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PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME—Alberto Fujimori (right), president of Peru, greets PANA delegates, from left, Martha Tamashiro of Los Angeles and Emiliko and Mark Ando, Vancouver, B.C.

# Nikkei-North meets South at PANA event

Peru President Fujimori welcomes delegates at palace

By HARRY K. HONDA .

It was a fast two weeks of South America for some 40 Japanese Americans, a trio of Japanese Canadians, and two Little Tokyo reporters participating at the 6th biennial Pan American Nikkei Association convention at

Association convention at Asunción, Paraguay. The trip culminated in Lima, Peru, Aug. 2, with aspecial audience with President Alberto Fujimori et the Government Palace, that country's version of the White House. Fujimori, speaking in English, tanked the group and PANA's charitable work in Peru. Similar acknowledgement was also paid the previous evening by First Lady Susana Fujimori at an unexpected visit by the North American visitors at the Government Palace.

As one who likes to talk (teaching being his profession), Fujimori explained that the job of being president was difficult—"the most difficult job in the country with many, many problems—indeed, it appears all the problems of the world have been concentrated in one country." His 15-minute talk covered his first year in office. He was inaugurated on his 52nd birth-day last year on July 28. (JACL President Cressey Nakagawa had remembered to wish Fujimori a happy birthday in his letter.)

Fujimori, who is scheduled to visit with President Bush in Washington Sept. 17-19, repeated his campaign theme for "a change" in As one who likes to talk (teach-

the 1990s' through honesty, tech-nology, and hard work. "There is another way to change, especially in the economic order as many steps have been undertaken in Peru, thanks to the input from the United States," he said, referring to the recent \$94 million aid and training nackers.

training package.

The president, whose parents hail from Kumamoto-ken, denail from Kumamoto-ken, de-clared the people in Peru under-stand that sacrifice is necessary, that terrorists are hurting tour-ism, and that narco-trafficking and anti-terrorist activities are national concerns that will take time to solve.

e to solve. Fujimori said that the Fujimori said that the government's strategy in agriculture is making headway, that capital improvements in Peru are underway, and that the aspirations of the people are most visible in the streets. Thousands have moved from the mountain valleys to the capital, a city teeming with 5 million people in search of jobs or pedding their wares, food, and services at street corners and sidewalks.

services at six extension services at six extension and walks.

In conclusion, Fujimori acknowledged the cooperation and contributions of the Nikkei through PANA which had gathrered relief items that were shipped to Peru last December and had raised \$120,000 for further support. "I was excited by your contributions to my country, as I know what's involved, he said.

The task of rebuilding the country is still formidable and the Nisei in Peru hope Fujimori completes See PANA/page 3

#### A short history of the Japanese in Paraguay

ASUNCION, Paraguay

Japanese immigration to

Paraguay is relatively recent. The first group arrived
to farm at La Colmena, 65 to farm at La Colmena, 65 miles southeast of here, on May 15, 1936. Twenty-six more groups from Japan followed until 1941, swelling the pioneer population to 800. Today, the Japanese population is estimated at 7,000 in the Land of Sundian and Toponoulity with the second of the seco shine and Tranquility with its 4 million people. The formal Paraguayan-

The formal Paraguayan-Japanese Friendship Treaty, signed in 1919, was significant in that it re-mained in force through World War II by protecting the Japanese and their pri-vate property, despite a be-lated declaration of war against Japan on Feb. 8, 1945, which one historian called symbolic in nature. There were no detention or concentration camps in this concentration camps in this

concentration camps in this country.

Emi Kasamatsu de Enciso, PANA-Paraguay president, recalled how the first colony struggled to con-quer the rich earth which

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# Arizona Chapter gets involved in Buddhist murder investigation

PHOENIX.—The Arizona Chapter of JACL is lending its support to local efforts to solve the mystery of the recent murders of mine people at a Buddhist Temple. The nine people were found shot in one room of the temple that serves the local Thai community, according to an Associated Press

release in support of the Thai community. The Arizona Chapter, he added, will also participate in offering a reward for information leading to an arrest.

At press time, police were still speculating the motives for the sleyings. Allman said that the room they had been killed in had been ransacked. The main part of the temple was untouched, he said. They (the police) speculated that the monthe were wearing gold chains and that the motive was

Buddhists take an oath of poverty. No way could that be.

The chapter is also working with two officials who are actively pursuing the case. Allman said that Maricopa County attorney Richard Romly has worked closely with the Asian American community on hate crimes. Sheriff Tom Agnos has also maintained good relations with the chapter.

Allman added that the FBI has been on hand as observers but can only enter the case lift is acknowledged as a hate crime.

# JACL gears up strategy to handle Pearl Harbor event

High on the national agenda in recent weeks has been a care-fully planned strategy to com-bat the potential negative ef-fects of the upcoming 50th an-niversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Bill Yoshino, JACL national director, recently seat a latter

Bill Yoshino, JACL hational director, recently sent a letter to all chapter presidents out-lining the plan. In an effort to minimize the possible negative effects of the 50th anniversary commemoration, it is necessary to enlist the assistance of each of our JACL chapters and district councils in a program that will raise a public awareness of our concerns regarding the com-memoration, and at the same time, enlist the aid of individuals and groups who will join us in cautioning against and de-ploring incidents of anti-Japanese and anti-Asian senti-ment," Yoshino said.

Basic to the program is a public awareness of JACL's con-cerns. This will be accomplished cerns. This will be accomplished by gathering support of organizations and individuals who will endorse JACL concerns and who will assist the organization's efforts.

In this regard, a letter has already been sent to Sen. Paul Simon asking for his support of ACT.

JACL's position and concerns. The Illinois senator has been a longtime friend of the Asian

longtime friend of the Asian American community.
Another part of the JACL plan is to actively approach various media with suggestions for alternative coverage.
"We need to make the media and the public aware that while the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor merits commemoration historically, that it has the po-

tential for creating negative sentiment toward Asian Ameri-cans and that Pearl Harbor also initiated actions which led to the internment of Japanese americans with the lesson that racism victimizes communities and can never be tolerated." See PLAN/page 4

#### Statement on Pearl Harbor anniversary

The Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941 was tragic in its loss of lives, in its destruction, and in its consequence in caus-ing America's entry into World War II. As we commemorate that event, it is important to remem-ber that Pearl Harbor also ber that Pearl Harbor also precipitated a series of governmental actions which caused both a Con-stitutional failure for our country and a personal tragedy and a denial of rights for an entire group of Americans. Americans. In 1942, virtually the

entire population of 120,000 Japanese Americans were forcibly re-moved from their homes on the West Coast and incarcerated in intern-ment camps in desolate areas of our country. As a result, Japanese Ameri-cans suffered humiliation and ostracism and be-

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#### Crowned



Sandra Posey (right), 1990 Nisei Week queen, crowns this year's winner, Mutsuko Susanne Sata, who was sponsored by the East San Gabriel Valley JCC, at the Aug. 10 coronation bell. The event highlighted the festivities that included the parade, tashion show, arts and crafts fair, sports events, and other activities held in Los Angeles.

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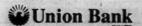
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#### Calendar

#### Pennsylvania

#### Philadelphia

Thursday, August 22 through Sunday, August 25-JACL EDC, MDC, MPDC Tir-District Convention \*Legacy for the Future,\* Hershey Hotel, Philiadelphia. Speakers: Patricia Saiki and John R. Dunne. Information: Herb Horikawa, 215/

#### Illinois

#### Chicago

Friday, August 16 through Friday, August 16 through Sunday, August 18—Midwest Buddhist Temple's 36th Annual Ginza Holiday, a Japanese cultural festival, 455 W. Menomonee St., Friday, 6:30 to 9:30 pm; Saturday, 11:30 am to 8 pm. Cost: \$2.50, children under 12 free with adult. Food, exhibits and demonstrations. Information: 312/943-7801.

#### Minnesota

#### Minneapolis/St. Paul

Sunday, August 18—The Twin Cities JACL's annual summer golf tournament, Gross Golf Course, Minneapolis, first tee 11:30 am, Fees: \$5 members, \$7.50 for non-members (does not include green fees). Information: John Nakasone,

#### Washington D.C

Saturday, September 28 through Thursday, October 3— JACL's Washington, D.C. Leadership Seminar, Mayflower Hotel Tuition: \$800 per person. Information: JACL National Headquarters, 415/921-5225.

#### Seattle

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

Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2—Beyond the Barriers, "National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Third American Bar Association's Third Annual Convention, Stouffer Madison Hotel, Travel arrange-ments: Eric Hart, Global Express Travel, 206/682-3080. Information: Sharon Sakamoto, 206/682-9932 or Mimi Castillo, 206/624-1913.

Friday, August 30 through Mon-day, Seplember 2—5th National JACL Singles Convention, Scarticon Hotel Information: De-ver Nilkei Singles Club, P.O. Box 21321, Denver, Colo. 80221 or Jim Hada 303/237-2159.

#### San Francisco area

Through Saturday, October 19— The Eden Township JACL, Eden Japanese Community Center and the Hayward Area Historical Society's Japanese American Exhibit, Hayward Area Historical Society Museum, Information. John Yamada, 415:78-6145 or Kair Fujii, 415/886-0543.

Sunday, September 1—National Japanese Historical Society's annual fundraising pionic, 'Shibata family's Japanese garden in Mt. Eden. Tickets: \$25, children under 12 free. Information: 415/431-5007.

#### Sacramento

Saturday, September 28-

Florin JACL's first Women's Day Forum JACC'S Irist Women's Day Forum, Sacramento Harbormaster, Broadway and Front Street, 8:45 am to 1:30 pm. Topics: Diabetes, AIDS, Family Mental Health and much more. Tickets: \$5 for members and \$15 for non-members. Includes funch. Information: Dr. Eileen Namba Otsuji, 916/427-2690 or. Carol Hisatomi, 916/444-5827.

#### San Jose

Saturday, August 17—The West Valley JACL's 14th annual Daruma Folk Festival, parking lot of Saratoga Bowling, Saratoga Ave. and Graves, 10 am to 5 pm. Information: John Kaku, 408/253-8187.

Saturday, October 12—Yu-Ai Kai's 9 day "Heritage of America" tour. Stops in New York City, Philadelphia, Amish Country, Virginia and Washington, D.C. Cost: \$1349 for twin. Info brochure: 408/294-2505 Information/

#### Reminders

• The dramatic story of Nisei intelligence agent Ri-chard Sakakida will be one of the featured events of the MIS 50th Reunion dinner, Oct. 31, at the Hyatt Re-gency Hotel, Monterey, Ca-lif.

lif.
During the war, Sakakida and Arthur Komori were recruited in Hawaii by a Nisei officer for duty in the Corps of Intelligence Police (CIP), later renamed the Counter Intelligence Corps

Both men became American agents in the Philip-pines, collecting and pass-ing back information on the

Japanese community.
These and other details of

Japanese community.

These and other details of their wartime exploits will be recounted at the reunion.

● The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History will present a symposium, "Japanese Americans and Executive Order 966: Fifty Years After," on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21-22. Featured will be social historians, legal scholars, former internese, redress experts, and others who have been involved in the events affecting Japanese Americans. Guring the past 50 years. Event is free. Museum is located at Constitution Avenue and 14th Street, N.W., some and 14th Street, N.W.

Event is free. Museum is located at Constitution Avenue and 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Hours: open daily, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Information: Shirley Cherkasky, 202/357-4185.

• 1991 International Baseball Association World All-Star Game, featuring the top amateur baseball players, will be played Saturday, Aug. 24, at Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles. Game matches an Americant team against an international team that includes can team against an international team that includes players from Japan, Korea and the People's Republic of China. Tickets Dodger Stadium, 213/224-1400, or TicketMaster, 213/480-3232.

#### San Benito County

Saturday, September 21—For-mer San Benito County residents' 1991 ennual reunion, Ridgement Country Citle in Hollister, poon to 5 pm. Cost: \$25. Information: Tak Obata, 415/345-5565, Mitsugi Hane, 408/293-7108; Lily Yama-shita, 408/722-0282; Hiroshi Wada, 213/321-9761.

#### Marysville-Yuba City

Friday, Sept. 27 through ay, Sept. 29—Third Yuba, utte and Colusa Counties'

#### Tule Lake

Friday, Sept. 27, through Sun-day, Sept. 29—Tule Lake Pilgrim-age. Tour of Tule Lake Campsite, age. Tour of Tule Lake Campsite, Abalone Hill & Castle Rock tour Workshops. Memorial Service, culworksnops, Memorial Service, cul-tural program. Information: San Francisco: Julie Hana, 415/221-2608, eve.; East Bay: Stephanie Miyahiro, 415/524-2624; San Jose: Tom Izu, 408/292-6938; Sacra-mento: Diane Tomoda, 916/443-

#### Fresno

Sunday, September 15—Fresno JACL Shinzen Run, Woodward Park; IK kid run, 2-mile walkers, 2-mile and 10K run, wheelchair division.\$10 preregistration by Sept. 8. Information: Glenn Hamamoto. 209/432-2484

#### Los Angeles area

Saturday, August 24—L.A. Asian Ski Club's 3rd annual golf tournament, Upland Hills Country Club, 1231 E-16th St. in Upland, 11 am first tee off. Cost: \$39 without lunch, \$45 with lunch (includes cart rental). Information: Steve Kumagai, 818/893-5184 or Forrest Nishioka.

Wednesday, August 28-Pacific Asian American Wome Writers-West's "Where the Wate Writers-West's "Where the Waters Meer", Highways, 1651 18th St., Santa Monica, 8:30 pm, with Pasion Cummings, Amy Hill, Naomi Hirahara, Setsuko Joyce Nagatoshi, Joyce Nako, Jude Narita, Thelma Seto, Mari Sunaida, Diane Ujiye. Tickets: \$10. Reservation: (213) 453-1755.

Saturday, September 21—The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce's Chinese Moon Festival 1991, throughout Los Angeles Chinatown, 19 mto 10 pm. Information: 213/617-0396.

Saturday, September 28— Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California's Community Service/Achievement Awards Dinner, Shangri-La Restaurant, 6 pm. Honorees: East West Players, Shiro Nomura and Betty K. Mitson. Tickets: \$35. Information/reservation: Kiriyama, 213/326-0608.

Saturday, September 28—50th Anniversary celebration, Theodore Roosewelt Seinor High School, L.A., Classes of '41, '42, Marriott Hotel, L.A. International Airport. Informa-tion: 800/244-8106 or write to Madeline Levine, 9603 Beverlywood St., L.A. 90034.

Thursday, October 17—Asian Pacific American LegalCenter's 6th Annual Awards-Dinner, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles. Honorees: Hitachi Ltd., Congressman Howard Berman, Frederick Hong, Maria Hsia, John Huang and Gloria Ochos. Information/tickets: Stewart Kwoh or Faith Chen, 213/746-2022.

Thursday, October 24 through Saturday, October 26—The Asia Society's National Symposium The Asian American Experience: Looking Ahead, "the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. Explore the critical issues facing Asian Americans in the 1990s and the importance of these issues to American society at large. Information: 213/624-0945.

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his five-year term of effice. As a sign of confidence, PANA an-nounced its that the 1993 convennounced its that the 1993 conven-tion would be held in Vascouver in late July. The 1995 convention would be held in Lima, Peru, when Fujimori leaves office in 1995. Mexico will then host the 1997 PANA convention in conjunction with a gala centennial celebration of Japanese immigration to

Mexico.
On Sunday, July 28, President
Fujimori, in his state-of-the-nation address, announced the International Monetary Fund's director had recommended approval
of Peru's economic stabilization
program, thus enabling Peru to program, thus enabling reru was cut off from new lending in the mid-1980s since the previous presi-dent, Alan Garcia, decided to sharply limit debt payments to existing loans. "The worst of the economic crisis is left behind," one spaper headline read.

The visitors from North America had arrived by 10:30 a.m. for the 11 o'clock gathering but the palace keeper (if that's his title) explained the president was delayed and that he would escort the group on a VIP tour of the new palace and courtyard that was completed in 1938. The old palace was destroyed in a fire several years earlier. Image of the palace is still maintained with its two-story facade and the changing of the guards ceremony each day at 12:45 p.m. The visitors from North America

President Fujimori (who was not at Asunción as inadvertently mentioned in the Aug. 2-9 P.C. story) entered the grand recep-tion room about 11:30 where the Nikkei were assembled and, as he

Nikkei were assembled and, as he circulated about, shaking hands and welcoming them.

The audience opened with messages from the group leaders who, in essence, assured their continued support of President Fujimori's administration to better the lot of Peru and its. 22 million people. Speaking were PANA-USA President Noritoshi Kanai of Loa Angeles, PANA-Canada president Mark Ando of Vancouver, B.C., and this reporter in handing over a letter from National JACL president Cressey. Nakagawa. over a letter from National SACE president Cressey Nakagawa. Martha Tamashiro, group tour coordinator who was acting as the impromptu mistress of ceremo-nies, was then asked by the presi-dent to read aloud Nakagawa's

dent to read aloud Nakagawa's letter.

Kanai relayed the request from PANA-International for Fujimori to serve as its honorary president for two years, and he graciously accepted as the room filled with applause. "It's an honor for me to accept the invitation to be the honorary president of the Pan American Nikkei Association," he said. PANA-International also made Japan Sen. Antonic Enois an honorary member. The popular professional wrestler who grew up in São Paulo saidhe would take steps to assist the dekasegi problem in Japan. An estimated 120,000 South American Japanese are working under contract in Japan. South American Japanese are working under contract in Japanese firms, searning as much as \$1,000 a month while minimum wages at home might be as low as \$50 a month. The problems are of a social nature for the dekaceg; who do not speak Nihongo, those who are not interested in assembly-line work, encountering problems. bly-line work, encountering prob-lems with their contract and more recently a homicide.

As a footnote, there was an obstinate cloud of doubt as to whether there would be a visit with President Fujimor in Peru, in view of the cholers and murder by anti-government terrorist of three Japanese technologists working on a Peruvian Japanese chicken farm and horticultural station on July 13, just a week prior to the start of the PANA convention tours from los Angeconvention tours from Los Angeles via Brazil, Paraguay, Argertina and Chile.

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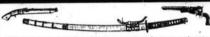


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would become to be theirs. Heading this band of settlers were Chihiro Uchida, administrator; Antonio H. Kasamatsu, planning Antonio H. Kasamatsu, planning engineer; and Yoshitaro Sakai, assistant. The pioneers were considered models of Japanese immigration to Paraguay because they maintained their culture and tradition, above all the essential char-acteristics, discipline and ethics. acteristics, discipline and ethics. Many years later, those who stud-ied Japanese immigrants consid-ered the preservation of the Meiji Era spirit in Paraguay a phenom-enon worthy of mention.

"And little by little, the Japa-nese too were incorporating the values, customs and culture of the ness too were incorporating the values, customs and culture of the Paraguayans and paved the way for formation of a new Nikkei society that strengthened Paraguayan and Japanese relations," the PANA-Paraguay president added. Other early Japanese pioneer families being recalled were Shushei Fujikatsu, Shonosuke Oka, Kichigoro Udagawa, Kichigoro Moriya, Go Hioki and from Asunción, Michiteru Ishii (Ishy), Shotaro Fukuoka and Shigeto Kishi—surramese ofmany Nisei who managed to pull off the only PANA convention which was honosed by the presence of its head of state, Paraguay President General Andrés Rodriguez.

In 1956, Japan established its

In 1956, Japan established its first legation in Asunción. In 1959, the two countries signed a 30-year immigration treaty, which paved the admittance of up to 8,500 Japa-nese (the postwar Issei) plus supply and equipment to establish farms in six areas: Iguazú (the largest today in grains), Amambay, Pirapó, Presidente Chaves and Colonia Fuji (both in the Itapúa / Encarnación areal and in Asunción, where outside the capital vegetable farms and apiculture abound. Their experi-mentation and research with crops greatly improved the different techniques and quality of Paraguayan agriculture.

Japanese-run vineyards and solid augmentation of farm coop-eratives with the prospect of cheap hydroelectric power from Itaipo Dam spell good times for Japa-nese in Paraguay, panelist Tomio Hamano observed in the work-shop of Nikkei in economics.

Japan International Coopera-Japan International Coopera-tion Agency (JICA), just technicians and volunteers, have been also collaborating with the Nikkei here since the 1980s in the develop-ment of Paraguay.

Memorable events include the Memorable events include the first Paraguayan president's visit (General Alfredo Stroessner) in April, 1972, to Japan; the visit in June, 1978, of Crown Prince Akithito and Crown Princes Michiko to Paraguaya. In the spring (October) of 1986 when Paraguayan Nikkei celebrated its 50th year of immigration, Japan Prince Hitachi and Princess Hanako attended the festivities.

The PANA-Paraguay convention booklet contains messages, history and summaries in both Spanish and English. Of particular interest was the notice given to Mercosur (the South Cone Common Market of Latinoamerica—Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil—that was signed here and effective this year) and completion of Itaipd Dam, the world's biggest hydroelectric resource, strictly for Brazil (95%) and Paraguay (5%) only and unavailable to a third country by treaty.

treaty.

Contrary to other Latin American countries, Paraguay is the only nation maintaining its native Indian tongue, Guaranf, as an official language with Spanish. The popular mixture of both languages is known as Yoparc and its monetary unit is the Guaranf (about 1,300 to US\$11.) Paraguayan Nikkei also revealed some Guaranf words sound very Japanese.



PANA-PARAGUAY PLAQUE—JACL President Cressey Nakagawa re-ceives award for his presentation at the 6th Convention at Asuncion from REMI Kasamatsu de Enciso, PANA-Paraguay president.

## Southern California agencies to investigate Red Onion incident

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles and Orange County Human Relations Commissions will conduct a joint investigation of apparent racially-motivated inci-dent at a Red Onion restaurant in Huntington Beach, Calif., in which three women were allegedly asd on June 15.

d Onion restaurants in Southern California have been named in several discrimination charges over the past few years by the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, and by individuals from other minority communities.

according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who asked for the investi-

gation.
The joint effort will also involve
the Orange County District
Attorney's Office.
The findings of the investigation will be reported in 30 days,
Hahn said.
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Hahn said.

Currently, the Pacific Southwest regional office of JACL is working with other civil rights organizations in developing a position paper on the incident and the policies and record of the Red Onion restaurant chain.

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came the victims of racial hatred came the victims of racial natred because of an ancestry they shared with a country with which we were at war. Tragically, Japanese Americans lost their freedom for

Americans lost their freedom for periods of up to four years. The incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II represented wholesale neglect of the principles of the United States. The civil rights of Japanese Americans were set aside in the wake of fervent racism. The Constitution and all that it represents and protects became meaningless wake of fervent reasons when the stitution and all that it represents and protects became meaningless for an entire group of Americans. In 1988, Congress passed legislation to acknowledge the injustice of the internment and to apologize on behalf of the people of the United States for ... a grave injustice ... motivated largely by racial prejudice, wartime hysteria, and a failure of political leadership ... The legislation was signed into law by President Romald Resgan on August 10, 1988.

The 1980s has witnessed a dramatic increase in hate crimes and negative sentiment directed at Asian Americans. These incidents have ranged from negative media

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cial intolerance within our soci-

As we commemorate the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, we must be mindful that some indimust be mindful that some indi-viduals and groups may exploit racial fears based on wartime ani-mosities and the current economic frictions between the United States and Japan. In 1942, Japa-nese Americans were the victims of a tragic experience because rac-ism was allowed to prevail. The threat of racism and intolerance can have a profound effect on indi-viduals causing fear, vulnerabil-ity and suspicton. We must de-plore any attempts to create nega-tive emotional messages through racial exploitation that would ad-versely affect Japanese Americans or Asian Americans as a result of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl one commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

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JACL has also developed a resolution that warns against racial exploitation on the 50th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Yoshino calls for chapters to solicit endorsements of the resolution or separate statements that urge the same kind of concern.

ments that concerning the concern.

We need the assistance of chapters to begin contacting or nizations and public officials create the base of support for pile awareness and response to tential anti-Asian sentimen Yoshine said in his letter.

JACL is currently in the JACL is currently in the case of developing specific materials and information als, including media and information.

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# Author chronicles odyssey toward self-discovery

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA

David Mura's Turning Japanese: Memoirs of a Sansei is a paignant yet often humorous account of this third generation Japanese American's experience in Japan. The book is partly a synopsis on Japanese culture, partly a travelogue, but moetly David Mura's personal experiences. Mura, whose background is in poetry, writes with a keen sense for detail and seldom wastes words.

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Mura received the opportunity to spend a year in Japan as a U.S./Japan Creative Artist Exchange Fellow maintly because I wanted time to write. His journey, however, became not just a physical one, but an emotional and psychological one, confronting him with his long-repressed feelings of allenation and self-hatred. Five years and several revisions later, this book representa Mura's search for identity, of realizing that he is neither fully American nor Japanese but Japanese American.

fully American nor Japanese but Japanese American.
Having grown up in a Jewish neighborhood in Chicago, Mura Knew more Yiddish than Japanese. Japanese food was something to be eaten on holidays, and his perception of Japan was thesp baseballs, Godrilla, weird sci-fi movies like Star Man. His parents rarely spoke about their roots or their experiences in the internment camps during World War II.

War II.

Before living in Japan, Mura
studied the works of Western
writers such as Eliot, Baudelaire,
and Sartre, and knew very little
about Kawabata, Oe, or Enchi. However, after a dinner party given in honor of a well known but arrogant Italian critic, Mura realized that he could never write like the Eurocentric writers that

#### Book review

he read. "I can't just write like a white American. I'm not John Updike. I can't write about four white people talking about their diverse."

What Mura discovers is th What Mura discovers is that Asian Americans—more specifi-cally Japanese Americans—need to find their own voice, a voice which as yet has not been fully realized. "In the world of tradi-tion, I was unimagined. I would have to imagine myself." The initial surprise Mura en-

have to imagine myself."
The initial surprise Mura encounters at Japanese customs is how well he physically blends in with the Japanese people and how much his Caucasian wife, Susie, sticks out. Mura soon realizes that there are certain advantages and disadvantages that come with being visually Japanese. On the one hand, he is able to participate in the Narita Airport Protest, "something a white person could never do." On the other, he feels there is more pressure on him to act "Japanese."
Throughout the book, Mura intersperses flashbacks to chilchood and his interaction with his perents and grandparents. He reaches a point of reconciliation when he realizes that the rage he felt toward his own self

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and toward his father stemmed not from his own deficiencies but was largely due to ragial injus-tice. Later, when Mura's pas-ents join him in Japan, they too experience similar feelings, but it went deeper for them. The book closes with Mura's

wife pregnant and Mura hoping that, unlike himself, his multithat, unlike himself, his multi-racial daughter will grow up with a strong sense of self. "I would like to think that the questions of identity she faces will be easier than mine, less fierce, less filled with self-neglect and rage."



#### Nishizu interview book published

FULLERTON, Calif. —Publication of the "Clarence Nishiru" Interview" by Dr. Arthur A. Hansen was recently celebrated on the California State University at Fullerton as the latest ad-dition to the Orange County Japadition to the Orange County Japa-nese American Oral History Project named after the late Jus-tice Stephen K. Tamura. There are fewer than 50 copies of the 220-page hardcover book left, ac-ording to the Selancoc Chapter, JACL, co-founder who was busy autographing this "Interview" at a reception.

The interview not only covers the personal history of the 81-year-old community leader in an intimate fashion but is garnished with historic photographs and recollections of other Japanese American families who had settled in the county in the 1900s and

Clarence was born in Little Tokyo in 1910 where his father was selling Kiku-Masamune. With prohibition enacted in 1917, the family moved to Garden Grove to farm with his uncle who later moved to El Centro where a younger uncle was farming. Clarence describes how his dad and uncle grew chili, dried them in a kiln for sale to a factory or

market.

His recollection of classmates at the Garden Grove Japanese Language School and neighborhood is a vertible Nikkei Who's Who —George Tsuhara, Helen Ban (her father Rev. Takeshi Ban is another story, notes Clarence), George Nagamatsu, Harry Fujino, Mary and Kaz Masuda (of WWII fame), Kay Ihara, Sam Aihara, George Yasukochi, Torao Yoshimura, Hanako Ida, Tomand Lily Yanai, Yasuo Goto (father of Dr. James who lived in the Lily Yanni, Yasuo Goto (father of Dr. James who lived in the Wintersburg area where Tsurumatsu Asari operated a gold-fish farm), Frank Kadowaki, et al. The names are all indexed, add-ing to the value of what appears to be a local history par excellence.

## Books in brief

Lu Chi'e Wen Fu: The Art of Writing. Tr. by Sam Hamill. Milk-weed Editions, P.O. Box 3226, Minneapolis, MN 55403; 57 pp, \$6.95 paper (1991).

Chinese scholar, essayist and poet Sam Hamill presents China's first book dedicated to the art of poetry, which was written around 200 A.D. by Lu Chi. This is our first encounter with traditional Chinese literature, its exponents and forms, which (fortunately for us) are explained in the opening half of the book — and unlikely to be our last now.

half of the book — and unlikely to be our last now.

Hamill explains seen means "writing" or "literature" in the generic sense; fur means form. Lu Chi, a soldier-scholar, left some 300 poems and essays. Werr Fur reflects Lu Chi's philosophy and is said to reveal the relevance of 2nd-century Chinese thought to today's readers. Reading aloud the poems in the second half of the book should provide the key.

The Red Angel: Life and Times of Elaine Black Yoneda, 1906-1982. Vivan McGuckin Raineri. International Publishers. 258 W. 23rd St., New York, NY 10011; 346 pp, ibbliography, index, \$19.00 cloth, \$9.95 paper (1991).

What a lady she was: Karl Yoneda's wife Elaine (1906-1988) — whose life is "of the stuff that legends are made," to quote the author. And this on the heels of her husband's book, Gambatte: 60 Year Struggle of a Kibsi Worker (1983), published by UCLA's Asian American Studies Center!

The Yonedas show a seldom reckonsel slice of Japanese Americans: prewar politics with the Communist Party, the labor movement, bailing out Karl from the

Los Angeles jail for demonstrat-ing at City Hall on Feb. 10, 1931, intermarriage (in Seattle), back in San Francisco protesting the intermarriage (in Seattle), back in San Francisco protesting the shipment of scrap iron to Japan with Karl, their experiences during W.W. II (Karl volunteered for MIS and served in the China-Burma-India theater, while Elsine and their son Tommy left Manzanar during the 42 riot for San Denzieson presture registry. San Francisco), postwar raising of chickens in Petaluma, and their roles bringing trade union sup-port to JACL's Title II repeal and

port to JACLE Title II repeal and redress campaigns.

Those who know of them, even casually by their mark in the media, will appreciate this tribute to the 'Red Angel,' a monicker acquired by her work as secretary for the San Francisco International Labor Defense office posting bail for maritime workers in the 1930s.

Nuclear Playground: Fight for an Independent and Nuclear Free Pacific. Stewart Firth. Uni-versity of Hawaii Press. 2840 Kolowalu St., Honolulu, HI, 96822; 178 pp, index, \$14.95 paper (1967).

In light of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagusaki, hopefully the current talks of a nuclear disarmament treaty are about to be concluded soon. Five years ago when this book was being written, the prospect was of World War III starting in the Pacific, U.S. efforts were to keep the Soviets bottled up in the North Pacific and the superpowers called fur more weapons in the name of balance. Dr. Pirth (a distinguished Australian acholar specializing in Pacific history) ventures into new ground further development in nuclear reaponry with a review of U.S., British and French nuclear test

## By HARRY HONDA

programs in the Pacific.
What Firth puts forth is that the people in the Pacific Islands do not want a nuclear past imposed on them. In the epilogue, a make-believe scenario of WWIII, Japan and Korea are prime targets plus Hawaii.

A Song for Nagasaki. Paul Glynn, foreword by Shusako Endo. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 255 Jefferson Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503; 265 pp, \$11.95 paper (1990).

This is an inspiring and moving story of Takashi Nagai, M.D., pio-neer professor of radiology at Nagasaki who died of atomic dis-Nagaski who died of atomic dis-ease six years after the second A-bomb killed thousands, including his wife. While suffering from ter-minal radiation, he began writing of peace and reconciliation. His books became best-sellers in Ja-

pan.
Glynn (an Australian Marist
priest who worked for 20 years in
Japan where he met Nagai's fanily and other A-bomb survivorshibokusha ) weaves Japanese culture, history of Christianity in Japan and "how the citizens of
Nagasaki came to venerate the
bed-ridden doctor as a saint," quoting from Shusako Endo's foreword.

The Sun Never Sets: Confront-ing the Network of Foreign U.S. Military Bases. Edited by Jo-seph Gerson and Bruce Birchard. American Friends Service Com-mittee, 1801 Cherry St., Philadel-phia, PA, 19102; 389 pp, \$10

(1991).

The Quakers' new book describes the global network of 375 foreign U.S. military bases including 17 major bases in Japan: nine on Naichi (home Islands) and eight on Okinawa. Gerson, who wrote

this particular chapter, "Keystone of the Pacific," notes there are strong forces militating against the continued presence of U.S. bases in Japan with the collapse of the Cold War. Furthermore, if of the Cold War. Furthermore, if the Soviet Union is able to exchange reversion of the Kurile Islands to Japan for Japanese technology and investments in the Far Eastern regions, the rationale for maintaining U.S. bases would be severely undermined.

Gerson maintains the vacuum creatéd by the withdrawal of U.S. bases need not be filled by Japanese militarism. There are serious political visions of a Pacific Economic Community with the

ous political visions of a Pacific Economic Community with the Pacific Ocean becoming a sea of peace, freedom and mutual ber-fits. "He also sees the creation of a nuclear-free, independent and economically-secure Pacific Ba-sin, which includes the United

sin, which includes the United States.

Turning Leaves: The Photograph Collections of Two Japonese American Families. Richard Chalfen. University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, N.M., 87131; 287 pp, 389.95 cioth, \$19.95 paper (1991).

Never would one honor old inapehots as pieces of visual anthropology as was superbly and critically addressed by the author, Professor Chalfen in anthropology at Temple University and director of the graduate program in visual anthropology. He worked with Lynns Horiuchi of Denver-Los Angeles through the '80s on her pilot project, the Japanese American Pamily Album Project, which featured the rich collection of the Nagano and Uyeda/Myamura families (the typesetter at the Pacific Citisen help to set the captions). This project has blossomed into a scholariy and

celebrated account- indeed a

happy presentation.
The Naganos of Los Angeles trace their roots to Manzo Nagano, trace their roots to manzo nagano, the first Japanese settler in Canada in 1877 for whom a mountain peak in the British Columbian Rockies was dedicated. The Uyeda Miyamura families of New Mexico related, and a son, Hiroshi, is

Here is another way of telling a family story. Details are found throughout the book and how significant is up to you.

Asian Americans: An Interpretive History. Sucheng Chan.
G.K. Hall & Co., 70 Lincoln St.,
Boston, MA, 02111; 242 pp, \$23.95
(cloth), \$11.95 paper (1991).
Sucheng Chan, professor of history and Asian American studies
at UC Santa Barbara, introduces
foreign words (the first time in
italics) in her narrative of the
Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Pilipino, and Asian Indian groups in
America. This is what we on the
P.C. have been accustomed to for pino, and Asian Indian groups in America. This is what we on the P.C. have been accustomed to for years—but here are some new onescohong, yangban, ilustrados, gurdwara, jats, huiga uan, gongsuo, tong, dongiu, xija, tong-hoe, tong-jang, granth sahib pensionadoa. This is a partial reading and we omitted the many Japanese terms. Chan's approach is cultural and welcome. Her collegues find it imaginative, immensely useful and a scholarly synthesis. The Twayne's Immigrant Heritage of America Series has published a concise, readable and captivating book.

Extremely valuable are the final chapters. Twee Immigrants and Refugees' (covering the '80s) and the 'Current Socioeconomic Status, Politics, Education and Culture.'

#### **Opinions**



From the frying pan

**BILL HOSOKAWA** 

# Curious custom of apology in Japan

A curious part of Japanese culture is the custom of apologizing for al-most everything, even when by our stanmost everytning, even when by our stan-dards apology is unnecessary or even inappropriate. They present you with a splendid gift and apologize for its humble-ness. They invite you to a swanky restau-rant and apologize because it isn't swanky. They serve up a banquet and apologize that it is not enough.

that it is not enough.

This is a stereotype that Tsuneaki Iki, executive vice president of the Japan National Tourist Organization, used to his advantage recently. Addressing a group of travel agents, he observed that Americans start their talks with an anecdote while the Japanese begin with an apology. Then he got the laughter he sought by apologizing for not having a funny story to tell.

But one thing the Japanese haven't

funny story to tell.

But one thing the Japanese haven't apologized for is the attack on Pearl Harbor before declaring war in 1841. The 50th anniversary of that deplorable event will be here in a few months and Tokyo is concerned about how Americans will remember that day. We are not likely to remember happily. But there are some who think an apology, expressed in un-

mistakable terms instead of the circumlo-cution that characterizes Japanese speech, would help to assuage some of the bitter-

ness.

Japanese goyernment leaders have expressed regret for their country's aggression in Korea, China and some other parts of Asia, but not directly to the United States. Perhaps the sense that the U.S. also has some apologizing to do for the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki has something to do with its stance.

stance.

But there may be change coming. Not long ago Yohei Kono, chairman of the influential Foreign Affairs Committee of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party suggested in an article published by Asahi Shimbun that it was time to acknowledge Japan's

guilt.

His reference was to the peace proclamations at ceremonies marking the nuking of Hiroshima on Aiu; 6 and Nagasaki on Aug.

7. These proclamations speak of the horror of the attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, he wrote, without mentioning "the ultimate cause of the tragedies: Japan's aggression in Asia and the December 194 attack against the U.S. and Great Britain."

Kono went on to say: "People from other countries who hear or read these statements must think we are indifferent to the massive loss of life and devastation Japan brought on. Americans may also feel that laments about the atomic holocaust devoid of reference to Pearl Harbor are one-sided andinflammatory... This Augustis a chance to make amends for Pearl Harbor."

News stories out of Hiroshima on this News stories out of irricomia on this year's observance made no mention of a Pearl-Harbor apology although Mayor Takaghi Hiraoka, according to the Asahi News Bervice, "apologized for the hardships Japan caused its Asian and Pacific neighbors during the war." He is also reported to have said:

"We would like to continue to rethe disastrous war that started with the attack on Pearl Harbor and ended with the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki."

The apology, when it comes and it should be soon, must come from a national leader. Further, if it is to have and effect on the American public, it needs to be in straight-forward language Americans understand. Kono needs to be listened to.

#### East Wind



BILL MARUTANI

## Onomatopoeia or 'gi-on'

THE TERM means "the formation of a word that sounds like its referent, as buzz, crack, cuckoo". American Heritage Dictionary, in short, a word that seeks to imitate the sound it represents such as a dog barking "bow-wow." Somewhere along junior high school, I came across the word and thought it so unusual that I tried to remember it. The subject comes up because I'm in the midst of reading Japanese comic strips as a means to learning Nihongo including current vernacular usages. Well, ono-matopoeia came up because the Japanese sounds—gi-on in Japanese—are quite different from those familiar to us in America. For example, while an American dog barks "bow-wow" (or "woof-woof") in Japan they bark "won-won."

Anyway, reading—or more accurately, trying to read—a Japanese manga (cartoon) strip requires, for me at least, yet another dictionary on gi-on (onomato-

TAKE, FOR EXAMPLE, a frog croak-

ing. We have a Japanese song tape on which the "Duke Aces" (a Japanese male which the 'Duke Aces' (a Japanese male singing group) sing of frogs serenading. Frankly, I'm not quite sure what the gi-on for American frogs is; I've heard an American song recording which would have frogs' guttural intonations as "rib-it." Well, perhaps. But do you know what it is in Japanese; would you believe 'ke-yo, ke-yo-?'The next time I'm in Nippon and am near a pond, I'll have to cock my ears keenly for the croaking of Japanese frogs. I'm not expecting to hear 'ke-yo, ke-yo-.' Or will I' You see, I've listened to that Duke Aces often enough there's a Kyoto tune on there often enough there's a Kyoto tune on there often enough (there's a Kyoto tune on there that's become a favorite) that I'm beginning to associate "ke-yo, ke-yo" with frogs.

VERBALIZED SOUNDS that, in fact, VERBALIZED SOUNDS that, in fact, do not imitate the actual sound but we so closely associate them with the referenced sound that they begin to "sound like the sound" are many. In our comic strips, for example, coughing to verbalized as "cough, coughing to the word, there really is no sound association to the word, there really is no sound association.

with the sound of coughing. In Japan gi-on, the sound of coughing comes out as "go-ho-tsu." The "tsu" is not verbalized; rather, the pronunciation is cut short. So used, the cough in Nihongo comes out "go-hol" and it indeed does begin to mimic a

cough.

RINGING BELLS peal out "ding dong" in our traditional learning. In Nihongo it's "jirt, jirt" which is not the toll of an o-tere (temple) bell; more like the small trinkling susus that we've seen. The sound of an object striking the noggin is written often as boing or to emphasize the impact then as boing or to emphasize the impact then BOINGGO! In Japanese comics the comparable gion is "GON." If the Hawaii Buddaheads tire of referring to mainland Nikkei as "Kotonks" (allegedly, the sound emitted by the striking of a mainland Nikkei head—somewhat kin to an empty coconut), they can adopt "GON."

Onomatopoeia, pronounced (according to the dictionary that I checked): oh-no-mah-toh-PEE-yah. Gi-on for short.



#### Letters

#### PC letter policy

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#### Justice Department should apologize for apology

I wish to add a hearty cheers and thank you to Violet K. de Cristoforo (for) her suggestions in the July 19-26, 91 issue of Pacific Citizen. The letter my mother received from the Justice Department from President George Bush was so poorly written its did not seem to be that long promised letter of apol-

seem to be that long promised letter of apology, and his signature was soloppy that you couldn't tell it was that of the President! I told my mother to hang on to that letter as it was an historic document, but,felt that it was pretty shabby for so much hard work on the part'd those of us who worked for Redress during the 80's.

I am going to write the Justice Department and request a letter of apology for my deceased father who died in 1978, just 10 years before the 1988 signing of the Redress Bill into law by then President Ronald Reagan. It is almost ironic that he passed away in the spring of the year that the national JACL convention first formed a specific task of obtaining Redress and that 10 years later on the year of his death, it was signed into law, and I, his son, was there to witness both occasions.

Best wishes to you and the P.C. staff during this long hat summer, and good luck one this long hat summer, and good luck one

Best wishes to you and the P.C. staff dur-ing this long hot summer, and good luck on your move to a new office location in a safer

Jeff K. Hami ex-officio president, Salt Lake Chapter, JACL

#### Getting new members through sports

Instead of trying to attract new, younger members by creating "a new image which incorporates JACL's basic ideology" (PC, July 19-26), why not adopt methods that have

incorporates JACL's basic ideology (PC, July 19-26), why not adopt methods that have succeeded in the past?

In 1979 the Gardena Chapter developed youth groups, centered around its Nisei relay track team. We held several profitable fund-raisers, including a bake sale (\$240.) and a dance (\$1200) and some fun activities. We worked together with the Orange County chapter, which staged similar events. How many JA teenagers give two hoots about civil rights for Asian Americane? They want to get involved at the chapter level on constructive projects and recreational activities with other young people. Older JAs, including parents, should play active roles, using their experience and contacts to advise, plan, and support youthful aspirations. Coed athletics, like golf, tennis, volleyball, and softball will attract many young people. Isn't it time for JACL to sponsor such intradistrict competition?

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#### The arts

# Actress Hill weaves taut, funny life tales

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Under the direction of Anne Etue, this hour-long "autobiographical romp" is simple but significant. The show opens with images of Japan projected onto a noren, a shop curtain. A voiceover explains that Hillis father is Finnish, her mother Japanese, and she was raised in Deadwood, S. D. When she turned 18, her parents gave her a choice of either visiting Finiand or Japan (although Hill preferred going to Paris and becoming a Bohemian). Hill settled for Japan, and the audience is whisked into the most intimate but immediate necessities of all:

whisked into the most intimate butimmediate necessities of all: how to use the bathroom Hill goes on to parody the many Japanese and Japanese American women that she observed. Some of them include a cutery pop star, an aging and embittered talk show hostess (complete with a huge blue wig), and an offended Asian American student who resents not being treated with the same courtesy that Caucasian foreigners are treated with. Hill notes that "At the same time that I'm recounting my own experiences in To the same time that I'm re-counting my own experiences in Tokyo, I want to explode the stereotypes of Japanese women and investigate the ties we have with our cultural past, both con-scious and unconscious."

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Hill's one-year visit extended into six, in which time, she eventually married a Japanese national. There are touching moments when Hill recounts her Indian-born mother-in-law ostracization and her own feelings of alienation. This leads her to a new respect for her mother in America who kepther family together despite cultural and language barriers.

Although Hill intersperses Japanese with English, this is not a distraction and her facial expressions and body language are wonderful. Hill is able to go from a conservative flewer ar-



#### Credits

WHAT: Tokyo Bound, a one-woman autobiographical stage production of her coming of age and cultural identity. WHO: Japanese-Finnish American actress Am Hill. WHEN: Through Aug. 25. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. WHERE: East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Bivd., Los

Angeles. INFORMATION: 213/665-1929.

#### Stage review

ranging teacher to a chattering weather girl to a bowing department sales attendant without losing the audience. Hill also makes great use of space as she immerses herselfinto a hot bath, dances with a naked man, or is being groped on the train by a narvert.

Like Hill's script, the set is simple but well thought out. It consists of a wooden bench shaped like a Japanese geta (clogs), which also acts as h room, bathtub, and chair. Hill's costumes enhance her charac-

costumes enhance her charac-ters, the most interesting one being the red chiffon dress laced with junk-food wrappers. Tokyo Bound is definitely a tight production with little room for criticism, and Amy Hill is a great performer and storyteller.

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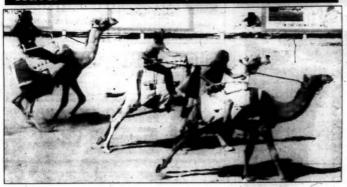
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the Comstock as pack animals,
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The Virginia City Camel Races started out as a joke when, in 1959, Bob Richards, editor of the Territorial Enterprise, wrote a fictitious account of the city's camel ces to fill a three-inch hole on races to fill a three-inch hole onthe paper a front page. The following year, he informed his readers
of the upcoming races and was
challenged by the San Francisco
Chronicle. The Chronicle also
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The Chronicle's camel, piloted by movie director John Huston, collected the trophy in that first

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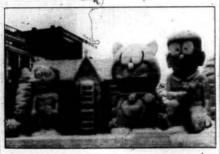
Australia's Northern Territory, is of its own.

The event begins with opening eremonies at noon on Friday. ceremonies at noon on Friday. Grudge races run from 14 p.m., and a Virginia Cityletyle dance is scheduled for 7 p.m. On Saturday, the Camel Race Parade starts at 10 a.m., with camel races from noon to 4 p.m. Evening festivities will also be included. The elimiSunday, with the championship race at 4 p.m.

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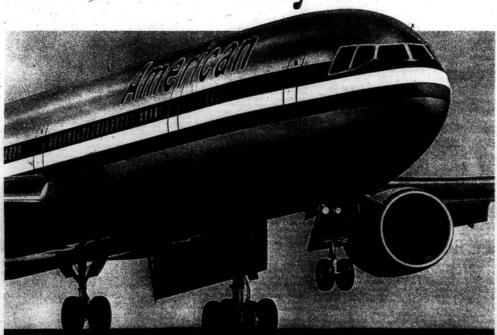
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