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Friday, November 1, 1991

Bush supports compromise civil rights bill

WASHINGTON- President WASHINGTON— President Bush announced support for the compromise civil rights bill call-ing a new standard against dis-crimination and for equal oppor-tunity, according to the Associ-ated Press.

"After extraordinary debate and negotiation we have reached agreement with Senate Republi-cans and Democratic leaders on a civil rights bill that will be a source of pride for all Americans," said Bush.

The compromise bill eliminated ording that according to White House interpretation presented the inevitability of minority quo-tas in hiring and promotion.

Democrats deny that the bill was ever intended to set quotas. Sen. Edward Kennedy said the bill had "virtually unanimous sup-port" among Senate Democrats. He added that "The administra-He added that "The administra-tion relented. They finally stopped playing the quota card." Announc-ing his opposition to limits on dam-ages available to victims of sexual discrimination and harassment that remain in the bill, Kennedy said he and other senators will introduce a bill to wipe out limits.

Sen. Robert Dole said that if the full Senate passes the compromise bill, he believes the House will likely accept the same version.

3 teens held in Phoenix temple killings

Guns that apparently were used in the Aug. 10 shooting of nine people at a Buddhist Temple in Phoenix were linked to three teen-agers, according to an Arizona Republic story.

The three youths, however, have not been lightly and the public story.

public story.
The three youths, however, have not been linked to the four Tucson men now awaiting trial in the slaying.
According to the Republic, the teen-agers, Jonathon Doody, 17, Rolando David Caratachea, 17, and Allesandra Garcia, 16, were held by Maricopa County sheriff sofficers and remained in custody early last week.

JACL seeks repeal of United Nations resolution

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL national board took action Oct. 19 to urge the repeal of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 3879, a resolution passed in 1975 that equates Zionism, the idea of self-determination for the Jewish people, with a form of racism and racial discrimination.

Commenting on the action,
JACL President Cressey
Nakagawa said, The purpose of
the JACL is to eradicate all forms the JACL is to eradicate all forms of racism and discrimination. Resolution 2279 allows for a situ-tion where self-determination for lews is promoted as racism. Big-otry in any form must be repudi-ted, and anti-Semitism has been a clear result of teh U.N. resolu-

Defining, discussing

Asian Americans from around the country gather for a national symposium in Los Angeles to discuss relevant issues facing them in today's society

Stories by GWEN MURANAKA

L.A. councilman stresses diversity of Asian Americans

LOS ANGELES—Setting the tone for a national Asian Ameri-can symposium, Los Angeles city councilman Michael Woo stresscan symposium, Dos Riggeres Legislation of the Michael Woo stressed the importance of understanding the diversity of the Asian American community. Opening the "Asian American Experience: Looking Ahead" symposium, Oct. 42-56, Woo saked, "What then is this new person, the Asian American?

"Although to some non-Asians it may appear that the Asian American community is a single monolithic body, if you drive around Lon Angeles, or drive around San Francisco and New York or Chicago, or a number of vork or Chicago, or a number of

around San Francisco at New Months of the Places where the Asian American community is growing, it's obvious that diversity is the byword of this community," said Moo.

While praising the historical role of Asian Americans and their achievements, Woo note the conspicuous absence of Asian Americans in the upper echelons of political and corporate power.

rate power.
"Beneath the facade of accomplishment is a "Beneath the facade of accomplishment is a reality of initiations which have been, to some extent, imposed on ourselves, by ourselves, and also by conditions beyond our control." Woo called upon Asian Americans to move into the mainstream of American society. To do so he proposed a three-fold plan to consoli-date strength within individual communities, work with other Asian American ethnic groups and forge alliances with non-Asian ethnic groups.

groups.
Citing tendencies to factionalize within Asian American communities, Woo said, "We have to find a way to make peace within our own Asian ethnic communities so that we can maximize our own strength. Even if we didn't want to find ways to work together, I think that we Asian Americans need to recognize that many non-Asian Americans don't under-



MICHAEL WOO

stand the difference be-tween Korean Americans or Japanese Americans or Chinese Americans or other Asian Americans because we have the tendency to look alike." look alike."
Woo then qualified the remark, saying that it wasn't really a joke, referring to the recent death of Vincent Chin The council man praised the JACL and

Chinese American Citizens Alliance meeting that occurred in the aftermath of the killing of Chin, the Chinese American autoworker beaten to death in Detroit by an unemployed autoworker mistaking him for a Japanese American. Referring to the recent conflict between Korean store owners and African American.

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It's time to build coalitions. says speaker

LOS ANGELES—Get politi-cally involved was the message of the American Asian politicians participating politics and govern-ment session of the Asian Ameri-

can symposium. Elaine Chao, Bush apointee and

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Inouye hopes Pearl Harbor event will bring better understanding

LOS ANGELES—Sen. Daniel Incuye (D. Hawaii), speaking at the Asian American symposium, expressed hopes that the coming 50th anniversary of the bombing on Pearl Harbor will



usher in a new era of understanding in Japan-U.S. relations. The senator commended President Bush's decision to visit Japan on the eve of the anniversary. To visit Japan on the eve of the anniversary—think of the symbolism. It took guta, said Inouye. Further, Inouye said hoped Japan would extend a fiand of friendship towards the United States,

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Asian Americans have numbers but not clout in education

LOS ANGE-LOS ANGE-LES—Despite the well publicized suc-cess of Asian Americans in education, much still needs to be done according to partici-pants in panel dis-cussion on educa-tion and Asian



tion and Asian FURUTANI Americans, moderated by Linda Wong of the Achievement Council. Participants were Warren Furutani, president, Los Angeles Board of Education; Shriley Hune, associate provost, Hunter College; Andres Rich, executive vice chancellor, UCLA; Arthur Wu, columnist for Asia Week. Highlights of the discussion included:

• Calling public schools the "port of entry" for immigrants into society,

Furutani refuted the idea of Asian Ameris members of a single, monolithic unity. The school board president cans as mer stated that Asian Americans have to advocates of and more involved in p

Otting statistics indicating that Asian Americans are the dominant group of entering freshmen this year at UCLA, Andrea Rich noted the lack of Asian Americans as tenured faculty or in high ranking university administrative positions. She asked the audience to consider that problem and encouraged more Asian Americans to participate in the arts and humanities.

To the jeers of some members of the audience, Arthur Wi called the large numbers of Asian Americans in universities a "moral dilemma" for educators

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Approximately 800 attend conference

LOS ANGELES— The Asian American Experience: Looking Ahead* conference was called a success, according to John Tateishi, conference consultant.

Sponsored by the Asia Society, the three-day conference was attended by nearly 800

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Tateishi said the symposium was especially rewarding because it brought together the national leaders of the different Asian American groups and solidified a network of Asian American leaders. He said that there were never meant to be any answers found at the conference, but that the conference would act as a "springboard" for discussion of problems facing Asian Americans.

'It is really important for Asian Americans

facing Asian Americans.
"It is really important for Asian Americans to have the opporturity to put the Asian American agends on a national platform," said Tateiahi. "Our issues are critical for the country as a whole." Although there are no plans yet for another symposium, Tateishi hopes that there will be another opportunity for Asian Americans to unite and discuss issues facing all Asian Americans.

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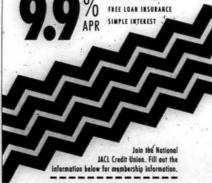
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Sunday, November 10— Japanese American Service Committe's Fuji Festival, Chicago Marriott' O'Hare. Guest: Lane Nishikawa in his one-man show "I'm On A Mission From Buddha.' Information: JASC 312/275-7212 ask for Lynn.

Colorado

Denver

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

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

'Il'ashington

Seattle

Through Sunday, November 3—"Patti Warashina: Ceramic Sculpture 1962-1991, "Bellevue Art Museum, 301 Believue Square, Monday and Tuesday, 10 am. to 8 pm., Wednesday through Saturday, 10 am. to 6 pm., Sunday, 11 am. to 5 pm. Information: 206/454-6021.

Through Thursday, November Through Through November 7—Japanese kirle papercutting by Aki Sogabe, Stillwater Gallery, 1900 No. Northlake Wy., Sunday through Wednesday noon to 6pm, Thursday through Saturday noon to 9 pm. Information: 206/634-1900.

Through Saturday, November 16—"Japanese Prints: Uklyoe and Modern," Carolyn Staley Fine Prints, 313 First Ave. So., Tuesday through Saturday 11 amto 5 pm, Information: 205/621-1888.

Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2—Beyond the Barriers, "National Asian Pacific 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.

California

San Francisco area

Sunday, December 8—Diablo Valley and Berkeley, JACL's 15th Annual Installation Dinner, Amato's/ La Beau's Restaurant, 414 Ferry St., Martinez, 5 pm. Keynote speaker: Dennis Hayashi. Cost: \$20. Information: 415/680-2621, 415/

Sunday, November 17—The Peninsula Widowed Group's monthly meeting, San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 So. Claremont St., 2 to 4 pm. Information: 415/43-2793, Nancy Hirabsyashi 415/583-9378.

Sacramento

Saturday, November 16—The Florin JACL's Annual Spaghetti Dinner Dance, Florin Buddhist Church Hall, 7235 Pritchard Rd., 5:30 to 11 pm. Music by DJ Henry and Peter. Cost: \$10. Information: James Abe 916/363-1520.

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

9 am to 3 pm. Keynote speaker. Dr. Reiko Homma True. Cost: Free for attendees over 65 (lunch included), \$8 with lunch, \$5 without for attendees under 65. Information: 408/294-2505

Fresno

Saturday November 9 — Central California District Council JaCLi A2nd Annual Installation Banquet, Holiday Inn Centre Plaza, 2233 Ventura at 1M St. Freson, 6pm. Keynote speaker: Actor George Takel. Cost: \$25. Information: Larry lakel. Cost: \$25. Information: Larry lakel.

Los Angeles area

Every Wednesday through 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.

Saturday November, 2—East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center's annual Fall Froic, ESGVJCC's gym, 1203 W. Puente Ave, West Covina, 730 to 11:30 pm, Cost: \$9, Information: Barbara 818/810-1509, Sadako 818/285-8895, ESGVJCC 818/ 960-2566

Sunday, November 3—New Otani Hotel & Garden's "Culture Day," 120 So. Los Angeles St., Little Tokyo, 11 am. Tickets: \$40 for the entire day, \$20 for optional bento lunchbox, \$20 for the evening buffet and culture show. Information: Yoko 213/253-9295 information desk 213/629-1200 ext.

Friday, November 8—The Orange County Sansei Singles' Theatre Night to see Amy Hill in Tokyo Bound, "8 pm. Cost: \$13.50 formembers, \$15 for non-members. Information: 714/496-7779.

Sunday, November 10—West Los Angeles JACL's 50th Anniversary Champagne Luncheon, Holiday Inn Bay Visw Plaza, Santa Monica, noon. Special tribute to those leaders from 1941 to the present. Information: Toy 213/ 820-5250 or Virginia 213/620-3365.

Sunday, November 10—
California State University, Long Beach's 5th Annual Koi Auction, CSULB campus, 1250 Bellflower Bivd., Long Beach, 11:30 and Auction conducted by Zen Nippon Airinkal Koi Club of Southern California, Information, Bachers California. Informatio Holden 213/985-4126. tion: Barbara

Sunday, November 10—The Nikkel Widowed Group's annual Pot Luck, White Elephant, Bake and Craft Sale, JACCC, 244 So. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo, 1 to 4:30 pm. Information: Jim Oka 213, 327-8684, Geri Oda 213/327-2280.

Saturday, November 16—The Japanese American Bar Association, the Gardena Pionese Project, and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center's Law Day, Ken Nakanoka Center, 1700 W, 162nd St., Gardena, 1 to 4 pm. Guest speaker: Don Choinformation: Martin Tachiki 213/458-8336, 'Dée Hayashi 213/897-5332

Thursday, November 21—The Japanese American Republicans annual fundraiser with a Chiesee banquet dinner, NBC Seafood Restaurant, Monterey Park, 7 pm. Guest speaker: Bruce Herschensohn, Information: Alvin Kusumoto 213-977-1740, Norma Tazoi 714/532-2635.

Calendar items must be sub-mitted at least THREE WEEKS in advance of the day of event. In-clude day or night phone num-bers for further information.



IDC-MASAOKA AWARD for chap-

Remembering Mike . . .

By HARRY K. HONDA

Senior Editor JACKPOT, Nev.—Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL chapter won the 1990-1991 Mike Massoka Intermountain Chapter of the Biintermountain Chapter of the Bi-ennium award for its leadership in the Minidoka camp project. The presentation was made here Oct. 26 by Etsu Massooks of Chevy Chase, Md., at the Intermountain

Chase, Md., at the intermountain District Council session and Tri-City JACL reunion at Cactus Pete's. Hero Shiozaki, who chaired the project, accepted the plaque. Keynote speaker Grant Ujitusa hailed "Mike" as a political genius, (who) showed the guts and courage like the men of the 42nd, in moving JACL to have President Trumen's wate of the immident Truman's veto of the immi-gration and naturalization bill overturned (in 1952). As JACLoverturned (in 1952). As JACI-LEC's legislative strategist, Ujifusa also recalled those mo-ments of help from Massoka in pushing the redress bill through Congress before the White House's

id on the measure was public. x-Pacific Northwest governor Ex-Pacific Northwest governor Denny Yasuhara of Spokane in-troduced Ujifusa. Yasuhara spres-ence stems to his starting the joint Intermountain-PNW conventions Intermountain-PNW conventions during his term, his work with redress and the legacy fund, and the fact that he grew up in Idaho at Bonner's Ferry by the Cana-dian border.

Alice Kasai of Salt Lake and

Alice Kasai of Salt Lake and Ken Uchida of Ogden, among the 100 or so Nisei who grew up prewar with Mike at the reunion dinner, shared some details of those years. Uchida remembered that Mike wanted to memorialize the six Nisei of the 442nd from Pocatello-Blackfoot who were killedin action, two from the same family. Hiroshir Nagano, Wataru and Raito Nakashima, Kiyoshi Murakami, Ed Ogawa and Roy Shiozawa.

Shiozawa.

Cressey Nakagawa, who emceed
the Tribute to Mike portion of the
dinner program, described what
Mike left for JACL and the com-

dinner program, described what Mike left for JACL and the community and as a Nisel, "he stood out like the nail that sticks out" but that it takes that kind of commitment to make America a better place. A heritage-minded JACLer remembered there is a Japanese prover about the "nail that sticks out," the mob wants to pound it down.

In acknowledging the tributes, Etsu Massoka remembered how they first met—on a bus going to a JACL convention in Monterey in 1941. She wistfully added, "It pays to go a JACL convention." It was Etsu's first JACL appearance since the death of her husband last June 26.

It was also IDC's own tribute to its first chairman, Mike Massoka, who had rallied the three prewar Nissi clubs in Southeastern Idaho, Pocatello-Blackfoot, Idaho Falls and Rexburg, to be affiliated with chapters in Utah to form the Intermountain District Council in 1989. The JACL by-leave required at least five chapters to form a district council and a seat on the national level for its district chairman.

Alice Nishitani, Snake River JACLer innecetical properties of the chapters in meant the removement.

man.

Alice Nishitani, Snake River
JACLer, innovatively rendered
the JACL Hymn by singing over
her master tape of the piano accompaniment and the hymn sung

Three Asian Americans named to California government posts

SACRAMENTO—The naming of three Asian Americans to state and regulatory boards was announced by Senate president pro tempore David Roberti (D-Hollywood/Burbank) on Oct. 20. The appointed are: Sally Accest to the commission on health care policy and the commission on health care policy. and financing; Dr. Samuel Chiu to the telecommunications advisory board; and Jai Lee Wong to the board of behavioral science exam-

Acosta is a registered dietitian and public health nutritionist. Her duties on the commission on health care policy and financing will in-cluding monitoring and evaluat-

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cans, Woo called it a question of
economics rather than a conflict
over culture. While stressing coslition building, Woo warned of recent racial politics that threaten
to pit one ethnic group against
another. 'I believe if we allow the
tension between Koreans and
Blacks to be seen as only a conflict
over. who speaks Korean, who
speaks English or a matter of different cultures then I think we are
missing the fundamental point.
And unless we are willing to deal
with some of these questions of
economic power, unless we are
willing to consider alternatives to
create partnership abetween those
two communities can understand that they
have certain common economic in-

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ing the current status of health care policy.

Dr. Chiu is currently an associ-

Dr. Chiu is currently an associate professor in the engineering-economic systems department of Stanford University. On the tele-communications advisory board he will be an advisor to the state director of general services of standards and designs of telecommunications for state government. Wong is a consultant with the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission. As a member of the board of behavioral science examiners, her duties will include the regulation and licensing of social workers and clinical social workers and clinical social workers.

The councilman also addressed the issue of affirmative action in university admissions and con-cerns that affirmative action poli-cies hurt Asian Americans. We also have to recognize that there are some walks of life where Asian

We also have to recognize that there are some walks of life where Asian Americans are under-represented. - Michael Woo

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have certain common economic interests, then I believe the inevitable outcome will be a disaster not only politically but also in other ways in Los Angeles, and in other cities."

head of the Peace Corps, said that Asian Americans have to over-come their reticence and work on developing a network and getting involved. Relating a story where two young Asian Americans were heattant to enter the politican arena because noone invited them, she said, "This is a tough world in which we live, no one is going get anything unless we fight for it ourselves."

anything unless we fight for it ourselves.

Similarly, Rep. Robert Matsui said that more Asian Americans have to risk public humiliation, "something the (Asian American) family never did. "He also stressed the importance of finding common values with the general public since there will never be "Asian districts" composed entirely of Asian American voters.

Matsui also debunked the Asian American model minority myth, said that it gives the impression that Asian Americans are inarticulate and lack leadership and management skills.

management skills. S.B. Woo, form

er lieutenant

INOUYE

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and for both countries to put aside past hatred and racial tension. Other statements by Sen. Inouye

Other statements by Sen. Inouye include:

A call for a national dialogue on social issues by ethnic community leaders to promote intra-cultural understanding.

The need for the recognition and acknowledgement of racism within society.

In reference to the recent Clarence Thomas nomination, Inouye speculated that the Democratic members of the Senate judiciary panel felt intimidated and inhibited to question Thomas because he is African American. Inouye said one good development from the Thomas hearings is that from the Thomas hearings is that is the same of sexual harassment.

Citing high illiteracy rates, the importance of equal education opportunities and the need for educational reform.

Americans are underrepresented

"Perhaps I'm suggesting we need to get beyond the description of the model minority to understand that if we identify only with the majority and if we forget the history of injustice, discrimination and bias that has helped to keep us down than we are seed cumbing to the politics of race fifth the most negative sense. Woo suggested that the role of Asian Americanis'in the coming years as Translators' who build bridges between one culture and another,

governor of Delaware and current canidate for the House of Representatives, talked about the problem of building emotional links outside the Asian American community, the lack of a network for young Asian American politicians and racial politics as obstacles for Asian American politicians. Wong, however, said he believed that Asian Americans will make more inroads into politics as the numbers of Asian Americans increase and the influence of the Pacific Rim grows. Since Asian Americans represented the fast-est rising minority, it is written on the wall that politicians will be paying more and more attention to Asian Americans and from that, political opportunities will form said Wong.

In a separate session, Rep.

said Wong.

In a separate session, Rep.
Norman Mineta called on more
Asian Americant to participate in
government especially on the issues of health care, the census
and the current civil rights bill.
Participation is the key. I would
like to be able to say that if Japanese Americans had had a fair
and free access to the corridors of
power some 50 years ago, that
maybe the internment might
never have occurred. Unfortunately, we will never know, said
Mineta. "But I do know that without genuine access to government." out genuine access to government as we didn't have in 1941, we didn't stand a chance."

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and suggested that affirmative action needs to be reformed to correct anomalies that currently give advantage to groups that aren't underrepresented. He said that Anglo Americans are abandoning large eampuses that are becoming rife with racial tension.

— Refuting Hu's discussion, Hune called for more affirmative action for Asian Americans on college faculties. Calling the "glass ceiling" that prevents Asian American men from rising to executive management positions a "cement floor" for Asian American women, Hune said more women need to be recruited and "brought in through the pipeline."

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Comparing conditions of poverty: 1942 vs. 1990

Ide Royko, the syndicated columnist who does a marvelous job of satirical humor, wrote the other day about the poor in America. Maybe you saw the column. It was based on some findings by the Heritage Foundation which is a think tank that leans somewhat to the right of center and therefore is disliked by those whose thinking tends to lean somewhat to the left of center.

Anyway, according to Royko the Cen-sus Bureau determined that there are about 30 million "poor" in the United States and the Heritage Foundation found that 38% of them own their own homes, the median value being \$38,000. While \$39,000 doesn't buy much in the way of shelter these days, the homes are pre-sumed to have a roof, heating and run-ning water. And half are reported to have air-conditioning. air-conditioning.

Further, Royko reports, Heritage Foundation's survey found 62% of 'poor' households own cars, and 14% have more than one. What's even more impressive, 31% own microwave ovens. He made no

mention of TV ownership but I would think they are a necessity of life in most house-hold-

What this adds up to is that motor ve-What this adds up to is that motor ve-hicles, air conditioning in our homes and a variety of electronic gadgets are owned, in our civilization, even by those classified as "poor." Somehow, its seems, there is a need for a new definition of poor and poverty.

for a new definition of poor and poverty.

Go back with me now to the autumn of
1942, nearly 50 years ago. Across the intenior of the nation, the rude army-type barracks in 10 jerry-built detention camps
had been filled with evacuees from the
West Coast. And in areas around the camps,
farmers and townspeople who had opposed
the influx of these people suddenly saw in
hem a source of labor to help harvest
sugar beets that otherwise would be lost.

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Cynically calling on the patriotism of the imprisoned, they urged the evacuees to volunteer for farm labor. Some 10,000 men left the camps and saved the crop, to help refill the nation's sugar bowls and save the economy of countless dusty towns.

There was an interesting sidelight. Many

of the evacuees left the camps to get away from the primitive conditions that existed behind the barbed wire. What they found on the farms of the Intermountain West were even more primitive conditions. At least the camps had electricity, running water and showers that were hot most of the time.

When the evacuee laborers complained, employers were outraged. Who were these "Japa" to grumble about conditions that were good enough for the farmers themselves, let alone itinerant migrant field hands?

It was a werd situation: Japanese Ameri-can farmers who had been criticized for living under sub-standard conditions on the West Coast (and accused of holding down the American standard of living), locked up in rude prison camps, then being down the American standard of riving, locked up in rude prison camps, then being asked as a patriotic duty to work and live under even more disgraceful conditions.

Looking back on those times today, con-templating the current definition of pov-erty, it is hard to decide whether to laugh

Letters

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name.
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More criticism aimed at PC cartoon

Pete Hironaka's Sept.13th cartoon, show-ing two white men cursing two Yonsei chil-dren, was very offensive and in the worst taste.

What was its purpose?

I agree with Elbert Watson (Pocific Citizen's Letter October 4), when he expressed disappointment with Pocific Citizen for publishing the cartoon and for its reverse racism.

As a Sansei, I have had many experiences with prejudice, but I see absolutely no value or humor in depicting white Americans such a negative light.

Agood political cartoon can provoke thought and provide commentary on our present society; it can make us laugh at ourselves, and an put succinctly what a written editorial might express.

Several of Hironaka's cartoons make no point at all and are without humor. Pacific Citizen needs to rethink its decision to run the cartoons.

Sandy Usui

Los Angeles

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pacific Citizen takes ote of the criticism of Pete Hironaka's Sept.

While PC would acknowledge that a de-gree of insensitivity is implied by the car-toon, we would also point out that Hironaka was exercising a right—the same right as those who disagree with his or anyone else's views.

He was expressing his view—controver-sial though it may be—and the point was not to insult white America but to show that Yonseis may be innocent victims of a perva-sive racism that reaches down through gen-

If anyone was offended, PC apologizes. But a good editorial or cartoon is designed to provoke and inspire thought. Philosophical agreement is not a prerequisite. If a thought or a political cartoon—fosters discussion of a problem then it has served a valid purpose.

More feelings about redress issue

(The) redress issue continues to haunt those U.S. citizens who feel that the govern-ment also owes them compensation for hav-ing their rights encroached upon as expressed in some of the veteran's and ex-military publications.

Now our government is being criticized for (the) lack of consideration given to those who suffered privation and inconvenience during the war years.

In most cases the author of the articles continue to mix apples and oranges by plac-ing American citizens of Japanese ancestry in the same category as citizens of Japan.

Mainstream America always fee(s) the pinch when (the) taxpayer's dollar is used is any form of a so-called givesway program to a minority group in the United States.

Although the public shows some sympathetic agreement with the redress issue when conversing with a Nissi, they do not agree with any government expenditure of taxpayer's money without a direct benefit. In this context, it was of some relief when the second series of redress payments was started in October with very little fanfare.

A full blown all out publicity campa rould have started a renewed round of As apanese American comments to inclu-ore-Japan bashing as a bonus. It's tough all an AJA from a Japanese citizen the

Jimmie Kanay Gig Harbor, Washington

Guest editorial

Pearl Harbor: Mending the partnership

The following is an editorial that appeared in the Asahi
Shimbun in which the author makes the point that both
Japan and America have selective views of World War II as
well as current events—each blaming the other side while
ignoring its own culpability. The 50th anniversary of the

By SHUICHI KATO

The United States and Japan always seem to be talking past each other. Half a century ago, miscalculations by both led to war. Current perceptions of the conflict display perfect symmetry—each country is blind to its own sins. The same patter exacerbates the trade dispute, endanger-

exacerbates the trace dispute, endanger-ing bilateral ties.

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the Imperial Navy's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Japan-U.S. relations are at their lowest point since World War II. Dec. 7 is a rare opportunity to start a new dialogue.

dialogue.

The war began with Japan's attack on the U.S. fleet at Hawaii and ended with America's nuclear bombing of Hiroshima, but the former adversaries have selective memories. Americans remember Pearl Harbor as "a day of infamy" but downplay Hiroshima, while Japanese ignore Dec. 8 and commemorate Aug. 6, the anniversary of Hiroshima, and Aug. 15, the date the war ended.

Morally, of course, Americans are right about Japan's responsibility. The light-ning assault on Hawaii, launched without a declaration of war, was reprehenable. World War II was largely a contest between fascism and democracy. Japan and Germany were expansionist powers that violated human rights in their colonies and at home. The United States and British favored the status quo among nations and championed freedom. The Allied victory was a blessing for everyone. But in terms of Realpolitik, Pearl Harbor resulted from a series of wrong mutual assessments. Given America's superior military might, Japan's preemptive strike was a desperate effort to neutralize the U.S. Pacific fleet and buy time for an invasion of Southeast Asia. Cornered, the mouse bit the cat.
Why did Japan's leaders sanction the attack knowing they couldn't win?

why due the United States box Japan i? Why did Japan's leaders sanction the ttack knowing they couldn't win? Historians offer a variety of answers. some American scholars like Charles leard assert that President Franklin

Rossevelt and his advisors wanted Japan to start the war. Some Japanese claim that the Pacific fleet was put in Pearl Harbor as bait for an attack that would enable Rossevelt to lead isolationist America into World War II.

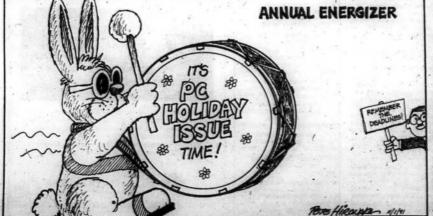
In September 1940, Washington imposed an embargo on exports to Japan. The following summer, it frost Japanese assets, added oil to the list of embargoed goods and offered military aid to China and the Soviet Union. The Dutch and the British helped isolate Japan by cutting off vital raw materials.

If these measures were designed to provoke Japan into firing the first shot, they succeeded admirably. But if U.S. leaders expected such pressure to force Japanese militarists to abandon Manchuria, they were badly missinformed about the fingoists hold on power and about ultransationalist sentiment here.

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Short takes

FIRE WARNING—A firestorm in Los Angeles similar to the one that tore through Cakkand and Berkeley Oct. 19-20 'can happen here," according to Barrell Higuch, assistant fire chief for L.A. county. "I don't want to scare people but, it can happen here," as he noted all the conditions—high temperatures and low humidity—were there except for the wind. The county operates 127 stations.

CARTOON COMPLAINT-After some readers of the comic strip "Gasoline Alley," appearing in the Seattle Times, found its current story line offensive in its current story line offensive in its racial stereotyping and complained, the syndicate has removed several strips and condensed the story by three weeks, according to the syndicate's managing editor, Evelyn Smith, of the Tribune Media Services.

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The strips feature Teeka, an Asian Pacific Islander, and her citizenship classes. The Times noted that one of the eliminated cartoon strips shows Teeka con-fused after being told to call 911 to report a mugger. She is saying, "I can't. Is no eleven on dial."

CLASSROOM CONFLICT-Interracial tensions exist in many Puget Sound-area schools, accord-ing to John Yasutake, affirmative

e DÓING BUSINESS IN JA-PAN—The University of San Prancisco is offering Tuesday venning seminars on how Ameri-can firms can take their business to Japan starting Nov. 5. Semi-nars will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Mercantile Róom at the Park Hyatt Hotel, Embarca-dero Center, 333 Battery St. Reg-istration: \$120 for the series, \$35 for one session.

for one session.

Schedule: Nov. 5, 'Getting Your Products to the Japanese Consumer'; Nov. 12, 'The Real Story of American Companies in Japan; Nov. 19, 'Profitable Partnerships with Japanese Companies'; Nov. 26, 'Cracking the Japanese Market.' Sponsors are USF McLaren Graduste School of Management Executive Programs, USF's Center for the Pacific Rimand Japanese External Trade Organization. Persons enrolling in the entire series will receive a professional certificate of completion. Information: 415/666-6357.

ON BOARD—Shuhei Okuda, president and chief executive officer of Mitsui Fudosan (Hawaii) has been elected as chairman of the board of Mitsui Fudosan (U.S.A.) and Mitsui Fudosan (Hawaii).

Okuda, a Honolulu resident for more than 10 years, currently

Biz notes

action officer with the Seattle School District, because few programs are aimed at easing racial conflict. He and about 10 other officials comprise the ad-hoc committee to address racial tension in local schools and this been meeting over the past three months, according to the Post-Instillegencer. Several incidents prompted the formation of the committee, including the stabbing of a Ballard High School student who tried to break up a dispute between a

break up a dispute between a black student and a Vietnamese student last year. A major confer-ence to create a safer environ-ment in the schools is scheduled

END OF AN ERA—The historic Walnut Grove Japanese United Methodist Church, founded by Issel in 1915 in Sacramento, Calif., was closed in June. Its members were welcomed Sept. 15 into the Sacramento Japanese UMC. A farming community down-river, the Nikkei population dwindled after WWII as there was little work remaining for the farmers.

GET TOGETHER FOR A GOOD CAUSE—United Way of Orange County with Mazda Mo-tor of America opened its Japa-nese business division campaign

serves on the boards of the Honolulu Symphony Society, Bishop Museum, Aloha United Way, Hawaii Visitors Bureau, the Hawaiian Convention Park Council and the Japan-America Society. Perent company Mitsui Fudosan (U.S.A.) is based in Los Angeles with major real estate holdings in San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego, including AT&T Center in Los Angeles and the 505 Montgomery Building in San Francisco.

Holdings of Mitsui Fudosan (Hawaii) include the Halekulani Corporation

for the September 1991-January 1992 campaign. Yoshinori Taura, who oversees Mazda's offices here, who oversees Mazda's offices here, is heading the campaign with Art Birtcher, UWOC board member.

RELOCATION AND LOCA-TON—As part of the year-long eremonies next year at UCLA loyce Hall remembering the 50th nniversary of WWII evacuation and internment, Sacramento un-dergraduate Eryn Tsuboi has iden-tified 175 evacues Japanese American students and faculty from UCLA archives and she is ttempting to locate them. Min Tonai of the Nisei Bruin

Min Tonai of the Nisei Bruin Committée and other UCLA alumni are planning a Feb. 22 kickoff event. The UCLA Asian American Studies Center project is being directed by Prof. Don Nakanishi and Gann Matsuda, 3232 Campbell Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90024, (213/825-2974).

IN THE NICK OF TIMEorange County, Calif., board of supervisors, facing a \$67.7 mil-lion deficit in the budget, had pro-posed eliminating the 20-year county human relations commiscounty human relations commission. Selanoco JACL president Kenneth K. Inouye and past chapter president Ruth Mizobe joined with others in a grassroot efforts to successfully preserve the com-

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TOKYO—The number of Japa-nese nationals living abroad to-taled 620,174 last October, the Foreign Ministry reported in mid-September, up 5.7% from 1989. The 600,000 mark was topped for

The 600,000 mark was topped for the first time.

Of the total, 60% (374,044) was abroad for three months or more, representing the business class, while 40% (246,130) with permanent residential visas was about the same—largely emigres to Latin America.

By country, the U.S. topped the list with 236,000 Japanese residents, followed by Brazil, Britain. New York City with 51,000 Japanese led the list of cities, followed by Los Angeles and São Paulo.

Japan apology called for

TOKYO—The Socialist Demorrata, the leading opposition party, will draft a parliamentary resolution calling for Japan to formally upologize to its Asian neighbors, the United States and other countries for the attention of the countries for the attention of the countries for the state of the countries of the state of the state of the state of the countries of the state of the state

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options were limited. A retreat from the Asian mainland was out

of the question.

Japan's error was twofold. In
the eutumn of 1941, the militarists naively believed that Hitler,
whose invasion of the Soviet Union rists naively believed that Hitler, whose invasion of the Soviet Union had opened a costly second front, would conquer Europe and that the United States would not intervene. Our leadership was also convinced that a quick, decisive military victory over U.S. forces in the Pacific would demoralize Ameri-

cans.
Just as the postwar collective
memory in both countries is symmetrical, focused exclusively on
either Pearl Harbor or Hiroshima,
a similar partisanship in trade
matters clouds the bilateral rela-

tionship.

Each side can see only the mote in the other's eye. Washington understates the weakness of the U.S. economy and ascribes the trade imbalance largely to Japan's closed market. Tokyo retorts that America's poor industrial performance is at fault, minimizing the non-tariff trade barriers and corporate practices that limit access here.

here.

Because Tokyo and Washington consistently address different aspects of the trade imbroglio, their erguments run in parallel, the twain never meeting. The symmetry of their positions notwithstanding, actual power relations are asymmetrical, the United States having the unper hand.

having the upper hand.

Japan conducts about 60 percent of its total trade with North
America. We also have entrusted America. We also have entrusted our security to the United States and follow the State Department's lead in foreign policy. Eflateral tensions are a by-product of the intense interdependence that has developed over the last two de-

Tokyo officials say that political subservience to Washington yields economic dividends: Japanese support for U.S. diplomatic initiative has limited the damage caused by trade disagreements.

But uncritical adherence to

But uncritical adherence to American global strategy appears' servile to many Japanese, espe-cially the younger generation, and fosters anti-American sentiment. A recent example was Prime Min-ister Toshiki Kaifu's decision, un-der pressure from the Bush ad-ministration, to-help finance the Gulf War.

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Gulf War.
The lack of an independent foreign policy also alienates Japan
from some of its Asian neighbors
and many Third World countries.
Even the United States is often
frustrated by Tokyo's noncommital stance.

As the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor approaches, the invective over trade, defense burden-shar-ing and other issues steadily esca-lates. Something must be done to defuse a situation that threatens the national interests of both countries. But what?

Early this year, Michael Berger, former Tokyo correspondent for the San Francisco Chronicle, disthe San Francisco Chronicle, dis-cussed one proposal in a Japanese weekly magazine. Prime Minister Käifu or his successor should go to Pearl Harbor in December and formally apologize for the attack. President Bush would visit Hiroshima shortly thereafter and acknowledge America's responsi-bility for that tragedy. Although this scenario appears unifiely it

bility for that tragedy. Although this scenario appears unlikely, it would have symbolic value.

For better or worse, Japan and the United States need each other too much to let anything jeopar-dize the relationship. The anni-wersary of Pearl Harbor should be a time of reflection for both coun-tries - an occasion to address our differences honestly and begin talking to, instead of past, each other.

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The national board confirmed the appointments of four individu-als to the JACL Legacy Fund In-vestment Committee at a recent board meeting.

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The Investment Committee's primary responsibility is to oversee the investment of Legacy Fund contributions. The appointees include Beth Renge, NCWNP District, Dennis Uyemura, PNW District, George Oki, NCWNP District, Francis Sogi, Eastern District, and Tom Nakao Jr., JACLnational secretary/treasurer.

Each committee member brings a unique blend of experience and aducation to the Fund, according to JACL President Cressey

Nakagawa.
Renge is a graduate of the University of Pacific. She is the former treasurer of the San Francisco Chapter. She has been in the ses business for more than 10 years. Prior to opening up her own securities firm, Renge Securities, she was the vice president of cor-porate services for Kidder Peabody

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MAR 31-SUPER TOUR - Japon & Korea - Cherry Blossom Time MAR 31-SPRING JAPAN YISTA - Cherry Blossom Time MAR 31-SPRING JAPAN YISTA - Brazil & Argentina MAY 5-IBERIA & MOROCCO VISTA

JUN 22-SUMMER HOKKAIDO VISTA

JUL 16—EUROPEAN VISTA - Highlights of Europe AUG 2—TAUCK'S NATT PARKS - Rushrifore, Yellowstone & T AUG 16—ALASKAN CRUSE - Royal Caribbean's Sun Viking SEP 4—CANADIAN ROCKES - with Heart Min Reunion

SEP 4—CANADIAN ROCKIES - with Heart Min Reunion SEP 15—GREECE & EGYPT - Greek bies & Nile Crutses OCT 1—HOKKAIDO & TOHOKU VISTA - Fall Foliage Time OCT 12—THE URANIHON VISTA - Fall Foliage Time OCT 19—JAPAN DISCOVERY TOUR - Fall Foliage Time OCT 25—Fall JAPAN VISTA - Fall Foliage Time NOV 2—SUPER TOUR - Oldhawa, Kyushu & Shikoku NOV 22—RESORTS OF THE ORIENT

All tours include - flights, transfers, porterage; hotels, MOST MEALS, sightseeing tips & taxes and touring by private motorcoach.

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