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CENTRAL CAL'S ANNUAL INSTALLATION—Getting ready for his 1991-92 term is the new Central California District Governor Ken Yokota of Fresno (second from left), standing with Central California JACL regional director Sachi Kuwamoto, then Cressey Nakagawa, National JACL president; Dale Ikeda, outgoing district governor, and Larry Ishimoto (Tulare County), one of nine outgoing chapter presidents.

CCDC ELECTS KEN YOKOTA GOVERNOR:

Nisei Community Thanked for Its Sacrifices to Make Redress Possible

By Marlene Kubota

FRESNO, Calif.—Expressing his gratitude to the Nisei generation for their sacrifice and hard work, National JACL President Cressey Nakagawa gave the keynote address at the annual CCDC JACL installation banquet held Sunday, Nov. 18 at Tornino's. Nakagawa thanked the Nisei for bringing the Japanese American community to the point of redress—"doing service to ourselves as well as to others." He mentioned that the Sansei and Yonsei still do not understand the impact of the Evacuation on the Nisei.

Nakagawa stated the Nisei showed no bitterness during the Evacuation and quietly rebuilt their lives after it. He credited the Nisei for having created the present Japanese American community as it is today and that JACL must face the challenges of the future from the community that has been created.

Anti-Black Racism in Japan Cited

One area of challenge will be in the area of race relations. Nakagawa cited the racial remark against African Americans made by Japanese Cabinet Minister Seiuro Kajiyama and suggested JACL could coordinate a program on race relations in Japan. Nakagawa said he made this suggestion to the Japanese Ambassador in Washington.

Nakagawa mentioned that racial unrest still exists today as a result of economic unrest and the general political climate. He cited the Louisiana senatorial race in which former KKK leader David Duke captured 60% of the white vote and, of death threats received by Arizona JACL president Dr. Richard Matsui.

He stressed that JACL will be asked to do more in the future and that it is "no longer a quiet organization."

Dinner Participants

Jeanette Ishii of Fresno was toastmistress for the banquet. Senior Vice Commander Mits Shirokawa of Sierra Nisei VFW Post 5869 led the pledge of allegiance while Fumio Ikeda and Shoji Nakashima presented the colors. The Rev. Lawrence Lake of the United Japanese Christian Church

gave the invocation; the official welcome was made by County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Daran Koligian.

After dinner, outgoing CCDC Governor Dale Ikeda and Dr. Kikuo Taira made a special presentation to Phyllis Bilbo, director of "Project Amends." Project Amends made it possible for Nisei members of the 1942 graduating class of Edison High School in Fresno to receive their diplomas earlier this year in a special ceremony. This project has since been extended to other Fresno area high schools. Debra Mosley accepted the award on behalf of her mother, who was unable to attend.

JACL Silver Pin Honoree

The JACL Silver Pin was presented to longtime Parlier JACL member Irene Kozuki for her many years of service to her chapter. She has served in the cabinet for ten years, serving as a two-term chapter president and membership chair for six years.

Mayor Karen Humphrey presented the key to the city to Nakagawa and Ikeda presented him with a ceramic plate made by local artist Robert Ogata.

Former district governor Mae Takahashi presented an appreciation gift to Ikeda for his service to the district during the last two years. Ikeda introduced incoming CCDC Governor Ken Yokota, who will serve through 1992.

New CCDC Officers

Ken Yokota is the 1991-92 District Governor. His cabinet includes:

Larry Ishimoto (Tulare County), 1st v.g.; Stan Hirahara (Reedley), 2nd v.g.; Kathy Kaneichi (Fresno), sec.; Dallas Kanagawa (Sanger), treas.; David Masumoto (Fresno), pub.; Ben Nagatani (Delano), hist.; Kerry Kaneichi (Fresno), youth rep.; Sharleen Ozawa (Tulare County), scholarship chair; Dale Ikeda, (Clovis), imm. past gov.; and Tony Ishii (Fresno), executive past governor.

Chapter President's Pin Recipients

Travis Nishi (Clovis), Ben Nagatani (Delano), Watson Takeda (Fowler), Peggy Liggett (Fresno), James Kozuki (Parlier), Stan Hirahara (Reedley), Kiichi Tange (Sanger), Takami Misaki (Selma) and Larry Ishimoto, (Tulare County).

In other announcements, the Fresno Assembly Center dedication will be held Feb. 19, 1991 at the Fresno Fair Grounds. A "Wall of Names" exhibit will be presented as well as a reproduction of the Assembly Center newsletter, *The Grapevine*.

In 1992, the Fresno Metropolitan Museum will present an exhibit of Japanese Americans in the San Joaquin Valley, entitled "Country Voices", coordinated by David Masumoto.

Longtime, active Clovis JACL member Hifumi "Hy" Ikeda won the \$500 first place prize.

The evening closed with dancing to the music of Bob Henry.

GOAL: \$10 MILLION IN THREE YEARS

Over 750 Donate \$500,000 to JACL Legacy Fund

■ The Pacific Citizen is assisting the legacy fund committee in publicly acknowledging tax-deductible contributions to the JACL Legacy Fund. List of all the donors are to be published on a space available basis.

SAN FRANCISCO — The JACL Legacy Fund Campaign Committee met at National Headquarters Nov. 30 for its first meeting since the mid-October campaign kick-off.

The response for the first five weeks was reported to be over \$500,000 from over 750 contributors.

As of Nov. 30, the major donors were:

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The entire list of the 750 contributors as of Nov. 30, 1990 on the roll will appear in the Dec. 21-28 Pacific Citizen.

District Campaign Goals Announced

To reach the Legacy Fund goal of \$10 million, the eight JACL districts accepted the district goals for the campaign which will run for three years:

Northern Cal-W. Nev. Pacific DC

Pacific Southwest DC	\$4,000,000
Pacific Northwest DC	3,000,000
Midwest DC	700,000
Central California DC	700,000
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Mountain Plains DC	250,000
Other Sources	150,000
	300,000

Les Hata, who completed his term as NCWNPDC Governor, reported that the district executive committee committed \$10,000 to be raised within the executive committee members. The majority of these contributors are Sansei and Yonsei who will



JACL NATIONAL BOARD members pledged their personal support of the Legacy Fund Campaign at their December 1990 meeting in San Francisco. The individual pledges and contributions from each Board member totaled over \$20,000 towards the Legacy Fund. Seated (from left to right): Lillian Kimura, Grayce Uyehara, Cressey Nakagawa, Floyd Mori, Bill Kaneiko; standing: Dale Ikeda, Hank Tanaka, Neal Taniguchi, Joe Takano, Sharon Kumagai, Randy Harano, Trisha Murakawa, Randy Shibata, Bob Sato.

not be receiving redress payments. They hope by their action that other young JACL leaders can make the same effort and show support for the Legacy Fund.

The committee noted that over 10 percent of the initial contributions are coming from those who are not members of JACL, who used the coupons from Pacific Citizen or who voluntarily sent their contributions to Headquarters. Among the contributors were postwar Sansei and Yonsei who will not receive redress payments.

Present at the meeting chaired by Grayce Uyehara, EDC governor, were:

Bob Sato, PNWDC; Les Hata, NCWNPDC; Dale Ikeda, CCDC; Jon Kaji for J.D. Hokoyama, PSWDC; Randy Harano, IDC; Tom Masamori, MPDC representative; and Henry Tanaka, MDC, Randy Shibata, MPDC governor also attended. Ex-officio—Cressey Nakagawa,

JACL president, Bill Yoshino, National Director; and Clay Harada, staff legacy fund administrator; Tom Nakao, Jr., JACL treasurer, was absent.

Three part-time staff additions were introduced to the Legacy Fund Campaign committee: Miyo Senzaki and John Saito, former PSW Regional Director, will assist coordinating the PSW campaign; and John Enomoto, working with NCWNPDC campaign leaders and chapters.

The Legacy Fund Campaign Honorary Advisory Committee, co-chaired by the four Nikkei Members of Congress, Senator Daniel Inouye, Congressman Norman Mineta and Bob Matsui and former Congresswoman Pat Saiki, has been augmented by the following past national JACL presidents:

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President Signs Landmark Immigration Bill

WASHINGTON — In a relatively low-key ceremony Nov. 29 in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, President George Bush signed into law the Immigration Act of 1990.

The bill, the product of over two years of heated debate and compromise, is the first major change in policy towards legal immigration since 1965 when Asians first received equal treatment in the immigration process. The new law protects categories most heavily utilized by Asian Americans to unite their families and includes provisions increasing visas available to residents of Hong Kong and allowing Filipino veterans to naturalize.

"The Japanese American Citizens League commends the President for signing this legislation," said Paul Igasaki, JACL Washington Representative. "The JACL has worked for fairer immigration policy since our beginnings in 1929."

JACL's Previous Roles

In 1952 and 1965 the JACL was the only Asian American group around to speak for our community's interests. While we no longer have a significant share of the Asian immigration flow coming from Japan, we are happy to have been able to advance continuing Asian immigration concerns that now have more effect on the newer immig-

rants groups."

Attending the ceremony along with the President were:

Attorney General Richard Thornburgh, Veterans Department Secretary Edward Derwinski, Deputy Public Liaison Susan Siv, Senators Edward Kennedy, Strom Thurmond, Paul Simon and Alan Simpson and Representatives Bruce Morrison and Lamar Smith.

Improvement Noted

"While this bill is not good for Asians in all respects, it represents an improvement over current law in a number of areas and, most importantly, it protects family unity as the corner stone of American immigration policy," said Igasaki.

Earlier in the 101st Congress, there were proposals to totally remove the Fifth Preference category, which allowed brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens to enter the U.S., and to provide immigration advantage to those who speak English. The final bill did not include either of these provisions, which would have hurt Asians seeking to enter the United States.

Along with the JACL, the Organization of Chinese Americans was represented at the signing by Director Daphne Kwok and Maria Hsia represented the Pacific Leadership Council.

Other Interest Groups

Other groups that worked on the bill in Washington included the American Jewish Committee, the American Bar Association, the National Council of LaRaza, the American Bar Association, the U.S. Catholic Conference and the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

"Asian American interests in immigration policy do not end with this legislation," said Igasaki. "We will continue to work towards the repeal of the discriminatory Employer Sanctions law, to get individuals sensitive to Asian concerns onto the Immigration Commission mandated by this Act and to refine the provisions of this new law."

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

December-January Schedule

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



UC Berkeley Photo by Jane Scherr

BUDDHIST SCRIPTURES PROJECT—University of California Professors Lewis Lancaster (left) and Padmanabh Jaini at Berkeley are with some of the Buddhist scriptural materials that is being transcribed to compact discs, such as the one held by Lancaster, under their ROM project. Jaini holds slats of dried palm leaves that contain writing in the Pali language. On the table are scrolls, Chinese woodblock prints, rubbings from printing blocks. A four-disc set of four versions of Buddhist Scriptures should be available in summer 1991.

BUDDHIST SCRIPTURES ON CD'S:

UC Berkeley Specialists Dress Ancient Texts in Modern Format

BERKELEY, Calif. — Two millennia of Buddhist scriptures from radically different Asian traditions will be encoded and ready for use by Summer 1991 on four compact discs, under a project organized by the University of California at Berkeley.

According to Professor Lewis Lancaster, a scholar using a personal computer and just one data disc will be able to search the entire 45-volume Pali Buddhist canon in 22 seconds. And that is only the beginning.

Also included in the proposed set of discs will be a Thai canon—a Siamese version of the Pali scripture—and two transcriptions of the quite different and larger Chinese-Japanese-Korean tradition.

ROM Compact Discs

The user-friendly discs hold read-only memory (ROM) and cannot be changed by the user. (Major newspapers are also replacing microfilm/microfiche to this format. For instance, the *L.A. Times* has every issue of 1989 on two CDs.)

Lancaster calls the possible results of computer applications to Buddhism "a revolution in scholarly research." Lancaster, who teaches Buddhist studies in Berkeley's Department of Oriental Languages, directs the project.

"The study of Buddhism is necessary for anyone who is going to study Asia. It is the only social institution appearing in every country in Asia," Lancaster said.

Just as commonplace software translates electrical signals into letters on a computer screen, the project's computer programs display a screenful of Chinese characters or Pali notation.

Quick Search Via Computer

And the discs let scholars find specific passages, or the occurrence of particular expressions, with lightning speed. Until now, Buddhist scholars were forced to check through dozens, or hundreds, of books.

The Chinese canon alone, if in English, would occupy ten times the space of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*. Moveable-type books, in their time, were an immense improvement over wooden printing blocks and over dried slats of palm leaves in which monks through the centuries scratched their

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Living National Treasure of Classical Japanese Dance Coming to JACCC

LOS ANGELES — Living National Treasure of Japan Fujima Fujiko makes a rare U.S. appearance on the Japan America Theatre stage in two performances Saturday, Dec. 15, and Sunday, Dec. 16. At age 83, she is acclaimed as one of the foremost interpreters of the classical repertoire.

Making her stage debut in 1915 at the age of eight, Madame Fujiko began her training under actor/dancer Matsumoto Koshiro IX, Grandmaster of the Fujima School of Dance. With more than a half century of performance and teaching experience, Fujima Fujiko counts among her many students some of today's Kabuki luminaries, including the actor Ichikawa Danjuro XII and Bando Tamasaburo.

As the foremost practitioner of the Kabuki dance style which traces its origins to 1630, Madame Fujiko also oversees the training of the young Master Onoe Sakon, who recently assumed the title of Fujima School Grandmaster upon the untimely demise of his father, Onoe Tatsunosuke.

Joining Fujima Fujiko on stage are Fujima Ranko, her daughter, and Fujima Ranko, her grandson. Fujima Chiseye and Fujima Fujisumi of Los Angeles will also appear on the program. Kineya Kichisaburo and Katada Kisaku will provide musical accompaniment on the *shamisen* and *tsuzumi* for selected numbers.

For tickets, call the theatre box office (213) 680-3700.

Student Projects Office Coordinator Being Sought

LOS ANGELES — The Student/Community Projects Office of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center is looking for an Assistant Coordinator from mid-January, 1991 for ten to twelve months of the year.

All those interested in applying should send in a resume and a cover letter to Karen Umamoto, UCLA Asian American Studies Center, 3232 Campbell Hall, University of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1546, plus an essay, no longer than three pages typed and double spaced, on "The Role of Students in Asian American Studies and the Asian and Pacific Island Communities."

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NISEI MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON:

National Design Competition Opens with July 1 Deadline, \$5,000 Prize Set

WASHINGTON—Go For Broke National Veterans Association (GFBNVA) announces a design competition for a national monument to be erected in the Washington, D.C., area.

The national monument will memorialize the "Go For Broke" spirit of the Americans of Japanese descent who fought and served for the United States in the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Grenada. Special emphasis will be placed on the World War II period as that time best exemplifies the Go For Broke tradition.

The monument will bear quotes and statements from the generals of that period in addition to quotes from three different Presidents of the United States.

Volunteers from the Camps

Since many of the veterans volunteered from barb-wire enclosed internment camps (115,000 Japanese Americans, 70% were birthright citizens), were summarily relocated and interned without a trial or hearing during this period, 1941-1945. It was due to war hysteria and racism. There was never a case of espionage or sabotage before, dur-

ing, or after Pearl Harbor. Memorial stones from these internment centers will be incorporated in the monument.

Estimated cost for the design and construction of the national monument is \$1,000,000. Winning entrant, if any, will receive \$5,000. All preliminary sketches become the property of Go For Broke National Veterans Association.

Prize, Deadline Particulars

The Deadline for entries is July 1, 1991. Winning entrant, if any, will be notified on or before Nov. 1, 1991, after full consideration by the GFBNVA.

Entrants may write for specifications announcement and appendices to James Suzuki, Chairman, Design Committee, Go For Broke National Veterans Association, Post Box 358, Woodinville, WA 98072.

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Sacramento JACL to Raise \$125,000 for Chapter Endowment

SACRAMENTO — After months of planning and development, appeals to raise \$125,000 for Sacramento JACL's Endowment Fund have been mailed out to the local area Japanese American community.

The letter includes a brochure containing the history and goals of the chapter, plus a list of ongoing activities, chairman Royce Makishima and co-chairs Mike Sawamura and Mike Iwahiro announced.

Interest from this Endowment Fund will be used to defray the fixed costs of maintaining the JACL office at 2124-10th St. and to help fund operations.

Donations may be sent to:
Sacramento JACL Endowment Fund, 2124-10th St., Sacramento, CA 95818. Information: Royce Makishima (916) 444-8041, Mike Sawamura (916) 441-2685, Mike Iwahiro (916) 773-2711 or Toko Fujii 441-7900 or evenings 421-2112.

Contra Costa Elects Joanne Mukai President

RICHMOND, Calif.—Joanne Mukai was elected Contra Costa JACL president for 1991, succeeding Natsuko Irei. The new cabinet and board members are:

Joanne Mukai, pres; Dennis Okamura, 1st v.p.; Natsuko Irei, 2nd v.p. (memb); Toyoko Toppata, rec sec; Lucy Kishiue, treas.; 1991 bd—Masako Sato, Rev. Frank Omi, Lily Miyamoto, Esther Takeuchi, Ben Takeshita, Libia Yamamoto, Mukai, Okamura, Irei; 1992 bd—Ernest Iiyama, Evelyn Furutani, Roy Maru, Yoshiro Tokiwa, Akemi Nagafuji, Calvin Tong, Martin Takimoto, Toppata, Kishiue.



Photo by Alvena Lew

VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS—Co-founders Alan Ohashi (at left), Eddie Wong, Bob Nakamura, current director Linda Mabalot, and Duane Kubo are about to cut the organization's 20th anniversary cake at gala celebration held at the Japan America Theatre Nov. 17.

EAST-WEST'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON:

Perry Miyake's 'Doughball' to Premier

LOS ANGELES — East West Players opens the second production of its Silver Anniversary Season on Wednesday, Dec. 12 with "Doughball" by local Sansei playwright Perry Miyake and directed by Patricia S. Yasutake.

David, a Sansei, returns home to Venice for Christmas. While awaiting the arrival of old high school friends, he reminisces with an old classmate, Andrea, about the summer carnivals at the Venice Japanese Community Center, about the summer of 1970 and the Vietnam War and the draft.

The title of the play, "Doughball," comes from a game of chance that was the centerpiece of the annual carnivals games, where a basketball tumbles over colored muffin pans.

Playwriting for a Decade

Miyake is a native of Venice, Calif., and grandson of Issei poet Leo K. Suzuki. He

received a 1980 Rockefeller Foundation Playwright-in-Residence grant for his first "What the Enemy Looks Like," and "Visitors from Nagasaki in 1984. His most recent play "Interracial Relations", was staged by the Seattle Group Theatre at its 1990 Multicultural Playwright's Festival.

Yasutake has directed world premieres of "The Single's Guide" and "Father I Must Have Rice"; "No Refund, No Exchange"; "Tea"; presented workshops and was nominated Best Supporting Actress by the IFP/West for the film "The Wash."

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Need for More Minority Lawyers and Jurors Cited by State Minority-Justice Task Force

SEATTLE — Minority citizens should be better represented on juries and treated more fairly as litigants, according to the state Minority and Justice Task Force issued Nov. 19.

The report also recommends efforts be stepped up to increase the number of minority lawyers in the state, it was announced by longtime Seattle JACler and State Supreme Court Justice Charles Z. Smith, Task Force chairperson.

The task force reviewed how minorities were being treated as litigants, attorneys, judges, and court employees in the state court system.

Sources for More Jurors

To get wider minority representation on

juries, the report says juror source lists should be expanded to include state driver's licenses and identity card lists as minority litigants feel they are underrepresented on juries, leading them to question the fairness of the trial process. Currently, juror's names are drawn only from lists of registered voters.

The report also details how minority litigants may settle for less in court than do white litigants.

Because minority representation (5%) within the 17,000-member state bar association falls far below that of the general population (11%), the report also recommends the bar association issue annual public reports on the status of minority representation within its ranks.

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'Redress' Prospects for Others

A few Black Americans have started action in hopes of collecting "reparations" from the United States for injury and damage from slavery. And at least one German-American has told the press and members of Congress that he feels entitled to compensation for time spent during World War II in a federal internment camp.

Both these developments are based on the "precedent" of Redress in which the U.S. government apologized to Japanese Americans for wrongful imprisonment. As part of the apology the U.S. is in the process of giving those still living a solatium of \$20,000 each.

Yet, the fact is that there are too many dissimilarities between the Japanese American experience on one hand, and the positions of Blacks and German Americans on the other, for Redress to constitute a precedent.

This does not diminish the terrible injustice of slavery. But there is no justice in demanding from the American people, through their government, a sum estimated at \$4,000 billion (the Japanese American entitlement is \$1.2 billion) for outrages that began long before there was a United States, outrages which were accepted as legitimate commerce by the then leading nations of the world. Nor does the Black reparations movement recognize that Americans fought a bitter civil war that almost destroyed the Union to eliminate the scourge of slavery.

Today there is no Black American who experienced slavery. By contrast redress for Japanese Americans is limited to those who experienced the evacuation and detention orders issued by a contemporary government.

The German-American claims are also on shaky ground. German-Americans were apprehended as individuals following lengthy surveillance, given hearings and interned as provided by law if their political views indicated a security risk. Japanese Americans were imprisoned en masse without being charged or tried; their ancestry was considered proof of disloyalty.

In a sense, the Black position espoused by columnist Ron Daniels is based on this same abhorrent presumption that race is proof of guilt; Daniels would make all non-Black Americans guilty of the evil of slavery.

A bill, H.R. 3745, titled the "Commission to Study Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act" has been introduced by Democratic Congressman John Conyers of Michigan. It was approved recently, 5-2 by the House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights. The commission would be empowered to research the impact of slavery on the descendants of slaves, but many fear it will be little more than a costly boodoggle and an opportunity for political posturing.

The tragic history of slavery shouldn't be swept under the rug. But neither should it be made a political issue riding on the coattails of Redress.

In The Pacific Citizen 45 Years Ago

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif.—Two Hollister women were fined a total of \$100 after being charged with assault on a returning Japanese American. The two women were accused of pulling a ladder from under Rikizo Kawamoto as he was painting a house.

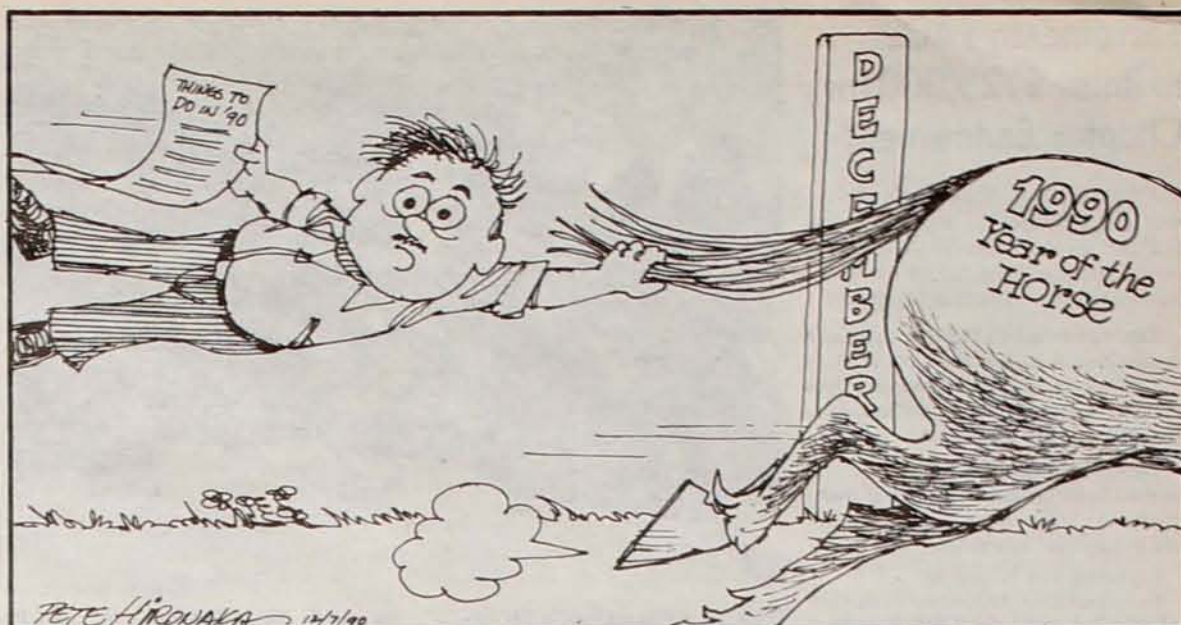
NAMPA, Idaho—Mrs. Mary Ban tied for first place in the Idaho Writers' League annual contest with a short story entered in the juvenile story division. Her entry in the adult short story section won honorable mention.

WITH THE SIXTH ARMY IN JAPAN—Three Nisei linguists attached to X Corps Hq. had joyful reunions with relatives they had not seen since war began. They were T-4 Mitsuru Fujinami, T-3 Masami Fujimoto and T-4 Samon Horii. The meeting took place in Kure (Hiroshima-ken) where X Corps is based.

FRESNO—A \$1000 scholarship fund in memory of Florence Akiyama has been set up at Fresno State from the money remaining in the student body fund of Canal high school. She taught English at the relocation center school until her death last year.

CALDWELL, Idaho—The Boise Valley JACL chapter recently elected its new cabinet. They are Tommy Takatori, Tio Kiyokawa, George Hara, Bette Arima, Edson Fujii and Kay Inouye.

LOS ANGELES—June Toguri's application for beer and wine license was denied by the Board of Equalization because "she is the sister of Tokyo Rose."



FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

'A Day of Infamy'

This issue of The Pacific Citizen is dated Dec. 7. It is yet another anniversary of what President Franklin D. Roosevelt called "a day of infamy." It was a day, 49 years ago, that led to changes in the shape of history and the course of millions of lives, and to the premature end of hundreds of thousands of other lives.

Almost every significant international development since Dec. 7, 1941, can be traced to what happened on that day when a nation in a state of uneasy peace was thrust suddenly and violently into a world war.

As one relatively minor consequence of the Japanese attack on Hawaii that day, some 115,000 Japanese American residents of the U.S. West Coast were rounded up and interned. For the individuals involved, that experience was not "relatively minor." It was earth-shaking. Its effect on each of us was profound, changing a way of life forever.

In its aftermath that experience has dominated the thinking, the actions, the internal dynamics of the Japanese

American community for nearly a half century. It has been an important focal point in the Japanese American community's relations with the greater American community. It has both delayed and advanced their assimilation, a word heard only seldom these days in connection with Japanese Americans. One needs only to read their press to realize this.

One belated sequel to the Evacuation, the successful campaign to win redress for the injustice of that experience, brought the Japanese American community to full maturity. It gave the community an understanding, perhaps for the first time, of the political system and how it can be manipulated by a determined minority of citizens to promote their agendas. It also helps if the causes are worthy, as Redress certainly was.

Redress succeeded in winning the nation's apology for a grievous wrong. But it still has not succeeded in convincing a small cove of diehards that an injustice was done. This is a minority that refuses to understand that Japanese Americans are U.S. citizens and that

they were, and are, in no way responsible for the actions of another nation.

Each year on Dec. 7 memorial services are held at Pearl Harbor and, as is proper, the media remind us of the anniversary. No one who has visited the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial, built around the battleship's sunken hulk, can help but be impressed by the implications of this American shrine. This year the reminder will be less poignant than next year's observance, which will be the 50th. Our culture has an affinity for round numbers.

In a sense, we look forward to the 50th which will mark the passage of a half century since that fateful day. Perhaps, then, we can at long last put behind us the bad memories of the Pearl Harbor attack and all the anger, humiliation and suffering that followed.

Perhaps after 50 long years the perspective and healing of time will offer us an opportunity to stop looking backward and, finally, move toward the future with new confidence and anticipation.

It's about time.

EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

Ancestor 'Worship'?



WHILE HAVING breakfast juice, I was scanning the morning newspaper when my eye caught an article reporting on the participation of Emperor Akihito (the former Crown Prince) in an ancient ritual of Shinto, *Amaterasu-omikami* (Sun Goddess), and so on. According to the article, apparently in some quarters, there was strong opposition to all this, with contentions of violation of the Japanese Constitution (*ken-po*) relating to separation of church and state, something about a "primitive rite," and so on. As you know, according to Japanese lore, the lineage of Japanese emperors is traced back to Amaterasu.

AS COINCIDENCE would have it, getting into my office I had occasion to direct my attention to a bank recently established with Chinese American principals being the major participants. Known as the "First Commercial Bank of Philadelphia," (*"Dai-Ichi Gin-Sho."*) The bank had calendars for 1991 printed; in the upper, right corner appear three *kanji* characters: "sai" (wealth), "shin" (deity, divine) and "to" (attain, result in). (I inquired of the directors the *ohn* (Chinese) pronunciation of these *kanji* characters and was sur-

prised to learn that the Japanese pronunciation is almost the same.)

The "coincidence," as you sharp-eyed readers have surmised, was between the "shin" on the calendar, and "shin" in "Shinto." I was curious.

THE "KUN-YOMI" (Japanese reading or pronunciation) of "shin" is, as many of you know, "kami." We've often heard the Issei use the term "kami-sama," referring to divinity. More often than not, the reference was usually made in conjunction with some moral lesson sought to be passed along. We've all heard the term "Shinto" with some vague ("vague" to me, anyway)

sinister connotation of "ancestor worship." Frankly, I never thought that respecting those who preceded us was all that bad and couldn't figure out why Shinto-ism received such a bad name in our country. But so it was that I never stopped by the *Yasukuni* shrine (*Yasukuni-jinja*) in Tokyo, the principal Shinto shrine, even though I used to pass it while stationed in Tokyo in '46. Not until about five years ago did I decide to see what it was that I had been avoiding all these years. I wasn't quite sure what I would encounter at this *jinja*, such as some jingoistic theme. To the contrary, I was surprised to discover that the very name—"Yasukuni"—is written as "peaceful" (or "tranquil") "country."

Not such a bad place for departed souls to repose.

AS FOR "Shinto itself, it is written as "shin" (deity, divine) and "to" (road, or in *kun-yomi* "michi"); Divine Road. In *nihongo* it is also read as: "Kami-no-michi" as well as "Shindo." While I'm not prepared to switch religions or any other allegiance, Shinto not only doesn't seem all that threatening but may well be good for those who desire it.

To each his own.

For the Record

■ The corrections to the election story (Nov. 16) come from Hawaii Hochi's English editor Jim Brown.

Mayor Frank Fasi is not the only GOP mayor in the state. Maui County elected GOP Mayor Linda Crockett Lingle. Former mayor and veteran Democratic politician Elmer Cravalho lost. Lingle, formerly on the council, succeeds retiring GOP Mayor Hannibal Tavares. And Mike Liu, unsuccessful GOP candidate for Congress, had a Japanese mother.

E.O. 9066 AFTERMATH:

Redress Checks a Reminder of Painful Memories

Another great personal interview of a Nikkei, in wake of the presentation of redress checks and letter of apology last October, appeared on the front page Nov. 3 in the Cleveland Plain-Dealer, Ohio's largest newspaper, with a photo of "Shim" Yamamoto and a group picture at Minidoka on the "jump page." Our thanks to P.C. reader Hank Tanaka for this clipping.

By Michael Norman

CLEVELAND

A few scattered ruins and a battered historical marker are all that remain of the concentration camp where 73-year-old Yoshimi Yamamoto of Cleveland was imprisoned with his family during World War II.

The marker is similar to those at other World War concentration camps in Europe and Asia, with one notable exception. It's in Minidoka, Idaho, and designates one of the 10 U.S. concentration camps set up to incarcerate Japanese Americans after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941.

Yamamoto, a Seattle-born U.S. citizen, spent almost two years behind barbed wire fences and under armed guard at Minidoka because of the ignorance and bigotry of his fellow Americans.

Redress Checks Received

A few weeks ago, Yamamoto and his 98-year-old mother received \$20,000 reparations checks and personal apologies from President Bush for the "serious injustices" done to them and other Japanese Americans during the war.

It was a bittersweet moment for the Yamamotos—a reminder of painful memories, but also the denouement of a long nightmare.

For more than four decades, Yoshimi "Shim" Yamamoto hid the pain and shame of the war years in stoic silence, refusing to discuss his internment with all but his closest relatives. Now, he felt compelled to talk.

"We have waited so long for this," he said, trying to hold back tears. "We never gave up hope that justice would be done. Now, it is finally over."

'Didn't Know What to Expect'

Yoshimi and his older brother Tatsuo were working at a California vegetable farm in December 1941 when they heard that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor.

"We didn't know what to expect," Yoshimi said. "A lot of people thought nothing would happen. But at 3 a.m. the next morning, the FBI came and took four or five of the Issei away."

"Since we were citizens, we continued to work for a while. But, finally, we realized we couldn't stay there forever. So in February of '42 we drove back to Seattle."

His parents, Otoichi and Shigeyo Yamamoto, had immigrated to the United States in 1914 and settled in Seattle. His father worked as a laborer for the railroads and sawmills, but died in 1929 at the start of the Depression, leaving Mrs. Yamamoto to raise their two sons and two daughters.

Widow With Four Children

She supported the family with jobs as a hotel chambermaid and desk clerk. During high school Yoshimi and Tatsuo worked summers in salmon canneries in Alaska to earn extra money. Later, they went to California to work as pickers and pruners on vegetable and fruit farms.

A few months after the sons returned from California, the family received notice that they had 30 days to prepare for relocation to an internment camp.

"We had to get rid of everything," Yoshimi said. "We didn't have much. But my brother had a new car and he got almost nothing for it."

The entire Yamamoto clan was loaded onto a Greyhound bus and shipped to the Puyallup Assembly Center outside Seattle. They were each given a tag with the family number—17457—on it.

"We didn't know what the heck was going on," Yoshimi said. "You just didn't think about the injustice of it. At that time, what could you do? Nowadays, there would be people out there protesting and you'd have a lot of supporters and all that. But in those days, we were on our own."

'Dusty and Hot' Minidoka

After a few months, the family was transferred to the Minidoka camp in Idaho. They lived in a ramshackle wooden structure with tar-paper siding. There were 10,000 people in the camp.

"It was dusty. It was hot," Yoshimi said. "They had scraped away the sagebrush so they could build the camp, and all there was underneath was lava rock and fine sand. When the wind blew, it got into everything."

The family lived in a small room, with heat provided by a cast-iron stove. In the winter, the temperature fell to 20 degrees below zero many nights.

Felt Helpless

Being treated as an enemy of his own country made him angry, he said, but he resisted the urge to lash out or fight back.

"There was nothing I could do about it. It was the times," Yoshimi said. "I don't want to sound like I'm satisfied, but I don't harbor any bitterness."

(Yamamoto also served in the 442nd RCT.)

His mother, on the other hand, is not so forgiving. One of her daughters, Sumi, died of meningitis while at the internment camp. She was 18.

His Sister Died in Camp

"My mother says getting this money doesn't mean anything when you've lost a daughter," Yoshimi said. "The money reminds her of how the camp killed her daughter."

The pain remains raw for Yoshimi, too. After recounting the story of his sister's death, he broke down, sobbing.

500 Survivors in Cleveland

An estimated 500 camp survivors live in Greater Cleveland, said Hank Tanaka, a leader in the local Japanese American community.

Yoshimi moved to Cleveland in late 1943. He worked in local optical labs as a lens grinder until retiring in 1981.

He doesn't look at the reparations as something the internees deserve because of what happened to them and their families.

"My hope is that the money represents a promise; that the government will never do this to its citizens again," Yoshimi said.

WINDOW IN WASHINGTON

PAUL IGASAKI

The Next Step: Political Empowerment

WASHINGTON

What's after redress? For JACL, there was and is a clear answer. We will continue to doggedly pursue the civil rights concerns of Asian and Japanese Americans. We will work to unite our own community, working together with other Asians for a brighter and stronger future. We will confront the rising spectre of anti-Asian and anti-Japanese feelings, whether it is manifested in the media, through hate crimes or the statements of public figures or companies. A full plate, indeed.

But more of the same is not enough. The struggle for redress demonstrated many things. One was how much we need the Nikkei members of Congress. We have also learned the importance of taking risks. It would've been easier to avoid the costly campaign for Justice through redress. We might have avoided the risk of the hateful backlash from those that still do not consider us Americans. But we took on seemingly impossible odds. Why? Because it was the right thing to do. Because justice had been too long denied. And because even an unsuccessful redress campaign would help educate the nation as to the great wrong that was done, the fragility of our constitutional guarantees and the constant need for vigilance to protect our freedom.

Grassroots Network

We now have respect from many quarters: from other civil rights groups for the strength of our grassroots network and connections to other constituencies; from Congress and the Executive Branch for our growing political sophistication

and effective lobbying work; and from other Asian Americans for our commitment to our dozen year crusade and our savvy strategic approach.

For me, however, the message has been especially clear that for the Asian and Japanese American community to achieve their agendas and potential, political power and aggressive advocacy are essential. That is what brought Louann and me to Washington. We have worked to establish a positive reputation for the JACL and to put the organization back on the map here on issues beyond redress. It has been challenging and educational fighting for recognition as a community and for our organization. But, through all of this, I have been thinking continually of that next step.

Bob Matsui has announced his candidacy for the United States Senate from the State of California in 1992. His race is part of that logical next step. We saw in the community effort to challenge Dan Lungren's nomination as State Treasurer, how Asian Americans can work with other constituencies to advance a common agenda politically. Bob played a major role in that important effort.

The time has come for Asian Americans to be taken more seriously at a statewide and a national level. Bob's race will not be an easy one. The recent California Governor's race showed how expensive this endeavor will be. There are many popular Democrats that could possibly vie for the Senate nominations that will be open in California in 1992.

And, after Bob wins the primary, he will undoubtedly face a well-funded Republican. By running, Bob gives up a safe House seat and membership on the powerful Ways & Means Committee. But leadership involves taking risks. And moving our community into the role it should have in California and national politics also requires risks. It is a credit to Bob and to our community that he chooses this course. It is a

challenge to all of us to make his risk meaningful and successful.

Redress Changes Scenario

There are those that say Asians and particularly Japanese Americans will not contribute substantially to a political campaign. Bob believes, and I agree, that the movement for redress has changed the old rules. We are savvier and more political than we were before. If Bob's opponents choose to rely upon these old stereotypes, it is they that will be surprised.

Bob Matsui and each of the Nikkei MCs are the product of our community's history and experience. As a Sansei, his values represent those of my own generation, molded by Nisei parents and Issei grandparents. He is highly respected, both here in Washington and at home in Sacramento.

As I have shared with all of you, it is sometimes very isolating being here in D.C. for JACL. Many do not take our community seriously. So when I attended my first meeting with Speaker of the House Tom Foley, my nervousness was replaced by pride when I saw that Bob Matsui was there with me to make our case to the Speaker. I feel that same pride when Bob, or Norm Mineta or Dan Inouye or Patsy Mink speak on the floor. I know that all of you would share these feelings.

Paul's 'Swan Song'

I have decided, therefore, to join the Matsui for Senate campaign and leave my position as JACL Washington Representative. I know that I will leave my role here after only about a year and a half. Much remains to be done. But there is never a "good" time to leave. And I believe that we will be continuing our work for the community where we are needed most. I will do all I can to help with the transition.

We have, I believe, established a strong organizational presence here and a reputation that the new JACL representative can

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THE GRAINS OF RICE

Cincinnati JACL Newsletter

JACL and Communication Cited as Key to J.A. Well-Being

By Shiro Tanaka
Cincinnati JACL President

CINCINNATI
About 15 years ago, my change of job brought us from Harrisburg, Pa., to Cincinnati. Since there were very few Japanese Americans in Harrisburg, I belonged to the Philadelphia Chapter but rarely participated in its functions partly because of the distance.

When we first attended a potluck meeting of the Cincinnati Chapter in the spring of 1976, we were pleasantly surprised to see that there was a big crowd with entertainment and lively conversation among people.

Over the years, the situation has changed slowly but steadily. For certain, all of us got older. Many people have retired and reduced their activities including participation with the chapter's functions.

Membership Dwindling

Some have moved to other places because of retirement or job changes, and some have died. Membership statistics show that our size is less than one-half of what it used to be 20 years ago.

It is not that the number of Japanese Americans and "Japanese in America" is decreasing in this area; rather, it must be increasing. We even have a cadre of other and/or mixed ethnic people who are active in our chapter through their marriage and/or cultural interest.

However, in my analysis, our demographics and attitude about JACL have changed and are still changing. To begin with, the young members of our family are not necessarily filling the spaces vacated by retired members.

Post-Redress Feeling?

As students and young work force, they tend to move away. At the same time, although Japanese families are moving into this area, JACL is not necessarily on the list of their priority activities, compared to school, church, or recreational activities.

In a sense, this may be reflecting the

post-redress feeling of Japanese Americans; there is no overt and organized hostility/discrimination against them which was so strong in the yesteryears. However, at the time of declining U.S. economy, concurrent with the increasing number of Asians in the U.S., one cannot be too optimistic or complacent about the situation.

Upcoming Programs

We must keep our organization and communication even stronger. I do not have any magic to increase the membership and strength of our chapter, but do ask you to do the following:

1. Please participate in our functions as much as possible, such as installation dinner (January), potluck (August), and Cincinnati International Festival (November).
2. Please volunteer to be a Board Member or chairperson of various functions. We need you!
3. Please seek out potential members and invite them to join our chapter. We need them!



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copies of The Buddha's teachings.

Each five-inch disc, identical to music discs played on CD players, can hold information equivalent to 1,500 floppy discs, Lancaster says. The anticipated CD set will cut storage space drastically. It will, however, require a special hard-disc accessory for home computers.

Millions of Characters Encoded

Pak Wonil of Seoul, head of the Korean Buddhist Lay Association, has pledged to cover costs of encoding 50 million Chinese characters from 81,000 700-year-old wooden blocks from Korea's Hae-in Monastery. (Lancaster earlier catalogued this version in his 1979 volume, The Korean Buddhist Canon.)

The Fo Kuang Shan Foundation of Taiwan and its affiliate in Hacienda Heights, Calif., Hsi Lai University, jointly with the University of California will input 60 million characters dating from the Sung Dynasty (approximately the 12th century A.D.).

"While the printing blocks for this canon have been destroyed, more than 5,000 scrolls of rubbings from them were discovered in 1932, and constitute one of the oldest forms of the Buddhist scriptures in Chinese characters," says Lancaster.

Next: Theravada Tradition

For the differing Theravada Buddhist tradition using the Pali language, monks from Bangkok's Dhammakaya Foundation are encoding the canon. Their task is somewhat easier because the century-old Pali Text Society of London has already published the canon in book form.

(Pali, a language similar to ancient Sanskrit, is the language of many of the oldest texts of Buddhism. Its tradition is followed today in Sri Lanka, Burma, Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia.)

Finally, the ROM project will use an already-encoded Thai version of the Pali scripture, prepared at Thailand's Mahidol University as a birthday gift for the king.

ROM Project

As one of the major Buddhist studies universities in the U.S., "we feel we have a special obligation to be in the forefront of scholarship, and the ROM project is one of the major contributions we can make," Lancaster said.

Founded in 1972, Berkeley's Buddhist Studies program requires Ph.D. students to learn both the Theravada (Pali) tradition and the Mahayana (Chinese) tradition, with offerings in the different Tibetan canon as well.

The program's alumni teach in Japan and Thailand and at Stanford, UCLA, UC Santa Barbara, Amherst, and the State University of New York. An English translation of the entire Chinese Buddhist canon, with 169 scholars at work, is underway in Berkeley and Tokyo, thanks to the efforts of alumnus Yehan Numata.

Chicago JACL Installs 1991 Cabinet, Jim Hattori of CBS News Guest Speaker

CHICAGO — The Chicago JACL Chapter installed its newly elected officers for 1990-91 at its annual inaugural dinner at the Westin O'Hare Hotel on Saturday, Nov. 24. The new board was sworn in by former National President Shig Wakamatsu.

The new Chicago Chapter president David Igasaki, an attorney, was previously the chapter vice president for human rights. His grandfather, Masao Igasaki, Sr., was president of the Japanese American Citizens Association in Los Angeles, one of the predecessors to JACL, and was a candidate for national president at the first JACL National Convention.

Remainder of Cabinet

Joy Yamasaki was installed as vice president for human rights, Linda Ogawa as vice president for membership, Ron Yoshino as vice president for finance, Donna Ogura as secretary, and Janice Honda as treasurer.

Patti Adachi will be newsletter editor and

Pat Yuzawa-Rubin, scholarship chair. The board members-at-large present were outgoing chapter president James Fujimoto, John Fujita, Sandra Otaka, Brian Witkowski, Sandra Yamate, and Rev. Michael Yasutake.

The keynote speaker was CBS News correspondent James Hattori, a leading Japanese American broadcast journalist. Adele Arakawa, a co-anchor for CBS's local Chicago affiliate, WBBM-TV, was emcee.

A special recognition award certificate was presented to Shig Wakamatsu for his years of service to JACL on both the chapter and national level by JACL National Director Bill Yoshino.

Chapter president James Fujimoto presented recognition pins to former chapter presidents Patti Adachi and Paul Igasaki, now JACL Washington representative and brother of the new chapter president.

JACL PULSE

ARIZONA

Feb. 23-24, 1991, the annual Matsuri will be held at the Heritage Square, 6th St., and Monroe, Phoenix, AZ. Theme for the Matsuri will be Samurai. Sponsors include the City of Phoenix Parks, Library and Recreation Department, Arizona Chapter JACL, the Japan-American Society of Phoenix, the Himeji Group of the Phoenix Sister Cities Commission, the Arizona Buddhist Church and the Phoenix Japanese Free Methodist Church.

BERKELEY

POSTPONED/Jan. 26, 1991—"Sansei Tribute to Nisei." Info: Neal Taniguchi (652-8964). Sansei volunteers are still needed for this affair.

CARSON

Jan. 19, 1991—Installation Dinner, Papadakis Taverna, 301 W. 6th St., San Pedro, CA, (213) 548-1186. 6:30 cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, tickets \$25; RSVP: Carol Ann Mori (213) 834-3603.

CHICAGO

Dec. 9—New Horizon Christmas Party, Lincolnwood Hyatt. Info: Ruth Kumata, 1520 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago 60640.

CINCINNATI-DAYTON

Jan. 13, 1991—Joint Installation Dinner, hosted by Dayton Chapter—4:30 p.m. Neal's Heritage House, 2189 S. Dixie, Dayton, Ohio. Info: Fred Fisk 298-8611.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

Dec. 22—Annual Christmas Dinner-Dance featuring music by Taka, Proud Bird Restaurant, Escadrille Room, 11022 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles. 6 p.m. no host cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, dancing til midnight. \$27 before Dec. 14, \$30 after Dec. 14, checks payable to Greater LA Singles JACL, mail to Chuekie Yoshida, 4440 Elder Ave., Seal Beach 90740. Info: (213) 430-0342.

MT. OLYMPUS

Christmas Potluck Party, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m., at Central High School (same locale as before); Members will be called to bring a salad or dessert; Santa Claus and program with a treat for children and dinner to be featured.

NEW YORK

Dec. 8, Holiday Bazaar at the Japanese American United Church on Seventh Avenue between 24 & 25 Sts.; Potluck supper and Auction, volunteers are being sought, call Lillian Kimura at (212) 614-2838 for information.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Jan. 12—Installation Dinner, California Country Club, 1509 S. Workman-Mill Rd., Whittier, 6 p.m.; Bob Bratt, ORA director, speaker; \$22 per person. RSVP: Marvel Miyata, (818) 960-2566.

SAN MATEO

Dec. 13: JACL Community Center holiday party for seniors on Thursday, 11:30 to 2:30 at the new San Mateo City Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas.

SOUTHBAY

Dec. 19—Free course in Japanese culture including Hiragana reading. 7-9 p.m., 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, Japanese Cultural Institute-Rm. 201, 16215 Gramercy Pl., Torrance, Gardena. Info: Seiji 336-4387—George 325-7622.

STOCKTON

Dec. 15—JACL/Community Christmas pot luck, Stockton Buddhist Temple social hall, 4 p.m. Please bring main dish.

SEQUOIA

Dec. 31—New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance, Holiday Inn in Palo Alto, dinner at 8 p.m. after 7 p.m. cocktail hour; menu is prime rib or chicken, \$100 per couple or \$50 per person. Music by Ed Oliveira, the Tunes Mobile Disc Jockey. Info: Hiroko Yoshida (415) 854-1392.

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DR. THOMAS K. HASEGAWA JR.

► Dr. Thomas K. Hasegawa, Jr. of Richardson, Texas, was awarded a Fellowship in the American College of Dentists at its annual meeting in Boston. A member of several dental professional societies, he is presently an associate professor/assistant director in the Department of General Dentistry at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas. The American College of Dentists recognizes through Fellowship those who contributed to the advancement of the profession and humanity. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Hasegawa, Sr. of Los Angeles.

► Julia T. Nagano, 42, was appointed director of public and community relations for Los Angeles Worldport. A member of the Port of Los Angeles staff since 1979, the CSU-Long Beach cum laude graduate oversees the harbor's international relations, media, publications, graphic services, community outreach, special events, advertising and tour programs. She previously served on the L.A. Police Department public relations staff for 10 years.

► Mie Aoki, anchor person on the daily morning Japanese-language TV program, "Super Time," in New York City (channel 31) described her TV trips to Senegal, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Thailand at the JASSI senior citizens meeting recently.

► 'Rocky' Teranishi, a Fresno JACL board member is with the University of California Extension as the Madera County director and pomology farm advisor, a 1958 graduate of the Fresno State University with a degree in Agricultural Sciences. Among his community service roles are: vice president, of the Madera Irrigation District board of directors; director of the Madera-Chowchilla Power Authority; ex-officio director, Madera County Farm Bureau; Madera District riji—director, Fresno Buddhist Church, and he still finds time to golf and pursue his hobby in photography, notes the Fresno JACL newsletter. His professional affiliations include the American Society of Horticultural Sciences, California Association of Farm Advisors and Specialists, National Association of County Agents, Council for Agricultural Science and Technology and the Soil and Water Conservation Society of America.

► Dr. Ted M. Nakata, of Fresno was awarded a special citation by the American Academy of Periodontology for his commitment to ensuring that the regulations governing dental practice are in the public's best interest. It was presented at the AAP's 76th annual meeting in Dallas. He spearheaded a successful effort to overturn the California State Board of Dental Examiner's decision to delegate expanded periodontal procedures to dental hygienists. He also serves on the board of trustees of the California Dental Association and is past president of the California Society of Periodontists and the National Foundation for the Prevention of Oral Diseases and a former board member of the Western Society of Periodontology.

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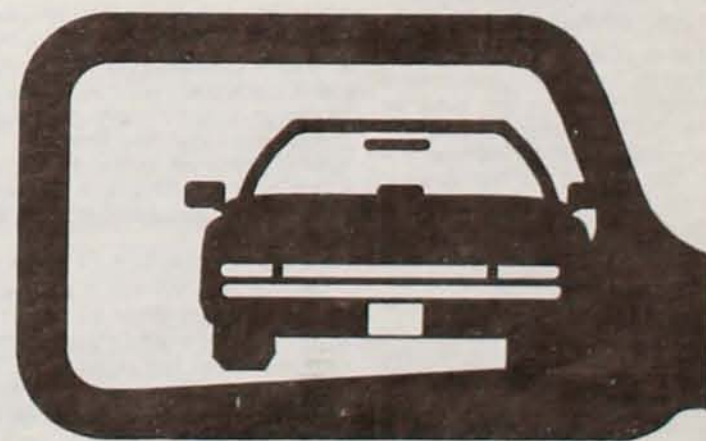
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AAJA, JACL Rap New Character in 'Beetle Bailey' Comic Strip

Clipping from Tom Hirashima

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—The Santa Barbara News Press has conducted a reader's poll on acceptance of "Beetle Bailey" and the Japanese American character recently introduced in that comic strip. (See Sept. 14 P.C.)

The readers had until Nov. 16 to check off and send in their answers to four questions: (1) Do you read Beetle Bailey? (2) How do you feel about the strip? (3) What about the portrayal of the new character, Cpl. Yo? (4) If you don't like the strip, what bothers you?—Sexism, Racism, It's not funny.

Created 40 years ago and distributed by King Features Syndicate worldwide in about 1,800 papers, its creator Mort Walker and the syndicate were asked by News Press executive editor David McCumber whether there were complaints about racial stereotyping.

Character Researched

Walker responded, "We researched this character (Cpl. Joe Kashikoi Yokoi) for six months before launching him, checking him out primarily with Asian Americans. Our goal was to get an Asian American represented in the strip without offending anyone."

There were three complaints, including yours (McCumber's), out of the estimated 200 million daily readers of "Beetle." Walker continued and he acknowledged letters of protest from the Asian American Journalists Association and the Japanese American Citizens League.

Deputy JACL director Carole Hayashino protested the character in a letter to the

syndicate:

"While we applaud the inclusion of an Asian American character in a comic strip, an admittedly rare occurrence, we would hope that such a character could be depicted in a less stereotyped way. Asian eyes are not so different from those of whites or other groups and such drawings imply more than just physical difference. Some other cartoonists have done likenesses of Asian people that are more accurate and less demeaning."

The JACL letter also criticized Yo's "corporate" aspirations, saying, "If this has something to do with Japanese corporations, that is even more problematic as we are dealing with an American here."

"People have been sending us clippings," Hayashino said. "My understanding is they have been calling the syndicate's 800-number and complaining, too."

Decision Admired, But . . .

Diane Wong, AAJA executive director, said "(Walker) just doesn't get it. I do admire his decision to make the strip multiethnic and multiracial. There are not many characters in comics that represent people of color. But when you have a single person who is an Asian it carries more weight."

"Besides the physical stereotype, Corp. Yo represents a greater danger, the whole stereotype of Asians being a 'model minority.' He makes Asian Americans seem totally capable and without problems, and that isn't true. He makes us seem less than human, and that makes it easier for us to become targets of anti-Asian hostility and violence."

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He was encouraging those who convey the Japanese American heritage through design, graphic and visual arts, crafts, fashions and other creative endeavors.

A principal of Kaneko/Metzgar Associates, Venice, Calif., he said, "As part of a national cultural and historical institution, the museum shop will provide unique showcase opportunities for products and a distribution network dedicated to the promotion of Japanese American arts and crafts."

LEGACY FUND

Continued from the Front Page

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Shig Wakamatsu, Frank Chuman, Patrick Okura, Kumode Yoshinari, Jerry Enomoto, Judge Raymond Uno, Henry Tanaka, Shigeki Sugiyama, James Murakami, Dr. James Tsujimura, Floyd Shimomura and Harry Kajihara.

Clay Harada reported on the performance of the Legacy Fund Campaign, which resulted from the Pacific Citizen coupon, Senator Daniel Inouye's letter to members and friends of JACL requesting these individuals to give more recent support to the campaign and the more recent mailout of the campaign packet to the JACL membership.

Wider Support Acknowledged

Uyehara commenting on the wide participation in the campaign, said "The campaign committee is quite elated that there are these individuals who relate the JACL Legacy Fund Campaign to the need to move the only national organization for Japanese Americans and for Asian American issues to a strong financial basis in order to continue the work to ensure the human and civil rights of our people and all others utilizing our strong base as a national organization with 113 chapters, eight districts, a national headquarters, a Washington, DC office along with five regional offices. We are utilizing this network but are happy to report that there are already many chapters which have established the chapter Legacy Fund Campaign."

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Dec. 15-16—Living National Treasure of Japan Fujima Fujiko in Dance. Japan America Theatre.

Dec. 29—Mochitsuki 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Union Church, 401 E. 3rd St. L.A. Call Miles Hamada (213) 628-2725.

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by Feb. 15, Nancy Yee (213) 453-1733 or Marianne Moy (818) 990-1160.

Mar. 16—Zen Deko, Children's Taiko (ages 7-18) at Japan America Theater. Info: (213) 680-3700.

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Jan. 6—Nisei Widowed Group monthly meeting, 2-4 p.m. Call Elsie Uyeda Chung (S.F.) at 221-0268, or Yuri Moriawaki (E.B.) at 482-3280.

Feb. 22-24, 1991—Annual conference of Asian & Pacific Americans in Higher Education, Oakland Hyatt Regency Hotel, Oakland, CA. Info: (415) 921-5225.

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IGASAKI

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build upon, just as we have built upon our redress victory.

For Louann and me, this has been a very hard decision. We remain loyal to the JACL and its members. President Cressey Nakagawa and the Board have provided excellent leadership and have supported and guided our work.

Bill Yoshino is a talented, understanding and effective boss who has assembled a powerful staff team of which we are very proud to have been a part. Carole Hayashino and the rest of the Headquarters and Regional staff represent a professional and committed group. I believe the JACL has the most impressive staff of any organization in the Asian community.

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We intend to remain active JACL members. After serving three terms as Chicago Chapter president and many more on the Chapter Board, I do not intend to walk away from the JACL. We look forward to working with all of you in this new capacity.

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Sep 27 - Oct 10, 1991
Phyllis Murakawa, escort
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October 7 - 19, 1991
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