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## 1st redress round nears completion

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Final redress payments for fiscal year 1991 will soon be paid by the Office of Redress Administration, according to John R. Dunne, assistant attorney general for civil rights.

At mid-May, the ORA had made 24,841 payments out of the authorized 25,000 for the first group of individuals born before July 1, 1920. The remaining cases in this group were scheduled to be paid by the end of the month.

"We are quite pleased that the payments are running according to schedule," Dunne said. "In fact, we have already verified over 17,000 recipients in the second group of payments scheduled to begin in October, 1991."

"Our best current estimate indicates that the second group to receive payments will include those born July 1, 1920, through Dec. 1, 1927," Dunne said.

Any cases still remaining from the first payment group will be included in the second round of payments.

The ORA was authorized by the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 to disburse a total of \$1.25 billion in payments of \$20,000 each to an estimated 60,000 individuals of Japanese ancestry who were evacuated, relocated or interned during World War II.

## Hawaii workshops

Redress workshops in Hawaii have been scheduled by the Office of Redress Administration.

One-on-one assistance will be offered on the following days:

• June 11, 9 a.m. to noon, Japanese Chamber of Commerce, 2425 South Beretania St., Honolulu.

• June 12, 4 to 7 p.m., Japanese Chamber of Commerce, 2425 South Beretania St., Honolulu.

## Matsui quits Senate race

### Father's health is reason for halting campaign effort

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Rep. Robert T. Matsui, who has been campaigning for six months for the Senate seat to be vacated by Alan Cranston, announced May 23 that he would withdraw from race, citing the serious health problems of his father.

In a written statement, Matsui added that he would campaign for re-election to the House of Representatives.

Matsui said he was still certain he could win the Senate seat but that "everyone who knows me is aware of the tremendous value I place on my family. Any success I have had in my career can be traced to my family and the support that has come from my family members. Striking a balance between the rigors of a statewide campaign in California, my obligations to my constituents in Sacramento, and my commitment to an affection for my immediate family, would be a difficult task even under the best of circumstances."

Matsui said his father's health has deteriorated in the past few months and that as his only surviving child, he was "deeply concerned about his well being."

In making the announcement, Matsui thanked his Sacramento area supporters, those who actively campaigned with him for the Senate, his staff and family.

The scheduled \$5 fund-raising events have been cancelled. He had as of the



REP. ROBERT T. MATSUI  
Will run for re-election to House

announcement raised about \$1.2 million in campaign funds.

Commenting on the withdrawal, Matsui's friend and colleague, Rep. Norman Y. Mineta said, "I think Bob Matsui would have made an outstanding United States senator. I think his decision to withdraw is just one more indication of his integrity. I know Bob's many friends share in his concern for his family, just as I know the people of Sacramento will proudly return him to the House in 1992."

Still in the Senate race are former governor Jerry Brown, Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy, and Rep. Barbara Boxer of Greenbrae. On the Republican side, Rep. Tom Campbell of Stanford and Los Angeles television commentator Bruce Herschensohn are running. ☐

## Loo trial postponed

The federal grand jury trial of Lloyd Piche on charges of violation of civil rights in the Ming-Hai (Jim) Loo murder case has been rescheduled from June 10 to July 8, according to Sonya Chung of the JACL Washington, D.C. office.

The Loo case—the most publicized since the 1987 Vincent Chin murder trial—has brought together a coalition of Asian groups in support of prosecution of Piche and his brother Robert for the killing of Loo in Raleigh, N.C., in 1989.

The Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc., has been leading the fight for prosecution at the federal level. According to Bill Yoshino, JACL national executive director, JACL has been watching the case and has supported OCA's efforts. President Cressley Nakagawa, Yoshino, and then-Washington Representative Paul Iwasaki met with John Dunne, assistant attorney general for civil rights, on May 9 of last year to add their support for the prosecution.

Robert Piche was convicted and sentenced in March of 1990 to 37 years in prison for second-degree murder and assault with a deadly weapon but could not be charged with civil rights violations because North Carolina does not have provisions for that kind of charge.

In the meantime, the Asian group, which included the Asian Law Caucus of San Francisco, American Citizens for Justice of Detroit, the Asian Pacific Legal Center of Los Angeles, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund of New York and many other groups and individuals, sought to bring violation of civil rights charges against Lloyd Piche who had been given a two-month sentence for misdemeanor charges for assaulting Lanh Tung, one of Loo's friends.

The group met with Justice Department officials, calling for prosecution at the federal level.

Lloyd Piche was then arrested March 28, two days after a Raleigh, N.C., federal grand jury indicted him on the violation of civil rights charges.

## Mineta: More funds for minority health

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Norman Y. Mineta urged a House subcommittee on May 21 to support greater funding for health programs for Asian Pacific, Hispanic, and other minority communities. Speaking before the House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, Mineta said that proposed funding for the Disadvantaged Minority Health Improvement Act of 1990, which he co-wrote, was insufficient.

"Asian Pacific Americans and Hispanic Americans face a number of barriers to full access to our nation's health care system," Mineta said. "But by far the greatest obstacles are a lack of linguistically and culturally appropriate health care services and a severe lack of data."



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## Minority health program provisions

Here are the provisions of the Disadvantaged Minority Health Improvement Act of 1990:

• Authorized the Office of Minority Health within the Department of Health and Human Services.

• Grants for hiring bilingual health care workers and conducting health education campaigns in non-English speaking communities.

• Measures to increase the participation in the health professions by groups traditionally underrepresented in those fields.

• Provisions to improve access to health for residents of public housing. Particular attention will be paid to prenatal care, and drug abuse prevention.

• Reauthorization of the National Center for Health Statistics, the federal government's principal health data-gathering agency.

• Surveys for improving the quality of health data collection for Asian, Pacific Islander and Hispanic Americans.

• Grants to improve the quality of health services for Pacific Islanders living in U.S. Pacific territories.

## Bill to protect redress money hits opposition

SACRAMENTO—A bill that would protect redress payments hit a snag at a May 13 hearing here.

Sen. Patrick Johnston's Senate Bill 353 was introduced to keep the state of California from making claims on redress money by restricting public assistance benefits. That means that the state may issue a claim against the redress payment after the death of a Medi-Cal recipient through the Medi-Cal Recovery Act. The state could put a lien against the estate to recover past Medi-Cal claims.

At a senate appropriations committee hearing May 13, the bill was "suspended," meaning that no further action will be taken unless modifications are made. The state Department of Finance has claimed the bill would cost the state some \$3.5 million.

Johnston's office, however, estimates the bill will only cost about \$250,000 per year to enact.

After the hearing, Priscilla Ouchida, an aide to Johnston and vice president, general operations,

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## Agencies support Manzanar bill

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Department of the Interior and the National Park Service have endorsed the bill that would establish a national historic site at Manzanar.

Speaking in favor of the bill was Jerry Rogers, Park Service associate director for cultural affairs, who said, "The internment of Japanese Americans was a grave injustice. We believe this unfortunate aspect of American history should be properly interpreted for the benefit of the public."

Testifying at the May 21 hearing

before the House Interior Affairs Committee were Rep. Norman Y. Mineta as well as Rep. George Miller who has authored a similar measure that would establish internment camps, temporary detention facilities, ports of entry, and military installations as national historic landmarks.

Rogers added that of the 10 Japanese internment camps throughout the West, Manzanar was the most ideal to represent historical interpretation of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

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## Calendar

### Arizona

Saturday, June 1—Arizona Asian American Association's 4th annual conference, Safari Resort Conference Center, 4611 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale. Information: Madeline Ong-Sakata 602/265-2000 or 371-8452, Joe Allman 602/942-2832.

### Denver

Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6—Tri-State Buddhist Temples 75th Anniversary/Reunion, Denver, Colorado. Information: 1947 Lawrence St., Denver, Colorado 80202 or call 303/295-1844.

Friday, August 30 through Monday, September 2—5th National JACL Singles Convention, Scanticon Hotel. Information: Denver Nikkei Singles Club, P.O. Box 21321, Denver, CO 80221 or Jim Hada 303/237-2159.

### Utah

Saturday, June 6—Wasatch Front North JACL's Recognition Nite, ABC Mandarin, 5260 S. 1900 West in Roy, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Hon. Judge Raymond Uno. Tickets: \$10 RSVP: Marian Hori 801/544-2224, Eli Akisada 825-6905, Fujie Kunimoto 394-8902.

### Seattle

Saturday, June 8—Nikkei community dance, 8 to 11:30 p.m., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. Tickets: \$2. Info: 206/772-1160, 206/244-2558.

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

### California

#### Sacramento

Saturday, June 29—The Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church Men's Club's 2nd annual Ball Room benefit dance, Church of Social Hall, 6929 Franklin Blvd., 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Music: Duncan Harden. Donation: \$10 per person. Information/tickets: 916/421-1017.

#### San Francisco

Sunday, June 2—39th Annual JACL Junior Olympics, Chabot College in Hayward. Information: Akio Yamamoto, 415/964-9995, Tom Oshidari 408/257-5609.

Sunday, June 2—The Nisei Widowed Group's monthly meeting, 2 to 4 p.m. Information: Elsie Yueda Chung 415/221-0268, Yuri Morikawa 415/482-3280.

#### San Jose

Monday, June 17—Yu Ai Kai's 8th 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.

#### Santa Clara

Wednesday, June 5 and Thursday, June 6—ICS and NeoConcepts presents FUSION JAPAN '91: The New Wave in US-Japan Hi-Tech Alliances, a two day symposium on emerging product and management developments in US-Japan high-technology ventures, Techmart Center. Info: ICS 800/626-9044.

#### Marysville-Yuba City

Friday, Sept. 27 through Sunday, Sept. 29—Third Yuba, Sutter Butte and Colusa Counties Nikkei Reunion. Newsletter, registration information: Mazie Sasaki, 938 Chestnut St., Yuba City, 95991.

Sunday, June 9—Nikkei Widowed Group meeting, JACCC building, 244 S. San Pedro, Rm. 4-B, 1:30-4:30 p.m. NWG member Harry Marumoto offers bonsai and golf tips. Karaoke singing. Dutch treat dinner to follow. Info: 818/286-7840.

Sunday, June 9—Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays' fundraiser dinner "Fantasia 91: The Secrets of our Garden," 8 p.m., Friendship Hall, 3201 Riverside Drive, Tickets: \$30 general, \$50 preferred. (Not sold at the door) Information/tickets: Peter Corpus 213/460-4622, Vittorio 213/622-2310, APLG 213/664-4356.

Saturday, June 22—Greater Los Angeles Singles JACL's annual Scholarship and Fund Raising Dance, 7:30 p.m., Gardens Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl. Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door. Information/tickets: Bea Fujimoto 213/935-8648, Chris Ishida 213/386-1138.

Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23—The National Awareness Foundation, the California

## Reminders

- Asian Pacific Women's Network 1991 Scholarship Program announces four \$1,000 awards will be offered to women of Asian or Pacific Island ancestry to further their education. Applicants must reside in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, or Ventura counties. For applications, send self-addressed, stamped envelope to Asian Pacific Women's Network—Los Angeles Scholarship Committee, c/o Sharon Lee, 2861 E. Village Lane, Rosemead, Calif. 91770. Applications deadline is June 30, 1991. Information: 818/672-0192.
- Volunteers are needed to befriend Vietnamese Ameri-

cans in Los Angeles County, according to Catholic Charities. Individuals willing to spend two hours per week helping the sons and daughters of U.S. servicemen in Vietnam who have recently arrived in the area. Information: Bruce or Dave, 213/251-3487.

Asian American Drug Abuse Program, "Creative Image" showcase, Saturday, June 1, 1 to 4:30 p.m., North Gardens United Methodist Church, 1444 Rosecrans Ave., Gardena, Calif. Individual or group projects involving song, dance, art and literature. Free. Information: Jeanne Asuma or Byron Shinyama, 213/293-6284.

#### Tule Lake

Friday, Sept. 27, through Sunday, Sept. 29—Tule Lake Pilgrimage. Tour of Tule Lake Campsite, Abalone Hill & Castle Rock tour Workshops. Memorial Service, cultural program. Information: San Francisco: Julie Hana, 415/221-2608, eve.; East Bay: Stephanie Miyahiro, 415/524-2624; San Jose: Tom Izu, 408/292-6938; Sacramento: Diane Tomoda, 916/443-6917.

State University, Northridge (CSUN) Karate Club and the Shotokan Karate International Federation USA's 1st Annual SKIF Invitational two-day karate tournament and exhibition benefit, CSUN. Tickets: Adults - \$8; CSUN Students, Senior & Kids under 12 - \$5; Under 5 - FREE. For advance ticket sales contact CSUN Ticket Office 818/885-2488.

Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14—14th Annual Lotus Festival, Echo Park, 12n to 9 p.m.; opening ceremonies Sat. 2 p.m. Ethnic customs, arts, music, drama and food. Info: Jan Landrum 213/485-4825.

Thursday, July 26—MIS Club of Southern California's Steak Bake, Maryknoll Church grounds, 3 p.m. social hour, dinner at 4. Info: George Kenagel, 213/620-5250.

Saturday, July 30—Former Irvine residents' pre-war reunion, 5 p.m., the Revere House, 900 W. First St., Tustin. Tickets: \$25. Reservations: Tok Yamada, 1319 Rosario Cir., Placentia, CA 92670. Information: 714/528-1207, Faye (Kodama) Sugita 619/272-2365, Hideo Mera 213/398-2846, Marian (Yoshida) Yamashita 213/691-0383.

Saturday, August 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, 9503 Beverlywood St., L.A. 90034.

2nd and 4th Fridays, Every Month—The Legal Aid Foundation's legal clinic, Little Tokyo Service Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Suite 411, 4 to 6 p.m. Japanese language services available. Info: 213/680-3729.

Calendar items must be submitted at least THREE WEEKS in advance of the day of event. Include day or night phone numbers for further information.

## Short takes

● Los Angeles attorney Michael Yamaki, 43, was confirmed as a member of the city's Police Commission by the City Council in an 11-0 vote May 22. At the hearing, Yamaki said he recommended that the Police Commission await the results of the investigation of the police department by the commission headed by U.S. Deputy Attorney General Warren Christopher before conducting its own study of the recent charges of misconduct. He said he would also work for Asian recruitment and promotion within the department.

● Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.) voted May 23 against a resolution that would have denied the Bush Administration fast

track authority to negotiate a free trade agreement with Mexico. "The bottom line here is that fast track is good for America and good for Americans," Matsui said.

"Increased export demand will create jobs in the U.S. that will more than account for the low-paying jobs that will go south."

Matsui added that the U.S. must find ways to open and expand export markets, particularly with Mexico and Canada.

● The Japanese history of Monterey Peninsula, as a project of the Monterey Peninsula JACL, is being handled by Jack Harris, documentation coordinator, and David Yamada, project director and principal writer. Contact:

JACL, P.O. Box 664, Monterey, Calif. 93940.

● Canadian Japanese remember April 1, traditionally April Fool's Day, in a more significant sense.

It is considered as their community's "Freedom Day," when the 1942 bans of the War Measures Act were lifted by the National Transitional Emergency Powers Act of April 1, 1947.

Japanese Canadians were finally allowed to travel and take up residence in the 100-mile restricted zone on the British Columbia coast, it was reminded by the Greater Toronto Chapter of the National Association of Japanese Canadians recently. ☐

## Asian growth big in California

By HARRY K. HONDA  
Senior Editor

There's a population snapshot of the ethnic and racial breakdown of the near 30-million Californians from the 1990 Census in the May 11 *Los Angeles Times* in connection with their story that Anglos and Asians rank highest in homeownership, especially among the baby boomers.

Of interest here is the

growth rate among Asians in California during the 1980s when the Asian-Pacific Islander population soared 127%. Nationally, it was 107.8%.

The Koreans show the great growth rate at 155% in California, followed by the Chinese at 116%, Filipino 104% and Japanese a mere 16%. The Vietnamese influx is significant, though the rate cannot be determined since its population base in 1980 is not available.

Ethnic Group	1980	1990
Filipino	358,378	731,685
Chinese	325,882	704,850
Japanese	268,814	312,889
Vietnamese	280,222	280,222
Korean	15,756	259,941
Indian		159,973
Cambodian		66,190
Laotian		58,058
Hmong		46,862
Thai		32,064
Other nations		80,195

White *	1990 CALIFORNIA
Black *	17,029,126
Latino	2,062,446
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut	7,687,938
Asian	242,164
Pacific Islander	2,735,060
* Latinos not included in these racial groups.	110,599

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The congressman pointed out that a program of grants administered by the Office of Minority Health (OMH) would provide assistance to agencies in hiring translators and bilingual health care professionals, but that President George Bush's proposed budget for OMH would be insufficient to fund that service.

"The need for these services was made tragically clear by last year's measles epidemic in California," he said. "Asian Pacific Americans account for 10 percent of California's population, but they accounted for 50 percent of the measles deaths statewide."

Mineta said the president's \$1 million allotment for a program to provide national health data collection was also insufficient. The proposed program authorized \$7.5 million for fiscal year 1992 for the National Center for Health Sta-

tistics grants to document the health status of individual Asian Pacific and Hispanic ethnic groups.

"For years, community health organizations and public health agencies have applied for funding to address desperate needs only to have those applications rejected for a lack of supporting data. Until we have access to that information, it will be impossible for community health organizations to effectively plan to address their needs."

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## Matched pair



Natasha Kuchiki, 14, and Todd Sand, 1991 U.S. national pairs champions, will perform June 7 at a figure skating champions exhibition at the Great Western Forum, Inglewood, Calif. Kuchiki, of San Fernando, Calif., and her partner also won a bronze medal at the recent World Figure Skating Championships in Munich. Information: 213/419-3223.

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## Poston exhibit evokes memories

By HARRY K. HONDA  
Senior editor

SAN DIEGO—What was supposed to be low-key from a publicity standpoint turned about to be an event in which out 3,000 people viewed the Poston III Camp exhibit over the May 3-5 weekend at the Holiday Inn by the Bay. The pain of internment still shows after 50 years and not forgotten as the World War II memorabilia, letters from evacuees and a realistic replica of a camp barrack apartment highlighted the display.

The exhibit of some 400 pieces—camp sketches, photographs (Don Estes, San Diego City College history professor who went through hundreds of photographs for his 20-minute slide show of life inside Poston III), letters and artifacts (e.g., ironwood canes, painted hand-carved birds from apple crate boxes, the Japanese game board carved from a solid block of wood accompanied by black Arizona desert stones and white shell pieces in hand-carved ironwood containers) were augmented by Army uniforms, medals, citations and a GI prayerbook from San Diego Nisei veterans.

## 'More Realistic Looking'

Frank Wada, his family and friends aged the finished sections of the barrack room to give the lumber that Poston look of hasty construction, knot holes and bare planks. Those who have seen the

Smithsonian replica felt this one better conveyed the despair of the first months of camp.

A 20-page exhibit catalog, dedicated to the late Leo Owasahi (1916-1988) who taught math at Poston III secondary, only begins to tell the story of each item, explained exhibit chair Ben Segawa, for the booklet would have taken a hundred pages plus if the whole story for each item were to be recorded.

The 56-page reunion souvenir booklet, beautifully designed and crafted by Gary Hamada, included pictures of some of the camp craft.

## A Couple from Britain

Of the history of WWII internment in the United States, Sir Raymond Rafferty of Kent, England, viewing the exhibit said it was terribly wrong and reminded that in Britain only known pro-Nazi, like Oswald Mooney, leader of the Black Shirts, were taken into custody by the government, while residents of German, Italian or Japanese ancestry were not. The English educator's Nisei wife, Naomi Nishida of Poston III, was recognized as having traveled the farthest (8,750 miles) to the reunion at the Saturday banquet.

Delivering his reflections at the banquet as main speaker was Mitch Himaka, then a teen-age jogger at Poston III, and one of the early postwar Nisei reporters on a metropolitan press, the San Diego Union, in an entertaining and nostalgic style but not missing the barbs and grime either.

"After the stables at Santa Anita," he thought "anything else would be an improvement" as he traced his four years in Poston. "It was from Paradise (San Diego) to Hell and back to Paradise."

The reunion paid tribute to Clara E. Breed, children's librarian at the San Diego public library prior to WWII until 1945, when she became head librarian and served in that position until retirement in 1970.

## Letters to Ms. Breed

Not only was her collection of letters on display from Nisei in camp who kept in touch but excerpts offered startling flashbacks and candid perspectives of camp life alongside the pictures and artifacts. Excerpts were featured in a memory-jogging piece in the booklet, "Hot Enough to Melt Iron" by Don Estes. "But then some people are tougher than iron," Estes concluded in the retrospective essay of the letter-writers.

Also remembered was Frances Cushman Pierce, a Poston III teacher, who regrettably could not attend. The reunions have continued to remember the educators.

Reunion committee co-chairs Yukio Kawamoto and Masato Asakawa presented \$1,000 checks in honor of Ms. Breed and from the reunion to the Japanese American National Museum. Naby Yamakoshi of Chicago, a Poston III resident and member of the JANM board of trustees, accepted the donations. ☐

## Funds sought for Poston monument

SAN DIEGO—A \$50,000 goal was announced for the proposed Poston camp monument, which has received the necessary clearance and blessings of Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Department of Interior, JACL, former residents of Poston and friends of the "50th year observance of the Evacuation," by George Makishima of Sacramento at the recent Poston III reunion.

With dedication scheduled for Oct. 15, 1992, the proposed site is at Poston I where the elementary

school and the camp post office stood adjacent to the main entrance road by the Parker-Ehrenberg Highway.

The plaque will be placed under a fluted roof, about 6 feet from the ground, on a slanted monument about 6 feet wide and 4 feet deep. Wording, as drafted, reads: "This monument is dedicated in memory of the people who endured the hostile desert environment of unbearable heat and dust storms, rattlesnakes, coyotes and chaparral in addition to hardships

and sufferings caused by internment. It is hoped that such internment of American citizens, without due process of law, may never be repeated." Riechi Satow's five-line poem is included: *Hot winds of rejection/raged and stormed across the land/But that was yesterday/today only cool breezes/waft across our brows.*

Contributions may be sent to Poston Monument Fund, c/o George Makishima, 6540 Chetwood Way, Sacramento, CA 95831. ☐

## BILL

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JACL said their figures were flawed because they are based on the assumption that the state will lose federal funding for all of the affected individuals if the bill is enacted. The department has assumed that 5% of all redress recipients are on Medi-Cal, she explained, but did not account that many recipients will have spent or transferred the money before dying, leaving the state nothing to

claim.

To get the bill out of suspension, the price tag but must be lowered from the department's figure. Ouchida said that negotiations are underway. She said the bill will help set a policy regarding the handling of redress payments.

SB 353 also excludes redress payments for purposes of determining eligibility for student financial aid.

Speaking in favor of the bill were Carole Hayashino and Joy Morimoto of National JACL, Dean Ito Taylor of San Francisco

Nihonmachi Legal Outreach and Truyako "Sox" Kitashima of NCR.

Johnston said, "I still do not believe that the government should compensate an individual for a past injustice with one hand, and with the other hand, take the money away."

Through the state Medi-Cal Recovery Act, money exempt during a person's lifetime is not exempt in death and SB 353 aims to bar the state from attaching redress payments of Medi-Cal recipients. ☐

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## Royal site



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One of the most popular tourist spots to visit and tour is the Imperial Palace in Tokyo.

## Tokyo is 6th in traveler costs

NEW YORK—Tokyo ranked sixth in travel costs among 22 cities worldwide, dropping from fifth place last year, according to a survey conducted by the Japan National Tourist Organization (JNTO) in November, 1990.

The 12th annual Travel Cost Survey ranked London as the most expensive city followed by Paris, New York, Frankfurt and Geneva. Geneva rose sharply in rank from 10th to fifth place due to the 24.6 percent appreciation of the Swiss franc to the U.S. dollar. Paris bumped up to second place from fourth place last year causing New York and Frankfurt to drop one notch.

Most European cities surveyed placed higher than Tokyo because of the 10 percent price increase in European cities and a sharp appreciation (20 percent) of local currency to the U.S. dollar. In Japan, however, price increases in yen were less than 10 percent and the appreciation of the yen to

the U.S. dollar stood at 7.2 percent.

In addition, hotel room rates are relatively cheaper than those of major cities of other countries. The Corporate Resources Group research company in Geneva ranked Tokyo 32nd and Osaka 48th among 64 cities worldwide in their recent hotel cost survey. In a country where space is at a premium, special events such as wedding receptions and corporate banquets keep hotels busy.

The JNTO survey included prices travelers would pay for breakfast each day, three steak dinners at a moderately priced restaurant, five bottles of beer, three bottles of wine, five shots of whiskey at a moderately-priced hotel bar, three fast food lunches and three taxi rides each covering a 3.1 mile (five kilometers) distance.

The price index of each city is the sum total of these costs converted into U.S. dollars. Room

charges and dining costs of dinner, wine and beer are the average prices among the three hotels and restaurants selected in each city.

Visiting destinations outside Tokyo still proves to be less expensive just as traveling anywhere in the United States will cost less than New York City. The survey showed Sapporo, northern capital of Hokkaido, ranked seventh behind Tokyo, a significant jump from last year's 12th place. Two other popular Japanese tourist cities kept the same rank as last year—Kyoto placed 15th and Fukuoka, southern capital of Kyushu, placed 17th. Tokyo's average room charge for a first-class hotel including continental breakfast came out to \$216 per night versus Sapporo at \$190, Kyoto at \$157 and Fukuoka at \$139.

For more information: JNTO at 630 Fifth Ave., #2101, New York, N.Y. 10111. Telephone: 212/757-5640.

## Take a cruise—Japanese style

By Tyler Tanaka

Japan's recent entry into the cruise market has many travel industry executives wondering if it will become one of the major contenders in this important market segment. These questions arise from the prominence that Japan Air Lines and All Nippon Airways have achieved in the international air field.

Cruising is the most complete prepaid holiday type of plan. Years ago, this mode of vacationing was reserved strictly for the wealthy, but in recent years it has become popular with both young and old alike. There is nothing like going aboard a luxurious ship, enjoying shipboard activities as you draw into a

new island port. Then, vacationers have a day of exploring, shopping or sports activities.

The vessel and the crew are most important when selecting a cruise. Japan's entry is Crystal Cruises. Their flagship, Crystal Harmony, is incomparable. No other cruise ship approaches its level of comfort and style. The brochure states, and independent experts agree, "Crystal Harmony was designed, built and appointed to be nothing less than the most luxurious cruise ship in the world."

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available.

Crystal Harmony offers a variety of cruises. Depending on the season, you will find Caribbean, New England, Canadian, Trans-Canada, as well as Alaskan Cruises from which to select.

One of the best attractions for seniors is that cruise ships have 24-hour medical care available. Many wheelchair-bound elderly people also take cruises.

Japan, then, has come onto the cruise scene with the very best. Their cruises are not cheap imitations; they are setting new standards of excellence. ☐

Tyler Tanaka is owner of Japan Orient Tours in San Diego.

## Fujimori's reception of Nikkei confirmed

LOS ANGELES—President Alberto Fujimori's reception of Nikkei visitors at the Presidential Palace in Lima has been confirmed for Friday, Aug. 2, at 11 a.m., local PANASA tour leaders were advised this past week.

However, the Lima stop for PANASA tours following the July 25-28 PANASA convention in Paraguay has been made "optional," according to Martha Tamashiro, travel coordinator, because of cholera.

With the weather in Peru cooling off, it will help contain the epidemic, according to Peru Nikkei Association's Polyclinic, a major suburban medical facility which was headed by Dr. Victor Yamamoto, newly appointed Minister of Health. There are no known stricken Nikkei nor people within Lima proper, Asuncion, Rio de Janeiro or Sao Paulo. "Unfor-

tunately, Peru's poor areas, pueblos jóvenes, are badly affected due to the fact they do not have proper means to keep minimum health standards—boiled water and cooked food," it was explained.

PANA-USA president Noritoshi Kanai reminded that contributions are still being accepted for presentation to the people of Peru through President Fujimori. Kanai hopes to raise \$20,000. Tax-deductible donations to PANA-USA, c/o Japanese Chamber of Commerce, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA 90012 should be sent by July 18. Meanwhile, Emi Kasamatsu, PANA-Paraguay president, has invited Antonio Inoki, Japanese wrestler who was popular in Brazil, and Dr. Donald Nakanishi, director of Asian American Studies Center at UCLA, to the convention. ☐

## 60 new hotels scheduled for Japan through 1996

NEW YORK—Sixty new hotels providing 11,809 new rooms are scheduled to open in Japan between 1991 and 1996, according to the Japan National Tourist Organization (JNTO). Hotel growth continues into the '90s as demand remains high from record numbers of foreign travelers to Japan and Japanese domestic

travel.

The 60 new western-style hotels represent a variety of properties throughout Japan including airport hotels, resort hotels, convention and meeting hotels and first-class business hotels. The largest and smallest properties scheduled to open are found in Yokohama.

Japan had 4,563 hotels or 342,695 rooms in 1988. In 1990, 23 new hotels added 4,021 rooms—a total of 351,686 rooms to date.

For a free "Hotels in Japan 1990/91" booklet listing western-style accommodations throughout Japan, contact JNTO, Rockefeller Plaza, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10111; 212/757-5640.

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Tourist to Japan invariably stop by to visit the many religious buildings of the country. Here, visitors tour the Toshogu Shrine in Nikko.

## Nikkei cruise heads for Baja

SAN FRANCISCO—Following last fall's first Nikkei Caribbean Cruise benefiting the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California and the Japanese Community Youth Council, both organizations are again offering a weekend cruise—this time to the Mexican Baja.

The Nikkei Cruise is an annual fund-raiser co-sponsored by the JCCNC and JCYC. JCCNC serves to meet a variety of needs within the Japanese American community and community-at-large by providing various recreation, social, education and cultural programs for all ages. JCYC has provided a wide range of services to the community focusing on youth development. Part of the cruise fare will be a tax-deductible donation of \$50 per person to JCCNC/JCYC. The total fare represents a savings of more than \$150 from the published public price.

The Mexican Baja cruise is scheduled for Oct. 11-14, aboard the Royal Caribbean's \$75 million, newly refurbished Viking Serenade. The Royal Caribbean offers shows, activities, international dishes, and a visit to a highlighted port every day. The cruise begins in Los Angeles.

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Information: Joan Tanaka, Tanaka Travel at 415/474-3900, David J. Cid at the JCCNC 415/567-5505, or Joyce Kaneshiro Lee at the JCYC, 415/563-8052.



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# Canada: Big enough for every traveler

By RICHARD SUENAGA  
Editor

Where else can you see cowboys and caribou, Arctic tundra, Old World cities, British and French traditions yet enclaves of Asian and other cultures?

Where else could you see grasslands that engulf the horizon, mountains to match the Sierras or the Andes, and endless miles of rocky coastline?

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Seeing Canada in one visit is nearly impossible. The country sweeps across the globe for 3,000 miles east and west and 2,000 miles north and south.

When it comes to Canada, travelers need to take a vacation chunk at a time. The trick is to select what interests you most among the country's 10 provinces.

For picture-taking and sight-seeing Canada offers every imaginable geographic feature, from cove, inlet, and fjords to mountains, forests, prairies, wetlands, and thousands and thousands of lakes and rivers. It has 35 national parks and more than 600 territorial parks.

But it's not just wildlife and wide open spaces. Canada also offers an array of sophisticated cities each with its own special charm—from Vancouver, to Toronto, to Quebec, to Montreal.

Here's a quick tour of some of Canada's provinces.

**British Columbia:** This western-most province is probably most identifiable with America's West and West Coast. It features a city, Vancouver, that is cosmopolitan and culturally rich. Some compare it to San Francisco. The city is Canada's third largest and is a fast-growing financial center and a gateway to the booming Pacific Rim. In the last few years, large waves of immigrants have relocated to Vancouver, including people from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Cambodia and Vietnam.

In North America, the city's Chinatown is second only in size to San Francisco's. Vancouver's Japanese population is second only to Toronto's.

British Columbia also offers spectacular scenery for hikes, mountain climbing, fishing, or just plain touring. Among the top attractions is the Super Skyride tram at the top of Grouse Mountain in North Vancouver. Another is Whistler Resort where travelers can enjoy canoeing, cycling, windsurfing, and an 18-hole championship golf course designed by Arnold Palmer.

**Alberta:** Even more Western in flavor and sights is this province where you'll see gold rush stores, and saloons.

But it's not all outdoor activity. Edmonton boasts three of Canada's largest performing arts organizations, the Edmonton Opera Symphony, the Edmonton Opera Association, and the Citadel Theatre. And it's most noted attraction

## Historic



Photo: Canadian Consulate General

One of the most fascinating cities in Canada is Quebec with its Old World charm and culture inspired by British and French traditions. The city is located in the province of Quebec, the largest in the country.

tion is the West Edmonton Mall, which claims to be the world's largest shopping center, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

**Saskatchewan and Manitoba:** These provinces, located in the middle of the country, are the most rural. Saskatchewan is called Canada's breadbasket, producing 60 percent of the country's wheat.

Saskatchewan's capital, Regina, features the home of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's training academy, along with a museum that tells the story of the world famous police force.

Manitoba is often called the prairie province with wide-open spaces and plenty of small towns and lakes and rivers. Still, capital city Winnipeg is a transportation, manufacturing and financial center that has cosmopolitan touches such as its well known Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

**Ontario:** Like the United States, the further east you go in Canada cities become more prominent. The urban landscape is more common. And Ontario is the nation's most populated area and its wealthiest.

Toronto is Canada's largest city (with the largest Japanese population). Standing on a street corner, travelers might think they were in New York City. You can visit countless cultural institutions such as the Ontario Museum

featuring the West's best collection of Chinese art or the Ontario Science Centre, or the new National Gallery of Canada.

**Quebec:** This is Canada's largest province. It is also proudly and predominantly French in culture. Montreal, the province's largest city, is located on an island in the St. Lawrence and is known for its manufacturing and transportation industries. Visitors will feel a definite European Old World charm here. In summer, you can catch jazz festivals, shop for international goods on Sherbrooke

Street and upper St. Lawrence Boulevard, or check out antiques on Notre Dame Street.

**Nova Scotia:** As New England fishing villages are to the U.S., so too are the cities and sites of this province to Canada. The province is actually two land areas: a southern peninsula and to the north, Cape Breton Island.

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## Opinions

From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

## Analysis of a Press Conference

A few weeks ago President Bush met with Japan's Prime Minister Kaifu in California. I have just had an opportunity to read excerpts of their joint press conference following private talks. Among other things, it is revealing of the way the U.S. press covers matters dealing with Japan.

President Bush opened the press conference with brief comments, mostly laudatory about Japan.

"In the past year," he said, "we've resolved significant trade disputes and we've moved to ease trade tensions. I think we've made solid progress in opening new markets to satellites, telecommunications and wood products."

"We need to move ahead now in other areas, such as construction services, autos, auto parts and semiconductors. We need to prove that our efforts under the SII, the Structural Impediments Initiative, will produce real results. I think progress has been made."

"In 1990 the U.S. trade deficit with Japan fell for the third straight year. And American exports to Japan continued to rise up more than 75% since 1987. In fact, I think many Americans would be surprised to learn that Japan buys more

goods from the U.S. per capita than we buy from Japan."

"We had full discussion on the Gulf, and I took this occasion to profoundly thank Prime Minister Kaifu for the assistance that Japan made as a member of this coalition. Japan has provided a substantial level of financial support for Operation Desert Storm."

Kaifu then took over and he began with: "Thank you, George, for those kind remarks."

Thank you, George? Chummy, aren't they?

Kaifu spoke briefly, praising Bush for his leadership in the Gulf crisis and stressing the need for the U.S. and Japan to work together in building the new international order.

Then the questions started. The first one in the transcript was directed at Bush: "Will you offer asylum to the Kurdish refugees if Turkey keeps its border closed?"

Next: "Mr. President, what are your thoughts on the Japanese opening the rice market?"

The third question was for Kaifu: "Mr. Prime Minister, you made note of the problem that you feel Japan is not fully appre-

ciated in this country. What steps do you think need to be taken to rectify that image?"

Kaifu's response was less than direct. Its essence was that there are many roles to be played in the Gulf area and "Japan wishes to play its part as actively as possible by maintaining close consultations with the United States."

The final question in the transcript: "Mr. President, it is clear that Japan's image problem goes beyond the Gulf war. What does Japan need to do to overcome that problem?"

Bush responded that people tend to dwell on specific issues and overlook the fundamentals. "And those fundamentals," he said include the fact that the Japanese government and the U.S. government, as you look around the world, see eye-to-eye on almost every problem around the world."

What it adds up to is that, rightly or wrongly, Bush and Kaifu were projecting an up-beat image of relations between their countries. And the press kept boring in on their problems. It's not the U.S. press alone that does this. One wonders how much responsibility the media needs to take for the impression that the two countries are face to face and snarling at each other.



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

## Double Triple "K's"

THE LABOR SHORTAGE in Japan exists not only among the lower echelons of workers but also in the upper reaches of Japan's corporate world. It's a "seller's market" with college graduates demonstrating a great deal of independence in job selection - and retention. No more of the long vaunted "lifetime employment" with a single employer; indeed, a recent survey in Japan revealed that in just a month or two on the job, some 45% of the men and 60% of the women were thinking of changing jobs. So picky have the graduates become that a popular set of criteria are used to evaluate potential corporate employees.

They are the double, triple-K's.

THE FIRST SET OF "K's" are comprised of *kitanai* (dirty), *kitsui* (demanding, difficult) and *kiken* (dangerous). In short, dirty, dangerous or demanding jobs are to be avoided. Conservative as my own values may be, I'd have to go along with *kitanai* and *kiken*, but as for *kitsui* I'm afraid that comes with the territory,

more often than not. The second set of "K's" include *kankyo* (environmentally responsible), *kaiteki* (working conditions) and *kyūka* (holidays or vacation). This latter set is worthy, including the vacation, for a common practice within the Japanese workforce is to give up part or all of one's vacation to demonstrate one's commitment to the company. This is particularly so if one's superior forgives her/his vacation. And if *shachō-san* (president) spends vacation time in the office, the pressure is even greater.

I'll buy these last three criteria, although I must confess that often I let unused vacation time lapse.

SO, WHICH ARE the Japanese companies deemed most desirable by the college graduates? Among liberal arts graduates, the current top five are: All Nippon Airways, Tokio Marine & Fire Insur. Co., Mitsui & Co., Japan Airlines and C. Itoh & Co. Among science/technology graduates, the preferred top five are: Sony, NEC Corp., Matsushita Electric, Nippon Telephone & Telegraph and Toyota Motor. In the previ-

ous fifteen years, other companies which made the list were: (liberal arts) Nippon Steel, Mitsubishi Corp., Japan Airlines and Fuji Bank; (science/tech) Hitachi, Fujitsu Ltd., Shimizu Corp., Nippon Steel, Asahi Chemical, Toshiba and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.

AN INTERESTING TERMINOLOGY - or at least I find it somewhat interesting - is that a prospective employee who is so particular about the kind of work (s/he is willing to accept that (s/he) remains unemployed, is known as a *rōnin*. "Rōnin" as we first knew of the term referred to a masterless samurai; literally translated, it means "a wandering person," in short, a "drifter." Also the term is used in modern-day Japan to refer to a high school graduate who failed the college entrance examination who is in the midst of studying to get ready for another shot. Some of them taking two, three such shots. When they make it and get through, it may not be too harsh to see them invoke a double, triple K.

## Letters

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## This war hero gets proper burial

Grant Ujifusa's address in Seattle (April 26 P.C.) included a tribute to Sgt. Kazuo Masuda of Santa Ana who was posthumously decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross for heroic action with the 442nd Central Postal Directory in Italy. There is a sequel.

When his body (along with many other 442nd war dead) was being returned home in the fall of 1948, the family naturally wanted a cemetery close by and was directed to the segregated section, an open space without tree or green grass. Of course, some of us were "madder 'n hell" Chuck Ishii, a 522nd FA veteran, and I for Orange County JACL felt a war hero shouldn't be segregated at the cemetery. We rounded up support from our Caucasian friends and protested to the cemetery. The newspapers said the Masuda family's request for a final resting place where there were trees and lawn was turned down because of restrictive covenants at the desired spot.

We confronted the owner of the memorial park, pouring the table in protest. Gen. Mark Clark, then at the Presidio of San Francisco, was asked to intervene at the request of JACL regional director Joe Grant Masaka. Walter Winchell broadcast the news about Sgt. Masuda on his Sunday night program.

The Westminster Memorial Park board of directors a week later announced the Masuda family request would be honored. Fittingly, the Rev. Kenji Kikuchi of San Diego conducted the burial service for Sgt. Masuda at the Garden Grove Baptist Church. Kaz is buried at the memorial park (on Beach Blvd. north of Bolsa).

Henry Kanagase  
Santa Ana, Calif

## Seeks book on internment experience

In your Feb. 1, 1991, issue was a picture of internees at Santa Fe. The plight was recently translated from Japanese to English by the Konkō Churches of North America.

Back in San Diego, Calif., my mother was hospitalized when the FBI took my father, Eikichi Motooka. Five of us children found ourselves literally out in the streets without parents or home. My father finally was interned at Santa Fe Concentration Camp. I wish I had pictures of him and knew more about him at Santa Fe.

There were men at Santa Fe who delayed their own parole hearing so that my father could have his hearing sooner so that he could join us children at Manzanar for which I am deeply grateful.

Where can I write to purchase this book? Thank you.

Kazuko Kay Ige  
Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Editor's note: The book you are referring to is "My Six Years of Internment: An Issei's Struggle for Justice," by Rev. Yoshiaki Fukuda. Write to Konkō Church of San Francisco, 1909 Bush St., San Francisco, Calif. 94115. Paperback costs \$17.25.

## She is inspired by woman's walk for peace

I just received today the April 19, edition of The Pacific Citizen and was quite inspired with your article on "Walking for Peace." Judy Imao courage and sacrifice to do this world walk for peace stirs my heart. If only I were younger, I am thinking. But would it I have been active in working for world peace only in the past 10 years, and I am a senior citizen. I agree with her feelings, that when U.S. invaded Iraq, I was very, very disappointed. Disgusted and angry, as a matter of fact.

In 1983, a small group of us went to the Soviet Union on an Aloha Peace Journey. So, in a small way, I identify with Ms. Imao. Please convey to her my best wishes and God's presence with her and her traveling companions all the way.

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