

JACL, Educators Question State's Selection of Producer, Content of High School Video on J.A. Internment

LOS ANGELES — Over 20 community leaders and educators in the Los Angeles area have joined the growing list of Asian Americans expressing concern over the production of a Japanese American internment video for the state's high school students.

The signatories have signed on to support the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Japanese American Internment Video. The statewide committee, created by the Japanese American Citizens League, is charged with reviewing the implementation of AB 1375 (Roos), legislation requiring the state Department of Education to produce a videotape on the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

"The worst thing that could happen is for the Department of Education to issue a video which fails to recognize that the internment was an act of racism, not an act of hysteria or military necessity," stated Dale Shimasaki, Chair of the JACL Education Committee.

Educators share this point of view, "Santa Ana Unified School District is the ninth largest school district of the

state. Yet, the large majority of the students are not familiar with this horrible event in history," stated Santa Ana Unified school board president Audrey Yamagata-Noji. "I feel the videotape fails to dispel myths and it fails to point out why the concentration camps were a social injustice."

The videotape has also been an issue of concern in the Japanese American community. Dale Minami, chair of the attorney general's Asian/Pacific Advisory Committee has indicated that "the film's makers lack the experience and skills needed to do justice to the fundamental rights of Americans and the experiences of Asian Americans."

California's legislators and congressmen have expressed have expressed similar concerns. Rep. Norman Mineta, who appears in the videotape indicates he "continue(s) to have concern regarding its quality, accuracy, and effectiveness. I have doubts of its ability to be salvaged."

To date (May 17), Assemblyman Roos, author of AB 1375, and Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown Jr. have also expressed their concern.

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Henry Sugimoto: 1900-1990

Remembering an American Artist

By Tom Kometani

NEW YORK — Henry Yuzuru Sugimoto, husband of the late Susie Sugimoto, died in New York City on May 8, 1990 after a long illness. Mr. Sugimoto was born in Wakayama City, Japan on March 12, 1900 and immigrated to America in 1919.

Sugimoto is best known for his extensive recording, with oils on canvas, of everyday scenes of the wartime internment of Japanese Americans. He forever memorialized the sorrow, pain and anguish felt by 120,000 American citizens and permanent residents of Japanese ancestry through more than 100 paintings during the forced confinement of his family in Jerome and Rohwer Relocation Centers, Arkansas.

I had the privilege of knowing Henry Sugimoto during the past 30 years through his involvement with the New York Japanese American United Church, his association with the New York JACL, and his relentless struggle to gain redress for governmental injustices suffered by loyal Americans. He gained the admiration of the Nikkei community for his deep commitment to his church and community ever since he brought his wife and daughter, Madeleine, to New York from the internment camp.

I feel that Henry's most significant contribution was his undaunting effort of the redress cause. He started his campaign back in 1942, when he acutely felt the injustice and tragedy of being imprisoned—solely on the basis of ancestry. Henry powerfully articulated on canvas the anger, despair, pain, humiliation and sorrow as well as the strength, patience, loyalty and dignity which



Photo by: Norman Henry Sugimoto
 HENRY SUGIMOTO

were long internalized by most of the victims. These paintings have become valuable historically to the Japanese Americans. They played a critical role in impressing America on the injustice of the incarceration of innocent citizens.

After the war, the California Historical Society organized a traveling exhibition to show Henry's paintings in cities in California and Hawaii. In 1978, an extensive exhibition of camp scenes was held in New York City. When his paintings were exhibited in Japan, the Japanese became more understanding of the redress issue. Several

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Japanese Students Mistaken for Hmong Attacked by Whites in La Crosse, Wis.

LA CROSSE, Wis. — The early morning of April 22 changed Taro Imamura's view of America and La Crosse forever. La Crosse Tribune writer Terry Rindfleisch reported in a story that made print two weeks later in the May 13 Sunday front page.

The 21-year-old University of Wisconsin-La Crosse student from Japan had a brutal confrontation with racism in downtown La Crosse. Now he's afraid to go downtown, and he thinks more about racism when he walks around campus and encounters other students.

(The newspaper published this story on the Sunday, May 13, front page beneath its flag, along with two "op ed" views on the attack. On Tuesday, its editorial called the attackers a "goon squad" which marred the city's reputation and labeled the action of two bystanders risking their lives to save the students from Japan who were perfect strangers to them "a selfless act.")

"I don't feel safe, and it will take a while to forget," Imamura said. "It's pretty hard to walk around. It feels like this is not my place."

Imamura and another Japanese student, Yasushi Kikuchi, were beaten by a group of white men who thought the two students were Hmong.

The La Crosse Friends of International Students, a community support group for foreign students, condemned the incident. (Their letter appears elsewhere in this issue.)

First police reports did not indicate the attack was racially motivated.

Imamura and his friend were walking near Fourth and Jay streets about 1:30 a.m. that Sunday after a party for another foreign student.

A group of young white men, at least four and maybe six, according to witnesses, made racial slurs and started a fight. One man grabbed Imamura and punched him in the face, causing an eye injury while his friend was pushed down and kicked in the head.

One witness, a white woman, saw

Selfless Act of Two Women Trying to Stop Thugs Lauded

the group harassing the Japanese students. She asked one of the men why they were picking on the students. According to police reports, the man replied: "Because we hate gooks."

The woman said she pretended to be a probation agent in an attempt to intimidate the attackers, but they continued to fight and laughed at her. She later told police, "I think the offenders are cocky enough to have bragged" about the beatings.

Imamura and his friend returned to their house to call for an ambulance and police. Both were treated at St. Francis Medical Center for injuries. Imamura thought he would suffer permanent eye damage because he had "holes" in his retina. But laser treatments have helped his eye and the damage may not be permanent.

No arrests have been made and La Crosse police are still investigating the incident.

Imamura's friend heard Hmong slurs before the fight. His friend did not want to be interviewed because he fears repercussions.

In his three semesters at UW-L, Imamura has heard the stories of racism against the Hmong people. He had a Hmong roommate and he has taught English to the Hmong through the Friendship Program of Christ Episcopal Church.

But Imamura had not experienced much racism first-hand before the fight except for some occasional name-calling.

"I can always go back to Japan, but Hmong people can never leave," he said. "They are now Americans."

Imamura said the group of white men wanted to start a fight and then struck his friend first. "I was really scared," he said. "But I couldn't stand to see my friend beaten up, so I had to help."

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JACL, Asian Leaders Confer with Justice Dept.'s Civil Rights Div. on Loo Case, Anti-Asian Violence

WASHINGTON — In town for a series of meetings with government officials, JACL President Cressey Nakagawa and National Director Bill Yoshino, along with Washington Representative Paul Iwasaki, met May 9 with John Dunne, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, to share JACL's views on a number of civil rights matters including urging the Civil Rights Division to pursue the prosecution of Lloyd and Robert Piche for the killing of Ming Hai Loo in North Carolina.

In the context of increasing anti-Asian violence and harassment in the United States, the JACL urged Dunne

to send a message that such behavior will not be tolerated by the federal government. The meeting took place at Dunne's office in the Department of Justice in Washington. JACL leaders also emphasized the importance of a meeting scheduled for later that week between Justice Department staff and Asian community representatives.

On May 11, a delegation of Asian American community group representatives met with Linda Davis, Chief of the Criminal Section for the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and with Norajan Flanagan, Deputy Chief of the Section. Dunne also stopped by the meeting to express his appreciation for the group coming to Washington to brief the department and of his concern over the increasing anti-Asian violence represented by the Loo case. The meeting had been requested by the national network of organizations monitoring the progress of the Loo case.

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JACL Convention Booklet

John Yato's Painting on Cover

SAN DIEGO — A watercolor painting of John Yato, entitled "Happy Memories," will be featured on the cover of the convention booklet.

John Yato is a San Diego artist who is known for his watercolor paintings of San Diego historic landmarks. Of the Hotel Del Coronado alone, he has painted six different originals and released them as limited or unlimited edition prints and as note cards. John has been selling his art for nearly twenty years.

Multi-dimensional in his approach to art, yet clearly a watercolor artist, Yato is a blend of East and West. He can create works as intricate as an ivory puzzle box, such as his scenes of old Southern California, and yet he can paint subjects that flow as the Pacific, such as his views of America at play. His mastery of the brush results in bold-

ness and vitality in one stroke and a diffusion of hues in another.

Innovative in his technique, John uses rice paper in many of his works so that even his prints convey a feeling of the textures present in his most lyrical originals. For John Yato, "Water is essential for life and art." Therefore, his compelling inner thirst for art is satisfied through the medium of watercolors. A painting happens as life happens, natural and flowing, according to John, so that perhaps the essence of his art is his fidelity to nature. John Yato's themes are always immediate and within reach and yet extraordinary in execution, conveying the scene and capturing the emotion forever.

Convention booklets will be provided to all convention delegates and complimentary copies will be provided to all advertisers.

Senate Dining Room Table Named Matsunaga

WASHINGTON — Some lawmakers get buildings named after them, others get rooms. The late Senator Spark M. Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) has a dining room table. The Senate agreed the first week of May on a voice vote to designate the large round, center table in the Senators' Dining Room in the Capitol the "Spark M. Matsunaga Table" to honor the three-term senator.

Matsunaga, who was very popular among his colleagues, was renowned for entertaining constituents at the table on an almost daily basis, sometimes two groups a day.

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400 Students Enrolled from Japan Enliven Iowa Campus and Town

LE MARS, Iowa — Students, townspeople and some board members were wary when 198 Japanese freshmen enrolled at tiny Westmar College, in northwest Iowa, under a merger with Teikyo University. But the cultural barriers are coming down fast.

Cash-strapped Westmar announced the agreement with Teikyo University in March. In return, Westmar got about \$4 million to refurbish dormitories and other buildings, raise salaries, add faculty and enroll up to 400 Japanese.

"It sounded like a lot of propaganda by the board of trustees," said senior Tom Joaquin of Denver. "They said the Japanese would broaden our campus. Right. We've had foreign students before, and they mostly stay in their rooms."

But after the Japanese arrival in April increased enrollment by more than a third to 566 students, Joaquin's impression changed.

"It's like a real school now," he said.

Business in this town of 8,200 said

there is a language barrier, but Japanese students have learned that money talks.

"We didn't anticipate that they'd have much money when they arrived," said Dean Carroll, manager of the Pamida discount department store.

Carroll said there isn't a mountain bike to be found in town after Japanese students bought every one in stock.

"I know we sold between 10 and 15 within four hours. 'That's quite a few. They're the more expensive bikes, anywhere from \$120 to \$160,'" he said.

Recipient of 1990 Spring Medal of Honor Named

SAN FRANCISCO — The Japanese government announced April 28 its Spring 1990 Medals of Honor, given to those in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the promotion of mutual understanding between the United States and Japan.

The recipient is Keiko Fukuda of San Francisco who will receive the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette.

Fukuda is the vice-chair of the U.S. Judo Federation (USJF); technical advisor to Womens Judo, USJF; technical adviser to Womens Judo, US Olympic Committee and Associate Professor at Mills College (1967-1978).

Fukuda has made contributions in popularizing and promoting womens judo as well as training and preparing many promising judo practitioners outside of Japan; participating in activities of the community including the Japanese American community; popularizing Japanese cultural activities in the U.S. and deepening mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S. and in developing friendly exchange between Japan and other countries including the U.S. through judo.

JAs Campaign Against Sexual Harassment in Japan

BERKELEY, Calif. — Japan Pacific Resource Network (JPRN), Berkeley-based nonprofit educational organization, announced that it successfully finished its campaign against sexual harassment in Japan.

The campaign started with a televised public forum in Tokyo which was cosponsored by JPRN and *Asahi Journal*, one of Japan's leading weekly magazines. The April 11 forum attracted about 100 people.

Over 10 public forums and seminars were also held in Nagoya, Kyoto, Osaka, Hiroshima, and Fukuoka. The nine-day campaign attracted nearly 1000 people and received intense media attention.

In Fukuoka where the first lawsuit against sexual harassment was filed last August, people enthusiastically welcomed three JPRN delegates, Hiroshi Kashiwagi, board member of JPRN, Patricia Kinaga, an attorney with the City of Los Angeles, and Mieko Yoshihama, coordinator of the Asian Pacific Outreach Program of the Di Di Hirsch Community Mental Health Center.

In addition to a public forum in which about 200 people participated, a seminar for Fukuoka prefectural government staff and a lecture for a local business organization were conducted. The delegates visited Governor Okuda to request him to take positive steps to prevent sexual harassment.

The three JPRN representatives also met with two lower Diet members, Rep. Tomiko Okazaki of the Socialist Party and the head of its Women's Bureau and Rep. Yuriko Ono of the Komei Party. They stressed the importance of legislative actions to eliminate unwelcomed sexual advances at a workplace.

Hiroshi Kashiwagi, an organizer for the campaign, said "Our campaign was supported by women's groups, media, trade unions, and corporations and attracted not only women activists and media but also ordinary men and women in addition to academics and people from corporations and local governments."

Kashiwagi further expressed JPRN's intention to build a network between people in both sides of the Pacific. In late May to early June, JPRN with a co-sponsorship of International Movement against All Forms of Racism and Discrimination, (IMADAR), will have a series of conferences on minorities in Japan and the United States in New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

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LEADER OF THE PACK—Mas Fukai (left), Chief Deputy to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and a Gardena, Calif., city councilman, receives a Los Angeles County scroll of commendation from the Supervisor in recognition of his being named "1990 Citizen of the Year" by the Boy Scouts of America. Also taking part in the presentation is Dr. Bob Nagamoto, master of ceremonies and dinner chairman. "Mas, in my book, is loyal, good and trustworthy," said Hahn. "He is the best chief deputy supervisor in the State of California and he is *ichiban* to me."

Go For Broke-NVA Reorganized

CHICAGO — More than 40 veterans from 15 states, including two observers from Hawaii met the last weekend in March and reorganized the Go For Broke National Veterans Association (GFBNVA) into a more active entity, William Marutani president and chair, announced.

Judge Marutani of Philadelphia, a veteran of the Military Intelligence Service who served for a time in General MacArthur's Supreme Allied Headquarters in Tokyo, reminded the assembled delegates that December 1991 marks the 50th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Marutani warned that Japanese Americans may again suffer deprivation of their rights. To assure a dignified life for Japanese Americans and to safeguard others, the GFBNVA organization was needed, he claimed.

Delegates approved articles of incor-

poration and bylaws and designated members of the board of directors.

Those interested in joining are invited to write to Rudy Tokiwa, National Membership Vice President, Go For Broke National Veterans Association, 649 N. 18th St., San Jose, CA 95112.

The general program for the coming years are outlined, with the major feature continuing to be a monument in a prominent location in the nation's capital dedicated to honor all of America's war dead, and especially those of Japanese origin who fought so gallantly in WWII.

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Toshiba in U.S. Pledges Grant to Asahi Gakuen

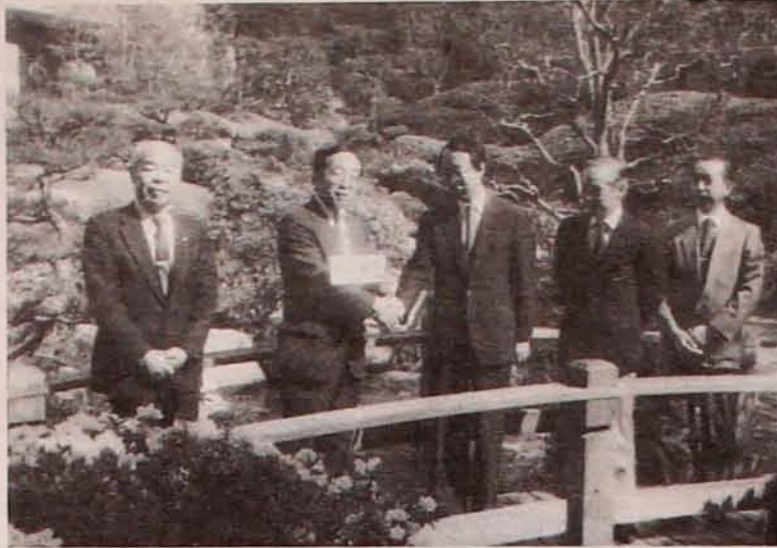
LOS ANGELES — The three Toshiba America companies of Southern California announced a donation to Asahi Gakuen of Los Angeles, the second largest Japanese School in the U.S.

Mr. Takashi Hayashi, president of Toshiba America Medical Systems Inc., formally presented the grant to six board members from Asahi Gakuen on behalf of the three companies. The donations of \$7,500 will be used to purchase much-needed equipment to facilitate the daily operations of the school.

Asahi Gakuen is a school specifically designed to meet the educational needs of Japanese children whose parents have temporarily relocated to Los Angeles to work in the Japanese business community. The curriculum, conducted entirely in Japanese, serves as supplemental education for elementary or secondary students who have relocated with their parents to the Los Angeles area. More than 3,000 students are enrolled at Asahi Gakuen, 60 of whom are children of Japanese executives at the three Toshiba America companies.

Classes are held Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for one year. The intense curriculum includes: mathematics, social studies, science and Japanese language. Textbooks are free to the students from first through ninth grades and are supplied by the Japanese Ministry of Education.

The Asahi Gakuen was established in 1969 at the request of Japanese government officials who felt it was necessary to continue Japanese education for young children living in foreign countries. The schools were created and organized by the California-based non-profit corporation, the "Los Angeles Nippongo Kyoiku Shinkokai" or, the Association for the Advancement of Japanese Language Education in Los Angeles.



TOSHIBA GRANT—Mr. Takashi Hayashi, pres. of Toshiba America Medical Systems, Inc., (TAMS) presents a donation to school board members from Asahi Gakuen. (L-R) Mr. Hiroshi Hashimoto, dir. of the operational cmte., and administration gen. mgr. of Asahi Gakuen, Mr. Hiroshi Yoshikawa, chair of the operational cmte., v.p. and branch mgr. of Nichimen Company, Inc., Mr. Takashi Hayashi, (TAMS), Mr. Takashi Kawahito, dir. of the Japanese Business Association and dir. of the operational cmte. for Asahi Gakuen, Mr. Tsutomu Odamura, dir. of the operational cmte. and principal of Asahi Gakuen.

Items of Interest to 1000 Clubbers

In lieu of a 1000 Club national chair this biennium, a committee of six Life members (George Baba, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Dr. Tom Tamaki, Dr. James Tsujimura, Hid Hasegawa and Tom Arima, who resumed his post as

plateau at the San Diego JACL convention time or in the near future.

3—U.S. Institute of Peace: A unit formed in 1985 to show JACL visibility in the area of world peace, it was placed under the 1000 Club chair for implementation at the national convention in Chicago (1986) and again in Seattle (1988). Activity has been mainly in correspondence and attending a seminar.

4—1000 Club National Goals: In addition to the original and on-going 1000 Club goal to support National JACL operations, 1000 Club "groups" at the chapter level would have positive effects. To date, Contra Costa JACL is the only chapter with an active group and it is hoped more chapters will encourage development of 1000 Club groups.

Bid continues for a National Board seat for a 1000 Club national chair.

5—Legacy Fund: Because the concept and intent of the JACL Legacy Fund is far-reaching and important, the 1000 Club committee expressed its confidence in Bill Yoshino's draft which will be presented at the San Diego convention. The draft will require National Council approval.

CONVENTION UPDATE

"coordinator"), an April 14 update has been circulated within the inner-circle including a copy to the Pacific Citizen.

Five items of 1000 Club interest have been updated.

1—Life Membership Fund: A balance of \$367,519.26 was reported as of March 31, 1990. The last distribution of the annual net gain came to \$23,500 (80%) to National, \$5,800 (20%) to the chapters.

2—Masaoka Fellowship Fund: The fund balance stands at about \$90,000, according to Dr. Tamaki, committee chair, who hopes to see the fund pass the \$100,000

Attacks on Filipino Students Flare Up at Oxon Hill High

WASHINGTON—Oxon Hill (Md.) High School is the only school in adjacent Prince George's County that offers bilingual classes for students who speak Tagalog. The high school population of 2,000 students consists of 72% black, 16% white and about 11% Filipino. And the county has a large and rapidly growing concentration of Filipinos, most of who have settled in and around Oxon Hill and Fort Washington.

As Asian American Heritage Week opened the first week in May, police were posted April 30 after school officials reported Filipino students has complained of being attacked by students.

Parents and school administrators met the next day and agreed that posting police on campus was only the first step toward calming tensions at Oxon Hill High. It was a meeting called by Orphans Court Judge David M. Valdorrana, who is Filipino.

Washington Post reporter Michele L. Norris was told by Tony Quintana that his 17-year-old son Dennis had been attacked three times since enrollment last year by black students who cautioned him against using Tagalog while in school.

Car Halted and Bashed

"When we use our native language in the lunchroom and in the hallways they accuse us of talking about them . . . There are a lot of Filipinos at the school who walk around in a constant state of fear and humiliation. I can't understand why this keeps happening to us," Dennis Quintana explained.

Dennis said he was one of five students attacked on his way home from school on Wednesday (April 25) by a group of black students. They had blocked the road leaving the campus with a pickup truck and then pounded on the car, driven by the Filipino students, with fists and baseball bats.

Milton Steinbaum, the principal, had to call police to quell the melee, which brought the racial conflict to the media's attention. He noted Filipino students were reluctant to identify the assailants.

Name-Calling Exchanges

Black and Filipino students said tensions between the two groups have been growing in recent months with name-calling, the Filipinos being called "FOBs (fresh off the boat)" while the Blacks are referred to as "peas" as an insult, intended to describe the size of their brains.

One Black student said it was a case where one group doesn't understand the other and attacking things they don't understand. "Everyone is saying the Blacks are responsible, but the Black students may have been provoked because the Asian students don't always treat us with a lot of respect. It's like they come here thinking we are all a bunch of dummies who don't do nothing but rap and kill each other," the same person said.

Another Black student thought the guys involved "really didn't hate the Filipinos. I get the impression that they are doing it for sport, which probably makes it worse."

A Filipino student said he was attacked three times this year—twice in the boys' locker room—by Black students who said they "earned points" with each punch. "They kept saying '10 points, 10 points' each time they struck me."

Multicultural Programs Proposed

After the parents-school officials meeting, it was decided to form a task force to develop a multicultural program and monitor its progress. Some hoped additional guards might be hired at Oxon Hill.

Filipino families reported beatings have been happening for almost two years but school officials became aware only recently because the families failed to report them.

"This is one of the biggest problems here," Judge Valdorrana said. He is chair of the county's Asian Refugee Task Force, which is concerned with the social, economic and educational concerns of the growing Asian population. He felt the tension was not necessarily racial but cultural.

Japanese to Join U.S. Shuttle Mission

WASHINGTON — A 42-year-old Japanese engineer will join a U.S. space shuttle mission set for launch in June 1991. Mamoru Mori, a professor of engineering at Hokkaido University, will fly aboard the space shuttle Atlantis to conduct experiments related to the development of new materials in zero gravity conditions, according to the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Mori recently began NASA training for the space shuttle mission.

Two other Japanese candidates are also in the training program. They will provide ground support for the shuttle experiments and replace Mori in case of emergency.

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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

Violence in La Crosse

The brutal assault on two Japanese students attending the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse by a half dozen local bullies—"because we hate gooks," one of them said—is outrageous. It smacks of the violence of brown-shirted Nazis who terrorized Jews in the Third Reich before the gas ovens of the Holocaust became an instrument of national policy.

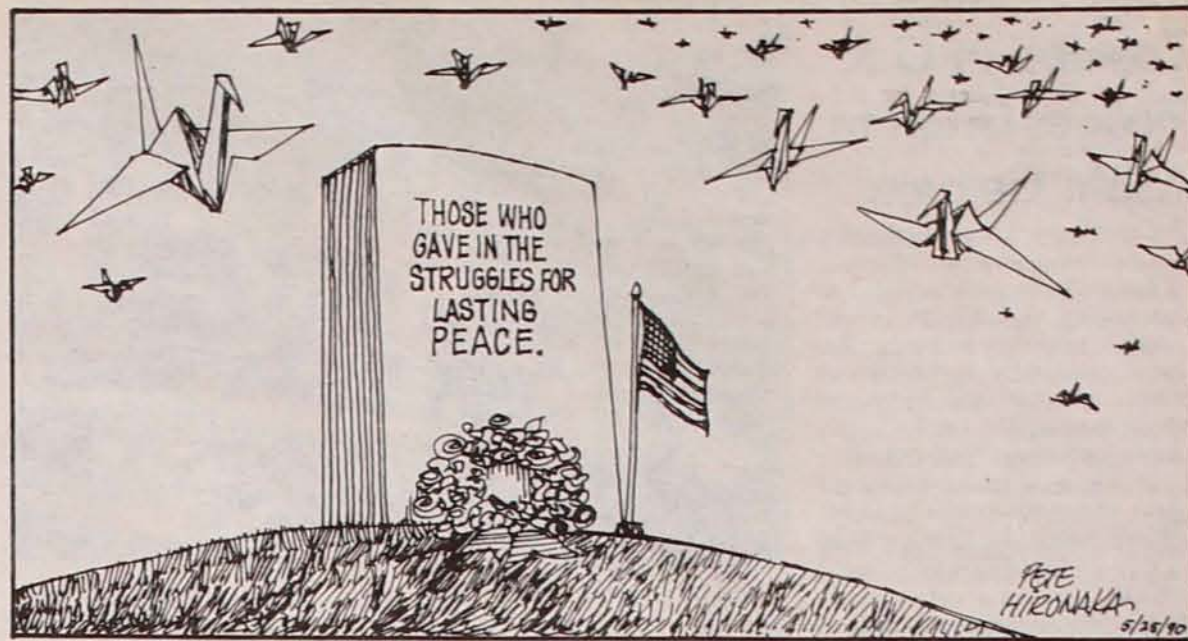
Deplorably, it is now America where race hatred is being expressed by random attacks on people who simply look different. Black youngsters walking through a predominantly white suburb of New York are set on and beaten to death, apparently for no reason other than that they were in a white neighborhood. A white man in a New York subway train is so frightened by blacks demanding money that he pulls out a revolver and shoots them.

The Vincent Chin case in Detroit is a classic example of mindless racial violence. Chin, a Chinese American, was killed by whites who sought to avenge the loss of auto industry jobs to the Japanese. In other instances refugees from Southeast Asia have been attacked for no reason other than that they are "different."

It is no consolation that Asians are not the only victims. Gangs of black youths battle each other, sometimes in random shooting sprees against youths wearing the "wrong" color. Hispanics war against Hispanics as well as blacks in arguments over "turf."

Rampant violence is a national disgrace. Japanese Americans, who mostly have been able to avoid the line of fire, cannot afford to be complacent. The Wisconsin-La Crosse outrage is a case in point. If the thugs there perceived students from Japan as "gooks," what assurance is there that Americans three or four generations removed from their Japanese ancestry will not be similarly targeted by the new breed of Nazis.

The authorities have no simple solution for quelling the violence. Widespread citizen anger and abhorrence and a demand that our cities be made safe will strengthen their hand. It's well past time that the decent, law-abiding majority take back control of the streets from the racists and hoodlums.



FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

Hiroshima: 45 Years Later



One of the few structures in downtown Hiroshima to survive the atomic bomb was the Chamber of Commerce building. Perhaps "survive" is not the right word. The outer walls and the ironwork of the domed tower remained upright, but the interior was gutted.

Instead of tearing down the ruins, the citizens of Hiroshima renamed it the Atomic Bomb Dome and let the structure remain as a reminder of that awful day and as a symbol of the city's indomitable spirit. It stands today behind a wrought iron fence at one end of the Peace Park, which itself is a poignant memorial to the dead.

I doubt that many residents of Hiroshima pay much attention to the Dome any more except during the annual memorial service. It has become too familiar.

Naturally enough, over the years the elements began to expand on the destruction the atomic bomb had started. Rain, wind, heat and cold began to take

their toll on unpainted steel, brickwork and mortar of the standing ruin. And so the people of Japan contributed generously to preserve what had withstood the bomb's fury.

The preservation work was completed recently. A granite marker, properly inscribed, was set in place and important people, including Mayor Takeshi Araki, spoke. But only about a hundred citizens showed up. I do not know why there were not more. Perhaps they were too busy. Hiroshima is a busy place these days and the day the bomb destroyed the city was a long time ago.

I am groping to find a moral, a lesson, in this little vignette of life and I find it difficult.

Perhaps it is that memories are not forever and nothing is permanent. The passage of time enables us to overcome anger and forget pain, and even bitterness is replaced by the need to face the realities of the workaday world.

Time and again Nisei have been asked whether they aren't bitter about

the experience of the Evacuation. The question is asked because there is every reason for anger. Their lack of anger surprises many who hear their story the first time.

If they are honest, most Nisei would have to say that memory remains deep within, surfacing on occasion. How is it possible to expunge them? But the bitterness is long gone except in rare moments when it returns with a fleeting flash of pain. We can thank human forgetfulness for that. If we remembered every slight, every insult, every defeat and outrage, the mental bruises would be beyond enduring.

Even the sturdy symbol of Hiroshima's horror, of heat-seared steel and stone, is crumbling away with the passage of the decades. There is good reason to shore it up at least for a while longer to remind us of the madness of a nuclear holocaust. Yet, like our bitterness it too is likely to succumb to time, perhaps to be replaced by a more pristine monument to a dark moment in history.



EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

The Guntai (Military Forces)

I FORGOT WHERE, but I recall reading that Japan spends one percent of its GNP for defense (America spends six percent); that Japan's annual military (defense) expenditure is the third highest in the world; its Navy the third largest. No one has identified the first two nations with larger military forces, but one may safely assume they are the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. It's somewhat amazing that that island nation (Japan), about the size of California, with a non-war clause in its *kenpo* (Constitution), is Number Three militarily.

And so I was a bit puzzled by what I read today, summarized next.

THE U.S. MAINTAINS, reportedly, some 50,500 uniformed military personnel on Japanese soil. I say "uniformed" because this figure does not include civilian support personnel—as to which a partial observation later. The article listed a breakdown (in increasing order) as follows: Army, 2,400; Navy, 8,100; Air Force, 16,200; and Marines 38,000. (My tabulation brings the total of these figures to 66,300.) And where are all these military people stationed? Thinking back now, other than immediate post-war Japan, I don't recall seeing a uniformed American (other than the airline pilots and cabin attendants) in Japan. But I haven't been on any military bases since then either, and understandably off-base the personnel dress in civvies.

Japan bears 40% of the cost of maintaining these American *gunjins* in Japan, which comes to \$2.4 billion annually. In his most recent trip to Japan, Secretary of Defense Cheney undoubtedly reiterated U.S.'s seeking to raise this share to an even \$4 billion.

WELL, SINCE WE'RE spilling all this military secret, I might as well set forth where the troops are stationed and the type of unit stationed in each locus. Yokota is the headquarters for U.S. Forces in Japan as well as for the 5th Air Force; Zama, IX Corps; Yokosuka, headquarters for U.S. Navy Forces, Japan; Sasebo, Navy, of course, and Atsugi, similarly Naval Air; Iwakuni, Marine Corps (I recall Iwakuni had an air base during WWII); Misawa, an air base in northern Japan; Kadena (Okinawa), also an air base; Futema (never heard of that one), Marine Corps, which also has a base at Camp Courtney. (The ZIP Code directory locates a military P.O. at Futema on Okinawa.—Ed.)

So, the next time you're near one of these areas and note an unusual number of Euro-"tourists," it can be one of these folks. If the tourist sports a crew-cut, the odds are even greater.

OH, YES, PERSONNEL. Aside from stateside civilian support staff, the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seeks Redress Help

I would appreciate it very much if you would send me application for "Redress." I don't know if I qualify or not but one of my friends told me to apply anyway.

Back in January 6, 1942, I was drafted into the U.S. Army, way before evacuation. My brother (deceased now) and sister both were in camp.

Any assistance in regards to above subject matter be appreciated.

KAZUMI ODA
Portland, Ore.

We understand that Nisei who were in service during World War II and had been living on the West Coast at the time of joining the military qualify for redress since they were affected by the Executive Order 9066 and the general orders by the Army that prevented the Nisei from returning to the West Coast to possibly assist the family in preparing for the evacuation movement. A letter outlining the personal situation of where you were stationed, your home address, and further identification of the family number, etc., will help. Write to the U.S. Justice Department, Office of Redress Administration, Box 66260, Washington, D.C. 20035; (202) 653-8360, M/F 9:30-5:30 ET.

AJA Vets Memorial

As a U.S. Army retiree, I recommend that the AJA Veterans Memorial be expanded beyond its concept, i.e., 100/442/MIS. My views closely parallel those expressed in recent months by Kenny Takaki. While I agree that the 100/442/MIS deserves to be featured prominently, there is a need to project a more positive image of the AJA veterans' contributions to our country in terms which the majority community can relate to and understand.

While the opportunity still exists, it is

time to discard narrow concepts and expand

our vision into the central consideration about what is it the AJAs, as a whole, wish to preserve in the name of those not here to cast their votes. The "AJA Veterans Memorial Committee" should have representation from the 100/442/MIS, as well as from veterans organizations locally as well as in other major United States cities, supplemented by people from the Issei, Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei communities. It goes without saying that significant participation by representatives from the 50th State is mandatory; after all, in retrospect, that is where this all began.

PAUL H. ITO
Monrovia, Calif.

Unsung Heroes

The dramatic exploits of the 442nd RCT are sensitively portrayed in Masayo Duus' two books, *Liberation of Brieyeres* in Japanese and *Unlikely Liberators* in English. In both books Duus vividly recreates combat scenes where Nisei GIs were felled one after another. Some scenes are too nightmarish to read; if the reader is Japanese American, he will be moved to tears.

The author spent several years researching old files in the National Archives and

interviewing surviving veterans and bereaved families of those killed in action. She covered vast territory from Hawaii to Washington, D.C. The irony is that Mrs. Duus is a Japan-born naturalized citizen.

I am tempted to cry out, "Where were our native-born journalists?" For her persistent search into our past she deserves the highest commendation and gratitude from the Japanese American community.

Yet, a thought occurs to me—this is the story of only 300; what about the rest of the Nisei fighting men? For instance, there is no mention of Sadao Munemori, winner of the Medal of Honor; also unmentioned are the exploits of some others who rightfully deserved the same medal.

The 442nd RCT is the most highly decorated unit, with some 18,143 individual decorations; yet it produced only one Medal of Honor recipient. According to Mike Masaoka, at least ten Nisei were recommended for the highest honor, but were turned down. He became aware that racial bias existed in the award-selection channels of the Army. He complained to Sen. Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, who had been pro-

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MONITOR

"THE JAPANESE are on a buying spree again . . . this time they're buying miniature horses—only 35 inches tall—They're making their first western."

—Johnny Carson in his May 11 monologue

"THESE OTHER PEOPLE I can't stand; they're not white, they're not black, they're urine colored . . ."

—comedian Andrew Dice Clay referring to Asians in his popular comedy routine

VIDEO PROJECT

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The current activities of the ad hoc committee include an investigation of the selection process for the producer of the video and an evaluation of recent releases of the videotape.

Currently, the committee has extensive membership representing the areas of Fresno, the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles, and Sacramento. The Los Angeles supporters include a broad based coalition of teachers, college educators, community leaders, and media experts. The listed affiliations are for identification purposes only.

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U.S. military employs a number of Japanese nationals, some 22,100, in fact. However, from 1978 Japan has been bearing part of the cost of these employees, and reportedly next year will pick up almost one-half the cost which will come to ¥6 billion (about \$40 million). I also recall reading somewhere that the U.S. military command has been running into disputes with local Japanese governmental units relating to the cost of management of garbage generated by the military bases. A lot of problems living under the same roof.

WHILE WE'RE IN the Far East, I might as well list the number of *gunjins* in Korea (43,000), Philippines (17,300) and on Guam (8,700).

LA CROSSE

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Such a fight would not have happened in Japan, he said. "In my country, no one could be proud of six against two in a fight," Imamura said. "It's not honorable, and in my country they would be ashamed."

Lisbeth Reynertson, foreign student adviser at UW-L, said Imamura is now filled with fear. "There is this feeling that people don't want you. It changes your feeling about being here," Reynertson said.

Imamura said he hopes to remain in La Crosse for three more years to obtain his college degree. But he doesn't plan to go anywhere near downtown for awhile.

"All I want to do is learn and study here," he said. "I want no trouble."

(Men of the 100th Infantry trained at nearby Camp McCoy in early 1942 before completing training at Camp Shelby, Miss. The military reservation is some 40 miles east of La Crosse on I-90. The P.C. is grateful to Smoky Sakurada, Chicago JACLer, Holiday Issue solicitor for many years and now retired in La Crosse for forwarding these clippings.—EdD.)

LETTERS

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fessor at University of Utah and Masaoka's mentor. Thereupon Munemori's name was hurriedly selected. But the war ended soon after and nobody pursued this matter.

It is safe to say that there exists a great number of unsung heroes among the Nisei fighting men—heroes of the highest caliber. Some of these men maimed for life are today still under care at veterans' hospitals.

With the foregoing, I concur with the concept of establishing a memorial to honor all these veterans by engraving their names on a permanent plaque. This is the least we can do for them. Not to do so is to deny our own place in history.

JAMES ODA

Northridge, Calif.

Spark Condolence

On behalf of Japanese Canadians and the National Association of Japanese Canadians, I wish to express our deepest sympathies to Mrs. (Helen) Matsunaga and family for the loss of a husband, a father and a United States Senator. Senator Spark Matsunaga will be long remembered in Canada for his stalwart role in achieving passage of the 1988 Reparation Bill for interned Japanese Americans.

Much of the success for redress in Canada for Japanese Canadians must be attributed to the American precedent. Therefore, Japanese Canadians are grateful for the efforts of Japanese Americans such as Senator Spark Matsunaga for their unwavering efforts to see "justice" achieved. His addresses in the Senate highlighting his experiences and the contributions of Japanese American soldiers during the Second World War must have had much impact on the decisions of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Spark Matsunaga's contributions and role will always remain a part of history of Japanese Americans.

ART MIKI, President

Natl. Assoc. of Japanese Canadians

Point of Clarification

I like to know if I'm wrong. I had in my mind that every school in the U.S. currently taught about our incarceration in various WRA centers. I have asked my grandsons and granddaughters currently attending John F. Kennedy High School in Cypress and they all have no knowledge of our internment.

I am second generation and they are fourth generation Japanese-Mexican.

ISAMU MURAKAMI

Norwalk, Calif.

Omura's Honor Well Deserved

The "Newsmakers" section of the April 13 issue of the Pacific Citizen briefly mentions Mr. Jimmie Omura being selected for inclusion in the 12th edition of the International Authors and Writers Who's Who. Those who have closely followed and admired him are enthused by this additional recognition.

One may recall that just last April in San Francisco Omura was honored with the Asian American Journalists Association's "Lifetime Achievement Award." Although he was the recipient of many other awards, the AAJA award marked the first time that his Asian American peers had recognized him for his wartime commitment to freedom of the press.

The article states that Omura was one of the speakers to oppose the impending evacuation of Japanese Americans at the hearings held by the Tolan Committee in 1942. It should be noted that he was the only person of Japanese descent, as so ascribed in the literature of the episode, to oppose eviction.

I note also that the article states that *Rocky Shimo* "was forced out of business," which is patently false. In June 1951, three and a half years after Omura had resigned, the *Rocky Shimo* had ceased publication. The closure had nothing to do with Omura; however, the implication is that he had led the newspaper to its doom. I must say that on these points, the article was unfair, inaccurate and demeaning.

GEORGE G. NOZAWA

Mountain View, Calif.

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AD HOC EDUCATION COMMITTEE VIDEO REPORT

Carole Hayashino, Ken Kawaichi, Sox Kitashima, Dale Minami, Dale Shimasaki and Ronald Takaki

(For the Ad Hoc Committee on the Japanese American Internment Video)

Know the Right Thing, Doing the History of Internment

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. The State Department of Education Curriculum Commission has contracted the production of the video, "Without Due Process: Japanese Americans and World War II" by Jerry Griffith of KIXE. The Commission will be deciding whether to approve it for instructional use.

We need to ask whether the film informs or misinforms viewers about what happened to Japanese Americans during World War II and why.

The documentary opens with a factual statement: "In the early months of 1942 more than one hundred ten thousand Americans were removed from their homes by government order." Then an interviewee, Taketa, is quoted: "Once the hysteria swept the country, there was no stopping it." This quote contains an explanation, a why, identifying "hysteria" as the cause of the removal. The story line of the documentary and most of the subsequent quotes are organized to support this thesis. "However unfounded," the narrator observes, "the fear of an enemy invasion was very real." Then Navy Secretary Frank Knox is introduced, and we are told that "other unsubstantiated stories and rumors about a Japanese fifth column spread quickly in the press."

At this point, interviewee Taketa is allowed to add:

"So the whole country was swept with a hysteria. Hysteria born of bigotry and racism of the time."

Here was an opportunity for the documentary to make a distinction between hysteria and racism. What Taketa seems to be saying is that hysteria was only the symptom, the context, and the real cause of internment was racism.

But the documentary overlooks this point as it reports that government officials disagreed over whether or not removal was a military necessity. The viewer is given the impression that John McCloy and President Franklin Roosevelt had honestly come to the conclusion it was necessary.

In other words, there was a difference of opinion within the government, and some men thought there was a military reason for removal.

Then we are introduced to General John L. DeWitt, and told that he was "an avowed racist" and that he was given responsibility for carrying out the order.

The problem here is omission. By leaving out certain facts, the documentary is able to brush aside Taketa's main point regarding racism and reinforce its "hysteria" thesis.

What facts are left out? For one thing, DeWitt was not merely a functionary, instructed to implement Executive Order 9066. He was actively involved in the formulation of policy. Within two weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor, General DeWitt requested approval to conduct search-and-seizure operations in order to prevent alien Japanese from making radio transmissions to Japanese ships.

On Jan. 4, 1942, DeWitt told federal and state officials meeting in San Francisco that he had "no confidence in their (Japanese American) loyalty whatsoever. I am speaking now of the native born Japanese—117,000—and 42,000 in California alone."

On Feb. 1, in a telephone conversation with Provost Marshal General Allen Gullion, General DeWitt said he had "travelled up and down the West Coast," talked to "all the Governors and other local authorities," and pressed for mass evacuation of the Japanese. Protection against sabotage, he said, "only can be made positive by removing those people who are aliens and who are Japs of American citizenship."

On Feb. 14, DeWitt sent Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson a formal recommendation for removal, buttressing it with a racial justification: "In the war in which we are now engaged racial affinities are not severed by migration. The Japanese race is an enemy race and while many second and third generation Japanese born on United States soil, possessed of United States citizenship, have become 'Americanized,' the racial strains are undiluted."

Five days later, Executive Order 9066 was signed. Clearly General DeWitt was not simply a recipient of policy made in Washington: he helped to initiate the policy he later carried out.

But DeWitt did not act alone. Here the documentary needs to report more fully on the racist activities of the press. The *Los Angeles Times*, for example, in January editorialized: "A viper is nonetheless a viper wherever the egg is hatched—no a Japanese American, born of Japanese parents—grows up to be a Japanese, not an American."

The Jerry Griffith documentary also fails to note the pressures from the patriotic organizations like the American Legion and the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West.

Moreover, it overlooks the farming interests such as the Grower-Shipper Vegetable Association, the Western Growers Protective Association, and the California Farm Bureau Federation.

"We've been charged with wanting to get rid of the Japs for selfish reasons," the Grower-Shipper Vegetable Association stated in the *Saturday Evening Post* in May, 1942. "We might as well be honest. We do. It's a question of whether the white man lives on the Pacific Coast or the brown man... If all the Japs were removed tomorrow, we'd never miss them in two weeks, because the white farmers can take over and produce everything the Jap grows." All of this was not war "hysteria," but carefully orchestrated clamor to eliminate the Japanese so economic competitors and to make California more racially homogeneous.

The documentary leaves out a most important fact.

German Americans and Italian Americans were not subjected to mass internment. Why not? Executive Order 9066 did not specify the Japanese as the group to be excluded.

But the documentary fails to point out that they were the target: a few months after the order was issued, when President Roosevelt learned about discussions in the War Department to apply the order to Germans and Italians on the East Coast, he wrote to inform Stimson that he considered enemy alien control to be "primarily a civilian matter except in the case of the Japanese mass evacuation on the Pacific Coast."

The documentary, in short, is fundamentally flawed.

Its omission of important facts supporting the counter or "racism" thesis. History is crucial, for it can help Americans understand why a shameful episode in the past happened and to ensure that something similar does not happen again to a racial minority.

To do this effectively, history must focus not on the surface of events and the temporary or momentary developments but on the underlying causes and powerful structures of race in American society.

High school students deserve and need this kind of serious study of the past. Many will be entering college and should be prepared to study history critically; most will finish their formal education at the end of high school and will have only this one opportunity to examine history deeply.

We need to explain to the children of California why 110,000 Americans

of Japanese ancestry were denied their constitutional rights, violently uprooted, and placed behind barbed wire. But here we need to know and also to do the right thing—to insist the history of internment be accurate and complete, especially as we enter an era of rising anti-Asian racism and Japan-bashing and as we witness the expanding diversity of California society.

LOO CASE

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Attending this meeting were:

Igasaki for the JACL; Dennis Hayashi, Asian Law Caucus; Roland Hwang and Bhagwan Dashairya, American Citizens for Justice; Stewart Kwok, Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California; Stan Mark, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund; Karen Narasaki, Asian Bar of Washington State; Wesley Woo, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.; Melinda Yee, Organization of Chinese Americans; and Hoyt Zia, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

The delegation reviewed the facts of the case, which arose from an incident in Raleigh, N.C., on July 29, 1989 in which Loo and a number of other Asian Americans were taunted, intimidated and assaulted by Robert and Lloyd Piche due solely to their being Asian. The Piche brothers referred to the Asians as "gooks" and "chinks," alleging that they were somehow responsible for the loss of friends in the Vietnam war. Lanh Tang, a friend of Loo's was assaulted with a shotgun. Robert Piche struck Loo in the head with a pistol, an act which resulted in Loo's death. Lloyd Piche stood over Loo's body and continued to hurl racial epithets at him.

The State of North Carolina convicted Robert Piche of second degree murder and assault with a deadly weapon in a jury trial concluded on March 19, 1990. While technically eligible for parole in less than five years, he received a sentence of 37 years. Because North Carolina lacks the sort of civil rights statute that many other states possess, Robert Piche was not charged with any civil rights violation.

The delegation focused its greatest concern over the light sentence received by Lloyd Piche, that of two months for related misdemeanor charges including the assault on Lanh Tang. According to witness accounts, Lloyd was a key perpetrator in the chain of racial assaults that culminated in Loo's death. He has already been released from prison.

The group stressed the importance of the case to the Asian Pacific American community nationally and strongly urged the prosecution of the Piche brothers under federal civil rights laws for the murder of Loo and the attacks on Loo and his friends. Ming Hai Loo's family supports the call for federal prosecution. Along with the recent passage of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, prosecution by the Civil Rights Division would send a clear message that acts premised on racial hatred cannot and will not be tolerated.

The Justice Department's representatives indicated that they would carefully review the case and make their decision known after they have had a chance to review the trial transcript and any other information involved in the case. Dunne thanked the participants for their input and indicated that he shared the community's concerns regarding the increase in anti-Asian violence.

"The Loo case, which has been added to the Vincent Chin killing and the Stockton massacre as part of the ever-increasing pattern of anti-Asian violence in this country, has made all Asian Americans feel less secure. We live with a level of fear that no Americans should have to endure," said Igasaki, adding that, "We hope that the Justice Department will join us in our efforts to condemn anti-Asian violence."

THE CALENDAR

• LOS ANGELES AREA

Present-27—Asian Pacific American International Film Festival, UCLA Melnitz Theater, near Sunset Blvd. and Hilgard Ave. Info: (213) 206-8013.

June 2—Sage United Methodist Church bazaar, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., 333 S. Garfield Ave., Monterey Park. Food, games, exhibits, entertainment. Info: (818) 280-4060.

June 6—Fundraising golf tournament to benefit Gardena Pioneer Project, sponsored by Cherrystones Restaurant, Chester Washington Golf Course. Info: Karen Chomori Ueykawa, (213) 894-2370.

June 16—Jazz pianists Deems Tsutakawa and Glenn Horiuchi, 8 p.m., Japanese America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro. Info: (213) 680-3700.

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.

• ORANGE COUNTY, CALIF.

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

• PORTLAND, ORE.

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

• SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

June 1—Nihonmachi Legal Outreach Auctionmania II, 6 p.m., Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter St. Info: (415) 567-6255.

June 3—38th Annual JACL Junior Olympics track and field meet at Chabot College in Hayward, sponsored by JACL's No. Calif./Western/Nev./Pacific Dist. Council; age groups from 8 and under through 40 years and older; ENTRY DEADLINE:

is May 10. Info: Akio Yamamoto, (415) 964-9995; Tom Oshidari, (408) 257-5609.

June 3—Nisei Widowed Group monthly meeting, Sun., 2-4 p.m. at home of Mary Matsumoto. New members welcomed. Info: Elsie Uyeda Chung (S.F.) (415) 221-0268, or Yuni Moriwaki (East Bay) (415) 482-3280.

• SAN JOSE, CALIF.

June 21—Yu-Ai Kai's 5th Annual Golf Tournament at Santa Clara Golf and Tennis Club. Couples are encouraged to enter. Entry fee \$100 (\$150 husband/wife), includes green fees and two dinner tickets. Info: (408) 294-2505.

• SEATTLE

Present-June 21—"Landscapes in Sumi," paintings by five artists including Louise Kikuchi and George Tsutakawa, Foster/White Gallery, Frederick & Nelson Dept. Store, 5th Ave. & Pine St., Mon. & Fri. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Tues.-Thu. & Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. Info: (206) 382-8538.

May 26—Japanese Community Queen Coronation and Scholarship Pageant, Bellevue Red Lion Inn Evergreen Ballroom, 300 112th Ave. SE; cocktails, 5:30 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., coronation 8 p.m., dance 10:30 p.m. Tickets: Dinner and coronation \$35, coronation only \$10 w/bid, \$12 w/o. Reservations: Terry, (206) 325-7888, or Jane, (206) 684-1114 (days), 722-2375 (evenings).

May 26—30th annual Japanese Community Queen Coronation and Scholarship Pageant, 5:30 p.m. cocktails, 6 p.m. dinner, Evergreen Ballroom, Bellevue Red Lion Hotel. Info: Terry, (206) 325-7888; Jane, 624-1114.

June 9—Nikkei Community Monthly Dance, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St., 8-11:30 p.m., BYOB and refreshments, ice provided. Cost: \$2 per person. Info: Mike, (206) 722-1160.

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24 Scholarships Being Presented May 31 at Sacramento JACL Fete

By Toko Fujii
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Twenty-four awards are being presented at the 1990 Sacramento JACL Area scholarship dinner on Thursday, May 31, 6:30 p.m., at the Sacramento Inn, it was announced by Alice Kubo, dinner chair. The awardees are:

HIGH SCHOOL

Shannon Tamiko Suo (Casa Roble), Debra Lynne Childers (El Camino), Jennifer Nicole Ouchida (Rio Americano), Scott Y. Ichikawa (C.K. McClatchy), Carolyn Megumi Aoki (Rio Americano), Jennifer L. Shoda (Del Campo), Allen Kobayashi (J.F. Kennedy), Rie Taniguchi (Grant Union), Kevin Yasumura (J.F. Kennedy), Jason Y. Uyeyama (Sacramento Adventists Academy), Kevin Toshio Toyama (C.K. McClatchy), Jill Yamada, Diane Kimi Matsuo, Todd Komei Otani (all of J.F. Kennedy), Ann Midori Yoshikawa, Jennifer Kojima—CK McClatchy, Nicole Terumi Taniguchi—Del Campo, Brian Koichi Mizushima (C.K. McClatchy), Irene Naomi Ohara (J.F. Kennedy), Melanie Ann Childers (El Camino), James Masahiro Young (Luther Burbank).

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Those interested in supporting this event may call the JACL office, (916) 447-0231, Midori Hiyama 448-9465 or Alice Kubo 686-7706. Tickets are priced at \$15 per plate.

OBITUARIES

Masuo Nishikawa, 75, Los Angeles, April 3; Sacramento-born, survived by w. Joyce, s. Walter, Dennis, Ronald, d. Sharon Nakashima, 1gc.

Hideo Ogo, 72, San Mateo, April 9; Los Angeles-born, survived by w. Mitsuko, s. Kazuya, d. Kazuko Tanouye, 3gc, sis. Takeko Higashi, Mitsuye Ueykawa.

June M. Okada, 70, Chino, April 22; Pomona-born, survived by h. Sam, d. Diana, s. Gary (Elk Grove), br. Harry Arita, sis. Mary Dan, Ruth Sakatani, Esther Nishiyori, Naomi Fujii, 1gc.

Fred Shigeru Misumi, 74, Los Angeles, April 24; Watsonville-born, survived by w. Kaye, sis. Kazuko Muramatsu, Grace Nakano (Sunnyvale), Irene Sato (Idaho Falls).

Shizuko Mitsunaga, 91, Los Angeles, April 14; Hiroshima-born, survived by s. Hiroshi, Kiyoshi, Tomio (all of Salt Lake City), d. Mariko Kuwahara (Santa Ana), 10gc, 4ggc.

Tadao Miyake, 64, Santa Monica, April 21; survived by br. Nobuo (Colorado), Setsuo, sis. Aiko Westley (Chicago), Seiko Miyake (Carmel).

Moyo Nakawatase, 88, Los Angeles, April 14; Kagoshima-born, survived by d. Reiko Nakawatase, Nobuko Kamikihara, Tomiko Nagatomi, 5gc, 6ggc.

Tatsuo T. Nakawatase, 76, Los Angeles, April 14; Kagoshima-born, survived by w. Ayako, s. Ken'ichi, Teruo, Howard, d. Miyoko Goff, 2gc, br. Taiji (Japan), sis. Hime Mayeyama, Shika Kobayashi, Maki Matsunaga (all of Japan).

Henry Nishinaka, 69, Culver City, April 24; San Pedro-born, survived by w. Akiko, d. Terry, br. Gene (San Jose), sis. Taeko Ikeda (Salinas), Michiko Zono (Japan), in-law sis. Hazel Nishinaka.

Jimmie T. Noda, 67, Glendale, April 19; Oregon-born World War II veteran, survived by h. Hisame, br. Yukinobu, Ray, Frank, sis. Emiko.

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JACL PULSE

■ ARIZONA

The Arizona JACL chapter held its 29th Annual Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship Awards and Graduates Banquet on April 29. Graduating high school seniors honored and awarded \$500 scholarships were Sandra Fukumoto of Mountain View High School, Scott Ikeda of McClintock High School, and Mina Satoyoshi of Thunderbird High School. Guest speaker for the evening was Cressy Nakagawa, JACL National President.

■ FLORIN

Florin JACL will sponsor fall talent show; dancers, vocalists, pianists, instrumentalists, etc., are encouraged to participate. Info: Pearl Zarilla or Paul Takehara (both 916) at 635-2815 or 363-8800.

■ 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.

■ MARINA

Parapsychologist and author Spencer Grendahl, M.A., discusses palmistry and related topics at the next Marina JACL meeting, June 7; 7:30 p.m., Burton Chase Park, MDR. Info: (213) 558-4255.

■ PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DC

A Northern Calif. contingent is expected to participate at the 39th annual JACL Nisei Relays on Sunday, June 24, at Rancho Santiago College, Santa Ana. Registration forms: JACL Regional Office, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 507, Los Angeles, CA 90012, (213) 626-4471. Entry deadline is June 9.

■ SACRAMENTO

The 39th Annual Sacramento Japanese Community Picnic, sponsored by the Sacramento JACL, has been set for Sun. May 27 at Elk Grove Park in South

Sacramento; presentation of colors at 11:30 a.m.; games and races at noon; free bingo at 2 p.m. and raffle drawing at 3 p.m. Grand prize is a trip for two to Hawaii. Tickets purchased from all JACL members or at the office at 2124 10th St.; general public and all membership are urged to attend Sacramento's largest Nikkei picnic. Info: (916) 441-0231.

Sacramento JACL Chapter sponsors a JACL Scholarship Awards Banquet on Thurs., May 31, 6:30 p.m. at the Sacramento Inn's Martinique Room. This special event will honor outstanding and worthy recipients of scholarship awards from institutions, organizations and individuals. Info: (916) 447-0231.

Annual scholarship dinner set for Thursday, May 31, 6:30 p.m., Sacramento Inn. Tickets \$15 per person. Info: JACL Office (916) 447-0231, Midori Hiyama 448-9465, or Alice Kubo 686-7706.

■ 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.

Scholarship dinner, Tom Ham's Restaurant, Harbor Island, 6 p.m., to honor 15 high school graduates. Dr. Kenji Ima will speak on relationship of Indochinese community to the Nikkei community. Tickets \$16. Info: (619) 230-0314 or Tets Kashima, (619) 271-7257.

■ SAN FRANCISCO

Sixth annual Sushi-Sake event sponsored by S.F. JACL on Fri., June 1, 6-9 p.m. Tickets \$10, proceeds to go to The Matsunaga Peace Foundation in memory of Sen. Spark Matsunaga. Wide variety of sushi offered, plus bowling fun. Contact S.F. JACL, P.O. Box 22425, San Francisco, CA 94122, or call (both 415) 591-8221 or 445-3951 for info on event or to make a contribution.

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San Jose JACL Doubles Tennis Tournament, Sat., June 16, at West Valley College. Some 52 teams consisting of 104 players are expected to participate. Entry deadline June 8; \$18 per team with round robin format. Info: Sayeko Nakamura (408) 267-9032 or JACL office (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.

■ STOCKTON

Tomio No Kai Grand Canyon Tour, hosted by Stockton Buddhist Temple, Sept. 18-25, 1990; \$620 per person, double occupancy; additional \$165 supplement added for single accommodations. Info: (209) 982-0939.

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THE NEWSMAKERS

► **Dr. Sherwin Amimoto** has been named Asian Pacific American employee of the year during Asian Pacific Heritage Week at The Aerospace Corporation. Amimoto is recognized as one of the leading scientists in the company's Aerophysics Laboratory. He specializes in nonlinear optics, optical physics, laser communications, laser radar, directed energy weapon systems engineering and atmospheric propagation. At Aerospace, Amimoto has served on the corporate Affirmative Action Committee and is with Aerospace Asian American Association in many capacities including president. He is also active in the Southern California Bonsai Association. Amimoto holds a B.S. from the University of Hawaii and a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Wisconsin. He held a postdoctoral fellowship at Cornell University.

► Japanese research botanist **Masataka Somego** of the Japanese Asakawa Experimental Forest and his fellow scientists in Takao are working on building a better cherry tree in their grove of about 1,800 cherry trees from all over Japan, some even blossoming in the fall, a variety that is native to Nepal. Using biotechnology and gene-splicing techniques, Somego explained the current task is to identify the native wild stock and the human cross-pollinated varieties; then research why one variety produces the rare green flowers, and a stronger strain, though not necessarily a tree which blossoms longer than the normal seven to ten days.

► **Dr. Alton Takabayashi**, an obstetrics-gynecology specialist at Kaiser Permanente Hospital, West Los Angeles, came up with "Rx for Teens," a teen expo at the Los Angeles convention center over the pre-Easter school break weekend. The first of its kind in L.A., the Hawaiian-born Sansei decided two years ago to put on a show that would offer the youth positive images of the world — exhibits from the corporate and nonprofit agency world, a job fair, health exhibits, school counseling, computer exhibits, modeling and fashion shows, rap groups, music-dance-comedy acts, professional stunt shows, TV broadcasts, sports demonstrations and a play for young people about AIDS. It was not without setbacks, however, to acquire sponsors and people to stage the expo, according to Takabayashi, who hopes the show takes off to other big cities.

► **Keith R. Yamamoto** has been named to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences. A professor of biochemistry at UC San Francisco, Yamamoto is involved in genetic research. He is the co-author of the book *Gene Wars* which criticizes the U.S. military's development of biological weapons.

► Chicago JACler **Sadako Tengan** was recently named a winner of the prestigious Kohl International Teachings Award for exemplary teaching. Tengan, a second grade teacher at the University of Chicago Laboratory School, was one of ten recipients of this year's awards. These awards are presented annually by the Dolores Kohl Education Foundation which was founded in 1972 with the goal of enhancing children's learning by supporting exemplary teaching. Tengan is a native of Hawaii and has been teaching at the Lab School for over 25 years.

► **George Nakashima** has been named 1990 Alumnus Summa Laude Dignatus by the University of Washington. Nakashima, a woodworker and furniture designer was commissioned by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York to produce a room for its Japanese Wing. Nakashima graduated from the UW in 1929 with a degree in architecture.

► **Bea Kiyohara**, assistant dean of students at Seattle Central Community College, has been honored with a 1990 Woman of Achievement award by the Seattle Professional Chapter of Women in Communications, Inc. Kiyohara was recognized for her dedication and concern for the under-achieving student.

► **Toshiaki Ogasawara**, chair and publisher of the *Japan Times*, has been elected a director of Security Pacific Corp. The *Japan Times* initiated a new Los Angeles-based subsidiary, *Japan Times, U.S.A.* which publishes the *Japan Times Weekly International Edition*. Ogasawara holds a graduate degree from Princeton University and honorary doctorate degrees from the University of South Florida and from Florida State University. He is president of the Asia Pacific Economic Organizations, the Japan Association of Corporate Executives, and Washington, D.C.-based Youth for Understanding. He is also a director of Campbell Soup Japan Inc. and a member of the International Advisory Board of Security Pacific National Bank. Security Pacific Corp. is the nation's fifth largest bank holding company with more than \$86 billion in assets.



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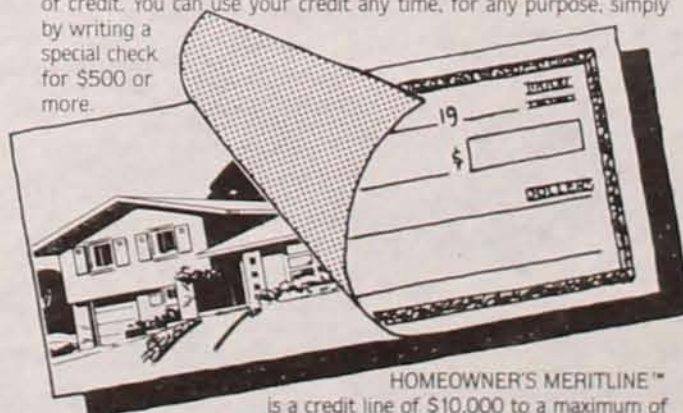
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SUGIMOTO

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books containing Henry's works have been published in Japan.

Henry Sugimoto was recognized both in the U.S. and Japan for his contribution in preserving the history of the Japanese American experience. In 1986, three of his large paintings were accepted into the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. and displayed in the current "A More Perfect Union—Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution" exhibit. The City Hall of Wakayama City houses a mural and several paintings in his honor. In 1988, the National JACL gave Henry Sugimoto special recognition for his artistic and societal contributions.

His latest project was a series of paintings on the early Japanese immigration to America. Arrangements have been made to permanently display a large number of the internment camp and the immigration works in the new Japanese American History Museum in Los Angeles.

Henry Sugimoto will be sorely missed by the Nikkei—most of all by those in the New York community. He leaves a legacy to be appreciated by future generations of Americans. I am honored and proud to have known Henry Sugimoto.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Sugimoto Scholarship Fund, Alumni Office of California College of the Arts and Crafts, 5212 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94618.

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