm the invidivual's iden-

'We're trying to encourage people to respond to the Verification Letter as soon as they can," said Robert Bratt, Redress administrator.

We have a lot to accomplish, since money for Redress payments is now definite for the 1991 fiscal year. We're hoping everyone will respond quickly. If people are hesitating because they're having difficulty with their documentation, we encourage them to call our help-line number which appears in their

Bratt noted that thanks to efforts by A resident of Fountain Valley, she many in the community, the number of non-notarized photocopies submitted during documentation has dropped. However, he cautioend individuals who prefer to submit documentation with the authenticity clause in lieu of notarization, to make sure they include proper wording of the clause before signing.

Hawaii Justice Leaves **High Court with Praises**

HONOLULU-Associate Justice Edward Nakamura, 67, retired just before Christmas, completing nearly 10 years on the high court. A legal scholar who developed a judicial reputation for fairness, the 442nd RCT veteran drew high praise from judges, prosecutors and

WASHINGTON - The Office of Re- "There are some key words we simply dress Administration continues to issue must see," said Bratt. "Without them, we have no choice but to return the documentation for correction. I'd suggest using the full wording to avoid any mistakes.

Full wording for the authenticity clause is provided in the documentation instructions ORA sends

Higher Number of Survivors

In its daily efforts to review the cases of everyone eligible for Redress, ORA has uncovered a higher number of surviving eligibles than originally predicted. "Earlier this year we contracted for an independent actuarial study to determine the number of redress eligi-

'Congressional estimates had placed the number of eligible survivors as of 1988 at 60,000, and our actuary estimated that there were 64,000 eligibles. Since we've begun sending out Verification Letters, we now think there's a possibility the number could go even higher than that," Bratt declared.

The ORA actuarial study estimated that the total number of survivors over 90 years of age to be 1,013 as of 1989. "But," said Bratt, "once we actually began reviewing cases, we found that number to be approximately 40 percent

Bratt added that ORA cannot predict at this time if that rate will hold throughout the eligible population.

The finding of a larger number of eligibles is not unique. Bratt pointed out. Recently the Canadian Redress program also reported it had discovered a higher number of Japanese Canadians eligible for redress than estimated. "While we've been somewhat surprised by the number of survivors, I think it's very positive news to know that more

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Sacramento's Day of Remembrance Planned

SACRAMENTO - Rep. Robert T. Matsui will co-sponsor the 1990 Day of Remembrance program, Sat., Feb. 17, at the Courtyard Atrium, 35th Avenue and Freeport Blvd. in the south side. Other co-sponsors are the valley chapters of the JACL. The event will be a giant pot-luck dinner. Those wishing to contribute food for the celebration should contact the following: (all 916) Sacramento JACL office, 447-0231; Toko Fujii, 441-7900 or 421-2112 (eves.); Nancy Akabori, 428-2739; Curtis Namba, 443-8570 (Florin); Ellen Kubo, 652-6658 (Placer); Momo Hatamiya, 743-5654 (Marysville); George Baba, 478-8917 (Stockton); or Frank Sasaki, 334-2376 (Lodi).

WLA JACL Sponsoring Yuji Ichioka Lecture

LOS ANGELES - Historian Yuji Ikchioka, author of The Issei: The World of the First Generation Japanese Immigrants 1885-1924 and Views from Within: The Japanese American Evacuation and Resettlement Study, will speak about his current research on second-generation Japanese Americans on Tues., Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m., at the West Los Angeles Buddhist Church, corner of Corinth and La Grange in the Sawtelle district. The free lecture is sponsored by the West Los Angeles JACL, the first in its series on present-day community issues. Ichioka, a research associate at the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, will analyze the concept of Japanese Americans as a "bridge of understanding" between the U.S. and Japan and how that concept impacted Nisei growing up in the 1920s and 1930s. For information, call Glenn Omatsu, UCLA Asian American Studies, (213) 825-3415.

Milton Ozaki, Mystery Writer, Publisher Dies

DENVER, Colo.-Milton K. Ozaki, 76, died at his home in Reno on Nov. 7 Born in Racine, Wis., he had lived in several cities including Chicago, Kenosha, Evergreen and Littleton, Colo. Writer of mystery and detective novels (1948-1960), publisher of the Philatelic Investor (1960-1972) and member of the American Contract Bridge League Life Master, he had retired in Reno and completed writing three books which will be published posthumously. (In 1974, the Denver court fined him for marketing his "mini turbo-charger," an item advertised as an auto gas-saving device after the state attorney general filed fraud charges. He was also featured in a Mike Royko column (Feb. 6, 1974, Chicago Sun Times) as president of Colorado State Christian College of the Inner Power, at Evergreen, who was allegedly selling honorary degrees by mail.)

Replica of Kanrin Maru to Sail Into S.F. for 'Tulipmania' Festivities

SAN FRANCISCO - A special feature of Tulipmania this year will be tours March 8 and 9 of the 216-footlong Kanrin-Maru, a replica of the first Japanese ship to cross the Pacific Ocean. The Dutch-built ship docked in San Francisco 130 years ago on March 17, 1860, carrying Japan's first diplomatic delegation.

A gala parade of ships and yachts will greet the Kanrin-Maru as she sails under the Golden Gate Bridge on March 7, to a berth adjacent to Pier 39.

More than 15,000 multi-colored tulips will be on display during Pier 39's Tulipmania March 3-18. This annual event celebrating the tulip has become a springtime tradition and is one of the Bay Area's largest tulip displays.

Tulipmania offers free guided landscaping tours daily at 10 a.m. from the Entrance Plaza. Free horticulture seminars are also offered, as well as group

In conjunction with Tulipmania, Pier \$10,000 Grant Awarded 39 will salute the Kanrin-Maru's historic voyage with an enter-to-win contest featuring a trip for two to Japan's Nagasaki Holland Village, a recon-

(415) 391-0850. For information about tory of the Japanese American experi-Tulipmania call (415) 981-PIER or (800) 325-7437 outside California.



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GILROY JACL'S PAST PRESIDENTS HONORED—Being honored at the 35th anniversary Gilroy JACL celebration in 1989 were its past presidents (from left): back—Shig Yamane, H. Nagareda, Bennie Yamane, John Kado, Bob Hirfahara, Johnnie Hanamoto, Sam Soda, Misgo Niizawa. Robert Kishimura and Eric Nagareda; front—Allan Kawafuchi, Nori Shiba, Masaru "Moose" Kunimura, Manabe Hirasaki, Roy Uyeno and Sam Yamanaka. Not Pictured—Hiroshi Kunimura, Joe Obata, Jack Nakano, Tom Obata, Ray Yamagishi, Lawson Sakai, James Ogawa, Tak Shiba and Atsuko Obata.

to '90 NJAHS Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO — The National Japanese American Historical Society struction of a 17th century-era Dutch was granted \$10,000 by the San Francisco Foundation to continue its mission For Tulipmania group tours, call to interpret and preserve the total hisence on a nationwide basis. The fund is approved for use toward programs to increase members and improve nembership records on a new computerized system.

> With increasing programs, the NJAHS has nearly tripled its member-

ship during the past few years.

Pac Bell Donates \$5,000 to JCCCNC; \$15,000 Total

SAN FRANCISCO — The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of cently announced that Pacific Bell has donated \$5,000 towards the Phase II Community Hall/Gymnasium which Asian Business Seminar will be directly applied towards the purchase of the public address system which will be installed in the new addi- ST. LOUIS, Mo. - Anheuser-Busch

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on Management Slated

Companies, Inc. recently contributed \$500 to the Asian Management Busident, said, "Pacific Bell has been sup- ness Association (AMBA) of Seattle to portive of the center since its early support their leadership education semistages. This brings the total to \$15,000 nar. The announcement of the grant was that Pacific Bell has donated towards made by Andrew I. Sun, manager of

The grant will support one of two The Pacific Bell representative Carol education seminars being held by AMBA in Washington. The objective in assisting us in her role as the commu- for the seminar is to furnish Asian pronity liaison for the company," added fessionals and business leaders with the Charles Morimoto, executive director, tools that are needed in order to be in-"She is very knowledgeable about the fluential and effective leaders in their

Apart from the seminar on leadership preciate the assistance and the sensitiv- development, AMBA has sponsored ity that Pacific Bell has demonstrated annual conferences, recognition awards for business achievement, and a series of other educational workshops,

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LOS ANGELES-Nobu McCarthy, artistic director of East West Players, and long time actress, will be the keynote speaker at the installation dinner for the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California (JAHSSC). The dinner will be held on Saturday Feb. 24. Location of the dinner is the La Marina Restaurant in Playa del Rey.

The 1990 slate for JAHSSC Board

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Members of the Japanese American Vietnam Veterans Association will also be honored at the dinner in appreciation of their contributions to further understanding of the World War II camp experience, through their design and construction of the Manzanar diorama and sponsorship of the "Camp Exhibit" during the 1989 Nisei Week Festival, which was seen by more than 10,000

J.A. Vietnam Veterans

For information about the dinner and membership, write to P.O. Box 3164, Torrance, CA 90510-3164, or call its current president, Sue K. Embrey, (213) 662-5102. Members will receive the JAHSSC newsletter and be able to participate in numerous activities during their membership year. Individual memberships are \$15; couple, \$20; students and seniors, \$5 and \$25 for support organizations.

Florin JACL Offering Scholarships to Local Prep, College Graduates

ELK GROVE, Calif. — The scholar-ship committee of the Florin JACL is seeking qualified high school seniors and college students for its scholarship awards. Scholarships of up to \$2000 are being offered.

Scholarship selection criteria are: academic achievement, leadership ability, and the Asian American community involvement.

Applications will be distributed to local high schools and Japanese American churches in early January. Additional forms can be obtained by calling

Twila Tomita, scholarship chairperson at (916) 393-5007. Students from all Sacramento and Elk Grove area high schools with parents of Japanese ancestry or parents who are JACL members are welcome

to apply. Student membership in JACL is not a prerequisite. Candidates may not apply to both Sacramento JACL and Florin JACL The deadline for submitting forms is

April 1, 1990. A grade point average of 3.0 or higher is required, as is U.S. citizenship. Oral interviews are also required and will be held on the morning of Saturday, April 14. Applicants must be available that date for the interview.

Last year the Florin Chapter awarded six scholarships. Recipients were:

Nora Asahara (Kennedy High), Courtney toto (Mills College), Lisa Harada (Kennedy High), Diana Kado (Davis High), Kathlene Ogata (Valley High), and Matthew Satow (Elk Grove High)

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JACL PRESIDENT PROFILE:

The Nisei Constable, Marshal and Ombudsman Stayed Low-Key, But His Brand of Service Wasn't

By Eiko Sakamoto

LOOMIS, CALIF. Hike Yego has served people all his life. And this is a service that has made him a happy man,

Nearing 80, he will celebrate on Ground Hog Day in 1990. Yego continues to serve as ombudsman for the community of Loomis, especially for his Japanese countrymen.

Yego, who went to grammar school in Newcastle, was nicknamed "Hike" by the children who attended school with him. "They couldn't pronounce my name, Masayuki," he reveals. "They could only get out something that sounded like 'Hike' and it has stuck ever since. When I ran for office I had to officially change it, so legally I am now Hike Yego.'

Yego was born and raised in Newcastle and like most Nisei, was a farm boy on his family's fruit ranch. He attended local schools and Placer High School. He then operated a grocery store in Newcastle. During this time he also served as deputy constable to Township Constable Tom French.

This experience was to lead him into his life's work even during his internment at Tule Lake concentration camp to where he was moved after the outbreak of the war. In July of 1942, he and his family were shipped to the concentration camp, where he was made the supervisor of internal security before he was relocated to Idaho.

He left behind a 120 acre farm which he leased to a shipping firm. When he returned he was in debt \$68,000. "Some farmers made millions while we were interned," stated Yego. "We had to overcome a lot of things after the war. There was a lot of fear and prejudice. I don't think it will ever happen again," he said with sadness and hope.

Upon returning to Placer County, Yego helped his brother Tom operate a fruit ranch in Ophir and during his spare time he assisted returnees to get resettled. He served as liaison between then District Attorney Dan Higgins and Sheriff Bill Scott, both since retired, and the Japanese community on legal and law enforcement matters.

He was co-founder and charter president of the Nikkei organized Central Gas Co. of Loomis, "We had to help returning Japanese get service when they were denied service," stated Yego.

Yego's next job was as a field man for the Newcastle Fruit Growers Association. He later became manager of this organization. He was in charge of the pear packing operation until he foresaw the decline in fruit shipping and he took a whirl at the insurance and securities profession.

He then became the constable for the area. As the area grew, the population grew and law enforcement became more complicated. Justice

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HIKE YEGO

court judges were moved up the ladder to municipal court judgeships and once low-ranked township constables were given an image facelift and they were titled marshals. Presiding Justice of the Peace Cosma Sakamoto and Yego were among those reassigned.

In all the time he served as constable and marshal, Yego stayed the same low-key fellow he always was. He never wore a uniform as constable but he did have to as a marshal. This was the only change he made. Because of his capable handling of the job and his fairness, he was handily re-elected for a second term.

"Some people get a star and a gun and they think they have the world by the tail," he remarked. "I never handcuffed any prisoner I was delivering unless the sheriff made me do it. If you don't show your authority, in a do-it-orelse attitude, most people will treat you right. I always told them, you treat me right and I'll treat you right, too.'

Yego told one prisoner he should really get his life together and suggested he try to go to church. The soft-spoken advice fell on a heart ready for advice and one day Yego received a call from Hawaii where the man had moved after his release. He just wanted Yego to know he had made a change in his life and things were really going well for him and he wanted to thank him for the well-spoken advice.

Yego says helping people was just a way of life for his family. He speaks with pride of the many things his brother, Tom, now deceased, did for others. His Dad was president of their church and he was also well respected. he remembers. So it was natural for him to serve others.

He continues to serve by helping people fill out legal forms, going with them to appointments, writing letters and filling many other needs. His well worn datebook is filled to capacity.

He served on the Alcohol Advisory Council for over 10 years and is cur-

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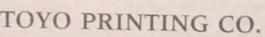
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309 So. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 90013 (213) 626-8153 rently a board member of the Placer Buddhist Church and a vice chairman of the Penryn Advisory Council.

His greatest efforts continue to be for "his people." He is serving his third year as chapter president of the Placer County Japanese American Citizens League. JACL is a service club, Yego explains. "If there is a Japanese problem we try to deal with it.'

He was happy that Congress has made it possible to begin passing out the money that has been promised his generation for redress. "This is way overdue. They need to begin right now to pay off all those over 90," emphasizes Yego.

Yego laments that many of the beloved young people are moving away and that so many of the newcomers to the town are strangers to him now.

"When I was constable and marshal, I knew nearly everyone by their first name. Now, nearly 80 percent of the people I see here are newcomers. If there was more industry here, I think the young people would stay," he points out. Young people are very dear to him. He served on the Placer County School Board for 14 years.

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San Jose Yu-Ai Kai Seniors Hold 'Bonen-Kai'

SAN JOSE - San Jose Yu-Ai Kai celebrated the end of the year with its annual "Bonen-Kai" on Dec. 2 at the Wesley Methodist Church. It drew approximately 170 seniors and volunteers, the biggest crowd in years.

Special entertainment was provided by the Santa Clara Valley Japanese Christian Church Harmonica Group. Keiichi Okamoto, the favorite entertainer from the 1988 Bonen-Kai, performed three numbers.

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Bruce Mori, RRT:

Hospital Worker Shaken from Nap by Quake Jumps to Action

Quake," by Francie Scott in the Advance for Respiratory Therapists (Oct. 30, 1989).

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF. At neighboring Watsonville Community Hospital, a triage center was set up in the parking lot, and doctors worked outside the building by the light of emergency generators. Bruce

Mori, RRT, clinical coordinator of respiratory care, recalled one patient who was treated outdoors. The man had been tossed through a secondfloor window from the rocking of his water bed, and he suffered severe lacerations.

"They were actually stitching the guy up outside the hospital," he said.

Mori was taking a nap at home when the quake occurred, and he jumped from his bed before he was showered with falling books from a nearby bookcase. He made sure his children were OK, turned off the water and gas supplies to his and his neighbor's homes, and then set out for the hospital.

En route, he encountered a few snags on what was usually a five-minute drive. Clouds of gas gushed from ruptured mains, and fires broke out in the rubble. The air was pierced by the sound of sirens. He recalled seeing people crying, their faces filled with terror.

And there were plenty of problems awaiting him at the 130-bed hospital. Windows had shattered on the fourth floor, and patients had to be evacuated. The damaged section included a medical/surgical wind and a critical care unit. Fortunately no patients were on ventilators.

The oxygen liquidation tank came off its foundation and almost toppled over, cutting the supply to the hospital. About 25 oxygen patients were hooked up to portable systems, but respiratory managers knew the sup-

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Excerpts from the article, "RTs Rock with the ply would not last through the night The sheriff's department was called in to find emergency cylinders. The crisis was averted when engineers at the hospital established a line between the main tank and the reserve tank and were able to replenish the oxygen supply.

Three babies were born prematurely in the hours following the quake, and two needed ventilatory support. One was transferred to Stanford Hospital and the other remained in Watsonville's Level 2 crticial nur-

Bruce Mori is a member of the Watsonville JACL and his mother, Meriko, submitted the story in response to a letter of concern from the Lodi JACL. She also is active with the PSWDC and Greater L.A. Singles Chapter.

REDRESS

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of those who actually faced intermment will live to see redress," he said.

Form for Deceased Eligibles

In other areas of the redress program, ORA reports that it is developing a form that can be used to report information on deceased eligibles. Said Bratt,

"Last year we developed our Voluntary Information Form because a standardized format seemed to make people contacting us more comfortable. Now, many are asking what they should do when they know of someone who has died. So, again, we're trying to make it easier for those who want to submit information to us. This way people won't be concerned over whether they've included all the information we need in a letter.'

According to ORA the new form will request security number, date of birth, place and date of death. The new form will be ready for distribution, but those wishing to send letters can still do so.

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EDITORIALS OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

Ennis

IN any overview of Japanese American history, it is the villains who first come to mind. People like Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, who had scant respect for the sanctity of citizenship, took the attitude of "a Jap's a Jap" and ordered his West Coast domain cleansed of any person with as little as one-sixteenth Japanese blood, People like Karl R. Bendetson, DeWitt's right hand man described by the Army's official historian as "the most industrious advocate of mass evacuation.'

But we must not forget those who dared stand up against the bigots and racists and the weak-kneed Democrats who supported the common wisdom that Japanese Americans were a national security problem in 1942 and that something drastic had to be done.

One such courageous American was Edward Ennis who died earlier this month at age 82. When the Evacuation was being considered Ennis was a young attorney in the Department of Justice. He was among those present at a conference in Attorney General Francis Biddle's home the night Biddle agreed to support the mass evacuation of Japanese American citizens and aliens from the West

Morton Grodzins, in his book Americans Betrayed, reports that Ennis and his colleague, James Rowe, argued desperately with Biddle. Wrote Grodzins, "Ennis, as he made a last appeal for the individual examination of citizens, looked as if he were going to cry." But Biddle yielded to pressures from the Army and senior members of the cabinet and decided not to oppose what obviously was a violation of constitutional rights.

After Ennis left government he took a leading role in the American Civil Liberties Union, serving as president from 1967 to 1977. He joined JACL's 1000 Club and assisted its Anti-Discrimination Committee in campaigns for Issei naturalization. Over the years Ennis consulted closely with Mike Masaoka during Masaoka's civil rights battles as JACL's Washington representative

The current ACLU president, Norman Dorsen, has described Ennis as "one of the all-time heroes of American civil liberties." Japanese Americans have many reasons to agree.

Our Flag Re-Dressed

CEVERAL years ago (nine, to be exact), the Pacific Citizen added Itwo overlapping orbs depicting the two hemispheres as part of a newly designed flag - thanks to the artistry of San Francisco graphic designer and advertising agency director Hatsuro Aizawa. He had submitted several drafts and the P.C. Board and staff chose the two orbs which clearly outline the Pacific Rim nations. The two orbs had replaced the JACL logo, which had been on the left side - until this past week when we quietly suggested the logo ought to be more eye-catching. Our Holiday Issue production chief Mas Imon toyed with the individual pieces in the flag and, voilà, the two orbs have been moved front & center and we found that has enhanced the appearance of our flag overall.

In some respects, the placement of the two orbs in the center is similar to the original design of the 1930s, but there was only one orb then — the map of the Pacific Ocean with lines of the latitudes and longitudes criss-crossing the map (see below.). It can be said that Mas Imon's eye and design have a classic touch.



YEGO

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Yego and his wife, Alice, have three daughters and a son in their blended family. They also have five grandchil-

With the war and all the changes in his life. Yego is not a bitter man. "If I had it to do all over again, I would go to school," he says wistfully. He would like to have traveled more. He would still like to see Hawaii, Japan and Europe, someday

He is proud of his service to the people of Loomis. "People have always been my whole life," he says,

The people of Loomis have been greatly enriched by the service of this quiet, unassuming man with the gentle seemed powerful enough), I've never





FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

Japanese Take Lead in Toilet Tech

mericans visiting Japan for the Afirst time are surprised to discover that, after they leave their hotels, the rest rooms are not nearly so modern as some other facilities such as the subway system or the bullet trains.

In fact, the public toilets in some places like Narita International Airport and the Shinkansen station in downtown Tokyo are, to put it kindly, not much better than disgraceful. Since they are inadequate to begin with the little old cleaning ladies, who shuffle in and out regardless of occupancy, just can't keep up with their chores.

This shouldn't be too surprising in a country where until recently there was a very casual attitude toward normal bodily functions and modern sewage systems had a low priority. Thus it was a bit startling to read about a computerized toilet stool which is the newest thing in Japanese bathroom equipment.

The news item appeared in the "New From Japan" section of the January issue of Business Tokyo, a lively English language monthly whose publisher is Ko Shioya, former editor of the now defunct Japanese language edition of Reader's Digest. (I recommend Business Tokyo; lately it's become an excellent source of information about Japanese business.) The headline over the

"Finally, a product that makes time spent in the bathroom worthwhile. Toto Ltd., Omron Tateisi Electronics Co. and communications giant Nippon Telegraph and Telephone have rigged together High Tech Toilet. While the user answers the call of nature, the toilet checks his or her blood pressure and takes a urine sample. The result of up to 130 tests are stored on the subject's personal integrated circuit card. The data then can be transmitted to a central computer for physicians to check. With a bow to comfort and convenience, the Toto toilet warms the seat, washes itself and can be operated by remote control! \$2,500 (350,000 yen) plus optional equipment.'

machine? Or maybe a personal com- arrived.

puter with built-in laser printer?

I suppose something like this was inevitable after the Japanese a few years ago introduced electrically-heated toilet seats designed to pamper cold-sensitive s backsides. Since Japanese bathrooms toilet story is "A Healthy Flush" and it are seldom heated, these seats had a certain utility

> What a far cry High-Tech Toilet is from the squatter-type porcelain facilities still common to Japanese homes and many public places. The squatters are strictly utilitarian without regard for comfort. Installed flush to floor level, they have terrorized countless overweight Americans with weak knees who feared they never would be able to return to an upright position after taking care of their needs. How does one call for help if he/she is unable to stand?

In parts of Southeast Asia nations have leapt from the ox cart age to jet aircraft in a single bound. In Japan, it There's no explanation about what is from squatter toilet fixtures to eleckind of optional equipment is available. tronic and automated physical examina-A television set, maybe, with a video tions while taking care of basic human cassette library? A telephone? A fax functions. The brave new world has



EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

"Shigaretto"

THEY WERE KNOWN as "Luckies" and the cigarettes came in dark green packages with the round red ball in the middle. Sometime after America entered WWII, the green turned to white, which didn't make any sense to me unless the green was consuming some explosive chemicals that we needed in the war effort. A GI pulling out a white pack, more easily gives himself away than a dark, green pack-

But for whatever reason, even the cigarette's advertiser's devised a jingle: 'Lucky Strike green has gone to war.' I never understood that one either, to this day-unless, as I say, the green contained nitroglycerin.

IN POSTWAR JAPAN, "Luckies" appeared to be the favorite of the populace, elbowing out "Camels," 'Chesterfields" and others out of the underground black market. Not being a connoiseur of shiga-retto's (the puffs that I've taken of any one of them understood why the Nipponjin's fa-

vored "Luckies" unless the hino-maru in the middle of the package was an unspoken way of demonstrating patriotic commitment.

Perhaps, there's someone out there who has the answer.

IF IT WAS some kind of patriotic fervor that impelled the Japanese to favor "Lucky Strikes," such is no longer the case, if one is to judge by today's sales in Nippon. Of the 10 highest selling foreign brands, "Luckies' are second from the bottom. The top is occupied by Philip Morris with its shiga-retto known as "Milds," followed by: "Kent Milds," "PM Superlights," "Parliament," "Merit," with "Luckies," and then ending with "Vantage." (Yes, it doesn't add up to "ten." but included in the numbering were couple with the same name but different

From this recital, one might guess Superlight" could out-sell the whole bunch in Japan.

FOREIGN CIGARETTES, which

for all practical purposes means U.S cigarettes, accounted for just 2.4% of sales in 1985; in the first half of 1989 alone, sales have sextupled. Although American tobacco companies may dominate the foreign market, 67 producers from 27 countries bring in 297 types of tobacco, resulting in 157

No wonder they have smog in the

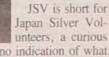
THE JAPANESE WORD for tobacco is tabako which, obviously, is a phonetic pronunciation of a Western word. Did the "Black Ships" introduce tabako along with firearms, steam engines, and so on? I did check the dictionary and observed the kanji "ran, which means "orchid" but is apparently used to refer to the Dutch. Ranjin, for example, means Dutch people and Rango refers to the Dutch language. By then, I'm coming to the conclusion that a cigarette with the name "Mild that it was the Dutch who introduced the samurai to the carcogenic leaf.

I've never seen anyone "roll their own" in a jidai movie. Have you?

MOSHI MOSHI

JIN KONOMI

Japan's "Silver Citizens"



it represents. As odd as the name is, the thing so named is even more odd, given the general perception of Japan as an arrogant, money-made, self-centered society. JSC is the organization that sends out volunteers anywhere in the world to do any work whatsoever that is needed.

The symbolism of "silver" through the Japanese media illustrates a bizarre semantic process through which English terms pass, and come out endowed with meanings which cannot be found either in Oxford or Webster dic-

In the early '70s the aging of the Japanese population suddenly accelerated. At 55, most retirees had plenty more years left, and what to do with them, and what to let them do became a pressing social problem. On the fuzzy understanding of the classic concept of the Silver Age, some one thought of them as being in their silver years, and silver became the euphemistic adjective for old age. Then some ambitious entrepreneurs conceived the idea of creating retirement colonies for them abroad-California, Mexico, Spain, or Australia, wherever land was cheap and prices low, with benign climate. They, or the media, began calling the project Silver Colombia.

'Silver'/Retiree Concept

The sheer arrogance of such a Japanese-centered concept was widely criticized, and the plan just faded away. But silver as symbol for the retiree stratum of society remained in the national thinking.

In the meanwhile, the Overseas Youth Cooperation Corps, the Japanese counterpart of the Peace Corps, was being swamped with applications from these newly-idled seniors. They were able-bodied, had many skills and were willing to work. But because of the age limit-37 of the Youth Corps, they could not be taken on. Some Japanese leaders with international vision began wondering if these retirees could not be reorganized as Silver Brigade, to go out in the world and work as volunteers. As if on cue the Asahi of June 12, 1977, came out with an editorial: Teinen Boku yo, Kaigai ni Hiyakushiyoi (People who have been retired mandatorily, Let's Go Abroad and Do Things!) Best translation by yours truly.

So the movement got afoot: 200 seniors came to the first meeting; 18 were elected to the Planning Committee. At the planning session one week later, Keiichi Okada was named to head the secretariat to handle administrative details. The organization was named the Japan Silver Volunteers (JSV). Takeshi Watanabe, the former president of the Asia Development Bank, the originator of the idea, became the president. I mentioned Watanabe's background to suggest some bankers have visions beyond a pile of money.

Registration fee was set at ¥3,000. Two hundred registered that evening JSV would pay the travel expenses, but once at the destination, the volunteer is strictly on his own, living on his own pension, taking care of his own needs, and doing whatever the host community wants done. All registrants were eager to get started on such conditions.

Nauru is a little dot in the South Seas, near the equator and 2,500 miles southwest of Hawaii. Only 8.5 square miles in area, still it is a republic, population 8,900 (1988). Biggest producer of phosphates in the world, the country is rich—the per capita annual income \$20,000. With such affluence, the people have many automobiles. As of the beginning of this story, half of them were out of commission, including the president's Mercedes Benz, and there were no mechanics to repair them.

Japan Silver Vol- consulate did not think a 57-year-old unteers, a curious man would not be able to stand the name that gives no indication of what torrid climate. It took Handa and Okada four visits to convince the consulate that Handa was a veteran of many South Pacific battles in the last war, that the climate was no problem.

> So Handa became volunteer No. I to go abroad. At Nauru, with the few tools he took along, he repaired the president's Mercedes Benz, and JSV was off to an auspicious start.

Handa later moved on to Indonesia, settled permanently, and became a follower of Islam.

Twelve-Year Accomplishments

In the 12 years since its inception, JSV has sent 616 volunteers to all corners of the world. Breakdown: China-338; Sri Lanka-57; Indonesia-34; Malaysia-31; Philippines-24; Solomon Islands-13; Palau-11; No. Marianna Federated Republics-11; Nauru-10; Thailand-9; Taiwan-7.

Assignments vary from one to two weeks to over a year; some go to same countries several times. O.K. Sato, 74, has gone to Sri Lanka six times since 1980, staying on the average three months each visit. He has worked at a training center for the handicapped. His real name is Kichiro. He came by his nickname because he responds to any request-mowing grass, washing dishes, cleaning toilets, whatever, with a cheerful "Yosh!, O.K.!" Going and returning, he paid his own passage.

Choichi Ogiwara, 71, has gone to China as expert tanner 30 times since 1985. When he did not return after the bloody Tiananmen, many friends, who did not know what happened in Beijing, sent fax inquiries to his home why he hadn't returned.

At 84, Susumu Akemi is the oldest volunteer. He has visited China six times since '85. "I was born again, thanks to JSV," he says. "Young people of China learn my skill (he is a press operator), and they teach the generations to follow. Isn't this a common intellectual good of the mankind? Even now I am ready to go anywhere if I am

Director Okada, retired corporation executive and formerly soil-expert, had a dream. He would go to some remote, struggling country and improve its agriculture so the country would be self-sufficient. So he was among the earliest applicants for overseas assignment. But he was the only man with organizing experience, and so was prevailed on to stay at home and manage

Including Okada there are 11 workers at the Secretariat, all but one of them volunteers. They also had wanted overseas assignments where they would be able to put their collective lifelong expertise to work in virgin fields. But ev also had been prevailed on to stay at home to assist Okada. They are paid only transportation money, and their volunteer insurance premiums. The office is open from about 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Saturdays and Sundays. As customary in all Japanese offices, visitors are served tea, but it is each of the workers who makes the tea. Very often the director is seen working past 8 at night. The last work he does is to wash all the tea cups, dry them and return them to the cupboard.

There is no receptionist, and no sinecure in this office.

At the first interview, many applicants say, "I have such 'n' such academic and employment record. This, and my title at retirement was so - so. Is there some country where my experience will be useful?" Okada's answer is always: "Please forget your past titles and citations. Please come back in two months as a plain individual with only Japanese nationality."

Okada thinks that unless the applicants can grow out of the Japanese JSV offered a mechanic, Kozo mindset of thinking in terms of titles Handa, retiree from a Nissan sub- and positions in their dealings they will

JSV is short for sidiary. The offer was declined. Nauru not be able to make it as volunteers. To many old people, this seems very difficult

> For centuries the Japanese males have been in the habit of being waited on, Okada warns all volunteers: "You are the volunteer. Once out there, nobody's going to take care of you.'

> One retired medical officer of a prefecture was sent to an Asian country. His departure was a great media event of the city. There only a week later he wanted to come home. It turned out that he was one of those who had done absolutely nothing to take care of their personal needs all their lives.

> But he was one of the very few cases of failure. The silver volunteers are held in high regard everywhere, for being kind and patient and for their great sense of responsibility. Where they go they can live in a room with shower and eat adequately for the equivalent of ¥4,000, which most pensioners can manage amply

> Okada is a devout Catholic who believes that he had been sent into this world as an instrument of God's will. It would have been a crime if he had retired just to enjoy retirement. For many years, he had worked behind the scenes as a member of Japanese team who handled the foreign aid to postwar Japan. He had seen how kind, generous, and sincere the aid was and without them a great many Japanese would have starved. It would be an act of most contemptible ingratitude, he thinks, if the Japanese forgot it. Too many Japanese are dead to the sense of gratitude, he regrets, and think Japan has achieved its present prominence and prosperity entirely on its own.

There is considerable waste in Japanese government's aid to developing countries programs. England, with onefifth of Japanese budget, maintains the same size personnel, he points out.

At the JSV headquarters, there are 655 applicants registered, and waiting for assignments.

This story was taken from AERA, Oct.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Costas

Following is an excerpt of a long letter addressed to Bob Costas of the Olympia Network. St. Louis, Mo. Copies were also distributed to the Asian American media, JACL, AAJA, NAACP and Asian Law

Last night (Dec. 3) while listening to your sports talk show on KNBR in San Francisco, I heard your guest Art Donovan refer to "Japs" and "gooks." While your live audience (and perhaps you) were laughing at the remarks, there was a large Asian population in the Bay Area (which includes myself) that didn't find the comments very funny. I previously heard another guest of yours refer to "Japs." I do not recall who New York, N.Y. he was, but I do recall that it passed without comment from you. Unfortunately, I was lazy about writing in response to that incident. But I cannot let this one pass.

I cannot let it pass because Donovan's ignorant, racist remarks (and your spineless silence) represent a dangerous attitude in America. If you study your history, you'll find that racism and violence against Asians in this country is nothing new. I, myself, was born in a World War II concentration camp (or relocation center!), although my parents were U.S. citizens born in this country. However, what is alarming now is the fact that anti-Asian violence is on the rise in the U.S. You may be aware of the coldblooded murder of Vincent Chin by two white Detroit auto workers who blamed the "Japs" for their unemployment; or the recent [racially motivated] slaughter of Southeast Asian children in Stockton. Many incidents continue to be reported throughout the country.

Unlike your guest Art Donovan, you appear to be an educated man. I would hope that you are aware that the words "Japs and "gooks" are not terms of endearment to Asian Americans. These terms developed in times of war and were consciously used to whip up hysteria and to dehumanize the enemy. Of course, once the enemy is effectively dehumanized through the constant repetition of this racist terminology, they are more easily done away with. Thus, the use of these words and acts of violence against the people that these words refer to are not unrelated. The widespread use of these words and the acts of violence against Asians go hand in hand

I urge you to take these comments to heart and to offer an apology to the Asian American community:

ART SATO San Francisco, Calif.

'Goody, Goody Gumdrop'

Here we go again, this time under the boring lame guise of goody goody gumdrop other Asian Americans, Germans, know their place, American nationalism and nationality (sic). Since Nikkei are on the "top of the heap" par excellence as Beekman says (PC 12/22), so what the gamble being SOBs some of the time.

Until Congress outlaws free enterprise, Nikkei business people, retired influential Washington bureaucrats, Reagan, etc. including those sellers, should, in the Spirit of '76, make hay while the sun shines. After all money talks, it doesn't walk.

ROY IWAKI

'Nationality' or Race?

After reading Allan Beekman's article in the Holiday edition of the P.C. I felt greatly perturbed. While the article seemed to be directed mainly at the Hawaiian Nikkei, I, as a mainland Nikkei, have no difficulty identifying with the Hawaiian Nikkei. Beekman has a facility with words but in this case he came across as vituperative, didactic and presumptuous. I was astounded to read that our evacuation was due mainly to nationalism but apparently he was unaware of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 that should have laid that type of thinking to rest.

His review of Japanese immigration while interesting has no bearing on presentday Nikkei. His attempt to tie the past with the present was futile as well as irrelevant. Are we going to dredge up slavery every time Afro-American behavior is discussed? His recall of the anti-German sentiment in WWI was correct except I don't recall Germans being rounded up and placed in camps then nor in WWII, not even the aliens.

Beekman makes a fuss on the matter of Nikkei being identified as Japanese. The U.S. government and local governments always have sought that information. Nearly every governmental application or form wants to know your "nationality". It is obvious the information wanted is the country of your roots. So when a Nikkei wrote in "Japanese" for nationality, he was merely indicating his ancestry. How meaningful would it be if everyone wrote in American?" Whenever I am asked where I am from, I know what is being sought and for me to say California or Indiana would lead to another obvious query. "No, I mean what nationality are you?" If Beekman considers that flaunting and takes umbrage to that, that's unfortunate.

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JAPANESE PRESS TRANSLATION

Derailing a High-Speed White Elephant

By Toshio Kawabata Lecturer in Railroad Engineering Hokkaido Gakuen University

apan is moving full speed ahead to J develop a maglev (magnetic levitation) train, ignoring warning signals that the project will waste energy resources. Judging from current projections, the train may be too costly to operate when it's finished in the 2010s.

The Ministry of Transport has named Yamanashi Prefecture as the site of a new test track and requested funds for the magley train in its 1990 budget.

Hailed as the next generation of highspeed rail transportation, the Japan Railways' (JR) version can reach 310 miles per hour and go from Tokyo to Osaka in one hour. But the publicity hype about the train's rapidity has misled the public about the system's cost and squandering of energy.

In 1979, when an unmanned test car set a new world record of 312.4 miles per hour at the track in Miyazaki Prefecture, it consumed 8,000 kilowatt-hours of electric power. The 40-passenger experimental car now under development will need an estimated 15,000 kwh at 310 miles an hour.

Energy Cost Higher

Calculated per passenger, this is 40 times higher than that of a 100-passenger car on the famous bullet train, which uses only 900 kwh. One small, experimental maglev car requires mains a huge question mark. Reaching nearly as much energy per hour as two of the large ferries that used to ply the strait between Hokkaido and Honshu. Can we afford a system that devours so much electric power?

A total of 97 percent of our energy production comes from finite resources—oil, coal, natural gas and uranium. Oil will run out first. The world's confirmed, commercially extractable reserves will last only 34 years at the present rate of depletion. Even including estimated deposits, there is only enough petroleum for 98 years, according to the Agency of Natural Resources and Energy.

Exhaustion of oil supplies will be fatal for automobiles and airplanes. Unless alternative energy sources are found, cars and planes will become unusable in about 30 years. A way of life inspired by the internal combustion engine will begin to break down. Next, natural gas and uranium will be used

Nuclear Power Plants?

To operate the JR magley will require construction of four 1-million kwh power stations, probably nuclear, between Tokyo and Osaka.

Since the Chemobyl disaster, the public has become more apprehensive about a catastrophic accident in Japan. Radioactive waste disposal also rea national consensus on more nuclear power plants will be extremely dif-

Promoting an energy-intensive project, and thereby stimulating demand for nuclear power, flies in the face of popular concern, not to mention sound energy policy.

Bullet trains leave Tokyo station every five minutes for western Japan. As oil supplies dwindle and the world economy slows down, demand for rail service will drop. The magley, which is expected to cost about \$71.4 billion and take 20 years to build, will have no passengers.

Do we need ever-faster, more efficient systems that use huge amounts of energy? If small is beautiful, then perhaps slow is sensible.

This resource-poor country is rushing headlong down the path of energy profligacy, despite the crisis around the bend. Completely forgotten is the panic and double-digit inflation that rocked Japan during the 1973 oil shortage. It's time to pull the emergency cord and rethink mass transit policy.

Maglev is an enormous white elephant in the making.

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THE CALENDAR

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■ Present-Jan, 28—"AJA V," Doizaki Gallery, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Hours: T-F, Noon-5 pm; S & Su, 11 am-4 pm; closed Mondays. Free, Info: 213 628-2725.

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Yamauchi. Times: 1h–5, 8 pm; Sun. matinees, 2 pm. Admission: \$12, \$15/ea. Info, tickets: 213 660-0366.

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Carvings by a Chinese Master," an exhibition featuring his stone carvings, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 900 Exposition Blvd. Museum hours: T–Su, 10 am–5 pm. Admission: Adults, \$3/ea; students and senior citizens with ID, \$1.50/ea; children 5–12, .75¢/ea; children under five and museum members free. Info: 213 744-DINO.

■ Jan. 25—"The Secrets to Successful Freelancing," a seminor presented by the Asian American Journalist Association, Th, 7—8:30 pm, Little Tokyo Service Center, 4th Fl., JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Free. RSVP ASAP, Info: (both 213) 478-7888 or 237-

■ Jan. 27 & 28—"Chopsticks & Sneakers," contemporary works by Asian choreographers/dancers, S & Su, 8 pm, Westside Academy of Dance, 1811 Stewart Ave., Santa Monica. Admission (at the door only): General admission, \$10/ea; students & DRC members, \$8/ea. Reservations: 213 467-5347.

Jan. 28—Installation Potluck for the San Gabriel Valley Singles, Su, 1:30 pm, Alumont Corp., 5400 Irwindale, Irwindale. Speaker: Peggy Smyth on earthquake preparedness. Non-members welcome. Info: (both 818) Barbara, 810-1509 or Sadako, 285, 8905.

■ Feb. 4—"The 12th Annual Firecracker 5K/10K Run," presented by the L.A. Chinatown 10K Race Committee, Su. Starting point: N. Broadway & College. Starting times: 5K, 8:20 am; 10K, 8:30 am. Entry fees: \$12 with T-shirt, \$7 without. Add \$3 after Jan. 24. Into: 213.613-1950.

■ Feb. 24—Installation dinner of the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California, S, La Marina Restaurant, Playa del Rey. Guest speaker: Nobu McCarthy. Info: Sue Embrey, 213 662-5102.

NEW YORK

■ Present–Feb. 3—"Both Sides of the Cloth: Chinese American Women in the New York City Garment Industry," New York Chinatown History Project Gallery, 70 Mulberry St., 2nd fl. Info: 212 619-4785.

Present–Feb. 18—Oriental Antique Ceramic Show, Azuma Gallery, 50 Walker St. Hours: T–Su, 12–6 pm. Info: 212 925-1381

■ Jan. 25—"Justice in Action," a gala benefit for the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Silver Palace Restaurant, Chinatown. Cocktail recption: 5:30 pm, followed by a 10-course feast, dragon dance and awards ceremony. Recipients: Mary Frances Berry, Christine Choy & Renee Tajima, Jack Greenberg; and Pat Morita. Tickets: \$100 (members), \$125, \$250 and \$350. Info: 212 966-5932.

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■ Feb. 25–27—"Windows of Opportunity— The Time Is Now!," the 3rd annual Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education Conference, the new Radisson Hotel. Preregistration: \$115; late fee, \$150; student rate, \$60, \$75 late. Accomodations: \$58 single, \$68 double, \$78 triple & \$88 quadruple, plus 10% occupancy tax. Info: (both 916) Hoyt Fong, 686-7420 or James K. Mar, 484-8471.

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■ Present–Feb. 1—Part 2, Sashiko Transformed, an exhibition of Japanese running-stitch embroidery in sculpture and collage by Lucy Arai-Abramson, Institute of Buddhist Studies, 1900 Addison St., Berkeley. Info: 415 849-2383.

■ Present–Feb. 10—TheatreWorks production of Velina Hasu Houston's Tea, Burgess Theatre, 601 Lourel St., Menlo Park. Hours: T–5, 8 pm; Su, 2:30 & 7 pm. Admission: \$9 to \$18; group rates available for parties above 14. Info: (Both 415) 329-2623 or 424-9441.

■ Feb. 3–10—Asian Skiers International Association's 4th Annual Biennial Asian Ski Week. Info: Stan Eng or Wilma Yee, (all 415) 666-3647 (H), 527-2335 (H) or 873-7400 (W) I

■ Feb. 4—The Nisei Widowed Group's monthly meeting, Su, 2–4 pm, home of Jan Lew. New members welcome. Info: (both 415) Elsie Uyeda Chung, 221-0268 (S.F.) or Yuri Moriwaki, 482-3280 (E.B.)

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AUTHOR SIGNS HIS BOOK—Dr. Ron Takaki, author of *Strangers* from a Different Shores, is autographing his book at a Los Angeles gathering for the AAPAA Focus Series. His book has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

SPECIAL BOOKS TO THE P.C.

1943 Directory Reveals a Slice of Life Inside Santa Fe Japanese Internment Camp

By Harry K. Honda

Norio Mitsuoka of Westminster, Calif., has contributed a copy of the "Santa Fe Japanese Internment Camp Directory" Santa Fe Nihonjin Shūyōshō Jinmeiroku, Nov. 1, 1943 (Shōwa 18), which he had privately published.

The original directory in Nihongo was in Yasooh Idzumi's library, which Takashi Hori had saved from being discarded. Joh Sekiguchi of Torrance translated the foreword sections while his sister, Susan Nagata of Tulare, completed the time-consuming job of translating the main part of the directory.

The directory shows in alphabetical order the (1) dormitory number, (2) name, (3) age, (4) place of origin, (5) residence in U.S., (6) occupation, and (7) family location–1943.

The internees at Santa Fe were those who had been arrested by the FBI, or transferred from other detention centers or relocation camps.

On Translating Names

In the introduction of the Mitsuoka print, the translators recounted the difficulty inherent in reading the names in kanji/Japanese and then translating them into Romaji/English. "It is not uncommon for Japanese to ask each other on how they write their names. The kanji have several ways of reading and a name, once selected may then be composed as if it were with kanji that have desirable qualities as well as the proper pronunciation to match sounds in the name," Mitsuoka pointed out. "So then it becomes a problem in mathematics with each kanji having several sounds.'

The translators also referred to various references and conferred with scholars on some readings.

Mitsuoka speculated Idzumi, who worked for Oriental Trading Co., Seattle, before World War II, was quite active in organizing tour groups to Japan and that may have contributed "to his being the guest of the government at Santa Fe."

Contents of Interest

Not translated for this print but the directory opens with a guide to the State of New Mexico, which appears to be a Japanese translation by Isako Kusao of a guide in English.

The next page relates the circumstances for publishing the directory with Kafū Koyama, head of the Santa Fe Review (Jiho) office, writing the foreword sections.

Subsequent pages preceding the directory listed the various camp supervisorial officers, executive officials and dormitory heads though most of the internee names were not listed. The American officials are listed.

The Japanese directory consists of 44 pages, 50 names per page maximum. Its English version runs 119 pages with about 15 names per page.

The directory concludes with lists of those paroled on or after June 1943, of those repatriated on the SS Gripsholm in 1943, of those relocated to the Kūsukiya) Kooskia, Idaho, internment camp, and of those who died in Santa Fe which the internees remember as the oldest state capital in the United States.

There was a directory published earlier by the internees at Lordsburg, N.M., and again this directory for Santa Fe, which Koyama regarded as a great accomplishment:

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Books to P.C. Briefly Noted by Harry K. Honda

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STRANGERS FROM A DIFFERENT SHORE: A History of Asian Americans, By Ronald Takaki. Little, Brown & Co., Boston; 570 pp. \$24.95 (1989).

With all the fine praises and recommendations this book has reaped over the past half year since it was published, this is our "better late than never" commendation of Ron Takaki's knowledgepacked overview of a hardly-touched piece of American history. Here are samples of what others have found. Author Peter Rose puts it well: "It fills a void in public knowledge about Asian Americans and clarifies many misconceptions about their cultures, subcultures, hopes, dreams - and demands. (Newsday, Aug. 20, 1989). Los Angeles writer Jon Foreman says: 'Overall, Mr. Takaki succeeds magnificently in his work of investigation and reclamation. His impassioned and perceptive history is a tribute to one of the branches of the American family and a service to them all. (New York Times, July 27, 1989).

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Those on the panel were: Lon Hatamiya, president, Sacramento JACL and candidate for the Third Assembly District seat; Curtis Namba, president, Florin JACL; Mary Tsukamoto, author; Dick Uno, commander, Nisei Post VFW 8985; and Cindy Kettmann of Rep. Robert T. Matsui's (D-Calif.) office

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THE NEWSMAKERS

Masaji Takahashi, 52, Japan's new consul general to Hawaii, arrived Dec. 27 in Honolulu from Tokyo, where he was deputy director general of the Economic Cooperation Bureau in the Foreign Ministry. He previously served in the Japanese embassies in London, Manila, Sydney and

▶ Ken Kiyabu, 52, manager of Aloha Stadium over the past year after a 15-year stint as a Hawaii state legislator and former chair of the House finance committee, wants to expand the use of the facility by the year 2000 as an international sports center, a stage for concerts, a sports museum, gourmet restaurant and a mecca for bigtime sports besides football and baseball. "We really missed the boat during the Olympics in Korea. We could have held the trials here in Hawaii but we didn't go after it." he remarked to a Honolulu writer.

► George Ariyoshi, former Hawaii governor and now a successful consultant to Japanese and American firms involved in international business, is president of Hawaii Cultured Pearls, an aquaculture company that includes Japanese interests, is a limited partner in a U.S. high-tech group, represents a development that wants to build a convention center at the Aloha Motors site in Honolulu and is in many

Don Uyeshima, 40, has received a oneyear appointment as football coach at Whittier College, replacing Hugh Mendez, who resigned after 20 years with a 53-46 record. Uyeshima, a linebacker for the Poets in the early 1970s, was an assistant at Whittier the last eight seasons and has been teaching at La Puente High School.

Christopher Field, 32, is one of a handful of non-Japanese TV reporters on Japanese TV who cover a wide range of subjects in fluent Japanese these days, since he was transferred to Tokyo from Fuji TV network's New York bureau in late September. He was sent to San Francisco to cover the earthquake in October, looking for the U.S .-Japan connection. News becomes interesting to people when the event, whatever it is, is somehow related to them. "For instance, I don't think Japanese are interested in Dan Quayle per se, but if he says something that shows the relationship between Japan and the U.S., they will want to know about it," he explained to the Japan Times. "My goal is to become a good reporter and eventually act as a bridge between the U.S. and Japan through my reporting." He became interested in Japan after studying at Harvard under Ezra Vogel, author of Japan as Number 1, who introduced him to Fuji TV. He joined Fuji TV in March 1988, reporting U.S. news for Fuji's "Manhattan

Prof. Susumu Tonegawa, the MIT scientist who won the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1987 for work in immunology, was issued Patent 4,874,845 along with Haruo Saito, for the genetic coding for a part of the T-cell antigen receptor to reproduce an important part of the human immune system.

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▶ Gerald D. Yoshitomi, executive director of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Los Angeles, has made several Japan America Theatre staff appointments, including Duane Ebata, managing director; Georg Kochi, director of performing arts; and Teusa Masuda, program manager-administration. Robert Hori was appointed gallery director. The JACCC nears its first decade of operations with a full-time staff of about 20 persons and annual budget of nearly \$2 million. ding to Asian Week, the election is being contested by candidate Sam Mok who had filed a grievance prior to the election.

Charles C. Kim, 33, was a candidate for councilman in the city of Cerntos. He previously campaigned for the Republican Party in Orange County.

LETTERS

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Beekman feels that the Nikkei should have no dealings with Japanese nationals. Does he consider that subversive? And why single out Japanese? If the Nikkei were the only nationality group to have ties with the country of its roots, there would be validity in his raising a red flag. However, if he were to look more closely into the actions of other nationality groups, he would see a far greater interaction going on. At times I have great difficulty in distinguishing an Israeli from an American Jew. They even sell Israeli bonds. Robbi Kahane was a member of the Israeli Knesset (parliament) while a U.S. citizen. Does the public get excited over that? Of course not. What about the Francophiles and Anglophiles? Would he consider it subversive if continuous contact was kept up with English business and cultural groups by Anglophiles and those of English descent? It would be equally absurd. It is only the nonwhite that draws attention and I call that racial prejudice and not nationalism.

There are many factors in the temporary decline in the economic strength of the U.S. Much of our resources were spent in two World Wars, Korean and Vietnam wars, aid to other countries, and defense spending. In this period of weakness Japanese economic penetration has been the focus of the media, called Japan-bashing. Never mind that the Dutch and British still have a greater stake in the U.S. with the Swiss on the heels of the Japanese, European (read White) penetration never was considered alarming but a non-white country's emergence is.

It is very easy to hide behind nationalism to justify or rationalize racially-motivated actions. Beekman should be well aware of the off-cited quotation: "Patriotism (read nationalism) is the last refuge of the scoun-

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DEATHS

Kay Kahoru Saibara, 83, Kochi-born resi- CONTRA COSTA dent of Centerville, Utah, Aug. 14: s Ken, d Barbara Hangai (Monterey Park), Georgia Paden (Brighton, Utah), Jane Imai (Watertown, Mass),

Naoma Asahino, 97, Hiroshima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, Santa Ana, Dec. 8; survived by s Thomas, d Matsuko Shimizu (Hawaii), Takeko Spaulding (London), Doris Yoshikane (Anaheim), 22 gc, 11 ggc.

Roy Tatsuo Kakuta, 49, Long Beach, Nov. 25; surviv ed by w Barbara, s Roy, Mark, d Cynthia Gaoa, 8 gc, br Richard, sis Ruby Ozima, Grace Mizuno.

Maki Kanno, 90, Fukushima-born naturalized U.S.

zen, Santa Ana; survived by a George, Jim, 7 gc. Chizuko Karasawa, 90, Torrance, Nov. 22; survived by s Thomas, Richard "Babe", d Helen Umekubo, 12 gc, 6 ggc, sis Suma Fujioka, in-law d Fumi Karasawa, sis Mary Itagaki.

Mike Kohei Kawaguchi, 59, Oxnard, Dec. 4; survived by w Mineko, s Steven, d Joi Kazumi, m Too br Henry, Kouki, sis Yoshiko Kaneko, Taiko

Ted Kawakami, 63, Hawaii-born resident of Lo Angeles, Dec. 3; survived by w Nancy, br Yoshiyuki (Honolulu), George.

Hitoshi Kawamoto, Los Angeles, Dec. 6, survived by w Doreen, d Cheryl Sakahara, s Bryce, Rick, 3 gc, br Mitsugi (Chicago).

Kenji Kawase, 73, Pleasanton, Calif., Nov. 29, ngtime Stockton resident, survived by w Yukie, d

Masuko Kikumura, 85, Hiroshima-born resident of Panorama City, Calif., Nov. 17; s Michiro, d Mary Nakagawa (Acampo), Jean Wilhite (Bakersfield), Fusae Takei (San Francisco), Ann Yoshimura (Fowler), Gayle Enderton (Sac'to), Jerrine Konami (Fullerton), Joye Yonemura (Escondido), Carol Taylor, Akemi Yano, 27 gc, 15 ggc.

Harry S. Kiino, 88, Sacramento, Nov. 29; survived

Michie Kosaka, 91, Ehime-born resident of San Francisco, Dec. 10; survived by s Michikazu, Clem

Eric S. Kotake, 21, Los Angeles, Dec. 9, survived by m Nancy, br Scott, Alan, gm Sugi Kotake, gp Bunsuke/Hatayo Shinto

June H Kurihara, 85, Mountain View, Dec. 10; survived by br Carl Kawaharada.

Mitsuko Kurimoto, 70, Oregon-born Nisei, Van Nuys, Dec. 12; survived by s Raymond, Gary, Dale, d Joyce, Karen, 1 gc, br William Yamaki (Tacoma), Shigenobu Yamaki (Oregon) and sis Eiko Tadakuma.

Bunju Marubayashi, 90, Fukuoka-born resident of Alameda, Dec. 8; survived by d Ruriko Lee, Etsuko Anderson, Hisashi Urokogata, Megumi Matsumoto,

Joyce T. Matsuura, 46, Amache, Colo.-born Sansei resident of Torrance, Nov. 26; survived by p Tatsuo Mary Usui, d Lynn, br Wayne (Indiana), Mark.

Miye Mayeda, 94, Okinawa-born Los Angeles resident, Nov. 19; survived by a Albert, James (both Riverside, Calif.), Charlie, d Teruko Ikari, Sachiko 10 gc, 4 ggc, 3 ggc.

Hisano Mikamo, 83, Shimane-ken born Issei resi dent of Los Angeles, Nov. 28; survived by s Art, g Grace Okuda, 10 gc, 5 ggc.

Yoshiko Mitsuoka, 67, Westminster, Calif., Dec 6, survived by h Norio, s Shigeru (Paso Robles), Lt., Cmdr Tadashi (Japan), Minoru (Cambridge), d Noriko Low (Las Vegas), Midori (Seattle), 3 gc, br Harry Ota, sis Mary Sata.

J. Sumako Moreno, 54, Honolulu-born resident of West Covina, PanAm administrative sales assistant, Nov. 24; survived by d JoAnn Baker, s Rick, Dean Yoshinaga, br Charles Nakamura (Honolulu), 6 sis Ethel Iwamoto, Betsy Komatsu, Jean Takaki, Alice Ginoza, Edith Yokoyhama (all Hawaii), May Strong

Fred Mukai, 48, Gilroy, Nov. 22; survived by p Kazuaki/Fumiye, br Larry, Ken, gm Hayame Fujita Kasumi Munekata, 88, Hiroshima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, Los Angeles, Nov. 24, survived by s Dr. Ryo, d Sachiye, Mary Sakamoto, 3 gc

FUNERAL NOTICE TAKA, Chieko Hamasaki, a 30-year resi-

dent of Los Angeles, passed away Dec. 14, 1989. Chieko was born June 17, 1916, in San Jose, CA. She is the beloved mother of Lila Taka Vensel, Linda Taka Calvey and Perry Lynn Takn, also survived by a sister, Toshia Kajima of Oakland, and 2 grandsons Keith William Vensel and Kristopher Todd Vensel. Funeral Services were held Wednes-day, Dec. 20, 1989, in Green Hills Memorial Chapel, in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA She was buried in Green Hills Memorial Park. Anyone wishing to contact the family may write Lila Taka Vensel at 3634 W 181st St., Torrance, CA 90504.

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DOWNTOWN

· Installation reception, Sat., Jan. 27, 1-3 pm, Little Tokyo Towers Dining Hall, 455 E. 3rd St. Info: Sandi Kawasaki, 714 961-4767 or Kitty Sankey, 213 838-8553

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• First joint installation dinner, Sat. Jan. 27, 1990, Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey. Cocktails: 6:30 pm. Dinner: 7:30 pm. Speakers: Jerry Enomoto, JACL-LEC chair; and Sandy Lydon, author, China Gold. Info. tickets: (all 408) Keith Kuwatani, 373-4761 or George Uyeda, 372-5854 (Monterey); or Paul Ichiuji, 422-7784 (Salinas).

SACRAMENTO

· Annual Crab Feast, Sat., Feb. 3,

Sacramento Buddhist Church Kaikan. Tickets: Adults, \$19/ea; children 11 & under, \$10/ea. Info, tickets: 916 447-

· Nikkei Joining Together to Meet Tomorrow's Challenges," the 68th annual installation banquet, Sat. Jan. 27. 1990, Seattle Sheraton Hotel & Towers. Keynote Speaker: Warren Furutani, Los Angeles Unified School District Board. Reservation deadline: Jan. Tickets: \$25/ea. Info: (both 206) Karen Yoshitomi, 524-4471, or Crystal Tanabe, 284-9139.

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· Crab feast, Sat., Feb. 3, 5-8 pm. Palo Alto Buddhist Hall Gym, 2751 Louis Rd., Palo Alto. Donation: \$14. Info: (both 415) Tats Hori, 948-6575, or Bud Nakano, 856-1974.

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• The 1990 Inaugural Dinner, honoring the military service of chapter members, Sat., Feb. 3, 1990, Garavelli's Restaurant. Guest speaker: Cressey Nakagawa, JACL national president. Info: Joseph K. Tanaka, 9120 Desmond, St. Louis, MO 63126.

VENTURA COUNTY

• Installation dinner, Sat., Jan. 27, 6 pm, Harbortown Marina Resort Hotel, 1050 Schooner Dr., Ventura. Cost: \$20/ea. Guest speaker & topic: UCLA ass't, professor Valerie Matsumoto, 'Nisei Women Coming of Age." Info: (both 805) Teri Komatsu, 984-1907, Chuck Kuniyoshi, 805 484-0676, or Joanne Nakano, 818 991-0876.

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