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Nikkei's discrimination case reopened by EEOC

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A discrimination case against a Japanese American federal employee has been ordered reopened by the commissioners of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The agency unanimously ruled to reopen the case brought by Akiko J. Yokotobi against the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The commissioners ordered the Veterans Department to investigate Yokotobi's allegations that one of her supervisors had made derogatory comments about persons of Japanese ancestry and that she had been harassed and retaliated against when she complained.

According to Yokotobi, a supervisor was alleged to have said with reference to her, "I hate Japs. You know we fought them during (World War II)." In ruling to vacate the Veterans Department decision (Akiko J. Yokotobi v. Edward J. Derwinaki, Secty., Department of Veterans Affairs, March 28, 1991), the commissioners ordered the agency to investigate Yokotobi's claim that she had not quit the agency voluntarily but that her resignation was prompted by ill health that resulted from constant harassment and retaliation.

The agency also was found remiss in failing to give Yokotobi adequate opportunity to clearly and precisely define the issues in her complaint.

The EEOC commissioners said that her case is not necessarily moot because she would be entitled to reinstatement if she prevailed on the discharge claim.

The Veterans Department was also ordered to purge her personnel records of negative references to her performance and of negative comments from patients if the investigation deemed that appropriate.

Commenting on the case, Dr. Joy Chierian, one of the five EEOC commissioners, said, "This is the strongest and most unequivocal expression of opinion by a unanimous commission that we view allegations of harassment in the workplace very seriously."

"I recently asked our office of legal counsel to develop a policy statement for the commission on the unlawfulness of racial and ethnic harassment," she said.

Study: Japan becoming more Anti-American

More and more Japanese are expressing anti-American sentiments, according to a recent survey sponsored by the Japan's Foreign Ministry.

Japanese nationalism appears to be on the rise—a reflection, in part, to the United States pressure on allies to play a stronger role in regional security.

The report, conducted by a seven-person group led by Seizaburo Sato, professor at Tokyo University, also shows that many Japanese believe that their country should not make any more trade concessions to the United States.

The study says that many Japanese are no longer showing support to the country's policy of co-operating with the U.S. on security matters, whether or not they agree with Japan's own ability to defend itself. Many Japanese believe that the security pact is not as important, because they no longer view the Soviet Union as a military threat.

Japan's Foreign Ministry, however, reportedly issued a statement that it does not necessarily reflect the findings of the study nor necessarily agree that nationalism is a growing tendency in the country.



Judy Imai, below and at far left in above photo, is on a worldwide walk for peace.



Walking for peace

Judy Imai's taking a quiet stroll around the world. Just a few friends and acquaintances, sharing the road, the scenery, the experiences along the way.

But it's more than that. It's a quest for peace among people and a concern for the environment. It's a global walk for peace.

Imai, a resident of Lakeview Terrace, Calif., recently gave up her job as a college vocational instructor to join a small group who began their trek across major countries of the world last week.

The walk, an extension of a 1986 excursion that took her and others across America, then later, the Soviet Union, will be accomplished in phases. The entire world walk will take 2 1/2 years, ending Aug. 6, 1993.

For Imai, 51, the sacrifices are big. She gave up job security, her home and contact with family and friends.

"Why am I doing this? Well, when the U.S. invaded Iraq, that threw me. I thought we were better human beings than that. I thought we had developed more than that. We're back to 'might makes right.' We've dehumanized people. I was disappointed. I wanted to campaign for peace."

Imai took inspiration from Joan Bokaer, a Cornell University

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Michael Yamaki named to L.A. police panel

LOS ANGELES—Michael Yamaki, a Los Angeles attorney specializing in criminal law, has been named by Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley to serve on the five-member Police Commission.

The police panel, under city charter provisions, heads the L.A. Police Department. Once approved by the City Council, Yamaki, 43, will join commissioners Dan Garcia, Melanie Lomax, Sam Williams and Stanley Sheinbaum.

The appointment comes at a time of controversy surrounding the department and its chief, Daryl Gates, who has been under attack for the recent charges of police brutality against Rodney King.

Yamaki said it was too soon for him to comment on the King incident, but asked if he will study the issue of racism in the city, he told Pacific Citizen, "That's on my agenda. I'll investigate how much hate crime there is against Asians."

The first Asian American member of the commission, Yamaki will also make it a priority to recruit more Asian Americans to the



MICHAEL YAMAKI
First Asian on police commission

police force.

"As chair of the Asian Advisory Committee to the Police Commission,

Michael Yamaki has worked with members of the commission and Police Chief Daryl Gates on a range of issues," Bradley said. "He has demonstrated his commitment to improving the level of law protection in our city. Michael will be a strong and dedicated member of our Police Commission. It is an extraordinary time for our city, our police department and our police commission. I am confident Michael Yamaki has the personal fortitude to consider objectively and fairly the decisions that face the commission in the coming months."

Yamaki served as a former member of both the Ethnic Minority Relations and Bar Examiners Committees of the State Bar of California, and president of the Japanese-American Democratic Club.

He is currently a public advisory director for the Blue Cross of California.

Yamaki said he did not know when his confirmation would be reviewed.

Japanese legal group wants L.A. police chief to resign

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American Bar Association (JABA) has officially called for the resignation of Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates.

The group unanimously adopted the measure April 2 in response to the police brutality charges in the recent Rodney King incident.

The organization said it believes that Gates' resignation is necessary "to end the present climate of fear and mistrust be-

tween the police department and citizens and to restore public confidence in the department's integrity."

The legal group also voted 9 to 4 to support an amendment to the L.A. City Charter limit police chief terms to five years without guarantee of re-hire or extension by the City Council.

JABA is a voluntary bar association of approximately 300 member attorneys and judges.

Cambodians, Latinos face off in gang wars

LONG BEACH, Calif. — So far, nine deaths and more than 50 injuries and hundreds of arrests have been counted by Long Beach police who are confronting the rising tension between Latino and Asian (mostly Cambodian) gangs, the Los Angeles Times noted this week.

Long Beach detective Norm Sorenson of the gang violence suppression unit said, "It's gotten to the point where we're experiencing an incident almost every day." The tally began in the late 1970s after the Vietnam War as refugees began to settle in the Anaheim Corridor neighborhood, a 2.5-mile stretch of Anaheim

Boulevard from Long Beach Boulevard to Redondo Avenue to the east, where Latinos and blacks have lived since World War II.

According to the Times, some Cambodians say they have been beaten, robbed and harassed by Latino gang members. It's only recently that Cambodian youngsters have begun fighting back. "And people are afraid. The Cambodians have no where to go," added Song S. Kamsath, Cambodian director of the Boys and Girls Club of Long Beach.

Latino point to resentment among its young people over the Asian influx. The newcomers

have virtually remade the neighborhood (now dubbed Little Phnom Penh), they say. Further, the fact that Cambodians have been more economically successful than those who have lived in the area for years has stirred animosity. "It's a problem of cultural misunderstanding," said Jerome Torres president of the Hispanic advisory committee to the Long Beach Unified School District and a board member of the local League of United Latin American Citizens.

City officials estimate that approximately 45,000 Cambodians

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Arizona

Sunday, May 5, through Saturday, May 11—Japan-Arizona Conference on Women's Issues, Crescent Hotel, Phoenix. Information: Global Interactions, Inc. 3332 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85017; 602/272-3438, FAX, 602/272-2260.

Seattle

Friday, April 26—"After Long Silence," poetry reading by Tina Koyama, Ariene Naganawa and Mayumi Tsutakawa from "The Forbidden Stitch," North Seattle Community College, 9600 College Way N., North Star dining room, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. \$3. Pre-register: 206/527-3705.

Saturday, April 27—Japanese Baptist Church's annual sukiyaki lunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., dinner, 4 to 7 p.m., cultural program, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$6, adults, \$4, seniors 70 and over and children 12 and under. Information: 206/622-7351.

Through Sunday, June 30—Wing Luke Asian Museum, History of Sagamiya Confectionery, 407 7th Ave. S. \$2.50, adults; \$1, students, seniors. Information: 206/623-5124.

Wednesday, Aug. 21 through Saturday, Aug. 24—Asian American Journalists Association National Convention, Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Seattle.

Chicago

Wednesday, May 2—Kick-Off Celebration of Asian Heritage Month, noon to 1 p.m., Daley Plaza, Chicago. Cultural program. Information: 312/744-4479.

Salt Lake City

Saturday, April 20—Mt. Olympus Chapter, JACL, annual Fund-Rama, 6:30 p.m., Central High School, 3031 South 200 East. Dinner tickets, \$6 per person. Baked goods, omamiji and sushi for sale, games for children, raffle and bingo. Information: Carolyn Valentine, 801/561-3678.

Washington, DC

Tuesday, May 8—U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce and the Organization of Chinese American Women's 3rd annual Excellence 2000 Awards Banquet, Hyatt Regency Washington. Program: "Success Through Quality," "Economic Power: International and Domestic Success, An Asian American Perspective." Guests: Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, Wendy Gramm, chairwoman of Commodity Futures Exchange Commission, author Dustin Nguyen, architect I.M. Pei and Kenji Yoshino, 1990 Rhodes scholar. Information: 202/298-9200 or FAX, 202/298-0023.

Matsui plans fund-raiser

A major fund-raising luncheon for Congressman Bob Matsui will be held at noon, Sunday, June 2, at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Francisco, according to the Japanese American Democratic Club.

The event is sponsored by Japanese-Americans for Bob Matsui, a non-partisan coalition of Bay Area supporters of Matsui, who is running for the Senate seat of retiring Sen. Alan Cranston.

Ticket information: Bob Kawamoto, 415/856-3855.

Calendar

Manzanar

Reunion, anyone?

A call to former residents of Manzanar's Children Village for a possible reunion was issued recently by two Monterey Park, Calif., residents, Tamotsu Isazaki of pre-war Salvation Army Home in San Francisco and Tak Matsuno of pre-war Shonien Home in Los Angeles.

Isazaki said the old Salvation Army Home group held a reunion in San Francisco in 1984. Those interested in a Los Angeles gathering should suggest the time and type of get-together that could be arranged, he said. Write or call: Isazaki, 2391 Vancouver Ave., Monterey Park, Calif., 91754, 213/263-5091; or Matsuno, 240 W. Elmgate Ave., Monterey Park, Calif., 91754, 213/728-8841.

There were approximately 75 Nisei orphan children from Alaska to San Diego living in Manzanar's Children Village, directed by Harry H. Matsumoto.

Post-war Rafu Shimpo English section editor Henry Mori recalled that there were 48 under Shonien Home care in Los Angeles who were relocated to Manzanar. Others hailed from Maryknoll Sisters' Home in Boyle Heights and the Salvation Army Home in San Francisco under the care of Major Kobayashi.

Take a bus

LOS ANGELES—A bus will depart from three areas of Los Angeles for the April 27 trek to Manzanar.

The 47-passenger buses are air-conditioned and equipped with toilet facilities for the 4 1/2-hour ride to Manzanar.

Here are the three areas:

- San Fernando Valley community: Bus leaves from the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Branford St., Pacoima. Call Nancy Gohata, coordinator, 818/899-4237, evenings.

- Gardena/West Los Angeles: Bus leaves from Gardena Community Adult School, 18120 South Normandie Ave., Gardena (corner of 182 St. and Normandie Ave.). Sponsored by the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California. Call Tracy Kiriya, coordinator, 213/326-0608.

- Downtown/Little Tokyo: Bus leaves from Japanese American Community and Cultural Center, 242 South San Pedro St., Los Angeles. Sponsored by the Little Tokyo Service Center. Call 213/680-3729.

All buses will leave promptly at 7 a.m., Saturday, April 27. A non-refundable \$10 fee must be sent to the sponsoring organization.

Participants should bring snacks and drinks.

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California

Teresita Dr., San Jose. Dinner: \$3, adults; \$2, children under 12. Information: Brett Uchiyama, 408/867-0255.

San Francisco area

Friday, April 19, through Sunday, April 21—24th annual Cherry Blossom Festival, Japan Center, Post and Buchanan Streets, Japantown, San Francisco. Entertainment, cultural exhibits, food. Information: 415/653-2313.

Sunday, May 5—Nisei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4 p.m. New members welcome. Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung, 415/221-0268, or Yuri Moriaki, 415/482-3280.

Saturday, May 18, Sunday, May 19—Berkeley Buddhist Church Satsuki Bazaar, 2121 Channing Way, Japanese American food, baked goods, book shop, crafts, raffle, silent auction. Saturday, 3-10 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Information: 415/841-1356.

Sacramento

Saturday, April 20—Off-Broadway Dance Club dinner-dance, 6-11 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, 2001 Point West Way; Fred Morgan, Famous Foursome, dance band. Information: Bill Kashiwagi, 916/635-2815 or 916/427-2950. Tickets not sold at door.

Saturday, April 20—"Financial Dynamics of Retirement," 10 a.m., Holiday Inn Holiday. Special guest speaker: Sherwood Harris, vice president, Pioneer Group of Boston. Information, reservation: 916/481-8492.

San Jose

Saturday, April 20—Nikkei Singles 2nd Invitational Golf Tournament, Tony Lama Golf Course, San Leandro, dinner follows at Brass Putter Restaurant on course. Information: Susi Yawata, 415/465-3196; Tee Yoshiwara, 415/523-5205; Yuki Shibata, 415/352-3115.

Saturday, April 20—West Valley Chapter, JACL, bridge/bowling night, 6 p.m., chapter clubhouse, 1545

Sunday, April 28—Nikkei Matsuri/Benefit 8K Nihonmachi Run, 9 a.m., start/finish Jackson Street between 6th and 7th Sts., \$12 entry fee. Information: Yu Ai Kai, 565 N. 5th St., San Jose, 95112, 408/294-2505.

Monday, June 17—Yu Ai Kai's 6th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament, 7 a.m. shotgun start, Santa Clara Golf and Tennis Club. Entry fees are \$150 for individuals, \$250 for husband/wife, includes green fees, cart, prizes, and two dinner tickets. Entry forms: Yu Ai Kai office, 565 N. 5th St., San Jose, 95112, 408/294-2505.

Umemoto fund-raiser

The fund-raising event for Keith Umemoto, who is running for Assemblyman for the 46th District, will be held Thursday, April 25, from 5 to 7:30 p.m., at the Shangri-La Restaurant, 313 Boylston St., Los Angeles.

Cost is \$100. Send to 2410 Beverly Blvd., Suite 2, Los Angeles 90057. Information: 213/386-0009.

Watsonville

Wednesday, April 24—Stanford University's Asian American Speaker Series: "Hate Crime on the Rise?," Dr. Alan Seid, Dennis Hayashi, Chung Chong, d.p.m., Asian American Activities Center, Old Union Clubhouse. Information: Don Fujino, 415/497-6250 or Ed Morimoto, 415/497-1172.

Sunday, May 5—Bonsai Club annual show, Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge St., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., plant sale and 2 p.m. demonstration.

Marysville-Yuba City

Friday, Sept. 27 through Sunday, Sept. 29—Third Yuba, Sutter Butte and Colusa Counties Nikkei

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JACL

Diablo Valley

Consistent with the national JACL mandate of securing and upholding civil and human rights, the chapter was instrumental in the passage of a human rights ordinance in the city of Concord.

Taking a leadership role has been chapter member and Concord Human Rights Commissioner Mary Kobayashi. She invited minority groups to the initial hearings when the ordinance was being drafted. She expanded her contacts with business, religious and community groups for input into the ordinance.

Testifying at the hearings in support of the human rights ordinance which prohibits harassment and discrimination in housing and jobs based on age, disability, gender, race, religion and sexual orientation were chapter members Dr. Elsie Bauck and Jon Kubokawa, co-president; George Fujioka, Contra Costa County human relations commissioner; and Mollie Fujioka, Elso Kobayashi, Ed Kubokawa, Isabelle Oshiro and Tom Oshiro. Present at the hearings were Dr. John and Delores Kikuchi and Yasuko and Yukio Wada.

The ordinance does not federal than existing state and federal civil rights laws but provides a local mechanism to handle complaints. It won final approval of the City Council April 9 and takes effect May 9.

Pageant participant



Joanne Hirase, second from right, was second runner-up in the recent Miss Asia of Utah Pageant. Seven contestants represented the Asian community in the state. The winner, Sook Sengdao Hoang, will participate in the Miss Utah Pageant which is part of the Miss America contest held in Atlantic City. The local pageant is sponsored by the Asian Association of Utah and is supported by JACL. With Hirase are, from left, Tamiko Arnold and Kevin Aoki, Salt Lake City, JACL, and Kikuko Yamamoto, Mt. Olympus, JACL. Hirase is in her first year of law school at the University of Utah.

Opponents of the ordinance, the Traditional Values Coalition (fundamental religious groups) and Contra Costa County Republican Central Committee, argued that the ordinance creates new rights for homosexuals. They filed notice with the City Clerk's office in an attempt to convince city voters to amend the new ordinance. They will have to collect a required number of signatures by the end of June to have the initiative on the November ballot.

The local media has been interested in JACL's role in the ordinance and sought comments from members present at the hearings.

After the vote approval, the Contra Costa Times noted supporters of the ordinance, including chapter members. Elsie Bauck was quoted as saying, "It's nice to see Concord take a leadership role in this area. This should put Concord on the map in a good way—in a very good way." In a later edition, she was further quoted: "We feel very strongly that each individual should be treated equally... Their sexual

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Reunion. Newsletter, registration information: Masaki Sasaki, 938 Chestnut St., Yuba City, 95991.

Santa Barbara

Saturday, May 18—Sunday, May 19—Nihonmachi Revisited: A Celebration of Santa Barbara's Japanese American History! 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park, 123 Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara. Information: 805/966-9719.

Ventura County

Sunday, April 26—Ventura County JACL's Annual Cooking Demonstration, "Easy, Elegant, and Quick," by Carol Drescher, 1 p.m., Hueneme High School, 500 Bard Rd., Room 20, Oxnard. Information/reservation by April 23: Janet Kajihara 805/983-2612 or Joanne Nakano 818/991-0876.

Saturday, May 18—Ventura County JACL's annual cemetery cleanup, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon, junction of Etting and Pleasant Valley Roads in Oxnard. Bring gardening tools and gloves. Information: Stan Mukai 805/650-1705 or Ken Nakano 818/991-0876.

San Diego area

Sunday, April 21—Japanese Film Classics series, "Snow Country," 2 p.m., Kiku Gardens, 1260 3rd Ave., Chula Vista. Directed by Shiro Toyota, film focuses on geisha striving for individuality in a system that emphasizes family and group values. \$2 donation (seniors free). Sponsored by San Diego, JACL, Union of Pan Asian Communities, VFW Post 4851. Information: 619/422-4951.

Los Angeles area

Through Sunday, April 21—Exhibit of new applications of computer graphic design, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center's George J. Doizaki Gallery, 244 So. San Pedro St., L.A. 6 artists: Masaki Fujihata, Mitsuo Katsui, Yoichiro Kawaguchi, Taku Kimura, Hajime Tawaguchi, Eiji Takasaki. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri., noon to 5

p.m.; weekends, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Mondays. Information: 213/628-2725.

Saturday, April 13—Orange County Sansei Singles picnic outing and nature walk, Will Rogers State Park, 14253 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades foothills, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information: Alan, 213/926-3540, Fumi, 213/434-4689, or Alice, 213/324-0582.

Saturday, April 20—"Spring Fever," Orange County Sansei Singles, 5th anniversary celebration dinner-dance, 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., Orange County Buddhist Church, 909 S. Dale St., Anaheim. Information: Larry, 213/645-5293, or Lorraine, 714/691-4215.

Saturday, April 20—So-Phis of Orange County annual charity fashion show luncheon, Anaheim Hilton and Towers, 11:30 a.m., luncheon, noon. "Fashion fantasies," featuring Lois O'Hern. Kanjo Designer Fashions. Tickets: Neiko Okazaki, 714/837-1439; Yas Okazaki, 714/586-0364, or Liz Ohta, 714/998-9984.

Saturday, April 27—22nd annual Pilgrimage to Manzanar. Self-guided tours, potluck lunch, open to public. Information: Manzanar Committee, 1566 Curran St., L.A. 90026; 213/662-5102.

Saturday, April 27—"L.A. Dance" the benefit honoring the 25th Anniversary of East West Players Theatre, Los Angeles Westin Bonaventure Hotel, California Ballroom, 404 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles. Dinner 6 to 10 p.m., dance 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Guests: Noriyuki "Pat" Morita and Tamlyn Tomita. Tickets: dinner/dance \$55, dance \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Information: 818/280-9385.

Saturday, April 27—East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center Queen's Pageant, ESGVJCC. Information: Julie Tsunehishi, 213/628-1365, days; 213/728-6167, evens; or Center, 818/960-2566.

Sunday, April 28—West Los Angeles, JACL, Auxiliary and Venice Japanese Community Center: "Miss West L.A. Queen's Tea," 1-4 p.m., Venice Japanese Community Center. Information: Eleanor, 213/398-9813, or Jean, 213/390-6914.

Sunday, May 5—Downtown L.A.

Chapter of J.A.C.L. and Nanka Nikkei Fujin-kais 1991 Mothers of the Year Luncheon honoring Iris Mizumi, Ushi Nakama, Masumi Nakano and Fumi Mizumi, New Otani Hotel, 12:30 to 3 p.m., \$25/person, please make reservations by April 21. Information: Amy 213/722-3897 or Lillian (Japanese speaking) 213/636-8456.

Thursday, May 9—Asian Business League's 5th annual Real Estate Forum, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles. Discussion of major forces affecting Southern California real estate. Cost: \$65, ABL members; \$75, non-members. Information: Suk Yin Ha or Marion Fong, 213/277-0880, or Lori Loo, 213/201-7401.

Tuesday, May 14—Barnsdall Art Park, Gallery Theatre, "Linkage," by Arjuna and performances by Asian Pacific visual and performance artists, 8 p.m., \$5, 4800 Hollywood Blvd., L.A. Information: 213/485-4581.

Saturday, May 11—Society of Seven performs in concert, 7 p.m., Celebrity Theater, 201 East Broadway, Anaheim, Calif. Information: 714/639-1007 or tickets: 714/999-9536.

Friday, May 31—Deadline for nominations for individuals/organizations whose achievements introduce or preserve aspects of Japanese American cultural heritage. Forms: Iku Kiriya, P.O. Box 3164, Torrance, CA 90510, 213/226-0608 or 213/323-8981. Four \$500 awards to be presented Sept. 29.

Saturday, Aug. 10 through Sunday, Aug. 18—51st annual Nisei Week Festival, Little Tokyo, L.A. Information: 213/687-7193.

Saturday, Sept. 28—50th anniversary celebration, Theodore Roosevelt Senior High School, L.A., Classes of '41, '42, Marriott Hotel, L.A. International Airport. Information: 800/244-6106 or write to Madeline Levine, 9603 Beverlywood St., L.A. 90034.

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Opinions

From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Humanitarianism of the Highest Order

There was an item in a recent issue of the *Daily Yomiuri* of Tokyo that bolstered one's faith in the goodness of human nature. And of bureaucrats. It was a story about a Japanese consular official named Chiuri Sugihara. In July of 1940 he was stationed in (Kovno) Lithuania, just north of Poland.

When Hitler invaded Poland in 1938, thousands of Polish Jews fled to Lithuania. In August of 1940 the Soviet Union occupied Lithuania and many nations closed their diplomatic and consular offices or reduced their staffs. Sugihara was among those who remained.

Many Jews in Lithuania, fearful of expanding Nazi influence, sought visas to Japan as the first step in trying to reach the United States. Sugihara was under instructions from Tokyo not to issue such visas.

But, according to the *Yomiuri* story, Sugihara disobeyed his orders. Compassion overcoming the training that made bureaucratic directives virtually sacred, Sugihara in a month's time issued 6,000

transit visas because he feared the Jews would be killed unless they could get out of the country.

Armed with these papers, these Jews took the train across Siberia and eventually reached Japan. Some apparently were able to sail to the U.S. while others, unable to remain in Japan, went to China where they spent the war years. After the war, the *Yomiuri* reports, some of the refugees moved to Israel.

In 1947 when some semblance of order returned to Japan, the *Yomiuri* says Sugihara was fired from the diplomatic service for having disobeyed orders. He used his fluency in Russian to work for trading companies, dying in 1985 at age 86.

There is a statue of Sugihara in the suburbs of Jerusalem, the *Yomiuri* says. And now Sugihara's home town, Yaotsuho in Gifu Prefecture, is building a memorial park and monument to honor his heroism.

In the latter half of 1940 and the first half of 1941, when I worked in Shanghai, many Jews lived in the Japanese-controlled

Hongkew section. Some of them existed by running small retail businesses. One family I got to know had a delicatessen and lunch room in a little hole in a wall. I went there frequently for corned beef and pastrami sandwiches on pumpernickel and kosher dill pickles.

As we got to be friends the proprietor told me one night in his broken English of fleeing Poland and the long journey by train across Siberia. I don't recall him saying anything about a Japanese visa. Still, it seems likely he had to have one to set up business in Hongkew where the Japanese ran everything. Perhaps he and his family were among those befriended by Sugihara, but now there is no way to know.

Sugihara's story has been told previously, but the new angle is the memorial in Yaotsuho, a town of only 15,000 on the banks of the Kiso river in mountainous Gifu. I'd like to visit there some day to pay my respects to the memory of a bureaucrat who had the courage to put humanitarianism above the rigid requirements of his profession. ☐

Talking back to Japan-bashers

By Taro Kimura

The following is a column written by a Japanese journalist who takes on Lee Iacocca, Rep. Richard Gephardt and others who have attacked Japan for its position on the Gulf War and trade relations. Japan is not perfect, Taro Kimura says, but it is not the enemy. The column is translated and reprinted from the Japanese newspaper, *Tokyo Shimbun*, courtesy of the Asia Foundation's Translation Service Center.

During the Gulf War some American politicians spent almost as much energy attacking Japan as they did excoriating Saddam Hussein. They accused Tokyo of hiding behind its war-renouncing Constitution to avoid deploying military forces, conveniently forgetting it was the United States that imposed the Constitution on Japan in the first place.

Now that the war is over, Japanese are bracing themselves in anticipation of a new wave of Congressional attacks. Allow me to shoot down some of Capitol Hill's oratorical SCUDs with a few rhetorical Patriots of my own.

Alfonse D'Amato, New York's Republican senator, has a reputation for provocative comments, but I cannot let his recent gibes about Japan's role in the Gulf conflict go unanswered. The distinguished Republican said:

"Here we are, having saved their economy and rebuilt them for the past 40 years, and once again they're taking a free ride. Japan is 70-percent dependent on Mideast oil. I'd like to say to them, 'Okay, fellas, see what kind of energy deal you can make with Saddam if we don't beat him.'"

Chrysler Chairman Lee A. Iacocca then entered the fray, calling the Japanese government's voluntary restraints on automobile exports "another meaningless gesture that exemplifies Japan's total insensitivity to the economic problems America is now facing and the sacrifices it may soon be called on to make in an area of the world that supplies most of Japan's oil needs."

To hear D'Amato and Iacocca talk, it sounds as if the multinational forces were fighting over oil, not principle. But American soldiers were putting their lives on the line in the Middle East for the noblest of causes; it is callous to suggest they were mercenaries in an economic war.

Even the normally reserved Democratic senator from West Virginia, Robert C. Byrd, joined in the Japan-bashing.

"I think this is a shame and a disgrace," he said, "that Germany and Japan, two countries which will benefit far more than will the United States, two countries whose dependence on the oil from the Middle East far exceeds our own need, will stand by and cynically watch American men and women shed their blood in the sands of the Arabian desert and refuse to help."

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., as expected, also put in his two cents. "It seems incumbent on these countries [Japan and Germany], especially because of their successful economic situation, that they should absorb most, if not all, of the cost." Does he think that our \$9 billion war pledge is peanuts?

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East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Hô-jin

FOR SOME REASON the headline in the *Yomiuri Shimbun* caught my eye, particularly the kanji characters reading (I subsequently learned) "hō-jin." The jin part (hito or "people") was easy, but the hô part stumped me; so at the first opportunity I looked it up. For a few others out there who share my ignorance, let me pass along what I discovered, including some hunches - such as they are.

I SHOULD FIRST try to describe the hô kanji character itself. It consists of two radicals: to the left, three lines (like san or "three") through which is drawn a vertical line, not unlike a scimitar. That's the left side. On the right side is a radical called "ōzato-zukuri" which I can best describe as looking like our capital "P" except the rounded portion has a big dent in it. (When this same radical appears on the left side, it is called "kōzato-hen.")

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Anyway, combine these two radicals and you have hô meaning "country," as in the world. Hō-jin: "people of a country?"

Maybe, and then maybe not quite.

THE MORE FAMILIAR term is koku-min, written with two characters: kuni (country, land) plus min (people, subjects). People of a nation, the populace. So why hô-jin? I checked Nelson's which did not delineate the difference; nonetheless, I came away with the impression that the term is uniquely limited to refer to "real" Japanese, the people of Yamato.

How so? That's where my hunches come in. Such as they are.

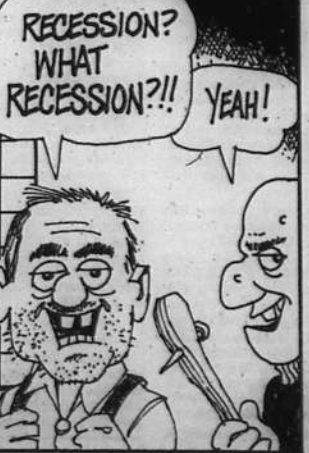
WHEN ORDINARY kanji characters are attached to our hô the transformation is into something distinctly Japanese. For example, tuck on bun (language) and hô-bun is "Japanese language"; "gaku" (music) or hô-gaku refers to "Japanese music"; ji (word) and hô-ji means "Japanese char-

acters" although it was not clear what happened to kan-ji (Chinese characters) in this transformation. So you get the idea when jin (hito or "people") is combined to read hô-jin, that I detect a distinct Japanese flavor to the resulting term.

I WONDERED, for example, if a person born in Japan and possessing Japanese citizenship (kōmin-ken) qualified as a hô-jin if (s)he were an Anglo, or of Chinese or Korean ancestry? The import and nuances of the term can only be measured and assessed by the currency it has in the cultural context of Japanese society. In the scheme of things, it would be helpful to know where hô-jin fits within terms such as Nihon-jin or Nippon-jin or other labels. Somehow, I don't think it to be an appropriate usage of the term to ask a Japanese if (s)he is a "hô-jin." "Nippon-jin," yes; "hô-jin," no.

Perhaps there are readers out there who can clear away the cobwebs for me. ☐

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People in politics



WARREN FURUTANI
Re-elected to school board

● **BIGGEST VOTE-GETTER**—School board member Warren T. Furutani of District 7 was re-elected in the Los Angeles primaries with 70.6% (12,751) of the votes cast April 9. He credited victory to strong neighborhood organizations, United Teachers of Los Angeles, and employee groups representing clerical and blue collar workers. His lone opponent, Tim McKinney, garnered 5,295 votes. Two precincts remained to be tallied.

● **ON BOARD**—Two Asians were elected April 9 to the L.A. Community College board of trustees: Office No. 3, Julia Wu Liu, 109,821 (55.4%); Office No. 7, David Loper Lee, 98,443 (53.4%). Both were in a three-way race. The seven-member board must now scramble for money as its \$200 million bond issue to complete construction on three more campuses and renovate old, unsafe buildings failed to pass by a two-thirds majority. Only 62.3% of voters favored the measure.

● **TAKE A SEAT**—The

seating of Matthew Fong (R), Hacienda Heights attorney who was appointed by Gov. Pete Wilson to the powerful State Board of Equalization, moved forward when the Assembly committee April 8 cleared the way by taking no action. Thus, the 37-year-old son of Democratic Secretary of State March Fong Eu was expected to automatically assume office April 17. The governor named him to replace former State Sen. Paul Carpenter (D), who was convicted of political corruption charges but re-elected last November. The legal opinions held he had forfeited his office but Carpenter contended he should not be stripped of his board seat for his conduct as a state senator. The conviction is being appealed. Fong, the unsuccessful candidate for state controller last November, said he is confident there is no meritorious challenge legally.

● **CANADIAN HONORS**—Terry Watada, Toronto's first minority alderman and acting mayor of Canada's most populous city at an estimated 3.5 million, was one of three recipients of the William P. Hubbard Race Relations Award March 6 for his work in human rights field.

Watada's work toward promoting the Pacific Rim, multicultural education and contributions to Japanese Canadian redress were cited.

In Montreal, the second largest Canadian city, Dr. Jim Hasegawa was re-elected to his second four-year term as alderman last November.

A dentist by profession, Hasegawa chairs the parks and recreation department. He was a moving force to establish a National Association of Japanese Canadians chapter in Montreal. □

AGENDA

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orientation does not preclude them from having the same rights as other people in this country."

Placer County

Chapter members will make their annual pilgrimage to the Okei Grave-Wakamatsu Monument near historic Colusa Sunday, April 28. This annual event is sponsored by the Placer, Sacramento and Florin chapters. This year a delegation from Japan will join us.

The pilgrimage is made to pay respects to the memory of Okei-san and to clean up the grave and monument.

The annual scholarship dinner of the chapter will be held Saturday, May 18, at the Placer Buddhist Church, from 6 to 8 p.m. A \$10 donation is requested. Deadline for tickets is May 11.

The scholarships offered are: the Thomas Yego Memorial Scholarship, \$600; the Jessie Covington Memorial Scholarship, \$350; the Masa Sakamoto Memorial Scholarship, \$400; and the Union Bank Scholarship, \$200.

Scholarship winners and their parents will be invited.

Fresno

The Annual Fresno, JACL, Scholarship Dinner will be held Saturday, May 1, 1991, from 6 p.m. at New Thai Heaven Restaurant, 367 E. Shaw in the Mission Village Shopping Center in Fresno.

The 1991 chapter winners are: Kristine Michelle Sakata, recipient of the \$400 Dr. Thomas Yatabe Memorial Scholarship. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sakata, Kristine will graduate from Fresno's Hoover High School and plans to attend UC Berkeley majoring in medicine.

Junichi Semitsu of Hanford High School is the recipient of the \$500 Miyahara Family Memorial Scholarship. Junichi is graduating third in his class and plans to attend UC Berkeley. His parents are

Mr. and Mrs. Satoru Semitsu. The \$650 F. Y. Hirasuna Scholarship will be awarded to Carey Akane Tokumoto of Hanford High. Carey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tokumoto. She plans to study computer engineering at either USC or UC Santa Barbara.

Kelly Hashimoto of Fresno's Bullard High School will receive the \$400 Dr. Izumi and Barbara Taniguchi Scholarship. Kelly will graduate first in her class and plans to enter either UC Davis or Santa Barbara to study pre-med. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hashimoto of Fresno.

Traci Jan Ando of Sanger High School will receive the \$500 Dr. Henry H. Kazato Memorial Scholarship. Traci plans to study engineering at either UCLA or USC. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wasco Ando of Fresno.

Douglas Matthew Wakida will receive a \$200 chapter scholarship.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wakida and will graduate from Fresno's Theodore Roosevelt High School. He plans to attend Fresno City College and begin studies in the field of food science.

Yoko Kuramoto of Fresno's Bullard High School will also receive a \$200 chapter scholarship. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuramoto, she plans to study biological sciences with future plans to enter dental school. Yoko plans to enter CSU Fresno in the fall.

Lisa Yumi Mizumoto is the recipient of the \$2,000 Masao and Hana Kimura Memorial Scholarship. The Kimura scholarship is disbursed to the recipient during his or her four year college studies at \$500 a year. Lisa plans to attend Princeton to major in international relations. She is graduating first in her class at Fresno's Edison CompuTech. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Katsutoh Mizumoto.

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WALK

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educator and activist who is credited with starting the concept of peace walks. A friend persuaded Imai to go on one and that has led to this ultimate trip around the world.

The walk covers much of Europe but will extend into places such as India, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Bangladesh, China, and other places. It will end in Japan.

"My uncle was in the 442nd. My family and I were in camp. My mother's people were in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was bombed. My grandmother's roots are in Hiroshima. And during the Vietnam era, I realized that my son was growing up and that he was being raised to be killed."

"So I had this feeling of urgency then. That we can't have another Hiroshima or Nagasaki. We need to teach humanity to think, not just act. When you meet people one-to-one it's empowering. You're putting yourself on the line, walking for a cause. You get a better

sense of people. When we went to Russia, the people had tears in their eyes when they met us. The problem isn't over there, it's over here."

Imai's most meaningful experience came on her walk across the United States. She said she was most touched by Native Americans of the Southwest.

"Native Americans identify with Asians," she said. "The Navajos of Arizona and New Mexico heard about us walking. They gave us firewood, food, even jewelry. They showed us their dances."

"Then they blessed us by enhancing our spirits to give us strength."

"One woman invited us to her home which had adobe walls. There was an altar with a candle burning. I was carrying the eternal flame that symbolizes peace. In places we go, we light a flame as a backup, so I told her I would light her altar candle and that brought tears to her eyes. She said, 'This is a sacred honor.'"

The experiences, then, are examples of human understanding.

Imai says she also remembers vividly a monk who dedicated his life to peace and walked wherever he could. He believed the simple act of walking would make a statement to all.

The trip is not one of extreme hardship, but amenities are few and rare. Taking a bath is the biggest luxury. Participants sleep in sleeping bags in tents, cook simple meals, walk about 15 miles per day, then bed down again.

The fact that the trip will end in Hiroshima is significant.

"As an American of Japanese ancestry I take with me an interesting perspective," Imai said. "This perspective has been molded by war and racism as well as the joys and advantages of growing up middle-class American. I am wondering how I will be treated. Will I feel a need to apologize for U.S. aggression? Or for our squandering of the world's natural resources, especially fossil fuels? Will the imprint of the internalized racism/oppression keep me from speaking up? Interesting thoughts." □

JAPAN

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Japan did not ask the United States to shed blood for oil. But it is precisely because we do understand the importance of establishing a new world order that we are contributing \$80 per capita, at the current exchange rate, to help Washington defray its war expenditures.

However we did not comply with the Bush administration's request to dispatch Self-Defense Forces to the Middle East. That would have violated the U.S.-drafted Constitution. Sen. Byrd's accusations of cynical self-interest ring hollow in this light.

As Iraq starts to rebuild after the war, the United States will

probably tell Iraqis that they were deceived by Saddam Hussein, a certified megalomaniac. From now on, the Americans will say, peace, not war, is the way to prosperity, and Baghdad should renounce military power except for self-defense. Who knows, Washington might even draft a new constitution for Iraq.

Of course, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Japan, told us the same thing during the U.S. Occupation (1945-1952). I was in second grade at the time and, in accordance with Occupation orders, I blacked out page after page in my textbooks with India ink. School children were told that everything we had learned under military rule was

wrong. Japan must live peacefully in its corner of Asia, the Americans said, without harboring expansionist ambitions. We should aim to be the Switzerland of the Far East.

That was Gen. MacArthur's injunction, and we have faithfully followed it to this day. Yet now America criticizes our pacifism while lecturing Iraq on the evils of militarism.

Of course no one is perfect. Japan is still learning how to be a responsible member of the international community. But here's some advice from an old friend and admirer: Douse the flames the Japan-bashers have ignited and save the pyrotechnics for Saddam Hussein. Japan is not the enemy. □

Bookmarks

'Bridge to the Sun' sequel shows Imperial court life

By Harry Honda

"A Bridge to the Sun," a book written in 1958 by Gwen Terasaki which then became a motion picture of the same name, had a 1981 sequel as a NHK television documentary, "Mariko," about the daughter of the diplomat Hidenari Terasaki and Gwen Howard Terasaki, the Johnson City, Tenn., cood who met the Japanese diplomat while studying at Brown University in the late '20s.

Now comes an even more fascinating post-sequel: The Japanese diaries of Hidenari Terasaki. Excerpts were published by the monthly commentary Bungei Shunju magazine last November. It was quickly sold out and sold out again in January when it dedicated its entire issue on the diary.

"A Bridge to the Sun" is an account of the Terasaki experiences during World War II, by Gwen who accompanied her husband to Japan, and their 10-year-old daughter Mariko.

The diaries bring Terasaki's behind-the-scenes observations of the Imperial court, his liaison with General MacArthur on behalf of Emperor Hirohito and the emperor's position on various events including the surrender.

Cole Miller, the Terasaki grandson in Los Angeles who has been entrusted with care of the diaries, had Asian history professor Gordon Berger at USC handle the initial translations and is now working on translating the papers as published by Bungei Shunju. The translations moved Cole Miller and his mother Mariko to have the diaries in English.

The documents have added to the debate over whether the emperor could have intervened in preventing the war in 1941, according to Berger.

Cole's mother, Mariko Miller of Casper, Wyo., makes a living giving talks about U.S.-Japan relations. Her father died in Japan in 1951 and her mother died in 1984 in Wyoming.

"sentences" for their "crimes." For example:

"Rikitaro Sato, president of the Sacramento Chapter of the JAA, and Hirokatsu Ichiyasu, head of the Okayama Prefectural Association, were both bald . . . and were arrested because their shiny heads violated the blackout order. Everyone went into convulsions of laughter. Bishop Nitten Ishida of the Nichiren Buddhist Church was well known for his practice of moxa cautery (and) was 'arrested' for being a fire hazard. Genjiro Tsujimoto . . . was an enthusiastic leader in organizing welcoming receptions when the Japanese Navy visited the West Coast. Upon his request to be 'sentenced,' Fukuda responded by saying, 'Mr. Tsujimoto was finally captured and placed in a *genjuro* (a maximum security cell).'"

In recalling the ease he had in improvising the rib-ticking puns and the laughter that ensued, Fukuda was certain his "Kami" enabled me to do this."

Of course, his memoirs carry more serious matters: defending the rights of internees under the Geneva Convention, negotiating as a barrack leader with the internment camp officials to settle internal problems, interceding for the Japanese from Peru who were interned at Crystal City, and after his release to petition the government of grievances of the people of Japanese ancestry because of World War II. That letter was conveyed in early 1957, charging the U.S. government treated Japanese-Americans "as if they had committed illegal acts."

And Then a Rainbow. Mili Shimonishi-Lamb. Pithian Press, P.O. Box 1525, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93102; 178 pp, paperback, \$9.95 (1990).

Memoirs of this Nisei woman

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who was born during the first World War era and grew up in Vacaville where her father, G. Kubota, ran the ABC Shokai Grocery, are unfurling in tableau fashion, replete with finely sketched cameos of family, kin and friends. They embody all the human emotions which Japanese Americans know from their experience.

For instance, on a personal point: Mili had shortened her *hakuin* name, Mildred, from her first grade teacher. It twisted the tongues of her parents and Iseii friends because of these "I's" and "r's." She tells how the Nisei boys teased her about her Japanese name, Satoru, because it also sounds like a boy's name. (I can empathize with her as my middle initial stands for Kazue, which sounds like a girl's name but not in *kanji*.)

Her story covers a lot of ground: from Vacaville to Palms Verdes, graduating from Long Beach Junior College, working in Little Tokyo (White Star Soda), then marrying her Kibei husband, a quick visit to Japan and returning in the summer of 1941. Then came Evacuation: the Santa Anita race-track, Heart Mountain, segregated to Tule Lake as an unwilling renunciant because of family and expatriated to Japan where she lived for 13 years with relatives in Hiroshima. With her citizenship restored, she and three children returned to Southern California while her husband didn't. Fifteen years later, widowed, she married her second husband, William Lamb.

Two of her sisters, Mary and Rose, were in the Women's Army (Auxiliary) Corps at Fort MacArthur in 1941, she adds. Monday after Pearl Harbor they were bluntly dismissed.

Made in Japan and Settled in Oregon. Mitzie Asai Loftus. Pigeon Point Press, P.O. Box 3653, Coos Bay, Ore. 97420; 177 pp, \$15.00 (1991).

A Hood River Nisei, who was interned at Tule Lake and Heart Mountain, emerged from the University of Oregon in 1954 to become a teacher. Later she married a music teacher, raised three sons and did some substitute teaching right along. After all that she finally came to grips with her life and published a manuscript she intended for the family and cousins.

The manuscript delves deeply into family history—an opulent opus for others to understand the Issei struggle, joy and achievements as related by a fellow Nisei. The "secrets" she bares about her parents and uncles are humorous and delightful.

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briefly noted by Harry K. Honda

My Six Years of Internment:

An Issei's Struggle for Justice.

Rev. Yoshiaki Fukuda, tr. Konko Church of San Francisco and Research Information Center of the Konko Churches of North America; commentary by Stanford M. Lyman, Ph.D.; Konko Church of San Francisco, 1909 Bush St., San Francisco, Calif. 94115; 146 pp, paperback, \$17.25 postpaid, (1990).

What life was for the 2,000-plus Issei who were arrested by the FBI and interned as "dangerous enemy aliens" at the outbreak of WW II is revealed from an inside perspective in the Rev. Yoshiaki Fukuda's book, first published in Japanese in 1957. A church leader in San Francisco during the 1930s, he spent his internment years in

Missoula, Mont. (Dec., 1941, to April, 1942), Lordsburg, N.M. (May, 1942 to July, 1943) via Fort Sam Houston, Tex., Santa Fe, N.M., internment camp (July, 1943, to February, 1944), and Crystal City, Texas (Feb. 1944 to Sept., 1947).

The priestly graces of Rev. Fukuda are manifested in the early pages as he sought to ease the trauma of the lot being transported by rail, as it turned out, to Missoula, Mont. MPs with bayoneted rifles stood at each end of the coach, the shades drawn and the lavatory door kept open to prevent an escape or suicide. The fact that they were forced from family and home with little or no warning, the fear of being executed dwelled in their thoughts.

To cheer up the internees, Rev. Fukuda came up with impromptu puns which were hatched to be

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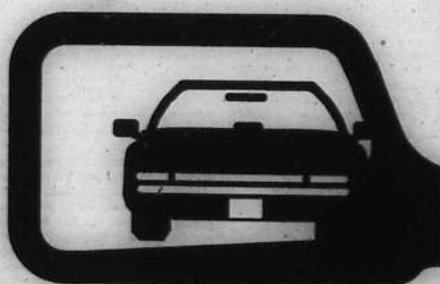


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KATO

Ventura College student Denise Kato, 23, daughter of former Oxnard mayor Dr. Teijio and Sumiko Kato, joins the 1991 class of Truman Scholars, awarded to those with an interest in government or public service. Her research paper delved into the "nonverbal miscommunications" that she believes might have contributed to the Gulf crisis. Her award consists of \$3,000 scholarships for her undergraduate years at USC and \$24,000 for two years of graduate school, perhaps at Georgetown University's foreign service program. She spent the summer of 1984 in Japan as an exchange student, tutors at Ventura College and works part-time in the office of Supervisor John K. Flynn. Honors were given to 82 out of some 1,300 candidates, the scholarship committee noted.

Dennis J. Yamashita, vice president of Rollins Burdick Hunter International, Seattle, is currently serving his four-year term as commissioner of the King

County Personnel/Civil Service Commission. A University of Washington graduate, he previously served as personnel director for Seattle's department of human resources. He also serves on the Seafair board of directors as v.p. of international affairs.

Gordon Tokumatsu is the new host and producer of Sacramento KRCA-TV's (channel 3) month-end "Perceptions" program. For the March 30 segment, some of the stories for the month covered Mary Tsukamoto of Florin JACL and of her wartime camp years in Arkansas; of "Ju Dou," the Chinese film in which the Chinese government has fought the western release and the threat it poses to the industry and Chinese American movie makers; and "Mystery Malay," as it attacks many Southeast Asian men in the middle of the night who curl up and almost die of fright.

Canon USA named Minoru Yoshikawa was named senior director and general manager of medical equipment division at Lake Success, N.Y. Also promoted were Mike Momenawara to senior director and general manager of the broadcasting equipment division at Englewood Cliffs, N.Y.; and Masaki Iwasaki to vice president-general manager of the printer division at Lake Success. He is also v.p.-general manager of the computer systems division. All joined Canon in 1964 after graduating from universities in Japan.

OBITUARIES

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Kawahara, George J. 91, Torrance, April 4. Honolulu-born, survived by wife Edith, a Dr. Lindbergh Herbert, Dr. Evelyn Takano, Eleanor Ozawa, 149c. 49c.

Mesul, Aasko, 81; Kumamoto-born, survived by Frank, Jr., Roger, Jim, Sonny, George, Roy, Ronald, Jackson Sakamoto, Dr. June Gibson, 139c. 5c. Shizume Aikawa, Kimiko Kono.

Matsu, Jane M., 64, El Cerrito, April 4. Vacaville-born, survived by George, a Ronald K., a Karen Oweo, 13c. 3c. Setao Furukawa, Clara Yokoyama, Julia Nishi, 30c. Hideo, Fred, Bert, Seiji, Seta, Setao Furukawa, Clara Yokoyama, Julia Nishi.

Masumitsu, Kiku, 82, Gardena, April 4. Shizuoka-born, survived by Dr. Taisaku Nakamura, Tadako Nishimura, Emilio Harayama, Noriko Nakatsu, a Satoru (Jpn), 99c.

Matoba, Shizuko T., 90, Denver, Mar. 31. Okayama-born, survived by Harry (Alhambra), 69c. 49c. in-law Dr. Ben Matos, Missa Matos.

Miyake, Yoshiko M., 70, Fowler, March 28. Hanford-born, survived by Dr. George, a Ken, Dr. Gregory, Dr. Laraine Colombe, Susan Mochizuki, 69c. 4c. Kay Miyake, Dr. Tom Miyake, Harry Miyake, Dr. Frank Miyake, his wife Hiroko.

Nakatsu, Tsuneko, 87, Walnut Creek, March 29. survived by a Iwao, Toru, Yoko, Jun, Henry, Dr. Kimiko Minami, Yoko Kudo, Sachiko Nakatsu, and Goro.

Okamoto, Tamiko, 66, Sacramento, March 28. Sacramento-born, survived by Dr. Steve, a Dr. David (Seattle), Dr. David Nakatsu, his Tomiko Hoshiko, 69c.

Ota, Shiro, 90, Culver City, April 7. Kumamoto-born, survived by Dr. Taisaku, a Dr. Harry S. (ret.) (Seattle), Dr. David Nakatsu, Dr. Yoshiko Yasui, his wife China.

Daniel Nakamura, a NASA computer scientist whose original pieces have been exhibited in museums, was honored April 13 as alumnus of the year at the annual American Association of Community and Junior Colleges convention at Kansas City, Mo. He was nominated by Alex Sanchez, president, of Rio Hondo Community College, Whittier, Calif.

Nakayama and Yuki Yonekawa (both Jpn).

Sakaki, Mitsuo, 88, Los Angeles, April 2. (after a stroke; Stockton-born, survived by a Steven, a Christine, a David, a Audrey Minto, 13c. Seta, Raymond, 73, Los Angeles, March 31. San Mateo-born, survived by a May, a Ronald, 39c. Dr. Francis (Arizona), David.

Shimimoto, Victor T., 86, Walnut Grove, April 4. Iketon-born, survived by a Tokue, a Thomas, Dr. Keiko Wong, in-law Dr. Minoru Ohta.

Shoda, Mary H., 80, Los Angeles, April 3. Los Angeles-born, survived by Dr. Mayoshi, Dr. Tomi Fujiki, his Mary Imamura, Dr. Robert Ogawa.

Setoguchi, Henry H., 85, West Los Angeles, March 28. Kagoshima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by a S. Yoshio, Robert Kenji, Saburo, John Sadao, Yoko, 69c.

Tanaka, Jack M., 78, Los Angeles, March 25. Hawaii-born, survived by a Betty, Dr. M. Haru Kobayashi, 13c. in-law Dr. Taisaku Endo, his Hideo Endo, Yoshie Sakai, Sachie Mochizuki.

Takao, Mary, 78, Hesperia, Calif., Nov. 10, 1990. Tokyo-born Seventh Day Adventist, survived by a Vale Vale, Dr. Hal, Canon Sam Takao, his Myrtle Goldfinger.

Tanaka, Brady, 41, Mon, Anaheim, April 1. survived by a Gerald Katherine, Dr. Julie, Dr. Clarence Helen, Natsu (Fullerton), Ted, Alice Tanaka (Gardena).

Tanaka, Kei, 66, El Cerrito, March 31. San Francisco-born, city park department retiree, survived by a Allison, Dr. Linda Sato, (Richmond).

Tsushimoto, George, 56, San Jose, March 28. survived by his Mitsuko Milner, Dr.

Takao (Watsonville), Ben (San Francisco), Ken (Santa Rosa), his Linda Hoskins (Santa Clara).

Wakatsuki (Torch), Matsuo, 86, Sacramento, March 21. Wakayama-born, prewar Los Angeles, survived by a Raymond and Fred Tonal, 49c. 39c.

Yamada, Sam, 71, Santa Clara, March 27. survived by a Kunita, a Ken, Kazuo (Jpn), Dr. Dr. Kelley (Seattle), his S. Ruth Hashimoto (Abuquerque), Rev. Helen Ishiwa, Fujio, Wakamoto.

Yamashiki, Ichiro, 83, San Francisco, March 3. survived by a Keiko, a Kenichiro, Dr. Chieko, m. Yukiyo, Dr. Keiko.

Yasuhara, Ruth, 72, Los Angeles, March 30. Los Angeles-born, survived by a Hime, Dr. Kenji, Tetsuo, his Yoko Yasuhara.

Yokoyama, Haruko, 71, Santa Maria, April 1. Watsonville-born, survived by Dr. Takashi, Haruko, Dennis (Hawaii), Richard, Dr. Ebel Kohmatsu, 159c. 79c. Dr. Yoshio Yoshi (Jpn).

Yoshizumi, Yoshiko, 82, Los Angeles, April 8. Oahu-born, survived by a Edgar, Harold, Dennis (Hawaii), Richard, Dr. Ebel Kohmatsu, 159c. 79c. Dr. Yoshio Yoshi (Jpn).

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GANG WAR

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reside in and around the neighborhood, making it the largest concentration outside of Southeast Asia. (The 1990 census pegs 53,300 Asians overall or nearly 15 percent of the city's population of 430,000; and 101,000 Hispanics or 24 percent.)

The newly arrived have Buddhist temples, stores, restaurants, newspapers and a highly visible social service center. The United Cambodian Community headquarters was built on a city block in Anaheim where the Latino-run agency Centro de la Raza headquarters was based. The Latino facility was eventually razed, the Times reported.

While some adult members of the two communities have been able to work out differences, it has been a different story with the youth. Police suspect trouble began to fester several years ago when Cambodians began defacing Latino gang graffiti.

Sorenson also noted that the gangs sometimes have difficulty identifying members of rival gangs and that consequently the number of innocent victims has increased.

Public meetings between both communities are being organized to examine and stem the situation of "kids killing kids."

Japanese community

At this point in time, the Japanese American community in Long Beach is apparently not involved in the gang wars.

Before World War II, the Japanese community was scattered generally west of Long Beach Boulevard along Anaheim Boulevard toward the Los Angeles River. The Japanese Presbyterian Church was located on Locust Street, a block west of Long Beach Boulevard. Issei operated gift stores and concessions on the Pike and pier, as well as flower shops and markets elsewhere in the city. (C)

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