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Pan American Nikkei group sends relief goods to Peruvians

By HARRY K. HONDA
Senior editor

LOS ANGELES—Pera's First Lady, Susan Fujimori, and two Peruvian Nikkei leaders gratefully acknowledged the shipment of 40 tons of relief goods received in December and the 20 tons enroute from the Pan American Nikkei Association-USA in letters read at PANA-USA's New Year's dinner meeting Feb. 9 at Akasaka Hanten in Little Tokyo. The second shipment of 20 tons is awaiting port clearance in Callao, Peru.

Augusto Ikemiyashiro, president of the Peruvian Japanese Association,



and Luis Sakoda, secretary, PANA-International, expressed their gratitude and conveyed personal thanks to PANA-USA President Noritoshi Fujimori.

Kanai, who had vowed to help the people of Peru after attending the Alberto Fujimori inaugural. Kanai spearheaded the relief drive last summer and fall.

Ikemiyashiro and Sakoda said

about half of the goods were for children and donated to Fundación por Los Niños del Peru, whose president is the First Lady of Peru, or distributed to the poor through Caritas, Peru's charities agency. The other half is being offered at charity bazaars with proceeds going to local needs, such as the purchase of medical equipment by a clinic serving the poor.

In his greetings, PANA-International president Carlos Kasuga of Mexico City was reminded of President Albert Fujimori's

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PANA-VI convention in Paraguay, program and travel plans detailed

LOS ANGELES—In connection with the PANA-VI convention July 25-28 in Asuncion, Paraguay, registration details and program schedule from PANA-Paraguay have been announced.

Convention registration for the delegates from U.S., Canada and Japan is \$200 (until April 30, \$250 after that date), payable to COPANI Paraguay, P.O. Box

52, Asuncion, Paraguay. FAX: 595-21-211-409.

Registration fee includes the Thursday opening ceremony at the Paraguayan Japanese Center and panel, two luncheons, reception at the Japanese Embassy, Friday seminars, Saturday Sayonara banquet at the Yacht Y Golf club, coffee breaks, admis-

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News

Doris Matsui heads Congressional Club

Doris Matsui, wife of Congressman Robert T. Matsui, has been named president of the Congressional Club, a bipartisan civic, social and philanthropic organization composed of wives of the members of the House, Senate, Cabinet and Supreme Court Justices.

Matsui moved up from first vice president of the group to her new leadership role. She joined the organization in 1989 as treasurer.

"I am extremely pleased to have an opportunity to direct the activities of the Congressional Club," Matsui said. "I have always been proud to be a member of the club because it serves an important public service role here in Washington."



MATSUI

Lawyer James Purcell challenged evacuation

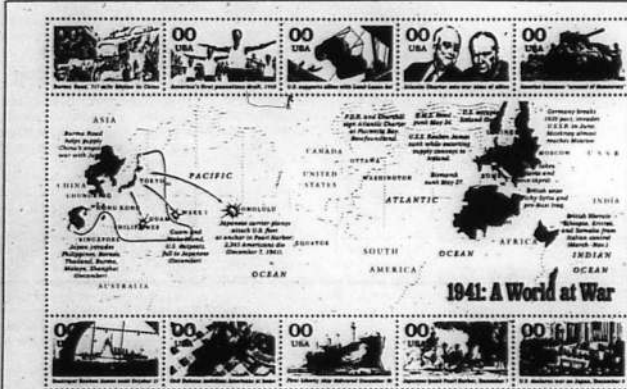
SAN FRANCISCO—Veteran lawyer James C. Purcell, 85, died Feb. 13 of a heart attack. He was best known for carrying the Mitsuye Endo case to the U.S. Supreme Court during World War II "because he was so angry about the evacuation" that he took the case without fee and paid expenses on his own.

Funeral services were held Feb. 16 here at St. Agnes Church. He is survived by his wife Helen, seven daughters, two sons and 15 grandchildren. Among the mourners were Sally and Henry Takeda of Sacramento and Tad Masaoka of San Mateo.

In Washington, Congressman Norman Mineta paid tribute to him on the House floor Feb. 21 as a tireless defender of the civil liberties of Japanese Americans who were victims of injustice during the second World War.

(Because of space limitation this week, Mike Masaoka's personal tribute to his wartime National JACL counsel will appear in the next issue of PC).

MORE ON PURCELL: See PC editorial/page 4.



Personalized licenses still controversial

The Japanese American Citizens League was instrumental in 1973 in having the California legislature revoke auto license plates bearing the offensive epithet "JAP." Actually, the bill, co-authored by Newport Beach Assemblyman Robert Badham and San Francisco State Sen. Milton Marks, empowered the Department of Motor Vehicles "to recall environmental (personalized) license plates" found "to carry connotation offensive to good taste and decency."

Last summer, vanity plates inscribed "DAGO" and "WOP" were being recalled at the behest of the Sons of Italy, which have long held that the terms are deeply offensive to most Italian Americans. DMV was also besieged with appeals from holders of these plates who regarded them as a tongue-in-cheek tribute to their ethnic heritage. That was the first mass recall effort of plates for racially derogatory reasons since the DMV began issuing personalized plates in 1970.

But that's not the end of the controversy.

Last Year, Dr. Kareem Jaffer of Hemet bought his oldest son a 1979 BMW for his 16th birthday with a personalized plate bearing the teenager's name: "THE DMV," according to the Los Angeles Times last week, warned Jaffer to trade in the plate, "4 JIHAD" by Feb. 22 or face legal action.

When notified by an unidentified motorist and because of the war in the Persian Gulf, the DMV construed the youth's license plate offensive as it appeared to be advertising for a holy war against the U.S. and the allied forces in the Gulf region, DMV spokesman Bill Gengler in Sacramento explained.

Jihad, an Arabic word, has been widely translated (in U.S. dictionaries) to mean "holy war" and the word has been invoked by Iraq's Saddam Hussein and the late Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran at various times to call Muslims to battle against U.S. interests.

Muslim scholars, on the other hand, criticize the translation and

Stamp of disapproval

Following up on last week's story on the issuing of a new 10-stamp sheet commemorating World War II, the above reproduction shows the pictorials of various events, including the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The enlarged two stamps at left show the language used on the stamps—which to some resurrects more negative emotions regarding the Japanese and the war.

In the Feb. 11 issue of Linn's Stamp News, a reader, Carl R. Prager of Escondido, Calif., wrote of his concern that the language was possibly inflammatory.

"(The U.S. Postal Service) has made a grave error... Even though it has been 50 years since WWII, there is no need to reopen old wounds by specifically naming Japan as our enemy. More appropriately, the last two stamps could have been captioned 'Pearl Harbor bombed, December 7' and 'U.S. declares war, December 8, 1941.'"

The stamp sheet was created by an independent Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee.



Mineta appointed deputy whip

Norman Y. Mineta, congressman from the 13th district of California, has been named deputy majority whip in the 102nd Congress, according to Speaker of the House Thomas Foley who made the appointment.

Mineta has been deputy whip in the House Democratic leadership since March of 1982. He is now the senior deputy whip in length of service.

The deputy whip is the highest position within the Whip organization. Mineta will lead task forces to enact legislation and inform leadership of priorities held by Democratic members.

In a separate action, Mineta has

asked for an executive order from President Bush to allow non-Americans now serving in the U.S. military to apply for citizenship.

The request is in response to the President's decision to use military force as part of the international coalition now in Kuwait and Iraq.

In 1989, Mineta authored the Armed Forces Immigration Adjustment Act designed to provide special immigrant status for foreign nationals, including Filipinos, Micronesians and Marshall Islanders, who served honorably in the U.S. armed forces but who could not then attain immigrant status since they were resident aliens in this country before enlisting.



NORMAN MINETA
Attains position of power

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Letters**Wants more stories on business people**

I am writing this note, because I feel there is of immeasurable importance, a concern that Pacific Citizen can solve.

Needed in our very fine tabloid, are articles on the entrepreneurs of the Little Tokyo venue. Some of these individuals and their families have interests and backgrounds which reach far beyond the specific environment of their shop. Not that the specifics of the shop and its ownership would not by itself be of great interest to the JACL readership.

I shall hope this brief note shall merit your consideration for future articles, by your excellent news staff.

NANCY NIX
JACL Downtown Chapter

Grateful for help in marrow donor drive

Thank you for supporting our marrow donor recruitment drive. Your capable help made the drive successful and your caring efforts are making a difference.

In the past month and a half over 1000 have come to drives in West Los Angeles, Garden Grove, Gardena, San Francisco, Alameda, Oxnard, Chicago, Minneapolis, L.A. Little Tokyo and Rosemead. The drives have helped to bring the number of Asians in the National Marrow Donor Program to over 8500.

Realistically, the numbers do not favor minority patients finding unrelated donors. The 100 Asian patients, searching for marrow donors, face the 1:20,000 chance of finding an unrelated match. Since ethnicity is a factor in finding an unrelated match, thousands of Chinese, Japanese, Koreans and others of Asian ethnicity must be added to the bank of potential donors. We hope that you will be inspired to tell others about the National Marrow Donor Program and the urgent need for more Asians to be in the registry.

In a couple of weeks the doctors are planning to do a procedure using Nick's own marrow while he is in remission. Our nephew, Nick and his wife, Catalina are courageously positive. They are the inspiration in our continuing search for a marrow donor.

We are truly grateful to the hun-

dreds of friends, neighbors, relatives, colleagues, and even strangers who have come forward. SE-SHARON SUGIYAMA
Long Beach, Calif.

More thoughts on Japanese apology

I read with interest (Bill Hosokawa's) column of January 25 on the Japanese apology.

Given that all events are interconnected and that Pearl Harbor did not happen in a vacuum, a proposal such as that of Elbert L. Watson and his organization has the real danger of appearing to be no more than a self-serving stunt, dramatic though it may be. Watson and his organization would immeasurably enhance their credibility if they led by moral example. God knows there's no scarcity of acts that need apologizing for. One such example may be the upcoming 500th anniversary of Columbus's appearance in America. It would be the perfect time for Watson and company (along with the rest of us Americans) to propose a national apology to the Native Americans for our absolutely grotesque behavior under the fiction of civilization and manifest destiny.

SHOZO T. UEHARA

Berkeley, Calif.

Racism focus is counterproductive

Focusing on racism and not on general understanding is a counterproductive way of helping to promote better relations between the U.S. and Japan.

Bill Mantani's stress on establishing "a program where Japanese seek to understand who AJA's are" (P.C., June 8, 1990) is faulty on two counts. 1. We should make the effort to understand others, not vice-versa. 2. He does not suggest any constructive programs.

Ed Mitoma's learned response that JACLers can't "argue our point from our point of ignorance" (P.C., Feb. 8, 1991) hits the nail on the head.

How many Japanese Americans understand the significance of *on*, *ninjo*, *gimu*, *giri* and other fundamental aspects of Japanese tradition? How many know anything about Japanese history—or even about our own century of struggle for respect and full acceptance in the American mainstream?

How many of the hundreds of books on Japan and Japanese Americans are readily accessible in our libraries? How many prog-

rams has the JACL initiated to enlighten us on these matters?

Shouldn't the JACL on the local, district, and national level vigorously support project that would encourage us to know who we AJA's are?
MAS ODO
Tacoma, Wash.

Clearing up the record in Montana

In the Jan. 25 Pacific Citizen you ran a photograph of Robert Kayama, identified as the first Asian American elected to public office in Montana. I realize that a smaller publication cannot meticulously check the accuracy of all submitted materials and must depend on its contributors who, themselves, may not possess extensive research resources. Without detracting from Kayama's achievement, it should be noted that the appanage of "First Asian American elected to public office in Montana" more probably belongs to Tsugio Ikeda of Great Falls.

After serving for many years as a well respected elementary school principal, Mr. Ikeda, a Nisei Democrat, won a strongly contested primary and general election in 1986 to become County Superintendent of Schools for Cascade County. Due to his popularity after four years in office, he ran unopposed in the 1990 election.

HELEN HAGEN
Great Falls, Mont.

Don't bury us yet says living vets

A Los Angeles Times article, Feb. 11, "Live Veterans Listed Among War Dead" on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is most timely.

A similar grave error may be deliberately perpetrated again. The 100th/442nd MHS World War II Memorial Foundation, Colonel Young Oak Kim, president's proposal to commingle names of the living safely returned veterans with our immortal heroes on the proposed First Street Japanese American Memorial needs to be stopped now!

NO NAMES OF LIVING ON MEMORIAL!

Omit my name from the memorial please, as well as many other living veterans of the same view.
MITS KUNIHIO
VFW Calif. Sixth Dist.
Americanism Chairman
Los Angeles

Calendar

● ARIZONA May 5-11—Japan Phoenix, Ariz. Conference on Women's Issues, Crescent Hotel, Phoenix. Info and registration packet, contact Global Interactions, Inc., 3332 West Thomas Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85017, tel. 602/272-3438, FAX 602/272-2250.

● CENTRAL CALIFORNIA Present-Mr. 10—Henry Sugimoto paintings, prints, watercolors, Kings Art Center, 655 No. Douy St., Hanford, 12-3 daily except Mon.

● FLORIN May 2—26th Annual Time of Remembrance, Florin Japanese Buddhist Hall, 7235 Pritchard Rd., 7 p.m.

● LOS ANGELES AREA May 13—Hina Doll Festival, New Otani Hotel & Garden, 120 E. Los Angeles St. 11:30-2 p.m. Info: 213/957-1007.

Present-Mr. 16—New Works by New York painter Kiku Saito at Salsander O'Hilly Galleries, Inc., 458 N. Camden Dr., Beverly Hills, Tues-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

May 4-16—USC Asian Pacific Student Outreach, 12th annual Asian Pacific Festival, USC Campus, 12 n. Info: 213/740-1096.

May 4-6—USC School of Business Administration and U.S. Dept. of Commerce International Business Conference, Davidson Conference Center, USC. Info: John Winder 213/740-8990.

May 6—Pacific American Ballet Theater's First Annual Benefit Swan Ball, Billmore Hotel Crystal Ballroom, no-host cocktail, dinner, program, dance, 6:30-12 p.m. Info: Norman Arakawa 213/519-3838 or PABT 213/515-3729.

May 9-9—UCLA Dance Company's 26th annual concert 8 p.m., Royce Hall, Tickets \$14, (students \$9) UCLA Ticket Office, Info: 213/825-9261.

May 16—Zen Doko, Children's Talko (ages 7-18) concert, Japan America Theater, Info: 213/860-3700.

● NEW YORK March 3-5—East Coast Asian Student Union 13th annual conference, SUNY Binghamton, NY. Info: 607/723-4923.

● NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Sept. 27-29—Tule Lake Pilgrimage, Tour of Lake Campella, Abalone Hill & Castle Rock Tour, San Francisco Japanese Cultural Center, Info: San Francisco, Julie Hata 415/221-0206 (eve), East Bay: Stephanie Anderson 415/584-4554, San Jose, Tom Ito 408/292-6938, Sacramento: Diane Morlock 916/443-9917.

● RIVERSIDE COUNTY May 3—Coachella Valley JACL picnic, Lake Calhoun, LaQuinta.

● SAN FRANCISCO AREA Present-Mr. 9—Asian American Theater Co. Janyou Dong You Dir, Jella Mongat Theater, 2940 College, Berkeley, Info: 415/84-7113.

Present-Mr. 22—National Japanese American Historical Society photographic exhibit: U.S. Detention Camps 1942-1946; Meyer Library, Stanford University, Info: 213/724-6681.

May 3—Nisei Woodstock, 2-4 p.m., at the home of Mada Sato, Info: Elise Uyeda Chung (S.F.) 424-4058, or Yuki Moriwaka (E.B.) 462-3380.

May 3—JASSED Crab Feast, Veterans Memorial Hall, 1325 Portland Ave., Albany, Info: Ben Takasaka (415) 235-6182.

May 3—No. Cal. Japanese American Senior Center's Shinnetsu Luncheon at Mountain View Buddhist Temple, Info: Mae Fuji Foo, Betty Sato, 408/294-2505, Kimi Watanabe, 415/343-2793.

May 4—Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society annual Mt. Carmel Women's Luncheon, San Lorenzo Japanese Christian Church, 9:30-1 p.m. Info: 415/851-7786.

● SAN JOSE Present to Apr. 16—Yu-Ai Kai Japanese American Senior Center free income tax help provided by VITA sponsored by city of San Jose for seniors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: 408/294-2505.

May 14—San Jose Yu-Ai Kai, Senior Center Trip to Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream, McCaughey Estate in Hayward, Southland Mall, Lunch, 9:15 Departure, \$25 (\$22 Seniors), Info: 408/294-2505.

May 29—Phil Matsunuma Testimonial Dinner, San Jose Japanese American Center, Info: 408/295-1250, San Jose JACL.

Apr. 14—Yu-Ai Kai Fashion Show, 12 noon, Red Lion Inn in San Jose, \$35, Info: 408/294-2505.

● SEATTLE May 16—Nippon Kan Heritage Assn. presents "Nippon Kan Heritage Dinner," 7:30 p.m., Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St., \$8 adults, \$5 seniors/students.

May 18—Tomo Ho Kai meeting, 7 p.m., Kono Nursing Home, 1801 E. Yessier Way, Info: 206/441-7444.

Present-June 30—Wing Luke Asian American History Museum, 4000 University Ave., \$25 adults, \$15 seniors/students, Info: 206/623-5124.

● WEST LOS ANGELES May 17—WLA JACL Auxiliary and Venice Japanese Community Center Queen's Luncheon, Venice Community Center, 12 noon, Info: 213/802-3237.

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Currently about 1,200 cases are pending approval because the office does not have all of the necessary documentation to prove the recipients' eligibility. Information: 1/800/395-4672.

COOL JAZZ—Light Breeze, a concert sponsored by Mild Seven, will be performed Saturday, March 9, at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main St., Santa Monica, Calif.

The event features jazz flutist Tim Weisberg, bamboo flutist Kazu Matsui, electronic keyboardist Keiko Matsui, and koto player Yutaka.

Tickets are \$18.50 and \$15.50, and may be purchased at Ticket Master outlets and May Company and Music Plus stores. Information: 213/480-3232; 714/740-2000.

TUNE IN—Karen Ishizuka, producer of the "Heritage Film Series" for the Japanese American National Museum, is one of the featured guests on "Sign of the Times," airing Sunday, March 3, at 11:30 a.m. on the Fox Channel 11 in Los Angeles.

Ishizuka, who with Robert Nakamura maintains the museum's photo archives, is interviewed on the subject of the creation of the Japanese American National Museum, scheduled to open in Little Tokyo in 1992.

JACL LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION—Pacific Southwest District Board—A Presidents' Roundtable, a forum in which the leadership of the district will be able to discuss common issues and concerns, met March 2 at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Los Angeles.

Issues addressed included anti-Asian violence, promotion of the Legacy Fund and other concerns. Other roundtables are planned. Information: Carol Kawamoto, 619/287-7583, or Joe Soong, 818/281-2647.

CAMP EXHIBITS—A photo exhibit called "U.S. Detention Camps, 1942-1946" will be on display through March 22 in Meyer Library, Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif. The exhibit features 90 photographs from the National Archives, the Library of Congress and from private sources that were assembled into a traveling exhibit by the National Japanese American Historical Society in San Francisco. Exhibit is free and open to the public. Library hours: 8 a.m. to midnight, Monday-Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Information: Kathleen Hirooka, 415/723-4681.

INFORMATION, PLEASE—The Asian Pacific American Legal Center scheduled a press conference in Los Angeles March 1 to announce its outreach campaign on immigration and a series of articles on the Immigration Bill of 1990. Speaking at the event were Arlene Hayashi, James Hsu, Jeanne Kim and Voltaire Tinana. Information: 213/747-4097.

FAMILY FOCUS—Issues and concerns facing Asian American families was the focus of UCLA Extension's biannual forum, "Asian Americans' A Family Affair 1991," scheduled for March 2.

Topics included the changing family structure, interracial marriages, parent-child interaction, multicultural identities and new educational hurdles. Information: 213/206-8258.

SIGN UP—The Tri-District Conference of the PSWCCDC and the NCPWNA will be held March 22-23 at the Holiday Inn in Visalia, Calif. Information: Larry Ishimoto, Tri-District chair, 209/627-0442.

MORE SIGN UPS—Registration is open to those who wish to participate in the 5th Military Intelligence School Anniversary Reunion scheduled from Oct. 29 through Nov. 2 in San Francisco and Monterey, Calif. Further information is available by writing to the Registration Committee, MTS 50th Anniversary Reunion, P.O. Box 2350, San Jose, Calif. 95109-2350.

HELP WANTED—The West Los Angeles Chapter of JACL, and the American Red Cross, West District Office, are seeking volunteers to assist veterans and/or their families affected by the Persian Gulf War. A recruitment meeting will be held Wednesday, March 6, 7 p.m., at the Red Cross headquarters, corner of Sawtelle Boulevard and Ohio Avenue in West Los Angeles. Information: Red Cross, 213/445-9916, or Toy Kanegai, 213/820-5250 (day).

RECOGNITION—The San Francisco Unified School Districts made its first official recognition of the Day of Remembrance when Dr. Leland Yee, member of the city's Board of Education, recently presented a framed copy of the Day of Remembrance resolution to Jean Ishibashi, Kiku Fanabiki and Greg Marutani. Materials have been distributed to all San Francisco schools. The local JACL chapter provides financial support for the printing of 3,000 copies of the cur-

riculum guides and posters on the internment experience.

HONOR FOR YOUR HONOR—Judge Joyce Kennard, the first Asian Pacific to serve on the state Supreme Court, will be honored by the Asian Pacific Women's Network at its 10th Anniversary Woman Warrior Awards dinner, March 22, at the Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles.

The event will also recognize Irene Hirano, director of the Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles, and other APWN founding members. Tickets: \$35 for seniors and students, \$65, non-members. Information: Marcella Low, 213/689-3267.

Agenda

JACL

Berkeley Chapter—Installed at a recent dinner were Ann and Ken Yabusaki, co-presidents; Neal Taniguchi, Al Satake and Gordon Yamamoto, vice presidents; Ranko Yamada, secretary; and Tak Shirasawa, treasurer.

Joy Morimoto, new district regional director, was guest speaker. **Diablo Valley Chapter**—Many chapter members recently testified

in support of a Concord, Calif., city human rights ordinance. Addressing a city council meeting, speakers stressed the importance of the measure and related personal stories of discrimination.

Milwaukee Chapter—New officers were recently installed by Hank Tanaka, MDC district governor at the group's 46th anniversary inaugural dinner. Installed were Diane Aratani, chairwoman; Ron Minami, vice chairman; James Miyazaki, treasurer; Roy Mukai, secretary; Andy Hasegawa, membership; and Art Mejchar, programs.

Mount Olympus, Utah, Chapter—New officers and board members have been announced. They are: Reid Tanaka, president; Oscar Misaka, vice president/programs; Elaine Tokita, vice president, membership; Junko Shimizu, treasurer; Irene Mori, secretary/recording; Amy Tomita, secretary/corresponding. Serving on the board are Tom Shimizu, Sadie Yoshimura, Jim Matsumori and Ken Nodzu.



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PC editorial

RIP: James Purcell

San Francisco attorney James C. Purcell, who died Feb. 13, represents the last of the so-called WWII JACL Headquarters team: Saburo Kido, national president; Mike Masaoka, national executive secretary, two office secretaries and the informal advisory council of five civic leaders Kido had solicited as "unpaid and unofficial" advisers who were consulted when any major or important initiatives were to be implemented.

Masaoka says, in his rich tribute* to Purcell, that without those wise suggestions of this group Japanese Americans "could not today enjoy the status and opportunities now available to us and our posterity, a future so good that we could not even dream about realistically in the pre-war era. Indeed, these voluntary civic advisers should be credited for the tremendously impressive public acceptance which those of Japanese background currently enjoy."

"He is best remembered for three major programs: (1) Mitsuye Endo case, (2) Harue Masaoka California alien land law decision, and (3) the Keisaburo Koda evacuation settlement."

In the dark hours of Japanese American history after Dec. 7, 1941, he was one of the few who stood up for our defense and did it well.

*Excerpts of Masaoka's tribute are gratefully acknowledged here. Full text will appear next week.

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From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Die-hard Saddam Followers

As the Persian Gulf war grinds to a conclusion, it is hard to tear away from the television reports. We see the fiery trails of rockets and feel the concussion of howitzers. We see long lines of Iraqi prisoners and American generals who assure us that the ground war is going better than expected. The magic of television takes us instantaneously to Baghdad's crowded bazaars and Jordan where throngs cheer wildly at mention of Saddam Hussein's name even as his armies crumble.

Why is that so many Iraqis, Jordanians, Palestinians and Islamic fundamentalists in other parts of the Near East refuse to believe that Saddam Hussein's military machine is powerless? Why do they believe that Saddam has planes and tanks and artillery pieces hidden away, that they will emerge at the right moment and pulverize the infidels?

We ask those questions and then we remember.

Go back to 1945. After landing on Leyte in the Philippines the previous fall, American troops established a foothold on Luzon. Manila was taken Feb. 3. A few weeks later Iwo Jima was seized. Okinawa was invaded April 1. In late May Berlin fell and Hitler killed himself. Meanwhile B-29s, unopposed, were leveling Japanese cities one after another with nightly firebomb raids.

Any armchair strategist could tell that Imperial Japan was being horribly mauled and its days were numbered.

But there was some unbelievers among the Issei in the WRA camps. Japan cannot lose the war, they said. All that stuff in the papers was just American

propaganda, they said. Japan had secret weapons and soldiers who weren't afraid to die and the whole country was moved by a dauntless spirit that would overcome superior planes and warships and firepower. They were convinced of this and nothing could change their minds.

They weren't the only ones sustained by blind faith. Long after Japan's surrender, it came out that in remote areas of Brazil there were small pockets of Japanese immigrant settlers who still believed that Japan had been victorious. There were elderly Japanese in Hawaii who went to their graves convinced that Japan had won. And in the jungles of the Philippines, Indo-China, Burma, Indonesia, die-hard Japanese soldiers who had become separated from their units lived out the lonely years waiting to be rescued by victorious Japanese troops.

In a way, one must respect these believers whose faith is so strong that it defies logic. Most of these Japanese were harmless. If they realized their mistake, they kept the humiliation to themselves. But one must wonder about the frustration and disillusionment and anger in the Middle East when, eventually, it sinks in that Saddam was a false prophet.

Will they, like the Japanese themselves, pick themselves up and make something of Pan Arabism? Or will they start looking for another Saddam to lead them against the Great Satan in a new search for glory?

Shaping the political future of the oil-rich nations may turn out to be even more difficult than kicking Saddam's butt out of Kuwait.



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Juku's and U.S. Professional Schools

IN THIS COLUMN I've written about Japan's Juku's, private schools which provide cram courses. In the United States we also have institutions which provide cram courses, usually to prepare for some professional license whether for a real estate agent, medical doctor, lawyer, etc. But in Japan, it's almost an obsession, permeating its educational system from pre-kindergarten, right on up through high school. And once a candidate is accepted into a university? Are Juku days then over?

Nope

IT IS REPORTED that each year some 600 Japanese students apply to U.S. professional schools. Now, these 600 don't simply fill out forms: that's right, they attend a juku. One of the largest is the International Institute for Foreign Study. Apparently the juku courses help; some 90% of the applicants are accepted into U.S. professional schools. The cost of the cram course? At 1.2 million yen translated into dollars at the prevailing exchange rate, that's somewhere in the area of nine grand, U.S. for a cram course. (Pity the other 10%—some 60 souls—who after investing that kind of money and time, are rejected.)

THE REJECTION RATE in Japan is terrifying.

For example, a very small percentage of those taking the law examination pass—something under 5%. As I recall, keep in mind that those taking the exam are the cream: they went to the best undergraduate schools and managed to get admitted to the best universities. The fact that a failed applicant is allowed to take the examination seven times may provide little comfort. It must be a devastating blow to fail on the seventh try, let alone the prior six misses.

But back to the applicants to U.S. professional schools. There's a bit of a parallel, I think, to some Nikkei experiences.

THE REPORTED EXPERIENCE of some schools in the U.S. with students from Japan is passivity, ascribed to the learn-by-rote system of Japan. The Japanese students do not participate in class discussions. For example, at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Study, one student commented that Spanish-speaking students with problems in English were not afraid to debate, whereas the Japanese tend to withhold giving opinions. The professional juku in Japan is aware of this and is reportedly seeking to overcome this reticence.

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Personally speaking



SAM SENO

► **Sam Seno**, quartermaster and past commander Veterans of Foreign Wars Nisei Memorial Post No. 9902, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by chairman Mike Antonovich of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the Jan. 29 board meeting. Seno served on the USS Polux unit of the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

► **Osamu Yamada**, 61, of San Francisco was named to the board of trustees of the University of San Francisco Feb. 8. Japan-born executive with Mitsubishi Bank in Tokyo, New York and Singapore branches, he is currently chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Bank of California and BanCal Tri-State Corp. He is also on the boards for USF Law School Asian Pacific Legal Studies Program, United Way, Berkeley Business School, World Centre, Georgetown University board of Visitors, San Francisco Symphony, S.F. Opera and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

► **John T. Sanda, DDS, MDS**, of Danville, Calif., was awarded a Fellowship in the American College of Dentists in recognition of his contribution to the advancement of the profession and humanity. The son of Mike and Chizuko Sanda of Monterey, Calif., he has been in practice since 1968 in oral and maxillofacial surgery, is a past president of the Contra Costa Dental Society and a lecturer to dental audiences.

► **Donna Onodera**, 45, of San Francisco was appointed the first woman to head its Office of Workers Compensation Programs for regional headquarters in San Francisco and district offices at Long Beach and Honolulu. The Sacramento State graduate in social science in 1968 and with teaching credentials in 1970, she joined the U.S. Labor Department and spent her 20-year career with OWCP. Appointment, effective Jan. 27, was made by Lawrence Rogers, national OWCP director in Washington.

► **Robert Shimabukuro** is stepping down as editor of the Seattle biweekly *International Examiner* after serving in that capacity for 18 months. His successor is **Danny Howe**.

► It took 50 years, but New York JACLer **Henry Datz**, 69, attended his first high school class reunion when Seattle's Garfield High class of 1940 gathered last November at the Sea-Tac Airport Hilton for its golden anniversary. A survivor of the Minidoka internment camp who later became an Army intelligence officer serving in the Philippines and occupied Japan, he said he never had learned of the previous reunions. He added he has done well (reputedly a millionaire) exporting kaolin, a clay product, to Japanese paper manufacturers. At Garfield, he was a class officer and played guard on the basketball team.

► Running in the New York Marathon for the sixth consecutive year, **Cyril Nishimoto**, director of Japanese American Social Services, Inc., New York, finished in the very respectable time of 2 hours, 55 minutes and 12 seconds, coming in 594th out of a field of 25,000 runners.

► Japanese Ambassador **Michio Mizoguchi** has been appointed ambassador to Canada and arrived in Ottawa just after Christmas to assume his duties. JACLers remember him as a panelist at the U.S.-Japan relations symposium, which was conducted at the JACL national convention in San Diego last summer.



JUDGE JON MAYEDA

► **Mas Fukai**, Chief Deputy to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and Gardena mayor pro tem, presented a Los Angeles County commendation to outgoing Presiding Municipal Court Judge **Jon Mayeda**. He was commended for his outstanding service to the Los Angeles Municipal Court during his term as presiding judge.

► **Mayumi Tsutakawa** will be a major force in shaping the cultural life of the Seattle area, as a leader in keeping county hotel-motel tax money for

the arts. It will amount to about \$400,000 in 1991. She is manager of the King County Cultural Resources Division, heading both the King County Arts Commission and its Landmarks Commission—a job for which she beat 150 contenders in a national search. She holds a master-of-arts degree in communication from the University of Washington, and worked as deputy manager of the KCAC for four years before being named division manager. Tsutakawa, daughter of internationally recognized sculptor George Tsutakawa, has edited three literary anthologies devoted to the art and writings of Asian Americans and women of color.

► **Jonathan T. Kaji** of Gardena, Calif., has been appointed to the President's Export Council by President Bush. The council advises the White House on government policies and programs that affect U.S. trade performance, promotes export expansion and provides a forum for discussing and resolving trade-related problems among the business, industrial, agricultural, labor and government sectors. Council members include the secretaries of commerce, labor, agriculture, treasury and state; the chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the U.S.; the U.S. trade representative; five appointees each from the House and Senate; and 28 appointees from the private sector.

► **Alan Cheung** of Chevy Chase, Md., is among four new members on the Montgomery County Board of Education. He defeated an incumbent by a 58-42 margin for the at-large seat last November.

► **Cindy Kanihiro** of W.T. Woodson College, Va., was named the 1990 women's soccer all-American team.

► **Dr. John H. Nishimoto**, of Fullerton, Calif., has been elected to Fellowship in the American Academy of Optometry at the organization's annual meeting in Nashville. Founded in 1922, the Academy maintains and enhances excellence in optometric practice by fostering research and the dissemination of knowledge in vision science.

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PERU

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fighting spirit when they had briefly met at the July inauguration. President Fujimori said, "If I last one month, surely I'll last three; and if I last three months, I shall last six. If I last six months, I shall last a year, and if I last a year, surely I can last five—despite all the bad news you'll be hearing." In Peru, a president serves a single five-year term.

(This past week, when Japanese Peruvians in Lima held its mid-summer *undakoi* sports festival at El Estadio la Union (the Japanese community center-sports complex), President Fujimori made a special appearance and was enthusiastically cheered. Ironically during the 1990 campaign, many Nisei community leaders were either negative or noncommittal about voting for Fujimori, even during the April runoff, for fear of an anti-Nisei backlash.)

In the PANA-USA report, Kanae explained \$70,000 was donated to President Fujimori and the people of Peru — \$60,000 for the Peru Nikkei enterprise development project to assist "micro businesses" and \$10,000 for the self-help home-building program at Juan Pablo II, a new village in the arid outskirts of Lima (see Nov. 30 P.C.), through MAS—Movimiento de Acción Social, a program started 20 years ago by a group of Peruvian Nisei university students and administered by Fr. Luis Martinez, SJ.

More Pressing Needs Cited
The Pacific Citizen has since learned that Peru's First Lady Susana Fujimori has recommended the \$60,000 be diverted from Lima which has already attracted worldwide focus from charities to Puno and Arequipa in the south to bolster their educational infrastructure. (The P.C. has a reader in Puno, Maryknoll Sister Joanne Dido, a Los Angeles Nisei.)

Fr. Martinez, a family confidant who officiated at the Fujimori wedding in 1974, first reported to the Pacific Citizen in February, 1990, that his friend and a political unknown, Alberto Fujimori, was going to run for president.

PANA-USA also donated \$10,000 to PANA-Paraguay to help with expenses of the 6th PANA Convention this summer July 25-28 at Asuncion.

Junko Nishida, who had participated at the Peru international karaoke show Dec. 15, entertained

with several songs. Kenji Ito, president of the Japanese American Treaty Centennial Scholarship Fund, Inc., led the evening's *banzai* toast. Honorary PANA-USA chairman Fred I. Wada commented on PANA activities; Henry Onodera was emcee.

About 100 attended. Pictures of the stacking of relief goods at AELU—the Japanese center-sports complex and a videotape televised on the semi-government Japanese network-NHK featuring interviews with Mrs. Fujimori and others in Lima were shown. Door prizes sponsored by Mutual Trading Co. were also distributed.

TRAVEL

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sion to the Sunday afternoon karaoke show, convention booklet, simultaneous translation, and transfers to the events.

PANA official delegates will meet on Wednesday and Friday nights. Registration desk will be open from Wednesday, July 24, 1 p.m. at the Excelsior Hotel.

Special events for youth are also scheduled. (Registration fee for youth is US\$70 by April 30, \$100 after that date.)

Two hotels are being reserved in Asuncion, the Excelsior at the convention site and the Yacht y Golf Club Hotel for golfers. A \$50 fee for golf tournament Saturday includes green fees and a lunch.

Two all-day Saturday optional tours through PANA-Paraguay including lunch will be (a) the Golden Circuit, and (b) a city tour and shopping.

Participants from Latin American countries pay US\$50 less for registration, a concession that was provided by the first PANA convention constitution, which National JACL—then a prime signatory—had written.

COPANI Paraguay has added a 10% cancellation fee if registration is cancelled before May 30. No refund will be made after that date.

Choice of Travel Plans
PANA-USA also announced several options to South America are being organized.

1—Convention/Only Package: Depart LAX on July 22, via Sao Paulo (1 night), convention (5 nights) and return.

2—Tour I: Depart LAX on July 22, via Sao Paulo (1 night), convention (4 nights), then Santiago, Chile (2 nights), Lima, Peru (4 nights) and return to Los Angeles.

3—Tour II: Depart LAX on July 17: Rio de Janeiro (2 nights), Sao Paulo (3 nights), Iguaçu Falls in Brazil (4

nights), attend convention (5 nights), Buenos Aires (2 nights), Lima (3 nights) and return.

Other departures and tour variations may be requested of the PANA-USA tour committee. For information, contact the PANA-USA tour committee:

Martha Tamashiro (Tama Travel 213-622-4333, fax—623-4271), Hiromichi Nakagaki (M.O. Air 800/331-5413, 213-621-0429, 625-1505, fax—625-3321) or Ernest Hida (American Holiday 213-849-1833, 818/846-2402, fax—213-625-4347).

PANA supporter Masako Kobayashi said she is also encouraging a group through West L.A. Travel to attend the convention. / HKH

PLATES

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explain the true meaning of *jihad* is to strive to become better Muslims through peaceful means or to follow Islam, the straight path to God by submission to his will.

Jaffer plans to appeal. He told the Times he was outraged by DMV's insensitivity to call his son's name "offensive to good taste and decency." Had the DMV addressed the problem that in this day and age, "people on the street may not understand your son's name and we recommend that you take those plates off," the matter could have been settled.

Gengler said that if Jaffer brings in a birth certificate showing his son's name is Jihad, it would reuse the plates.

—HKH

MARUTANI

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If this sounds familiar, don't say I didn't warn you.

SONY CHAIRMAN, Akio Morita, no shrinking violet he, gives voice to a rather provocative evaluation of U.S. business schools. Quote: "U.S. business schools teach how to analyze statistics and cope with sophisticated accounting methods. What they don't teach is how to motivate and encourage people. U.S. manager's biggest deficiency is that they have forgotten that companies are companies because of the people who work for them. That's why I can say without any hesitation the business school is responsible for the decline of the U.S. economy."

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