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Friday, October 11, 1991

Suspect will stand trial for Arizona temple crime

PHOENIX—Dante Parker, 20, accused of the murder of nine people at the Buddhist temple west of here, was ordered Oct. 5 to stand trial for the crime.

According to the Arizona Republic, the move came when Parker's alibi claims were ruled insufficient by Judge Ronald Reinsteint, presiding criminal judge in Maricopa County Superior Court. Finding probable cause, the judge ordered Parker to be arraigned on nine counts of first-degree murder, nine counts of armed robbery, one count of burglary and one count of conspiracy.

Parker entered pleas of innocent to all of the charges.

The trial is scheduled for Dec. 16. Presiding will be Superior Court Judge Gregory Martin who is also hearing the trials for three others who will be tried on the same charges.

According to the Republic, the most incriminating evidence was Parker's own confession he gave to authorities Sept. 12, admitting he and seven others went to the temple to steal items of value and ended up killing the nine.

The others charged in the crime are Michael Lawrence McGraw, 24, Marcus Nunez, 19, and Leo Valdez Bruce, 28, all of Tucson.

JACL opposes nomination of Clarence Thomas

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL national board in an 8-6 vote officially took a position Sept. 30 opposing the confirmation of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court.

At press time, before the final balloting on Oct. 8, Thomas was beset by controversy surrounding sexual harassment charges.

The national board had earlier indicated a strong concern over Thomas's civil rights record as assistant secretary for civil rights with the Department of Education and during his tenure as chairman of the EEOC.

The JACL board had delayed its decision until after hearings by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

In voting to oppose the confirmation, the national board was most concerned about Thomas's opposition to affirmative action programs.

Events offer opportunities for Asian Americans

Strategies planned for minority businesses

NEW YORK — More than 1,500 minority business owners, corporate executives and government officials will meet Oct. 20-23 at the New York Hilton to develop competitive strategies to expand minority businesses.

It serves minority vendors an opportunity to meet face-to-face with representatives of the Fortune 500.

The 1991 conference of the National Minority Supplier Development Council will include some 20 workshops, featuring purchasing executives with strategies to assure minority business devel-

opments, quality products and services from minorities of value to the corporate world, international opportunities, especially in the changing global markets in Asia, Africa, Caribbean, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

Highlight will be the annual awards banquet recognizing outstanding U.S. business leaders.

Joseph E. Antonini, president/CEO of Kmart Corporation, serves as chairman of the NMSDC board of directors. The council was founded in 1972 and serves as a national link with 45 regional affiliates.

For information on the conference, trade fair or registration, contact Lynn Scott, NMSDC, (212) 219-1600, ext. 173.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

A monetary sum and words alone cannot restore lost years or crase painful memories; neither can they fully convey our Nation's resolve to rectify injustice and to uphold the rights of individuals. We can never fully right the wrongs of the past. But we can take a clear stand for justice and recognize that serious injustices were done to Japanese Americans during World War II.

In enacting a law calling for restitution and offering a sincere apology, your fellow Americans have, in a very real sense, renewed their traditional commitment to the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice. You and your family have our best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

GEORGE BUSH
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 1990

Mineta writes media about Pearl Harbor anniversary



REP. NORMAN MINETA

News & World Report, Newsweek, McNeil-Lehrer Newshour, C-SPAN and National Public Radio.

Then a youngster in San Jose, Mineta recalled the shock, anger and fear of the Dec. 7, 1941, attack. "As unlike anything I had ever known before in my life."

"As an American, my country was attacked that day. As an American of Japanese ancestry, my loyalty was never in doubt. But that truth fell on deaf ears in Washington... more than 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry were forcibly removed from their homes by the United States government and interned without a

charge, without a trial...

"At Pearl Harbor, Americans of Japanese ancestry fought and died for our country. Later, their sacrifice was joined by Nisei who fought and died in the legendary 442nd Central Postal Directory, the 100th Battalion and Military Intelligence Service — despite the fact that they and their families had been stripped of the most basic rights we believed were guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution. It took 47 years before the stain of the internment injustice was lifted from Americans of Japanese ancestry with enactment of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988."

Media swarming over Pearl Harbor

HONOLULU—It's a media field day, says Bill Kaneko, JACL vice president public affairs and president of the Hawaii Chapter.

"In the past two months we've had one national or international interview per week," he said, speaking about the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

"We anticipate 500 to 1,000 reporters here during the week of Dec. 7," Kaneko said. "We'll have Cressy (Kanagawa, JACL national president) and Bill (Yoshino, JACL national director) interviewed, with a spattering of 442 vets and internees to broaden the coverage."

"We want to emphasize the incident affected many different people, including Japanese Americans."

In addition, JACL will send an educational package for distribution to each chapter.

Leadership conference set for Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA—Opportunities are the focus of the 8th annual Asian American Voters Coalition Leadership conference to be held here Oct. 25-27.

The event will focus on entrepreneurship, employment, education, and election opportunities.

The conference will feature seminars on business and federal employment opportunities, workshops, and caucus by members of Democratic and Republican parties.

Information: Skip Volundat, 215/649-1471 or Nick Shenoy, 215/644-2184.

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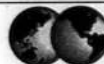
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Calendar

Colorado

Denver

December 1991—Mile-Hi JACL Ski Weekend, date and place to be announced. Information: 303/892-6003.

August 3-8, 1992—JACL's 32nd Biennial National Convention, "JACL: Solid as the Rockies," Denver. Information: 303/892-6003.

Idaho

Saturday, October 26—Tri-Cities JACL Area Reunion, Cactus Pete's Jackpot, Nevada. Cost: \$20. Reservations: Cactus Pete's 800/321-1103 by October 11.

Washington

Seattle

Through Sunday, October 20—Kenjiro Nomura: An Artist's View of the Japanese American Internment, 21 paintings from behind the barbed wire in Minidoka, Idaho, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. So., Tuesday through Friday, 11 am. to 4 pm., Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 pm. Admission: Adults, \$2.50, seniors/students, \$1, children under 12, \$0.50. Information: 206/623-5124.

Through Sunday, October 27—Northwest Asian American Theatre's "Song for a Nisei Fisherman" by Philip Kan Gotanda, directed by Marc Hayashi, Theatre Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. So., Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 pm., Sundays, 2 pm.. Tickets: Adults, \$12, seniors/students, \$9, children, \$6. Reservations and information: 206/340-1049.

Through Sunday, November 3—"Patti Warashina: Ceramic Sculpture 1962-1991," Bellevue Art Museum, 301 Bellevue Square, Monday and Tuesday, 10 am. to 6 pm., Wednesday through Saturday, 10 am. to 6 pm., Sunday, 11 am. to 5 pm. Information: 206/454-6021.

Saturday, Oct. 19—Nikkei Concerns sponsors a Nikkei Health Fair, a forum on aging, memory impairment and Alzheimers, Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001, 24th Ave. So., 8:30 am. to noon. Information: Keiro, 206/323-7100.

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

California

San Francisco area

Wednesday, October 16—The Kearney Street Workshop's benefit performance of "The Queen's Garden" starring Brenda Wong Aoki, Climate Theatre, 252 9th St., San Francisco, 8 pm. Tickets: ranges from \$10 to \$14. Information: 415/626-9196.

Sacramento

Saturday, November 23—The Sacramento JACL's 60th Anniversary dinner, the new Raddison Hotel. Cost: \$25 per person (includes prime rib dinner). Information: 916/447-0231.

San Jose

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. Information/brochure: 408/294-2505.

Etiquette speaker scheduled

Yaeko Shiotsuki, considered one of Japan's foremost authorities on etiquette, will speak on the topic, "The Japanese as International Citizens," Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Japan America Theatre, Los Angeles. The lecture, sponsored by the Ladies' Culture Seminar and the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles, is part of Japan Today, a month-long series of events held throughout the greater Los Angeles area focusing on contemporary Japanese culture and society.

Shiotsuki has authored more than 70 books on topics such as the changing role of women, manners, fashion, food and aging. Focusing on significant rites of passage including a birth in the family, marriage, family celebrations and death, the revised edition of her book, "Etiquette," was written for the modern Japanese taking into account the changing structure of the traditional family and



YAEKO SHIOTSUKI

Japan's rapid internationalization.

Tickets are \$15 and available at the Japan America Theatre. The lecture will be given in Japanese with simultaneous translation. Information: JACCC, 213/628-2725.

Saturday, October 26—Yu Ai Kai's "Harvest Time Fund Raising Dinner," the San Jose Buddhist Church, Betsuin Annex, 640 N. 5th St., San Jose, 6 pm. Donations of \$350, \$225 and \$175 accepted for respective Lexus LS400, Ford Explorer and Toyota Camry dinner ticket door prize category. Information: 408/294-2505.

Los Angeles area

Every Wednesday through November 6—Jude Narita's "The Tiger on the Right/The Dragon on the Left," the Powerhouse Theatre, 3116 2nd St., Santa Monica, 8 pm. Tickets: \$10. Information: Theatix 213/466-1767.

Sunday, October 13—The Greater L.A. Singles JACL's New Members Reception and Sunday Social, Ken Nakagawa Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena, noon to 5 pm. Information: Avie Ige 714/842-9550.

Sunday, October 13—The Nikkei Widowed Group's meeting, JACCC 244 S. San Pedro St., room 4B, Los Angeles, 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Speaker: Mrs. Edith Wharton. Information: Jim Oka 213/327-8684, Geri Oda 213/227-2280.

Thursday, October 17—Asian Pacific American Legal Center's 8th Annual Awards Dinner, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles. Honorees: Hitachi Ltd., Congressman Howard Berman, Frederick Hong, Maria Hsia, John Huang and Gloria Ochao. Information/tickets: Stewart Kwok or Faith Chen, 213/748-2022.

Friday, October 18—The Association of Asian Pacific American Artists' benefit performance of "Tokyo Bound" starring Amy Hill, Matrix Theatre, 7567 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, 8 pm. Tickets: \$30 includes reception following performance. Information: 213/874-0786.

Saturday, October 19—JACCC's Chibivisions, Japan America Theatre, 244 So. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo, Program A at 11 am, Program B at 12:30 pm. Tickets: \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under for Program A, \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under for Program B. Information: 213/628-2725.

Saturday, October 19—The San Fernando Valley JACL's an Evening of Oral History, San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Brantford St., Pacoima, 6:30 pm. Cost: \$6 (includes Obento). Come and share your story. Information: Kubota 818/765-7849, Phil Shigekuni 818/893-1581, Nancy Gohata 818/

899-4237.

Saturday, October 19—The Orange County Sansei Singles Group's monthly Tabernash luncheon buffet, Todal Restaurant, 1925 W. Carson St., Torrance, 1:30 pm. Cost: \$7.95 plus tax and tip. Information: 213/321-2863 or 714/524-1138.

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.

Saturday, October 26—Little Tokyo Community Health Fair, Japanese American Cultural Community Center. Information: Bill Watanabe, 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.

Reminders

● The 50th anniversary Canal Camp, Gila River, reunion will be held July 31 through Aug. 1-2, 1992, in Fresno, Calif. Information: James Yamamoto, 2253 S. Temperance, Fresno, CA, 93725, 209/264-7924, or Yo Misaki, 8128 S. Bethel, Selma, CA, 93662, 209/896-2605.

● Annual Fall Frolic, sponsored by the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, Saturday, Nov. 2, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., in the center's gym. Music: Dr. Howard Sato. Cost: \$9 donation for center's maintenance fund. Location: 1203 West Puente Ave., West Covina, Calif. Information: Barbara, 818/100-1509; Sadako, 818/285-8895; or center office, 818/960-2566.

● "Demon Pond," a 1980 film directed by Shinoda Masahiro, will be screened Friday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m., in Occidental College's Alumni Auditorium. Free. Occidental College, 1600 Campus Road, Los Angeles. Information: 213/259-2759.

News

Los Angeles plans Day of Remembrance

Eight major Los Angeles Nikkei community organizations are raising funds to assure "a successful 50 Year Remembrance" program in 1992, focusing on the 50th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, signed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, on Feb. 19, 1942, which was instrumental in the forced relocation and internment of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

The major events will include:

- Day of Remembrance program Feb. 15-16 with interfaith commemoration, children's workshop, cultural performances, films, ex-

hibit and microfilm research.

- Civil rights conference on Mar. 7 featuring workshops, a redress summary, and civil rights strategy sessions.
- The Manzanar pilgrimage April 25.
- Grand opening of the Japanese American National Museum in the spring with a gala dinner celebration scheduled for Saturday, May 2.
- A conference addressing the "Future of the Nikkei Community" sometime October, 1992. Joint sponsors are Pacific Southwest JACL District Council, Japanese American Cultural and Com-

munity Center, Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California, Manzanar Committee (213/662-5102); UCLA Asian American Studies Center, UCLA Nikkei Student Union.

Tax-deductible donations, payable to "50 Year Remembrance," can be mailed to JACL Office, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Individuals who wish to assist in the planning in any of the four events or who desire more information should call or write the JACL Office (213/626-4471.)

Mineta urges paid leave for parents to attend PTA

WASHINGTON — Employers are being urged to grant paid leave to their workers so that they may attend Parent-Teacher conferences. It was contained in a House resolution as a sense of Congress by Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) and announced at the National Press Club on Oct. 2.

The resolution seeks to improve the education of America's children. Mineta said: "What our children learn today will affect our nation and its prosperity well into the next century. Every American has a responsibility to help our children by bettering education in this country."

"My resolution calls upon employers to help lead the way by granting paid leave so that parents and teachers can get together to talk about education."

He also noted the "Get Together for Kids" campaign, sponsored by the American Electronic Association, as an excellent ideal.

Short takes

• **SETTING SAIL**—A replica of Christopher Columbus' ship, *Santa Maria*, crossed the Atlantic Ocean, arriving in Nassau, Bahamas, Saturday, Oct. 5. It had embarked from Barcelona, Spain, for Japan on July 13, the same date it had set sail for its voyage to the west in search of a new trade route to the Far East 500 years ago. The trip is one of many events planned to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Columbus' journey to America. Funded by Japan film producer Haruki Kadokawa, the vessel heading for Panama Canal, docks in Mexico, Honolulu and Guam before reaching Kobe in April, 1992.

• **ASIANS IN SAN FRANCISCO**—People from India should be considered Asians for purposes of affirmative action, the city services committee of the San Francisco board of supervisors agreed, it was reported. The city's human rights commission had also recommended that Asian Indians be counted as "Asians," but Chinese Americans argued on economic, geographic and historical grounds against it. Under the city's minority business program, Asian Indians do not qualify as "minority-run."

• **TONGAN CENSUS**—More Tongans live in Utah (No. 2 at 3,904) than in Hawaii (No. 3 at 3,088), the 1990 U.S. Census figures show on the smaller minority groups. California leads (7,917) in the nationwide total of 17,606.

• **INVENTIVE**—Japan is leading the world into the Information Age — "light years ahead of the rest of the world," according to

Canadian futurist, Dr. Frank Ogden of Vancouver. He cited invention patents in Japan rose 350% in the last 20 years while in America, it dropped 20%. And elementary and high school students in Japan go 240 days a year, compared with U.S.-Canadian students who attend 180 days.

• **CAMPUS DOWN**—The U.S. International University campus at Kishiwake, Osaka, became the first American educational college to shut down because of financial problems last June. The San Diego, Calif.-based campus had opened in the spring of 1989 in a two-story prefabricated building on a city-owned lot near a public welfare center. The number of foreign universities has jumped to 33 for 1990 since the first one opened in Tokyo in 1982, according to the *Japan Times*.

• **SCORING A GOAL**—As a separate Japanese American National Museum's \$15 million enhancement campaign to finance the museum's interior, the area Garden Valley appeal met its \$250,000 goal as the eight teams ended its competition raising \$252,416, according to Florence Ochi, JANM staff (213/625-0414), who acknowledged these amounts from:

- (1) Lions, captained by Archie Miyamoto with city clerk May Doi, Kuni Tamura, Joe Watari, \$59,000; (2) Tora, captained by city councilman Paul Tsukahara with Aki Tsukahara, Cookie Atsumi and Ryo Komae, \$53,000; (3) Aloha, with captain Ken Kamiya, Paul Koshi, Burt Nakamura, \$43,750; (4) and others:

Ichiban, captained by Bruce Kaji; Gambare, captained by Frances Kaji; Samurai-gumi, captained by former assemblyman Paul Bannai; Taniguchi Taishos, Watanabe Warriors ... The museum is expected to open in the spring of 1992 at the historic Nishi Hongwanji at Central and East 1st.

• **BEST AND BRIGHTEST**—Whittier College has been rated among the best in America, ranking No. 7 among regional universities in the annual best-college issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, the fourth time it has been recognized. The 1991 admission of the freshman class is more ethnically diversified than last year with 17.3% Hispanic American, 10.3% Asian American, 4.4% African American, 1.5% Native American, 4.4% international, and 62% whites. Sixty percent hail from California, and 55% female.

• **TV BLOOPER**—The CBS-TV fall season premiere of Murphy Brown (seen Sept. 16 at 8 p.m. in Phoenix) in the episode, "Murphy Faces Motherhood," was criticized by Arizona JACL vice president Joe Allman when a character named Jake, father of Murphy's unborn child, in a scene at the Murphy home, used the term "Jap" and "Japs."

The criticism has placed Phoenix KTSB-10 and CBS Entertainment, Los Angeles, on notice for use of the derogatory terms as cited in the Webster's New Collegiate dictionary. The terms of "Japan" or "Japanese" could have been easily utilized in the script, Allman believed.

Japanese consumers.

• **COMPUTER DONATION**—Panasonic Communications and Systems Co. has donated 63 laptop computers to the Japan Center for Michigan Universities which operate educational and cultural exchange programs in Hikone in the Shiga Prefecture, which is the sister state to Michigan.

• **AUTOS AROUND THE WORLD**—The Foreign Trade Association and the International Business Committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will hold a luncheon Thursday, Oct. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jack Reilly, chairman of American Isuzu Motors and vice chairman of the Automobile Importers

of American will talk on "Internationalism ... An Automotive Fact of Life." Event will be held at the Torrance Marriott, 3536 Fashion Way, Torrance, Calif. Information: PTA, 213/627-0634.

• **SUPPORTING THE ARTS**—The Aoko Corp., a Tokyo-based international construction and hotel management firm and parent company to Western Hotels & Resorts, has given a \$100,000 grant Scripps College of Claremont, Calif. The grant will fund the Aoko Corporation Endowment for Japanese Art and Culture, supporting lectures by American and Japanese scholars and artists, exhibits of Japanese art, and other programs related to Japanese art and culture.

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Biz notes

• **COMPUTER LINKUP**—AST Research Inc. of Irvine, Calif., is the first U.S. manufacturer to create personal computers compatible to the Japanese market place.

The AST model PCvision 386SX/20 will be compatible with the new DOS/V PC standard developed for the Japanese market place.

The unit will be manufactured at the firm's California facility and exported to Japan.

Currently, Japanese software developers must create versions of their programs for the prevailing NEC standard and other operating systems available in the market—limiting the quantity and types of software available to

Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

On being 'citizens of the world'

Many writers and observers have tried to explain to us what the Japanese are like. Comes now a book that tells us why the Japanese are what they are. It is the best thing I have seen of its type.

The book is titled "Learning to Bow," with a subtitle: "An American Teacher in a Japanese School." (Ticknor and Fields, Houghton Mifflin and Co., \$19.95.) The teacher is Bruce S. Feiler, a Georgian graduate of Yale. He went to Japan, presumably on the JET program, to teach English in the junior high school of Sano, a town of 50,000 in Tochigi, the prefecture which is the home of Nikko.

Feiler is a perceptive observer. Far from the influence of Tokyo, if not distant in terms of miles, he comes to understand the deep and pervasive impact the education system has on shaping the individual and national Japanese character. The essence of what Feiler has to say is contained in these paragraphs:

"After my year in the Japanese schools, I believe that the largest gulf between Japan and the West is caused by our dissimilar ways of communicating with

others. Westerners often ask how I can possibly understand the Japanese. They are so quiet. Their faces are like stone. They never show any emotion. The Japanese, for their part, say similar things about Westerners, particularly Americans. They talk so much. They always say whatever they think, even if it is rude. They are inconsiderate of other people's feelings.

"I came to appreciate that Japanese reticence and indirect speech are not the result of a lack of emotion or a willfulness to deceive but are the outcome of careful and deliberate training. Students are constantly reminded not to interject their personal feelings into a public discussion but to save them for a more private time. Among themselves, the Japanese are masters of the art of not-offending anyone. To them, this indirectness seems considerate and polite, while to us it seems evasive and, at times, maddening.

"My biggest challenge as a teacher in Japan was to emphasize that while this style is effective among Japanese, it is less effective when speaking with people who are not Japanese."

And this passage: "For all their pangs

to group cooperation, Japanese schools still fall horribly short in teaching children how to get along with those who look, think, and act differently from the majority. The beleaguered minority in schools includes handicapped students who are assigned to special classes, 'returnee' students who have lived abroad, and students who are descended from families that were outcast over a century ago.

"When I asked students in my survey if they thought Japan was superior to other countries, over 75% said yes. Their reasons: the Japanese are more honest than other people; they work harder; and, the most popular answer of all, the Japanese have better brains. This fact, more than any other, raises doubts about the ability of young Japanese to live in an international world. While Japanese schools prepare their students to be citizens of Japan, they fail to teach them to be citizens of the world. If these students can learn one thing from the West, it is respect for diversity.

Feiler points out that the schools are addressing this problem, but it will be a long, slow process. An entire generation must overcome its perceptions. Can we wait that long?



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

J.F.K. Kûkô

WATCHING ARRIVALS from a Korean Airlines flight from the Far East can be an intriguing interlude. Having a couple of hours at J.F. Kennedy Airport (Kûkô) in New York before our JAL flight to Manila, Vicki and I spent some time sipping coffee on a veranda overlooking the arrival "chute." Since the passengers must first clear customs, the flow through the chute below our veranda is a steady dribble of arriving passengers.

SO, HOW DO I know the flight is Korean Airlines (KAL) and not, say JAL? I don't, for sure. Except: Except the cabin attendants (all women, by the way) were not attired in JAL uniforms; passenger boxes bore labels prominently proclaiming "Daewoo" and "Samsung." In this flow of predominantly Oriental passengers were also quite a few Nihonjins. How so? Well, there were a number of waiting

friends, relatives and what-have-you (also Oriental), many bearing signs, many written in *Nihongo*.

I'VE YET TO travel by KAL, although I've wanted to give it a try. When KAL Flight 007 was shot down by the Russians a few years back, my KAL aspirations were somewhat cooled. But I'd like to see Japan via Seoul. Some years ago, Vicki's friends' offspring visited us by way of Seoul; I think their air rates were appreciably more favorable, but I've not looked into it.

But, back to the veranda of JFK Kûkô—IN OBSERVING HOW arrivals are greeted, I play a guessing game of who-is-what. For example, I see a luggage cart with golf clubs and the owner is met by a well-dressed fellow wearing a tie. The greeter bows (as do many others) but his bow is with both arms at his side. Definitely a lower-echelon stateside official meeting *shacho-san* (company president).

Indeed, there is a distinct little something in the letter's stride that telegraphs the message that he's used to issuing commands.

Hail, Caesar.

THEN, THERE ARE the ladies awaiting arrivals. I'm watching to see the manner of greeting. I saw only one middle-aged lady give an embrace and a hurried (missed) buss; all others were bows—usually three: two in fairly quick order and the third when breaking off. One lady greeted each (male) arrival with handshakes. I have no idea of the nuances for the different standards applied by those ladies.

I suspect I'll stay with a halfway bow without being conscious of whether my arms are straight at my side.

WELL, IT'S ABOUT an hour before we board JAL Flight 005. It's been an interesting hour of passenger watching.

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More persons entitled to redress, she says

A long ago article from the Denver Post (dated July 15, 1981) prompts me to write this letter. In it, Associate Editor Tom Gavin helps to further codify for the public the fact that the "State Department solicited deportations of persons of Japanese ancestry from Latin America in order to use them as bargaining chips in its struggle to secure the release of Americans held by Japan." He was quoting from the testimony of a State Department historian, David F. Traak.

Some fifteen years ago in "Years of Infamy," I had called such U.S. actions of outright kidnappings as hostage-taking and a clear and egregious violation of human rights. What I had failed to make clear was that even blameless persons of Japanese ancestry from Hawaii were also forcibly removed to mainland camps for use as bargaining chips, hostages. Therefore, it would only be just that those who were so victimized and can prove it (including family members thus caught up in this cruel destruction of the family unit, the loss of breadwinner, parents, property, place of residence, etc.) should be entitled to redress.

Moreover, I am convinced that surviving members of the twenty-one Nisei officers and 1,277 enlisted men of the Hawaii National Guard (the late Sparky Matsunaga among them) should also be made eligible to redress. The men had comprised the only single mass evacuation from Hawaii when, on June 5, 1942, just one day before the Battle of Midway, General Emmons secretly ordered their total removal, permitting not even a goodbye call to their wives, parents and loved ones. Sparky once reminded us never to forget that that was the genesis of the highly decorated 100th Infantry Battalion (initially trained with wooden guns at the internment camp for Hawaii detainees, Camp McCoy), which later went on to glory on the European front, becoming in Italy the nucleus of the famous 442nd.

Michi Nishikawa Weglyn

New York

Wants to get data from U.S. government

Having retired from the U.S. Army's Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) in the mid-1960s, I am aware that the U.S. government did not have a favorable opinion of some of the activities of the JACL. I have long been interested in finding out what data may be forthcoming about itself from the federal government, to a formal Request for Information, submitted under the Freedom of Information Act. In view of the long simmering controversy over the JACL coverup and suppressive posture regarding the so-called Lim Report, an observer can only conclude that the JACL leadership is determined to continue its secretive tactics. Commencing with its 1988 convention, the JACL has been made aware of the concerns some of its members have about the organization's actions, during the post-Pearl Harbor era.

My curiosity has been piqued. The time has arrived to submit FOI requests, provided reproductive costs are not prohibitive, to such agencies of the federal government as the Department of Defense (successor to the War Relocation Authority), the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of Naval Intelligence, the Interior Department (War Relocation Authority-WRA), the Intelligence and Security Command, and the Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence (G-2), Department of the Army.

Paul W. Ho

Monrovia, Calif.



Agenda

Salinas Valley

An ambitious financial campaign — the largest in Salinas Valley JACL history — to raise \$103,700 as its fair share of the \$10 million JACL Legacy Fund was launched the first week of June.

A permanent body in charge of the three-year effort was organized after past chapter president Shiro Higashi headed a steering committee, comprised of Ben Miyake, Jim Tashiro, Bonnie Marquardt, Harry Iida (1991 chapter president) and Fred K. Oshima. John Enomoto of San Mateo, legacy fund district coordinator, has met them at an orientation meeting, which was also attended by neighboring Central Coast area chapter Monterey Peninsula legacy fund drive campaigners.

One of the key objectives of the legacy fund is to see that JACL has adequate resources, a solid foundation to enable the national organization to successfully implement its program for action without undue fiscal pressures.

Riverside

The Sendai Festival, so named to commemorate the Sendai-Riverside Sister City ties, is sponsored by and was started in 1968 by the local JACL. The 24th annual festival was held Oct. 5 at Canyon Crest Towne Center with cultural demonstrations and Japanese foods on the agenda.

This year, the International Relations Council, UCR International Services Center, Ichiban Club of UCR, Asian Pacific American Student Program and Canyon Crest Towne Center merchants also were sponsoring organizations.

The Sister City began when the late Jessie Halverson (one of the few Caucasians who defended the good name of the Issei and Nisei present, wartime and assisted them upon resettlement) and her son Jim, then in the military, were in Japan. One Mother's Day, Jim spotted a bouquet in a hospital lobby. The flowers were given by the Japanese Association of University Women and addressed to the mothers of U.S. servicemen in and around Sendai.

When Jessie learned of this from her son, she contacted the Riverside chapter of the American Association of University Women, which in turn wrote a letter of appreciation to JAOW; thus began a friendship that culminated in the formation of the Sendai-Riverside Sister City affiliation.

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West Valley

Another Daruma Festival, the 14th annual, is now history and chapter president Dave Muraoka indicated preliminary results showed it was done better than some of the recent festivals for two reasons, at least:

(1) Almost every local Chamber of Commerce sponsored art and wine festival reported an average 10% reduction in revenue this year, according to Bob Uenaka; (2) it was the major interaction between West Valley JACLers and the young adults comprising the Next Generation; and (3) the Daruma Festival intends to expand next year "and become a vision of a new and aspiring generation," in quoting Brett Uchiyama, '91 Festival chair.

Community

East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center is winding down its 1991 social calendar with two dances (the Oct. 19 Judo Club's "Remember the 60s" and the Nov. 2 JCC maintenance fund's Fall Frolic), free flu shots on Nov. 5 to the first 100 seniors over age 55, and general meeting Nov. 6 to elect officers for 1992 — all scheduled at the JCC, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina, (San Bernardino Fwy exit at Vincent Ave.).

Photographer Meg Maruyama for Japanese American Social Services, Inc., (JASSI) showed slides of her recent trip to Indonesia at a luncheon meeting for senior citizens at the New York Athletic Club. And thanks to Bristol-Myers Co. grant, Amara Kariya, 16, was awarded a summer internship to do outreach work at JASSI before entering Cornell in the fall. The daughter of Yasuko and Akio Kariya of Yonkers is a graduate of Our Lady of Victory High.

In Fresno, Calif., the Christ United Methodist Church and Japanese Congregational Church celebrated their merger as the Fresno United Japanese Christian Church on May 19 with some 300 people attending the party, including minister emeritus Rev. Norio Ozaki and a group from the Fresno Buddhist Church led by Rinban Keizo Norimoto.

PSWD

The fourth quarterly PSWD meeting will be hosted by the Las Vegas JACL over the Nov. 1-3 weekend. This is also the traditional election time for district officers.

At the third quarterly at UC Riverside on Sept. 15 (thanks to the report by Agnes Hikiide in the Carson JACL newsletter), regional director Jim Tokeshi said he is spending "more of his time" in the area of monitoring hate crimes. Past regional director John Seito recommended a training program in handling hate crimes be scheduled for chapter members so that some of this monitoring can be done at the chapter level. PSWD governor J.D. Hokoyama agreed that this be a priority and suggested the Nov. 8-10 JACL youth conference at the Torrance Residence Inn as a possible site.

It was subsequently announced that a half-day workshop on hate crimes and inter-ethnic tensions would be held on Sunday, Nov. 10, with possible speakers from National JACL and City of Los Angeles.

It was announced Dennis Hayashi from Asian Law Caucus, San Francisco, will replace Bill Yoshino as national director from Nov. 1.

Interest on the JACL Legacy Fund is expected to be distributed in the following manner: 50% to National, 20% to districts and chapters, 10% for chapter functions, and remaining 20% to remain in the Legacy Fund. Seito also requested names of non-JACLers who can be contacted as possible donors for the Legacy Fund.

The PSWD has scheduled a reception for Bob Suzuki, new president at Cal Poly Pomona.

South Bay, Carson, Gardena Valley

GARDENA — An interested group of 80 "Friends of Fujimori" in the Los Angeles area came to hear P.C. senior editor Harry K. Honda, Luis Yamakawa and Jonathan Sanchez on "President Fujimori After One Year" Oct. 5 at the jointly-sponsored Chinese buffet

luncheon at the Ken Nakaoka Community Center.

Videotapes of the NHK coverage of the Fujimori campaign in the spring of 1990 and his appearance at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., last Sept. 18 were shown during the luncheon.

Noting Fujimori was the "first minority" in Peru to be elected president, Honda briefly touched on the strong anti-Japanese political and social climate of the 1920-30s and urged the U.S. Nikkei to meet and exchange notes of what it was like during the 1940s. Yamakawa, who just turned 10 in 1943, remembers the fear that gripped the Japanese community in Peru, all the men being suspected as Japanese spies or military reserve.

Sanchez, a businessman exporting products to Latin America, reported the Fujimori administration has vastly improved operations of the customs service which had been rife with corruption and lack of security. Honda

added a Japanese Peruvian, Carmen Higa de Guerra, was appointed to head the service last March, which may explain the new climate.

Of the first year, Honda said "Fujimori has turned things around" in the fight against inflation, drug traffic and terrorism and related his optimism when Fujimori addressed the PAN-USA delegates in Lima last Aug. 2. Sanchez, speaking of Fujimori's meteoric rise, said "Cambio 90" was a movement at first before it became a party.

As a finale, Midori Kamei, South Bay chapter, presented a plaque to Honda in appreciation of his service to JACL and Pacific Citizen on behalf of the three co-sponsoring chapters. The Latin American JACL then handed him mementos from Mexico, Brazil, Peru and Argentina in gratitude for his coverage of PANA and Latin American Nikkei in the paper. Jonathan Kaji, Gardena Valley; was emcee.

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Personally speaking

With over 900 present, Dr. Rodger T. Kame of Los Angeles moderated the half-day symposium on current concepts in rigid gas permeable contact lens technology at the 18th annual National Research Symposium held in Toronto. The symposium is annually sponsored by Baush & Lomb, producer of contact lenses and lens care products. Kame, who grew up in Little Tokyo, is regarded as a leading expert on bifocal contact lenses and also presented his findings and the state of the art on the clinical applications and lens designs. He teaches at the Southern California College of Optometry as associate professor on the adjunct faculty, is a member of the American Optometric Association contact lens section and a Distinguished Practitioner of the National Academy of Practice in Optometry for his contributions to the profession and community.

A Nikkei chest surgeon, Akio Wakabayashi, M.D., of Chapman General Hospital in Orange, Calif., has developed an endoscopic laser treatment for emphysema, a terminal lung condition linked to smoking that claims 20,000 lives each year in the U.S. and it was pointed out smoking is especially rampant in the Asian community. His study was published in the Lancet, volume 337, April 13, 1991. One patient, a 72-year-old man who had



RODGER T. KAME

been too weak to walk, strolled three miles a day after surgery. Some physicians retire to a life of ease but not Dr. William Y. Takahashi, onetime Mille-Hi JACL president and a practicing pediatrician in Boulder, Colo., who now heads Biohm, Inc., a company which produces medical monitoring devices using computerized technology gathering vital data on sleep disorders. He recently concluded Biohm's first sale in Japan to Dr. Masahiko Fujita who opened Japan's first sleep disorder clinic Oct. 1. Another company product is examined by the

U.S. Olympic Committee for use in the field of athletic monitoring. Oecor Misaka, in the nursery business since 1955, dating from Southern California and past two decades in Utah, is currently greenhouse manager for Native Plants, Inc., Salt Lake City. He helped develop a test to members of the Utah Certified Nurserymen's Association and had served as a judge for the Salt Lake Tribune home and civic beautification contest as well as chairman of the Peace Garden, one of the civic attractions in Utah. The Mt. Olympus JACL recognized his public good will over the years by honoring him with the 1991 Community Service award.

Garrett Hiseatke of Draper, in his second year medical student at the University of Utah, was selected for the prestigious Howard Hughes Medical Institute-NIH research program for his interest in the immunology of transplantation, which deals with the body's rejection of transplanted organs or tissue. He was one of 35 students selected from 92 applicants from 55 medical schools. NIH (National Institutes of Health) and the Hughes Institute collaborate on this program at Bethesda, Md., providing scholars an opportunity to work with the nation's leading biomedical scientists at their laboratories. He is the son of Mt. Olympus JACLers Ken and Tomiko Hiseatke.

Obituaries

Ikedo, Kikiko, 83, Glendale, Calif., Sept. 28; Hokkaido-born, survived by husband Shuzo, daughter Fusako Ikeda, 2 grandchildren.

Ikedo, Paul Tamasu, 71, San Mateo, July 30; Alhambra-born Kibei, retired business executive, member Bonsai Club, Kochi Kenjinkai, survived by wife Kazu, son Dr. Clyde (San Francisco), daughter Dr. Kikiko Irie (Los Angeles), sisters Yumiko Nise (Oxnard), May Takahashi (Yorba Linda), brother Thomas (Westport, Conn.).

Ikedo, Toru, 76, Redwood, Aug. 15; San Francisco-born, grew up in San Juan Bautista, UC Berkeley graduate with master's from CSU Fresno, retired Redwood High School teacher, had chaired its business department for 20 years, taught Americanization classes in Nihongo in early 50s, pioneer JACL Central California regional director who later headed scholarship committee, JACL 1000 Club Life member, JACL Ruby pin; Kiwanis life member, Cal-Nev-Ha Division 5, past distinguished Redwood Kiwanis president, 30-year perfect attendance pin, 30-year Kiwanis legion of honor pin, a Kiwanian of the Year, Kiwanis life member; survived by Michiko, daughter Kiyomi Takahashi (La Habra), 4 grandchildren.

Ild, Robert S., 74, Rockville, Md., Sept. 21 of cancer; San Francisco-born businessman, retired president of Triple R, Japanese manufacturers of oil filters distributors for heavy machinery; resettled from WWII camp at Topaz to work for Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service, Washington, in 1943 and for U.S. Occupation Forces after the war; represented American firms in Japan in the 1950s, headed Triple R in the '70-'80s.

Inouye, Tsuruko, 87, Hillsborough, Sept. 16, Okayama-born, survived by friends Harry and Sachiko Higaki.

Ishibashi, Kiyohi, 74, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., Sept. 6 after emergency gall bladder surgery in St. Paul; Santa Barbara-born WWII MIA veteran (CBI Theater), retired after 35 years at Riverview Hospital as X-ray technician and chief, worked parttime for 10 years for radiology lab until last November; life member, American Society of Radiologic Technologists, two-time commander, Riverview VFW Post 1697, Twin Cities JACLers; survived by wife Yukiko, daughters Patricia Katayama (Pine Bluff, Ark.), Teresa Kinneberg (St. Louis Park, Minn.), 4 grandchildren, brothers Toshi (Gardena), Harold (Santa Fe Springs), sister, Sue Fujita

(Torrance), brother-in-law Tommy Okumura.

Ishii, Osei, 86, Sacramento, Aug. 29; Hiroshima-born naturalized U.S. citizen and pioneer member Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church, survived by son Dr. Edward K. grandchildren Dr. Carolyn Marshall, 1st Sgt. Loren Ishii.

Ito, Tooshiye Mary, 86, Los Angeles, Sept. 15; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Jemmi, Tamasu, daughter Toshiko Ito Sakane, sister Yoshiko Hagihara (Jpn.).

Iwasaki, George T., 76, Los Angeles, Sept. 11; Bowles-born, survived by daughters Harumi Hom, Reiko Akashi, 4 grandchildren, brothers Hayao (Redfield), Mitsuo (Jpn.), sisters Fumie Fukumoto, Tamiye Enomoto (both Jpn.).

Iwata, Hideko, 86, Manteca, Aug. 5; Yamaguchi-born, survived by husband Kowu, daughter Linda M., sons Takeda, Masao Matsumoto, Yasuko Sakamoto, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Iwatsuki, Sadane N., 73, Los Angeles, Oct. 1; Berkeley-born, survived by husband Kowu, daughter Linda M., sons Joel E., David M., 1 grandchild, brother Shiro Nomura, sister Sawaya Fujino, sisters-in-law Kiyoko Nomura, Ruth Nomura (Seattle).

Kanagawa, Yukiye, 70, Sanger, Sept. 10, survived by husband Robert,

sons Rodney, Floyd (Fresno), Dallas, 2 grandchildren, 3 brothers Nobuyuki, Masayuki (Alhambra), Hideyuki (Concord), Nakamura, 3 sisters Fusaye Yamada (Oroni), Sanyo Nakagiri (Dinuba), Haruyo Nagata (Dinuba).

Kapemitsu, Hiroharu, 88, Los Angeles, Sept. 21; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Masue, sons Kazuo, Hiroaki, 4 grandchildren.

Kashima, Kimiko, 70, Sunnyvale, Aug. 18; Kingsburg-born, survived by husband Shigeo, sons Shigeto, Yoshiaki, grandchildren.

Katagiri, Yoshiaki, 91, Los Angeles, Aug. 26; Tokyo-born pioneer and naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sister-in-law Matsuyo Katagiri.

Kato, Haruyo, 82, Chicago, Aug. 16 in Scottsdale, Ariz.; Kagoshima-born, survived by son Paul, daughter Lillian Iida, 8 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren.

Kayashima, Takako Seo, 77, Fontana, Aug. 31; Los Angeles-born, survived by husband Frank, sister Sumiko Seki (Long Beach).

Kika, Joan Kazuko, 69, San Francisco, 69; San Francisco-born, survived by husband William, son Gerald, daughters Cecilia Terasaki, Candace.

Kimura, Hiromichi, 77, Sacramento, Aug. 11; Shizuoka-born, survived by wife Shizuko, sons Nobuyuki, Tokuji, Koyo, daughters Michiko Takata, Carolyn Abdenia, grandchild.

Kinoehita, Katsuyoshi, 67, Fremont, Aug. 4; Kumamoto-born, survived by son Nobuo, daughter Teiko Fuka, brothers Shichi and Tomio Kiyonaga (Jpn.), sisters Setsuko, Shigeo Kiyonaga (Jpn.).

Kinoehita, Kojiro, 72, San Francisco, Aug. 27; San Francisco-born, survived by wife Haruno, daughters Ayako, brothers Toru, Saburo, sisters Miyo Yatsuda, Masako Fujisawa, Jeane Sasaki.

Kitagawa, Kimi, 70, Carson, Sept. 4; Hawaii-born, survived by husband Walter, sons Makoto, Chikara, two grandchildren, brother Kunio Matsumura, sister Jane Ouye (both Hawaii).

Kitayama, Kimiko Eberth, 59, Monterey Park, Aug. 11; Terminal Island-born, survived by husband Royce, sons Takashi, Yoshio, Ikuo, 2 grandsons, brother Dave, sister Akiko, brother-in-law Shoyei Kitayama, sister-in-law Yoshie Kitayama.

Shiozaki, Takashi J., Chicago, Aug. 24 (memorial); survived by wife Yoshiko, son Andrew, daughter Myra Peto, 5 grandchildren.

Shimada, Shiro, 73, Granada Hills, Sept. 15; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Shizuko, daughter Sandra Yamamoto, brother Dr. Joseph T., brother-in-law Shik Matsuo, sisters-in-law Tayoko Umada, Chiyoie Ito, Miyako Matsuo (Jpn.), Tamiko Takagi, Hiroko Takahashi (Sacramento).

Sugioka, Kimiko, 67, Los Angeles, Sept. 5; Hawaii-born, survived by husband Paul, sons Gregory, Leslie (San Diego), daughter Linda O'Leary, 7 grandchildren, mother Seki Nakai (Hawaii), brothers Fuku, James, sisters Tomiko Yoshimura, Tokuko Tagami, Fujiko Dochin, Elaine Senuai (all of Hawaii).

Takamasa, 79, Seattle, Aug. 11, founder of Seno and Tokiwa golf clubs, Klopfenstein Clothing Store manager for 30 years, survived by wife Tami, brothers Sumio (Spokane), Henry.

Takahashi, Setsu, 91, Torrance, Aug. 10; Ehime-born, survived by daughters Mary Ogawa, Pauline Hayakawa, Lilyan Hirohara, 9 grandchildren, great-grandson, sisters Ayako Masuhisa and Kikuko Takemura (both Jpn.) and sister-in-law Natsuko Matsumoto (Jpn.).

Takaki, Joseph M., Chicago, Aug. 19 (funeral); Korean War veteran survivor by brothers Kenichi, James, Seigo, Michael, sister Frances Fujii.

RUTH AYAKO DICKSON
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Beloved mother of Rhoda Sei (Vallejo), Pat Tada (Concord), Emi Tachibana (Fremont), Laura Merikoni (Burbank), sister of Beni Yasukochi (Berkeley), eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one niece. Memorial services were held on Sunday, Oct. 6, at the Japanese Christian Church of Walnut Creek.

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