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SIX OF THE OLDEST ELIGIBLES INVITED TO WASHINGTON D.C.:

Redress Payments to Begin Oct. 9

WASHINGTON—Six of the oldest eligible Japanese Americans will be presented their \$20,000 redress payment in a ceremony here next Tuesday at the Great Hall of the Department of Justice.

Assistant Attorney General John R. Dunne for the civil rights division will make the awards under the Civil Rights Act of 1988 to recipients, ranging in age from 101 to 107 years old, who are traveling here for the ceremony and celebration.

"The Office of Redress Administration (ORA) should be commended for their unwavering commitment to locating eligible Japanese Americans, verifying their eligibility, and organizing the government's payment to these individuals," said Attorney General Dick Thornburgh.

"The injustice of the forced evacuation and detention of citizens without due process of the law was a constitutional travesty," Dunne said. "As such,

the civil rights division has aggressively pursued the full implementation of the Civil Rights Act of 1988 to reaffirm our nation's commitment to the civil liberties of all people."

Process Under the Law

Since the signing of the Act by President Reagan on Aug. 10, 1988, the ORA has verified the eligibility of 22,500 of the oldest Japanese Americans without requiring application.

The act delegates the responsibility for implementation of redress to the Attorney General and prohibits the federal government from requiring application for redress, specifying the Attorney General must identify and locate persons who may be eligible for redress.

"It is the government that must prove each individual's eligibility for redress, rather than the opposite," noted Robert Bratt, ORA administrator, "which makes the redress program truly unprecedented."

Progress since the ORA opened its doors in September, 1988, has exceeded expectations, Bratt said. Identification and location process was substantially completed within one year, as recommended in the act.

With regard to payment, the act states the Attorney General shall endeavor to make payments in the order of age, beginning with the oldest. In the instances where an eligible person has died since the law's enactment, payment is to go to their surviving spouse, children, or parents, in that order.

Sorting and processing a caseload of this size is already a tremendous administrative challenge, but to do it in age order and to track down and process their cases as well, makes for added complexity, Bratt said.

To identify the universe of potentially eligible individuals, ORA researched historical records of internment in the local, state and federal libraries & record centers. ORA took 18 months to comb through these records in all forms and conditions, varying in completeness, accuracy and format. The data was then compiled and computerized into a single master listing. Inclusion in this list constitutes historical proof of an individual's potential eligibility for redress.

ORA's Extensive Outreach

At the same time, ORA launched a public outreach to locate eligibles. Through a growing network of contacts nationwide, Japanese Americans were encouraged to volunteer their current addresses to ORA. Workshops—26 alone this year—were also conducted to explain the process. Toll-free telephone lines, literature, direct mailing, publications and publicity were part of the outreach.

In order for the ORA to begin to process cases, implementing regulations had to be in place, which were finalized on Aug. 10, 1989—a year after the law's enactment. In order for ORA to then administer payments, funding had to be appropriated by Congress, which came Nov. 21, 1989, with an amendment to the Act that established redress "an entitlement" with a three-year schedule for payment, beginning with \$500 million in October 1990.

Taxation by States Vary

Redress checks are not subject to federal taxation. Each state, however, has its own ruling with regard to taxation. Information is available from state agencies handling finance and taxation. Redress payments are not to be included as income for purposes of determining eligibility to receive benefits such as Social Security, Food Stamps, or some federally-assisted housing and other federally-funded benefit programs as defined in the act.

Seattle JACL Holds 'Phase II' Redress Talks

SEATTLE—Notice to redress recipients to a two-part seminar on "Phase II: Protecting Your Redress Money" was scheduled by the local JACL, Asian Bar Association of Washington and the Washington Coalition on Redress.

The first part, "Beware of Frauds, Schemes and Scams," was conducted Sept. 29 by the staff of the Washington state attorney general's office. The concluding part, "Plan Ahead," will be held Oct. 13, 9 a.m.-12 noon, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1610 S. King St., with attorney Marcia Fujimoto Louie and financial planner Cheryl Kitashima, CFP, as speakers. No fees or costs are being charged.

JACL Statements on ORA's 'Big Day'

SAN FRANCISCO—According to the Oct. 2 press release from the Office of Redress Administration, it appears that the \$20,000 checks will be mailed following the completion of both the Justice Department program on Tuesday, Oct. 9, and the regional presentations from Oct. 10-15.

"This is extremely good news," National JACL President Cressey Nakagawa declared. "Our community has waited so long for redress to begin that is understandable that there is concern with the delay caused by the budget process. Let us hope that the distribution of the full \$500 million allocation can proceed as soon as possible so that the program can begin without any more of our eldest survivors losing the opportunity to witness this long-delayed justice."

According to Washington JACL Representative Paul Igasaki, "It is still not clear (as of Oct. 2) whether the full \$500 million allocation will be available. Checks will go out from Oct. 10."

"Until a final budget is passed and signed by the President, the possibility of sequestration under the Gramm-Rudmann deficit reduction act remains."

"There is no reason, however, for the roughly \$340 million that would be unaffected by the automatic domestic spending cuts imposed by Gramm-Rudman to be held back. Hopefully, a budget that protects the full redress allocation can be approved."

Except for those that will participate in the ceremonies, checks should not be expected before these dates, National JACL Headquarters explained.



FRIENDS OF PAT SAIKI—A fundraiser was held in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 11 for Rep. Pat Saiki's campaign for the U.S. Senate from Hawaii. (From left) Former JACL National Pres. Patrick Okura, D.C. Chapter Pres. Lily Okura, emcee; Rep. Pat Saiki and past D.C. Chapter Pres. Edward Sawada.

Downtown L.A. JACL Scholarships Aids 6th Graders

LOS ANGELES—The second annual "Dare to Dream" Scholarship Dinner will be held on Friday, Oct. 12, sponsored by the Downtown Los Angeles Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The scholarship was established in 1989 by the Downtown JACL Chapter to provide an opportunity for the students of the 9th Street Elementary School on Skid Row to pursue a vocational or college education.

Dinner Chair Sandi Kawasaki stated, "We find the welfare of education for students around the Downtown area an important concern for our chapter and our community." Chapter President Gary Itano added, "The importance of education is evident by the great majority of professionals throughout the Japanese American community. Our Chapter found that this understanding and experience can serve well in supporting other communities interested in the pursuit of higher education."

Honorary co-chairs for this event will be Mike Jeffers and Dennis Nishikawa. The dinner will be emceed by the students from 9th Street Elementary as well as provide the entertainment.

The "Dare to Dream" Scholarship Dinner will be held at the Grace Simons Lodge in downtown from 6-9 p.m. Ticket prices are \$40.

Resource Workshop Hires New Director

BOSTON, Mass.—Asian American Resource Workshop, 27 Beach St., hired a new director, Michael Liu, 41, as of July 1. A founder of the 10-year-old organization, he was associate professor of electrical engineering at Wentworth Institute here.

AARW, a pan-Asian organization fighting racial prejudice and discrimination against Asian Americans through educational activities, houses an extensive library on the Asian American experience in New England.

HAWAII PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS:

Abercrombie Wins Nomination Over Matt Matsunaga in 1st Dist. House Bid

HONOLULU—Democrat Sen. Daniel Akaka, incumbent, and GOP Rep. Patricia Saiki were nominated by huge margins in the Sept. 19 primaries for the Nov. 6 general election for the seat held by the late Spark Matsunaga.

Akaka, 65, a House member since 1976, was appointed earlier this year to fill the vacancy. Saiki, 60, won election to the House in 1986. Third candidate Kenneth Schoolland is a Libertarian.

In the House races, former Rep. Neil Abercrombie (D), 52, won the nomination over Matsunaga's son, Matt, and state Sen. Norman Mizuguchi for Akaka's 1st district (urban Honolulu) seat. He faces state House GOP leader Michael Liu, 36, who outpolled Frank Hutchinson for the Republican nomination. In the 2nd (rural) district, former Rep. Patsy Mink, 62, who held the same seat from 1964 to 1976, is the Democratic nominee and faces Andrew Poepe, 55, former legislator, and Libertarian Lloyd Mallan.

Gov. John Waihee (D), up for reelection, will face Fred Hemmings (R), Traika-Don Smith (L) and Peggy Ross (ind). Four candidates for lieutenant

governor are incumbent Ben Cayetano (D), Billie Beamer (R), Amelia Fritts (L) and James Kimmel (ind).

In the county mayor races on the Neighbor Islands, Kauai's JoAnn Yukimura (D) turned back a challenge from former four-term mayor Eduardo Malapit to face GOP candidate John Barretto. In Maui, former mayor Elmer Cravalho, who held the post for 10 years and resigned in 1979, won the Democratic bid and is facing a tough battle with councilwoman Linda Lingle (R). On the Big Island, councilwoman Lorraine Inouye (D) squeaked past veteran councilman Steve Yamashiro by 76 votes for the Democratic nomination.

For the state legislature with no Republican candidates in more than half of the races, GOP hope to keep three of the 25 senators and increase their representation from the current six in the 51-member house.

Latin America JACL Fiesta Slated Oct. 20

GARDENA, Calif.—The food, music, displays and dance of Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Mexico will be featured again at the Latin America JACL Fiesta Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m. at Ken Nakagawa Community Center, 1700 W. 162nd St.

Authentic dishes will be served; the social histories and the Nikkei chronology in Latin America will be told. The chapter requested reservations by Oct. 13 with checks (\$20 presale, \$25 night of event) payable to:

Latin America JACL, c/o Keiko Masumura, 15011 Van Buren Ave., Gardena, CA 90247.

Mineta Cited by Frequent Flyer Magazine

WASHINGTON—Rep. Norman Y. Mineta, (D-Calif.) senior member of the House Subcommittee on Aviation, has been cited by Frequent Flyer magazine as a top leader on aviation policy during the last ten years. He was the only Member of Congress named by the magazine.

"Norm Mineta continues to commute from D.C. to his home district thrice monthly. When he does, he rides in the cockpit jumpseat—listening, watching," the magazine said.

Mineta, who now chairs the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, remains very active in aviation public policy as a senior member of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Toronto Nisei Wins \$4.4 Million in Lotto 6/49

TORONTO—Kay Morishita, 57, of Agincourt almost fainted to discover her Aug. 18th 6/49 Lotto ticket won \$4,477,318. She said she's going to quit her office clerk job, share the winnings with her husband George and their four children.

The delay in the distribution of the Sept. 28, 1990, edition of the Pacific Citizen was due to technical difficulties on our part regarding the insertion of the Japanese American National Museum brochure.

MIS-JACLER Ending 10th Anniversary of National Effort 45-Year Japan Stay, for Redress-Reparation to Be Observed Heading for San Jose

Special to the Pacific Citizen
TOKYO—Col. Harry Fukuhara (ret.), U.S. Army, and Life Member, JACL Japan Chapter, is "going home" after 48 years of service, devoting most of these years in promoting close, cooperative relations between the U.S. military forces and the Japanese defense forces, as well as in broader areas of Japanese American partnership.

In recognition of his contributions to U.S.-Japan relations, the Emperor of Japan conferred on him the high honor of the Third Class Order of the Rising Sun. Harry and his wife Teruko will leave Japan but have plans to return periodically.

To say farewell and express their appreciation, over 400 Japanese and American dignitaries gathered on Sept. 13 at a huge buffet reception in honor of the Fukuharas. A series of leaders recalled their friendship and cooperation with Harry.

The Chief of Staff of the Japanese Ground Forces, General Atsushi Shima; former Vice Minister of Defense Yoshio Miwa; former Justice Minister Masaharu Gotoda; House of Councillors Member Shigeto Nagano; Lt. Gen. Hiro-michi Muromoto; Chairman H. Kawashima of the Central Professional Baseball League; and former Vice Minister of Defense Subaru Maruyama. Other dignitaries present were the former Chief of Police of Tokyo, political leaders, officials of the U.S. Forces in Japan, and a host of friends in all walks of life in Japan.

Harry was born in 1920, was relocated in 1942, served in MIS and landed in occupied Japan in 1945. After 29 years as a military officer, he continued another 19 years as a Department of the Army civilian, spending 38 of the 48 years in Japan, where he met and married his wife Teruko in 1949. Harry and Teruko will reside in San Jose, Calif.

—SEN NISHIYAMA

Ten Year Old Violinist to Launch New Season

POMONA, Calif. — Ten-year-old violin virtuoso Tomaki Kawakubo will launch the 1990-1991 season for the Pomona Valley Community Concert Association when she performs Oct. 14 at the Gardiner Spring Auditorium in Ontario. The youngster, who started violin studies at the age of 5, is a scholarship student the R.D. Colburn School of Performing Arts.

This past summer she attended the Encore Music School for strings in Hudson, Ohio.

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LONG BEACH, Calif.—The National Coalition for Redress and Reparations will hold its 10th anniversary conference on Oct. 20 at CSU Long Beach to examine new issues after Redress.

A name change will also be revealed, although the NCRR acronym is being retained, according to Kathy Nishimoto-Masaoka, co-chair of the Southern California NCRR.

Twelve workshops are being offered at the all-day conference, including one by Bob Bratt, ORA administrator, to help community groups and service organizations provide information and assist in the redress process.

"The Internment and the Constitution: Can the Camps Happen Again?" will look at political innuendos to intern Arab and Latino Americans in times of ethnic friction. Discussions on culture, children and the future of Nikkei communities in San Francisco, San Jose, Los Angeles are also planned. Other workshop topics include:

"Understanding and Copying with the Psychological Impact of the Internment Camps,"
"Access to Higher Education: Myth and Reality,"
"Doing the Right Thing: Strengthening Our Ties with Other People of Color,"
"Activism in Retirement,"
"Internment and Curriculum Issues,"
"Empowering the Community" and
"Veterans-Draft Resisters Forum."

Alan Nishio, the other Southern California NCRR co-chair, perceives the conference as a way to encourage

the community to voice concerns facing the Japanese American on a large scale. He reminded the input from participants at the initial conference in 1980 on redress to establish NCRR went on to develop the following it has today.

At the same time, Nishio said he doesn't have illusions that the upcoming conference will be able to neatly resolve all of the issues, nor does he expect NCRR to necessarily take on all of the issues.

"It's an opportunity for people to talk to each other on issues, using the conference as a catalyst, and to build from there. We want to start thinking as a unified Japanese-American community," Nishio said.

Nishimoto-Masaoka noted there is still the matter of the (redress) education fund, which needs to be addressed.

Similar workshop conferences are being held by other NCRR chapters. For information: Guy Aoki (818) 241-7817, A. Nishio (213) 329-7873 (evenings).

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Seabrook JACL Honors Graduates at June Installation

SEABROOK, N.J.—Some 100 members and friends attended the dinner to honor area graduates and new officers of the Seabrook JACL recently at the Centerton Country Club.

A moment of silence was held for the late Senator Spark M. Matsunaga, who championed for the cause of civil rights, as well as others who died during the past year.

As the keynote speaker, Paul Suddes, Deputy Administrator of the Office of Redress Administration, stated, "25,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry who were incarcerated during World War II should receive redress payments and a letter of apology in October of this year."

Suddes gave an informative update of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and maintained the need of continued education to avoid such grave injustices in the future.

The speaker was introduced by C. Scott Nagao, EDC vice governor.

Dinner Program

Scouting coordinator Roy H. Kane-shiki and Douglas Pancoast of Boy Scout Troop 47 led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

With Eastern District Governor Grayce Uyehara administering the oath, Ellen Nakamura was installed as chapter president for another term along with others in her cabinet. Nakamura announced that the Council had seeded the Seabrook Chapter with \$1,000 to establish the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center (SECC) and that former chapter president John Fuyume will head the steering committee for this long-range project.

As an outstanding highlight of the program, scholarship chairman Chester Nakai recognized the area graduate of all levels and presented over \$1,000 in citizenship awards and JACL Scholarships. The recipients were:

Mary Katherine Kordonouris, JACL, and Timothy Paul Morita, Mary C. Nagao Memorial Scholarship.

Also Mildred Beth Ann Pancoast, Bridgeton High School, Leah Davis, Cumberland Regional High School, Howard LaRue and Kimberley A. Stoms, Woodruff School, were selected for the citizenship awards.

The Seabrook Minyo Dancers enhanced the June 9 program with two festive numbers and later were cited by JACL for their 15 years of outstanding performance and support. The groups director and organizer, Sunkie Oye, was presented with a plaque and a bouquet of roses by Esther Ono, recognitions chairperson.

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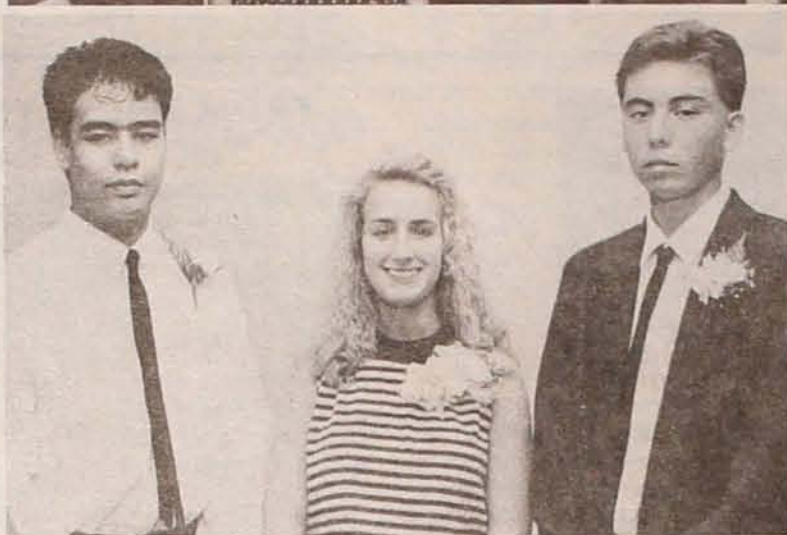


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REDRESS AGENDA AT SEABROOK JACL—Highlighting the annual Seabrook JACL installation dinner and graduates award night last June are: (TOP PHOTO) C. Scott Nagao, Eastern District vice-governor; Grayce Uyehara, EDC governor and JACL Legacy Fund campaign chair; dinner keynote speaker Paul Suddes, deputy administrator for the Office of Redress Administration; and Ellen A. Nakamura, chapter president. Also in attendance were EDC delegates from the New York, Washington, Philadelphia and Seabrook chapters who met all day long. (LOWER PHOTO) Philip Ichinaga (left) of Cumberland Regional High School, Mary K. Kordonouris and Timothy P. Morita, both from Bridgeton High School are area graduates winning scholarships. Philip won the Seabrook JACL award while Mary and Timothy were awarded the Mary C. Nagao Memorial Scholarship.



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WENDOVER, Nev.—The veterans of the 509th Composite Group who dropped the first atomic bomb on Japan gathered Aug. 25 to dedicate a peace monument here by the Utah-Nevada border. But to keep the activities peaceful, they suddenly canceled a scheduled speech by a prominent journalist from Japan and the playing of *Kimigayo*, the Japanese national anthem.

Journalist Hideaki Kase had angered the veterans the night before at a banquet by saying the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was not necessary to end the war.

"This story must be kept alive so that no nation is ever tempted to use an atomic weapon again," declared Rep. Barbara Vucanovich (R-Nev.) at the morning ceremonies, quoting from notes taken by her father, the late Gen. Thomas F. Farrell, who was a member of the 509th and at Alamogordo in July 1945 when the bomb was tested.

Retired Gen. Paul W. Tibbets Jr., 75, who dropped the bomb from the Enola Gay, said in his dedication speech that you can't discriminate between innocent people and "inanimate objects" when using modern weapons of war and said peace came by unleashing the atomic energy. The United States was never more solidified than it was at the time of the bombings, Tibbets added.

Retired Maj. Gen. Charles W.weeney, 70, who flew Bock's Car, the B-29 that dropped the bomb over Nagasaki, helped in the dedication.

The 16-foot-high monument honors the 509th Group which trained for the secret mission in '44-'45, the Manhat-

tan Project scientific teams that created the weapon and "the loss of lives of the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, are especially recognized in this memorial for their sacrifice to mankind's struggle for a more peaceful world. May this monument stand as a symbol of hope that mankind will reason and work together for the ultimate goal of world peace."

About 250 men, with their families, of the 1,700 of the original group attended the three-day reunion. Nearby are the Bonneville Salt Flats, famed for its speedway for 300-400 mph versions.

Asian Artists Discuss Stereotyping in Media

LOS ANGELES — Two of The Association of Asian Pacific American Artists' (AAPAA) board members, Ernest Harada and Pat Li, and the group's executive director, Beulah Ku, were guest panelists on KTTV-Channel 11's "Sign of the Times," scheduled to air on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 11:30 a.m.

Host Socorro Swan led the discussion which included the history of Asian-Pacific performers in Hollywood, past and present media images and their impact on the community, and AAPAA's role in assuring fair and balanced depictions on the screen.

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A Constitutional Matter

The Persian Gulf crisis has dragged on for weeks and no end is in sight. By far the largest share of military build-up has been provided by the United States. Costs to the American taxpayer are soaring.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, the two nations most directly affected by Iraqi aggression, have pledged billions of dollars to help the U.S. Members of NATO have made more modest contributions. But it is understandable and reasonable that U.S. political leaders are demanding that other countries whose economies are heavily dependent on Mideast oil accept a greater share of the burden.

Japan, and to a lesser extent West Germany, are the primary targets for complaint. Richard Gephardt, House majority leader, is among the most vocal in insisting that Japan must do more. There are many who agree with him that Japan's offer of \$4 billion in economic assistance, a few millions in refugee relief, and the dispatch of a medical team and chartered planes and ships to move goods, is not enough.

What they are saying is that because of the importance of Middle East petroleum to Japan's powerful industrial complex, it is unacceptable that Japan should profit from the sacrifice of other nations. In other words, Japan should take an active military role.

On this point the Japanese encounter an extremely difficult problem. Like the United States, Japan is governed by a constitution. That constitution was virtually dictated by the U.S. Occupation after World War II and accepted by the people. Its Article 9 specifies that Japan renounces war and will not support military forces. It was a measure widely applauded by Asian nations victimized by Japanese military aggression and by visionaries throughout the world.

After the outbreak of the Korean War and the buildup of Soviet military power, both Japan and the U.S. had second thoughts. The Japanese reinterpreted Article 9 to mean that every nation has the right of self-defense, and with U.S. support, built modest land, air and maritime defense forces. These forces were not designed for aggression but they made Japan's Asian neighbors nervous nonetheless. Within Japan the self-defense concept has been accepted, but there is widespread sentiment against any further change in Article 9.

What Congressman Gephardt and others seem to be saying is that the Japanese should join the U.S. in military action regardless of the laws that govern their country. This is deeply troubling.

We need only to go back to 1942 when high U.S. government officials were debating the need for, and legality of, imprisoning ethnic Japanese without regard to Constitutional safeguards. At one conference, Assistant Secretary for War John J. McCloy is alleged to have said: "... If it is a question of safety of the country, the Constitution of the United States, why the Constitution is just a scrap of paper to me."

McCloy later denied making the statement, but its essence was adopted by the U.S. Supreme Court when it ruled the racially discriminatory curfew and evacuation were not a violation of Constitutional rights in the Yasui, Korematsu and Hirabayashi cases.

Since then, Congress and President Reagan have apologized for this miscarriage of justice. Yet it is worrisome, indeed, that leaders in government today, in another crisis, urge the violation of another nation's constitution.

There is a persuasive argument for an economically powerful Japan assuming responsibility for world security commensurate with its wealth. Americans can urge the Japanese to change their laws so they can accept this responsibility. But to demand that inconvenient laws be ignored in a crisis is as wrong today as it was in 1942.

FALL FORTUNE



FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

This Time, We Don't Look Like the Enemy



We have more than 100,000, maybe as many as 250,000 uniformed men and women stationed in and around Saudi Arabia. The Pentagon hasn't given out specific figures, which is as it should be. As this is written, few shots have been fired in anger. If we are lucky, just the threat of violence will force Saddam Hussein to back down. I keep remembering something a well-decorated Marine colonel told me: "War is killing people and busting things." We have had enough of that in our lifetimes.

There is no way to tell how many of the 100,000, or quarter million Americans in the desert, aboard warships and at air bases are Japanese Americans. By the law of averages it is likely that some of them are, perhaps the sons and grandsons (and daughters and granddaughters, too) of Japanese Americans who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

I thought about that the other day while thumbing through the souvenir booklet published for the National AJA Veterans Reunion in Hawaii early last summer. It contains a reprint of a piece

called "Poston Samurai" by Vince Tajiri which was written in 1988 on the occasion of a salute to Japanese American vets of the Vietnam war and Vincent Okamoto, one of that war's genuine heroes.

Tajiri wrote that Okamoto was asked to counsel the son of a Nisei 442nd vet who was having a rough time overcoming his experience in Vietnam. What Okamoto heard from the Vietnam vet was chilling.

This young soldier was hit three times in a battle, one of the wounds shattering his jaw. Let Tajiri go on with the story:

"The medics patch him up and looking for other wounds strip his clothes off. In bandaging the jaw, they have to work vertically—like a guy with a toothache—so now he's down to his shorts and he can't utter a sound. They load him and a wounded Black buddy on a chopper to take them to the evac hospital. Just as they're about to take off they load on three wounded Vietnamese. The officer in charge tells the crew chief, 'Take these guys back for interrogation.'"

"As they take off, they get heavy

rifle fire. The chopper is overloaded so the pilot yells to the crew chief to get rid of the gooks. The crew chief shoves each of the NVA guys out of the opening and then grabs the kid (the Japanese American) who is in a morphine daze and can't talk because of the bandages around his chin and pulls him towards the door. By now they're more than 300 feet above the ground. The kid grabs the crew chief and won't let go. Just then the Black looks over, sees what's happening, and shouts, 'Hey, that guy's an American!' The crew chief apologizes and pulls him away from the door.

"It doesn't end there. When they get to the hospital, naked and unable to talk, he finds that he is mistakenly placed in a tent with the enemy's wounded. During the long, restless night when he slips in and out of consciousness he hears a nurse complaining about having to tend to gooks who've been killing 'our boys.' The doctor replies, 'Yeah, I'd just as soon kill all these slants.'"

If there is any consolation, it's that Japanese Americans this time aren't likely to be mistaken for Iraqis by their stereotypically blind fellow Yanks.

EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

Hinawa-jū: Matchlock Guns



IT WAS in July 1853 that Commodore Matthew C. Perry, backed up by his Black Ships standing by in the (Tokyo) harbor, forced open the self-imposed isolation of Japan. Particularly for those of the Nisei generation, the concept of Nippon of the Edo Period was gained from being mesmerized watching *chanbara* (sword fights) in which some swaggering samurai manages to dispense with a horde of opponents. Those flickers, in black and white and very often fuzzy from over-use, were known as *katsudō-shashin*, a term that would be quite quaint if used today—just as its English translation of "moving pictures" would be. I think it was in some postwar *chanbara* that for the first time, and much to my amazement, that I saw a samurai contingent using guns in battle. Somehow, use of guns struck me as, well, not quite kosher. I ascribed the usage to "the bad guys."

IN FACT, guns were introduced into Nippon as early as 1543 and thereafter were reproduced in quantity and quality, known as *hinawa-jū* (matchlock guns). The battle of Sekigahara in 1600, in which Tokugawa Iyeyasu emerged the victor and thereby gained control of Japan, was said to be the

largest battle in history up to that point in which firearms were employed. One might have thought that these early weapons would be crude imitations, but in fact apparently they were so well crafted that centuries later many were converted to percussion rifles for arming the new Meiji army. And when the bolt-action rifle came onto the scene, many of these same guns were converted to bolt-action weapons and saw action in the Russo-Japanese War of 1904.

I've seen various types of Japanese military weapons, including even a two-man sub; but I've never seen a *hinawa-jū*, original or converted.

AND ALTHOUGH the Nikkei, and others', vision of feudal Nippon may be limited to *chōmage* (topknots) and *tō* (Japanese sword), in fact the country was quite advanced technologically in many areas. In the 1600's the Dutch were importing Japanese copper because of quality as well as price; English steel could not compete in Japan with domestic steel which was stronger as well as cheaper in price. Even in the Far East, as early as the 15th Century, in just one year alone, China imported some 67,000 Japanese swords. (There must be a lot of them scattered through-

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MONITOR

"THE JAPANESE have finally announced that they're going to help us out in the Middle East. You see, the Japanese disapprove of the way Iraq took over Kuwait by military force; they prefer the Japanese way of taking over a country, buying one building at a time."

Jay Leno, *Tonight Show* monologue
18 September 1990

Readers wishing to send items to the Monitor should address their submissions to the P.C. Editor.

In The Pacific Citizen 45 Years Ago

TASHME, B.C.—Approximately 70 percent of the residents of the Japanese Canadian evacuee center here who signed for repatriation to Japan wish to have their requests cancelled and remain in Canada, according to the group's spokesman.

SEATTLE—Isako Takahashi, 22, narrowly missed being injured when a rock was thrown through the window of a room where she was studying. Miss Takahashi attends the Univ. of Washington.

MILWAUKEE—A former Colorado State football star, Chet Maeda, was among the Chicago Cardinal reserves on the bench when the Cards opened the season against the Detroit Lions. Maeda is a former Los Angeles resident.

SAN FRANCISCO—Less than 18,000 persons are still in the eight remaining relocation centers, exclusive of Tule Lake, according to R. B. Cozzens, assistant WRA director. He also said about 3500 persons are leaving the center each week.

JACL Legacy Fund Campaign Underway

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LEGACY FUND

Harada Appointed Administrator of JACL Legacy Fund Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO — Clay K. Harada was recently appointed administrator of the JACL's Legacy Fund campaign by National JACL Director William Yoshino, effective Oct. 1.

Since 1989 Harada has served as the assistant director of membership and administration for the national JACL, where he has been responsible for investigating and implementing membership-related services, assisting in the direction of administrative staff and creating a membership database for the JACL membership. In 1989 he was a participant in the Washington D.C. JACL Leadership Program.

As the administrator of the Legacy Fund, Harada will oversee all aspects of the fundraising campaign. His duties, among others, include coordinating chapter solicitation, coordinating work, processing and acknowledging all contributions and developing and implementing special events. Promotional and public relations work will be coordinated by Bill Yoshino and Carole Hayashino.

The Legacy Fund project, noted Yoshino, must be entrusted to an able individual. "With Clay's strong administrative background and his ability to carry out all of his projects and duties in an exceptional way over the period of time that he's been with the JACL, he is that person."

Since joining the JACL, Harada has had the opportunity to meet many people within the organization and learn the organizational structure, added Yoshino. "That knowledge and familiarity with people goes a long way. He can hit the ground running."

"I look forward to serving the organization as administrator of the three-year Legacy Fund campaign," said Harada. "As a Sansei, I am enthusiastic about assuming the unique and challenging opportunity that will directly influence the continued success and financial security of the Japanese American Citizens League."



CLAY K. HARADA

Prior to working for the JACL, Harada was an administrative assistant and financial consultant for the Asian American Health Forum in San Francisco, national non-profit advocacy organization established to promote the improvement in health status for all Asian/Pacific Islanders in the U.S. Responsible for maintaining employee records, Harada was the primary logistic coordinator and travel planner for meetings and conferences. He also conducted an extensive demographic study and analysis for the Forum.

A graduate of San Francisco State University, Harada is married and a father-to-be. Despite his hectic schedule he has found time to participate in the local San Francisco community.

He is a former member of the board of directors of the Asian American Residential Recovery Service, Inc. in San Francisco, a non-profit organization which oversees program involving substance abuse treatment, youth substance abuse prevention and AIDS education and prevention. Most recently Harada chaired the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California's community-wide picnic.

Goal of \$10 Million in Three Years Announced

SAN FRANCISCO — The recent formation of the JACL Legacy Fund Campaign Committee, comprised of the eight district governors, National Treasurer Tom Nakao, Jr., National Director William Yoshino and Cressey Nakagawa, national president, sets into motion the organization's first major capital effort since 1952. The committee is chaired by Grayce Uyehara.

The campaign begins this month with a fundraising goal of \$10 million over the next three years.

During this biennium, said Uyehara, the JACL has a "major opportunity to establish the Legacy Fund — a perpetual endowment from which only the earning will be used to implement the organization's mission, its purpose and its biennial program for action," established at the June national convention in San Diego.

District Governor's Role

In carrying out the three year effort district governors will serve as district campaign managers.

Dale Ikeda, Central California district council governor, said, "The CCDC will make every effort to fulfill its commitment in bringing the Legacy Fund to a successful completion."

"The Legacy Fund represents a commitment to a bright future for the JACL," remarked Les Hata, NCWNP district governor. "The NCWNP district wishes to enhance this vision by supporting the Legacy Fund."

"If the JACL, as the oldest and largest Asian American human and civil right organization, is to build on its historical accomplishments," declared Uyehara, "we still have major issues to address: the reduction of anti-Asian violence through coalition work with Asian American and other civil rights organizations; the assurance that U.S. history textbooks accurately reflect the experiences of both Japanese Americans and other Asian Americans; and seeing redress to its conclusion by assuring that every eligible individual receives redress."

She added that the organization raised and expended over \$1.5 million to carry out its priority program: redress. The JACL's Washington office continues to work directly with the Office of Redress Administration.

"The need for the organization continues stronger than ever," Uyehara said. "The \$10 million Legacy Fund will make it possible for the organization to move on to new issues and to broaden our efforts. The campaign will depend upon the participation of every chapter and district council. The challenge is out with a call to action."

The Gift of the Generations

The Gift of the Generations. That is what the JACL Legacy fund is about. It is the idea that each generation tries within its lifetime to improve the opportunities, the acceptance for succeeding generations. It is an obligation to make our children's life better than our own.

The JACL Legacy Fund is important to the JACL and the JACL has much to contribute to the Japanese American and Asian American communities. This is evident from our founding 60 years ago to our present involvement in issues that affect our community.

JACL was founded in 1929 in response to the racism and legalized discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry. The founders of JACL possessed a commitment to the ideals of justice and democracy. Through the JACL, they believed they could affirm their citizenship and claim their rights as Americans. Their mission was to take an active role in shaping their destinies, thereby improving the quality of life for themselves, their immigrant parents, and future generations.

During our existence, we have worked to sustain this legacy. Throughout our history, we have taken an active role in dismantling discriminatory barriers which prevented persons of Japanese ancestry from land ownership, employment, the right to vote, and the realization of citizenship.

Our organizational purpose and mission is clear in protecting the rights of Japanese Americans and, as well, in striving to uphold the rights of all people. Our organizational purpose and mission, however, does not end with redress even though there is still much the JACL will be doing in monitoring the payment process.

With all of our past accomplishments and with our efforts in the redress campaign, there is still much for the organization to do. Intolerance continues to exist within our society. The proliferation of "hate groups", the continuing trend of violence toward Asian Americans, Japan-bashing and a lessened sensitivity in the area of human and civil rights are all concerns for the 1990s and beyond.

As symbolized by the JACL Legacy Fund logo and identity, there is an eternal linkage and commitment among our generations—the Issei, the Nisei, and the Sansei. The history of our community and the issues which presently confront us indicate that the future holds much for JACL. The decades have not reduced intolerance. Today there is greater opportunity and blatant racism in unacceptable within our society, but, there is still much to be done.

In its history the Japanese American community has demonstrated strength, resiliency and pride; characteristics which will be needed to confront our future. Each of us has an obligation to ensure that future for succeeding generations.

We will be sending JACL Legacy Fund materials to each JACL member in approximately two weeks. Your support of the JACL Legacy Fund will continue our work for future generations.

Four Nikkei Legislators Head Honorary Campaign Committee

SAN FRANCISCO — Cressey Nakagawa, national JACL president, announced the formation of the JACL's Legacy Fund honorary committee. The Legacy Fund campaign is set to begin this month.

The four honorary co-chairs are: Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Representatives Norman Y. Mineta (D-San Jose), Robert T. Matsui (D-Sacramento) and Patricia Saiki (R-Hawaii).

As Hawaii's senior elected official and one of the most powerful and well-regarded senators on Capitol Hill, Inouye has served his constituency for the past three decades. A member of the JACL for many years, Inouye is a veteran of the famed all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team. It was his stirring speech before his fellow colleagues in 1989 which set the tone for the passage of the redress entitlement program, as one colleague after another rose to support Inouye's entitlement proposal.

One of the lead sponsors of the Japanese American redress bill, Rep. Mineta, a former internee, has worked tirelessly on behalf of Japanese American issues and concerns. A former mayor of San Jose, Mineta has served in Congress since 1974. He currently chairs the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and has been one of the Government's chief policymakers on aviation issues.

Rep. Matsui, who this year is making a bid for the Senate, has served on two

of the most powerful committees in the House—the Judiciary and Ways and Means. Along with Mineta, Matsui, who was just an infant at the time of evacuation, was one of the lead sponsors of the redress bill and is a longtime advocate of the community's concerns. Elected to office in 1978, Matsui enjoys wide popularity and support.

Patricia Saiki, a former teacher and teachers' union leader, is the only Republican ever elected to the House from Hawaii. Chairwoman of the Hawaii Republican Party from 1983-85, Saiki served for many years in the Hawaii House of Representatives and Senate.

Start of Campaign

The JACL Legacy Fund campaign commences this month. Its purpose is to establish a perpetual endowment which will be used to implement JACL programs.

"There can be no dispute regarding the need for an organization such as ours in the upcoming decade," stated Nakagawa.

"The proliferation of 'hate groups', the continuing trend of violence toward Asian Americans, the growth in Pacific Rim economies, Japan-bashing, a lessened sensitivity in the area of civil rights and the changing demographics in the number of Asian Americans all contribute to his need. The JACL must possess the will and the commitment to financially sustain itself so that we can protect the welfare of future generations."

Redress Payment Caution Issued for Public Assistance Eligibility in California

SAN FRANCISCO—Redress recipients in California who receive public assistance or Medi-Cal should not be confused with the federal Medicare program, cautions Priscilla Ouchida of the Japanese American Citizens League headquarters in San Francisco.

Redress payments will not affect a person's eligibility for either public assistance or Medi-Cal. However, any interest or investment income earned on the \$20,000 will be counted as income and may affect a person's eligibility for public assistance and/or Medi-Cal benefits.

In many cases, interest or investment income will reduce the amount of any public assistance benefits.

There are no spending limitations on redress payments—a person can purchase anything they want without being penalized.

There is a short window period in

which a person can transfer their money to another person. The money can be given away only during the month in which the money is received, and the month immediately after receipt.

The department does not allow 60 days for transfer. For example, if a person receives his redress payment on Oct. 30, he has only until Nov. 30 to transfer these moneys to another person, persons, or charitable organization. They cannot transfer money to any other party after that date.

Any moneys left unspent or which has not been transferred to another person at the time of a person's death can be claimed by the State. Under the Medi-Cal Recovery act, the State can recover any Medi-Cal costs it has incurred on behalf of a person from that person's estate.

In light of the department's policy on redress payments, those who are on

public assistance and/or Medi-Cal should be aware of the following:

(1) Any interest or investment income they receive will most likely reduce their benefits by the amount of such income. In effect, any such income will supplant their public assistance benefits, not supplement them.

(2) If a person wants to leave the money to their children, grandchildren or a favorite charitable organization, they must transfer the money to them immediately. They can have as little as 31 days to make such a transfer. Following that time, as they will not be able to give their money away.

(3) If a person is on Medi-Cal, she/he will not be able to will the redress money away. The State of California will have first crack at their estate, and given the high cost of Medi-Cal care, will probably deplete any remaining redress money leaving very little, if any, for heirs.

For more information, contact JACL Headquarters (415) 921-JACL.



ALLAN BEEKMAN AT OVEREND RD., Honokaa, on the Big Island. On this road, near the main thoroughfare, Katsu Gotō was ambushed on the night of Oct. 28, 1889.

Tragic Story of Hawaii's First Japanese Shop Keeper Is Retold in Hawaii Herald

HONOLULU — The 943 Japanese passengers aboard the City of Tokio, which anchored off Honolulu Feb. 8, 1885, found strange experiences awaiting them. None would meet with as bizarre a misadventure as their fellow passenger Katsu Gotō.

Most of the passengers had come under three-year contracts to labor on the sugar plantations in accordance with the first agreement negotiated with the Meiji government. Gotō fulfilled his contract on the Island of Hawaii.

Then he opened a store in Honokaa dealing in general merchandise.

When day broke Oct. 29, 1889, the villagers found Hawaii's first Japanese storekeeper hanged by the neck and dangling from the crosspiece of the telephone pole hard by the courthouse—now the site of the Honokaa Public Library. The lynching was the most celebrated case of the day.

The semimonthly *Herald*, in two September installments, is publishing a

long article, *The Strange Case of Katsu Gotō*, by Allan Beekman. A specialist in Japanese immigrant history, Beekman concentrates on the events leading to the lynching, the search for perpetrators, their identification and trial.

Book Marks:

UCLA Asian American Studies Center's latest *Amerasian Journal* (\$5) explores Hawaiian and Pacific Islander nationalism and Professor Don Nakanishi's tenure campaign. Dr. Haunani-Kay Trask, director of the Center for Hawaiian Studies at the University of Hawaii, analyzes the politics, the role of U.S. intervention and movements for self-determination in the Pacific Islands. Don Nakanishi provides a personal perspective in his essay while a host of his colleagues and supporters examine the three-year tenure struggle. Other pieces of interest in the issue delve into the Nisei and the Office of Strategic Services during WWII, Korean immigrants in Chicago, and an assessment of the current student movement among Asian-Pacific Island Americans by editor Russell C. Leong and graduate student Anson Gong.

Books to P.C.

Briefly Noted by Harry K. Honda

TARGET: PEARL HARBOR, by Michael Slackman; Arizona Memorial Museum Assn., and the Univ. of Hawaii Press, 2840 Kolowalu St., Honolulu, HI 96822, 354 pages, hardcover, \$19.95, index, bibliog. (1990)

The Middle East/Persian Gulf conflict had just made the headlines as Michael Slackman's third book on Pearl Harbor came off the press. There was a sense of urgency to read this new book. It's a vivid account of the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, examining both sides—the Japanese decision to attack Pearl Harbor and President Roosevelt's strategy. What it was like that morning through the eyes of participants adds to the drama, plus the anecdotes gleaned from many oral interviews from survivors.

We can expect other books, new and reprints on this subject, to flourish in the coming months as the 50th anniversary is due next year. It (not the book) is sure to arouse some of the old anti-Nisei feelings, but hopefully for the last time.

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out today's China.) Of course, there were those who early discovered and developed advanced skills in science and mathematics ("Wasan" being a peculiarly Japanese form of mathematics)—even as others were similarly engaged, such as Isaac Newton, scholars in ancient Ghana, etc.

TO "CATCH UP" to Western technology from which they had long been isolated, it is reported that young samurai of this Edo Period flocked to study in Western schools, to return to Japan and disseminate the newly-gained knowledge which was then improved upon and applied during the Meiji Period. With WW-II erupting in the Pacific, followed by Japan's devastation and defeat, in effect there followed another "isolation" period while Japan sought to recover. And thinking about it, there's a bit of historical *déjà-vu*, except this time Japan has not only played "catch-up" but obviously has surpassed in many respects.

Hinawa-jū.

SDI—For Californians

Unfortunately, many California workers are not aware of the benefits due them under the state-sponsored disability insurance program, which can range from \$50 to \$266 per week for up to 52 weeks. Employers, doctors and hospitals have claim forms or contact the Employment Development Department.

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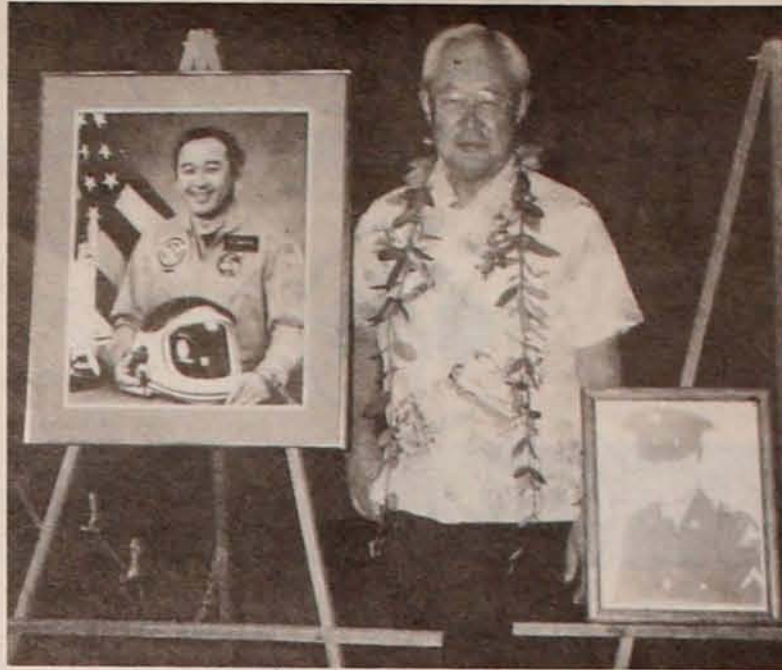


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NAT'L A.J.A. VETERANS REUNION—Reunion chair Fred Fujimoto of Hilo stands between photographs of two Kona Nisei, astronaut Ellison Onizuka and posthumously decorated Congressional Medal of Honor awardee Rodney Yano of the Vietnam war at the close of memorial services of the 1990 reunion July 1 at the Kona Surf Resort.



AMONG THE 1,700 AT THE KONA REUNION—Making a strong presence at the 15th National A.J.A. Veterans Reunion at Kona were several hundred MIS men. Hank Goshō (at left) served in the CBI theater and is credited by the Canadian Nisei for having them enlisted by British troops in need of Nihongo translators late in World War II. (At right) Col. James Hanley and Chet Tanaka, now retired in Honolulu, catch up during the luau at the Kona Hilton.



Proposed 100th/442nd Memorial Center at Wailuku, Maui.

'Sons/Daughters of 442' Start 100/442 Memorial Center in Maui

By Harry Honda

KONA, Hawaii—While the next National A.J.A. Veterans Reunion remains unscheduled because of other celebrations focusing on the 50th anniversary in the establishment of the MIS, 100th and 442nd in the coming years, what is scheduled is the project of the "Maui's Sons and Daughters of the 442nd" to build a 100th/442nd Memorial Center in Wailuku, Maui.

As a second generation A.J.A. group to a 100/442nd chapter in Hawaii, Leonard Oka of Kahului, Maui, announced the ambitious plan to memorialize the 100th/442nd at the welcome banquet of the 15th National A.J.A. Veterans Reunion here June 27.

"As a Sansei who wanted to do something for future generations to tell them what you did and why—because they might be afraid to ask," Oka said the center will be situated on 2 acres, consisting of some 4,000 square feet and allow offices for community and civic groups, a large purpose hall with kitchen facilities and serve as a repository for oral and written history, memorabilia and text pertaining to the Japanese in Hawaii.

Estimated cost will be \$4.5 million; another \$360,000 will be required to

operate the center for the first three years. Solicitations from the private sector—corporations, foundations, and individuals—has started.

The Maui Sons and Daughters of the 442 was organized in 1981 by 10 Sansei with support of the Maui 442 Veterans. Oka said he was inspired by the fact that his son, Brandon, was the grandchild of two 442 veterans—Masaru Tanaka and Clarence H. Oka, two Co. L men. In 1985, the group received its state charter and its IRS non-profit status. In 1987 it secured land from Alexander & Baldwin's Was Subdivision. Currently, it has 100 members. For info: P.O. Box 882, Wailuku, Maui HI 96793; or Leonard Oka (808) 871-9751.

MISLS Reunion in 1991

KONA, Hawaii—The first of several upcoming Nisei veteran celebrations with a golden touch will be the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Military Intelligence Service Language School in 1941 — on Oct. 29-30 at the Presidio of San Francisco where the school was founded in 1941 and on Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at the Presidio of Monterey where its successor, the Defense Language Institute, has been in the post-WWII era.

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RIP: Asami K. Oyama, 71

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BERKELEY—A memorial service was held Sept. 29 at the United Methodist Church for the late Asami (Sammy) Kawachi Oyama, who died peacefully the early morning of Saturday, Aug. 18, at her Berkeley home.

She was a member of the San Francisco Center Players, Center for Japanese American Studies, East Bay Women's Concern, Berkeley JACL, Japantown Art & Media Workshop and a volunteer at the Berkeley United Methodist Church senior citizens retirement program.

She was employed by Miyazaki Travel Agency in New York (1974-1976) prior to returning to the West Coast, then by Takahashi Trading Company (1976-1983) and by Hayward Eden Issei Terrace (1984-1985) as assistant manager.

In October, before leaving for Jerome WRA Center in Arkansas, she married her husband Joe Oyama. Accompanied by two armed guards and joined by Oyama's parents, the wedding was held outside of camp at the Pasadena-First Methodist Church.

At Jerome, Mrs. Oyama and her husband edited the "Denson Magnet," the camp literary magazine, before relocating in May 1943 to New York, where their three chil-

dren were born and raised. During the war years, she was active in the Japanese American Committee for Democracy as co-editor/columnist of the JACD newsletter.

Family said donations in her memory may be sent to JASEB/Japanese American Services of the East Bay, 2126 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

She toured with the San Francisco Center Players in 1978, taking the lead as an Issei mother in Hiroshi Kashiwagi's play, "Mondai wa Akira." She also appeared in two American Playhouse TV programs, "Indigo" and "Until the End of the World."

A graduate of Metropolitan High School in Los Angeles, she was a first-year journalism student at Los Angeles City College when war with Japan was declared. Evacuated to Santa Anita Assembly Center, she became the women's editor of the Santa Anita *Pacemaker*. That summer of 1942, she won first prize in Common Ground magazine's college division writing contest for her essay, "Strangers Rice," about her childhood experience on a farm in Fresno, her family's return to Japan after her father's death and her eventual return to America at the age of 13.

Obituaries

Charles T. Takahashi, 86, Businessman SEATTLE—"C.T." Takahashi, whose funeral was held Aug. 14, was instrumental in helping the Japanese companies re-establish their industries after the end of World War II. He was active with the Japan America Society, founded the Mill Creek residential development and was a former Boy Scout leader. He is survived by w Chika, d Patti E. Kihara, 2gc and stepbrother Tomio Kasahara (Tokyo).

Richard J. Tomoda, 39, Attorney LIHUE, Kauai—A member of the San Francisco Civil Service Commission, Richard Tomoda, died Sept. 4 while swimming off the Waihua golf course here. His body was located from a helicopter by firefighters. The American Bar Association magazine *Barrister* had named him one of the 20 attorneys in the U.S. "whose work makes a difference." He specialized in labor law, was active with the Asian Law Caucus and a director of Asian Foundation.

Rev. Teruko Fujii, 89, Los Angeles, July 5; Kagawa-ken, naturalized U.S. citizen; founder of Holywood Tenniyo Southern Pacific Church; survived by h Rev. Fred Fukumi, s Takashi, 3gc, sis Toyono Yamada and Shige Kuranishi (both Japan).

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