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No Rate Increase Due for JACL-Blue Shield Subscribers

SAN FRANCISCO — John Yasumoto, chairman of the JACL-Blue Shield Group Health Trust, reports that their plan has just completed 25 years of valuable service to their members.

Effective Jan. 1, 1991, a vision care program is being added to their plan and Blue Shield is renewing their coverage at existing rates. "This becomes more significant this year since the recently approved federal budget is to impose higher premiums and deductibles on the elderly for the Medicare health insurance program," Yasumoto added.

The JACL-Blue Shield plan provide comprehensive and balanced benefits—meeting the needs of all their members—at every age level. The JACL-Blue Shield Plan is offered to individuals, small groups and seniors over age 65.

Yasumoto reported that the plan now covers over 5,000 subscribers from six JACL districts councils. This number includes over 8,000 JACL members and covers over 12,000 individuals.

Yasumoto further added that from reviewing the claims each month, many JACLers are benefitting from the plan which meets JACL's original purpose.

Further information: Frances Morioka, Administrator, JACL/CBS 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115 or call (415) 931-6633.

NCWNPDC Elects Taniguchi Governor

UNION CITY, Calif.—The Northern California-Western Nevada Pacific JACL District Council elected Neal Taniguchi of Berkeley as governor at its Nov. 4 meeting hosted by the Fremont JACL.

On the DC board are:

Greg Marutani (San Francisco), v.p.; Miyoko Katsura (Sacramento), sec.; John Yamada (Eden Township), treas.; Les Hata (immediate past gov.); Joanne Mukai, Alan Nishi, Ich Nishida, Niles Tanakatsubo, Robert Yamada, bd mems.

The upcoming Tri-District Conference of the PSWDC, CCDC and NCWNPDC will be held March 22-24 at the Holiday Inn Plaza Park, Visalia.

TV Election Campaign Ads Go Multilingual

HONOLULU—Four years ago, political candidates campaigned door-to-door, and sometimes welcomed to the living room.

City Councilman Gary Gill, to his surprise, noticed many people were watching Japanese soaps and samurai shows. This past fall, he began to advertise in Japanese and for those who speak only English they would at least recognize his name in the subtitles. His wife, Susan, who grew up for a time in Tokyo, was part of the TV spot.

Even more astonishing was the cost of a 30-second TV spot, anywhere from \$60 to \$350 on an independent station as compared with \$400 to \$1,300 and up on a network affiliate.

Others electioneering this way included Rep. Patsy Mink with her daughter Wendy putting in a plug for her mother's work on behalf of senior citizens.



Photo by Shigeo Yokote

SACRAMENTO JACL INSTALLATION NIGHT—George Kondo (background) installs newly-elected Sacramento JACL president Mike Sawamura. Night also served to honor Kondo who retired after 16 years as the NCWNP JACL regional director operating from the Masao W. Satow Bldg., San Francisco.

Kondo Roasted at Sacramento Installation

By Toko Fujii

SACRAMENTO — Approximately 150 well-wishers filled the Siskiyou Room at the Red Lion Hotel, Nov. 13 to honor and roast George Kondo, retiring director of JACL's NCWNP District Council.

"Roasting" Kondo were Curt Namba of Florin, Ellen Kubo of Placer, Bill Okimoto of Marysville and Priscilla Ouchida of Sacramento. Presentations were made by Miko Katsura, representing the four host chapters, Reiko Kawakami of Congressman Matsui's office and Mary Tsukamoto.

Kondo installed, for the last time in his 16 years of service to this area, the 1991 Sacramento JACL officers:

Pres.—Mike Sawamura, v.p.—Alan Nishi, sec.—Mark Seo, treas.—Ralph Sugimoto, schol. chr.—Peter Ouchida; dir.-at-lrg.—Mike Iwahiro, Royce Makishima, Randy Imai, Toko Fujii, Priscilla Ouchida, Richard Sawamura and Miyoko Katsura, directors at large.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Joe Isosaki, Sr. Vice Commander of Nisei Post 8985 VFW; the Rev. Kazuo Masuno of Parkview Presbyterian Church offered invocation and benediction.

Leslie Miyamoto was introduced as the "Maid of Japan." She will represent the local Nikkei community in the Camellia Festival in the spring of 1991.

Dinner chairman Tom Fujimoto was aided by Toko Fujii, Tom Okubo, Myra Kiyota and Teiko Matsuo.

Bob Matsui Launches Bid for Full Term U.S. Senate in 1992

SACRAMENTO — At a press conference Nov. 20 at the Senator Hotel, Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) announced his candidacy for the United States Senate to succeed retiring Senator Alan Cranston.

Matsui said that he would open his campaign with a tour of California media markets after Thanksgiving Day.

"After a year of intense meetings with Californians throughout the state, I am convinced that our state needs a new generation of leadership in the United States Senate—a fresh vision that will inspire our nation as we march through the 90s into the 21st century," said Matsui, a six-term member of Congress who serves on the Ways and Means Committee and the House Steering and Policy Committee.

Economic Competition Cited

"The world is a different place than when we first elected Alan Cranston to the Senate," said Matsui, who is the state's only representative on Ways and Means' Trade Sub-committee. "The Cold War is over. Competition among nations will not be military, competition will be economic."

The Sansei legislator and onetime Sacramento JACL chapter president called for a renewed idealism and rededication to the American value of public service.

"Together with those who grew up in postwar America and who were influenced by a generation of inspirational leaders, I was educated to believe that public service is the highest calling and that the individual can make a difference in improving the world. That idealism has been lost for too many Americans who see the future getting worse rather than better and who believe government is no longer about public service, but about self interest."

Issues of the 1990s

Alluding to the 1990 elections, Matsui said that voter apathy and dissatisfaction is attributable to the public's lack of confidence in its leaders to address the problems



REP. ROBERT MATSUI

of the average citizen. That sentiment, paired with a faltering economy, Matsui added, threatens American institutions and the well-being of families.

"A flagging economy limits our ability to employ our citizens, rebuild our infrastructure, finance our schools, protect the young and old, clean up our environment, and maintain our quality of life," said Matsui. "Today, the future of the American dream is in question."

"I represent a generation of leadership for California committed to public service, dedicated to idealism, and ready to make the hard decisions necessary to keep the American dream alive as we enter the 21st century."

In Los Angeles, a community reception was announced for Dec. 8, 12:30-2:30 p.m., at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel. Among the co-sponsors asking friends to RSVP include Ron Ohata (213) 680-0213, Japanese American Bar Association; Bert Nakano (213) 719-3345; and Chris Ohama (213) 221-9815, J.A. Democratic Club.

ANTI-ASIAN PREJUDICE IN HIGH SCHOOL: Sophomore Puzzled By Fellow Student's Racial Attitude, Prejudice in La Crosse

■ Clippings from longtime Chicago JACLer Smoky Sakurada, now retired in La-Crosse, Wis., continue to keep P.C. readers up-to-date on the Taro Imamura case. But the La Crosse Tribune opinion page of Nov. 19 treats the problem from the perspective of a student, a sophomore who might be mistaken as Japanese by the picture with her views. But her name, Pa Moua, is not.



Pa Moua/

LA CROSSE, WIS. "What really bugs me is prejudice. Sometimes, I wonder why people are prejudiced. We're all human beings, aren't we?" the letter from Pa Moua began. "... I've experienced as a lot of prejudice from American students over the past years. I'm a sophomore this year at Logan Senior.

She noted among the 83 Asian students at Logan, those who came most recently to America that don't know much English "the worst" because they don't understand what the American students are saying to them and "get away with it."

American Students' Responses

Pa, who asked why the prejudice, explained that her American students reasoned: "They're (the Hmong) are too lazy to work and they're all on welfare. ... All our taxes are going to them."

"My statement to that is, yes, some Hmong are on welfare but they aren't there because they're too lazy to work."

The other thing she wanted to get across was that "we don't eat cats and dogs," and wondered they got that idea. "If you don't like us the way we are then why not just tell us instead of making up lies about us," her letter continued.

In conclusion, she said she answers back to people who say—"Go back to your own country"—with the same: "Why don't you go back to your own country also! ... Unless the people cutting us down are Native Americans, they were also immigrants, too."

Paper in Support

The La Crosse Tribune editorial agreed. Its piece is headlined, "Pa, it bugs us too."

Pa, it bugs us too

If you have not yet read it, we strongly encourage you to pause for a moment and take a brief detour to the top of this page to read Pa Moua's Guest View about prejudice. . . . (Its extract appears as the opening paragraphs to this P.C. story.)

We must tell you that Pa Moua took an enormous gamble by writing about her feelings. Her thought-provoking words place her at risk of further taunts or even the type of attacks recently experienced by two other Logan students, Al Phimvong and Chong Yang.

For years, the Hmong in La Crosse have lived in almost silent humiliation as they became the target of racially motivated barbs and/or direct violence. Although the Hmong are rightfully a proud people, most have chosen a path of stoicism rather than one of complaining of their treatment by American citizens.

The Hmong want to become part of the La Crosse community. That they continue to want to do so after being subjected to such outrageous

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Wisconsin Hate Crime Law to Apply in LaCrosse Case

Clipping from Smoky Sakurada

LA CROSSE, Wis.—After seven months since the incident, the La Crosse county circuit court Nov. 15 heard the charges against court stenographer Johnson, 20, accused of beating Taro Imamura whom he mistook for a Hmong.

Because Johnson is accused of selecting Imamura because of race, national origin and ancestry, Johnson was charged with a felony which carries a great penalty—seven years in prison and a \$15,000 fine. Normally, a felony is punishable by up to two years or a \$10,000 fine.

District Attorney Scott Home said interviews of witnesses were conducted by his office in sorting out the details.

Were Called "Gooks"

According to the criminal complaint, the La Crosse man told police he thought the two students from Japan (Imamura and Yasushi Kikuchi at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse) were Hmong and called them "gooks" as they passed him on the street. Johnson said an argument started and one of the Japanese men reacted with a first punch.

Imamura told police he and his friend were walking toward their car when one of the six people in Johnson's group threw a lit cigarette at them and called them "chinks" and another said "let's fight." Imamura was thrown to the ground, kicked and hit in the eye, sustaining a detached retina in the right eye. A passerby who tried to stop the fight identified Johnson as the person who hit Imamura, according to the criminal complaint.

Vandals Toss Brick at JACL Center Window, SAN MATEO, Calif.

—The local police department was called again by San Mateo JACL in October to report that vandals had thrown a brick through the window at its Community Center, 415 S. Claremont, resulting in two broken panes.

The police assured this incident was not likely to have been an act resulting from the "Japan bashing" publicity in the news in recent months, as several other businesses in San Mateo had also reported windows broken by thrown bricks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police Reopen Sansei Girl Disappearance Case

HONOLULU—The 1985 disappearance of Diane Suzuki, 19-year-old University of Hawaii co-ed, was reopened by Honolulu police Nov. 15 as new evidence has been found. Armed with new technology and search warrant, police searched the Aiea dance studio where she had been an instructor and was last seen July 6, 1985. Police Lt. Gary Dias indicated evidence points to murder and a suspect. The case has been reclassified from a missing-person case. She was the daughter of Masaharu / Yuri Suzuki of Halawa Heights.

Japan Award Honors Matsunaga Posthumously

HONOLULU — The Japanese government has conferred posthumously the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun on the late U.S. Sen. Spark Matsunaga in recognition of his contributions to Japan-U.S. relations and his work to improve the status of Japanese Americans. The Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun is one of the highest decorations awarded to Japanese and foreign citizens. The decoration was recently presented to Helene Matsunaga at the Consulate General of Japan.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

December-January Schedule

Next Issue is Double-Dated:
DEC. 7-14, 1990
News Deadline: Nov. 30, 1990

The Holiday Issue:
DEC. 21-28, 1990

New Year Special:
JAN. 4-11, 1991
News Deadline—Mon. Jan. 7, 1991

Regular Schedule Resumes
JAN. 18, 1991
Deadline—Fri. Jan. 11



WORKSHOP WITH ORA DIRECTOR—Orange County and the SELANOCO JACL chapter leaders stand with Office of Redress Administration Director Bob Bratt (center). They are (from left) Ken Inouye, Carrie Okamura, Ruth Mizobe, Bratt, Hiroshi Kamei, Ken Hayashi and recently appointed PSWDC regional director Jimmie Tokeshi.

Redress Workshop Held at Garden Grove

Union Bank Elects Shimizu as New CEO

SAN FRANCISCO — Taisuke Shimizu, 54, has been elected president and chief executive officer of Union Bank, succeeding Seishichi Itoh, 55, who returns to the Bank of Tokyo, Ltd., as senior managing director after more than five years as president.

Itoh engineered the bank's growth to the fifth largest commercial bank in California. Union Bank has 177 offices throughout the state and five facilities overseas.

JASSI Names Coordinator

NEW YORK—The Japanese American Social Services, Inc., announced Mariko Sara Tsutsumi is coordinator of its senior citizens support project.

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treatment is a testament to their inner strength. If you live in La Crosse, chances are you have heard the racial slurs or "jokes" directed at our Southeast Asian refugee neighbors. Some of you have accepted—and therefore perpetuated—various stereotypes about the Hmong (and other ethnic groups, for that matter).

No Age Boundaries for Prejudice

Pa Moua's message reminds us that prejudice recognizes no age boundaries. At Logan High, she has been hurt by those who have repeated stereotypes about welfare and laziness.

Pa may not know it, but her classmates are undoubtedly repeating slurs picked up from adults who should know better, such as their parents. Yes, Pa, prejudice has existed in this country long before you became victimized by it. Maybe her fellow students believe the taunts are disguised because they are aimed at those still learning English. To them we say, derisive laughter is a universal language that needs no translation.

Pa attends Logan, but much evidence exists that such cruelty occurs in all corners of the city.

Their Presence a Positive Addition

The Southeast Asian refugees and their children—many of whom we should remind you are American-born citizens—are a positive addition to the La Crosse community. Through them, the limited cultural diversity that existed in this city for so long has been greatly enriched.

To Pa, we offer some reassurance that the picture of prejudice that you have seen is not a totally hopeless one. Most people do not share the ignorance or intolerance of those who you have encountered. That knowledge may be small comfort when you are the target, but please know this about your adopted country:

Just like you, prejudice bugs the majority of us.

Documentary on Japan-born Koreans Slated Dec. 6

LOS ANGELES — "Shimon," a documentary film on the trials and tribulations of Koreans born in Japan, will be shown at the Transamerica/Occidental Life Auditorium Dec. 6, at 7 and 8 p.m.

"Shimon," which means *fingerprint* in Japanese, focuses on the discrimination faced by minorities in Japan as documented by filmmaker Kaz Takeuchi. For information and tickets: (818) 846-1391.

(The Associated Press in Seoul Nov. 26 reported Koreans living in Japan will be exempt from the fingerprinting requirement.)

Simon Wiesenthal Tours

LOS ANGELES — A special tour of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Holocaust Museum is now available every Sunday at 1 p.m. The center is located at 9760 W. Pico Blvd. The Museum is closed on Saturday. For information, contact Francine Lis (213) 553-9036 ext. 238.

By Frank Kawase
SELANOCO JACLer
GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — Over 150 people attended the first Orange County presentation of Robert Bratt, Executive Director, Office of Redress Administration, event sponsored by SELANOCO and Orange County JACL chapters on Nov. 7 at Wintersburg Presbyterian Church here.

Ken Inouye, Ruth Mizobe, and Carrie Okamura co-chairs, reported that this presentation enabled Orange County residents an opportunity to hear and seek advice directly from Bratt.

Program included information on Medical by Jimmie Tokeshi, PSW Regional Director, closing remarks by Ken Hayashi and door prizes.

Kokusai Cinema Theater in Seattle to Reopen

SEATTLE—The old Kokusai Theater in the International District, which has been closed for the past eight years, is being renovated for Chinese films by Francis Koo, who operated a Chinese theater for two years in Greenwood until the lease expired in 1988. No opening date was announced.

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'The Mikado' Operetta Spurs Asian Americans to Protest at Claremont

POMONA, Calif.—Gilbert & Sullivan's operetta, *The Mikado*, was staged at the Claremont Colleges recently (Nov. 2) while scores of students and faculty were protesting outside Bridge's Auditorium.

Pomona College history professor Sam Yamashita, one of the protesters, told the *Los Angeles Times* reporter Irene Chang, the operetta promotes Asian stereotypes through portrayals of "submissive... mindless" females and use of racist language. He argued it should not have been performed on campus.

The demonstration was the latest in a series of Claremont Colleges protests in the past several years for recognition of Asian American needs, such as courses in Asian American history, counselors for Asian American students and more Asian faculty members.

Largest Ethnic Campus Group

Campus officials told the Times they intend to correct the discrepancy of special programs for Asians who make up 14% of the student population of 1,350, while blacks are 5% and Latinos 12%. The Claremont Colleges have offered courses in African American and Chicano history since the early '70s and have professional counseling centers for them.

Associate Dean Elizabeth Crighton, who met with several Asian professors and students Nov. 19, said "The Mikado" incident was symptom of the Asian American prob-

lem on campus. Acting dean of students Scott Warren said that for years, Asian Americans were reluctant to view themselves as minorities with special problems and needs. Now with the growth of Asian American student organizations, the college has hired Asian staff members to set up student-run mentor programs, he added.

Foundation Honors Four Community Advocates

SAN FRANCISCO — The Asian Foundation for Community Development honored four advocates of philanthropy in the Asian community Nov. 9 at the Nikko Hotel. Honored were Ann Sabiniano, Dr. William Gee, Kham Tran, and the family of the late Richard Tomoda.

The Asian Foundation presented each honoree with a \$1,000 grant in his/her name for presentation to the charity of his/her choice. Sabiniano donated \$500 to the National Filipino-American Council and \$500 to the YWCA's Pearl of the Orient Club; Dr. Gee donated \$1,000 to the On Lok Senior Health Services; Tran donated \$1,000 to the Huong Bit School.

The Tomoda family not only donated \$1,000 to the Asian Law Caucus, but an additional \$1,000 to the Asian Law Caucus through the Richard J. Tomoda Foundation.



'BUDDY AWARDS'—Among five prominent Los Angeles families receiving the Los Angeles BUDDY (Bring Up Daughters DifferentLY) awards were the Ochi family (attorney Rose and husband Thomas) who were honored at a Oct. 26 luncheon fund-raiser at Beverly Hills Hotel for the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund.

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Fujimori Stresses Economic Reforms in His 100 Day Administration Speech

LIMA, Peru—In a speech marking the first 100 days of his administration, President Alberto Fujimori declared on national television Sunday, Nov. 4, that his government would have sweeping economic reforms, elimination of a 10% surcharge on imports and reiterated his decision to privatize state-owned companies.

The government would present its economic program at the end of November to the International Monetary Fund. The previous government under President Alan Garcia had halted all debt payments in 1987, severing relations with international financial agencies. Peru owes \$20 billion to private banks, foreign governments and international agencies.

Annual \$4 Billion Program

Fujimori said representatives from the Inter-American Development Bank and World Bank were in Lima, preparing an annual \$4 billion investment program to

"sustain economic growth and lasting social justice."

He repeated his commitment to crop substitution of Peru's annual \$1 billion coca leaf industry. He has rejected U.S. military aid to combat drug trafficking.

He said a tax reform program would begin in January, aimed at simplifying the structure as well as increasing revenue.

State-Owned Mines

The government is preparing projects to improve efficiency at state-owned copper, zinc, lead and iron-ore mining companies.

Fujimori spoke for about 45 minutes late Sunday night, the same day Enrique Iglesias, head of the Inter-American Development Bank, arrived for talks on the government's economic plans and future loans.

Iglesias praised the government's plan, and said the bank recognized Peru's "serious efforts to solve its economic problems."

THE ALBERTO FUJIMORI 'WATCH':

Crops Other Than Coca Leaves Hindered by Laws and Bureaucrats

UNITED NATIONS—The Peruvian government plans to remove regulations that make growing crops other than coca leaves unprofitable for peasants, a close adviser to President Alberto Fujimori declared Nov. 1 before a U.N. committee on economic development.

Economist Hernando de Soto, a free market advocate, said the Peruvian peasants do not receive more money for their coca leaves than they would for other crops, such as coffee or cacao.

Current laws, he explained, make cultivation of alternative crops uncertain and unprofitable because the peasants have no legal title to the land and cumbersome bureaucracy hinders export of their products. Aides unfurled a computer printout that stretched across the room listing all the steps involved in securing an export license,

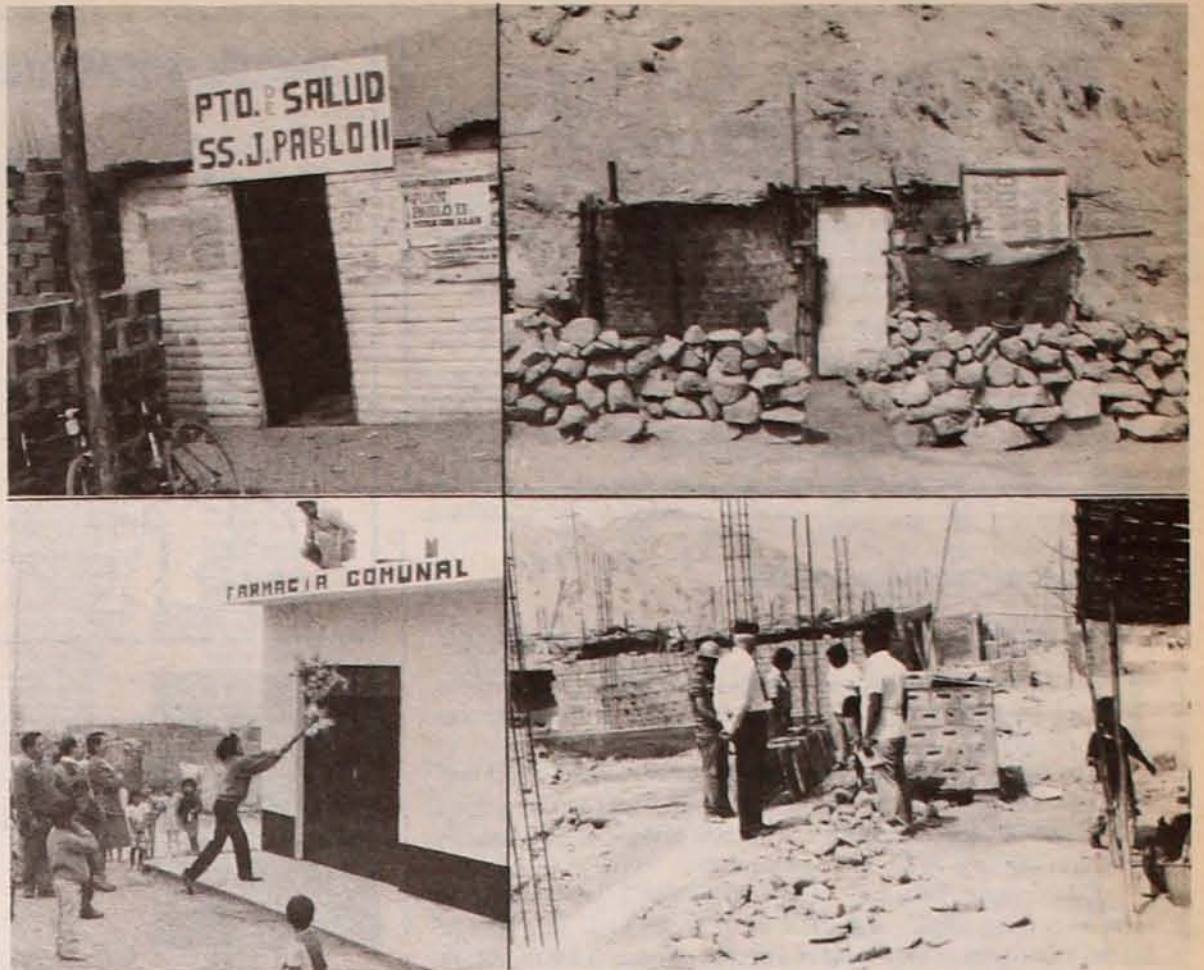
which could take a year's time.

Wholesale Changes Seen

DeSoto noted Peru passes about 27,000 laws a year with little consultation from the people whom the law would affect. The Fujimori plan calls for eliminating many restrictions on free enterprise and for involving peasants more in the lawmaking process.

Only about 10% of Peru's farmland is owned; De Soto said legal title could be given to 90% of the untitled land within a month at a modest cost of \$4 million.

In late October, Fujimori announced a plan to help peasants switch to new crops. About a million rely on coca for their livelihood. He relied on less law enforcement as he rejected U.S. military aid to fight drug dealers.



Photos from Luis Martinez, SJ

CRUSADE FOR MORE HOMES—A "self-help" program for the thousands of native Peruvians who have moved from the hinterlands to Lima in search of jobs need a permanent address as represented by a home. Communities have mushroomed in the outskirts. Pictured above is the new village, Juan Pablo II. (Top left: the makeshift-appearing city hall—"the door of health;" top right: site of the first home is staked out with walls made of split sugar cane stalks and a stone fence around the barren plot; bottom left: christening of the village pharmacy named in memory of a Peruvian Issei, Kazuhisa Jibiki, from a 600,000 yen gift from the Linda Lima Souvenir Shop in Kawasaki, Japan; bottom right: construction of a cement-block home underway by its own residents.

PANA-USA Helps in Construction of Homes in Lima

Building supplies are purchased by the home-builder through a \$1,000(US) loan from "Movimiento de Acción Social," which a group of Japanese Peruvian university students in Lima began 20 years ago to help in general the poor people in Peru.

By Harry K. Honda

LOS ANGELES Thanks to the "kifu" (donation) from the PANA-USA friends at Los Angeles after their attendance at President Alberto Fujimori's inaugural, six houses are in their building process at the John Paul II village, just outside of Lima, Peru, Fr. Luis Martinez, SJ, reported this past week.

The houses are being constructed by the residents themselves and assistants with supplies (cement blocks, steel rods, cement, etc.) purchased from an interest-free \$1,000 loan from El Movimiento de Acción Social (MAS), the Social Action Movement started 20 years ago by a group of Nikkei university students in Lima to help Peruvians in general.

This reporter visited two sites this past summer while covering the Fujimori Inaugural, accompanied by Fr. Martinez, who has been the adviser and project overseer. The older site on a side of a hill closer to Lima, Enero Quince (15th of January), shows many homes with two floors, flower gardens, brightly painted and the ubiquitous TV antenna.

In the northern outskirts in a bare, hilly area are several more shanty towns occupied by people from the mountains

and valleys on the other side who have moved to Lima in search of work. Juan Pablo II is one of them — where MAS is providing building supply loans to residents.

Fr. Martinez, in a recent visit to the U.S., met many of his Peruvian Nikkei friends in Los Angeles, showed videotapes of the buildings coming up at Juan Pablo II and updated them on the Social Action Movement, pointing out the need for their support was most critical at this time with hyper-inflation rising unchecked.

"Although I do not exactly the number, imagine that with a minimal donation of \$10 U.S., from every Nikkei American, we can easily cover expenses for this project," he said.

"Some years ago, I hoped redress would be extended to many other Nikkei from South American countries who also suffered losses during World War II. Today, it makes me very happy to know some American Nikkei are already receiving theirs. And I have heard some Nikkei say they would give to charity organizations in foreign countries. Our housing program in the slums of Lima could surely benefit," he stated in a recent letter.

"Should (P.C.) readers offer any help for houses at John Paul II, please keep it with yourself or give it to Martha Tamashiro," who will see that it safely reaches Lima, he assured. Tamashiro, active with the Latin American JAFL, has been a longtime travel agent and P.C. advertiser.

MAS has built some 300 homes in the young village of Enero Quince, started and maintained three medical facilities for several years in the poorer sections of Lima, built a child-care nursery, provided aid to Huaraz quake victims, emergency funds and assistance to needy schools.

40 Tons of Relief Goods Shipped by PANA to Peru, Need to Meet Expenses

LOS ANGELES—PANA-USA which has been actively engaged in the Peruvian Cause announced that over 50 tons of relief goods have been collected by the Oct. 31 deadline.

The first 40 tons of goods were shipped on Nov. 14 from the warehouse of Mutual Trading Co., headquarters of the activity to collect and ship relief goods to Peru.

Two 40-foot containers were used to ship 900 cartons, each weighing about 50 pounds, making a total of 45,000 pounds in each.

The containers which left Los Angeles Harbor by a Dutch freight line will reach Callao Harbor in the suburbs of Lima, around Dec. 17.

The goods will be distributed by two organizations, PANA-Peru and Associations of Peruvian Nikkei, to areas most in need of help, hopefully by Christmas.

The third container is scheduled to be shipped shortly.

The cost to ship one container is \$5,250, making the total cost at \$15,750 for the three units.

PANA-USA is in need of funds not only for the shipping, packing materials, labor for sorting the collected goods, packing and loading, since there was not enough volunteers to complete the task.

PANA-USA is also raising funds for the cause to help people of Peru that elected the first Nikkei president. Trips to Japan, Hawaii and Brazil are also being offered as part of the campaign ending next March 30.

In order to promote the fund raising, the honorary chairman, Fred Isamu Wada, president Noritoshi Kanai, and an anonymous officer—all from PANA-USA—have each donated \$10,000 to the cause.

Further information regarding Peruvian Cause can be obtained from Japanese Chamber of Commerce of So. Calif. at (213)626-3067.

PANA-USA is in receipt of a letter of sincere acknowledgment to all Nikkei and Japanese people in the U.S.A. who have shown sincere help and support for the Peruvian Cause, dated Sept. 1, 1990.

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Japanese Americans on the Ballots

Belatedly but sincerely, we extend congratulations to Americans of Japanese ancestry who were victorious in the November elections.

The list is headed by Congressman Norman Mineta who was returned to Washington for his ninth term by voters in California's 13th District. Mineta, a Democrat, won 58% of the vote, substantially more than the total of his two opponents.

Congressman Robert T. Matsui in District 3 won his seventh term even more handily with 60% of the votes cast. This may be Matsui's last term in the House of Representatives. A Democrat, he has announced his candidacy for one of the two Senate seats opening up in California in 1992. Paul Igasaki, JACL's Washington representative, has resigned to join Matsui's Senate campaign staff.

As indicated by the margins of their victories, Mineta and Matsui have served their constituencies ably and faithfully. In addition, both played indispensable roles in the campaign for Japanese American redress.

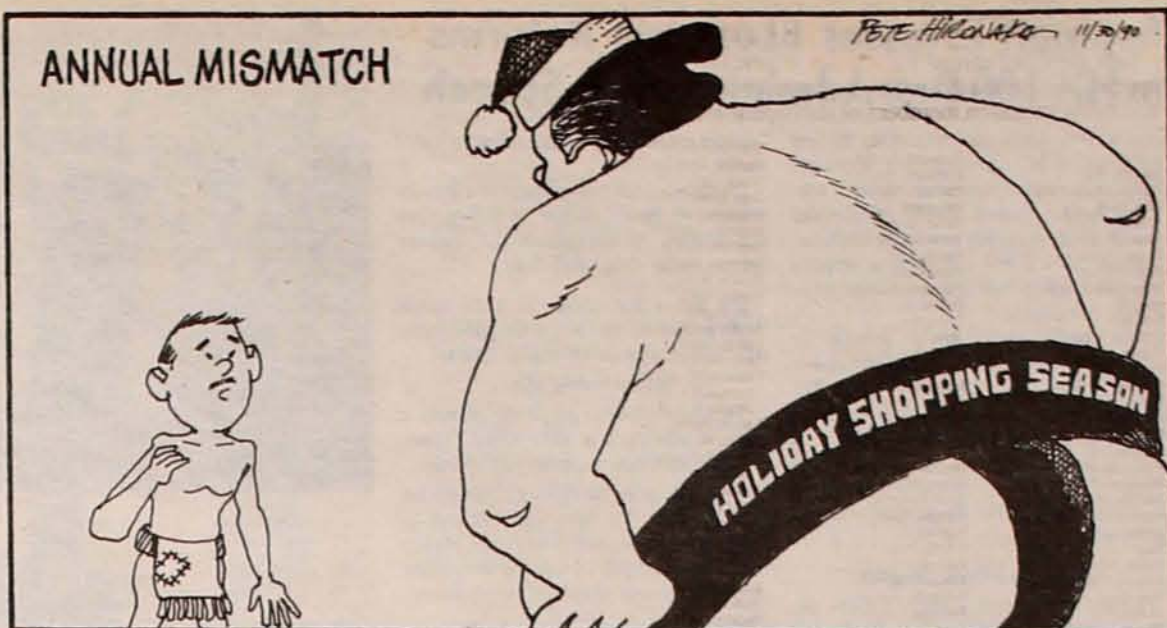
In Hawaii's 2nd District, Democrat Patsy Takemoto Mink was swept back into the House on the strength of 67% of the vote. Mink was elected to the House in 1964, then lost to fellow Congressman Spark Matsunaga in a primary race for the Senate in 1976. Mink's return to Congress is most welcome. She takes over the seat left by Republican Patricia Saiki who sought the Senate vacancy caused by the death of Spark Matsunaga. Saiki lost by roughly 33,000 votes to Democrat Daniel Akaka in a race in which some 345,000 votes were cast. The lot of Republicans in Hawaii is not an easy one, but certainly more will be heard from Saiki.

Among other also-rans were Eunice N. Sato, former mayor of Long Beach who challenged well-entrenched incumbent Mervyn Dymally for a U.S. House seat, and Lon Hatamiya, making his first political race in a bid for the California State Assembly.

In addition to the above, an impressive array of Japanese Americans were entered in contests for a variety of local posts and an encouraging number were elected.

The Redress victory underscored the importance for citizens in a democracy to understand and participate in the political process. We hope, and expect, to see many more Japanese Americans running for electoral office.

ANNUAL MISMATCH



FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

With the Family at Thanksgiving

My father left his home in rural Japan before he was quite 16 years old and came to the United States to, as the saying goes, seek his fortune. He never found very much in the way of material things, but that is not why I mention this bit of family history. His first job was as a railroad section gang in Montana. After that he wandered around California as a migrant laborer, was a houseboy where he picked up some English and learned a little about cooking and, although I'm not positive about this, made several voyages as a steward on a U.S. military transport sailing between the U.S. and the Philippines.

More than a dozen years after he left home he returned to Japan and married. Those were years in which he was alone much of the time and knew nothing of family life. Perhaps that is why his own family, when he finally started one, was very important to him.

His story is similar to that of most Issei. Although they were not inclined to be demonstrative, they were strong family people. They came from a social

culture based on family. They dissolved those bonds when they left home for a new life in America, so their experience strengthened their affinity for family when they set up their own establishments.

I thought of this over Thanksgiving when, for the first time in years, at least one member of the families of each of our four offspring came to observe the holiday together with Alice and me. It was truly an occasion for thanks.

Three of our four children live in the Denver area with their families and we see them frequently. But their own family circles are slowly disintegrating in a natural and inevitable way. For example, Patrick, who is Pete's only child, is a junior at the University of Colorado which is not far distant but he seldom finds an opportunity to come home much less to find time for his grandparents. Christie's oldest, Matt, left last September for the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. Both Pat and Matt came home for the holiday. Susan, the other offspring who lives in these parts, has two youngsters, Steve and Stephanie.

It will be some years before they are ready to try fledgling wings.

Mike, the eldest, lives in Columbia, Mo., and his responsibilities make it difficult to visit us, especially for holidays. But for the first time in years his daughter, Ashlyn, came out to join aunts and uncles and cousins for the traditional turkey and trimmings. She stayed with Christie's family, getting acquainted again with Matt and his brother Jon and sister Tiffany. Don't worry about all these names and the relationships, they're not important to the point I wish to make.

There were 15 of us at two adjoining tables set up in Pete's home and we demolished a 23-pound turkey that Alice had stuffed and roasted and I carved. And after that we mostly sat around and talked while the grandkids went off and got acquainted on their own. I suppose we didn't accomplish much, but the opportunity of being together in one great big family gathering was important and very satisfying. That, I think, is one of the things Thanksgiving is about.



EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

Ya-kyuu to Salinas

I UNDERSTAND THAT down Salinas, California way the class-A minor league team known as the "Salinas Spurs" was acquired by Japanese interests—complete with a manager, coach, trainer and general manager being Japanese. This past season, it is reported that nine Japanese players were on the roster. At the ballpark where the games are played, it is said that the advertising billboards out on the fences feature Ozeki saké, Sapporo beer, Nissin noodles, and so on. I don't know how much of this is accurate, but should I be down Salinas way during ya-kyuu season, I think I'd like to take time out to see the Spurs in a game and check it out for myself.

ACCORDING TO WHAT we read, we're told that *besu-bôru* was imported from the U.S. into Japan where, in modern times, it is the national sport. We've all seen TV clips of Japanese fans decked out in merry outfits, banging on *tai-ko's* (drums) tooting on *rappa's* (bugles)—just to name a few instruments. (Well, so much for the preconception of the Nippon-jins being reserved and formal at all times.) I've wanted to get into one of the affairs and see the whole thing first-hand for myself. The closest I ever got was while riding a train and hearing the shouts from the stadium when the Hiroshima

Carps were playing the Hanshin Tigers. Well, everybody needs to let off steam every so often, and a ballpark is about a good a place as any.

THERE ARE COUPLE of other minor league teams owned by the Japanese, namely the Visalia "Oaks" (California), the Birmingham "Barons" (Alabama) and also one in Canada, the Vancouver "Canadiens." Aside from a

financial investment and having fun at it, until more recent times these minor league operations provided the needed outlet for the Japanese major league teams to farm out developing ball-players. In this manner, the newcomers would not only get needed experience but also pick up some pointers on

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In the Pacific Citizen 45 Years Ago

HONOLULU—Directors of the exclusive Waikiki Outrigger Club apologized last week for excluding Kiyoshi Nakama, but at a special meeting continued and approved its Oriental exclusion policy. The club refused to permit Bill Smith, Jr., a life member of the club to entertain Nakama at the club.

PUEBLO, Calif.—The police investigated whether arson caused the fire which destroyed the home of George Y. Tokushige who recently returned from an Arizona relocation center. The fire engulfed the two-story home while the family was dining with another relocated family next door.

AUBURN—Six 442nd RCT veterans were killed and 16 others injured, some seriously, when an army C-47 transport crashed on a hillside near here in a blinding rainstorm. The servicemen, all from Hawaii, were enroute to Camp Beale for discharge from the army.

MANZANAR—The Manzanar relocation center closed on Nov. 21 when the last occupant passed through the gate and bade goodbye to Director Ralph P. Merritt. At its peak, the camp held 8065 internees.

LETTERS

Kamikaze and Chiran

The article about Kamikaze and Chiran by me that appeared in the July 20-27 issue of the Pacific Citizen has a sequel.

For years I had my hair cut by a barber in San Diego named Bob Hynson (his eldest son starred in "Endless Summer", surfing movie classic). One day I casually mentioned to Bob what an occupational handicap a one-eyed barber would have.

"Who do you think has been cutting your hair all these years?" Bob asked. "What?" I screamed, "you have only one eye?" Bob then told me that he had served in the U.S. Navy off Okinawa in the last days of World War II and that his ship was struck by a Kamikaze. Bob was severely injured but

he helped his wounded shipmates. For this action Bob was awarded a medal.
 NAOMI KASHIWABARA
 San Diego, Calif.

Ft. Missoula

I am seeking information on the Ft. Missoula (Enemy Alien) Internment Camp for a book in preparation concerning the wartime experience of Issei and Kibei interned there. Part of the monograph will include the two year correspondence of Iwao Matsushita and his wife, Hanaye, a relocatee at the Minidoka Relocation Center. In 1943 Matsushita was spokesman for the Japanese group at Ft. Missoula for eight months.

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MONITOR

IF YOU'RE EIGHTEEN AND CAN READ THIS YOU MUST BE JAPANESE.

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