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'Phoenix Team': Why restructure JACL?

Editor's note: Perhaps the most talked-about and controversial issue within JACL today is the proposal to restructure the orga-instation. The following position on the Se-lect Committee's plan comes from Pacific Southwest members who call themselves the Phoenis Team. Here are their views:

One of the results of the 32nd JACL Biennial Convention was to revisit the Se-lect Committee's Report on Restructuring by inviting comments from chapters using a similar approach that was used when JACL wanted to institute a National Plan

D.C. memorial to JA WW II heroism becomes law

President George Bush recently signed H.J.Res 271, which authorizes the con-struction of a memorial to Japanese American heroism during World War II in Washington, D.C. Unanimously passed by both houses of Congress, the memorial, according to Rep. Norman Mineta's office, will use no fed-eral funds in its construction. Mineta commenting on the bill's pas-

eral funds in its construction. Mineta commenting on the bill's pas-sage said, "This memorial will be a re-minder to all of us that Americans are not defined by their race or national origin. We are defined by our shared commit-ment to the principles of equality and justice embodied in our great Constitu-

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May now officially **APA Heritage Month**

May of each year is permanently desig-nated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, following the signing of H.R. 5572 by President George Bush Oct. 23. This is truly a victory for Asian Pacific Americans, Said Rep. Mineta, who wrote the law along with Rep. Frank Horton (R-NY). The observance of Asian Pacific Americans dealy year gives Asian Pacific Americans the chance to reflect on our history in the United States, and to edu-cate our fellow Americans about the con-tributions we have made and continue to make to American society.²

tributions we have made and continue to make to American society." HER. 5572 is the last step in a process which began in 1979, with the introduc-tion by Rep. Horton of a resolution declar-ing the first week of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage week. Heritage week was also authorized annually until 1989, when it was expanded to a month-long observance. No further authorization will be needed by Congress.

for Action. The Select Committee begin this process by appointing members of the three dis-tricts that had no input on the original report to serve on the committee. Sharon Kumagai was chosen as PSW's representa-

With two months remaining in 1992, we felt that it was important to let as many members know what the PSW district has done to address the restructuring question and what we will be doing in the near

Immediately after the convention, Sharon

organized the first meeting of the PSW Restructuring Committee. This commit-tee, which was later named the "Phoenix Team," started to draft a time-line to be followed in order to achieve what the team felt was the main objective. That objective was to inform every chapter about what the restructuring was about and to invite their comments recarding the Select Committee's comments regarding the Select Committee's changes or any changes they felt JACL needed. With that in mind, the team began

to plan a chapter outreach program. The Phoenix Team also realized that this process could not be run without the sup-

port of the PSW Executive Committee. At the following PSW Executive Committee meeting, it was arranged that the PSW Executive Committee would assist us with e outreach program. We then divided the PSW chapters into

geographical areas with members of both the Phoenix Team and the PSW Executive Committee contacting the various chap-ters they are responsible for. Sharon mailed out a questionnaire to each chapter to as-sist them in discussing the restructuring process and show them the necessity of See PHOENIX/page 5

ORA says redress nearly finished

The Department of Justice announced Oct. 26 that 74,600 Japanese Americans have been paid \$20,000 each Americans have been paid \$20,000 each under the redress program and that an additional 5,000 persons will receive payments in fiscal 1994, which begins Oct 1, 1993. Paul Suddes, administrator of the Office of Redress Administration, said, We have paid 96 percent of the esti-mated 80,000 individuals who will re-eive radress newments by the close of

ceive redress payments by the close of the program. Therefore, effective Oct. 30, the ORA toll-free Help Line will cease operation. The efforts of our toll-free-Help Line staff will now be di-rected toward processing the remain-ing comes as pupilly as processible."

The relief Line start will now be di-rected toward processing the remain-ing cases as quickly as possible." Japanese Americans interned dur-ing World War II or their surviving heirs born through Dec. 31, 1943, are eligible for \$20,000 redress payments. Beginning November 2, 1992, eligible individuals who have not yet received their redress payment may call ORA at (202) 219-6900. The Elephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) phone number is (202) 219-4710. Japanese speaking callers will be directed to Japanese speaking members of the ORA starff in Washington, D.C. Inquiries on case status or payments also may be sent directly to the Office of Redress Administration, P.O. Box 66260, Washington, D.C., 20035-6260.

Short takes

Minorities do well in sheriff's recruitment day

A recent one-day-only sign-up for deputy sheriffs in San Francisco re-vealed a high number of minorities participating. Sheriff Michael Hennessey reported Sept. 13 that 3,800 people applied for positions at a May 21 recruiting event. Of that figure, 1,421 qualified, of which 82 percent were women and minori-ties; 34% (453) were Asian candidates. Those passing the Civil Service ex-ams will be placed on a two-year list and hired as needed during that time.

Japanese interest

in U.S. declines The Pacific Rim, especially Hong Kong and Taiwan, still has deep pools of investment money for American de-

of investment money for American de-velopers, according to finance expert Jack Rodman at Kenneth Levanthal & Co. of Los Angeles. While Japanese capital has virtu-ally dried up, Rodman said an analysis by his firm shows 70 to 80 percent of the largest Japanese real estate in-vestments in the U.S. are going through some form of restructuring, such as some form of restructuring, such as buy-outs of U.S. partners and transfer-ring troubled loans to banks in Japan.

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On the road

The jazz group Hiroshima has followed up on past successes with a new album and performance tour. From left, top row, are Danny Yamamoto, Dean Cortez, and Kimo Cornwell. From left, bottom row, are June Kuramoto, Johnny Mori, Dan Kuramoto, and Jeannette Klinger. See story on page 4.

TV producer says cartoon character is not a stereotype

By GWEN MURANAKA Assistant edito

LOSANGELES—Responding to complaints about the Super Dave cartoon, Robby London, executive producer of Super Dave, speaking to Pacific Citizen said that the character "Fuji" is not a stereotype. "We're very concerned, these sorts of complaints are not something we take

sorts of complaints are not something we take lightly," said London. London, who is also senior vice president of creative affairs at DIC Enterprises, said that Full" is a representation of the same charac-ter played by Japanese Canadian' actor Art Irizawa on the live action "Super Dave Show." "The same actor (Irizawa) supplies the voice of

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'Fuii' disturbs JACL: protest issued

JACL has written the Fox network to protest what it believes to be a starso-typed character on the Super Dave cartoon show (Oct 30 PC issue). Dennis Hayashi, JACL national di-rector, wrots: "... we are writing to express our serious concern about For's cartoon Super Dave. Specifically, we are deeply disturbed by the Asian char-acter, "Fuji." See JACL/page 5

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Shattering the glass: EEOC leader calls for corporate awareness of minorities

Breaking the glass celling is possible by increasing board-room swareness of minorities aid Dr. Joy Cherian, commis-tioner on the U.S. Equal Em-loyment Opportunity Commis-tion Oct. 24 in Dallas. At the Asian American Voi-ore Coalition meeting, Cherian said, Corporate leaders who would like to break the glass celling should encourage the se-

lection of boards of directors with ensitivity to issues affecting women and minorities." Therian said that merely ap-trophysical states and women will not be enough to get rid of the glass ceiling. "Every director selected should have appropriate education, relevant experience, and genuine sensi-tivity to issues related to the so-called "glass ceiling" which ob-

structs the advancement of vomen and minorities in the American workplace. Teque opportunity can be place only hough sincere coop-eration and honest efforts by community groups, corporate leaders, and government offi-cials who are truly committed to the American vision of equal-ity and justice.

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524-4008. Saturday, Nov. 21—The California Japanese American Alumni Association's (CJAAA) biennial Big Game Night, Top O' the Inn, Holiday Inn, Emeryville, 6 p.m. Reservations: \$30. Information: Elsie Nakamura, 415/ 872-4278

547-4273. Sunday, Nov. 22—University of San Francisco's Marco Polo Concert and Symphony, USF's Presentation Cam-pus at Turk and Masonic, 8 p.m. Conductor: Simon Andrews, Cost: \$5. Infor

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Friday, Nov. 13—San Jose Chapter, JACL's annual general election meet-ing, Issei Memorial Building, 565 N. 5th St., 7:30 p.m. Potluck: 6:30 p.m. Last cit, 7.30 p.m. Politick, 6.30 p.m. Lass names beginning with A-M, bring a main dish for six people, last names, begin-ning with N-Z, bring a salad for six people. Board members and officers for people. Board members and once a 93 term will be elected. Information: 408/295-1250.

Saturday, Nov. 14-West Valley Chap Saturday, Nov. 14—Vest Valey Chap ter, JACL general meeting and election, Saratoga Lane banquetroom, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Tom Shigemasa, deputy chief, San Jose Police Dept. Information: Alko Nakamura, 408/ 378-8877; or Ed Kawahara, 408/ 241-3489.

Fresno

Through Sunday, Nov. 22-Fresno Metropolitan Museum's "Country Voices: Three Generations of Japa-nese American Farming," 1555 Van Ness Ave. at Calaveras, Downtown Fresno. Mon.-Sun.: 11 a.m. Admission: adults \$3, seniors \$2. Information: 209/ adults \$3, 441-1444

Los Angeles Area

Saturday, Nov. 14—San Fernando Valley Chapter, JACL's educational fo-rum, SFVJACC, Pacoima, 7p.m. Speak-ers include: Warren Furutani, LAUSD; Cecilia Mansfield, UTLA/AFT; and Cocilia Mansfield, UTLX/AFT; and Amold Myamoto, chapter president. Bento reservations (by Nov, 12): Phil Shigekuni, B4/8 863-1881. Informa-tion: Nancy Oda, B16/786-0914. Through Sun, Nov: 15-The UCLA Asian Amèrican Studies Center present Wakako Yamauchis 12-1-A-1 UCLA's Raigh, Freud Playhouss, 8 p.m., Sat.

and Sun., 2 p.m. matinees. Tickets \$13; students, \$9. Information: 310/825

Sunday, Nov. 15-Downtown L.A. Chapter, JACL presents "Into the Woods," East West Players Theater, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. Cost. 424 Sana Monica Bivd., 2 pm. Cost. 255. Reservations: Kitty Sankey, 213/ 625-6532 (w), or 213/ 838-8553 (h), reservations must be received by Nov. 13. Proceeds go to Ninth Street El-ementary School scholarship fund.

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Japan to end discriminatory fingerprinting

The Japanese government de-cided recently to stop fingerprint-ing offoreign permanent residents effective Jan. 8, 1993, according to an Associated Press report. Under the revised Alien Regis-tration Law, fingerprinting will be replaced by a system using photographs, signatures and offi-cial family records. The finger-printing system has long been seen as a symbol of discrimination against ethnic Koreans born in as a sympol of discrimination against ethnic Koreans born in Japan, many of whom are descen-dents of laborers forcibly brought to Japan during World War II. Prior to the enactment of the cur-vert law forcim wrights: rent law, foreign residents, in-cluding ethnic Koreans and criminals were the only people forced to be fingerprinted in Japan.

Nikkei profiled at reunion

A castle's Franklin High School class of 1972 held its 20-year re-union in September at the Arctic Dome with about a third of the 553 graduates attending. Two Sansei grads were profiled by the SeattleTimes. Terry B. Mori, a successful owner of a St. Paul, Minn., mar-keting firm doing business in 15 states and four countries, con-fided, 'It would have been diffi-cult to discover what I wanted to be had I stayed home, because peoplehave a way of deciding who you are and not changing the opinion as you change and grow." When he arrived in Minnesota in 1986, he had hair down to his waist, a backpack, guitar and a tread-worn decade in search of the meaning of life. Since high school, Patsy Yamada of Rainier Beach shook off her shyness and developed an

off her shyness and developed an exuberant personality as a gre-garious, active mom. Several nights a week, she sells Tup-perware at club meetings, beside helping people out by phone and being engaged with her three chil-dren, 6, 9, 11 and their cousins and friends. 'Tm less strict than 1 should be, 'she says. 'I just take everything day by day.' — Report from Ed Suguro

Retiree health facility planned

NEW YORK — A \$3 million retirement complex, the Takahana Inn in the Catskills, was unveiled Oct. 22 by Ken

Kobayashi, chief director of the Kobayashi Cultural Center for Good Life, Inc., as "a self-sustain-ing buccile utopia" for 120 people. Facilities, featuring organic-grown food farms, health equip-ment, traditional remedies and sports, are planned for comple-tion in 1994.

Information: Kobayashi Center, 143 E. 35 St., New York, N.Y., 10016; (212) 685-4325.

Green cards to expire Aug. 1, '93

Resident aliens hold "green cards" (I-151) issued before 1978 fore the Aug. 1, 1993, expiration, according to the Justice Department. The new card, good for 10 years, must be acquired before the Aug. 1 expiration date.

Application (INS Form I-90) for the new card bearing photo-graph, fingerprint and signature can be obtained from the nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service office. There is a \$70 filing fee. Information: 800/755-0777.

SBA opens on-line system

WASHINGTON-Small Business Administration inaugurated its Online (800 / 859-4636 for a 2400-baud modem and 800 / 697-4636 for a 9600-baud modem) the first week of October and earned public acceptance from owners with computers and modems, ac cording to administrator Patricia Saiki. The SBA bulletin board is "one more step in the right direc-tion ... this allows us to finally get to the 21st-century," she said. Two SBA analysts spent six months designing the program around an existing software package.

Asian groups awarded grants

The Asian Pacific Community Fund(APCF) of Southern Califor-

And (APCC) of Southern Califor-nia has made its first grant pre-sentations to human service agen-cies serving the Asian Pacific com-munity of Los Angeles. The human service agencies were given a total of \$10,000 Asian American Drug Abuse Pro-gram; Asian Health Project/T.H.E. Clinic for Women; Asian Pacific American Legal Center; Asian Pacific Family Center/Pacific Clin-ics; Asian Rehabilitation Service; Chinatown Service Center: Eco-nomic & Employment Develop-ment Center; Federation of Fili-pino American Association; Kopino American Association; Ko-rean Youth Center; Little Tokyo

Service Center; Pacific Asian Con-sortium in Employment; Search to Involve Pilipino Americans; and Western Region Asian Pacific Agency. Information: 213/880-2797.

L.A. museum names chairman

LOS ANGELES - Francis Y. Sogi, senior partner with the law firm of Kelley Drye and Warren, was elected the new chair of the Japanese American National Museum board of trustees. The Kon, Tiawaii-born University of Hawaii and MIS graduate and a CIC officer in Hokkaido during the Occupation, he is a graduate of Fordam Law School and Chuo of Fordam Law School and Chuo University in Tokyo, passing the bar and practicing in both New York and Tokyo. He succeeds an-other attorney, Henry Ota, who once worked for Sogi.

Not again—This time it's sushi

Here one of the big question among Japanese media: Doesim-porting U.S.-made and frozen sushi violate the government ban against importing rice? President Fujio Matsumoto of

Sushi-Boy, an Osaka-based res-taurant chain, said it plans to combine a slice of tuna or salmon weighing about .4 ounces with .8 ounces of California rice in a factory at Escondido and ship it fro-zen to its fast-food outlets in Ja-pan, according to a New York Times report from Tokyo. Previously, Japan Food Agency official Koji Maeda had vetoed

such proposals in the past but said the agency is carefully weighing its decision since the case had attracted wide public attention.

Firm claims Japanese sub

The California-based Institute The California-based institute of Aeronautical Archeological Re-search Inc. has petitioned for ex-clusive rights to a wreckage of what is believed to be a Japanese mini-submarine sunk on Dec. 7th in waters near Pearl Harbor.

The organization, which discov-ered the vessel July 27, claims that the former owner abandoned the submarine found 1,400 feet below the surface of the entrance to Pearl Harbor. The research firm further stated that their claim was also justified based on the extensive research and recovery operations it conducted. -Report from Allan Beekman



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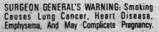
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The arts

Hiroshima: record tracks and tours

By GWEN MURANAKA

watch out East Coast, Hiro-

Watch out East Coast, Hiro-shima is coming your way. Cur-rently on tour, taiko drummer Johnny Mori says that Hiroshima's new album "Provi-dence" is definitely not about the city in Rhode Island. "Providence," which includes tracks by Hiroshima band mem-bers as well as a cover of "Ribbon in the Sky" by Stevie Wonder, is the band's first album in three years. This one is basically a fol-low to 'East," said Mori. The "East' concept was the immigrant story-the Issei coming to the United States. 'Providence' is based on the multicultural soci d on the multicultural soci-

be pigeonholed into one category since it depends greatly on which radiostationisplaying them."Our audience is pretty mixed," said Mori. "For example, in Chicago if we play the South Side, it's mostly black, but if we play the North Side, it's predominantly white. Overall, however, our audience is nretty mixed—real multiculpretty mixed—real multicul-tural." As for the Japanese Ameri-cans and other Asian Americans who turn out to the concerts, Mori who turn but to the concerts, short says Hiroshima's music reminds them of their roots. "Culturally, music is something they can hold on to. Some parts of

our cultural identity leave us first, but other things we hold on to like music and food. We still need our gohan," said Mori. The percus-gionist said that when the band to first started touring, they used to bring rice cookers with them knowing they couldn't get rice on the road.

Hiroshima's uniqueness, while appreciated by their fans, has not always been understord human always been understood by radio stations and record executives, according to Mori. Noting the lack of a broad marketing campaign,

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ABA panel explores racism in U.S.

The American Bar Association's recent annual convention in San Francisco discussed the state of racism in the U.S. and the role law could play in its reduction. Asian Law Caucus executive di-Asian Law Caucus executive al-rector Paul Igasaki was one of the six panelists airing this lively topic that ran for almost three hours.

that ran for almost three nours. It was sparked by panelist Harvard professor Derrick Bell's contention that it is impossible to eliminate American racism and that laws and strategies should

begin by accepting that reality. Assistant NAACP Legal De-fense Fund director Elaine Jones, Judge John Goldbold of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and former California Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso acknowledged how difficult eliminating racism would be. They felt that too pessimistic a view of racial progress might cause an accep-tance of prejudice as an inevitable fact of American life that cannot

fact of American life that cannot be struggled against. Igasaki agreed that the fight against racism is long-term: "We will not eliminate it in the life-time of anyone in this room. But that should not be surprising with the all the racism and stereotyp-ing in our society. It is impossible

ing in our society. It is impossible for anyone to avoid it becoming part of their reality. "Af the same time, we must acknowledge that we have made progress," the önetime Washing-ton JACL representative contin-ued. "There have been victories as well as setbacks. We have to look not to the distant goal of elimina-tion, but the journey that this tion, but to the journey that this struggle represents. Struggling

in the "Hammerman" cartoon and Sherman of Jay Ward's "Sherman and Peabody."

The executive producer said a certain amount of caricature is necessary in animation. "The

certain amount of caricature is necessary in animation. The choice would be that the charac-ter won't look Asian at all, and he's such a positive character," said London, who noted that the production team took questions of stereotype into consideration when they designed the charac-ter. He said that Fuji is a very positive character, who is actu-ally often getting Super Dave out of trouble.

f trouble: London said while all of this

London said while all of this season's episodes are completed, he would welcome an opportunity to discuss the issue with Asian American groups." I do feel we as a corporate entity try to be very positive in the messages we send out to children, "said London.

The letter continued: "We be-

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against racism because it is wrong is an end in itself." Igasaki said that even the Civil Rights Act of 1991 provides only a very limited means for fighting, prejudice. "We fought for three years before political realities brought the White House to the table and then all we won was a restoration of some basic legal tools for challenging employment discrimination.

tools for challenging employment discrimination. "On top of all that, the senators from Alaska inserted a deal that exempted the plaintiffs in the Wards Cove case, and only those plaintiffs, from coverage by the Act. Wards Cove was the only case involving predominantly Asian American and Alaskan workers and is an indication of how seriously my community? how seriously my community's rights are taken in Washington."

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Fuji. He had a lot of input on the creation of the character and is an active member of the Japanese Canadian community." London further noted that Inizawa is on the board of directors of the Japa-nese Canadian Cultural Center and a member of the Canada Ja-pan Society.

Answering one of the charges by the Media Action Network for

by the Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANA) that Tujj" has stereotyped buckteeth, London said, "We specifically didnt do buck teeth." "This is a very caricatured style of show. Characters have oversize jaws, wear oversize hats. We cari-catured (Fuji) the way we did Su-per Dave or any other character," said London. On the paint that Fuji's large glasses are another stereotype, London noted that classes are often drawn oversized. stereotype, London noted that glasses are often drawn oversized, regardless of the ethnicity of the cartoon character citing Hammer

PHOENIX

(Continued from page 1) completing this task as soon as possible. Although, we have not physically met with each chapter, we intend to do so by the end of Növember. So far, most of the meetings have been with the chapter comments into a summary format

the team will compile the chapter comments into a summary format to be submitted to the National Board by the end of this year. "Despite not meeting with all of the National Board by the end of this year, we have discovered a general theme to the responses we have received so far. That

theme would be in the form of the question, "Why are we restruc-turing JACL?" Some of their concerns include that the restructur-ing makes the National Board too ing makes the National Board too, top heavy or they question the financial impact to JACL if some of the restructuring plans were implemented. Some have used the old adage, "If it ain't broke, why fix it?" The only proposal that all the charater area work that all the chapters agree upon is to hire a national youth director. National President Lillian

Kimura reported at the National Board meeting in October that there would be an article from the Select committee in the Holiday Issue of the Pacific Citizen.

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Mori said, "It's hard for the general media to understand our par-

eral media to understand our par-ticular market. (The record pro-moters) are not pushing it as much as they should. Mori, sounding pessimistic, said, Tm not sure what our fu-ture is. We may not have a future at Enic Sony.

at Epic/Sony. We never lost them money, but the writing is on the wall. This may or may not be the last al-

bum.⁵ Mori said the slow economy has hurt jazz artists. "Jazz does not make money for people," said Mori. "The money is not here. They're putting it into pop and country western like Garth Brooks and that guy who does the 'Achey Breaky Heart." Mori, who has been playing taiko since the late '60s when he went to Senshin Buddhist Temple

"That's where you really get to

After the East Coast tour, After the East Coast tour, Hiroshima is planning a concert at UCLA'next spring in conjunc-tion with Day of Remembrance activities. Mori said it takes the band a little while before th





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"As you know, television shows such as Super Dave have the power to influence both Asian and power to influence both Asian and non-Asian audiences' perceptions and attitudes towards Asian Americans. Thus, it should be your responsibility as producers and writers to be aware and sen-sitive, and provide accurate por-trayals of Asian Americans.

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"We believe that Fox must diswe believe that rox must us-continue distributing the cartoon if this character remains. Please inform me of what steps you will be taking to address this prob-- 4 1

The Phoenix Team feels that it The Phoenix Team feels that it is important to get all JACL mem-bers input to the restructuring plan. We will continue to meet throughout this year and up until the Tri-District Conference in the Tri-District Conference in April, 1993. Please contact any of the members of the Phoenix Team if you want more information.

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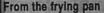
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Opinions





my recent trip to Ontario, Ore. Mamaro Wakasugi took time off from his real estate business to rrom his real estate business to take me to visit some of the local folks. Yes, the first name is spelled the way he uses it. It used to be Mamoru, but people couldn't get it right so he said to heck with it, let it be Mamaro if that's the way the Mamaro if that's the way they want it. When Gen. John L. DeWitt asked him to

make himself scarce in 1942, Wakasugi abandoned about 125 acres of strawberries just outside of Portland, Ore., and headed inland where his sister was living. He's stayed ever since, giving up farming for real estate a few years ago.

Our first stop was the Ontario Machine Works owned and operated by Hawaii-born Sab Nishimura. He came to Ontario as nursemaid for an ice-making machine and decided to stay.

The Ontario Machine Works looks like just about every other machine shop I've seen, cluttered and grimy and filled with a half million odds and ends along with an engine lathe and drill presses. But it's the kind of place a farming community couldn't get along without.

Over the years farmers have made their way thousands of times to ask Sab to repair something, or make a part farme gadget something, or make a part for one gat that would make farming a little easier that would make larming a little easiet and more efficient. And chances are that Sab could oblige them without charging an arm and a leg. Folks don't know what they'll do when Sab decides he's had enough of work and closes up shop.

BILL HOSOKAWA

Still needed, still in demand

Our next stop was a striking contrast to Nishimura's machine works. It was the spotless, high-tech laboratory of Ozawa R&D Inc. near the airfield where Ken and Max Ozawa, with Jim Nakamura, employ the latest technology to design and build metering pumps.

Do you know what metering pumps are? I didn't, until Ken painstakingly explained. Today, all kinds of chemicals are mixed with water to fertilize crops, kill bugs and weeds, put a wax coat on fruit like apples, treat drinking water, manufacture paper and textiles and plastics. Ideally, very pre-cise amounts of chemicals should be fed into and mixed continuously with the prossing stream.

The Ozawas have invented a pump that does the job with great precision and speeds up whatever you're doing. A good example would be spraying a minute amount insecticide with the irrigation water. You shouldn't use too much nor too little, and the pump will see that-the precise amount

It took more than a little knowledge of electronics and mechanics to produce the pump which weighs about 20 pounds and works for years without requiring maintes nance. Max was out of the office but Ken told me he saw the need for his pump while told me he saw the need for his pump while spending an appalling amount of time re-pairing equipment for a farm chemical firm. He learned about precision while working on National Guard aircraft and Indy type racing cars. In 1984 he and Max built a half dozen prototype pumps in their garage and they've been moving ahead ever since.

In a sense, the Ontario Machine Works and the Ozawa R&D company present a Japanese American metaphor. The old has served faithfully and well, and we are now in the high-tech age.





One of the ongoing lookouts from my desk has been keeping up with the death and funeral notices in various Japanese American newspapers and compiling them regularly for our obituary section on the back page. It's been the rule to limit entries to Issei and Nisei families, friends of and newsmakers in our community. Except for occasional paid obituary notices, the list-

Very truly yours

By Harry K.Honda

occasional paid obituary notices, the list-ings are free and appear on a space-avail-able basis. Wisely, we have not succumbed to the expedience of reducing the type to smaller size to squeeze in more entries. A rare exception, however, was the re-bent page 3 news treatment of the death of Washington civil rights pioneer, Joseph L. Rauh Jr., who passed away Sept. 3 (Sept. 18 P.C.) He had been general counsel for more than 40 years of the Leadership Con-ference on Civil Rights, an association of some 150 civil and human rights, labor, veterans, religious, and minority groups some 100 GWI and numan rights, labor, weterans, religious, and minority groups based in the nation's capital. The JACL-angle was missing from the national wires. Hence, our story noted he had accepted the Masaoka Distinguished Public Service Award for the Leadership Conference (LCCR) at the 1972 national JACL convenon. He was also JACL counsel in the yen

deposit case. When Mike Masaoka opened the JACL Washington, D.C., office in 1946, one of the first groups JACL joined was the National Civil Liberties Clearing House (NCCCH), an information-sharing program but un-able to lobby. In 1948, with Roy Wilkins of the NAACP as chairman, the NCCCH was a back the promotion ICCC works

the NAACP as chairman, the NCCCH was made into the more active LCCR to lobby for people's rights. One of LCCR's massive civil rights projects was to demonstrate with Dr. Mar-tin Luther King Jr. in the summer of 1963. JACL participated in that "March on Wash-ington" with then national JACL president Pat Okura of Omahaand several D.C. mem-bers parading under the JACL banner. In the 1980s, LCCR and Rauh were major players before Congress advocating redress.

Fittingly, the JACL-LEC leadership tendered a generous contribution to LCCR in memory of Joe Rauh. In late October, JACL-LEC Chair Jerry Enomotoreceived a copy of Rauh's handwritten letter on his resignation as LCCR general counsel. It was an inspiring and uplifting accompani-ment to the acknowledgment signed by Benjamin L. Hooka, LCCR chair, and Ralph G. Neas, executive director, for the dona-tion. Thanks to Jerry, we can sample below Rauh's eloquence, commitment, humor and optimism in his letter dated March 33, 1991, to Ben (Hooks) and Ralph (Neas). "For four years now, ever since I was so sick in early 1987, I have repeatedly told Ralph he needed to replace this wobbly, super-annusted fellow: Ralph, no doubt out of the personal kindness that is his irademark, and maybe seven out of some mispikeed gratitude for getting him his back-breaking job, keyt telling me how in disone of that nonsense for I'm still here.... "Tre been the General Counsel of LCCR.

"Twe been the General Counsel of LCCR, dejure and de facto, for its entire 41 years. It's been a wonderful job and I love it and the people in the constituent organizations ... I leave with pride and with optimism.

 ... I leave with price and whit optimized When our generation, now largely passed from the scene, started on the civil rights road at the end of World War II, the law of Total as the end of world war it, the law of the land permitted and even supported discrimination and segregation. Schools were segregated, often by law. Courts en-forced restrictive covenants buttressing housing segregation. Roadblocks to black voting and employment abounded. Public accommodating were largely closed to blacks

"The law mocked both equality and fair-ness. The Leadership Conference led a le-gal revolution which turned the law upside down. (His words here are worth putting onto stone!)... And what started as a legal revolution in the case of blacks has ex-panded to Hispanics and other minorities, women, ethnics, the disabled, the aged and,

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BILL MARUTANI

Treasure mound

The LADIES of the Takararuka Revue are due back in New York City for an engagement run some-they did a few years ago. On that occasion I saw their colorful presentation when Vicki suggested that we take in the show. It made it the third time for me, having seen the troupe perform in Japan, twice, at their home base in Takararuka (Hyogó-ken)-once in 1946 while serving in Japan and then some 30 or so years later. On the second visit, the home base was as I had remembered it three decades earlier, in remembered it three decades earlier, in-cluding the "tunnel" created by arching sakura trees lining the pathway to the hall.

Well, no more. After 68 years, the old Takarazuka (literal translation "treasure mound") theater building is to be torn down at the end of this month

BUT FRET NOT, folks, adjoining the old structure, a new high-tech structure loaded with all sorts of electronic gimmicks is already up and in place, ready for a super-grand opening on *osho gatsu*, Jan. 1, 1993. For example, the theater will have lighting equipment capable of combining

as many as 16 different colors, with a comas many as 16 different colors, with a com-puterized memory coordinating the light-ing mix for each scene geared to the actors' movements and the stage-setting require-ments. This computer is to have a memory storage capacity of up to 1,000 scenes. With all this electronic dependence, I hope they'll have trustworthy fuses in the place.

IDON'T REMEMBER what the admission price was on any of those three occassions that I visited the Takarazuka performances, but the first one in '46 must have been comparatively quite modest. (This was even before the exchange rate was ¥360 to \$1.00). As I mentioned in a previous column, during the intermission my Army buddies and I went out to the lobby for a stretch where I inevitably checked the snack counter to find it some what sparse. I ended up purchasing a pack of surume (dried, processed squid) to snack of surume (dried, process on, feeling a bit guilty that perhaps I was consuming food that some Japanese needed. On the second visit some 30 years later, things had improved. Appreciably.

THE NEW PRICES for performances in

the new Takarazuka accommodations (based on a \$1 being worth ¥120) will be \$56, and upwards, for the better seating, while "economy" seating will start at \$39. Those starting prices seem reasonable enough, but I don't know abjut the "and up" prices. My hunch is that some of them can be somewhat stiff; they invariable are the new Takarazuka accommodations be somewhat stiff; they invariably are-whether it be theater tickets or buying a new automobile. Anyway, don't look for this country boy sitting in the reserved box

BUT I'D LIKE to see the new facilities with its Mediterranean theme. I under-stand that the number of seats has been cut back by 350 (the theater seating capacity back by 350 (the theater seating capacity will then be slightly above 2,500—2,527 to be exact) thereby providing a larger stage well as roomier seating for patrons. Appar-ently the Japanese have discovered that in their wealth with richer foods, their once svelte bodies have been replaced by sub-stantial girth and the old seating no longer can accommodate the behind. I suspect that he lobby will have something more than surme. than surume.

Anyway, should we be in the Kansai area again, we'll have to check it out.



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Saturday, Nov. 14—Ventura County Chapter, JACL's bus trip to the Japa-nese American National Museum, the bus will make stops in Ornard Camarilo, and Thousand Oaks, Guided tour, origami workshop (tea and abivance res-ervation required), and an optional tree lecture, "Growing Up Japanese Ameri-can." Cost: 510. Bus will leave Little Tokyo between 3:30 p.m. 4 p.m. Infor-mation and reservations: Chuckor Jean Kuniyoshi, 805/ 484-0676; or Janet Kajihara, 805/ 983-2612. Please indi-cate where you want to catch the bus, whether you want to attend the locture, and your telephone and address.

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Obituaries

Fujimoto, Hatsuime, 80, Santa Rosa, Sept. 28; Kumamoto-born, prewar resident of Ar-royo Grande, survived by sons Frank, Albert (borh San Jose), daughters, Furniko Toji, Tokuko Matsumoto (San Jose), 7 pc. 4 great-ge, brothers Tamio, Ryoku, sisters Miko Fujia, Emiko, Tomika Fukumura (al ol Santa

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Monner Hood, prothers Kenton, Sabuto (Camarillo, Goro, Rokuro. Kuwahara, Hino, 87, Los Angeles, Oct. 1; Yamaguchi-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by son John, daughteris Shizuko Motomi (Jpn), Bessie Koga, 7 gc., and 5

Motom (Jph), Besse Koga, 7 gc., and 5 great-gc. Masto, Kerry H, 80, Believue, Wash., June 19, formery of Moses Laie and Columbia Basin 1000 Club Century Hemember, Yakima Valley JACL, president (1941), survived by wrife Masie, daupher Sherika Zor, sisters Yoshiye Nakagawa, Tsugiye Masto (roth Sacramenti).

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Salami Yoshye Yebagama, 130yre weato (cont Sacamano), inco. Co. 5 (funeral), No. Anoples.bom past president of Western Poncer Insurance Co., San Gabriel Valley JACL president (1993), survived by wile Ruth, daughters Judy, Hbi (SanDego), Sharon Aratani, son Alan, 8 gc, brothers Toyio (Vallejo), Harry, Hotert, sister Bern Murzak, Mary Matsukawa, brother-in-law John Endo, sisters-in-law Hana Nitake, Yasuko Kobayabh, Rose Hgashi, Liy O'Nell. Okuda, Hajime, 68, Honoluk, Sept 19, Ja-pan-bom groteir-aritat (founded Wallaku, Mau's first supermarker, raised tamb) of 7 daughters and Inabi sudded at Honoluk Academy of Ata and Univ of Hawai), best Kazden of Ata and Univ of Hawai), best Kimizuka, Emis Symomaker, Raised tamb) of 7 daughters and Inabi sudded at Honoluk Academy of Ata and Univ of Hawai), best Kimizuka, Buring Sudded at Honoluk Schwening, 23 gc, 6 great-gc. Ozime, Karl T, 5C, Chraop, July 25; Seatte-bom JACLyr, survived by wile Kazu, sons Robert, Terry, torther Shyeinobu, sisters Kazuko Yamamoto, Nabuko Andow (Saramenio), Ruba Quine, Andow (Saramenio), Ruby Qzima (Analiem), Shew, Neien Matsunaga), 67, Washington, June 17; Los Angelesbon volinast with Na-cial analysis and wile of UJS. Foreighter erident of Beredas, married Wallao, Lindi in 1985; survived by Schlidern: Marki, Laurel, Md, Paul (Mowell, Mass), Timotry (Se-attie), John (Hyatavilie, Md.), Marian (Dueenstow), 5 gc, mother Haisu, brother Interstow), 5 gc, mother Haisu, brother Interstow, Sarahan Jaka, Sarahan Jaka, Kazika, Kazika, Sarahan Jakaka, Jimotry (Se-attie), John (Hyatavilie, Md.), Marian (Dueenstow), 5 gc, mother Haisu, brother Interstow), 5 gc, mother Haisu, brother Interstow, Sarahan Jaka, Barahan Jakaka, Kazika Jaka, Kalen Jakaka, Jakaka Jakaka, Jakaka Jakaka, Jakaka Jakaka, Jimotry (Se-attie), John (Hyatavilie, Md.), Marian (Dueenstow), 5 gc, mother Haisu, brother Interstow), 5 gc, mother Haisu, brother Interstow, Sarahan Jakaka, Barahan Jakaka, Jakaka Jakaka, Jakaka Jakaka, Jakakaka, Jakaka Jakakaka, Jakaka, Jakakaka, Jakakaka Ja

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Friends

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