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Nikkei claims bias in police promotion

PORTLAND, Ore.—Portland police Lt. Glenn Miyamoto intends to sue the city because he was passed over for promotion, according to a recent story in the *Oregonian*.

Miyamoto says he was first in eligibility for promotion to captain but was overlooked in favor of Lt. Charles Moose, a black who was fifth on the list. The second, third and fourth candidates were white.

According to the newspaper, Police Chief Tom Potter is allowed to promote from among the top five candidates.

Miyamoto wrote a letter to Potter saying that "It is my perception that you have rejected me for this promotion based on race."

The lieutenant, who currently works in the detective division but has also

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JACL officials review redress process

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A group of JACL-LEC board members got a first-hand look at the operations of the Office of Redress Administration (ORA) April 25.

Touring and inspecting the ORA procedures were JACL national President Cressey Nakagawa, JACL-LEC Chairman Jerry Enomoto and board members Mollie Fujioka, Cherry Kinoshita, Mae Takahashi, and Shig Wakamatsu.

The group's comments on the procedures were fielded by Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights John R. Dunne and Deputy Assistant Attorney General James P. Turner. ORA administrator Bob Bratt hosted the event, with assistance from Alice West-Simpson, ORA operations manager, and Paul W. Suddes, ORA deputy administrator.

JACL representatives were led through the processing of Stage I or verification of eligibility for redress, and Stage II or the proof documentation review. They learned of the various steps through which a potential eligible individual's papers are processed.

Suddes told the group that to date 24,500 eligible individuals had been paid, with an additional 300 final eligibility or green ("good to go") letters being mailed out that day, leaving approximately 200 to be verified and paid, which would then finalize the distribution of payments for fiscal 1991. Twenty-two cases of lost checks have been reported and the greatest number of heirs found for any one individual was 11. Suddes added that suspected theft or forgery of checks will come under investigation by the U.S. Secret Service arm of the Treasury Department.



JACL IN WASHINGTON—From left, Cressey Nakagawa, Bob Bratt, Cherry Kinoshita, Mae Takahashi, Mollie Fujioka, John R. Dunne, Shig

Wakamatsu, Jerry Enomoto, and James P. Turner meet in Justice Department for briefing on redress procedures of the Office of Redress Administration.

vestigation by the U.S. Secret Service arm of the Treasury Department.

In preparation for the 1992 fiscal year payout anticipated to begin in October of this year, 15,000 letters of potential eligibility or pink letters requesting documentation have been mailed out to those individuals whose birth date falls in 1926 or prior.

Of the 15,000 potential recipients, 9,900 have been advised they are eligible for payment or "good to go." ORA anticipates that the balance of the second group of

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Funding expected for 2nd round

ORA administrator Bob Bratt told the visiting JACL contingent that he was reasonably sure that redress funds would be available for the fiscal year 1992.

To prepare for the fiscal year 1993 projected needs, ORA must provide to the Office of Management and Budget an accurate figure as possible of

the anticipated number of potentially eligible individuals by early August of this year.

All potential eligible individuals who have not yet submitted a voluntary information form to the ORA regardless of their year of birth are urged to do so promptly to help determine the future appropriations needs.

L.A. honors Asian veterans

LOS ANGELES—The 13th annual Heritage Month Dinner will honor Asian Pacific American veterans who have served and are currently serving the United States in all branches of the armed forces on Thursday, May 23.

The event will feature U.S. Navy commanding officer Capt. Samuel K. Anderson of the San Diego Naval Station, a native Hawaiian who has been in the service since 1962, as keynote speaker.

Also speaking will be Vice President Dan Quayle, California Rep. Norman Mineta, L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley and L.A. City Councilman Michael Woo.

The event, part of the mayor's Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, begins with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. It will be held at the West Bonaventure Hotel, 404 South Figueroa St. Information: Lily Quan, 213/485-3404. ☐



MINETA

Japan attacked British first, says author

Rewrite the history books: It was British—not American—soldiers who were first attacked by the Japanese to open the fighting in the Pacific theater of World War II.

That's the conclusion of a San Francisco author Frederick Goerner who says his research indicates that a British Navy aircraft was first shot at by a Japanese Zero war plane in southern Indochina, then boarded by some 10 Japanese army soldiers 16 hours before the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

According to a story appearing in the *Hokubei Mainichi*, Goerner, in 1965, first heard of the earlier attack from U.S. Admiral Chester Nimitz who said he was told by

Japanese bomb found in harbor

Not all of the Japanese bombs dropped on Pearl Harbor found their mark. At least one may have simply sunk to the bottom of the harbor, according to the *Kashu Mainichi*.

A Japanese aerial torpedo containing 600 pounds of high explosives was recently discovered in the harbor, according to U.S. naval authorities who immediately closed the area off to tourist boats.

The torpedo was found in a scoop of mud dredged up by a private contractor's ship near Ford Island, a few hundred feet from the U.S.S. Arizona memorial, ashore over the battleship sunk in the attack. The torpedo will be blown up at sea, the navy said.

It was only recently that the

base was jeopardized by the shooting hours before the dawn raid occurred.

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Arizona hate crimes bill killed

A hate crimes bill that would create tougher penalties for crimes committed because of race, religion or sexual orientation was killed by the Arizona House Rules Committee on a 9-4 vote May 7.

The measure would have made it a Class 5 felony, punishable by up to two years in prison and up to a \$150,000 fine, for those committing hate crimes, according to the *Phoenix Gazette*.

Video screening

"Redress: JACL Campaign for Justice," a 35-minute video that tells the story of the movement, will be shown Sunday, May 19, at the Nikkei Village Retirement Home, 9577 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Pacoima, Calif. The event is hosted by the Pacific Southwest District Council, JACL. Information: 213/626-4471.

AT RIGHT—Sen. Daniel Inouye (center) meets with Visual Communications video crew, from left, Kurt Kaya, John Esaki, Amy Kato and Takashi Fujii.



Short takes

● It took some time, but the first woman mayor of a Japanese city was recently elected in Ashiya in the Hyogo Prefecture, according to the *Japan Times*.

Harue Kitamura, 62, a lawyer, out-voted incumbent Koroku Yamamura, 69, of the Liberal Democratic Party in the mayor's race last month. In her campaign, Kitamura pledged to increase the education budget and promote environmental protection.

● The rate for Japanese American infant mortality was the lowest among all groups studied from 1983-85 by the federal government, according to the May 6 issue of *American Medi-*

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Sunday, May 19—Twin Cities JACL's annual Scholarship Fund Sukiyaki Dinner, Union Congregational Church, 3700 Alabama Avenue South, St. Louis Park, Minn., 12 noon to 6 p.m. Tickets: adults \$8, Children 10 and under \$4. Information/reservations: 612/934-9238.

Seattle

Saturday, May 18—Rummage sale to benefit the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop-off: May 14-17, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Info: 206/882-6284.

California

San Francisco area

Friday, May 17, Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19—June Watanabe in Company's "Time Over Time: Three Lives in Dance," 8 p.m., East Bay's new Open Arts Circle, 530 E. 8th St., Oakland near Laney College. To perform: Frank Shaw, Mami Thomas and June Watanabe. Tickets: \$14, \$12 for students/senior citizens/DBA and \$20 for opening night gala and reception in memory of Betty Walberg. Information/reservations: 415/763-1910.

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

Thursday, May 30—Sacramento JACL Scholarship Program's 1991 presentation dinner, Sacramento Inn, Martineque Room. Tickets: \$17. Information and reservations: 916/477-0231.

San Jose

Friday, May 17—San Jose JACL's 2nd annual Casino Night Hukilau fundraiser, Italian Gardens, \$30 donation includes: chicken dinner, initial supply of chips and a 'goody' bag. Information: 408/295-1250.

Santa Barbara

Saturday, May 18 and 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. In-

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cal News. The report showed Japanese Americans had six infant deaths per 1,000. Other groups: 8.8 deaths per 1,000 for Cubans; 8.8 for Mexican Americans; 12.3 for Puerto Ricans; and 15.9 for Native Americans.

• Rep. Robert T. Matsui has introduced legislation designed to preserve deposit insurance on retirement funds of employees of state and local governments and non-profit organizations.

The bill would provide for per-

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been assigned to the personnel division and the drug and vice unit, said he heard unsolicited comments from co-workers in the Justice Department that he "was Japanese American and that Asians don't have political clout."

"Basically, I am saying that he (Potter) did this for political rea-

formation: 805/966-9719.

Los Angeles area

Saturday, May 18—Japanese American Bar Assoc., Little Tokyo Services Center and Asian Pacific American Legal Center's annual Asian Law Day, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Little Tokyo Towers, Community Room, 455 E. 3rd St. Guest speaker: Ron Ohata. Admission: Free. Information: Martin Takichi, 213/458-8336 or Dee Hayashi 213/620-5402.

Sunday, May 19—Tartan Jrs Reunion, Shangri-La Restaurant, 313 S. Boylston, 5:30 p.m. dinner. Information: Shorby Hirata 818/

367-9463, Yas Tanaka 213/255-4928.

Sunday, May 19—Nikkei Widowed Group's May activity, San Gabriel Valley Civic Light Opera, San Gabriel Civic Auditorium, 320 S. Mission Dr., 2:15 p.m. Tickets: \$14.40. Information/reservations: Sally Tsujimoto, 818/286-7640.

Sunday, May 19—Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Center's "Celebrating Old Age: A Day of Information, Support and Fun for the Japanese Community." 4760 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, Calif. Taiko performance, food and refreshments. Information: Michi or Miko 213/390-6612.

Reminders

• Oral History Workshop, New York Chapter, JACL, Saturday, June 1, Japanese American United Church, eastside of 7th Ave., between 24th and 25th Streets, 2 to 5 p.m. Speaker: Vernon Takeshita. Information: Haruko Brown, 718/353-5897.

• "Japan at the American Grass Roots," Monday, May 20, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Little Tokyo, Los Angeles. Second in series of day-long forum examining the relationship between Japanese corporations and the regions where they have become a powerful economic presence. Keynote speaker: Yoshiharu Fukuhara, CEO, Shiseido, Tokyo, Japan.

• Free workshop on careers in social work, Saturday, June 8, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m., Didi Hirsch Mental Health Center, 4760 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, sponsored by West Los Angeles, JACL, and Asian Pacific Social Work Council. Pre-registration required: Glenn Omatsu, 213/473-3015.

• Submissions for the 13th James Clavell American Japanese National Literary Award contest are being accepted. Top prize: \$1,000. Winner announced at annual Miss Nikkei Pageant, Saturday, July 27. Submissions must be original and previously unpublished short stories. Entries must be postmarked by Saturday, May 25, and sent to the American Japanese National Literary Award, 1870 N. Vermont Ave., No. 530, Los Angeles, Calif. 90027. Writers must have at least one parent of Japanese ancestry.

• New location is announced for the Nisei Week Japanese Festival Baby Show. Event will be held Saturday, Aug. 3, in the North Gallery of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, rather than at the Parker Center Auditorium. JACCC is located at 244 South San Pedro St., Little Tokyo, Los Angeles. Registration (\$20 at the door): 8:30 a.m. Each child receives free 5x7 color photograph. Pre-registration (\$15, includes free parking): 213/283-5685.

• Annual Sushi-Sake Bowl, San Francisco Chapter, JACL, Friday, May 24, 6 to 9 p.m., Japantown Bowl, Post and Webster Streets. Tickets (\$10): Tosh Mitsude, 415/445-0232 or Hiashi Takiguchi, 415/668-5511. Information: 415/641-1697 after 6 p.m.

• Southern California American Nikkei, JACL, offers a \$500 scholarship to any graduating Nikkei high school senior in the Los Angeles County area, based on academic merit and local community involvement. Financial need not a factor. Graduating high school students should contact Jackie, 213/398-4495. Deadline: May 20.

• "Risk Factors for Cancer: The Asian Pacific Perspective," free seminar, Wednesday, May 22, 4 p.m., Seton Hall Auditorium, St. Vincent Medical Center, 2131 W. Third St., Los Angeles. Reservations: 213/484-7888.

• "Japan Week in America," festival and cultural celebration with performers from Japan, Saturday, May 25, through Saturday, June 1, Salt Lake City, Utah. Free. Music, dancing, poetry, martial arts. Information: 801/538-1030.

manent federal deposit insurance protection of up to \$100,000 per participant for retirement savings of state and local government employees placed in savings associations and banks through Section 457 plans. About \$3 billion of such plans are currently in operation.

Under existing Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation rules, insurance coverage will apply the \$100,000 threshold to each 457 plan, rather than each plan participant, as of Jan. 29, 1992.

This would, in effect, deny deposit insurance to participants of such plans, which are the only

salary deferral plans available to state and local government employees.

• The Department of Asian and Asian American Studies at California State University, Long Beach, has received a grant from the Department of Education to develop a bachelor's degree program in Japanese as a regular component of the university's liberal arts curriculum.

The \$40,900 grant will provide a language course, symposia and library acquisitions in 1991-92. An additional \$55,000 in funding for 1992-93 will follow on completion of the project's first year. ☐

Referring to the interview portion of the examination, Potter said that there were "old guard" officers who believe in adhering strictly to test scores.

"I hate to make difficult decisions and stand by them," he said. "If I'm wrong, that will be borne out. That's the price of doing what you think is right. If it's not borne out that way, I'll take my lumps." ☐

Agenda

JACL

Venice-Culver Chapter

SAM SHIMOOGUCHI

Chapter President Sam Shimooguchi and members will sponsor and invite the public to a special community educational and Informational Program on Friday, May 24, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the auditorium of the Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr., Los Angeles.

The public forum, panel discussion and audience participation on the subject of drug and chemical substance abuse, crime (prevention and victims of crime), AIDS and other related subjects will be addressed. The event is free and parking is available in the center's lot.

Discussions will focus on steps to take action in the detection, reporting, prevention, medical and psychological help and support groups available for these abuses.

Midwest District Council

In an effort to develop its human/civil rights agenda, the Midwest District Council sponsored workshops on revising textbooks and curricula to include the civil

rights violations of interned Japanese Americans and strategies to combat racism in the media at the April 27 spring meeting in Chicago.

Greg Marutani, past president of the San Francisco Chapter and vice governor of the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District executive board, told the group that the San Francisco Chapter organized a campaign to get the California State Legislature to adopt a resolution that all instructional materials accurately reflect the Japanese American internment as a violation of civil rights rather than an act of military necessity.

The chapter also pushed the San Francisco Board of Education to adopt a resolution declaring Feb. 19 as a "Day of Remembrance." This past Feb. 19, every public classroom in the city's school district discussed in some way the constitutional violations of Executive Order 9066 and the eventual passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

Marutani distributed copies of the resolution and materials to workshop participants to be used as models. He encouraged other chapters to organize similar campaigns to influence textbook publishers to revise American history.

The second workshop on racism strategies in the media included experts who presented various perspectives on how the print, broadcast and entertainment media continue to misrepresent Asians and Asian Americans, fostering stereotypes and anti-Asian sentiment.

David Ibeta, Chicago Tribune reporter and past president of the Chicago Chapter Asian American Journalists Association, talked about the importance of watching and sensitizing the media. He said managers and editors must be aware of any negative or racist depictions of Asian Americans.

Peter Oehlkers, a student at Northwestern University working

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Allison Onishi (left), daughter of Houston Chapter, JACL, members Harvey and Leila Onishi, was presented the \$500 Ray Okumura Memorial Scholarship at the Mountain Plains District Council meeting in early April. Allison will be entering New York University as a communications major in the fall. With her are Sut Oishi (center), chair of the scholarship committee, and Cherry Okumura, mother of the late Ray Okumura.

on his dissertation, "The Portrayal of U.S.-Japan Relations in the U.S. Press," presented examples of Japan bashing. He said that the media's "monolithic view of the world" is based largely on ignorance and a "nationalist economic insecurity," and compared the current Japan bashing to the anti-Asian campaigns of the "Yellow Peril" era. He added that the media references to the Japanese does not accurately portray the diversity of the people of Japan.

Ibeta and Christina Adachi, anchorwoman for "Asia Today," president of Angel Island Theatre Company, and contributing editor of "Today's Chicago Woman," encouraged the use of the "How to Cover and Portray Asian Pacific Americans" handbook developed by the National Asian American Journalists Association and the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

They stressed the need for individuals and organizations to im-

mediately respond to negative or racist depictions of Asian Americans by making calls and writing letters to the public affairs directors and general managers of radio and TV stations, or editors of print media.

Copies of the handbook at \$5 are available by contacting the NCCJ office at 213/385-0491.

New York

Chapter members participated in the annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Festival May 4 at Damrosch Park, next to the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

Under clear skies, there were more booths than last year from many Asian organizations. On the large outdoor stage rarely seen in one setting by the general public were the variety of ethnic participants performing native songs, dances and martial arts.

Another featured event was the "Author's Table." Signing their books were Mine Okubo ("Citizen 13966"), Sheila Hamanaka ("The Voyage") and novelist Tooru Kanazawa, ("Sushi and Sourdough").

Chapter president Lillian Kimura summed up the day by saying, "This was not only another successful year for our unique 'Author's Table' but for the festival since it brings pride to the Asians and for the many non-Asians that rare moment of getting to know something of the beautiful mosaic of Asians that are part of America."

Placer County

The annual scholarship dinner is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, at the Placer Buddhist Church, from 6-8 p.m.

Al Nitta, scholarship chairman, announced the winners: Kimberly Bollin, Del Oro High School, Loomis—the Thomas Yego Me-

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BILL HOSOKAWA

What Do You Have for Breakfast?



In our household breakfast has degenerated into a simple and routine necessity. With the kids long gone, there is little need to whomp up anything particularly attractive. So breakfast usually consists of no more than orange juice, coffee, and carbohydrates provided by toast with alternatives like an English muffin or rolls for variety.

On infrequent occasions we have dry cereal with fruit and a non-dairy stuff that looks like milk, and even more rarely oatmeal. In this respect I suppose we are like a great many other Americans whose breakfast fare has become simplified from the routine of younger days that included fried potatoes, sausage or ham or bacon, a couple of eggs scrambled or sunny side up, and a stack of toast. Cholesterol, you know.

Still, on occasions—usually about once a week—the Spartan bare-bones breakfasts become tiresome. So, after a slug of orange juice to wash down the vitamins, we head for the neighborhood pancake house where the coffee is plentiful and good.

Some years ago my favorite breakfast at the pancake house was what they called a superstack. It consisted of five hot and fluffy pancakes which were served when drowned in a rich, dark berry syrup. Sometimes the stack would be garnished by a side of sausage patties, or even ham, and the whole mess washed down with several cups of coffee from an insulated pitcher left on the table. That was a breakfast that stuck to the diner's ribs; afterward the thought of lunch was not attractive.

But gradually and much to my chagrin, there came a day when a superstack simply was more than I could handle. Even without the meat on the side, I began to settle for the short stack, three pancakes. They were enough.

Then the other day I realized that I had been abandoning the short stack for three of what the restaurant calls crepe-style pancakes, served with big dab of air-filled fake whipped cream and strawberries or some other fruit. My eyes would seek out the crepe-style pancakes on the menu and that's what I had been ordering.

Crepe-style pancakes are flat rather than fluffy. The pancake house serves them rolled up. They occupy less space in the stomach. You might even call them dainty. I never thought I'd reach the day when I would prefer dainty food, but the time has come.

(The traditional Japanese breakfast includes rice over which you can crack a raw egg, soy bean soup, a bit of fish, some very salty pickles and flavored seaweed. It seems to lie heavily on the stomach, which may be one reason Japanese commuters—those lucky enough to get a seat—spend their time dozing.)

I suppose I ought to be grateful that I have the good sense not to stuff my gut with a superstack when I don't need the nourishment. But it's not a matter of will-power. I just don't want all that food, so I don't try to eat it.

Somewhere I read that if you put enough grain before a horse chances are he'll eat himself to death. Not so with a mule. A jackass is smart enough to know when to quit. Sometimes it pays to be a jackass.

Letters

Taking issue with NCCR editorial on Gates

While I realize it does not necessarily reflect official JACL policy, I personally resent the prominent placement of the opinion of June Hibino on your editorial page of the May 3, 1991, issue. The NCCR does not speak for the JACL and the placement of the opinion conveys the false impression it does. I personally take great opposition to the position of NCCR on two important points.

The first is any group that picks their allies based on the color of their skin does a great disservice to free thinking individuals who judge people by their actions and not their skin tones. To say that African Americans have supported redress so Japanese Americans should call for the removal of Chief Gates is an error in logic. Each action should be done on its own merits, not a policy of reciprocity.

However, of greater concern to me is the light regard Ms. Hibino affords the element of due process relative to Chief Gates. Ms. Hibino states that "due process" is not the issue. But "due process" is the issue. Denial of due process is why we wound up behind barred wire over 40 years ago. That Chief Gates has been tried, convicted, and sentenced in the public press with calls for his resignation or removal is blatant denial of due process. Whether he is fit to serve is surely not something to be decided in the media. And if he has abused his position for 13 years, then the fault lies with those empowered to change the system, but denial of due process is not the answer.

The denial of due process to one individual threatens the rights of all of us. And, of all people, should know and remember how long and painful a wait it can be to correct the denial of due process.

If Ms. Hibino's opinion reflects the official position of NCCR, then I suggest it may be time for them to take a long and careful look at the path we have walked and ask themselves if they might not have stepped off that path.

Gerald Horuchi
Fresno, Calif.

Editor's note: Regarding Pacific Citizen's editorial policy, we provide the opportunity for Pacific Citizen, JACL officials and members, and readers to air their views in available space on the editorial page. The author and his or her organization are always included. As such, the May 3 opinion was clearly identified.

Seeks help to find long, lost friend

Dolores Frausto and Mary Marías of Lincoln California are searching for their classmate Tomoko Shintaku. Ms. Shintaku graduated with Frausto and Marías in 1935 in Lincoln California. Frausto and Marías are in their 70's and very much would like to see and talk to Ms. Shintaku to rekindle their friendship again.

The last known facts of Ms. Shintaku's whereabouts and family are these: She graduated in 1935 from Lincoln, Calif., grammar school. She had brothers and their first names are unknown. She lived in Loomis or Penryn, Calif., in 1935. Her married name is

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East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Soh-Da Mizu



THAT'S WHAT the Issei called "soda water," a term combining English (soda) with *nihongo* (mizu). As a youngster in a farming community back in the State of Washington, I don't recall drinking much soh-da mizu with one exception: the Hiroshima-kenjin-kai picnics. Then we guzzled enough of the free stuff to last us until the next *undo-kai* ("physical contests" although we used it to be a synonym for "picnic.") In Japan I was first exposed to what was then called "remo-ne" (lemonade) bottled in those thick-glassed green bottles with no cap; rather, the carbonated drink was sealed by a glass ball inside the bottle, the seal being effected by the carbon dioxide gas pressing up against the ball. I don't see much bottled drinks in the metropolitan areas of Japan; one has to wait until one gets out to the *inaka* (countryside). Last year I saw some at the Yaohan stores in northern New Jersey. So enthralled was

I to see the stuff in the U.S. that we stocked up enough that there are still a few unopened bottles somewhere in the kitchen.

I've always been puzzled how they managed to get the carbonated water inside those bottles and get a seal. Indeed, I've wanted to make time to see the bottling process, but I'm lucky if I even see "remo-ne" in Japan. Coca-Cola, yes; Remo-ne, maybe.

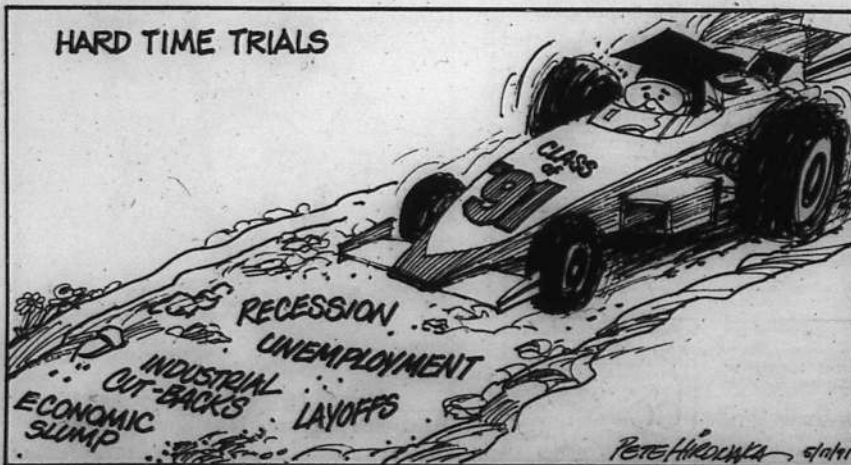
PERIPATETIC "COKE" (Coca Cola) in Japan comes in just-right-size (red) cans, instead of those 12 oz. guzzlers which are standard in the U.S. that leave one feeling bloated. I didn't see any during my Army tour of duty there, but did come across them in 1969 at ¥50 a can. In 1969 the dollar converted to ¥360. That's about 14¢ a can. I didn't look for Coca Cola the last time I was in Japan, so I don't know what a can costs. At U.S. airports, one needs to slip a dollar bill into the slot for a blast.

I don't.

A COMPETING cola drink has been recently launched by Suntory in Japan in packaging designed to resemble Coca Cola's—which is something a number of packagers in the U.S. have been doing for years. But the brand name of this new competing cola is unmistakably distinct: "Acercola Cola" (I jest not.) Had the bottler sought my advice—which it did not—I would have urged, strongly urged, a different brand name. "Acercola?" A fine name for a purge for a clogged drainpipe perhaps, but not a soft drink.

Well, in Japan the stuff may be selling like—sushi. There is another Japanese cola named "Jolt Cola" with sales exceeding projections. "Jolt?" The thrust is that the drink is heavily laden with caffeine, enough to give one a "jolt." Probably jolt this one into a headache. I'm sticking with favorite cranberry juice.

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By the board

By RANDOLPH SHIBATA,
District Governor, Mountain
Plains District Council

As district governor, I have had the opportunity to travel through the district to conduct meetings and speak at chapter functions.

Our district covers a huge geographical area. At times, the travel can be tiring. However, the work of the members of each chapter is truly a gift of the human spirit.

Much of this work goes unrecognized. The persons doing this work are too busy to toot their own horns.

The Fort Lupton, Colo., JACL members are known nationally for their potlucks and famous chow mein dinners. What few people know is the respect and admiration city government and officials have for the chapter and its members. In many communities, chapters merely dream to have their existence recognized. In Fort Lupton, JACL is treated as a valuable asset to the community.

In Rocky Ford, Colo., George Uehiyama takes care of the Amache Memorial site as a volunteer. He also works with the local health care leaders in finding care for elderly Nisei.

In Albuquerque, N.M., JACL members packed the courtroom to monitor a trial involving a hate crime against a Shin Issei. JACL-ers traveled in from Los Alamos (90 miles away) and Gallup (140 miles away) to attend the trial. The person attending from Gallup was Hiroshi Miyamura, 1964 Nisei of the Biennial and recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Their support was invaluable to the victim, and was a factor in the successful outcome of the trial.

In Denver, Emilie Ito is a tireless leader working on the 1992 convention one minute, an Asian cultural center the next minute, a redress workshop the next and so on and so on. I have seen her schedule. I get tired reading it.

Tom Maasamori of Denver is also a tireless worker, raising funds for the Min Yasui Memorial, and now as district coordinator for the Legacy Fund. I have great respect for his views on the Legacy Fund as well as on other areas.

Bob and Em Nakadai of Omaha should be the JACL Grandparents-of-the-Decade. Through their work, example and love, their grandchildren, nephews, nieces and many others have become active in the Omaha chapter. While many Nisei lament the fact that their children have no interest in JACL, Em and Bob have guaranteed the future of the Omaha JACL.

Mas Yamatsaki of Houston is

best known for his humor and his famous or sometimes infamous Houston Caper golf tournament. But he is also Houston's main source of information on the internment and serves as a mentor to students who want to learn about the internment of Japanese-Americans.

And then there is Glenda Kay Joe of Houston. Ms. Joe, a Chinese American, is not a member of JACL. However, we must be thankful that she is on our side. In my years in JACL, I have been fortunate to get to know two great individuals. The first was Min Yasui. The other is Glenda Joe.

Few people would have the guts to step into the middle of a war alone. Glenda has incredible courage, patience and skill. In 1982, the Ku Klux Klan sought to intimidate the Vietnamese community in Corpus Christi, Texas. Glenda met with the head of the Vietnamese community and the Justice Department. Glenda worked with the community to help them become integrated into the community. But she went further. Alone, she traveled into the bastion of the Klan to confront the Grand Dragon of the KKK one-on-one. The tension lessened and further trouble was prevented.

In 1982, 1983 and 1984, Betty Waki (who was MPDC governor from 1988 to 1990) was fired by the Houston Independent School District. Glenda organized the entire Asian community in Houston to support Ms. Waki. Ms. Waki still works for the Houston Schools.

In 1985, a Chinese American was assaulted in a hate crime. Glenda Joe met with local officials to sensitize them to the problem of anti-Asian violence.

In 1990, Glenda Joe and black community leaders worked together to prevent a boycott of the Asian merchants by the black community. Glenda Joe jumped head first into the crisis by educating both sides of the confrontation and by increasing understanding between the groups.

In 1991, Hwang Truong, a Vietnamese boy, was murdered by two skinheads. Glenda was the first person to contact the district attorney. She supported the victim's family both in spirit and by organizing a scholarship fund drive for the family.

But all of these people share a common theme. That is they take action at a local level.

It is important that we in JACL recognize the champions that I have described here and the champions in the other districts as well. We must work to nurture future leaders of these local efforts. The civil

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Conrad Lara
Sacramento, Calif.

He questions redress apology

The long sought redress checks and accompanying letters of apology are finally being distributed and justifiably, the eldest recipients are the first to receive theirs.

The letters of apology, dual salutations and the date of mailing are simply impersonal form let-

ters and true to the bureaucratic style of the U. S. Government, treat the recipient coldly, as if payment is grudgingly being given.

I was reminded of the absence of the salutation on the letter of a sensitive woman recipient who places greater significance on the letter of apology than the money payment and sees the inclusion of a proper salutation and date as appropriate for such a letter. Considering the years of struggle to get the legislation for redress passed, I agree.

My January 1991 letter to Office of Redress Administration director Bob Bratt on this point remains unanswered. Perhaps what is needed are more letters to Bratt from JACL-ers or some other course of action.

Ike Hatchimonji
Torrance, Calif.
SELANOCO Chapter



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morial Scholarship and Union Bank Scholarship; Tamiko Nimura, Roseville High School—the Jessie Covington Memorial Scholarship and JACL Scholarship; and Betty Miura, Placer High School—the Masa Sakamoto Memorial Scholarship and JACL Scholarship.

Twin Cities

The chapter recently announced its 1991 board members. The officers and committee members are: Mark Honda, president; Joanne Kumagai, first vice president and Program Committee chair; David Hayashi, second vice president, Civil Rights Committee chair and Program Committee; Charles Tatsuoka Jr., treasurer and Festival of Nations chair; Christine Noonan, secretary and newsletter editor; Jay Yamashiro, membership chair and golf tournament co-chair; Shirley Iseri Hinchliff, Holiday Party Committee chair; Judy Moriguchi, Program Committee; John Nakasone, golf tournament co-chair; Kathy Ohama Workman, installation dinner co-chair; and Kimi Hara, scholarship fund chair.

AAJA

(Asian American Journalists Association)

Detroit

The chapter announces the win-

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rights battles of the future will not be fought only in San Francisco, or in Washington, D.C. They will be fought in every state, city and town in our nation. JACL will no longer have a central target as we had in redress. What will remain are hundreds of small battles. There will be a hate crime in Durham, a job discrimination in San Francisco, a skinhead problem in Houston, etc.

Two factors will play key roles in whether JACL will meet this challenge. The first is the amount of financial resources that JACL will have to fight the battles. It may be too much to ask of any organization to constantly work to raise funds and fight battles at the same time. I urge those who have not contributed to the Legacy

ners of its first annual scholarship awards.

Lorelei Villalosa-Belton of Royal Oak, Mich., won first place and a \$1,000 scholarship, and Richard Lee of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., took second place and a \$500 scholarship.

Villalosa-Belton graduated from Oakland University last summer and is currently working as an editorial intern at the Chicago Tribune. While in school, she worked as a staff editor at the Oakland Post and as an intern at the Detroit Free Press.

Lee graduated from the Univer-

sity of Pennsylvania last year and is now studying at Oxford. An editor at Rolling Stone magazine wrote of him: "He showed great ability, organization, determination, and, most importantly, a calm intelligence when faced with the controlled chaos of our office."

The AAJA is a non-profit organization whose goals include increasing employment of Asian American Journalists, encouraging Asian American high school and college students to pursue journalism careers, and helping to achieve fair and accurate news coverage of Asian Americans. ☐

Queen and court



Mutsuko Sata (second from right) was recently crowned Miss East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center Queen, and will represent the organization in the Nisei Week Queen Pageant in Los Angeles, Saturday, Aug. 10. With her are Wendy Kubota (left), Shari Hatsuoka (second from left) and Karen Kosko. Sata, 22, is a senior at the University of Southern California.

do so. One of the goals of the Legacy Fund is provide funding to enable JACL to concentrate its efforts on the battles ahead.

The second factor will be the viability of the local chapters. It is imperative that the chapters be preserved. The only way this can be done is for each chapter to recognize the needs of its community and to meet those needs. Some of the immediate needs may have little to do with civil rights. For example, a chapter may determine that a need for social and cultural activities exists. The chapter should work to meet these needs. I contend that the esprit de corps, the teamwork and the infrastructure developed in meeting the need for social activities is directly transferable to fighting a civil rights battle should that need arise. If all chapters were fighting battles, then we would have a population under siege.

On the board level we are trying to answer the questions: "What do the members and individual chapters want from the national staff and the board? What can we do to help?"

It is my hope that you the individual member will help us answer these questions. You are our "troops" on the front line. It is my hope that you will contact your district offices and district governors. For those in Mountain Plains or for those who might wish to contact me directly, my address is:

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Albuquerque, N.M. 87110

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documented voluntary evacuees whose total number is unknown, 420 have received redress checks and approximately 600 cases are in various stages of review.

Nearly 100 appeals have been made by those initially denied eligibility, breaking down into the following categories: non-Japanese ancestry, 17; relocatees to Japan, 20; non-permanent alien residents, 31 (including 22 Latin Americans); undocumented voluntary evacuees, 16; and miscellaneous, 14.

Suddes stressed the importance of providing full documentation, citing a case where proof was necessary regarding the length of a marriage. Such proof was found in the records of the family registry in Japan through documentation obtained through the Japanese consulate general.

In continuing attempt to check the whereabouts and status of ev-

ery name on the WRA and Berkely lists, the ORA has sent out letters requesting information about approximately 3,000 names, asking whether the person is deceased or, if alive, their current address. Around 25 new eligible individuals were found in this process. The assistance of the JACL network will be requested by ORA in fulfilling this provision of Public Law 100-383.

Those who are applying for restitution of lost jobs or loss of entitlements due to E.O. 9066 or other government action are being referred to the personnel department of their previous employing agency.

Enomoto expressed to the ORA appreciation for the informative review and for the outreach efforts of their staff, and assured that follow-up recommendations would shortly be submitted from the JACL-LEC. ☐

Fredericksburg, Texas, in early May.

According to the *Hokubei Mainichi*, a British naval attaché spokesman could not immediately confirm the new theory.

Goerner is also the author of *The Search for Amelia Earhart*, which says that the aviatrix was gathering intelligence on the Japanese military buildup in the Pacific before World War II at the time of her disappearance.

The author says that it is likely that Earhart was captured by the Japanese. ☐

and subsequently fired warning shots at it.

This was followed by an attack by 10 Imperial army planes shooting the British aircraft down.

What does all this revisionist theory mean?

Goerner said that Admiral Nimitz doubted that the Japanese attack on the British planes would have affected American readiness at Pearl Harbor had it been reported.

Goerner was scheduled to present his conclusions at the Admiral Chester Museum in

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researcher was able to view records of the attack on the British plane, according to the newspaper.

An account in the Japanese Defense Agency's "War History" series, which recounts the naval invasion operations in the Philippines and Malaya areas, shows that a Zero plane piloted by Eiichi Ogata sighted the British plane

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Obituaries

Fujimoto, Yasuo, 82, Pasadena, April 23; Honolulu-born, survived by wife Nam, s Toshio, Masao, Bill, Katsuo, Masao, Donald Sumio, Eddie Nobori, d Michiko Tudor, Tsuneo Hattori (Killingham, Calif.), Shigeko Mori (Berkeley), Hideo Hirai (Chicago), 5pc, sis Masako Miyoshi.

Hasegawa, Dr. Masato, 84, 442nd veteran, UC Berkeley graduate 1940, studied in UC School of Medicine interrupted by war and was interned, completed medical studies with distinction from Wayne State University (Detroit), returned to Honolulu, was chief of staff at several hospitals including Kapiolani Maternity, Kaulaiki Children's, and The Queen's Medical Center, lecturer in social work and nursing; survived by wife Asako, s Robert, d Margaret Ann Denton, 7pc, br Masanori, Takao.

Higaki, Donald T., 46, Sunnyvale, April 9; survived by wife Toshiko, s Glenn, s Wanda, Leslie, in-law br Mohammad.

Hosokawa, Chiyoko, 69, Foster City, Calif., April 22; Hiroshima-born, survived by s Hiroaki, 2pc.

Ishimura, Tetsuo G., Monterey Park, April 20; Los Angeles-born, veteran of Korean Conflict, survived by wife Mariko, s Daniel, sis Linda Ikeda, br Lloyd, in-law br Yoko, Hamaoka (Jpn), sis Ikuo Toyofuku, Yori Morimoto, Rikio Matsubara.

Kaijima, Ethel M., 96, Lakewood, Colo., April 8; Okayama-born widow of Fred Ichiro Kaijima (1887-1955), secretary of Japanese Asa of Eastern Mountain States in the 1920s, predecessor of the Colorado Nihonjin Kai and publisher of the Colorado Times (1927-1969); survived by s Fred, d Beatrice Woo, 4pc, 2pc.

Mizutani, Ginji, 75, Sacramento, May 5; Sacramento JACL pres (52), survived by wife Peggy, d Mary Ann Goodman, 1pc, br Tetsuo, Saburo.

Morimoto, Kiyohi, 77, Los Angeles, May 5; survived by wife Yoshiko, s Joe, Nobuo, d Rieko Nakano, 5pc, 2pc.

Murata, Toshi, 84, Watsonville, April 29; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Kazuo, in-law sis Hisako.

Nagai, Tsuneo, 82, Los Angeles, April 24; Chino-born, survived by s Fred M. Shigeru D. Dick, d Ikuo Utagawa, Hisako Minabe, Kazuo Nagai, Yoshiko Obara, 5pc, 2pc.

Nishikawa, Yoshitaro, 81, Sacramento, April 27; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Kiyoko, s George Y. Lerner, s d Norine Tami, Irene Matsuo, Lena Nishikawa, 4pc, 2pc, sis Mitsue Ishizaki (Chicago).

Nishimura, Masao, 78, Gardena, April 27; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Masao, 2pc, br Tadao (Chicago), Shigeru, sis Hisako Takebayashi (Jpn).

Nomura, Juniko, 84, Fremont, April 20; survived by wife Ted, s Bruce, d Suzanne, Tina, Julia, m Tameko Nakazato, sis Sonoko Matsuyama (Berkeley, Jpn).

Okazaki, Tetsuo, 73, South Gate, May 2; Kochi-born, survived by wife Isaki, d Hiroaki, d Hiroko Shiget, 4pc, br Jack Chikuma (Sacramento), 2pc, 1pc in Jpn.

Omoye, Shiget, 87, Sun Valley, May 2; Salinas-born, survived by wife Alan, 2pc, 2pc, sis Omoye and Gladys (Jpn) Shimakasi (Torrance).

Sells, Stanley, MD, 73, Arlington, Va., May 1; retired surgeon and behind-the-scenes political adviser to his wife, Patricia, former spokeswoman for the White House, head of the Small Business Administration, Kaulaiki nephew of Irene Unuma Harada of the Nihon Incident, his mother took care of her family's children while Harada was interned. He began his medical studies at the University of North Dakota where his uncle was one of the few American pathologists in the state, graduated in medicine from Temple University, returned to Honolulu to practice. He and Patricia were wed in 1954. He was chief of staff in the early 1970s at Kapiolani Women's and Children's Hospital, developed the sexual abuse treatment center there and retired eight years ago as Patricia's career in politics was rising. His son, Dr. Stanley (Honolulu), said his father had suffered from heart problems several years ago but was in good spirits recently when the family gathered at the White House for Patricia's swearing-in ceremony. Also surviving: Sandra, an internist in Oregon; Margaret, a veterinarian, Laurs, a restaurant manager (both in Calif.), and Stuart, a computer programmer (Virginia).

Shima, Rindge, 82, Pasadena, April 27; third son of the late King Ushijima, known as the Potato King during WWII and prewar years in the San Joaquin Delta region, UC Berkeley graduate, a visiting associate of applied physics at Caltech at time of death, survived by s Augie, 2pc, in-law d Peggy, sis Florence Shima (Stockton).

Shimizu, Akira, 75, Selma, April 11; survived by wife Hisako, s Wayne, d Pamela Nelson, 4pc, sis Tomiko Okamoto, Mitsue Horuchi, Yuriko Nakagishi, Tsuyuko Ibara, br Russell Shimizu.

Shiroma, Sachiko, 88, San Francisco, April 26; survived by wife Ernest T., br Tadao Shiroma, sis Takiko Hashimoto.

Takasuchi, James Akira, 52, Monterey Park, May 1; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Christine, s Paul, d Theresa Soye, Alice Koyoko, Kathleen Kimiko, Anne Michiko, m Suyoiko, 4pc, in-law m Tina Kim.

Tetsuami, Prof. Henry S., 94, Seattle, April 12; San Francisco-born pioneer in Japanese language instruction to English-speaking students, taught at University of Washington from 1929-1967, at U.S. Naval Intelligence School at Boulder, Colo., during WWII. His family had moved after the 1904 San Francisco fire to Japan where Henry spent his teenage years and his brothers returned to U.S. in 1918 and settled in Seattle. He and his wife Grace, an Auburn-born Nisei, were wed in 1934. His illness, thought to be Alzheimer's Disease, demanded much attention from his wife. His daughter Miyo returned home from San Francisco to assist. At the time of his death, he was the Japanese Baptist Church attended by relatives, academic colleagues and former students, the Nisei Veterans Committee presented Grace with an American flag, honoring his military service during World War I. Others surviving are d Catherine Oberg, 8pc, sis Teruko Yoshitaka (Jpn).

Yoshimura, Mitsuko, 77, Sacramento, April 24; Sunnyvale-born, survived by wife Hideo, s Ted, 3pc, sis Teruko Kawahata.

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