

An Address from JACL-LEC Legislative Strategy Chair

Editor's note: The following is the text of a speech given by Grant Ujifusa in Spokane, Wash., last month. JACL-LEC legislative strategy chair since 1985, Ujifusa received a B.A. with honors from Harvard College in 1965, and has worked as an editor at Random House and Macmillan publishing companies in New York. Co-author of the *Almanac of American Politics*, he is now senior editor of *Reader's Digest* magazine.

I am very happy to be in Spokane tonight. To be your guest is to become part of your community, its warmth and its graciousness. Once a farm boy, I find myself uplifted by you here who live by the old values, values that made redress possible, values that I know sustain a person like Denny Yasuhara, who can then provide leadership to Japanese Americans all over the country. The old values can be summed up in one word: Service. Down-to-earth, face-to-face service.

What else can you say about Denny's leadership? I say, thoughtful and bold. He reminds me of what Benjamin Franklin said about John Adams: Sometimes wrong, but never in doubt. That spirit is what a long-odds project like redress absolutely had to have, a strong bias toward action: Think things through, but when in doubt, attack.

Denny's contributions were behind the scenes and rarely publicized. His most important was to fight doubt and doubters. Day after day, he brought to our common effort an ethical imperative: We go all out, with no thought to winning or losing. Short of that we break faith with our Issei and Nisei forebearers.

Without him, I will confidently assert

that there would have been no redress. I respect and love Denny Yasuhara. He is like a brother to me. You should be proud of him. I am one who is.

I would like to talk about three things tonight and, along the way, pay tribute to some people whose dogged work has not as yet been widely appreciated.

First, how was the political miracle of entitlement achieved? Second, what led Ronald Reagan to sign the redress bill?

Third, what was the basic shape of the strategy used by the LEC? How we tried to make redress a motherhood issue.

Entitlement, What Happened?

The truth here is very simple. Entitlement was Senator Dan Inouye's idea in the first and last place, and it was he using A Big Chit who got it done.

Getting money out of Congress had to be done inside, because that's what the appropriations process is. What goes on is often described with a lot of Washington mumbo-jumbo, but in essence it's pretty straightforward. Understand first that Congress for the most part controls the purse strings of the federal government. Understand second that in the Senate the Appropriations Committee, on which Dan Inouye is the second-ranking Democrat, oversees those purse strings.

In short, the community had a powerful player on the inside of an insider's game who went to bat for us and slugged it out of the park.

What Inouye did was really a political miracle. Why? Because otherwise Gramm-Rudman would have kept a heavy lid on any money coming to us. Dan got Congress to set aside the severe restrictions that are

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FORMING PARTNERSHIPS—Among the panelists joining Paul Igasaki (right) to discuss relations between Asian Americans and African Americans were (l to r) Marshall Wong and Ralph Dickerson.

National League of Cities:

Asian Pacific Municipal Officials Caucus Holds Workshop on Black/Asian Relations

WASHINGTON — Paul Igasaki, JACL's Washington Representative, participated March 5 in a program of the National League of Cities Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials Caucus. The program consisted of a workshop on Asian and African American relations as well as a luncheon and reception.

Igasaki discussed relations between the African American and Asian American communities in Chicago, where he served as executive director of the Chicago Commission on Asian American Affairs and as the mayor's liaison to the Asian American community. Igasaki was also JACL chapter president in Chicago for three terms. As echoed by most of the panelists, Igasaki asserted that Asian and African Americans have little to gain from fighting each other and much to gain from mutual support and cooperation.

"The problem of conflicts between African American residents and Asian

American merchants in the inner cities is at its root an economic one," commented Igasaki. "By increasing communications and understanding between our communities, however, we can try to avoid lasting racial divisiveness. All people of color have experienced the pain of American racism. Perhaps that provides a basis for unity."

The panel, entitled "Asian Americans and African Americans: From Antagonism to Partnership," was moderated by Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Woo and Inglewood Councilman Daniel Tabor, who represented the National Black Caucus/Local Elected Officials, a workshop cosponsor.

Along with Igasaki, other panelists were Marshall Wong, of the mayor's office in Washington; Ralph Dickerson, assistant to D.C. Councilman Harry Thomas; Bill Stalworth, city councilman from Biloxi, Miss.; and Doris Ward, San Francisco city supervisor.



Photo by Daniel Inouye

APPLAUDING HIS CONTRIBUTION—Donna Komure-Toyama, Florin JACL Chapter president, presents a gift to Rep. Norman Mineta for his role in the redress campaign at the chapter's Day of Remembrance.

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San Diego Princess Resort Site of 1990 National Convention

By Robert Ito

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George and Mary Ogawa of Torrance, Calif., are the first official del-

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Spark to Stay on Job Despite Grave Illness

WASHINGTON — Hawaii Sen. Spark Matsunaga's cancer of the prostate has spread to his bones. In a written statement, Matsunaga, 73, said he continues to work on his legislative agenda, despite the fact the disease has confined him to a wheelchair. A staff person for the senator told the *PACIFIC CITIZEN* that Matsunaga works out of his Kensington, Md., home and is wheeled into the Senate chamber to cast floor votes by waving either up or down.

The spread of prostate cancer to the bones, particularly the pelvic bone and lower spine is fairly common, medical authorities said. Matsunaga's office said he has received hundreds of cards, letters, and telephone calls since he announced his prostate cancer in January.

"I am overwhelmed by the amount of concern and well wishes, some in the form of remedies in addition to letters and phone calls, received from constituents, colleagues and people in all walks of life at home and abroad," said Hawaii's junior senator.



SEN. SPARK MATSUNAGA

Gov. John Waihee and Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi issued a joint statement in the nation's capital earlier this month, saying the news of the spread of the disease is "saddening, and we join the people of Hawaii in continuing to wish him well."

Matsunaga spearheaded the successful movement for redress, and is the author of several bills coming up for action in Congress, including those affecting retired veterans' disability, and hydrogen fuel research and development.

Individuals wishing to send cards and expressions of support to the senator should write to him at 109 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510.

NEWS BRIEFS

Campaign to Protect State Benefits Under Way

NEW YORK — A petition effort will soon be under way to persuade the New York State Legislature to exempt redress payments from affecting income ceilings on social-service programs, such as Medicaid or public-assistance payments, the *New York Nichibei* reported. Unless redress payments are exempted by law, recipients may find their benefits reduced or eliminated. JACL-LEC Executive Director JoAnne Kagiwada said that local supporters are seeking a Republican cosponsor for the legislation in the state senate as a way of enhancing chances of passage.

The state income-tax department has already issued an advisory opinion that redress funds would be exempt from state and local income taxes.

Vandals Damage Japanese Garden

SAN MATEO, Calif. — Vandals caused an estimated \$15,000 to \$25,000 in damage to the Japanese Tea Garden in Central Park on the night of March 2 or the morning of March 3, according to San Mateo police. Lt. Ed Smith said the vandals ripped up bonsai trees and knocked over a pagoda. Statues in the garden were damaged the week before, he added. There are no suspects in either case. Although the garden is enclosed by a fence, Smith said it can be easily climbed and anyone entering at night would be "virtually unseen." Asked if the acts might have been motivated by anti-Japanese sentiment, Smith told the *Hokubei Mainichi*, "There's no indication of that." He believed the vandals were "just creeps wanting to destroy something that's nice."

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to this minute imposed on anything or anybody who wants a dime out of Washington.

Imagine the Appropriations Committee as a group of powerful senior executives at Boeing. The question before them is whether to build a new \$1.25 billion plant in Kentucky when last year the company's expenditures ran way over its revenues—a big deficit, in other words. In our case, the committee decided to go ahead, laying aside the cap on outlays—Gramm-Rudman—and giving the Kentucky plant, our plant, top priority in the corporate budget, priority over money for the homeless, crop subsidies, and pet political projects everywhere.

That was the miracle in these deficit-ridden times, and we are greatly indebted to Dan because no assembly line worker like me could have conceivably influenced what happened behind closed doors.

The deal was cut between Inouye, who just happened to sit as the second-ranking Democrat on the Appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over the budget for the State, Commerce and Justice departments; and the chairman of that subcommittee, Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, a redress opponent who vehemently opposed appropriating any money; and Warren Rudman, the ranking Republican member of the subcommittee and a Jew from New Hampshire who defended Dan against racist attacks during the Oliver North hearings. Rudman, by the way, is a co-author of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act.

How Dan was able to swing Hollings is a mystery to me. But Inouye is chairman of the Defense Appropriations subcommittee that passes on about a quarter of the federal budget that goes to the military. That makes other senators want to be nice to him.

You may not know that Dan, now with great seniority, is one of the most respected and potent members of the small club that is the United States Senate. But as you do know, he is not one to thump his chest or issue a press release every time he thinks he can claim a shred of credit for something. Why not? Because like a good Nisei, he knows that if he does that, he can't do the work that has to be done.

You get the idea. Dan had the power and Dan used it in our behalf. And he did it alone because no one in the rest of the community was in a position to help. Not Spark, not Norm, not Bob. We owe Senator Dan Inouye. Had he not wanted to help, we were sunk.

We also owe Spark Matsunaga. Earlier also as a senior member of the Senate, he too put himself on the line, even while the

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risks of political embarrassment ran high. Spark was our high-powered, unpaid lobbyist in the Senate who obtained 73 cosponsors for our bill. Now usually you can't get 73 senators to agree that tonight is Saturday night. The same gratitude is owed Norm Mineta and Bob Matsui in the House. Both were so intent and committed that they would lobby fellow members in the men's room. *Isshōkenmei* is the word that describes everybody involved.

These four men and Patricia Saiki are evidence of Japanese American political maturity, without which there would have been no redress. We are not left to marching around with posters. We can work the inner sanctums of power where the decisions are made. One such sanctum, you recall, produced Executive Order 9066.

But the Nikkei members are part of our community, and also part of our collective political maturity that has been a long time growing. That maturity should be protected

and advanced. Because in the end, redress was the collective work of thousands of Nikkei in hundreds of communities, led, in my judgment, by the much-maligned JACL, our only national organization. And it took a national organization to lead a national effort in our nation's capital.

But why after the mumbo-jumbo and the closed doors were individual Japanese Americans important? Because, as Bob Matsui put it, "Grant, I can close a sale, but I can't open one. Constituents who vote for or against somebody have to do that." Still, there aren't very many of us, and most



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of us live in California, where we already had support.

This is where someone like Spokane's own Tom Foley, one of the nation's most gifted politicians, came into play. The same for Jim Wright, Dick Cheney, Bob Byrd, Alan Cranston, Bob Dole and Alan Simpson. Except for Bob Michel, that's almost all of the congressional leadership on both sides of the aisle, and that gave us institutional leverage, and that gave us national leverage.

Nevertheless, in the end it was our spiritual unity that gave us an intensity and force—a *chikara*—to overcome our lack of numbers. *We all remember what camp was like.* Hence our capacity for a near soundless communication. This was the foundation upon which all else was built.

Community Contributions

Especially important was the community's willingness to give money, \$1.5 million altogether, and to give money when the odds once seemed very, very long. Without that money, largely contributed by Nisei, no redress. Washington State, along with New Jersey, not only delivered the greatest percentage of members of Congress voting for redress, but PNW contributed a disproportionate share of cold, hard, non-tax-deductible cash. For the LEC, I thank you.

Before talking about Ronald Reagan, I would like to pay tribute to someone more important to our community. Another Washington stater, Cherry Kinoshita, Cherry, as you may know, is an intellectually brilliant woman, and for almost 20 years totally committed to our lost cause.

She is one of those Nisei women who will look at something 99 ways to next September, and then fret and worry about the same thing 44 ways to next February. Thank God she is that way because she was the only person who caught the so-called vesting issue.

Nobody in Washington, nobody anywhere, read the language of H.R. 442 closely enough to notice that the bill, already passed by the Senate and about to be agreed to in conference, said that if you died after the President signed the bill but before Congress appropriated money for your age group, you and your heirs were completely out of luck.

The bill as written asked our Issei and older Nisei to get into an arm-wrestling contest with Death itself, and win. Some wouldn't. On Cherry's notice, the bill became unacceptable, and had to be changed. Word was gotten to Spark, and he, after pressuring John Glenn, got it changed. Here a mumbo rather than a jumbo would have devastated our community. Ironing this out caused the long delay between Senate passage and final presidential signature.

Cherry Kinoshita is one reason we must give at least some credence to an ancient adage in our community: If you want something done, ask five Nisei women. If you

don't want something done, ask five Nisei men.

And Min Yasui, the founding chairman of the LEC, can be remembered this way. Let's say that nobody, *not one from among us*, did what Min did. How much poorer in spirit would our community be today? Like the vets of the 442, let's say they never fought. Where would we be now and how would we feel about ourselves without their sacrifice? We stand tall this evening because Min did exactly that when it was very, very scary. By comparison, fighting for redress was a piece of cake. Talk is one thing, life and death quite another.

And what about Mike Masaoka, whom for reasons I don't understand, some people continue to scapegoat. I will say this about him: He knows how Washington works inside and out, and without him there would have been no redress.

I must also mention others essential to our common success. LEC Chair Jerry Enomoto; Harry Kajihara, our first fund-raising chair; Hank Tanaka, personnel chair; Bacon Sakatani, who manned our small computer; and for me a special person, LEC Treasurer Shig Wakamatsu. Shig became my LEC father, gently tutoring me on the history of our community. Then there are LEC Secretary Molly Fujioka, fund-

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raiser Mae Takahashi, Legal Counsel Peggy Liggett, and the always insightful Meriko Mori. And, of course, the indomitable Grace Ueyehara. *women warriors all.*

Lobbying One-on-One

We must also thank Tom Kometani, a Bell Labs scientist, and Charles Nagao, who got 14 of the 16 members of the New Jersey delegation to vote for redress. And thank the indefatigable Art Morimitsu, who, with his Nikkei vets, made sure that the national VFW and American Legion did not take a position against our legislation. Had either one done so, our bill was dead. And it was the vets, not the JACL, who led Dan Inouye to write his remarkable letter of support that resulted in entitlement.

And it was Ruth Hashimoto of Albuquerque who won over Pete Domenici of New Mexico, a power on the Budget Committee, and it was Lillian Morizono of Las Vegas who charmed and cajoled three of the four members of the Nevada delegation to support us. And it was Gene Doi of Atlanta who got Pat Swindall, an ultra conservative, born-again Christian, to back the bill and work with Barney Frank, a gay and an ardent liberal. Swindall was the ranking Republican member on Barney's subcommittee and we had to have him. And it was Clarence Nishizu of Orange County who got another ultra conservative, William Dannemeyer, to support the bill, breaking up redress opponent Dan Lungren's hold on the Republican congressional delegation from Southern California. For the future political scientist, Clarence's achievement will be seen as one of the most remarkable in the history of redress.

You probably haven't heard of these quiet Nikkei, but without them, there would have been no redress.

These were just some of the people, mostly Nisei, who did the real work of redress, giving money, licking envelopes to raise money, and lobbying our hopeless cause face to face before imposing, often ill-informed, white politicians. The Nisei made it happen.

Before that, the Nisei were sent to camp at an age when they were most vulnerable emotionally. Then they took German lead in stomach and throat. Later as they rebuilt lives and raised families, they were scolded for becoming unaccountably lax by their

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LEST WE FORGET—Dedicating the Sakura Grove in Walerga Park are (l to r) Tom Fujimoto, Henry Taketa, Gene Itogawa, Frank Hiyama, Mike Sawamura, Toko Fujii, Jack Tsuchida.

Sakura Grove Dedicated as Memorial to Walerga Assembly Center

By Toko Fujii

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — In a simple but impressive ceremony attended by more than a hundred people, a grove of flowering sakura trees was dedicated and presented as a memorial to the Sunrise Recreation and Park District March 10 at Walerga Park, site of the wartime

assembly center in the city's north side.

Two years ago a bronze marker and a shade structure were presented to the recreation and park district by the Japanese American community as a commemoration of the site of the Walerga Assembly Center, where nearly 5,000 persons were incarcerated prior to removal to Tulelake WRA Center.

Following remarks by Sacramento JACL vice president Mike Sawamura, the Rev. Gary Barbaree of Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church gave the invocation. Participants in the symbolic turning of earth were Tom Fujimoto, JACL; Thelma Burnside, Pioneer Garden Club; Jack Tsuchida, Sacramento Nikkei Jin Kai; Bob Crisp, Camp Kohler Assn. and Sharon Scripa, Sunrise Recreation and Park District.

An engraved plaque was presented to Ken Mitchell, president of the district, by Gene Itogawa.

Plaques of recognition were given to Thelma Burnside, and to Dick Fehrt and Gene Ahner, district staff members.

Sato to Make Run for House Seat

LOS ANGELES — Among the candidates seeking congressional office and filing nomination papers for the June 5 primary election was Eunice A. Sato, longtime Long Beach city councilwoman and one-time mayor, for the 31st District seat now occupied by Mervyn Dymally (D). Sato is the lone Republican having filed.

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Veteran MIS Instructor Keynote Speaker at Salinas Kinenhi Memorial Garden Event

SALINAS, Calif. — Shig Kihara at the Feb. 19 Day of Remembrance held at Kinenhi Japanese Memorial Garden located in Salinas's California Rodeo Ground was the keynote speaker. Sponsors were the five Central California Coast JACL chapters—

Gilroy, San Benito County, Watsonville, Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley.

The Day of Remembrance marked the 48th anniversary of Executive Order 9006, which evacuated and relocated Japanese Americans from the West Coast.

"We went through a gross violation of constitutional guarantees of protection of the laws. Nevertheless, young Nisei men and women volunteered by the thousands to fight for the United States and to preserve freedom and justice throughout the world, even though they themselves were denied this to us at home," Kihara said.

"What sustained us and enabled us to overcome adversity, is our dual cultural heritage, the Yankee spirit of liberty and freedom, combined with our Yamato values of *on*, *giri*, *gimu*, *chu* and *meiyo*, backed up with *gaman*, *shimbo*, and *gambare*," Kihara stated.

"Our story in America of the 20th Century is a poignant story of faith in

democracy and constitutional government and an affirmation of the ultimate sense of fair play of the American people. It is a story of grit, hard work, loyalty and good citizenship. It is a story of the strength of human will and human dignity," Kihara concluded.

Paul Ichijui, vice president/programs for Salinas Valley JACL, acted as master of ceremonies. A reception for Shig Kihara followed at the Buddhist Temple of Salinas.

Discount Airfares to Convention Announced

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Discount airfares with savings from 5-40% to San Diego for the 31st Biennial JACL National Convention June 17-23 are being offered by United Airlines, the official 1990 convention airline.

For example, JACLers coming from Chicago on a \$338 airfare can save \$16.90 by using the United convention discount. On an unrestricted round-trip ticket costing \$1,100 from Chicago, savings would be \$440.

How can you get this convention discount? First, select the dates you will be traveling. Call the United Meeting Plus specialists at (800) 521-4041 any day of the week from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern time and refer to account Number 407KA. You have the option of picking up your ticket at your travel agent or at any United Airlines ticket counter. If you're going to charge your ticket, you can also have the ticket mailed to you.

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Greater Portland Nikkei Reunion Slated Aug. 3-5

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Greater Portland Reunion 1990 is scheduled Aug. 3-5 for present and former Oregonians, Southwest Washingtonians, and friends with a Friday mixer, Saturday banquet and Sunday picnic on tap. The sites were not mentioned.

The committee asks those interest to "spread the word." For additional information, contact: Greater Portland Reunion Committee, 1550 SE Oak Grove Blvd., Portland, OR 97267.



THE CHRIS CHANDLER FAMILY — Republican Chris Chandler (right) of Yuba City, Calif. is seeking his third term as California assemblyman, 3rd District, covering the Butte, Colusa, Nevada, Sierra, Sutter and Yuba counties. He met his wife Cindy (nee Enomoto of Atherton, Calif.) as an undergraduate at UC Davis. The assemblyman finished his law degree in 1973 from McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento. Their children are Emily, 2½, Jessica, 4, and Carolyn, 6½.

Census Bureau Estimates:

70% Increase in Asian/Pacific People from 1980 to 1988 Due to Immigration

WASHINGTON — The nation's Asian or Pacific Islander resident population grew by an estimated 70%, or by 2.7 million, from 1980 to 1988, according to a March 2 report from the Commerce Department's Census Bureau. The report contains the bureau's first estimates on the Asian or Pacific Islander population.

The American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut percentage growth was 19%; Blacks, 13%; and Whites, 6%. Hispanic origin persons (who may be of any race) had a percentage growth of 34%.

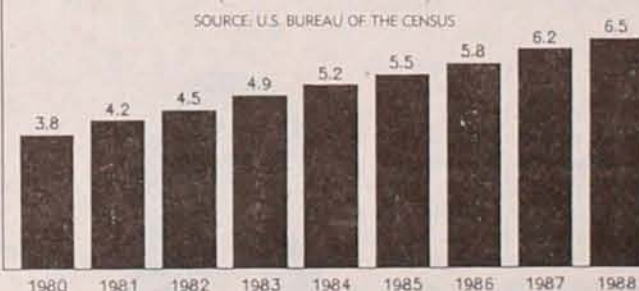
Immigration has been a major factor in the growth of the Asian or Pacific Islander population, while most of the

gains for the American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut; Black, and White populations came largely through natural increase. The Hispanic population has grown about equally from natural increase and net immigration.

As a result of the rapid growth among Asians or Pacific Islanders, this group's proportion of the resident population rose to 2.7% as of July 1, 1988, compared with 1.7% in 1980. In 1988, Whites made up 84% of the total resident population; Blacks 12%, and American Indians, Eskimos, or Aleuts 0.7%. Hispanics comprised 8% of the population in 1988.

This is the first Census Bureau report in the 1980s to contain estimates for the Asian or Pacific Islander or the American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut populations. Although estimates for the Hispanic population appear in this report for the first time, reports containing Hispanic estimates from the Current Population Survey have been published by the bureau since the early 1970s.

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West Los Angeles JACL to Sponsor Discussion on Career Opportunities

LOS ANGELES — "Japanese American Youth: Careers and Community in the 1990s" is the topic of a panel discussion sponsored by the West Los Angeles Chapter of the JACL on Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. at the West Los Angeles Buddhist Church, corner of La Grange and Corinth.

On the panel will be three Japanese American student leaders who will discuss career opportunities and community concerns of youth in the coming decade: Karen Tanji, a member of the UCLA Asian Management Students Association; Susan Roe, a third year law student—and chair of the UCLA Asian Pacific Islander Law Students Association; and Carol Yoneda, Occidental College Asian Alliance. The panel discussion is part of a monthly lecture series on contemporary community issues, sponsored by the West Los Angeles JACL and endorsed by the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. For information, call Glenn Omatsu at UCLA, (213) 825-3415.

Amanda, Baby Leukemia Patient Helped but Dies

SAN FRANCISCO — Leukemia patient baby Amanda Chiang died Feb. 19 at the UC-San Francisco Hospital from pneumonia and a rejection of bone marrow.

The daughter of Joseph and Heddy Chiang of Sacramento, Calif., Amanda was 14 months old. Prior to the transplant, friends and family of Amanda launched a campaign to get more Asian American donors into the National Registry, where leukemia patients search for an appropriate donor. Efforts on behalf of Amanda were instrumental in adding 2,000 Asian names to the registry and brought attention to the urgent needs of Asian leukemia patients around the country. —Asian Week

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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

A Clarification

Some readers of Pacific Citizen may have been confused to see, in the Feb. 23 issue, a statement by JACL National Director Bill Yoshino labeled "Editorial of the Pacific Citizen." It appeared in this space, which is reserved for this newspaper's editorials.

What confused matters even further was the editorial note which preceded Yoshino's statement. It said: "The following editorial by JACL National Director Bill Yoshino, in response to last week's Pacific Citizen editorial, clarifies the JACL's position on affirmative action."

For all intents and purposes, Yoshino's statement appeared to be the editorial voice of Pacific Citizen. This, however, is incorrect. Under guidelines set up by the Pacific Citizen Board, the editor is responsible for the newspaper and its policies. To carry out this responsibility the editor is given editorial independence because Pacific Citizen, while owned by JACL, has a mandate to be a newspaper of widespread general interest to Japanese Americans. To carry out that mandate an independent editorial policy is essential.

On occasion Pacific Citizen has been in the position of reporting dissent and controversy within JACL. It performed this function well a few years ago when the Pacific Southwest District Council began impeachment proceedings against the national president and sought the ouster of the national director.

This action was highly embarrassing to the organization and the administration. Many would have been more comfortable if Pacific Citizen had reported nothing, or printed a carefully sanitized version of the story. True to its responsibility, however, Pacific Citizen printed the news fully and objectively, retained public confidence and demonstrated the wisdom of an independent policy.

No such crisis exists today, of course, and no demand was made that Yoshino's statement be presented as a Pacific Citizen editorial. Labeling it as such was simply an unfortunate error.

Yoshino's statement was rightfully published in Pacific Citizen. It made important distinctions between JACL's position and an editorial published by Pacific Citizen. It was not, however, an "Editorial of the Pacific Citizen."



FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

A Treasure Trove of Nisei Memorabilia

Once or twice a year the mailman delivers a plump envelope from a Chicago suburb called Mt. Prospect, Ill. Invariably it is packed with newspaper and magazine clippings, copies of photographs and letters, notes and other memorabilia.

There is a common thread that runs through this material. It has to do with the early days of the Nisei, Nisei who were in military service, and the war between the United States and Japan.

This may be just junk to some people, but it is treasure to Mas Shiozaki, a friendly, outgoing former Northwesterner who must be the Nisei world's most diligent collector of memorabilia and trivia. I am pleased that he thinks enough of me to send along copies from his collection from time to time.

Let me give you a sampling of some of the documents that came in the last envelope:

A copy of a group photo of Northwest Nisei who went on a tour of Japan sponsored by the Taiyo Athletic Club in 1936. An autographed copy of the menu at the farewell banquet of the group at Motomachi Daimaru. (The

Daimaru lunch was 30 sen, pork cutlet 30 sen, coffee 8 sen, and a complete lunch 1 yen.)

A copy of a letter, dated Dec. 1, 1944, written by T/5 Mike Masaoka to the Red Cross girls of the 36th Division Clubmobile, thanking them for the kindness shown the 442nd after it came off the line following a bloody battle. It was addressed to Jane Cook, Dorothy Boschen, Meredythe Gardiner and Ginny Spetz.

A letter from Rex Barber of Terrebonne, Ore., and extensive documentation indicating it was Barber and not the late Thomas Lanphier who downed the plane carrying Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto.

A letter from Yoshimasa Yamamoto, older son of Admiral Yamamoto, in which he writes of being helped during the war by Yokichi Shiozaki, Mas Shiozaki's uncle. "My sisters and brother," Yoshimasa Yamamoto writes, "had the privilege of knowing your cousin Mr. Shiozaki Minoru and elder sister Mrs. Maeo." She was the wife of Shigesaburo Maeo, former speaker of the Lower House of the Ja-

panese Diet. Of the admiral, who is credited with drawing up the plans for attacking Pearl Harbor, his son writes: "My father liked United America."

A letter to Shiozaki from Charlton Heston in which Heston mentions a friend who was attached to the 442nd before being sent to the Pacific as an interpreter.

A letter from Konosuke Matsushita, founder of the giant Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., thanking Shiozaki for a paperweight with "Chicago" engraved on it. "I will surely treasure it as a token of your kindness and consideration," Matsushita wrote.

A photo of 24 young Issei in their Sunday best, taken at the Treadwell Alaska gold mine where they worked in 1908. Among those in the picture is Shikazo Shiozaki, Mas's father.

I have no idea how Mas Shiozaki files or preserves his collection, but I hope he treats it with respect and love. It is a priceless if somewhat disorganized record of a people and their times and, when Shiozaki no longer needs it, deserves the attention of a skilled archivist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trade Policies Supported

U.S.—Japan trade negotiations are approaching a crisis. In April 1988, Congress overwhelmingly passed the Omnibus Trade Act authorizing President Bush to execute its retaliatory provisions by mid-1990, if necessary.

But President Bush has painstakingly offered an alternative by urging Japan to open up her tightly closed market: the collusive, monopolistic economic system which catapults a \$10,000 imported Ford to \$40,000 by the time it appears in the Japanese dealer's showroom.

On the other hand, this same structure creates a situation whereby Japan-made cameras, watches and radios, etc., are sold here in America at 40% discounted prices and Japanese tourists buy up these articles to take home as souvenirs.

President Bush's policies are viewed as beneficial to people in Japan, because they can spend their accumulated savings to avail themselves of American goods at bargain prices.

Japanese Americans must now come out positively in support of U.S. trade policies. Only then will our criticism of deviant forms of Japan-bashing become acceptable; otherwise we would be jeopardizing our own political base. We must by all means first criticize Japan's unfair economic structure.

JAMES ODA

Northridge, Calif.

Trust Fund for JACL

I know that in any volunteer nonprofit organization, it takes a while to make some major decisions. Although the need for a larger funded support mechanism has been perceived and discussed over a period of time for JACL, somehow its progress has lagged this biennium.

My main concern is that the 1990 National Council meeting will too soon be with us and there will be a last-minute proposal with an urgency label on it. The delegates will be possibly pressured into an eleventh-hour decision that no one really likes but that will be done so JACL has a trust fund in place so that "we won't lose out on the redress payments to be made starting in October 1990."

Any JACL national fundraising program during the first year must be done with great sensitivity so that recipients of the redress funds won't give from a sense of guilt or obligation. There can be a major emotional effect that we won't see or hear about.

The major thrust of solicitation should be done on those who truly can donate and are eager and willing to do so. There should be more than one option for a potential donor to give to satisfy their personal program or goals in their individual lives.

It would be to JACL's benefit and enhance the fundraising if there were several considerations or proposals to be discussed at the leadership and grass-root level before final implementation. Hurried decisions and proposals will only lead to a less than desired end. JACL must learn from past mistakes or the result will be that we will constantly be looking for funds to sustain this organization.

We need concrete proposals, not rhetoric and promises of funding which evaporate soon after each biennial election.

YOSH NAKASHIMA
San Francisco

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EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

From Southfield, Michigan

EVERY SO OFTEN an unsolicited piece of mail will catch my eye and I'll rummage through it. This one was from Southfield, Michigan—the name alone being enough to pique my curiosity. Entitled "Justice Update," it is the publication of American Citizens for Justice, ACJ. The president is Dr. Bhagwan Dashairya, with at least two JACLers on his board: Mary Kamidoi, the immediate past president, and Dr. Kaz Mayeda, a longtime JACL member. Reading closely, I finally uncovered Kaz's full name: "Kazutoshi." (Mine's "Masaharu," which appears first on my birth certificate.)

THE ACJ apparently is in its seventh year of operation, with emphasis on "operation." No paper organization, this: among other things, it has an "Attorney Committee" that meets on the third Thursday of every month to review discrimination cases. Indeed, a report appears in its publication of a police shooting of two Hmong teenagers in neighboring Minnesota, where an Asian Pacific coalition is pressing for a new investigation and/or placement of Asian Pacific Americans on the attorney general's staff. The attorney general, by the way, bears a fami-

liar name: Hubert H. Humphrey, III. Thus far, Mr. Humphrey has declined these suggestions, countering with a proposal for some kind of a task force to address racism in the state.

READING FURTHER, there was an update report on the Vincent Chin case—the Chinese American who was battered by a baseball bat, for which his killer received an outrageous disposition. However, on the civil side, a \$1.5 million award had been obtained against Ronald Ebens, one of the two perpetrators. Ebens is in arrears on his obligation to pay because of claimed inability to come up with (a paltry) \$200 a month.

"JUSTICE UPDATE" also contained a solicitation for funds for investigation and court expenses surrounding the killing of Jim Loo in South Carolina. A fellow by name of Robert Piche has been charged with second-degree murder and trial was scheduled for this month. A national network of concerned APA organizations has been formed to monitor the case. In addition to the ACJ, other members are: Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund, Asian Law Caucus, APA Legal

Center of Southern California, and Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence.

It's good to see this ecumenical solidarity being forged within and among Asian American groups, setting aside ethnic chauvinism.

A "REDEDICATION DINNER" of the ACJ is scheduled for the end of this month, at which the keynote speaker will be Dr. Kyo Ryooh Jhin, who, in addition to being assistant superintendent in the District of Columbia schools, is secretary for the Maryland Republican Party. Entertainment will include a tae kwan do demonstration by a U.S. Olympic bronze medalist as well as performance by Pilipino dancers from a cultural group. All this followed by dancing.

THERE WAS ALSO an item that reported that JACL chapter officers were installed at "Charley's" in Southfield, with MDC Governor Hank Tanaka officiating. Also noted another name that I recognized from a past visit to the Motor City: City Council President Maryann Mahaffey—a personality that anyone would love—who was the evening's speaker.

So remember, Southfield, Michigan.

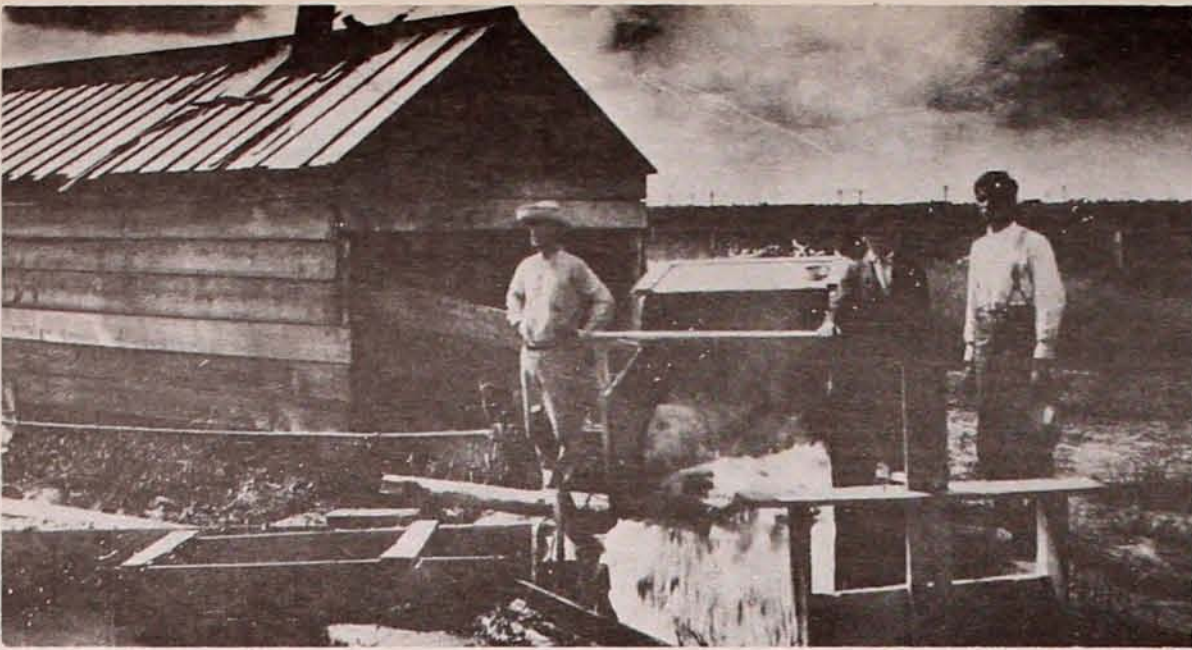


Photo courtesy May, Julia and Nina Onishi

Seito Saibara's colony, established in 1903, became one of the most successful rice farming ventures in Texas. This 1904 photo shows the water well he used to irrigate his fields. His story is included in *The Japanese Texans*.

Excerpts — Chapter XVII:

Into Indiana, Wisconsin; in 1940s into Seabrook, New Jersey

By Masakazu Iwata

Continued from the Previous Week

In Indiana, from 1920 to 1930 Butsuyen raised several hundred acres of vegetables at South Bend, Indiana, while at Bedford, in Lawrence County, there were several Japanese chicken ranchers where Nisei chick sexers appeared in season.

And from around 1927 there were several Issei farms in the northern sector of the state in the North Judson, Knox and Michigan City areas. They were engaged in raising corn and vegetables and mint toward the end of the Issei era.

One of the Issei farmers in North Judson was Morizō Sakaguchi, formerly of Anaheim where he raised strawberries. In 1934, he and his wife and newly-born son, Kay, left California by car with a trailer in tow to try their hand at farming in the Midwest; it was a hard pull as a farmer in the depression years in Anaheim.

In North Judson, Sakaguchi leased 100 acres and put in celery with little success. Later he raised dry onions. But it was not until the war years, when in 1943 he switched to mint production, that his operation began to bear fruit. By 1949, he was able to purchase 200 acres of land which his son, Ben, now farms.

Morizō Sakaguchi retired and returned to California where he died, but it was in reality he who prepared the soil for the Sakaguchi farm; he expended time, labor, and expense in laying the tile drainage system on his land without which farming in the region would have been impossible. He like so many Issei met triumph and disaster with equal calm.

Wisconsin

Madison, Wisconsin, saw Issei as early as 1907, mostly farm laborers, one of whom became an independent operator in 1921 as a vegetable producer and became the first to grow vegetables on a commercial scale in the Madison area. He is Henry Toki, whose son succeeded him in the enterprise and supplies much of the produce for the city of Madison.

A contributor in another field to the agricultural industry of Wisconsin was Issei veterinarian Sobey Okuyama, the scientific director (herd veterinarian and head of quality control) of the 1,200-acre Brook Hill Farms, Inc., of Genesee, Wisconsin, who died in 1953 at the age of 64, willing two-thirds of his estate to the University of Wisconsin and a portion to the Genesee Congregational Church among others.

Okuyama was born in Japan on Dec. 10, 1888, and came to the United States in 1907 at the age of 19. After attending high school in California, he went to Brook Hill in 1910 and worked as a helper in the bottling house of the big dairy which produces specialty products for the Chicago market. He stayed on except for time out for college, which he financed with his work at the farm.

He loved animals and had an inquiring mind. Howard T. Greene, president of Brook Hill Farm, Inc., said, "If he could have talked and written English well, he would have been famous." Reading of the early research in Europe on artificial insemination, he tried it at Brook Hill, and it is written that the experiment "carried into the herd which the farm had on display at the 1933 World's Fair at Chicago." Okuyama collaborated with the University of Wisconsin in brucellosis in 1948, but did some original work as early as 1924. In his tiny laboratory, Sobey Okuyama, a diminutive man standing five feet tall and weighing 120 pounds, carried on many experiments and

on the farm officiated at hundreds of bovine births.

Pennsylvania

In Pennsylvania is the main office of the American Chick Sexing Association and School operated by S. John Nitta, a Nisei, who learned his chick-sexing technique in Nagoya, Japan, in 1936.

New Jersey

Although New Jersey was not significant as a center of agricultural activity of the Issei prior to World War II, mention should be made of Seabrook Farms near Bridgeton in southern New Jersey. Here was located the 30,000-acre vegetable farm and processing plant that during the wartime labor shortage utilized Japanese labor extensively recruited from the various relocation centers such as Amache, Colorado; Jerome and Rohwer, Arkansas; Gila, Arizona; Topaz, Utah; Heart Mountain, Wyoming; and Manzanar, California.

By 1946 Seabrook Farms had a Japanese population of 2,300 and comprised the largest Japanese "village" east of the Rockies. The population declined in time so that in 1948 there were only 1,600 and in 1955 only 600. The decline was attributed to the relatively low level of pay, the seasonal aspect of the work, as well as the desire of many of the Nisei to get into independent agriculture as did their fathers earlier in history, some of whom settled in New Jersey to take up farming and other activities in such places as Bridgeton, New Brunswick, Waterford Works, Deerfield Street, Williamstown, Elmer, Camden, Millville, Cedarville, Vineland, and elsewhere in southern New Jersey.

Seabrook Farms became a dispersal area for the Japanese as the population statistics would tend to indicate:

Year	1900	'10	'20	'30	'40	'50	'60
Pop.	52	206	325	439	298	1,784	3,514

The study of the Issei farmers in Texas and those in the southeastern and midwestern regions of the United States indicates contrasts in motivational patterns as well as vast similarities in traits and contributions to the commonweal. Man as an economic being is motivated by personal gain and the Issei certainly had this in common as they arrived in, lived and worked in the new environment. In the case of Texas, however, the high-born Issei at least in one case, that of the Saibaras, were induced to come for politico-economic reasons. Seito Saibara, a Christian politician and a liberal, was indignantly opposed to the Japanese government for its discriminatory outlook toward Christianity, e.g., although students in Japan were at the turn of the century generally exempt from military service, such preference was not given those attending Christian institutions. His motivation was to transplant his extended family to a free land and on the basis of rice farming to benefit not only himself but his countrymen in Japan as well. Such seems to have been the motive for Riebei Onishi, dedicated planter of colonies, and even Kichimatsu Kishi. These men were not handicapped by capital in the attempted fulfillment of their dreams whatever they were in actuality.

In the case of the less favored Issei farmers in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas and those who ventured to states east of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, the motivation in the main was sheer economics. The establishment of the various Japanese agricultural

colonies in Texas and in Florida after 1913 was in many cases definitely related to the developing atmosphere of hostility toward the Japanese farming population in the Pacific coast states culminating in the land laws and the exclusion act.

But everywhere where the Issei made their impact from Texas to the eastern seaboard, irrespective of their social background in Japan, they generally displayed common characteristics of singular fortitude, incredible industry, unusual innovativeness, and dauntless courage, often in the face of overwhelming adversities. In spirit, who can deny that they were the twentieth century counterparts of American pioneers who pushed westward in the 19th century to help lay the economic foundation for America. ■

End of Chapter XVII

The Author Is Reintroduced

Several weeks ago, Bill Hosokawa's column featured a profile on the author of "Planted in Good Soil," whose Chapter 17 has been extracted and running since the beginning of this year.

By Bill Hosokawa

Like many Nisei, Masakazu Iwata grew up in a farm family. By the time he was in high school he figured there was more to life than working long hours in the hot sun for very modest financial returns. Troubled by worsening relations between the United States and Japan, he aspired to serve as a bridge across the Pacific.

But that would require education in Japan. He dropped out of UCLA after a year, worked in fruit stands for two more years to put away a nestegg, then went to Japan in 1940. The war changed everything. He returned home to the States in 1947 on a stretcher and finally won a five-year battle against tuberculosis.

The long struggle gave him time to think. He resolved to "become an asset to society and mankind." He saw for himself the role of interpreting the East to the West, and went back to UCLA where eventually he earned his Ph.D. degree. Iwata's farm background asserted itself. Among his research papers was a study of Japanese immigrants in California agriculture.

In 1964—25 years ago—when JACL's Japanese American Research Project (JARP) was just getting under way, Iwata was asked to produce a book manuscript on the history of Japanese in American agriculture. Iwata worked stubbornly on the project, spending summers away from his teaching job to interview hundreds of individuals, pore long hours over research files, and painstakingly transform his notes into prose.

JARP committee members despaired of ever seeing the assignment finished. Now, finally, that manuscript is completed and soon it will become a book, or more accurately, two volumes. The title is "Planted in Good Soil," with a subtitle, "A History of the Issei in United States Agriculture."

The publisher is Peter Land Publishing, Inc., of New York, a small but distinguished firm that specializes in scholarly works. Because the subject is believed to be of somewhat restricted interest, the press run will be limited. And because two volumes will be involved, the price will not be inexpensive.

The other day Shig Wakamatsu, the patient chairman of the JARP committee, sent

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Issei parents. Yet for all their pains, they then found themselves criticized by their Sansei children for being insufficiently assertive. Still, the Nisei gave the community redress, and I say, not bad for a bunch of kids who grew up poor. Now they are dying.

Let me read you this. "A Ju may be approached by gentle manners but may not be cowed by force; he is affable but he cannot be made to do what he doesn't want; and he may be killed, but may not be humiliated. He is simple and frugal in his living, and his faults or mistakes may be gently explained but not abruptly pointed out to his face. . . . When he is successful, he does not depart from the truth. In his personal manners he values living in peace and harmony with others. Such is the strength of his character."

This sounds like a lot of Nisei I know. But what I just read was written in the 5th century B.C. by Confucius to describe the ideal scholar-high government official, the fabled Mandarin aristocrat. Not bad for a bunch of kids who grew up poor.

Lobbying Ronald Reagan

Now what about Ronald Reagan? His administration, thanks to OMB and the Justice Department, had expressed long-standing opposition to our bill. How was that reversed? By going to the top, to Reagan himself.

Out of chance and luck, Tom Kean, former Republican governor of New Jersey, became a crucially important figure in redress. Later, when Tom was asked by a reporter how many Japanese Americans lived in his state, the governor answered, five or six maybe as many as ten. There was nothing in it for Tom Kean. I knew Tom because I edited his book for publication at Macmillan. When you work hard on anything together, you get close. I figured that Ronald Reagan must like the governor because Tom is a generous, forthcoming person with a quick sense of humor.

Kean is rather like Spark Matsunaga in this respect: a nice guy who finished first. And while it's easy to say no to a SOB, it's a lot harder to say no to someone you just have to like. From what I can see, politics at any level is like real life as we live it from one day to the next.

I asked Tom to talk to the President next time he saw him, and Tom did for the first 35 minutes of a one-hour meeting in October of 1987. The Governor could have talked about the needs of New Jersey, but lobbied redress instead. When Tom got back to me, he said that the President was interested in the issue and had followed the course of the legislation in Congress. Now Reagan was either interested in an issue or he wasn't. He wasn't interested in the budding S&L scandal in Texas—let Don Regan and the aides handle that one, he said—but Ronald Reagan himself was interested in the issue of redress.

Tom said that Reagan was personally sympathetic, but could not then commit the Administration. Tom added that the President said that he was given two reasons to veto the bill, and that he wasn't comfortable with either one. The first was that the 1948 Claims Act took care of the problem, and so H.R. 442 addressed a non-problem. That Justice Department position Reagan rejected, but didn't tell Tom why.

The second reason Reagan thought might have some merit. Could he have answered for him the following question: "Was the evacuation a form of voluntary 'protective custody'?"

As you may have seen in the P.C., we got it to the President, again through Tom Kean, that internment was in no way voluntary. Thanks to Rudy Tokiwa of Sunnyvale, California, also part of the package was a letter written by June Masuda Goto, sister of slain 442 hero Kaz Masuda, reminding the President of a day in December of 1945 when the then-Captain Ronald Reagan, not without risk to his lagging movie career,

me portions of Iwata's manuscript for examination. To my knowledge, I have never seen a manuscript 25 years in the making. I was prepared for a scholarly account, with lots of statistical tables and dry as the dust of California's Central Valley.

But wait a minute. The manuscript was readable, interesting, even exciting in places, rich with fascinating new information. Iwata can write, and he provides sharp, astute insights. He captured the Issei love of beauty, their yearning for something other than endless struggle, their courage and their dreams. Of their triumphs over staggering odds, he says:

"They, I know, as well as we who are their heirs, can safely say that success came in the main because they 'planted in good

soil' at a ceremony honoring Kaz. Orange County locals had earlier refused to accept Kaz's body for burial.

Kaz Masuda personalized our bill for Ronald Reagan. The President had forgotten the episode that made him part of Japanese American history. For the President, to make it personal is to make it real. I believe the President thought this: I remember now when they wouldn't let that boy be buried in his own hometown.

The President, I feel, thinks anecdotally, not conceptually. But let's not be too quick to condemn someone who does. I believe most of us do. How many of you when facing an important decision go to a computer, and not a personal friend for advice? How many of you saw *The Color of Honor*? The whole show was based on string of anecdotes. Did you believe what those MIS and 42 vets were saying or not?

And so the President was brought on board. I was 80% sure Reagan would sign the bill a week before Thanksgiving in 1987. I was 90% sure a week before Christmas. And before Valentine's Day in 1988, I was assured by Ken Duberstein, then deputy chief of staff, that the president would in fact sign the bill. So we had the White House before the Senate took action that summer. What happened in effect was that in 1988, Ronald Reagan decided that in 1942 Min Yasui was right.

LEC's Strategy

Now on to the shape of LEC's strategy—in Washington jargon, framing the issue or the strategic theme. This is like a theme in a term paper, something that informs all your lobbying activity. By analogy, remember the 1988 presidential campaign. Bush tried to frame the issue by asking you to see Dukakis as an out-of-touch Ivy Leaguer who was soft on crime and defense. Dukakis asked you to see Bush as an out-of-touch, inarticulate wimp with no vision. The voter was then asked to make a choice.

Similarly, the question is, how do you want the politician to see what you're trying to lay before him?

To influence how he will decide something, it is not enough to simply assert your own values, principles and beliefs. Instead, you have to become a refrigerator salesman, and see the world from the other guy's point of view: I already have a refrigerator. My job is to sell you one.

Another thing here. To advance redress, you had to see the political world as it was, not as your ideals might insist it should be. In other words, passionate towards redress; ideologically dispassionate towards the political world in which redress had to find its way.

What was the shape of that political world? The elites in both parties were well to the right and well to the left of average, mainstream American opinion. Witness Ronald Reagan and the candidates Bush and Dukakis. The same was true in Congress, ideological polarization. And our task, remember, was to convince members of Congress to vote for redress, not the broad American public. Today it may be different in a supposedly kinder, gentler Washington. I don't know.

But I did feel at the time that the next question was: Who did we have and who did we need? We had nearly all of the liberals and most Democrats outside the South. We needed Republicans, and especially conservative Republicans like the one who then occupied the White House.

In short, we needed to frame our issue in a way conservative Republicans could accept as consistent with their values, principles and beliefs. If you didn't or couldn't, or wouldn't, the bill was a loser.

How do you go about making it acceptable? The thing not to do was to define our bill as a piece of traditional civil rights, ethnic, special interest legislation. Instead, you defined it as a piece of general interest legislation, consistent with the most conservative, even an original-intent reading of the Constitution.

In other words, Mr. Conservative Congressman, do you think that James Madison

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soil' both crops that thrived and a posterity—the Nisei and subsequent generations—that has matured and developed from their fundamental efforts. . . . essentially their spirit was the spirit of America—the spirit that caused her many immigrants comprising the very fabric of America to plant in the good soil which has culminated in the singular civilization that is ours today.

"The Issei essentially were Americans whose contributions to civilization were no less important than those of any other group who made this country their promised land and final resting place."

Look for Iwata's volumes. They are a worthy tribute to Issei farmers. They belong in the libraries of Nisei, so many of whom sprang from the good soil.

THE NEWSMAKERS

► **Mike Watanabe**, executive director of the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP), was among 19 recipients of the Los Angeles County Self Esteem Award given recently at a downtown ceremony. The award, given by the Los Angeles County Task Force to Promote Self-Esteem and Personal and Social Responsibility, is "in appreciation of the outstanding work throughout the County to strengthen self-esteem and personal and social responsibility."

► **Renie Yoshida Grohl**, senior vice president and group executive of the Regulatory Affairs Group of the U.S. League of Savings Institutions, Wash., is overseeing the League's regulatory monitoring and analysis functions and maintaining liaison with regulatory agencies. She joined the League in 1987 as special securities counsel, with responsibility for monitoring mergers and acquisitions and holding company issues as well as securities law and regulations. Grohl is active in the American Bar Association and currently is chair of the Savings Institutions Committee of the ABA's Business Law Section.

► Gov. George Deukmejian has reappointed **Harold M. Sumida, 79**, to the 19th District Agricultural Association (Santa Barbara Expo & Fair). On the 19th DAA board since 1986, he is the president of La Sumida Nursery, Inc.

► **Ken Nishimura, 46**, a Dallas marketing consultant, was hired as the director of the Texas Department of Commerce's new branch office in Tokyo. He will promote Texas to Japanese businesses seeking to expand, and facilitate trade and tourism between Texas and Japan.

► **Frank Iwama** has been selected to serve on the board of directors of the California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance, a nonprofit, nonpartisan coalition working to support programs

and policies that benefit both the environment and the economy. Iwama was one of the few Japanese Americans to pursue a legal career in the 1960s and was also a leader in the Japanese American Citizens League. He was the first elected president of the Sacramento Asian Bar Association and is the first Asian American to be elected to serve on the board of governors of the California State Bar.

► Los Angeles mayor Tom Bradley was among those who honored **Betty Kozasa** on the occasion of her retirement from the Volunteer Center of Los Angeles, where she has spent almost 25 years as a board member and staffperson. She was cited for her advocacy efforts through the years of children and youth, education, volunteerism, minority recognition and aging issues.

► **Surgeon Taro Yokoyama** was honored at a "Heart to Heart" dinner party at the Biltmore Hotel, organized by the Los Angeles Evergreen Lions Club. Yokoyama, chief of cardiovascular surgery at St. Vincent Medical Center in Los Angeles, received a certificate of appreciation from California Secretary of State March Fong Eu, thanking him for the many free, life-saving heart surgeries he has performed for needy children from around the world.

► **James A. Michener**, whose panoramic novels reflect a lifetime of globetrotting, is thinking of settling down each winter in Florida, his editor says. The 83-year-old author has no plans for another epic that would require years of geographical research, so he's hunting for a winter retirement home, coordinating editor James Kings said. Michener will spend his summers at a condominium he bought in Brunswick, Maine. For years Michener and his wife Mari have set up quarters in whatever part of the world he happens to be writing about. He spent three years in

Miami while writing *Caribbean*, his latest best-seller. The Micheners have been Philadelphia JACL 1000 Club life members since the 1960s.

► **Mike Shima, L.Ac., O.M.D.** of Corte Madera, Calif., has been elected to a second term as president of the California Acupuncture Association. He practices Oriental Medicine (acupuncture and herbs) and teaches advance courses to practitioners.

► **Daniel M. Furuya**, Sansei born in Pasadena, Calif., graduate from USC and Harvard, was recently ordained as a Zen monk under direction of **Bishop Kenko Yamashita** of the Zenshuji Soto Temple in Little Tokyo. Now known as **Rev. Ken-sho Furuya**, he continues to teach aikido and iaido, Japanese swordsmanship, at his dojo in Little Tokyo, the Aikido Center of Los Angeles. Furuya is also the president of the Southern California Japanese Sword Society and publishes their monthly newsletter on Japanese swords and their history. He is a 5th dan in aikido and 5th dan *renshi* (master instructor) in iaido.

► **George Nakano**, Torrance city council member, was appointed to the League of California Cities' Policy Committee on Environmental Quality, which determines policy in the areas of air, water, energy, solid waste, noise pollution, shoreline land use and tidelands' use and development and recommends positions on all state and federal legislation affecting cities in these areas.

► **Rhonda Hirata, 36**, was promoted to vice president at McCann-Erickson San Francisco where she is a management supervisor. She began her career in the media department at McCann, then moved on to other San Francisco advertising firms before returning to McCann last July. A native of Oxnard, she is graduate of UC Berkeley and is active with several Nikkei community groups including Kimochi, JCCNC, Asian American Theater Company and Uncle George's Produce.

► **Cynthia Yuko Ikeda**, recent UCLA graduate in political science with honors, won the 1990 scholarship from the American Association of Japanese University Women, a Los Angeles-based group devoted to promoting greater understanding between the U.S. and Japan. She plans to study Japanese law at Keio for 2½ years and return to the U.S. in 1993 for law school. She is the daughter of George/Miyako Ikeda, and is a Lowell High '85 graduate who won scholarships in 1987 from National JACL and UC Japanese American Alumni Association.

JACL PULSE

■ ARIZONA

Scholarship Awards Banquet, Sun., April 29, Fountain Suites Hotel, 2577 W. Greenway Rd., Phoenix. Info: (602) 861-2638.

■ CONTRA COSTA

Senior Appreciation Dinner for Japanese American community, Sun., April 1, 5:00 pm, Maple Hall on San Pablo; entertainment: Children's "Bell Choir" and "Minyo."

■ EASTERN DC

EDC Meeting, Sat., March 31, Community Bldg., Red Room, Medford Leas, N.J. Schedule: coffee, 10 am; meeting, 10:30 am; lunch, 1 pm, in the Garden Dining Room, \$9/ea. (includes tip); workshop, "Stress Management in Leadership Positions," 2-3:45 pm; relax at the Uyebaras, 4-4:30 pm; Philadelphia JACL Installation and Graduate Recognition Dinner, 6 pm. Info: (609) 953-7413.

■ FRESNO

"The Myths and Realities of U.S.-Japan Relations," opening series of dinner meeting discussions, Mon., April 2, 7 pm, Daruma #2, Shaw and West. Panelists: Dr. Rufus Waters, professor of international business, CSUF; Dr. Izumi Taniguchi, professor of economics, CSUF; and Dr. Frank Nishio, moderator, Dr. Mae Takahashi. Cost: \$10/ea. Reservation deadline: March 26. Info: (both 209) P. Liggett, 266-2204 or F. Nishio, 439-8525.

■ GILROY

JACL Golf Tournament, Sat., April 21, Gilroy Golf and Country Club. Info: Mike, (408) 847-3218.

■ GREATER PASADENA

Joint information forum with Tenure for Tanoye Committee: "Racism at Cal-Tech?", Fri., Mar. 30, 7:30-9:30 pm; Attorney Dale Minami, spkr.; Forum Building, Pasadena City College, 1570 E. Colorado Blvd. Info: Glenn, (213) 777-2225.

■ MARINA

Wine/Cheese Safari, Fri., March 30, the Aquarium, 5403 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City. View sea anemone, mini coral reef and sea gardens while sipping wine & nibbling cheese. Info: Shirley Chami (213) 390-1240.

■ MILWAUKEE

An evening with Japanese peace advocate Mayumi Fukuda, co-sponsored by the International Institute, Wed., April 18.

1990 Recognition Dinner for high school and college graduates, Sun., April 29, Royal Fountain Restaurant, N112 W17100 Mequon Rd.

■ PHILADELPHIA

The 1990 Philadelphia JACL Installation and Graduate Recognition Dinner, Sat., March 31, Meiji En Restaurant (215) 592-7100, Philadelphia Marine Center, Pier 19 North, Delaware Ave. at Callowhill St. Social Hour: 6 pm. Dinner: 7 pm. Program: 8:30 pm; Judge Ida Chen, keynote speaker. Cost: \$30/ea. Send checks payable to the Philadelphia JACL by March 31 to Mas Yamatani, 1925 Gibson Dr., Hatboro, PA 19040. Info: (609) 953-7413.

■ SACRAMENTO

An investment and estate planning seminar, Sat., Mar. 24, 10 am - 2 pm, Hoi Sing Chinese restaurant, 7005 S. Land Park Dr.; Agenda: estate planning, tax changes, charitable deductions, wills, living trusts, investments and insurance. Info: (916) 447-0231.

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■ SAN JOSE

Annual bridge tournament, Sat., April 7, Wesley Methodist Church, 566 N. 5th St. Categories: Major, intermediate and junior, with prizes for each section. Info: A. Nakamura, (408) 258-7874.

■ SAN MATEO

Community family potluck dinner, Sat., Mar. 31, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., San Mateo Buddhist social hall; door prizes, Japanese-English songfest.

■ TWIN CITIES

Annual Sukiyaki dinner, Sun., April 1, Union Congregational Church, 3700 Alabama Ave. South, St. Louis Park. Dinner prices: \$8, adults; \$4, children 10 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Advance reservations: (both 612) 934-9238 or 537-8076.

■ VENTURA COUNTY

Applications for Ventura County JACL scholarships due April 1. Info: Doug Doi, (805) 650-1705. Redress information meeting with ORA Executive Director Bob Bratt, Thurs., May 17, Casa Serena, 3605 Peninsula Rd., Oxnard. Info: Stan Mukai, (both 805) 650-1705 (H) or 989-4502 (W).

■ WEST VALLEY

Potluck welcoming new members, Sat., March 24, 6 pm, chapter clubhouse. Established members are asked to bring a main dish to share and own table service; salad, dessert & beverages will be furnished. Info: D. Muraoka, (408) 996-1976.

Items publicizing JACL events should be typewritten (double-spaced) or legibly hand-printed and mailed at least **THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE** to the P.C. office. Please include contact phone numbers, addresses, etc.

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Current total (265)
Life, C/Life, Memorial total ()
Feb 12-16, 1990 (22)

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Detroit: 4-Dr. Gerald Shimoura.
Florn: 3-Bill Tsukamoto.
Fresno: 33-Dr. Sumio Kubo, 3-James Mukai.
Gardena Valley: 18-Dr. Ernest Terao.
Idaho Falls: 39-Charley Hirai.
Mile Hi: 24-James Kanemoto.
Monterey Peninsula: 36-Hoshito Oyster Miyamoto.
Omaha: 8-Rudy Mudra.
Puyallup Valley: 31-George Murakami.
Sacramento: 36-Dr. Akio Hayashi, 30-Kazuma Ishihara, 34-Martin Miyao, 6-Kay Sagara.
San Jose: 11-Teiji Okuda.
San Luis Obispo: 26-Robert C. Takahashi.
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11-Yoichi John Asari.
Active (previous total) (265)
Total this report: #9 (47)
Current total (312)
Life, C/Life, Memorial total ()
Feb 19-23, 1990 (47)

Alameda: 21-Yasuo Yamashita.
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Dayton: 27-Yoichi Sato.
Delano: 4-Brian Komoto.
East Los Angeles: 1-Kaz Marumoto.
Florn: 3-Peter Okamoto, 1-Henry Yui, 3-Ida Tsujikawa Zodrow.
Fremont: 18-Shizuo Harada, 20-Dr. Walker Kitajima.
Fresno: 16-Dr. George Nii.
Gardena Valley: 1-Verna Lee Steffen, 1-Osamu Tanomura.
Idaho Falls: 32-Sami S. Sakaguchi.
Lodi: 16-Keiji Fujinaka.
Marin County: 9-Mo Noguchi.
Marysville: 9-Ben T. Kawada, 7-Ron Yoshimura.
Mid Columbia: 27-Masami Asai.
Mile Hi: 26-Dr. Ben Miyahara.
New England: 7-Margie M. Yamamoto.
Pasadena: 33-Chiyeko Kishi.
Reno: 32-Wilson H. Makabe.
Sacramento: 32-Dr. Edward K. Ishii, 13-William I. Sakai.
Sanger: 33-Tom T. Moriyama.
San Francisco: 26-Raymond E. Konagai, 7-Yoshio Maeda.
San Luis Obispo: 19-Ben Dohi, 24-Hilo Fuchiaki, 26-Kazuo Ikeda, 19-Mitsuo Sanbonmatsu.
Selanoco: 6-Barbara Kamon.
Snake River: 26-Shigeru Hironaka, 26-Bob S. Uru.
Sonoma County: 16-David Murakami.
Stockton: 29-Dr. Kenneth Fujii.
Twin Cities: 29-Toshio W. Abe, 22-O Sam Honda, 22-Albert Tsuchiya.
Venice Culver: 22-Fred M. Makimoto.
Washington, DC: 22-Joseph M. Hirata.
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OBITUARIES

Rev. Chiso Yamaguchi, 68, Buddhist Priest
Rev. Chiso Ken Yamaguchi of the Buddhist Churches of America collapsed during a church board meeting Mar. 5 in San Francisco, rushed to a hospital where he expired. Born in Brawley, he attended UC Berkeley and was interned in Poston during the war. He was an optometrist in Pasadena (he was a Pasadena JACL president in 1958-59) before giving his practice at age 50 to study in Japan to become a priest. After his ordination in 1975, he served the BCA Kyodan in Los Angeles, was then transferred to San Francisco in 1981. He leaves his wife Yuri, a Philip, Dr. Tom, d. Lynn, Dana and 1 gc.

Hiroshi Yoshida, 38, Muralist

Hokkaido-born set designer-muralist Hiroshi Yoshida died recently of gunfire, police believe to be Filipino youths, who were discovered by the artist in his girlfriend's apartment. His "Flight to the Angels" (July 1989), completed by neighborhood youths, is on the side of Modernage Printing, 301 S. Crocker St., across from Higashi Hongwanji in Little Tokyo. He also completed the mural at the São Paulo Japanese Cultural Center in 1983, and was commissioned in 1989 by the Los Angeles City Cultural Affairs Department to do "Neighborhood Pride: Great Walls Unlimited" program.

Dr. Teru Togasaki, 83, Pioneer Physician

Well-known San Francisco physician, a San Francisco and UC California Medical School graduate who began her general practice in Sacramento, she was one of the first Japanese women doctors in that community. She spent WWII at the Poston, Ariz., hospital clinic, from 1947 to the mid-sixties in Honolulu as a general practitioner, and then returned to San Francisco to join her sister Dr. Kazuo Togasaki. She retired in 1972, remained active with the League of Women Voters, JACL and Society of Friends. Surviving are her daughter Kiyoshi (Tokyo), Shinobu (San Jose), sisters Kazuo, Chiye Yamanaka, Dr. Yoshiye, Yaye Breitenbach (New York).

Hirotsuke Inouye, 74, JACL President

Redwood City-born community leader, San Mateo JACL president in 1939, died Feb. 6 at Stanford Hospital. Survived by wife Ruby, s. Donald, Kenneth, d. Margaret Renn, Jeanette Muzac, Betty Matsuoka, Gogo Heinrich, sis Yoneko Arimoto, 7gc.

Haru Asawa, 95, Fukushima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, West Los Angeles, Jan. 13. Surviving: s. George, Bill, d. Lois Shishido, Chiyu Knebow (Lewiston, Idaho), Ruth Asawa Lanier (San Francisco), Janet Davis (Lewiston), 23gc, 21gc.

Yukino Fujimura, 94, Fukuoka-born pioneer, Los Angeles, Jan. 14. Surviving: s. Toshiyuki, d. Mikio Kikuchi, in-law Faith Fujimura, 3gc, 1gc.

George M. Hashimura, 74, WWII veteran, West Los Angeles, Jan. 10. Surviving: s. Elaine, d. Mitsuko Kuren Mann, Yuriko Wolliams, Linda Oshinomi, 6gc, br Masato, Masayuki, Takashi, sis Shizue Fujita.

Takako Hayakawa, 80, Fukuoka-born resident of Fountain Valley, Calif., Jan. 18. Surviving: h. Kazumasa, s. Gary, d. Kimiko Takahashi, Chiyoko Masumoto (San Diego), Sally Matsumoto, Itsuko Kubo, Shirley Bolinger, 17gc, 3gc.

Mack Ichimura, 77, Hawaiian born resident of Plano, Tex., Dec. 31. Surviving: s. Kimiko, s. Nathan, Gary, d. Eunice Maekawa, 9gc.

Sam Kawai, 66, Santa Ana, Jan. 17. Surviving: w. Miyuki, d. Phyllis, Sandy Miyake, br Kiyoshi, Yoshio, sis Tsuneko Yamamoto, Fusako Kumamoto.

Teruo "Henry" Kishi, 70, Los Angeles, Jan. 3. Surviving: in-law sis Yoshiko Kishi.

Tom Matsuoka, 71, Pasadena, Jan. 11 in Hiroshima. Surviving: w. Emi, s. James, Jerry, d. Jody Salinas, 14gc, br George.

Henry T. Matsuyama, 71, Seattle-born WWII veteran, San Pedro, Jan. 3 in Seattle. Surviving: s. Paul, d. Runko Wright, Harue Machida, Fusayo Muneakawa, Tamako Fujimoto, 6gc, br Isamu Kikuchi, Takeo Kikuchi, half-sis Miyuki Hashimoto, in-law sis Shizue Kikuchi (Seattle).

Masaharu Munesato, 71, Gardena, Jan. 14. Surviving: w. Alyse, s. Chris, Marty, d. Robin Shinoda, Yukino, in-law Janice Overman, 5gc, br Taka, Sam, sos Yaeko Kawazoye, Sumiye Takayama, in-law: br Shigeo Shiotani (Watsonville), m. Yukino Hikiji (Sacramento).

Yuki Murata, 94, Nara-born resident of Whittier, prewar in Yakima. Surviving: s. William, Rocky, d. Yuri, Itsuko Yamazaki, Sachiko Murata (Idaho), Sadako Honda, 14gc, 19gc.

Yayeko "Yankee" Nakamura, 64, Los Angeles, Jan. 9. Surviving: h. Masaichi, s. Russell, Glen, Philip, d. Jane, br Takeo Nishihara, sis Harue Nagata, Masako Mizumoe, 2gc.

George T. Okinaka, 90, Yamaguchi-born, Orange, Jan. 19. Surviving: w. Harumi, s. Byron, Ronald Shigem, 3gc.

Paul Haruo Ota, 71, Selma, Dec. 4. Surviving: w. Fujiko, s. Teruo, Akira, br Ken, 4gc.

Dr. Takeo Ota, 80, Hawaiian Nisei, Loma Linda, Jan. 9. Surviving: w. Chieko, s. Roy, Glenn, Marvin, d. Joan Andres, sis Aiko Sakamoto, Emi Otori, 3gc.

Tomoro Ryuseki Ouchida, 86, Fukuoka resident of Playa del Rey, Jan. 16. Surviving: s. Satoru, 3gc.

Michiko Ozasa, 92, Nagasaki-born, Monterey Park, Jan. 9. Surviving: s. Teruo, Isamu, d. Hideko Yamate, 9gc, 11gc.

Kango Takamura, 94, Kumamoto Issei resident, Los Angeles, Jan. 17. Surviving: d. Jean Tanaka.

Hiroshi Tsuji, 72, Gardena, Jan. 15. Surviving: w. Emiko, s. Philip, Robert, d. Susan, 3gc, br George "Hump."

Chitose Uchida, 94, Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 27. She was the last surviving member of the first graduating class of Univ. of British Columbia, 1916. Surviving: br Dr. Matasaburo Uchida.

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UCLA Nikkei Student Union Scholarship Fund, 3232 Campbell Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1546.

Author Amy Tan to
Address UPAC Benefit

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—The Union of Pacific Asian Communities holds its seventh annual benefit dinner on Friday, May 18, at the La Jolla Marriott. Author Amy Tan, 38, whose best-selling novel, *The Joy Luck Club*, has been nominated for a national award, will be guest speaker.

Tickets, \$75 per person, may be obtained from UPAC, (619) 232-6454, 1031-25th St., San Diego, CA 92102.

SPEECH

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and John Jay would have said that what happened to us was perfectly okay with them?

Answer: No. Why? Because it says in cold print, right here on page one, that "Congress shall make no law..." "And no state shall..."

Equality of Opportunity

The next step. In broad terms, what do most Democrats believe and what do most Republicans believe? Democrats believe in the equality of opportunity and the use of government to ensure a measure of equality of outcome. The Republicans believe in the same equality of opportunity, but are wary of government redistribution programs requiring bureaucrats.

Remember that we couldn't sell redress as a piece of liberal Democratic civil rights legislation to get it through Congress, and turn around and sell it another way to the White House. For Reagan, the liberal Democrats, not to speak of people farther left, are the bad guys, and chances are, if the bad guys for it, he's going to be against it.

But the theme of equality of opportunity, as guaranteed by specifically enumerated rights in the Constitution, is the basis of the broad consensus one finds in all of American life. And we might even say that equality of opportunity for all is the very meaning of America itself.

And that is precisely what Japanese Americans in camp were denied. So we were not looking for welfare, quotas or any other form of affirmative civil liberties legislation in our bill. Through it, we wanted what everybody else never had taken away from them. Put another way. What is the difference between the homeless man on a park bench in Spokane and

What's the difference between a homeless man and a wealthy Nisei farmer? Answer: The homeless man never went to camp.

a wealthy Nisei farmer in California?

The answer: The homeless man never went to camp.

In 1942, we were perfectly willing to compete in the open marketplace, perfectly willing to take the market, not the subsidized price for our strawberries.

But you can't compete in any marketplace if you're inside some God-forsaken camp. In fact, in 1942, we really wanted what classic conservatives since Thomas Jefferson have always cherished:

a boys club organized by Yoshizo Sano, a Japanese language school principal. Troop 12 has had a colorful and distinguished history. They received their Boy Scout national charter in March 1915, and continued during WWII when a number of the boys re-established the troop while interned at the Topaz relocation camp.

Distinguished as being one of the oldest Boy Scout troops still in existence, Troop 12 has continued to pass on its legacy to hundreds of scouts who remember "summer camps," "overnighters," Scout-O-Rama's, national and international jamborees and the countless performances of its heralded Drum and Bugle Corps, which included the historical 1939 Treasure Island World's Fair.

Along with a gala banquet and dance, there are a number of events scheduled throughout the three-day celebration including golf, bowling, and basketball tournaments as well as a fishing derby.

Troop 12 historians are also asking past members, no matter where they may now reside, to dig deep into their stored boxes of nostalgia for any photos, films, videos from past years of scouting, so that a visual documentation piece can be completed. All materials submitted will be handled with the greatest care, reproduced, and then returned to the owner. Anyone with anything of interest is to contact Cary Matsumura at (415) 386-8031.

For more information: contact Shig Miyamoto at (415) 386-5716.

laissez-faire. To be left alone by the government. To be left alone is one definition of freedom.

But the government didn't leave us alone, did it?

Instead, the government sent us to camps and denied us the equality of opportunity that is the very meaning of America stipulated in the Constitution itself. Redress embodies that meaning. Min Yasui said exactly the same thing about the evacuation and the Constitution in 1942.

Imagine the following conversation: "You're telling me, Senator, that you want to vote against the meaning of America?" "No, I don't, but we don't have the money for your bill. Look at the size of the deficit."

"I see, Senator, you're telling me that money is more important to you than your most cherished beliefs and principles, not to speak of the very meaning of our country."

"No, no, no, money is not more important to me. I will sigh very deeply and vote for your bill. I don't want the average white constituent back home to think that I voted against the Constitution. You people have me on the merits, and maybe the politics here are on your side, too."

Of course, the matter was not always this simple. But by my lights that is how redress came to be regarded as a motherhood issue, a kind of issue commanding the broadest and deepest support possible. And hence the basis of the ultimate coalition, one between liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans.

Get both groups to buy the same refrigerator. And forget the moral high horse and quash any sense of bitterness, because, as Buddha and Jesus might have said, that will get you nowhere in politics.

But, Grant, a couple of embarrassed Sansei friends have asked me, you made redress an apple pie and motherhood issue? I certainly tried, I respond. And why not? Apple pie tastes good, but doesn't *ochazuke* taste just as good? And wasn't the Issei mother as worthy of love and respect as any American mother cherished by her children? And wasn't she, whose rights were not respected, the one who could almost make a horsestall a livable place? Can she not now, through us, become a political force?

If the answers are yes, yes, a thousand times yes; then redress was and is a motherhood issue.

So it is that all those whose lives the Issei mother touched and shaped—those who are here tonight and those who have gone before—share with us now this time of vindication and triumph.

Thank you very, very much for giving me the privilege to be with you this evening.

THE CALENDAR

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Present—April 15—The Cult of Tea: An Exhibit Commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the Death of Sen no Rikyu, Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd.

• DETROIT

March 31—The 7th Annual Rededication Dinner of the American Citizens for Justice, Dr. Kyo Ryoan Jhin, keynote speaker; John Roy Castillo, guest speaker; Entertainment: Tae Kwon Do demo by U.S. Olympic bronze medalist Han Won Lee, Filipino folk dancing by the Tagumpay Cultural Ensemble, Days Hotel, 17017 Nine Mile Rd., Southfield; cocktails 6 pm, dinner 7 pm. Info: (313) 689-5518.

• LOS ANGELES AREA

Present—March 25—Jude Narita's *Coming into Passion, Song for a Sunset*, Whitefire Theatre, 13500 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks. Info: Gretchen Weber, (213) 463-7590.

March 21-April 29—East West Players presents Vernon Takeda's *Performance Anxiety*, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Info: (213) 660-0366.

March 29—Pep rally fundraiser for California 3rd Assembly District candidate Lon Hatamiya, 6-9 pm, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr. Info: (all) T. Murakawa, 822-7470; M. Castro, 663-5396; J. Soong, 818 281-2647.

April 4-May 27—"Full Circle," an exhibition of furniture designed by George Nakashima, George J. Doizaki Gallery, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Info: (213) 628-2725.

April 14—"L.A. Dance—the East West Players Benefit," a special dinner and dance fundraiser for EW Players, International Ballroom, Airport Hyatt Hotel. Performers: Comedian Charlie LaBorte, singer Darrell Yoshihara, others; live-music by the Game Plan; DJ by Destiny Productions. Tickets: \$50/ea., dinner & dance, \$20/ea., dance only. Info: (213) 660-0366.

April 7—"American Bases and the Pacific Rim: Challenge of the 1990s—Korea and the Philippines," sponsored by the Nuclear Free Asia Pacific Committee, L.A., 2-6 pm, USC, Taper Hall of Humanities Rm. 101. Info: (both 213) 933-6443 or 733-7785.

Aug. 16-19—Reunion of the Kubasaki High School, Okinawa, Japan, Class of 1980, Avalon, Santa Catalina Island. Open to all KHS graduates and attendees; targeting the classes of 1978-82. Info: G. Johnston, (213) 782-0351.

• NEW YORK

March 20-April 7—Pan Asian Repertory Theatre's production of Wakako Yamauchi's *And the Soul Shall Dance*, Apple Core Theatre, 336 W. 20th St. Curtain: T-F, 8 pm; Sat, 2 & 8 pm. Tickets: Opening night, \$50/ea. (Proceeds to the Aichi Koyama Memorial Fund); all other performances, \$22/ea.; senior, student, theatre professional and group rates available with ID. Tickets: (212) 245-2660.

• ORANGE COUNTY, CALIF.

July 6 & 7—The 1900 USJF Junior, Youth & Team National Judo Championships hosted by Nanka Judo Yudanshakai; Buena Park Hotel & Convention Center, 7675 Crescent Ave., Buena Park. Info: (both 714) Ted Okada, 821-5397 or Masaru Harada, 737-7913.

• PORTLAND, ORE.

Aug. 3-5—Greater Portland Nikkei Reunion, registration deadline: June 1; Red Lion Inn, Lloyd Center. Info: (503) 654-9437.

• SACRAMENTO

March 31—The 4th Annual Dragon Run, Caroline Wenzel Elementary School. Info: (916) 452-7836.

April 15—Deadline for AJA Veterans reunion in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, on June 29. Info: Shiro Tokuno, (916) 925-0019.

April 21—Issei Oral History Project, Inc.'s ceremony to donate audio-tapes of over 200 interviews with Issei to the Sacramento History Center, 5:30-7:30 pm, Sacramento History Center, 101 I St. Info: (916) 925-0019.

• SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Present—May 13—Exhibit: "Strength & Diversity: Japanese American Women, 1885-1990," co-sponsored by National Japanese American Historical Society; Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St., Oakland; admission free. Info: (all 415) NJAHS, 431-5007; Museum, 273-3842 or 273-3401.

March 28—Asian American International Film Showcase, AMC Kabuki 8 Theatres, San Francisco. Film: *First Date*, 7:30 pm. Info: (415) 863-0814.

March 31—Asian Law Caucus fundraising dinner, Mari Matsuda, keynote speaker; Rodney Low, Robert Rusky, Joseph Valentine, honorees. Grand Hyatt at Union Square; 6 pm cocktails, 8 pm dinner. Info: J. Lucero, (415) 391-1655.

April 1—Nisei Widowed Group's monthly meeting, new members welcome; home of Kay Yamamoto, 2-4 pm. Info: (both 415) 221-0268 (S.F.) or 482-3280 (E.B.).

April 7—Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California open house, exhibits, entertainment, 1-5 pm. Info: (415) 567-5505.

April 8—East Bay Nikkei Singles California Singles Invitational Golf Tournament; regis. 11 am, tee-off 12:15 pm. Entry fee: \$20/ea. Entries: first come, first served basis by March 26. Skywest Golf Course, 1401 Golf Course Rd., Hayward; Info: Y. Shibata, (415) 352-3115.

• SAN LEANDRO

March 31—Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society, No. Calif. Women's Luncheon, 9:30 am-1 pm, Sue Tatsui, guest speaker, San Lorenzo Japanese Christian Church, 615 Lewelling Blvd. Info: Sylvia Chow, 210 Jenay Ct., Martinez CA 94553, (415) 228-9448.

• SEATTLE

Present to April 1—Norie Sato mixed media show, Linda Farris Gallery, 322-2nd Ave. South; Tu-Sat 11:30-5 pm, Sun 1-5 pm. Info: (206) 623-1110.

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March 27—Reading by Mitsuye Yamada, poet; Elliott Bay Books, 101 S. Main St., 7:30 pm. Info: (206) 624-6600.

March 29—Asian Management Business Assn. membership kick-off, Dennis Okamoto, speaker; 1201 Third Ave., 40th fl., 6-8 pm. Info: T. Chin (206) 244-246 w, 248-1469 h.

March 31—Reading of "People of Washington" with Professor Gail Nomura, formerly of WSU; Elliott Bay Books, 101 S. Main., 7:30 pm. Info: (206) 624-6600.

April 16—Ladies Musical Club concert by Japanese Canadian pianist Jon Kimura Parker, U of W Meany Hall, 8 pm. Tickets: (206) 728-6411.

April 28—(Rescheduled) Asian Management Business Assn. charity auction; Lori Matsukawa, mc; comedian Arnold Mukai entertaining; proceeds

to Keiro and Kin On Nursing Homes, AMBA scholarship fund, Sea-Tac Marriott Hotel, Evergreen Ballroom, 3201 S. 176th, 6-11 pm. Tickets/reservations: E. Kitamura (206) 285-2295, T. Lee (206) 575-6711.

• WATSONVILLE

May 19-20—Watsonville YBA Reunion (circa 1940-1956) planning meetings during Chizu Iwanaga's visit in Watsonville. Info: (all 408) Mas Hashimoto, 722-6859; Ernie Uri, 724-4366; or Jackie Yamashita, 724-7860.

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