

**HAVE YOU ANSWERED THE CENSUS FORM?** Left to right: Paul Igasaki, JACL; Pat Luce, Samoan community; Director Barbara Bryant, U.S. Census; Irene Lee, D.C. Org. of Pan Asian Women; Linda Jofuku, U.S. Census; and Melinda Yee, OCA.

## U.S. Census Hears Asian Concerns

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Bureau of the Census held a press conference unveiling ads for a national promotional campaign reaching out to a variety of targeted groups. Attending the event, Asian American community representatives raised concerns about the slow pace in implementing outreach efforts to reach monolingual immigrant communities.

Among the spots unveiled at the event were tapes featuring a red, white and blue abacus urging Asians "not to be counted out." The ad appears in English, Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean.

During the question and answer period, Melinda Yee, Executive Director of the Organization of Chinese Americans, asked Director of the Census Barbara Everitt Bryant and Robert Mosbacher, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, why the pace of programs designed to reach out to Asian immigrant communities were proceeding as slowly as West Coast community groups have reported. Census representatives agreed to look into the problem.

Asian representatives at the event included Yee; JACL Washington Representative Paul Igasaki; Irene Lee, president of the D.C.-area Organization of Pan Asian American Women; and Pat Luce, Director of the National Office of Samoan Affairs and Chair of the Asian and Pacific Islander 1990 Census Advisory Committee.

"Full participation by Asian Americans in the Census count will prove critical to our community's future," said Igasaki following the event. "Political redistricting, public and private resource allocation and general understanding of the needs and characteristics of our community will all be based upon the results of the census. Anything less than complete participation will result in inadequate recognition of Asian Americans for the remainder of this century."

## Kosuge's Sculpture Stands Tall in Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES—Tokyo-born sculptor Michihiro Kosuge dedicated his bronze and stainless steel pieces to the Japanese people in Los Angeles. His sculpture stands in Little Tokyo's Gilbert Lindsay Mall behind Union Bank. It was installed just before Christmas last year.

Kosuge, 46, teaches sculpture, basic design and architecture at Portland State and was commissioned by the All Right Corp., which also constructed the parking structure facing the sculpture.

Because of confined space, the three origami-like pieces are tall, one resembling a lantern, the others depicting a *garan*, which decorate the top of a temple.

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## Nikkei Address Conference on Internment, Redress

WASHINGTON—Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga was one of three Nikkei who addressed the joint Organization of American History/Society for History in the Federal Government annual conference in Washington, D.C. last month. Ms. Herzig-Yoshinaga spoke of her experiences as an American concentration camp inmate during WWII and later as principal researcher for the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC).

Historians attending the session on "Japanese American: The Road to Redress" also heard Dennis Hayashi, of the Asian Law Caucus of San Francisco, speak on the wartime internment cases of Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi, and Min Yasui, and of the successful attempts in getting the convictions of the three men vacated some 40 years later. Mr. Hayashi was a member of the *coram nobis* legal team that represented Korematsu in 1983-84.

William M. Hohri, the primary plaintiff in the class action suit, *Hohri et al., v. U.S.*, addressed the assembly on the judicial and legislative history of the redress movement from its earliest years to the recent successful action by the Congress which made financial compensation to survivors of the

## PBS 'Inside Washington' Moderator Used Epithet

SAN FRANCISCO—Complaints received over use of the epithet "Jap" by the moderator of "Inside Washington" on Sunday, Feb. 25, and aired by the local Public Broadcast Station KQED were acknowledged by George Kondo, Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific JACL regional director.

The JACL joined in the protest, reminding the station WTTW/Chicago, producer of the program, and the McLaughlin Group covering "Inside Washington," that the epithet is derogatory and demeaning as are "Nigger, Wops, Kikes, Chink."

## North Carolina Killer Gets 35-Year Sentence for Racial Motivation

From the Hokubei Mainichi

RALEIGH, N.C. — A jury on March 19 decided that the killing last July of Jim Loo by Robert Piche was a racially motivated murder.

Before sentencing Piche to 35 years in prison for second degree murder, Wake Forest Superior Court Judge Arnold E. Manning Jr. noted that he had presided over numerous murder trials, but that the Loo case was "outside the mold of normal cases."

The judge told Piche, "Because your behavior was motivated by hatred for people from Vietnam, this case takes a leap into hyperspace."

The all-white jury of seven women and five men also found Piche guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, for which he received a two-year sentence, disorderly conduct, concealing a deadly weapon, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Deliberations took less than one hour.

The Chinese American community in Raleigh expressed satisfaction with the guilty verdicts, but reaction to the length of the sentence was mixed.

The family of Jim Loo was disappointed that Piche was not given a life sentence as the district attorney had requested. Through spokesperson Lena Chu, the family said, "One day Piche will be a free man, alive and kicking, while Jim Loo, who had his life abruptly ended, will never return."

Others in the community, however, were glad that the defendant had received a relatively lengthy sentence.

The trial began on March 12. Witnesses presented by the district attorney consistently testified that Robert Piche and his brother, Lloyd, racially taunted and harassed Loo and six of his friends, who were playing pool at the Cue 'n' Spirits in downtown Raleigh on the night of July 29, 1989.

Referring to the Chinese and Vietnamese students as "chinks" and "gooks" from Vietnam, the Piche brothers tried several times to instigate

a fight, according to eyewitnesses, but were frustrated by the students' refusal to get involved.

Robert Piche took off his belt, wrapped it around his fist and swung it threateningly in Loo's direction. As one of the students attempted to call the police, the manager of the pool hall asked the Piches to leave.

After shoving Loo out the front door, Robert Piche ran to the trunk of his car and produced a bolt-action shotgun. He pointed the gun at Loo's friends, and unsuccessfully attempted to fire it.

Lloyd Piche grabbed Tang and tried

to hold his head to the trunk of the car. Robert Piche swung the gun at Tang's head twice and missed, shattering the gun on the ground.

Freeing himself, Tang ran away. Robert Piche, who had gone back to the car to obtain a pistol, pursued Tang but could not keep up with him.

Returning to the front of the pool hall, Robert Piche ran toward Loo and another friend, Jim Ta, who were standing outside. Swinging the pistol wildly, Piche struck Loo in the head.

Loo fell forward, smashing his face on a beer bottle. Splintered facial bones

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## JACL Calls for Repeal of Discriminatory Employer Sanctions in Immigration Law

WASHINGTON — The JACL has called for the repeal of the Employer Sanctions provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 due to the widespread discrimination that the law has produced.

"Today (March 29) the General Accounting Office has issued its report documenting that widespread discrimination has indeed occurred as a result of the employer sanctions law," said Paul Igasaki, JACL Washington Representative. "This is consistent with earlier reports and the experiences of the Asian American community and supports the JACL's position that it is time to repeal the employer sanctions law."

The employer sanctions provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 provide criminal and monetary penalties for employers that hire undocumented people. Because of the difficulty in ascertaining one's immigration status and because of stereotypes about the nature of undocumented persons, many that appear

"foreign" have been discriminated against by employers wary of violating the sanctions law. Legal permanent residents, U.S. citizens and anyone with an accent or appearing Asian or Hispanic is likely to be affected.

"Even prior to the GAO report, we were aware of employer sanctions' effect on citizen and permanent resident alike," said Igasaki. "Discrimination against anyone appearing 'foreign' is inevitable under such a law. Official studies from New York to Illinois to California have underscored this conclusion. It is clear that employer sanctions, while intended to enforce U.S. immigration policy, has affected many more that are legally here."

A study of San Francisco employers by the Public Research Institute of S.F. State University found that about 40% of area employers felt that it was "riskier" to hire Latino or Asian Americans due to the law. Fully 50% felt similarly about anyone with limited English language ability. And nearly all, some 97%, admitted to practicing at least one form of potentially illegal discrimination.

"Employer sanctions are hurting Hispanic Americans, but are hurting Asian Americans and other immigrant groups as well," said Louann Igasaki of JACL's Washington Office. "As a nation of immigrants and one of law and individual rights, this is not an acceptable cost."

Enforcement of Employer Sanctions has also been a substantial burden on Asian and Japanese American businesses. In addition to the costs and difficulties of implementation, raids in San Francisco's Japantown have resulted in a sharp dropoff in customers and revenue to some local businesses.

"The membership of the JACL is largely American-born. Yet JACL's history, and that of the Japanese American community, has been one of struggle against laws and practices that hold immigrant Americans in lesser status or fail to provide equal rights to racial minorities. Laws prevented our community from making a living by fishing or farming by banning non-citizens from owning land or operating a fishing boat. Indeed, until 1952, our grandparents were not allowed to even become U.S. citizens. The employer sanctions provisions, enacted to enforce immigration policy, have had the same effect."

"Discrimination is un-American," said Igasaki. "The JACL urges the Congress to repeal employer sanctions."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Harry Bridges Broke Nevada Anti-Miscegenation Law

SAN FRANCISCO—Labor leader Harry Bridges died March 30 at his home in San Francisco. He was 88. Surviving him is his Nisei wife, Noriko Nikki Sawada, who was at his bedside at the time of death. They were married in Reno in 1958 after Bridges had successfully challenged the state's anti-miscegenation law. Bridges, who founded the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union in 1934, is also credited with organizing the many sugar and pineapple workers at the Hawaii cannery and plantations.

### Local Charities Overlooking L.A. Asian Causes

LOS ANGELES—A new report by the Asian Pacific Planning Council has determined that less than half of 1% of all donations from foundations and corporations in the Los Angeles region was targeted for Asian causes, it was announced by Bill Watanabe, APPC president, at a March 30 press conference. The council represents about 50 agencies that serve the 10 major Asian Pacific communities. It was noted that of the 360 charities funded by United Way of Greater Los Angeles, eight were Asian American groups. The study examined records from 1984 through 1987 and was done "in the spirit of asking ourselves: 'Are we doing things right?' and 'Where do we go from here?' We hope the donors are doing the same." Leo Cornelius, president of United Way of Greater Los Angeles, was credited by Watanabe for initiating what he called a perestroika-type effort within the United Way to reassess its organization's priorities. "All I can say is we are taking a look at what funding out to be," Cornelius said.

### Documentary on Vincent Chin Killing Wins Peabody

ATLANTA — *Who Killed Vincent Chin?* by Renee Tajima and Christine Choy, is among 27 winners of George Foster Peabody Awards for broadcasting excellence in 1989. The awards, to be presented here April 3, are among the most prestigious in broadcasting.

The film, which focuses on the 1982 death of Vincent Chin in Detroit and the controversy over the light sentences given his killers, was broadcast on the PBS series "P.O.V." and nominated for an Oscar in the documentary category.

Other winners include the HBO special "Common Threads: Stories From the Quilt," CNN for its coverage of the Tiananmen Square protests, and Central Independent Television of London for "Cambodia: Year Ten."



# San Jose Japantown Seizes Unique Opportunity for Revitalization of Business & Community Life

SAN JOSE, CALIF. — San Jose's Japantown is much more than a business district. It is the historic center of Japanese American community life in Santa Clara county. It is a place where people live, worship, shop for traditional food, and dine with friends and relatives. It is also a place for cultural activities, special festivals,

weddings, and funerals. Japantown is a community with a regional identity, and as such has presented a unique opportunity for revitalization. Since 1986, the Jackson-Taylor (Japantown) Business and Professional Association has been working with the city of San Jose on the revitalization of the area. The city included Japantown as one of its

Neighborhood Business Districts, targeted for revitalization using federal Community Development Block Grant funds.

A team of economic, planning, and design consultants were hired to formulate a revitalization strategy. The consultants looked for ways to create a better pedestrian environment, create incentives for private investment and physical upgrading, increase retail viability, and to improve the availability of goods and services to the surrounding neighborhood.

Phase I of the streetscape plan, designed to create a better pedestrian environment, is now in place. Banners line the south side of Jackson St. between 4th and 6th Sts. Columns topped with the plum blossom logo create a focal point on two corners of the 5th and Jackson St. intersection.

Historic plaques on each corner of the intersection give pedestrians a feel for the evolution of the area, while announcements of events can be found on the community bulletin board.

The facades of six buildings have been renovated, using a combination of public and private funds. The rest of the buildings are scheduled for renovation in 1990. Also scheduled in 1990: Cherry trees along Taylor St., and utility undergrounding on Jackson.

Six new businesses have opened in Japantown since the revitalization was begun. The Business and Professional Association is actively targeting other desirable business additions.

The largest addition will be a new project being planned by a community group known as the San Jose Nihonmachi Corp. That group is planning to crown the revitalization of Japantown with a mixed use anchor development on 6.4 acres of land now occupied by the San Jose City Maintenance Yard. Negotiations with the city are underway. The development will include a Japanese-style inn, with a mix of retail, office and residential uses.

## Library Dedicated to Author Uchida

BERKELEY, Calif. — The Library of Berkeley's Longfellow Intermediate School now is dedicated to Yoshiko Uchida, a Longfellow graduate and Berkeley author of more than 26 books dealing with the Japanese American experience.

The dedication ceremony was held March 30. A permanent plaque has been placed over the door of the Longfellow library to commemorate the occasion.

Yoshiko Uchida has been honored as a writer whose work has impacted significantly on American attitudes, and she is among the ten outstanding women featured on the 1990 National Women's History Month poster, "Courageous Voices Echoing in Our Lives."

She is the only writer who has created a body of Japanese American literature for young people, and her books *Journey to Topaz* and *Journey Home* have given many children their only knowledge of the World War II Japanese American incarceration. Her two books for adults, *Desert Exile* and *Picture Bride* (a novel), also deal with the same subject.

The many honors she has received for her work include the "Japanese American of the Biennium" Award in 1988 for outstanding achievements in the fields of arts, literature and communications awarded by the Japanese American Citizens League.

## NEW INFORMATION FOUND:

# Nisei Actually Saved 'Lost Texas Battalion' Twice, 1st by 552nd FA

HONOLULU—Long buried in the National Archives, a former secret document has been uncovered that shows an order upon the 522nd Field Artillery to fire on a particular hill during the Lost Battalion rescue mission was questioned.

Had the order been complied with, what a terrible tragedy it would have been! Thus the Lost Battalion was "saved."

The story broke in the *Honolulu Advertiser* on the eve of the annual 100th Infantry/442nd Combat Team banquet held March 24 at the Pacific Beach Hotel. What turned out to be a new tidbit of history reveals how the Lost Texas Battalion was saved not once—but twice—by the Nisei soldiers.

## Story of Lost Battalion

As staff writer Beverly Creamer tells it, in late October 1944 in the Vosges forest of France the Texas battalion (1st Bn., 141st Regt., 36th Infantry Division) was cut off from the rest of the

troops and pinned down on a ridge encircled by the enemy. Supplies were low and Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, commanding the 36th Division, ordered the 442nd to make contact at all costs.

As the relentless push began, private first class Francis Tsuzuki (a Honolulu lawyer today) with the 522nd Field Artillery, remembered struggling through the thick underbrush of the forest to God-knows-what. "It was absolutely pitch dark that night," he told Creamer. "We started out about 4 in the morning and . . . you just had to hang onto the guy in front of you."

By morning, they reached where 442nd's I Company was pinned down by German snipers. At the top of the rise, Dahlquist was shouting to the 442nd's colonel.

Tsuzuki recalled, "He's yelling, 'You've got to get the men out.' All the colonel could say was 'Yes sir.' . . . That was the beginning of the push."

The 3rd Battalion took the brunt of the action, Tsuzuki continued and that I Company "had only about seven rifle-men left of 200. The casualties were greater than what were rescued. The noise was worse than old New Year's." (They used pop firecrackers on New Year's Eve in Hawaii.)

As the Nisei surged toward the ridge, combat was hand-to-hand, tree-to-tree—a few yards at a time, pushing through one enemy barrier after another. On Oct. 30, the first members of I Company broke through as the Texans and Nisei GIs broke down, wept and hugged each other. Years later when Hawaii was seeking statehood, surviving members of the Lost Battalion went to Washington to plead the cause.

## Story Doesn't End There

According to Hideo Nakamine, 522nd F.A. veteran, the untold story began a day earlier before contact was made. (Nakamine has been particularly involved in publicizing the 522nd's involvement in helping liberate one of the many Dachau Nazi death camps and has been working with Lyn Crost, who found the records on this story at the archives in Suitland, Md.)

A notation in the 442nd Infantry Journal startled both Crost and Nakamine. Dahlquist had ordered the 522nd to fire on a particular hill during the Lost Battalion rescue mission.

But the 522nd officers questioned the order: "Isn't that right in the middle of the Lost Battalion?" They radioed headquarters for more exact coordinates and the reply came back — "Yes, it's in the middle of the Lost Battalion."

Nakamine, shaking his head, told Creamer, "Imagine what would have happened if they had fired."

In Nakamine's mind, the Nisei saved the general's career. If a scandal had occurred, what would have ever happened to statehood for Hawaii, or future of the Japanese American community?

"If we had followed the general's order blindly, we would have slaughtered the Texans."

To note Crost's letter to Nakamine: "So, the 522nd not only saved the Texans but also the Japanese American community from dreadful embarrassment."

## Cal State L.A. to Hold Civil Rights Symposia

LOS ANGELES — In honor of the 25th Anniversaries of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Cal State L.A. will present a two-part university-community civil rights forum, "Whither Civil Rights in America?" Sessions will be held on two consecutive Thursdays, April 12 and 19, 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Cal State L.A. University Student Union. The symposia, which are free and open to the public, will explore the history and future of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the status of voting rights in America since the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

## Calif. Human Service Scholarships Available

SACRAMENTO — The Asian Pacific Community Counseling board and the Pacific Bell and Pacific Gas and Electric companies have announced their third annual scholarship program for Asian students. College students or high school seniors of Asian/Pacific Islander heritage who are entering the human service fields such as counseling, social work, teaching or a related field are eligible for six \$500 awards. The application deadline is Friday, May 11. For further information, call (916) 452-7836.

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**MEIJI-MURA'S AMERICAN HOUSE**—Transferred in 1984 board-by-board from Seattle, Wash., to Meiji-Mura stands the Japanese Evangelical Church, a structure built around 1907, in the open-air museum preserving Japanese architecture of the 1868-1912 Meiji period. To be noted is the U.S. flag on the flagpole—a rare sight for a Japanese attraction.

## A Recollection from a 1988 Japan Visit:

# JACL Connection at Meiji-Mura Shines in Seattle Home Reconstructed in 1982

By Harry K. Honda

NAGOYA, Japan—Almost a decade ago, the JACL responded to a plea from the Meiji-mura Museum for a building from North America to complement those which had been obtained from Hawaii and Brazil for purpose of preserving the pioneering heritages of the Issei immigrants who had settled overseas during the Meiji era.

Today, a two-story Boston Colonial home from Seattle is representing the Issei in honor of their contributions in the United States.

Along the same path in Section IV of the park are the church-like community hall from Hilo, Hawaii, that was originally built in 1889 for the Japanese Congregational Church by Rev. Jiro Okabe and reconstructed in Meiji-mura in 1969, and the stucco plaster-log home of Yasuo Kubota of Registro, Brazil, built in 1919 and rebuilt in Meiji-mura in 1975.

Adjacent to these buildings are flagpoles bearing the flags from the U.S., Hawaii and Brazil. The American flag, obtained by JACL, had flown from the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington.

Artifacts, pictures, newspapers, books and utensils are on view in the buildings from Hawaii and Brazil. Several rows of chairs, a piano and a lectern appear on the ground floor of the Seattle house that had been the Japanese Evangelical Church and donated by Mrs. Kiyoko Motoda, church president and owner.

Prewar, it had been the home of Kaichiro Jack Yasutake, a Stanford University graduate born in Kumamoto-ken who worked as an interpreter for the U.S. immigration office from 1920 to 1941. His story of government service, then being jailed as an enemy alien during World War II, his release and resettlement in Chicago awaits to be told in this home.

Meiji-Mura's 10-year quest was passed on to Dr. Jim Tsujimura of Portland, then national JACL president on a Japan tour in 1981. The JACL was widely encouraged by American and Japanese leaders to locate a building. Sen Nisiyama of the Japan JACL had been contacted by Meiji-Mura. Tsujimura appointed JACL Hibakusha Committee Chair Ken Nakano of Seattle to

head the search. Then Pacific Northwest Regional Director Karen Seriguchi assisted in a staff capacity.

The 70-year-old home, which had suffered from inactivity due to the majority of its Issei congregation having died, was dismantled board-by-board in 1981, shipped to Japan and reconstructed at Meiji-mura in 1982. Ceremonies upon completion were held with members of the Yasutake present, including Jack's widow Hideo, sons William, Rev. Michael, Joe; and daughter Mitsuye Yamada present.

Meiji-Mura is about an hour's bus ride from Nagoya's Meitetsu Station toward Inuyama and was opened in 1965.

Among the 57 houses and historic landmarks in the park are central entrance to Frank Lloyd Wright's Imperial Hotel, the elegant red-brick Church of St. Johannes from Kyoto and the expansive-looking Mie Prefectural Office built in 1879, which was reminiscent of the wooden two-story buildings in most American cities in the pre-WWII era. The well-landscaped *mura* also sports a British steam locomotive ride, a Kyoto city train line and the first Meiji streetcars that slowly snake around the grounds. Or hail the rickshaw, if your feet get sore.

As a three-hour tour stop with lunch on your own at the Meiji-mura restaurant, the West L.A. JACL Travel group had to make a bee-line on foot from the entrance to view the imports from the U.S., Hawaii and Brazil. It was a dramatic and tangible experience of the first East-West exchange between modern Japan and the Western countries. It shall be long remembered that JACL was here, too, though you'll see no signs.

## Ohyama to Lead L.A. Japanese Orchestra

LOS ANGELES — Yukiyasu Togo, president of the Japanese Philharmonic Society of Los Angeles, announced that Maestro Heiichiro Ohyama, assistant conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, has been appointed as music advisor for the JPSLA, and will conduct the remaining concert season.



## Common Memorial to Restore Pioneer Issei History on Vancouver Island Planned for 1991

By Y. Richard Yagi

VANCOUVER, B.C.—A cemetery is a local museum that tells the stories of the people who had lived and died there. From those numerous individual stories, one can imagine the general lifestyle and history of the area. A cemetery is one of the important contacts with the past for the younger generation.

For Japanese Canadians who lived and worked over a half century on Vancouver Island until the outbreak of World War II, the attack on Pearl Harbor triggered their forced removal in-

land as the government subsequently ruled no Japanese Canadian could live within 100-mile area from the Pacific Coast until 1949.

As often reported in the past, Japanese Canadians on the island contributed to the development of local fishing, logging and coal-mining industries.

(The Nanaimo waterfront became the Japanese Canadian hub of shipping salted fish to China and Japan and was the ferry landing for Vancouver. Chemainus, about halfway between Nanaimo and Victoria, was a tight-knit

Japanese community that was remembered as the home of the first all-Nisei Boy Scout troop in the British Empire in 1930. A major Nikkei-owned lumber mill operated in nearby Duncan until a 1919 anti-Japanese forestry law was passed. After the law was overruled by the Canadian supreme court four years later, the mill resumed operations only to suffer further setbacks and losses by fire, the depression and removal with World War II.

(On the west coast of Vancouver Island, the Japanese community was clustered around Port Alberni and engaged in salmon fishing. Many Nisei were employed by the sawmills. Other Japanese settlements were scattered about the island.)

Despite these facts, the history of Japanese Canadians is gradually vanishing. Even the headstones in the local Japanese cemeteries have been disappearing because of weather and vandalism but a more basic reason might be attributed to the fact that many Japanese Canadian graves have not been attended because of the lost contacts and the seven-year (1942-1949) closure of British Columbia to Japanese Canadians.

The Japanese Canadian Memorial Monument Committee has been formed recently to restore the history of the Canadian Issei pioneers through a common memorial to be erected at the Chemainus Cemetery where Japanese Canadian graves have totally vanished. The dedication with a reunion of ex-Chemainus Nikkei is anticipated in 1991.

A second memorial is being planned for the Greenwood Cemetery in Port Alberni where only three Japanese Canadian headstones remain.

Contributions to the "J-C Memorial Monument Fund" are being accepted c/o: Canada Times, 291 Dundas St. West, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1G1, Canada.

## Japan Offers Mombusho Scholarships to U.S. Graduate Students, Travel Included

LOS ANGELES - Applications for the 1991 Japanese Government Scholarship for American graduate students to study in Japan are available at the offices of the Consulate General of Japan.

The scholarships are administered by the Ministry of Education (Mombusho) and were established for the purpose of contributing to mutual understanding and cooperation between Japan and the other foreign countries, including the United States.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, under 35 years of age as of April 1, 1991, and possess a B.A. or B.S. degree from an accredited university or college. The scholarship will cover transportation to and from Japan, a monthly stipend and all school fees in Japan. Selected students may study for two years beginning in April 1991 or for one and a half years beginning in October 1991.

Applicants will undergo a preliminary screening, language examination, and oral interview conducted by a selection committee. Winners will later be determined in Japan with results to be announced in the spring of 1991.

Application forms are available at the Consulate General of Japan, 250 East First St., Suite 1200, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Those requesting application materials by mail should send \$75 in stamps to cover postage costs. Further inquiries may be directed to the Office of Cultural Affairs at (213) 624-8305.

Individuals residing outside the Southern California, Arizona and New Mexico should contact the nearest Japanese Consulate office for information.

## HATE CRIMES

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were driven into his brain, and he died shortly thereafter.

A police officer who arrested Robert Piche and transported him to jail testified that Piche threatened Loo and his friends, saying, "I got enough of those gooks in Vietnam, and when I get out I'm going to kill them."

During cross-examination, defense counsel Steve Smith portrayed Loo and his friends as the instigators of the bar-room brawl, asking witnesses if the Asians were wearing "black silk pajamas" and assuming "karate attack poses" that night.

Smith also argued that had Piche intended to kill Loo, he would have shot him with the pistol instead of hitting him with it.

Robert Piche offered no witnesses on his behalf.

The Loo family has retained legal counsel associated with the National Network Against Anti-Asian Violence to begin exploring the possibility of federal prosecution of the Piches for civil rights violations.

## REDRESS

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internment an entitlement.

Also in attendance was Dr. Tom Crouch, of the Smithsonian Institution, who spoke of his experience as curator of the National Museum of American History's major contribution to the 200th anniversary of the Constitution, and exhibition called, "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the United States Constitution." Dr. Crouch noted the celebrating an abrogation of the Constitution at first raised some official eyebrows at the Smith but the support for the proposed exhibit was overwhelming and it has been a popular one.

Dr. Barbara S. Kraft, who served as consultant historian on the Commission, is currently working with Ms. Herzig-Yoshinaga, Jack Herzig and the Japanese American Library of San Francisco on editing the CWRIC hearings, chaired the meeting.

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**GOLFERS RAISE \$25,000**—Proceeds from a round of golf and a banquet held Feb. 26 will help fund expansion and renovation of White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles. Participants included (from left) Taro Saisho, Morio Kow, Masao Nakamoto and Ray Shimizu.

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**CHECK FOR \$2300 AWARDED**—John Saito (left), JACL Pacific Southwest regional director, presents check to Karl Matsushita, executive director of the Japanese American Library.

## PSW JACL District Supports JA Library Project to Publish CWRIC Testimonies

LOS ANGELES — A grant to the Japanese American Library in San Francisco will help preserve the statements of former internees and others who testified about their experiences before a U.S. government commission in 1981.

Directors of the JACL Pacific Southwest District Trust Fund voted to award \$2300 to the library for a project to edit and annotate 4200 pages of transcripts from hearings held by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC).

Nearly 675 individuals testified before the Commission in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Chicago, New York, Washington and Boston.

Final transcripts are expected to comprise seven volumes, said project coordinator Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga, a research consultant with the Dept. of Justice Office of Redress Administration. Herzig-Yoshinaga plans to add brief biographies of central figures, an introductory essay, documents, illustrations and footnote annotations.

Kei Ishigami, president of JACL Greater Los Angeles Singles chapter, presented the project to the Pacific Southwest District Council, which approved the grant request at its winter meeting.

"The Commission hearings will be a landmark publication in Japanese American history," said JACL Regional Director John Saito. "The Pacific Southwest District is pleased to give it support."

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), who cosponsored the bill establishing the Commission, believes the published testimonies will be a significant historical resource. "Public libraries, universities, high schools, and ethnic studies centers will all want the work in their collections," he predicted.

Editors of this major undertaking are Herzig-Yoshinaga, Jack Herzig, and Barbara Kraft. All three provided research assistance to the CWRIC. The Herzigs uncovered much of the documentary evidence that formed the basis of the *Korematsu*, *Yasui* and *Hirabayashi*. As Washington representatives and researchers for the National Council for Japanese American Redress, the Herzigs supplied archival evidence in the historic class-action lawsuit *Hohri et al. v. United States*. They were also principal advisers for the exhibit "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the United States Constitution," currently on display at the Smithsonian Institution.

Editing of the CWRIC hearings will cost an estimated \$100,000. The community is invited to participate in this project through tax deductible contributions. Checks should bear the notation "CWRIC hearings" and made payable to The Japanese American Library, P.O. Box 590598, San Francisco, CA 94159.

## Gila River Camp's Butte High Grads Slate Reunion

ARROYO GRANDE, Calif. — Former members of Butte High School will hold a reunion on Oct. 5-7 in San Luis Obispo, California. The high school was part of the Gila River Internment Camp during WWII.

All friends and acquaintances from that period are urged to attend to meet and renew old friendships. Registration forms for the reunion can be obtained by writing or calling:

Haruo Hayashi, chair; 2460 Gracia Way; Arroyo Grande, CA 93420 (805) 489-2595 or Ben Tamaki, co-chair; 3641 Hillcrest Dr.; Los Angeles, CA 90016 (213) 294-2767.

### To Our Readers Who Are WWII Vets:

Congress recently passed a bill (CSS 102) that gives all World War II veterans a dividend of \$.65 per \$1000 of their GI insurance for each month of service. A veteran who had \$10,000 in insurance will be entitled to dividends of \$78 for 12 months service, \$156 for 24 months, \$234 for 36 months, etc. This refund is due regardless of whether or not the insurance is still carried. The dividend cannot be received unless it is requested. The Veterans Administration is urging all World War II veterans to apply regardless of whether any insurance is held. The V.A. will check for eligibility. The form below contains all the required information.

Veterans Administration  
Regional Office & Insurance Center  
P.O. Box 5079  
Philadelphia, PA 19101

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

### Small Cut Hand

I'VE LONG WONDERED why the Japanese word for (bank) "check" was written as a three-kanji term pronounced "kogitte" which has a literal translation of "small, cut, hand." While we've all heard the American slang phrase "cut me a check," kogitte's origins cannot be affiliated with such beginnings. If anything, it just might be the other way around. Adding to this puzzle is that if one removes the "ko" (small), the resulting leftover is "kite" meaning "postage stamp."

OF THE THREE kanji's in the compound, the most baffling one for me was the kanji for "cut" read as *kiru* with more nuances of meaning than I had realized. You'll recall that "kiri" is a four-stroke character: on the left side it looks like a Chinese "seven" (*shichi*) except the stroke at the bottom is a sharp upward one—rather than the smooth one that is characteristic of *shichi*. To the right is the character *katana*, "sword." Now that we have that, what do we do next?

Keep going.

THE *OHN-YOMI* for *kiru* are "setsu" and "sai." Perhaps one of the more familiar compounds is "sep-puku," literally "cut, stomach" or "cut, abdomen." This ritual is known to many as *hara-kiri*, which figures, inasmuch such is a literal rendition of the kanji characters. With the characters "cut, hand" we have the word for "postage stamp." But the jiten revealed yet another meaning: pronounced as *kire-te*, the kanji characters mean "man of

ability." In our American slang, one refers to a person who "cuts a wide swath" or "cuts quite a figure."

No relationship: just an idle, passing observation.

CONTINUING THE SEARCH I found myself in even deeper waters, more confused than when I initially started. There's the kanji compound *tai-setsu* ("great" or "big cut") which means "important" or "precious." How often have the Nisei heard that term from their parents: "*Tai-setsu ni suru bekarazu*." I came across a combination that threw an additional puzzle. Initially, there was *kiri-uri* ("cut, sell") which means "to sell by the piece," which figures. But add to that combination the kanji term for "principle" with the resulting *kiri-uri-shugi* and surprise—it comes out meaning "prostitution."

At this point, I began to suspect that I wasn't going to find that long-sought answer to my initial query.

I'M HOLDING *kogitte*—"small, cut hand." Some knowledgeable reader out there will have to give me a *te* (hand). Anyone?

小切手 *kogitte* check

[cut up small]

Translations of the Kanji characters used in this article came from *The Modern Reader's Japanese-English Character Dictionary* by Andrew N. Nelson.



## MOSHI MOSHI

JIN KONOMI

### Greed and Scam

There was nothing wrong with commemorating the late Emperor Hirohito's 60 years on the Chrysanthemum Throne. But the way the Japanese government did it was of questionable wisdom, and highly smacked of impure motives. It was one of the greatest blunders pulled by the Japanese government.

How big a blunder it was became painfully, embarrassingly clear when recently 103,000 commemorative gold coins flooded back into Japan from abroad, and they all turned out to be counterfeit.

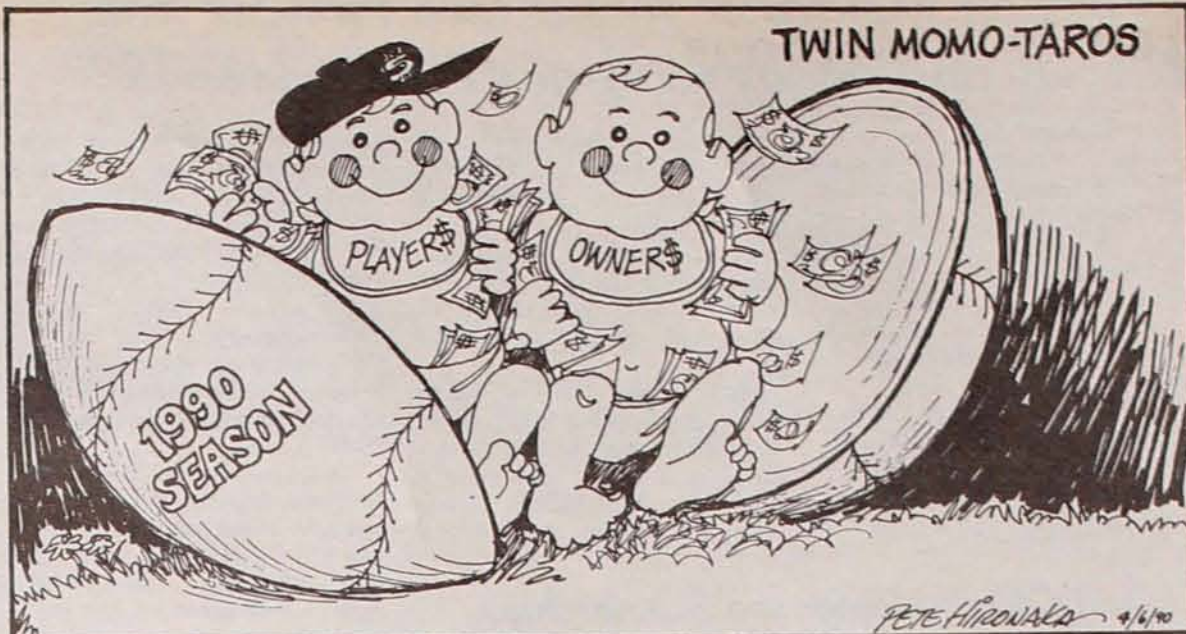
The original issue was of ¥100,000 denomination, the first gold coin minted in Japan in over half a century. Thirty millimeters in diameter, the 24-karat-gold piece weighed 20 grams. There was just one minuscule flaw by which the phonies could be distinguished from the genuine, but as far as the quality of the gold was concerned, they were the same 24-karat gold. And there is the explanation why I call the whole commemoration issue was a blunder.

The Hirohito coin was more than 100% overvalued. At \$420 an ounce and ¥145 to the dollar (actually more or less depending on the day's market), 20 grams of gold could not have cost more than ¥42,000. Even allowing the minting and distribution costs, the government was making more than 100% profit. Did it never occur to the Japanese government that such a great disparity between the face and actual values of a coin presented an unprecedented opportunity for an easy ¥2 billion scam?

It is my suspicion that the Japanese government saw in the late emperor's 60 year reign not so much an occasion for genuine jubilation as an opportunity to reap a huge profit. Blinded by their own greed they did not see the enormous criminal potentiality for the situation they were creating.

#### DEADLINES

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## FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

### Opportunity Knocked But We Were Busy



I ran across some figures recently which may not be news to you, but which are astounding to a country boy from the mountains. They have to do with the impact of Japanese business and investment in the Los Angeles area. Witness:

■ One-fourth of the Class A office buildings in downtown Los Angeles are owned by Japanese interests.

■ About 25 percent of all California banking assets are controlled by Japanese interests, and of the top 10 California banks, four are Japanese.

■ Trade between Los Angeles and Japan grew from \$18 billion in 1984 to \$32.5 billion in 1988, an increase of about 75 percent. Los Angeles does almost as much trade with Japan as New Orleans and Houston do in total world trade.

■ About 50 large Japanese companies have major operations or important subsidiaries in Los Angeles, paying taxes and providing jobs with thousands of Americans.

■ The Los Angeles area has the largest Asian/Pacific Islander population in the United States and it is expected to reach 14.4 percent by the year 2000.

Decades ago, when the Nisei were growing up and trying to become 110 percent Americans, many Issei parents predicted that one day U.S.-Japan business relations would be very important and urged their offspring to learn something about Japan. Big deal. Most Nisei paid no more attention to their elders than youngsters do today.

Not even the most optimistic of Issei could have dreamed that the poor and struggling little country of Japan, which they had abandoned in their search for personal opportunity, would soon become a world economic power. But it has, and in a way it's sad that more Nisei were unprepared to take a bigger role in the exciting trans-Pacific developments.

Well, yes, many of them have prospered thanks to Japanese business, providing services as attorneys, traders,

brokers, real estate developers, accountants, managers, etc. But it seems reasonable that if there had been a larger supply of bilingual Nisei with specialized skills, the Japanese investors would have been quick to hire more of them.

What prevented them from acquiring Japan-related skills? Several reasons come to mind:

■ The human failing of youth resisting parental advice.

■ The intense desire of Nisei to become Americanized.

■ American hostility toward Japan in the '20s and '30s.

■ The war and Evacuation which, for all practical purposes, robbed Nisei of nearly a decade of productive life.

Is all this reason for mourning? Perhaps regret for opportunity lost, but definitely not for chagrin or depression. Japanese Americans seem to be doing pretty well, thank you, without Japan's help.

## A BROWN JAPANESE AMERICAN SPEAKS

VELINA HASU HOUSTON

### It's Just an Abbreviation



In a health-conscious Santa Monica natural foods store, I was selecting vegetables with the help of my son, Kiyoshi. My eyes came to rest on the *nasubi*, which was labeled "Jap eggplant." My neck grew warm as I looked at it again, just to make certain I had read it correctly. And there it was again, except in capital letters, "JAP EGGPLANT." I wanted lucid confirmation only because I wasn't in Orange County. I was on the golden, liberal, health-conscious, everything-conscious West Side of the City of Angels. I also was in a store so conscious of biological health that I expected it to be just as conscious of health of the mind—cultural and racial consciousness included. Not so.

I told a young man in the produce department that the sign was offensive. He was a person of color, but he shrugged as if I were bothering him and said (of course) that it was "just an abbreviation."

At the check-out, I told the Euro-American cashier about the problem. I used a calm, non-accusatory, but assertive tone, prefacing it by telling her that I was certain it was unintentional, but... She took it well. She understood how the sign could be offensive.

The experience became a culturally significant one for me when an Asian American woman with a dark complexion popped out from behind the Euro-American cashier.

She flipped her hair back and looked at me wide-eyed. I half expected her to tell me how a certain type of toilet paper was more squeezably soft than another. Indeed, her voice came out like a fifty-nine cent hamburger, french fries and soda pop. She might as well have just taken a break from hanging out at the Sherman Oaks mall with a cadre of valley girls.

"Gawd, I don't know what all the fuss is about!" she clamored. "I mean like, uh, I'm Japanese and like, uh, it doesn't bother me in the least! It's just fine. It's just an abbreviation." Her voice had that bored drawl of someone barely able to tolerate racial or cultural assertiveness. I usually hear it in the voices of Euro-Americans. But here it was, emanating from a Japanese American mouth. I realized immediately that she probably used the term "Jap" in her own vocabulary. I told her that I was Japanese American and the term offended me greatly. The I-sell-toilet-paper-on-TV look washed over her face again as she asked, "You're Japanese?" I told her that obviously I was a lot more Japanese than she was because she appeared to be totally devoid of any cultural consciousness or racial integrity. With that, she flipped her hair again and started selling vitamins to the body-conscious.

When it comes to the term "Jap," the defense of it being "just an abbreviation" loses whatever innocence it

might have when it is used by an Asian American, especially by a Japanese American. Even if a Japanese American is personally not offended by the term "Jap," as Japanese Americans we must possess some sense of cultural/racial consciousness to give us the power to destroy racism against us—be it a matter of small or great significance.

It actually nauseated me to hear the Japanese American girl say loudly in front of a store full of Euro-Americans that it was okay to use the term "Jap" to refer to Japanese. I was ashamed for her lack of consciousness and wondered how many other Japanese Americans also feel it's all right to say "Jap." The woman in the store struck me as wanting to tell her fellow Euro-American employees that it was all right with her for them to treat her in any manner they wanted, as long as they allowed her to be a member of their community; a community to which she may have aspired to belong or to feel an integral part of despite the fact that she has a Japanese face.

I told the understanding Euro-American cashier that, while I realized the produce department probably made a genuine mistake and believed (out of racial ignorance) that "Jap" is an accepted term (like "nigger" is an abbreviation for African Americans, right?), I still felt that the store needed to correct

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Proposed Monument Disgraceful

It is fitting and proper that a monument be built to honor Nisei soldiers for their gallant and distinguished service in defense of America in the 20th century.

However, the plan of the Los Angeles 100th/442nd MIS World War II Memorial Foundation to create a memorial to themselves and to immortalize themselves by inscribing their own names on it is shameful and deplorable.

Their "war memorial concept" is not a variation of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., as claimed. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was created by living Vietnam veterans to honor the 55,000 dead of the war. There is not one name of a veteran who returned home safely on it. The nobility and dignity of the memorial brought American society together to heal the wounds of decades of discord regarding the war. To honor those who died in battle is noble. To immortalize their sacrifice is honorable.

However, for living Nisei veterans to attempt to immortalize themselves is dishonorable.

No living veterans of any nation in the history of the world have ever created a memorial to themselves. In recent history three living individuals have attempted to immortalize themselves by creating monuments to themselves: Gen. Francisco Franco of Spain, Pres. Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines, and Pres. Kim Il Sung of North Korea.

It does not appear that much thought was given to the philosophical and ethical aspects of the war memorial concept.

Should the war memorial concept be carried through to fruition, it would become a permanent object of ridicule by other veterans of World War II, the general American public and the Japanese American community.

The war memorial concept is not in keeping with Nisei norms of behavior and the values of *enryo* and self-effacement that have enabled them to survive in America and the trauma of the relocation.

It is a fact that many Nisei veterans do not support the war memorial concept. It was rejected by the 14 Nisei VFW posts who attended their 40th reunion in February. It was rejected by 7 of the 11 organizations comprising the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council of Los Angeles. Nevertheless, an officer of the 100th/442nd Assn. of Los Angeles has stated, "If you do not completely agree, just stay out of the way," and the project is being bulldozed forward.

The Nisei veterans community must not allow the war memorial concept to be carried through. The Japanese American community must not support it. The Japanese corporate community in Los Angeles must be made aware of the shame of the concept and asked not to support it.

SHIGEYA KIHARA  
Monterey, Calif.

## Remembering a Promise of Death

I've just passed 70, the Biblical watershed of three score and ten, and find that life is saturated with sets of numbers, dates, and events; however, rare are the watersheds where most events fall on each side. Such a day was April 5, 1945, when the 442 RCT opened the second Italian campaign spring offensive assaulting the western anchor of the Gothic line, a long narrow ridge rising from sea level near Viareggio and crowned by Mt. Folgorita, altitude 3000 feet. If the guillotine was the blade of eternity, this was the hill of immortality. The 100th Battalion was to attack frontally and the 3rd Battalion to climb at night to the top of the middle of the ridge behind Mt. Folgorita. This separated the two units about ten miles, a dangerous geometry of battle. The 2nd Battalion was waiting in reserve.

It has been recorded by 442 RCT historians that our regimental commander announced to the general, "We will take the hill," an military epigram I doubt was actually said, but then it would be in the tradition of military incantations and metaphysical speculations; rarely do military commanders have the capacity for immaculate perceptions. For them war is a simplified paradigm of go.

The 3rd Battalion, concealed for two days in Assano, a brief period of eternity, was immobilized by tight security. We, at least I did, withdrew into the common solitude of men preoccupied with the promise of death. I felt more acutely than ever the disconnection from society since the important "troubles of 1942," still subjudic (*sic*) despite the 1944 Supreme Court decisions in the *Endo* and *Korematsu* cases, a curious juxtaposition of elliptical legal interpretations and loyalties.

However, once the battle begins and you're committed, a strange sense of order

and the sacred obligation of the warrior take over, an oxymoronic code of life. There are no indecisions or doubts but a sort of peace of mind and soul; the unessentials are purged and only bonds and communion with your comrades remain.

Three quarters of the way to the top (3rd Battalion) in the earliest moments of dawn the pyromanic barrage began, revealing momentarily the beauty of Hell but presaging the horrors confronting the 100th. For them the terror began early and it was chaos, uncertainty, and fear all over again. We, in contrast, made it to the top without a shot being fired and in three climactic days in an elegant pincer movement with the 100th and 2nd Battalions, the ridge and mountain were won. A miracle, planned or theological, or luck? Rarely had military strategy worked to such perfection and in the cruelest assessment, it was cheap at the price—at least by the accounting tables of war.

In two weeks Germany's war in Italy was essentially over. It was time to be careful, very careful, and to avoid the temptations of heroism. It was enough to be a mercenary, an exile, and a victim again.

*Tsuyu chiru ya—Jigoku no tane wo—Kyo mo maku.*

The dew dissolves—And seeds of hell are sown again—Again today.

(Issa 1763-1827)

EJI SUYAMA  
Ellsworth, Maine

## U.S.-Japan Groups Natural

Bill Marutani's article ("The International Intermediary," P.C., Mar. 16) seems to indicate that he is confusing a professional society with a common-interest group. To belong to a professional society one must have the proper training and education as well as achieving a certain status in that profession. On the other hand a common-interest group does not have any prerequisites except the desire, interest, and energy to participate. Many movements and organizations have been started by individuals simply because they had the desire and interest. A Chinese or Korean with an intimate knowledge of Japan would rarely try to form a U.S.-Japan group, or a German a U.S.-France group, because of lack of interest. Thus, I believe Marutani is off-base in belittling the efforts of those interested in forming U.S.-Japan groups for better understanding between these nations for lack of expertise.

One of the bitter lessons I learned from WWII was that if relations between the U.S. and Japan sour, the Nikkei will inevitably suffer some sort of ill consequence. Therefore, it is in the Nikkei's interest to form groups to foster understanding between the two nations. To wait until one has the proper background in order to participate is nonsense. My hat is off to American Jewry for its many groups who are so influential in promoting understanding for the state of Israel. The driving force behind these groups is mainly common interest.

A professor once asked his class, "Who is smarter, the dummy who hired the brain to work for him or the brain?" So no experts can and do attract people with the proper credentials, etc., into their group. And can and do manage to bring influential members of nations together. So, those of you interested in forming U.S.-Japan societies should go ahead, wet-blanket Marutani notwithstanding.

SHIGEO YUGE  
Los Angeles

## On Top of the Nikkei Agenda

Can JACL/P.C. implement following proposals if these are within your capabilities now?

1. Position papers that brief what the

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## HOUSTON

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the sign. Which the Euro-American cashier did, while the Japanese American girl sighed in disgust that I had taken offense.

If people of color do not learn to assert themselves and speak up when terms of denigration are used against them, the terms will only become more acceptable and come back to stare us in the face, to enrage us into suffering that silent anger buried deep inside the Asian American psyche that is not a healthy thing for our bodies or our minds. I think I would rather have a clean conscience about my racial and cultural integrity before I have an organically grown apple.

## OPINION

## NUCLEAR FREE ASIAN PACIFIC COMMITTEE

## Military Costs High

LOS ANGELES

The Nuclear Free Asian Pacific Committee of Los Angeles consists of individuals who support the goal of a nuclear-free and demilitarized zone in the Asia Pacific and for the self-determination of Filipino, Korean, and other Asian Pacific Islander peoples.

In the 1990s the Asia Pacific region is becoming a center of controversy. The United States has over 2000 overseas military installations worldwide and about 500,000 military personnel, including forces on naval vessels. In the Asia Pacific region alone, the United States maintains more than 300,000 personnel, including 40,000 in South Korea, 46,000 in Japan and Okinawa, and 13,410 in the Philippines.

The upcoming negotiations between the United States and the Philippines over the use of military bases presents an opportunity for the Asian people to learn about the U.S. military presence in the Asia Pacific region. The U.S. bases in the Philippines have long been regarded by U.S. policymakers as a possible springboard for U.S. forces to intervene in other Asian Pacific nations.

Today, the United States stores nuclear weapons on Guam, Hawaii, Alaska (the Aleutians), South Korea, and possibly Diego Garcia. In South

Korea alone, it is estimated that there are thirty megatons of nuclear weapons. This stockpile represents more than 2,000 times the destructive force of the bomb that exploded over Hiroshima.

The United States also uses Pacific Island nations for nuclear weapons-testing and nuclear waste-dumping and as passage points for ships carrying nuclear weapons. For example, the United States is currently pressuring the small Pacific Island of Palau (population 15,000) to revise its "nuclear-free" constitution because it bans passage of nuclear ships and weapons through its waters. However, the people of Palau have voted six times during the past few years to maintain their "nuclear-free" constitution.

As members of Asian Pacific organizations here in Los Angeles, members of the Nuclear Free Asian Pacific Committee believe it is important for the American people to know about severe costs of the U.S. global military presence. In Asian Pacific countries, this military presence has promoted dictatorships, violent repression of democratic movements, and growing economic problems for the people. For example, in the Philippines, the U.S. military bases have contributed military repression instead of democratic dialogue. Moreover, they have brought abject poverty for the major-

ity of Filipinos, as well as drug addiction for many youth and the degradation of women through prostitution.

And the global U.S. military presence has also affected the American people. Here in the United States, cuts in social spending have been used to inflate the defense budget. Meanwhile, the reemergence of hunger, homelessness, and poverty in the 1980s has coincided with the largest U.S. military buildup in this nation's history.

The Nuclear Free Asia Pacific Committee intends to initiate an extensive educational program on disarmament and peace issues, as well as to launch a legislative campaign for the removal of U.S. bases in the Philippines, Korea, and other nations.

We urge others in our Asian Pacific communities to join with us.

The Nuclear Free Asian Pacific Committee of Los Angeles will hold a kick-off program on Saturday, April 7, 3-6 p.m., at Taper Hall of Humanities, Room 101, University of Southern California. The event will feature entertainment and speakers from the Philippines and Korea. For more information, call (213) 933-6443 or (213) 733-7785.

## JAPANESE PRESS TRANSLATIONS

## It Was Time for This Book—Japan Can't Say 'No'

By Yoichi Masuzoe  
Political Scientist

TOKYO

An unauthorized translation of "A Japan That Can Say No" by Diet member Shintaro Ishihara and Sony chairman Akio Morita has caused an uproar in the United States. Regardless of the authors' intentions, Americans see the book as an example of Japanese arrogance and unfairness.

In a recent magazine article, Morita clarified what he wanted to say in the book. "We have to speak our minds to the Americans. At the same time, we have to criticize our own shortcomings," he wrote. Nevertheless, the publication is perceived in the United States as a haughty diatribe.

Ishihara and Morita should have foreseen the repercussions. Last year, Ishihara ran for president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), whose leader automatically became prime minister. Americans assume Ishihara has the political standing in Japan of a Michael Dukakis or Jesse Jackson.

Morita heads a famous Japanese company with a worldwide reputation. Americans would naturally be interested in a book by two men of their stature.

## 'Superpower' Aura

When Japan was poor and weak, even a best seller by the prime minister would have attracted scant notice abroad. But Japan is now an economic and financial superpower. No wonder the pirate translation made headlines in the United States.

I am constantly amazed at the provincialism of Japanese political leaders. They should assume that no matter what local rally they address or dialect they slip into, their public pronouncements will be covered by the news media and transmitted around the world.

Someone like Michio Watanabe, a senior LDP politician well known for putting his foot in his mouth—as he did in the 1987 remark about the alleged spendthrift habits of U.S. minorities—should be doubly careful when commenting about other countries.

## What to Bear in Mind

Our leaders must also bear in mind that their statements should be principled and fair. They ought to acknowledge Japan's shortcomings, not just attack other nations. If Ishihara and Morita had consistently denounced Japan's insularity and lack of transparency and champion reforms, Americans would not have been so outraged.

For example, they could have placed a full-page advertisement in a national newspaper, endorsing some U.S. criticisms of Japanese trade practices and calling for corrective action.

Then Ishihara and Morita could have shown the ad to Americans and said, "This is what we have done to improve relations." Americans listen to people who show good faith.

Trade friction between Tokyo and Washington has taken a new turn the last few months. In the past, the issues were goods like textiles, steel, color TV sets, automobiles and computers. Now, U.S. trade negotiators are targeting Japanese society itself.

In recent talks on structural impediments to trade, U.S. officials cited the high cost of land in major Japanese cities and the complex distribution system. They claimed that these factors impede the entry of U.S. corporations into the market.

At working-level discussions last November, the U.S. side also brought up recent one-yen bids by Japanese computer firms for contracts in Hiroshima and Nagano prefectures.

Every country's distribution system evolved in a particular social and historical context. In Japan, the multitermed wholesaling network and innumerable small retail outlets provide excellent, personalized service. The system also creates many jobs.

The other side of the coin, of course, is that each layer of middlemen add on their margin. Consumers end up paying very high prices.

## Distribution System

On balance, present distribution channels serve us well. If it were only

an internal matter, there would be no need to revamp them.

But it's a different story when the system becomes the subject of bilateral negotiations. U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills doesn't want to hear academic explanations about the merits of our retail network. She wants to know whether Japan will implement measures to enable U.S. businesses to compete under equal conditions.

Americans argue that while Japanese companies in the U.S. market benefit from the direct, open distribution system, their corporations are hampered here by our tradition-bound institutions. This is unfair, Washington insists, and Japan must change to something comparable to the U.S. pattern.

## The Unfortunate Situation

Unfortunately, Japan can't say "no" to such demands. We could, of course, but that would result in retaliation by our trading partners. The choice is clear: Either Japan says "no" and is ostracized by the international community, or it acquiesces and adjusts, at great cost, to universal norms.

Domestic opinion is also divided on the issue of unskilled Asian laborers. A homogeneous, consensus-style society doesn't have to cope with ethnic and racial tensions. But we can't condemn the Chinese who recently posed as Vietnamese boat people to get jobs in Japan. They are desperately poor and trying to make a better life for themselves.

There are already tens of thousands of foreign laborers working in Japan. You see them in cheap restaurants and on construction sites. It's too late to say, "You're not welcome here."

With our new wealth and responsibilities, the Japanese public must understand that we often will have to say "yes" in dealing with other countries. Otherwise, there will be jingoistic backlash against what is perceived as foreign pressures. It's time someone wrote a book called "The Japan That Can't Say No."

Credits: Writer is a political scientist. Translated from the Japanese magazine *Jitsugyo no Nippon* by The Asia Foundation's Translation Service Center.



## Saga of San Diego Pioneer Asakawa Family Part of Local Press Feature on Ethnic Mix

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Among the faces of San Diego in the public eye in recent weeks have been three generations of the pioneer Asakawa family.

The *San Diego Tribune* has been featuring the city's ethnic mix with a full page of pictures in color story and a capsule history. About the Japanese Americans, it is estimated that the county population is 12,000. Its roots go back to 1885, when they came to work on railroad crews, fruit groves or farms. Its Nihonmachi downtown near what is now the Gaslamp Quarter disappeared with WWII, but Nikkei clusters are found in Vista and San Marcos in North County and in South Bay's Chula Vista and Bonita.

The saga of the Asakawa clan begins in 1907 when Moto's father, Hachisaku, came to America, sent here to earn money for his family. He learned English and worked his way down from San Francisco to San Diego as a houseboy. He returned to Japan, got married and was back in time for the Panama-California Exposition, when Moto was born in 1915. Hachisaku became manager of the Japanese temple-style Formosa Tea Pavilion in Balboa Park.

Moto was president at Roosevelt Junior High downtown, where not many minorities attended. After graduating from San Diego High, he earned his degree in business administration at UC Berkeley in 1938, married in 1940 and lived in Old Town. On Dec. 7, 1941, his father was picked up at the teahouse home in Balboa Park.

Moto had to move out from his small house because they were living in a sensitive area close to the defense production plants. As a leader in the local JACL, he remembered the ambitious plans to "voluntarily" relocate 2,000 people as a group out of San Diego "ahead of the next evacuation." He and his friends had traveled to Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico looking for a place to resettle an entire Japanese American community.

"We were naive," he mused "now of that idea!"

Two months later with their first son, Moto and Flo were evacuated to Santa Anita Racetrack and later to Poston, Ariz., WRA Center. The government found that "it was real expensive to keep us there. They would give you train fare anywhere except the West Coast," Moto said.

Through the American Friends Society, the Moto Asakawa family left Poston and found work as domestics in Cincinnati. He later landed a job managing a student dorm at Antioch College and stayed for four years. Meanwhile, his father, who was released from internment, and his mother joined him. In 1950 the Asakawas decided to return to San Diego.

San Diego had changed. New Japanese faces—wives of U.S. servicemen and new immigrants—provided stability to the postwar Japanese American community. But the old tea pavilion and Japanese garden at the park were gone. What was their family home, instead, became a home to the animals of the new children's zoo. Part of the prewar family farm was now purchased by the city for a flood channel. The rest became the well-known Presidio Nursery on Linda Vista Road.

Moto said the nursery prospered. "We were just in time for the [housing] boom in Clairemont. All the traffic into Clairemont had to pass by our nursery." His four sons are college graduates. His eldest son Bruce, grandson Eric and Moto grace the paper's family section frontpage.

Moto's commitment to community goes on. Last September he was hon-

ored for lifetime leadership in the Japanese American community at a dinner hosted by the Japanese Coordinating Council.

He has sold his business, leaving him more time to engage in community activities, and when San Diego Mayor O'Connor offered him an appointment to her Pan Asian Advisory Board, he accepted. He was instrumental in the retirement home, Kiku Gardens, and is excited about the progress on the Japanese Friendship Garden to be built south of the Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park.

The hurts of racial discrimination that the Asakawa family faced and overcame are mentioned as well as his observations about outmarriage, redress and the future of the Nikkei.

"He's typically pragmatic about the discrimination of the past—and the present. It's there and it's becoming more obvious, he believes, Jane Clifford, the reporter, notes, "as the country grows weary of the influence wielded by Japan. He, too, is weary."

"But he's also patient. And optimistic that the day will come when people see the American behind the Japanese face."

## Clavell Short Story Contest Deadline of May 31 Is Near

LOS ANGELES — Short stories are now being accepted for the 12th Annual James Clavell American Japanese National Literary Award. This short story competition was established by James Clavell, author of *Shogun*, *Taipei*, *Noble House*, and *Whirlwind* to encourage Japanese Americans to write about the experiences of the Japanese and their descendants in America.

Winner of the \$1,000 award will be presented at the Nikkei Foundation Gala Benefit, July 14, at the Beverly Hilton.

### Guidelines

The American Japanese National Literary Award competition is open to all Japanese Americans:

1. A letter from each entrant stating that the story is original and unpublished must accompany each entry.
2. Entries must incorporate some aspect of the Japanese experience in North America, Canada, or Latin America.
3. Entries will exhibit the plot and character development of a short story. Entries must be written in English.
4. Entries will be less than 5,000 words in length.
5. Eligibility is limited to persons with at least one parent of Japanese ancestry.
6. All entries will be retained by the American Japanese National Literary Award Foundation to be used for documentation, history, anthology, and publication, or any other use beneficial to the purposes of the AJNLA. Any monetary net profits received by the AJNLA from the publication of any entry shall be shared by the writer of the entry and the AJNLA. The AJNLA's share shall be used to continue the work of the AJNLA.
7. In the event a writer obtains a publisher through his or her own effort, the writer will retain any monetary compensation.
8. Entries will not be returned. Writers may include a self-addressed stamped postcard or envelope to receive notification that an entry has been received.
9. Entrants may place their name on the title or first page of their manuscript only. Authors' names must be omitted on every other page.
10. Entries must be postmarked no later than May 31. Entrants must include their full name, address, and telephone number.
11. Entries should be mailed to AJNLA, c/o Arrow Courier, 5708 W. Pico Bl., Los Angeles, CA 90010. For further information contact Craig Kusaba at (213) 930-1046.

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## One Detroit Auto Mogul Talking Straight About Japan:

## 'Why Can't We Grasp the Truth of It, Get Mad and Fight Back?'

DETROIT — Chrysler Motors Chairman Ben Bidwell was addressing the automobile journalists Jan. 8 at its Automotive News World Congress — not as a Japan-basher which it might appear to sound but "really more of an American basher" (to quote from his speech) — on the state of the U.S. auto industry.

Heath J. Meriweather, executive editor of the *Detroit Free Press* hunted down the full text of the speech for his "op-ed" piece in the Jan. 28 issue and as he read it, he was struck by "his vehemence about Japan and his call to Americans to get mad and fight back." So the headline was: WAR WITH JAPAN? THE BATTLEFIELD IS HERE.

Quoting from the text: "We—the great believers in free enterprise—are having our pants removed, an inch at a time, by a centrally orchestrated, totally committed, economic aggressor. Why can't we grasp the truth of it, and get mad and fight back? Or don't we give a damn any more?"

Covering another meeting at the Economic Club of Detroit on Jan. 22 where David Gergen (former communications director of the Reagan White House and now a *U.S. News & World Report* columnist) talked about the deepening animosity toward Japan, Meriweather inserted here what Gergen said:

"Within the Pentagon, there are whispers that we should stop preparing for war with Moscow and begin preparing for war with Tokyo. In Tokyo, teenagers tell public pollsters they think they will one day have to fight the U.S."

Meriweather stops reporting to interject his own views:

"What's going on here? ... When I hear thoughtful people talk about an 'economic aggressor' and whispers of war with Japan, I think how extraordinarily stupid and tragic it would be for all of us to stand by and watch Japan and the United States head for a train wreck (in the words of former trade ambassador Bill Brock.)

"And what is the press's role in reflecting both the rhetoric and reality of this economic struggle?"

*Free Press* business editor Tom Walsh says the role of journalists is "to enlighten people about that nation—its culture, its aims, its view of the United States." The story is much bigger than why GM is losing to Honda. This is a "story of an era where the USA doesn't call all the shots any more," Walsh explained.

*Free Press* business writer David Everett, stationed in Washington, recently spent time with Shintaro Ishihara

who wrote the controversial book, *The Japan That Can Say No*, and found, instead of a fire-breathing nationalist right out of an old WWII movie as had been portrayed, a tough-minded member of the Japanese Diet with reasonable criticism. Ishihara was accused of calling U.S. citizens lazy, racist and industrially in decline.

Rep. Sander Levin (D-Mich.), who lunched with Ishihara in Washington, discovered about the same. He criticized Ishihara for suggesting that anti-Japanese feelings in the U.S. were because of racism. Levin invited Ishihara to Detroit, where anti-Japanese sentiment is especially strong as the Big Three automakers have laid off assembly-line workers.

Bidwell likes "straight-talking" with Japan as does Levin who thinks Americans have become complacent and other countries have taken unfair advantage of that. Says Bidwell:

"That nation does have a game plan and it is essentially economic conquest. I don't know if they sit down every Monday and say, 'What towns, what outposts have we taken?' but it's clearly orchestrated on a national level."

Bidwell said Americans worry about how the game is played while "the Japanese are only interested in winning. . . . But don't put me on a Mt. Rushmore of Japan-bashers; I'm really more of an American-basher right now."

Bidwell, whose company builds cars in a 50-50 joint venture with Mitsubishi in Illinois, said:

"We're for sale . . . as long as we can get the money to buy our Toyotas and Sonys. They bought Reagan. They bought a president. How do you think that looked to the Japanese people?"

Concludes Meriweather: "Like Levin and Gergen, Bidwell thinks Americans either haven't recognized the Japanese challenge or haven't faced up to our own deficiencies. All three believe we need a national strategy, maybe even a national crusade.

"Their prescription [is] reindustrialize; do something about an education system that's producing too many workers who can't read English, much less Japanese; rid our nation

of drug dependency; commit ourselves to exporting goods and stop myopically focusing on the market at home."

Bidwell closed, "For failure to understand what's going on, I don't want us to wake up one day and say: 'Holy s---, we should have sent Paul Revere out a little earlier.'"

## Community Center to Honor Fundraiser Wada

SAN FRANCISCO — Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Northern California will host a dinner to celebrate the successful conclusion of its VISION 80's capital campaign on Thursday, May 3, at the Mark Hopkins Inter-Continental Hotel.

The dinner will also highlight the partnership between the corporate and the Japanese American community in establishing JCCNC. The evening begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

Honoree of this event will be Yori Wada, chairperson of the VISION 80's Campaign.

Heading the honorary dinner committee is Dianne Feinstein, former mayor of San Francisco and honorary chairperson of VISION 80's campaign.

For more information call (415) 567-5505.

## JACL 1000 Club Photo Contest Cancelled

CHICAGO — The recently announced JACL 1000 Club photo contest has been cancelled. Those who wish to share their pictures with fellow 1000 Clubbers should bring them to the 1000 Club Whing Ding on June 17, 6-9 p.m. at the National JACL Convention in San Diego, announced Frank Sakamoto, former 1000 Club chair.

The convention committee will set up a table to display pictures. Those who are not able to attend the convention but would like to share their snapshots, may send them to:

Dr. Frank E. Sakamoto, 5423 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640. A self-addressed, stamped envelope should be included for return of the photographs.

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1990 Summary (Since Nov. 30, 1989)  
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Current total ..... (425)  
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Mar 12-16, 1990 (64)

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Current total ..... (598)  
Life, C/Life, Memorial total ..... ( )

Mar 19-23, 1990 (109)

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SAN FRANCISCO—JACL chapter members should be aware of the following deadlines with respect to the JACL Convention agenda:

- Nominations forms due to National Headquarters on March 20.
- Delegate forms, proxy authority forms, resolutions, awards/recognition

## CONVENTION UPDATE

tions and chapters' fees are all due to National Headquarters by April 19.

- Constitution and bylaw amendment proposals are due to the national director by May 7.
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## Florida Stiffens Penalty for Crimes Aroused by Hate

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — People convicted of crimes motivated by hate or prejudice will face stiffer penalties under a bill Gov. Bob Martinez signed into law earlier this month, the *Orlando Sentinel* reports.

Dubbed the "hate crimes" act, the new law provides a one-degree increase in penalties for any felony or misdemeanor where the motive for the crime was based on race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, religion or national origin of the victim.

For example, a person convicted of a first-degree misdemeanor—which carried a maximum penalty of a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine—will be sentenced to a third-degree felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine, if the offender committed a hate crime. The law goes into effect Oct. 1.

## Photo Display Shows Detention Camps

By Clifford Uyeda

SAN FRANCISCO—The National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) photo exhibit "U.S. Detention Camps, 1942-1946," recently premiered at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California. It was funded by the Hewlett Foundation.

In sharp contrast to most other camp exhibits, this exhibit portrays many scenes not seen in the past. There are over 80 photographs, mounted, matted and wood-framed. Half a dozen mounted scripts highlight the major subjects.

Some outstanding examples of white Americans who fought to correct the wrongs of a democracy gone awry are not overlooked. The Nisei dissidents and draft resisters are also included; Japanese American history is incomplete without telling their story.

The exhibit portrays various phases of camp life—work and recreation, the elderly and the young. The consequence of deep despair is graphically shown as are the vandalizing and destruction of storage areas and cemeteries.

The post-war resettlement, pilgrimage and memorial service at a former camp site are also depicted. A 37-page supplement with additional images and information is available for a small fee. The exhibit will be in place until the end of April.

## Teiko Tomita, 93, Issei Poet Dies in Seattle

SEATTLE — Teiko Tomita, a poet who was interned by the U.S. government during WWII, has died at the age of 93, the *Associated Press* reports.

A native of Japan, she came to the U.S. at the age of 23 after marrying Masakazu Tomita. The family settled in Washington state in 1929 and operated a nursery until the war broke out. They were interned in Heart Mountain, Wyo.

Using the pen name Yukari, Tomita recorded her experiences with farm labor, internment and the death of a daughter in the form of tanka, poems of 31 syllables in five lines.

The poems were translated into English by Dr. Gail Nomura of Washington State University's Ethnic Studies Department, but have yet to be published.

Last year, as part of Washington state's centennial celebration, Tomita was featured in a documentary titled, "Celebrate the Women."

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## Kibei Poet's Book Nominated for Coveted 1990 Pulitzer Prize

NEW YORK — A recent book by Kibei poet Soichi Furuta, *Montefelro: The Hawk Nose*, published in 1989 by St. Andrews Press, has been placed in nomination for the 1990 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry.

The Los Angeles-born and Japan-educated Furuta, a long-time contributor to *New York Nichibei*, read poems from this and others of his works last year at Japan Society and Kimiko Hahn's Word of Mouth series in Chinatown.

He will read on April 3 at St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, N.C., where he serves as adjunct professor of literature. On June 16, he has been selected to read at the first Laurel Festival of the Arts in Jim Thorpe, Pa., sharing the podium with three other poets of high repute: Grace Schulman, poetry editor of *The Nation*, and Theodore and Renee Karol Weiss, editors for forty-five years of the *Quarterly Review of Literature*.

Furuta is a resident of New York and White Plains. He is also an award-winning translator and book designer. He spent several weeks in the summer of 1989 as a poet-in-residence at the Center for Intercultural Study, located in Brunnenberg Castle, Italy, the former residence of poet Ezra Pound and family. He offered a course there focused on three figures who inspired his "own sense" of the timeless: Basho, Piero della Francesca and T.S. Eliot.

## Books to P.C.

Briefly Noted by Harry K. Honda

**MUD TO GOLD: A Biography of Mabel Sheldon Williams, Missionary to India 1927-1964.** Edited by Mary A. Hulse. (1989). [Order from Jean Barber, 814 S. Catalpa, Pittsburg, KS 66762, \$18.00].

Mabel Sheldon, the Methodist missionary to India, was at home in Kansas in 1941 to acquire special training for her work with the untouchables and low-caste people in India. With the bombing of Pearl Harbor, 1941, her plans were put on hold and she sought a teaching assignment for the duration.

It is Sachi Seko, now of Salt Lake City, and a pupil of Miss Sheldon at Butte High School in Gila River WRA camp, who explains how the teaching post became hers in the fall of '42 — it was through her brother Don, then a school administrator at Prescott, Ariz. She was an inspiration to her students, despite the surrounding of a desert camp. She remained at her post till the camp was closed January, 1945.

Proceeds from the book sale all go to the Mabel Sheldon Endowment Fund to help students beyond high school from India's scheduled (formerly out-castes) classes with whom she had worked for more than 30 years

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## A Pacific Rim Institute Paper:

## Books Found Untrue to Japan-Jewish History

By Bruce M. Ramer and  
Neil C. Sandberg  
(Special to the Japan Times)

SAN FRANCISCO  
Strain resulting from the large-scale publication of anti-Semitic books in Japan has masked the historic friendship of the Japanese and Jewish peoples.

It was an American Jewish financier, Jacob Schiff, who aided Japan by arranging major foreign loans during the Russo-Japanese War. And Japanese officials facilitated the flow of Jewish refugees from Europe in both World Wars I and II.

In order to finance its war effort against czarist Russia, the Imperial Japanese government sent Baron Korekiyo Takahashi to the U.S. in 1904. Unable to negotiate a loan, he enlisted the help of Jacob Schiff and his banking firm, Kuhn, Loeb and Co. Their support in securing a loan was followed by additional loans in 1905 and 1912.

Japan considered Schiff a true friend as he encouraged negotiations with the Russians leading to the Portsmouth Peace Treaty. Emperor Meiji gave Mr. and Mrs. Schiff a private audience and conferred high honors upon them. This warm friendship continued as Baron Takahashi's daughter, Wakiko, spent nearly three years at the home of the Schiffs while she was educated in New York.

Schiff and other leading American Jews created the American Jewish Committee in 1906 as a vehicle through which protests could be lodged against czarist persecution of Russian Jews. In 1917 and thereafter, the close association of Schiff and other prominent Jews with the Japanese government and financial circles proved most valuable as large numbers of Jewish refugees from the Russian revolution arrived in Japan.

The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society of which Schiff was an important member, was helped in its refugee assistance work by T. Miyaoku, one of Japan's most distinguished lawyers, along with Baron Shimpei Goto [1856-1929] of the Ministry for Home Affairs and the wealthy Baron Eiichi Shibusawa [1840-1931]. Japan showed its continuing interest when Count Yasuya Uchida [1865-1936], Japan's foreign minister, instructed Japanese troops in Siberia not to permit any outrages against the Jews.

The flow of Jewish refugees resumed as a consequence of the Nazi conquest of Europe in World War II. European ports were shut tight, but the Trans-Siberian Railroad offered some Jews

access to Japan and other parts of the world. Hitler's plan to exterminate the Jewish people led to the deaths of six million Jews in the Nazi Holocaust, but some escaped through the intervention of sympathetic Japanese who provided assistance at some personal risk.

One of these was Senpo Sugihara, the Japanese consul in Kovno (Kau-nas), Lithuania, who was able to secure visas from Curaçao, a Dutch possession, which did not require entry visas. This compassionate person issued thousands of such visas in 1940 in a brief period of time. The visa holders were authorized to remain in Japan for only seven to 10 days but, at the recommendation of the local Jewish community, Japanese officials extended the stay from two to eight months. All told, nearly 5,000 Jewish refugees were aided in this process.

Friendship with the Jews was also evidenced earlier when Japan became one of the first nations to endorse the [1917] Balfour Declaration which called for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. This relationship was strengthened when an Israeli legation opened in Tokyo in 1953, followed in 1958 with the organization of a society for Japan-Israel friendship. One of its patrons was Prince Mikasa, youngest brother of Emperor Showa.

In light of these longstanding connections between Japan and the Jewish people, why, then, do we now see in Japanese publications manifestations of prejudice against the Jews? The fact is that anti-Semitic ideas have long been known in Japan through such works as *The Merchant of Venice* and the notorious Russian forgery, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion." And, more recently, scurrilous books have appeared seeking to emphasize the absurd notion of a Jewish conspiracy to conquer the world.

In spite of these publications, most Japanese have scant knowledge of the Jews, their history and religion. Even

well-educated Japanese have limited information about the Jewish experience as a continuous and historical development. Some Christian scholars and historians are well-informed, especially on the age of the Old Testament, but few have knowledge about Jewish history in the 1900 years since the destruction of the Temple.

One of the underlying realities is that there has been limited personal contact between the Japanese and Jewish people. There are little more than a thousand Jews in all of Japan, most of them foreigners living in Tokyo. Although small in number, they maintain religious and cultural activities through the Jewish Community Center which is also dedicated to promoting friendship with the Japanese people. What have been lacking are the vehicles through which positive information about Jews and Judaism could be made available in Japan.

Today, we are seeing a new appreciation of the Japanese-Jewish relationship. Japan's Foreign Ministry has issued a statement calling on Japanese publishers to use "common sense" on the question of anti-Semitic books. Japan and Israel are developing stronger bilateral ties, and trade between the countries is growing. And the print and electronic media are paying more attention to human rights questions, including concerns with anti-Semitism.

In turn, Jews and others in the U.S. and elsewhere are assuming an obligation to speak out against "Japan-bashing," especially when it is rooted in racial slurs and misconceptions. Indeed, the American Jewish Committee recently created a Pacific Rim Institute dedicated to combating mutual stereotyping and improving relations between the U.S. and Japan.

Those in Japan concerned with its growing international role can play an important part in assuring the success of such efforts. The outcome will affect us all.

Bruce M. Ramer is chairman and Neil C. Sandberg is director of the Pacific Rim Institute, American Jewish Committee, San Francisco.

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► **Sculptor Ruth Asawa**, winner of the 1990 Cyril Magnin Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts from the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, will be honored at a luncheon April 27 at the St. Francis Hotel.

► **Don Kanesaki**, past president of Fresno JACL, was selected 1990 president of the Merchants Association of Fresno, a member-owned credit reporting and collection-services company. Kanesaki is also executive director of Community Physicians of Central California and one of the directors of the Fresno City and County Chamber of Commerce.

► **Traci Aoki** was chosen Fresno Hoover High School's Girl of the Year. She is a senior, active in academics, athletics and community activities. She was varsity captain of the basketball and tennis teams; student body vice president; member of the California Scholarship Federation; chair and treasurer of the Young Buddhist Assn.; and involved in the JACL youth group. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Miyamoto of Canuthers.



ROSE M. OCHI

► **Rose Matsui Ochi** of Monterey Park has been appointed to the California Center for the Study of Asia Task Force. Ms. Ochi is an executive assistant to Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and Director of the Los Angeles Office of Criminal Justice Planning. As a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow from 1972 to 1974, Ochi was co-counsel in the landmark court case of *Serrano v. Priest*, which challenged the state system of school finance. Ochi received her law degree from the University of Loyola in Los Angeles. She also holds a master's degree in Education and completed her undergraduate work at UCLA. She is active in the community and has been recognized for her achievements by many organizations including TELACU—The East Los Angeles Community Union, the Los Angeles Youth Advisory Council and the YWCA of Los Angeles.

► **Yasuaki Nishiura**, 37, was appointed partner-in-charge of Japanese Services Group for Deloitte & Touche's Northern California-Nevada offices in San Francisco and eight other cities. A native of Osaka and graduate from Nagoya University, he began his career in 1975 in Tokyo, became an exchange trainee in 1977 at St. Louis, reassigned to Tokyo and recalled to San Francisco in 1982—all within the Touche Ross International organization. His MBA was received from Golden Gate University.

► **Torrance City Council member George Nakano** has been appointed to the International Task Force of the National League of Cities. In response to the increased interest among local officials, the Task Force is charged to meet the challenge of a growing trade deficit, expanding international market opportunities, and the emergence of innovative technologies and strategies related to urban development. Nakano is the founder of the Torrance JACL and served as vice governor of the Pacific Southwest District Council JACL in 1984-85.



THOMAS W. OKITA

► **Thomas W. Okita** has received the Alumnus of the Year award from the Cal State Los Angeles University Alumni Association. Dr. Okita has earned international acclaim for his research in the fields of plant biochemistry and plant molecular genetics. He presently serves as associate director of the Institute of Biological Chemistry and Plant Physiology Program at Washington State University. In addition to his research work, Okita serves as a consultant to the National Science Foundation.

► **Linda Nakamura**, 36, has become the first attorney of Japanese descent to serve as president of the Whittier Bar Association. A native of Los Angeles, Nakamura has been an attorney since 1981. She is a graduate of the University of Redlands and Western States University School of Law in Fullerton. Nakamura serves as second vice-chair of the Los Angeles Bar Association's Immigration Section, which specializes in immigration law.

► **Robert Mizukami** has received a Distinguished Citizen award from the Municipal League of Tacoma-Pierce County in Washington state. The award is given to citizens who have "contributed to the honesty, efficiency and responsiveness of local government or the betterment of their community." Mizukami served as mayor and police commissioner of Fife, Wash., as well as on more than a dozen other government and business positions.

► **Ruby Y. Iizuka** of Gardena was recently named Woman of the Year by the California State Senate in ceremonies marking Women's History Month. Retired since 1984, Iizuka was a civilian employee of the California Highway Patrol for 20 years. Subsequently, she worked as a legislative field representative. Mrs. Iizuka was honored for her exemplary public spirit and outstanding contributions to her community.

► **Aaron Imura**, son of Roy and Georgette Imura of Sacramento, Calif., was awarded first prize in the 9th grade division of the "Real Women Creative Writing Competition," sponsored by the Sacramento City Unified School District in honor of National Women's History Month. This year there were 1800 entries from students throughout the district. Aaron interviewed his grandmother, Tomiko Imura, and wrote his paper on her life in Japan, in

the United States and during the internment period of Japanese Americans.

► **Kenneth K. Inada**, professor of philosophy at the State University of New York at Buffalo, has been awarded the prestigious Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai's Cultural Award in recognition of his distinguished career in Buddhist studies. Inada is the first American, and only one of several foreigners, to receive the annual award from the Tokyo-based Japanese Foundation for the Promotion of Buddhism. A UB faculty member since 1969, Inada also serves as editor of the State University of New York Press Buddhist Studies Series. He is also managing editor of the *Journal of Buddhist Thought* and is a member of the editorial boards of the *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* and the *Monograph Series of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*. A native of Hawaii, Inada received a doctorate in Indian and Buddhist studies from the University of Tokyo, a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Chicago and a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Hawaii.

► **Eileen Ikuta** of Carson was in the British comedy, *Top Girls*, staged at CSU Dominguez Hills Theatre for its March program.

► **Dr. Marshall Kubota** of Santa Rosa, was one of four Family Practice physicians in California who were recognized for community service, according to an article in *California Family Physician*, which shows, in the January/February issue, Dr. Kubota on the cover with one of his patients. He spends a good portion of his time teaching about HIV disease at the Community Hospital in Sonoma County's family practice residency program. He also directs the county public health department's HIV Clinic in Santa Rosa and chairs the Sonoma County Commission on AIDS and the CMA Task Force on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases. His work was reported in the *New York Times* in 1987 and in *People Magazine* regarding his work with children with AIDS. He is son of Mickey Kubota of Fresno.

► **Frank Nishimura**, 65, has been selected as a recipient of a 1990 Jefferson Award for his unselfish contributions to the Boy Scouts of America, especially Seattle Troop 53. The award is sponsored by the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* and recognizes individuals who epitomize the spirit of volunteerism at its very best. Under his leadership, Troop 53 has become one of the most active and dynamic scout troop in the region. A Seattle native, Nishimura graduated from Broadway High School. He retired from the Postal Service 11 years ago. For the past nine years, he has been working part time for the water department. Nishimura volunteered for military service during WWII and served in the 442nd Infantry Regiment, the most decorated in U.S. Army history. He was wounded in France when his regiment was called upon to rescue the "lost battalion" of 211 Texans. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Nishimura is a life member of the Nisei Veterans Committee of Seattle and the Club 100 Combat Infantry Battalion in Honolulu.

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## JACL PULSE

## ARIZONA

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

## DELANO

Delano Nisei Reunion, Sat., May 19, Delano Bowl at 1645 Ellington; Lunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; registration, no host social hour and dinner 5-6 p.m.; \$35 per person for both luncheon and dinner. Info: Mrs. Toshi Katano, 722 Randolph St., Delano, CA 93215. Replies including remittance (payable to Delano JACL) is requested by May 1. Motel reservations should be made directly with the motel. All former Delano Issei will be guests of the Japanese community and are especially urged to attend.

## EAST LOS ANGELES

Annual Emerald Ball and Cherry Blossom Ball, cosponsored by ELA JACL and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9902, Sun., April 29, Sheraton Rosemead Hotel. Info: (both 213) 263-2051 or 283-8610.

## GILROY

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

## INTERMOUNTAIN DC

A dedication program commemorating the Minidoka Relocation Camp as a National Historical Site, a part of the Idaho Centennial Celebration, Sat., May 26, 11 a.m. at the "camp gate." Information, reservations, or to make a contribution to the Minidoka Memorial Fund, contact Bob Endo (206) 742-7824, Hid Hasegawa (208) 529-1529, or Hero Shiosaki (208) 785-2157.

## 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.

## RENO

Breakfast honoring mothers, Sun., May 20, 8-10 a.m., Knights of Pythias Hall, 980 Nevada St., Reno. Info: (702) 827-4216.

## SAN DIEGO

"JACL: The Wave of the Future," the 31st Biennial JACL National Convention, June 17-23, San Diego Princess. Highlights: Business sessions, workshops, beach party, National Awards banquet, Masaka Award dinner, Sayonara Ball, golf tournament, deep sea fishing, Tijuana trip, speech competition, Youth Conference, 1000 Club Wing Ding. Info: (619) 230-0314.

## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Variety show fundraiser, Sat., April 21, 7-9 p.m., Japanese American Community Center. Program: Mexican American band, choral and dance groups, magician and talent show. Tickets \$10 or \$7.50 seniors and students. Info: (both 818) 363-5198 or 899-4237.

## SAN FRANCISCO

S.F. JACL will host "An Afternoon with Ron Takaki," reading and book signing; April 29, 3 p.m. at the JACL Natl. Hq. at 1765 Sutter Street. Takaki's book, *Strangers from a Different Shore*, has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Info, and mail orders for signed books: Lucy Kishiue (415) 222-0980.

## 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. Nakahara, (408) 258-7874.

Casino night fundraiser, Fri., May 18, Italian Gardens. Sponsors for gaming tables sought. Proceeds go to college scholarships. Info: K. Ono, (408) 295-1250.

White Elephant Sale, Sat., July 14, at Issei Memorial Building parking lot from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Donated items are needed and most welcomed. Info: (408) 295-1250.

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## OBITUARIES

## Shiro Tomita, 53, Retired Police Sergeant

Los Angeles-born Shiro Tomita, 53, died of complications due to leukemia on Dec. 21. A Vietnam war veteran, he was a graduate of the FBI National Academy and has retired as sergeant from the L.A. Police Department. Surviving are Asako, s Daniel, Peter, d Tamlyn, m Shizuko, bms Makio, Masao, Set-suo, Dr. Joseph and sis Mary Seko.

**Mitsuo Fujimoto, 83**, Yamaguchi-born resident of Sacramento, Jan. 31, survived by s Irene, d Jean Kawano, 2gc, 1ggc, sis Haruno Morishima, Natsue Kubo.

**Charles H. Furutani, 63**, Gardena, Feb. 26, a San Pedro-born Nisei veteran of WWII survived w Mary, s Norman, Warren, Alan, Stony, 4 gc.

**Kakuto Nakamura, 90**, Hiroshima-born prewar resident of Santa Maria, naturalized citizen, Los Angeles, Feb. 1, survived by d Mitsuey Suzuki, 2gc.

**Kiichi Nakamura, 90**, Fukuoka-born resident, Glendale, Calif., Feb. 3, survived by in-law d Taeko, d Masako Nishimura, s Emi Kurihara, Tsuru Bell, Hideko Kurihara, Sueko Ha, Suzie Davis, gc & ggc.

**Hanako Nakashima, 73**, Los Angeles-born resident of Stockton, Jan. 28, survived by h George, s Marvin, Alan, sis Peggy Jinde.

**Asako Nakatani, 64**, Osaka-born resident of Sacramento, survived by h Kenji, s Alan, John, d Joanne Rabe, Linda, br and 3 sis in Japan.

**Edward H. Aburamen, 74**, Fresno, Feb. 3. Surviving w Amy, s John (Fremont), d Joyce Campos, 1 gc.

**Frank Yoramasa Chikasawa, 84**, Kochi-born naturalized citizen resident of Los Angeles, Jan. 31 of heart condition, survived by w Kiyoko, s Roy (Oxnard) Don (Camarillo), d Gladys Kado, Martha Chikasawa, 7gc, in-law sis Kanao Chikasawa, Chieko Hiraoka, Shizuyo, Ruth and Fumiko Hiroshima, sis Masai Kurihara, in-law br Arthur Hiroshima, Harumi Hiroshima.

**Wari Harada, 98**, Kumamoto-born, naturalized citizen of Gardena, Feb. 25, survived by s Henry Hiroshi, Takeshi, d Satsuko Tsunoda, Setsuko, 10gc, 12ggc.

**Goro Leslie Inouye, 95**, Fukuoka-born Issei pioneer, naturalized citizen, South Pasadena, Feb. 2. Surviving s Roy, d Sumako Nishinaka, Mary Kawabata, Eunice Miyatake, 11 gc, 3ggc.

**Masahide Imai, 90**, San Jose, Nov. 25; Hawaii-born Salvation Army "soldier" since 1922 (first Japanese in the Salvation Army of Hawaii), posted in Fresno, Richmond and Hawaii; survived by w June, s James, Samuel (Gardena), David (Fountain Valley), Nobuo (Carson), d Lily Moore, Jane Tanikawa, 15 gc, 13 ggc, br Richard, Masanobu, Masanori (Japan), sis Motoko Kanno, Miyoko Nakamoto (Hawaii) and Masayo Sato (Nev.)

**Kameichi Imazaki, 91**, Hawaii-born Orange County resident, El Toro, Nov. 27; survived by w Omaru, s Jerry, George, Elbert (all Honolulu), d Tomiko Morgan, Nancy Naoe (Honolulu), Fumiye, Sachiko Wallis, 7 gc, 5 ggc.

**Lillian Y. Shigekuni, 74**, San Francisco-born resident in Van Nuys, Feb. 5, survived by h Tsuneko, s Phil, d Evelyn Mitani, 4gc, br Robert, Jerome Yamasaki.

**Jack S. Takenouchi, 92**, Maui-born resident of Altadena, Feb. 19; survived by w Minnie, s Tom, d Dorothy Iwata, Janie Nakabayashi, Nancy, Helen, 8gc, 1ggc, sis Kikuyo Kimura, Sumiko Tamura (both Japan).

**Julie Matsuko Tanaka, 62**, East Palo Alto, Feb. 19; survived by h Ichitaro, s Glen, d Peggy Takahashi, 4gc, m Masako Inokuchi, br Minoru and Donald, sis Michiko Dooka, Nancy Mukai, Dolly Sawamura, Edith Matsumoto, Matsuko Nakamura.

**Henry Tsuruo Toda, 93**, Hiroshima-born resident of Los Angeles, Feb. 28, survived by s Roy, Akira, d Mitsuey Wada (New Jersey), 8gc, 8ggc.

**Natsu Tomita, 89**, Kumamoto-born and naturalized citizen, Huntington Beach, Feb. 22, survived by s John Nagao, Robert Toshiaki, Akira, d Yasuyo Honda (Sacramento), Aiko, sis Fumie Nagahashi, 9gc, 1ggc.

**Toku Tsuda, 94**, Watsonville, a prewar resident of Delano, died Feb. 15. Surviving s Tomio, Ben, Dick, d Toshi, Mari, Marsha.

**Sayoko Yagi, 63**, Okinawa-born resident of Los Angeles, Feb. 11, survived by s James Cavanaugh, 2gc.

**Paul K. Sakamoto, 67**, Los Angeles, Jan. 16. Surviving w Kazuko, d Emiko Koopman, Patricia Mariko, Dawna Yokoyama, Christine Chizuko, br Joe, Frank, Gengo (Monterey), Jingo, Tom, Kengo, sis Umeko, in-law Mary Sakamoto.

**Masu Shirafuji, 93**, Redondo Beach, Jan. 3. Surviving: d Sumiko Tsusaki, 1 gc, 3 ggc.

**Mae T. Kitaguchi, 53**, Rosemead, Calif., Feb. 12; Wapato-born Nisei, survived by h Raymond, s Roger, d Linda, br Giichi Nakamura (Hawaii), sis Hisa Iwamoto (Fowler), Ginger Hirakawa.

**Kimiye Nakatani, 62**, Yuba City, Jan. 25, survived by h Charles, s Chris, Tom, d Charlene Otsuji, Marlene Saltonstall, brs Minoru, Mitsuo Koide, Kenny Mori, inlaws m Mitsue, sis Haruko Nakatani, br Yutaka Nakatani.

**Mary Sasaki Yamadera, 75**, Pomona, Calif.-born Nisei resident of Los Angeles, died Feb. 9 at White Memorial Medical Center. Surviving s Frank Kubota, Norman Kubota, Raymond Kubota, 7 gc, 2ggc, br Harry Sasaki, Willie Sasaki (Chicago) and Herbert Sasaki (Hattiesburg, Miss.)

**Taka Yoshioka, 89**, Iwate-born resident of Berkeley, Jan. 31, survived by d Sara Ishikawa, Helen Hayes, Martha Takakura, Jean Ishikawa and Anna Wolf.

**Frank H. Sunada, 77**, Sacramento-born, Los Angeles, Jan. 14. Surviving w Dorothy, s Sam, Richard Okada, 1gc, br Niro, sis Suyeko Watanabe (Utah), Haruko Imahara (Louisiana).

**Fred Tada, 85**, Fukuoka-born, prewar owner of Asahi Auto Sales, Little Tokyo, Jan. 7. Surviving: w Gloria, s George, d Joan, gcs.

**Joe Osamu Takai, 59**, Auburn, Wash.-born Korean War vet, Los Angeles, Jan. 20. Surviving: w Tomiko, s Robert, d Diana, br James, Harry, sis Miyoko Yumori.

**Kyoko Arimura, 54**, Camarillo, Jan. 17, Kagoshima-born naturalized citizen, survived by h Katsumi Jim, s Mark, Ronald, d Cindy Matsumoto, m Waka Yoshimitsu and 5 br (all in Japan).

**Ichiro Baba, 73**, Monterey Park, Dec. 21, Kagoshima-born; survived by w Atsuko, d Wakako Teshirogi (San Francisco), Fusako Nishino, 4gc, br Tsugio & sis Tsuya Kiyonaga, Kazu Higashikozono, Suzu Nishi (Japan).

**George A. Doi, 74**, Gardena, Dec. 15, San Diego-born WWII veteran, survived by w Kathleen, s Gary (Laguna Hills), d Carole Ann Yamaguchi (Fremont), Nancy Uyehara (San Jose), 7gc.

**Hanayo Hashimoto, 82**, Monterey Park, Dec. 15, Waipahu-born, survived by s James Jr, Bernard, Kenneth (San Jose), d Betty Inouye, 7gc.

**F. Tadashi Hattori, 75**, Los Angeles, Dec. 24, Sendai-born naturalized citizen, survived by w Hanaka, d Keiko, s Kazuko Fujimoto, Dr. Susan Hattori-Oyama, 3gc.

**Sumie Iba, 93**, Los Angeles, Dec. 13, Wakayama-born, survived by s Hayao, Shigeru, Dr. Shozo, 11gc, 10ggc.

**Masako Igawa, 77**, Monterey Park, Dec. 21, Honolulu-born, survived by s Kiyoshi, Hiroshi, d Sumiko Shimonaka, Momoyo Yasuda, 10gc, 1ggc.

**Eddie Toshio Inouye, 75**, Los Angeles, Dec. 16, survived by w Miyoko, d Sadako Yamashita, 1gc, br Joe, sis Sumie Nakamura, 4 sis-in-law Tsuneko Inouye, Shizuko Miyamoto, Nobuko Yamada, Matsuye Furuya.

**Robert N. Nishimura, 77**, Los Angeles, Dec. 15, survived by w Miyuki, s Scott, d Carol, Barbara, 2gc.

**Hideo Kariya, 88**, Pauma Valley, Calif., Dec. 8; Kochi-born, survived by s Masashi, Yoneo, Hiroshi, d Taeko Masuda, Miyuki Ioki, 16gc, 4ggc.

**Ben M. Minakawa, 90**, Los Angeles, Dec. 12, Kumamoto-born; survived by s George, James, in-law d Haruko, 1gc.

**Bill Minami, 65**, Monterey Park, Dec. 19, Seattle-born WWII veteran, survived by w June, d Maureen, m Soma, br Bob (Oceanside), Tatsuo, Eiichi.

**Fujino I. Morey, 102**, Los Angeles, Dec. 17, Wakayama-born pioneer and naturalized citizen, survived by s George, Arthur Saburo (Detroit), d Shizue Yoshina, Kiyoko Kaneko (both Sunnyvale), Rose Ono, 19 gc, 13ggc.

**Sadao Ichikawa, 63**, San Jose, Feb. 11, survived by w Fumiko, br Takeo, sis Alice Takagi, Nancy Kon.

**Ben Y. Nagano, 74**, Rosemead, Calif., Dec. 18, Arizona-born, survived by w Helen, stepchildren s Kasuo Nanya, d Kazuyo Yamaguchi, Sachiko Amimoto.

**Yoshi Kohata Namatame, 94**, Los Angeles, Dec. 10, Fukushima-born, survived by s Teichi, Teijiro, 4gc, 4ggc.

**Kiku Natsumeda, 93**, Gardena, Dec. 7, Fukushima-born naturalized citizen, survived by s Haruo, Hideo, d Misao Okada, Takeko Tanaka, 7gc, 6ggc.

**Chizu Nomi, 91**, Los Angeles, Dec. 21, Shimane-born naturalized citizen, survived by s G Ryoji, d Alice Tashiro, 5gc.

**Fusao Ogawa, 84**, Los Angeles, Dec. 22, Ehime-born, survived by w Sakie, s Gary (Fullerton), George, d Jean Ogawa (Arizona), 2gc.

**Aiko Betty Oike, 66**, Culver City, Feb. 4, New Jersey-born, survived by h Karl, s Paul, James, John, d Carol Kitabayashi, 2gc, br Hiroshi Ohori (Solana Beach), sis Mitsue Katagiri (Richmond, Calif.), stepbr Makoto Ohori (Japan).

**Kansaku Shiroyama, 105**, Gardena, Dec. 12, Mie-born naturalized citizen, survived by s Kazuo, Hayashi, 4gc, Lonnie Abernethy, Julie Ann Murray, Tracy Lee Higham, Hayashi Shiroyama Jr., 4gc.

**Fumiye Sugitani, 84**, Pasadena, Dec. 11, Wakayama-born naturalized citizen, survived by s Shigeru, d Hatsumi Kariya, m 2gc, 2ggc.

**Miyoko Sugitani, 63**, Whittier, Dec. 16, San Jose-born, survived by d Donna Wong, 4gc, br Yoshi and Shigeo Wakayama, sis Hanako Endo, Yuriko Takano.

**Yukiharu Tadokoro, 77**, Downey, Calif., Dec. 13, Canadian-born Nisei, survived by m Yukio, br Hajime Chiya, Kazuo Chiya, Seiji Tadokoro, sis Terrie Sundarakumara.

**Kei Tanaka, 93**, Santa Ana, Dec. 10, Hiroshima-born pioneer and longtime resident of Pleasant Hills, Calif., survived by s Robert (Mill Valley), Richard, 7gc, 2ggc.

**Haruye Tokuno, 66**, Torrance, Dec. 14, Fresno-born, survived by h Nobutsugu, s Dr Kenneth, d Marie Fox (Morgan Hill), Dr Linda, Kathleen, sis-in-law Toshio Shiozaki and Tokuko Tokuno (both San Francisco).

**Takiye Tsuji, 93**, Glendale, Calif., Dec. 9, Mie-born pioneer, survived by s Masachika (Japan), d Chiyoko, Fusako Shibuya, Mary Kusuda, d-in-law Hisako, 12gc, 5ggc.

**Fumiko Uyehara, 75**, Torrance, Dec. 24, Hawaii-born, survived by s George, Kenneth (San Francisco), d Dora Shimabukuro, Helen Asato, Eunice Ine, Betty Miyakawa, Hazel Alberes, 11gc.

**Mary Umeko Wada, 72**, Midway City, Calif., Dec. 22, Oroville-born, survived by h Jack, s Frank Naka, 2gc, br George Nishitani and sis Iyoko Nishitani.

**Shizuo Watanabe, 63**, Los Angeles, Dec. 21, survived by s Wayne, Shawn, d Aimee Galand, Taryn, 4 brs and 3 sis (in Hawaii).

## THE CALENDAR

## • DELRAY BEACH, FLA.

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

## • LOS ANGELES AREA

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

**Present-April 30**—"Eleven Emeritus Watercolorists" featuring the work of Henry Fukuhara and Jesse Elyator, Santa Monica Library, 1343 6th St., Santa Monica.

**Present-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 6**—Akemi Kikumura, author of *Through Harsh Winters: the Life of a Japanese Immigrant Woman and Promises Kept*, will read from her work at Beyond Baroque Literary/Arts Center in Venice. Info: (213) 822-3006.

**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.

**April 8**—Book signing party with Dr. Ron Takaki, author of *Strangers From a Different Shore*, 1-4 p.m. at Nakaoka Community Center, Gardena. Info: (213) 323-2686.

**April 12, 19, 26**—Cold Tofu, multi-ethnic comedy group will appear at Encino's L.A. Cabaret, 8:30 pm. Info: (213) 739-4142.

**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 20-21**—Hawaii's hottest show group, The Society of Seven, will perform at the Japan America Theatre in Little Tokyo. Tickets: \$20. Info: (714) 639-1007.

**April 26**—Asian Business League of Southern California presents its annual Pacific Rim Trade Forum; Emerald Ballroom of the Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles; cocktail reception and dinner followed by panel discussion of distinguished speakers who will speak on the political, trade and legal issues between U.S. and Republic of China. Info: (213) 580-1248.

**April 27**—Nutrition program for the elderly sponsored by Japanese Community Pioneer Center, Quiet Cannon Restaurant, Montebello. Cocktails, banquet and entertainment, 6-7 p.m. Info: (213) 680-9173.

**April 28**—Singer-songwriter Nobuko Miyamoto premieres a one-woman show, "Joanne is my Middle Name"; 8 p.m. at Japan America Theatre. Info: (213) 680-3707.

**May 17**—Actress and writer Jude Narita presents her award-winning show, "Coming Into Passion/Song For a Soldier" at the Cal-State/LA/Music Hall; 4:30 p.m., free. Info: (213) 343-3390.

**May 25**—"Opera" Dinner sponsored by the Japanese Philharmonic Society of Los Angeles, 7 p.m. in the Golden Ballroom, New Otani Hotel. Musical performance of "The Marriage of Figaro." Tickets: \$95, (\$85, JPSLA members.) Info: (213) 770-1358.

**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 Kichiyama Memorial Fund); all other performances, \$22/ea.; senior, student, theatre professional and group rates available with ID. Tickets: (212) 245-2660.

## • OAKLAND, CALIF.

**April 9 - May 18**—Ceramic sculpture by studio artists and Judy Hiramoto, Creative Growth Art Center. Info: (415) 836-2340.

## • 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.

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

## LETTERS

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Nikkei community's stand is on various subjects which are often biasedly presented in the newspaper and TV media. They can be updated easily once entered in the word processing system. The position papers can be faxed to TV stations and newspapers if required to rebut their inflammatory statements.

(a) The subjects must be numerous (e.g. increase amount of crimes against the Nikkei; Redress program; Nikkei contributions to science, military, medicine; Japanese companies in USA providing employment for American employees; etc.)

(b) We should utilize the expertise of the retired JACL members residing in the large cities to prepare the position papers.

(c) The list of these position papers should be made available to all the JACL Chapters.

2. Establish a central depository for all films (e.g., documentaries, movies, U.S. Army wartime news clips, Evacuation, etc.) depicting Japanese American activities. Maybe these can be videotaped for sale or rental to JACL chapters, individuals, etc.

(a) The 442nd and MIS associations will decline as the number of the WWII veterans decrease after year 2000. Who is to accumulate their records for posterity? The U.S. Army had a lot of wartime films for sale at one time and I don't know whether the 442nd Association bought them.

(b) Right now, documentary films relating to JA activities are unavailable from one place. If we are lucky and know that one may be shown on a PBS station, we can then have it taped.

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## UC Students Make Demands on Minority Issues

(From the *Hokubei Mainichi*)

BERKELEY, Calif. — UC Berkeley students protesting the university's policies on minorities took over a campus building last week and 45 of them were cited for trespassing, the *Oakland Tribune* reports.

Some demonstrators smashed windows. Protesters who took part in a four-hour sit-in and resisted police attempts to clear them from the building were dragged out.

Chancellor Ira Michael Heyman and his top aides spent most of the day in discussions with protest leaders.

Ray Colvig, a UC spokesman, said that one of the agreements reached was to allow students to monitor the admissions process and to help interview applicants.

Sumi Cho, one of the student leaders, said UC will also develop a program to assist minority community college students who are nearly eligible for Berkeley make the transfer within one semester.

Now that their demands are partially satisfied, "I think the students are ready now to move on to discuss our second demand concerning faculty tenure and diversity," said Cho. More discussions were scheduled for Friday.

Other demands include tenure for two minority professors, Marcy Wang and Joel Garcia; establishment of a gay studies department; and increased affirmative action in campus staff hiring.

The protests began when students took over part of California Hall, the administration building. Police cited 56 of them for trespassing. Outside the building, more than 250 people rallied to support the protesters' demands.

The students charged, among other things, that the tenured faculty is 91 percent white and 89 percent male. One protester, Margarita Kinoshita, carried a sign reading "Diversity?"

The 75 participants in the sit-in met briefly with Associate Vice Chancellor Patrick Hayashi and Vice Chancellor Roderic Park, but no agreements were reached. Heyman later agreed to meet with leaders of the student groups.

Randy Parris, one of the student leaders, said the purpose of the sit-in was to lend support to the students who were meeting with Heyman.

"The California Hall takeover was not a one-day thing," he said. "We will sustain these demonstrations through the rest of the semester."

## Tukwila Nisei Councilman Outraged by Sobriquet

SEATTLE—When *Seattle Times* columnist Erik Laciute wrote that "visiting Tukwila" was a euphemism for making love, the Tukwila City Council denounced the column. Councilman Clarence Moriaki was outraged: "We're tired of Tukwila being known as the Rodney Dangerfield of King County — we get no respect."

The community is only six miles south of the Seattle city limits where sprawling Southcenter Mall is located. One resident, unoffended by the column, called it free advertising for the city. But many disagreed, that it was not the way to publicize Tukwila.

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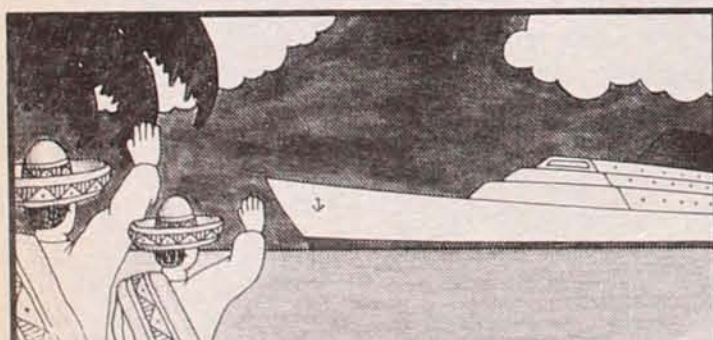
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