



CLYDE PRESTOWITZ

Assessing Clinton

U.S.-Japan expert likes economic priority plan

Former Reagan appointee says president's ideas are dramatic and necessary

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

While not getting into the specifics of the Clinton economic plan, Clyde Prestowitz, Jr., a leading expert on U.S.-Japan relations, had high praise for Clinton's state of the union speech.



CLYDE PRESTOWITZ
Supports Clinton plan

"I believe, in his speech, Clinton has taken a dramatic, historic direction," said Prestowitz, founder and president of the Economic Strategy Institute, speaking Feb. 18 in an address sponsored by Town Hall of California and the Japan America Society of South-

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PROFILE

WHO: Clyde V. Prestowitz, Jr.

JOB: President, founder, Economic Strategy Institute; author, *Trading Places*

CREDENTIALS: Former senior associate, Carnegie Endowment; fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; deputy assistant secretary of Commerce; acting assistant Secretary of Commerce; counselor to the Secretary of Commerce (1981-1986).

EDUCATION: B.A., Swarthmore College; M.A., East-West Policies and Economics, East-West Center of the University of Hawaii; M.B.A., Wharton Graduate School of Business. Also studied at Keio University, Tokyo.

From Japan ...

The rest of the world scrutinizes America and its new president as well ... Here's one view from Japan ... page 9

President Bill Clinton makes his first state of the union address, driving home key points of his economic recovery plan. In the background are Vice President Al Gore and Speaker of the House Tom Foley.



Reactions

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Will the country trudge in hopeful resignation to the beat of the Clinton drum? The tax-and-cut philosophy is still being driven home on the presidential road, and still being evaluated—by pundits and common folk alike. Some Americans uneasily approve; some begrudgingly so. Some don't at all.

In spite of an undaunting and polished speech to the nation on his economic plan, an uneasiness can be felt across the country. An underlying hope to erase the deficit has overlays of doubt, it would seem.

Clinton calls for sacrifices at the tax-and-cut altars. But is more less, or less more? ... More or less, some might guess.

Are we headed for an entrenchment of doing more with less—or perhaps doing without? Is this a new spin or an old whirl? It is, most likely,



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Clinton's days of reckoning, days of beckoning. And austerity may be steering the flagship, searching for stability over the economic mood swings of the past.

It's not just the president checking

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Tri-District event exhibit rates set

Gearing up for the April 2-4 JACL Tri-District Conference, the planning committee announced the rates for exhibit tables and booklet advertisement rates.

The exhibit tables will be in a designated hall in the Westin South Coast Plaza. The event showcases various vendors, corporations and non-profit organizations. Rate for exhibit tables is \$250. Information: call Carrie Okamura at 714/894-9092.

The Tri District Conference booklet will be distributed to each conference participant. The advertisement rates are: \$400, full page; \$250, half page; \$150, quarter page, and \$50, business card. Information: Ruth Mizobe at 714/647-6969.

Registration information for the three day conference is available from Ruth Mizobe and B.J. Watanabe, 714/779-7140. For hotel reservations at the Westin South Coast Plaza, call 800/228-3000 or 714/540-2500 and ask for the JACL conference rate of \$67 per room.

Accused of racism, Spokane Democrats asked to resign

Spokane Mayor Shari Barnard Feb. 19 called for the resignation of two Democratic officials following accusations of racial epithets and gestures, according to a report in the *Spokesman-Review*.

Barnard, in a letter to state and county Democratic officials, called for Marge Davis and Betty Drumheller to quit their positions within the Democratic party and apologize to the citizens of Spokane.

"I will not stand for any kind of

harassment," said Barnard speaking to the *Spokesman-Review*. The mayor, a long-time Democrat, said that she will ask the Spokane Human Relations Commission to step in if the party refuses to take action.

"It isn't so much the incidents but the actions following the incidents," said Barnard.

Davis, Spokane state committee woman, is accused of calling a local hotel owner Patrick Ng a "Chink"

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Sentencing set for murderer of Issei woman

The date for the sentencing of Jeremy Brinkley for the burglary, rape and homicide of Chiyoko Kono has been rescheduled for March 12, according to Elisa Kamimoto, JACL Central California regional director.

Brinkley confessed to the brutal crimes against the 87-year-old Issei woman, as well as to the burglary and rape of a 68-year-old woman.

Originally set for Feb. 19, the sentencing was postponed because presiding Judge Gene Gomes had a schedule conflict. Brinkley will be sentenced in Fresno, Calif., Superior Court for the 1990 Selma crimes.

Still seeking redress recipients

Efforts by the Office of Redress Administration to contact approximately 900 potential recipients by April 30 were accelerated on Feb. 19. A list of persons who have not responded in more than six months was given to Japanese American community groups in various cities to locate the whereabouts from family, friends and organizations.

"Our goal is to ready all of the remaining cases for payment by April 30 so they can be paid in October, 1993," ORA administrator Paul Suddes said. ORA had requested essential papers to verify them as "eligible for redress payments," he added.

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Asian Pacific groups file amicus brief supporting hate crime law

Wisconsin hate crimes law could have wider implications

Filing an amicus brief in support of a Wisconsin hate crimes law, a group of Asian Pacific American civil rights organizations, including JACL, recently announced their support in the wake of a U.S. Supreme Court challenge.

The other organizations which make up the group include: National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (composed of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Asian Law Caucus, and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center), American Citizens for Justice, Asian Law Alliance, Chinese for Affirmative Action, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association and the Organization of Chinese

Americans.

The organizations, which are all members of the National Network Against Anti-Asian Violence, filed an amicus brief in support of the state of Wisconsin in the case of *Wisconsin v. Mitchell*, a challenge to hate crime legislation which could have implications on hate crime laws throughout the country.

Angelo Ancheta, staff attorney, Asian Pacific American Legal Center and lead counsel on the brief, said, "The case is especially important because the ruling could affect other anti-discrimination laws like Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that outlaws discrimination in the workplace." ☐

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Calendar

Illinois Chicago

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5—Sixth National JACL Singles Convention, Chicago Marriott Hotel, 540 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

New York New York

Through May 30—The Chinatown History Museum's photographic exhibitions, "From Canton to New York: The Broken Tradition," and "The People of Tong Yeh Gaa," 70 Mulberry St., 2nd floor, Sun.-Wed., noon-5 p.m. Information: 212/619-4785.

Wisconsin La Crosse

Thurs.-Sat., March 25-27—University of Wisconsin-La Crosse sponsors the conference, "Asian Americans: probing the past, living the present, shaping the future." Registration and information: Penny Tiedt, Continuing Education and Extension, 227 Main Hall, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, WI 54601; 608/785-6503.

Oregon Ontario

Saturday, March 6—Snake River Chapter, JACL, is hosting Casino Night, Rusty's in Ontario, 7 p.m. Games, prizes and food. Tickets: \$20. Information: Mike Isert, 503/889-8691 or any board member.

Washington Seattle

Saturday, March 6—Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church's annual sukiyaki dinner, 3001-24th Ave. S., 4 p.m. Tickets: \$6.50; adults; \$4.50, children. Information: 206/723-1536.

Sunday, March 7—First Hill Lions pancake breakfast, Kiyabe Memorial House, 221 18th Ave. S., 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost: \$5, \$3, seniors. Benefits Kawabe House and Keiro Nursing Home. Information: Ted, 206/324-0862.

Monday, March 8—Tomo No Kai meeting, Keiro Nursing Home, 1601 E. Yesler Way, 7 p.m. Speaker: Greta Hoshibata, Nikkai Concern's Kame Project. Widows and widowers invited. Information: Kim, 206/324-0862.

Saturday, March 13—Nisei Vets' installation dinner, Rainier Golf and Country Club, 1855 S. 112th St., 6 p.m. Dinner: prime rib or salmon. Cost: \$27.50. Mail checks and dinner choice to: Ben Sugawara, 8223 S. 123rd, Seattle, WA 98148.

Arts calendar

Poetry

Wednesday, March 10—The Academy of American Poets & Anchor Books present two readings from "The Open Boat: Poems from Asian America," Black Oak Books 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 8 p.m. Poets include: Garrett Hongo, Maxine Hong Kingston and Nellie Wong. Free. Information: 510/486-0698.

Film

Thursday, March 11—NAATAscreens the silent film, "The Dragon Painter (1919) and Philip Kan Gotanda's The Kiss, AMC Kabuki 8 Theaters, San Francisco, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$15, general admission; \$45, golden circle.

Sunday, March 21—The San Diego Chapter, JACL, and the Union of Pan Asian Communities present Akira Kurosawa's film, "No Regrets for Our Youth," Kiku Gardens Senior Housing Project, 1260 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 2 p.m. Admission: seniors free, \$2 donation for others. English subtitles. Refreshments: 1:30 p.m. Information: Kiku Gardens, 619/422-4951.

Dance

Friday-Sunday, March 26-27—The 1993 Bay Area Dance Series presents Kulintang Arts, a Filipino performance group, in Allieulia Panis Diwata, Laney College 900 Fallon St., Oakland, Fri.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets: \$14 at door; \$12 in advance; \$10, students and seniors. Information: 510/889-9500.

Comedy

Friday, March 12-Sunday, April 4—Cold Tofu's first annual "Comedy One Act Festival," Los Angeles Theatre Center, 514 S. Spring St., Fri.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Tickets: \$14; \$12, students and seniors. Reservations: 213/739-4142.

Television

Tuesday, April 13—PBS airs Mini-Dragons II, a three-part sequel to Mini-Dragons profiling the economies of Pacific Rim countries, 10 p.m., check local listings. Mini-Dragons II will profile Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia.

attle 98176. Information: Ben, 206/772-4261.

Saturday, March 13—Monthly Nikkai community dance, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St., 8 p.m. EYO8, live band. Cost: \$3. Information: 206/772-1160.

California Sacramento

Saturday, March 6—Florin Chapter, JACL's 11th annual Time of Reformation, Florin Buddhist Hall, 7235 Pritchard Rd., 7 p.m. Theme: Valor and sacrifice in defense of freedom. Speaker: Col. Tom Sakamoto (ret). Cost: \$8, adults; \$2, students; children under 12, free. Information: 916/685-6747.

San Francisco area

Sunday, March 7—The Nisei Widowed Group's monthly meeting, 558 Sixteenth Ave., San Francisco, 2 p.m. New members welcome. Information: Eisei Uyeda Chung, 415/221-0268 or Yuri Moriwaki, 510/462-3260.

Sunday, March 7—Japanese American Services of the East Bay's 13th annual Crab Feed, Albany Veterans Memorial Hall, 1325 Portland Ave., at Ramona, 4 p.m. Cost: \$18. Information: 510/848-3560.

Monday-Wednesday, May 3-5—San Mateo JACL Community Center's trip to Yosemite State Park. Cost: \$295, per person, includes 2 nights 3 days at Yosemite Lodge, lunches and tours. Information and reservations: San Mateo JACL, 415/343-2793. Final payment: Mar. 4.

San Jose area

Saturday, March 13—The Northern California Japanese American Senior Centers' annual Shinkenai, Mountain View Buddhist Temple, 575 N. Shoreline, Mountain View, 10 a.m. Crafts sale, luncheon and entertainment. Information: Yu-Ai Kai, 408/294-2505.

Sunday, April 18—Yu Ai-Kai's 14th annual benefit luncheon and fashion show, Red Lion Inn, San Jose. Tickets: \$35. Tickets available now at the Yu Ai-Kai office, 565 N. 5th St. Information: 408/294-2505.

Livingston

Sat.-Sun., April 3-4—Katharine Stegner Odum, English-Social Studies teacher at the Amachi Internment camp, will be honored by friends and former students. Those interested in joining the reunion, please call or write to: Mae Taniguchi Kojima 209/634-5078; P.O. Box 97, Ballito, CA, 95303. Deadline: March 19.

Los Angeles area

Thursday, March 4—Marina Chapter, JACL, general meeting, Burton Chace

Park, Marina Del Rey, 7:30 p.m. Speaker: Sgt. Jones May, Monterey Park Police Dept. speaking on police protection in the 90's. Donation at door. Information: Alice, 310/324-0582.

Thursday, March 4—Asian Business League's general meeting, JACC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Richard Floridan, mayoral candidate. Cost: \$12, ABL members; \$15, non-members. Information: Randy Takasuka 213/780-3255.

Saturday, March 6—The E. San Gabriel Valley JCC's annual Spring Fling dance, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 donation. Reservations (individuals or tables): Barbara Shiota, 818/810-1509; Toshi Ito, 909/861-9676 or the JCC, 818/960-2566.

Sunday, March 7—The New Otani Hotel & Garden's Hina Doll Festival, 120 S. Los Angeles St., 1:30 p.m. Festivities include: Floating Doll Ceremony and kimono demonstration. Free. Information: Yoko Sugii, 213/629-1200 or 213/253-6295.

Fri.-Sun., April 2-4—PSW hosts 1993 Tri District Conference, Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel, Costa Mesa. Registration: \$90, before March 17, \$110, after. Hotel: \$67 per room. Information: B.J. Watanabe, 714/779-4140, Ruth Mizobe, 714/529-8360, or the PSWD regional office, 213/626-4471.

Through April 16—Occidental College, Office of Admission presents "We love Harry, and Harry loves photography," the photography of Harry T. Tsushima, 1600 Campus Road, Los Angeles, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 213/259-2700.

Saturday, April 17—Hula Halau's Keali'i O Nalani, Polynesian dance recital, Aviation Park Auditorium 1935 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Redondo Beach, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$10; \$12, at door. Information: Janet 310/452-2158 x759.

San Diego

Sunday, April 4—San Diego Chapter, JACL, and the Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC) host Steven Okazaki presenting his films, "Days of Waiting" and "Troubled Paradise," Lewis Junior High School Auditorium, 5170 Greenbrier Ave., San Diego, 2 p.m. Admission: \$10, \$7, students. Information: UPAC, 619/232-6454.

Installations

Detroit—Saturday, March 20, Hotel Baromette, 27790 Novi Rd, 5 p.m. Japanese banquet. Speaker: Ken Kashiwara, bureau chief, ABC news. Dinner: 10-piece bento box dinner. Cost: \$22. JACL members; \$25, non-members. Lodging: \$69 per night, reduced rate. Information: Mary Kamido, 313/522-7817; Ernie Otsu, 313/847-0108, or Toshi Shimoura, 313/356-3089.

Philadelphia—Saturday, March 27, Coastline Restaurant in Cherry Hill, Coastlines will also be recognized. Santa Barbara—Sunday, March 14, Montecito Country Club, 5 p.m. Information: 805/967-2526.

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Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka

Yoshino, Yoshimura honored by Asian American group

Bill Yoshino, JACL Midwest regional director, was honored with the Pan Asian American Award for 1993 by the Asian American Coalition of Chicago.

Yoshino was honored for his numerous accomplishments in Chicago and in the state in addressing the concerns of the Asian American community, which included anti-Asian violence, legislative initiatives for the Asian American community and empowerment in state and local governments.

The coalition also recognized Kiyo Yoshimura as the recipient of the community service award from the Japanese American community.

A retired social worker, Yoshimura is a member of the National Association of Social Workers Committee on Racism. She serves on the board of various organizations, including the Fellowship of Asian Americans, the Japanese American Service Committee and the Heiwa Terrace senior residence. Yoshimura is currently assisting the Chicago Japanese American Historical Society in its compilation of an oral history of Japanese Americans in



BILL YOSHINO
Receives Pan Asian Award

Chicago.

The awards were presented at the 10th annual Lunar New Year Celebration held Feb. 13, an event hosted in rotation among each of the Asian ethnic communities. Among the 1,000 in attendance were numerous dignitaries from throughout metropolitan Chicago's Asian American communities, as well as Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar, Sens. Paul Simon and Carol Mosely-Braun, and others from the state's political community. (C)

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SIGNING—Tak Hoshizaki signs his name on 1944 photo of resisters.

Wartime draft resisters reunite

The Heart Mountain draft resisters shared remembrances of their struggles in a ceremonial homecoming Feb. 21 at the Centenary United Methodist Church.

An estimated 400 people watched as Fair Play Committee members Frank Emi, Mits Koshiyama and Gloria Kubota, wife of FPC member Guntaro Kubota reminisced and read from "The Fair Play Committee Papers," articles written before and after the war by participants.

Other participants in the program included Lawson Inada, Dwight Chuman, and Grace Kubota Ybarra.

In 1944, 63 of the Heart Mountain resisters were tried and convicted of draft evasion and sentenced to average terms of two and a half years.

JACL in 1990, offered belated recognition to the Heart Mountain Resisters saying "they too deserve a place of honor and respect" in Japanese American history. During the war, JACL opposed the draft resisters.

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Educating young people

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Twenty-five Asian American and Pacific Islander teenagers gathered recently in Los Angeles for a session in intercultural communication. The one-day workshop, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ), was the second of two experimental programs for teens from ethnic minorities and new immigrant families.

The young people, students from the Los Angeles Unified School District and San Gabriel and Alhambra high schools, held small group discussions, assisted by NCCJ Asian American facilitators, to explore issues surrounding their ethnicity and ethnic identity and prejudice. They were asked to examine their own perceptions about different Asian Ethnic groups, as well as the stereotypes non-Asians hold of them.

The participants were challenged by a values clarification exercise in which each was asked to prioritize his or her own value system with regard to intercultural communication and other issues almost all teenagers face in America.

"This part of the day was very powerful for many in the group," said conference program coordinator Lecia Brooks. "Recognizing that your personal values may not match those of your family or its traditions can cause (feelings of) guilt, but for teens from Asian communities, where traditional family values are very strong, the realization

Teens hold intercultural dialogue



DIALOGUE—Students from the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities explore issues surrounding cultural diversity at a special one-day workshop sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Los Angeles.

of this internal dilemma can be especially painful."

The workshop series is part of a county-wide disaster recovery program called Project Rebound, a joint effort of the NCCJ and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. The program was funded by a nine-month Federal Emergency Management Administration

grant. The NCCJ, a 65-year old non-sectarian human relations education and training organization, sponsors the Brotherhood/Sisterhood USA camps each summer and conducts numerous year-round workshops and leadership development programs.

Information: 213/385-0491. (U)

Learning about camp

San Francisco-area children experience internment in a program sponsored by the Japanese American Historical Society...

By **CHIZU IYAMA**
Contra Costa Chapter, JACL

SAN FRANCISCO—It was an excited group of children who recently lined up outside of the room waiting to view the exhibit "Children of the Detention Camps" and "Enemy Alien—A

19th as the "Day of Remembrance."

Sponsored by the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) and Japantown Art and Media (JAM) workshop, the exhibit consisted of 35 photos, artifacts, an enlarged picture of a camp, drawings and wood sculptures made in camp, and a life-sized depiction of a woman on a farm. It was held at the hospitality room of Union Bank in San Francisco's Japan Center.

"The children were so well behaved, and so interested in our stories," declared Marshall Sumida and Ernest Iiyama, docents who made the exhibits come to life with their personal remembrances.

"For some of the teachers and aides, this was the first time they heard about the detention camps" mused Amy Funabiki who helped to put up the exhibit.

Some of the teachers prepared their students by assigning them activities in connection with the exhibit. The children came from first grade classes to the sixth grade, and made some

thoughtful remarks, as well as child like responses to questions.

When asked what they would bring if they were sent away, not knowing where they were going, nor what kind of conditions they would encounter, and could only take what they could carry, some of the first grade boys shouted, "Guns!" Their teacher gulped and replied that guns would have been confiscated. "Then we'll shoot them," announced one little boy with a big grin.

Girls spoke about taking photos of their homes, their pets and their friends so "they won't forget them." Other practical children shouted, "Backpacks... so we could bring more things." Some girls declared, "We won't go." When pressed as to what they would do to evade the detention camps they asserted they would resort to plastic surgery or wear buttons which had inscribed "I am Chinese."

The story of Mrs. Hirano, an Issei woman in camp, intrigued the children, as one wide-eyed little girl said respectfully, "She must be very old." Another playful boy kissed the life-size replica of Mrs. Hirano working on a farm.

"We enjoy working with the S.F. School District on this annual event" stated Rox Tonal, executive director of the NJAHS. "Ms. Chris Hiroshima and the teachers have been so cooperative. We believe that the exhibits, and especially the docents with their stories of their incarceration help children understand the lessons of the detention camps."

Docents included Kiku Funabiki, Yukio and Sue Hayashi, Chizu and Ernest Iiyama, Jim Kajiwara, Sox Kitashima, Wally Nunotani, Marshall Sumida, and Babe and Helen Utsumi. (U)

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Japanese American National Museum

'We Shall Overcome' exhibit in Little Tokyo

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

Seven Japanese American and one Japanese Canadian experiences involved during the tumultuous civil rights movements of the 1960s are in the special exhibit through the end of February during Black History month at the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo.

Rare photographs, statements and two front pages from the *Pacific Citizen* (1963) are included. Works and statements are from: George Inadomi, Yuri Kochiyama and her daughter Audee Holman, K. Patrick Okura, Hideko Patricia Sumi, Paul Tsuneishi, the Rev. Michael Yasutake, and Canadian-born Tamio Wakayama. Okura declared that "without the record established in 1963 (when JACL participated in the March on Washington with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and other Black leaders), we would not have had the support of civil rights leaders for redress."

The exhibit is on display down stairs in the Legacy Center.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH was observed by the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo with two front pages of the *Pacific Citizen* recounting the JACL participation in the August, 1963, "March on Washington for Jobs," photographs of the march and a statement by K. Patrick Okura. The special Legacy Center exhibit, "We Shall Overcome," ran throughout February.

Photos:
HARRY K. HONDA



TALK OF THE TOWN—Presenting being called the "Pavilion," a crescent-shaped five-story addition to the Japanese American National Museum, designed by architect Gyo Obata of St. Louis, is unveiled at the 1993 annual meeting in Los Angeles Feb. 13. It will provide 65,000 sq. ft. triple the space of the museum at the old Nishi Hongwanji in Little Tokyo.

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By Dr. Mitsuo Miura

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Beyond the countless strands of barbed wire, which was responsible for the depressing atmosphere of hopelessness and physical and emotional torment, the skies above were much brighter and farther, beyond the distant horizon, there continued persistently an invisible and imperceptible demonstration against the forceful and inhumane deprivation of their cherished tranquility which had once belonged to the praiseworthy and proudly innocent people.

Considering all that had happened, and the overwhelming evidence of total disregard for their inalienable rights, their innocence, and guiltlessness, and their unblameworthiness, in truth, a rose had been crushed and was willfully cast behind barbed wires.

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ON the Agenda

By TAIHEI SHIMIN

PERSPECTIVES AND PAINT: The Chicago Chapter, JACL, recently scheduled a special event to recognize the 51st anniversary of E.O. 9066—a Day of Remembrance featuring Sanel re-creations of the Japanese American internment and resettlement. The program included a "History and Memory: For Akiko and Takashige," an autobiographical documentary by Chicago-born Sanel Rea Taliri who re-created her family's past through personal recollections, archival film footage, Hollywood movies, footage shot in camp, and film of a 1988 family pilgrimage to Poston. Also featured was Dwight Okita's play, "The Salad Bowl Dance," a comedy-drama about a Nisei woman who comes to Chicago after internment... You want dedication? How's this?—A gang of Chicago Chapter members marched down to the office on a recent Saturday and painted the place. The "Order of the Paint Brush" was awarded to Carol Murakami as fastest on the draw. "Best Dressed Painter Award" went to Joy Yamasaki (the Tai Guy saw a photo... well, maybe...) Geoff Tanl got the "Best Artist Award." Other volunteers getting the brush-off: Ross Harano (even the prez was painting), Janice Honda (she's an interior designer and gave the place a better look), David Igasaki, Nelson Katsuse, Bill Mukai, Donna Ogura, Smokey Sakurada, Christine Takada, Eugene Yamamoto, Bill Yoshino and Carol Yoshino. Tad Tanaka provided pizza—my kinda guy...

SEATTLE SERIES: I told you Seattle Chapter, JACL, was doing good things... The chapter recently announced its weekly workshop series from March 4 through April 8. If you're interested in similar programs, call these people: "Tax and Financial Planning," Ray Ishii, 206/720-5346; "Media Stereotyping," Kip Tokuda, 206/464-6151; "Interracial Families," Janice Yee, 206/587-4223; "Cooperative Pluralism" (multicultural education), Joy St. Germain, 206/459-6994; "Political Action: Our Right, Our Responsibility," Arlene Old, 206/684-0106; and "You Are What You Eat," Gail Tanaka, 206/624-2907...

GOING GOLFING: Some would say You Are What You Play—and golf is right up there with eating and breathing... Just ask 28 avid JACL golfers roundin' themselves up and headin' for Texas for the annual Houston Caper golf tournament March 13-19. Mas Yamasaki of the Houston Chapter, JACL, tells me that it's mostly Midwesterners participating, led by Bill Yoshino, Midwest regional director. Lance Yamasaki will host a down-home, Texas-style pool party at his place—called a—what else?—hot tub happy hour. Check out the menu: Texas dishes, Tex-Mex, Cajun, Vietnamese, barbecue, steak and Japanese (Nah, Gail's right, You Are What You Eat)... Also featured: memorial tournaments honoring Pete Fujioaka, Detroit Chapter, and Dr. Roy Sugimoto, Houston Chapter. Magician Roy Yee of Detroit will make everybody disappear... The Houston Caper was founded by three former governors of the Midwest District: Dr. Kaz Mayeda, George Sakaguchi and Mas Yamasaki.

ALRIGHT, ARIZONA! The Arizona Chapter, JACL, is especially alert to hate crimes. In their newsletter, they print hotline numbers, including the U.S. Department of Justice (800/347-4283). Other numbers listed are the local Arizona Attorney General's office and the chapter's own Graffiti Hot Line number since the chapter has been victimized before... The entire state is still reading about the youths on trial for the murder of the Thai Buddhist monks near Phoenix. Chapter Vice President Joe Allman always keeps PC alert to new developments... Beginning in March, the Asian/Mexican Office promoting relationships among the local interests, Asia and Mexico will open...

EVENTFUL: The Salt Lake Chapter, JACL, presented its Feb. 6 "U.S. v. Korematsu: Reflections of the Struggle for Justice," with guests speakers Dale Minami and Fred Korematsu... Upcoming, according to President Larry Grant, is a May pilgrimage to the Topaz Relocation Camp site. Most of the participants will be coming from the San Francisco area for the May 29-30 event.

GOOD GOING: Jon Kubokawa, president of the Diablo Valley Chapter, JACL, and Mary Kobayashi, member, were recently honored by the Concord, Calif., Human Relations Commission. Jon received a civil rights advocacy award and Mary was given an inter-cultural award... That's real community activity...

Got a tip for Tai? Send your tidbits to PC at 701 E. 3rd St., Suite 201, Los Angeles, CA, 90013. Agenda is a roundup of organizational news which appears regularly in Pacific Citizen.

REACTIONS

(Continued from page 1)

the American pulse for economic approval. Everyone's interested in how individuals and groups have reacted.

Pacific Citizen, then, made a few checks around the country to get some reaction from the Asian American community to the Clinton plan. Here are some excerpts:

Julie Sasaki, 27, of the Detroit Chapter, JACL, didn't like the speech. "No, (I didn't) because in our part of the country, in the auto industry, we've had jobs cut. We've sacrificed greatly. We don't see the federal government as having a plan in hand," she said. "People wouldn't mind paying taxes if they knew what it was going for."

Sasaki, a buyer for the Automotive Division of Rockwell International, and an independent who voted for Ross Perot, said that Clinton's plan would hurt small businesses.

"Some of the legislation right now is good," she said. "There's solid thinking in it. But some of it is killing small companies, such as small auto suppliers."

In the East, Grayce Ueyehara, 73, of the Philadelphia Chapter, JACL, gave approval.

"Yes, in general I'm happy," she said. "I've always felt that the deficit has dragged the United States into a second-rate economy."

Ueyehara, retired and a Democrat who voted for Clinton, said that she thought the president did a good job of presenting his case.

"I didn't think he answered all of the questions related to the problem. But he was convincing because so many Americans have gone through difficult times lately. I feel the plan shows he is one who wants to do something to find an answer for greater numbers of people who are unemployed."

Ueyehara said, however, that she thought the president would have some difficulty in obtaining what he wants, but hoped that downsizing government would be a high priority.

"Government is so bloated," she said. "I think he needs to do more—(cutting) 100,000 jobs is a drop in the bucket. It's not enough."

As a senior citizen, Ueyehara said that she was willing to go along with Clinton's plan to tax Social Security. "I think it's for the greater good. Just because you're retired doesn't mean you shouldn't be touched. So if people have enough income to be comfortable, it's okay."

Taryn Yokomizo, 31, president of the Philadelphia Chapter, JACL, approves of Clinton's plan but feels he could have gone further.

"It's not enough," she said. "(Raising) taxes is okay but I think he wimped out. He didn't cut enough of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid for the wealthy. He could have cut a couple more million off the military. What he did was a drop in the bucket."

Yokomizo, a Democrat who voted for Clinton, said "I'm willing to pay my part. If we don't now, we may never get rid of the deficit. I wouldn't mind paying for the deficit if I know where it's going. There has to be some accountability."

And speaking as a parent and teacher, she said she was glad to hear that the plan included a proposal to immunize children and to revitalize Head Start. "If taxes go up, it's worth it. Head Start is worth it. My kids will have a chance. (In the past), government has mortgaged our future. We need to bite the bullet. That's investing in the future," she said.

Jon Kaji, 37, of the Gardena Valley Chapter, JACL, and national secretary/treasurer, said he wants to see more of the specifics

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San Jose Nikkei Singles

Incoming 1993 San Jose Nikkei Singles officers were recently installed in Los Gatos, Calif. From left are Mae Inouye, treasurer; Miyo Toko, president; Shiz Nishimura, recording secretary; Bette Uchida, first vice president; and Adele Hirose, second vice president. Not pictured is Tomoye Taketa, corresponding secretary.

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Kimura is guest speaker at St. Louis installation

By SHERRY SHIMAMOTO PRATT
 St. Louis Chapter, JACL

ST. LOUIS—JACL National President Lillian Kimura updated members about activities of the national office at the St. Louis Chapter, JACL, inaugural dinner Feb. 13.

Kimura told members that she would like the JACL to "become a major player in helping leaders make decisions" that affect Asian Americans and other minorities.

She praised the chapter, particularly board member Michael Hoshiko, for relaying information about the fire at the University of Illinois-Carbondale international student house facility. She also congratulated Hoshiko and George Sakaguchi for their leadership in completing the Rohrer restoration and Jerome dedication projects.

Outgoing chapter president Steven Mitori recapped the chapter's activities. He congratulated members for their participation in Asian American Heritage Month festivities, the Japanese Festival at the Missouri Botanical Garden, an educational event with the St. Louis Chapter of the American Jewish Committee, and meetings of national, JACL, and of the Midwest District.

Joe Yokota, St. Louis Legacy Fund chairman, reported that the chapter has reached 75 percent of its goal and is striving toward 100 percent participation among its

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members. Kimura reminded members that Legacy Fund earnings are available to chapters for special projects.

MDC Gov. Al Hida, who installed the 1993 St. Louis Chapter officers, encouraged the chapter to network and to support the Legacy Fund.

New chapter President Kendall Itoku told members he wants to keep the chapter united. "JACL is our community," he said. "It's important that we have a strong, active chapter and share our experiences." ☐

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Saiki: adding up the numbers

In her final speech as head of the U.S. Small Business Administration, Patricia Saiki recently provided the Mile-Hi Chapter of JACL with some thought-provoking numbers:

* Asian Americans account for less than 3 percent of the nation's population. Yet they own more than 4 percent of U.S. businesses.

* Between 1982 and 1987, the number of firms owned by Asian Americans increased 89 percent to a total of 355,000. The number of employees in these firms more than doubled and annual receipts rose 161 percent to \$33 billion, making it the fastest growing U.S. business sector.

* Ninety-nine percent of all U.S. companies are classified as small businesses. They generate 54 percent of all sales and employ 57 percent of the private workforce.

I didn't have an opportunity to ask Saiki about more recent statistics, but what she accomplished in the two years of her administration makes it likely that the figures are even more impressive.

One achievement was an amendment to the so-called 8-A program providing minor-

ity firms greater access to government contracts. Perhaps more intriguing was adoption of a program based on the old Asian idea of *tanomoshi* to aid very small businesses—needing loans of as little as \$500 or \$1,000—to get a start.

In an earlier time Asian immigrants unable to get credit from banks organized cooperative groups which put their savings into a pool from which members could borrow. Saiki persuaded Congress such a "micro-loan" concept with federal assistance could be made to work for Americans today.

Non-profit micro-loan organizations with financial know-how were set up in each of the 50 states and provided with \$750,000—peanuts in these times—to get the small loans program started. The idea is that borrowers must pay back the money with interest to make funds available for other borrowers. It's working, says Saiki, "my Japanese heritage came in handy."

Saiki was elected to Congress in 1986 and 1988, the only Republican ever elected to the House from Hawaii. In the 1990 election Saiki left her House seat to run for the Senate. She was defeated, 188,901 to

155,978, by incumbent Daniel K. Akaka who had been appointed to complete the term of the late Spark Matsunaga.

The day after that election President Bush offered Saiki the SBA appointment. When Bush was defeated last November, Saiki was among those ticketed for replacement. She left office on inauguration day and will be teaching temporarily at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

After that, what? Saiki is exploring several ideas. One is to set up an organization in Washington to give Asian Americans a vehicle for being heard in government. "I think," she told her Denver audience, "it is time for the JACL along with the other Asian American organizations to unite and have an effective voice in Washington."

Nor is a run for governor of Hawaii out of the question in 1994 when the incumbent, John D. Waihele is ineligible to seek reelection. Stay tuned. ☐

Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor of the *Denver Post*. His column appears weekly in the *Pacific Citizen*.

IN-SIGHT

Meeting members in the Midwest

By LILLIAN KIMURA
JACL National President

In spite of a snowfall of several inches, I was able to leave Newark over Valentine's weekend for the 8t. Louis Chapter, JACL, inaugural dinner. This was a wonderful family affair as parents and children join together to celebrate another year.

Outgoing president Steven Mitori is the third generation of his family to serve the chapter board. Incoming President Dr. Kendall Itoku was raised in Chicago before the family moved south. He finished high school in St. Louis, went to college and medical school in Missouri and did his residency in Boston. He told the audience that he looked for a JACL in the area without success so he was glad to be back in St. Louis among family again.

Sam Nakano served as emcee; his daughter Nikki and son-in-law John Hara are also active members. And I was able to bring greetings from John Hayashi, now of San Francisco, to his parents. My thanks to Jodi Carney and her mother Asako Morioka for their overnight hospitality.

Early the next morning Steve drove me to Lambert Airport for a short flight to Minneapolis for the Twin Cities installation. Here too the children have taken over the leadership from their parents.

Outgoing president Mark Honda is the son of Sam and Lily Honda. Sam having served as chapter president and MDC vice governor. Emcee Tom Hara, former chapter president and Gov. of MDC, was joined at the head table by his mother, Kimi Hara who chaired the national scholarship committee in the last biennium and serves as the chapter scholarship chair. Also serving on the board is Chuck Tatsuda Jr., whose father has been a long time leader in the Twin Cities. Incoming president David Hayashi is a transplant from Sacramento.

I was pleased to meet Sansei author David Mura because his mother Terry and aunt Miwako Nakauchi were classmates of mine at Hyde Park High and we all belonged to the same Y Teen Club in Chicago. I appreciated receiving an autographed copy of David's book, "Turning Japanese." It seems to me it is an excellent basis for a discussion on identity especially for a group like the Twin Cities board. Mark Honda pointed out that all the married members of the board have Caucasian spouses.

Let's readers of IN-SIGHT think that my trips are all work and no play, let me hasten to assure you that it is not so. Kimi Hara, Cathy Hara, June Fujino and Helene Shimizu took me to the Mall of America. Purported to be the largest mall in this country, it is built on what was the Vikings Stadium in Bloomfield, Minn.

Anchored on four corners by Macy's, Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom's and Sears, there is a seven-acre themed entertainment park called Knott's Camp Snoopy in the center. It has 23 rides and attractions and three theaters. While many of the shops are the same as you see in any mall, there was a Lego store which featured a number of massive sculptures made from Lego blocks.

Another unusual shop was called BareBones which features anatomical products such as skeletons, chocolate hearts and skulls. It was different! There is also a sports store that has areas in which you can try out the equipment like a basketball, hockey, ski slope, etc. To do the mall justice, you need several days and good shoes.

This ends my travels for a while. I want to express my appreciation to all the chapters I visited for their hospitality and kindnesses. It has been great fun to renew acquaintances and meet new people. That's thirty for now.

National JACL President Kimura's IN-SIGHT column appears regularly in *Pacific Citizen*.

Credit Union anniversary

The National JACL Credit Union will celebrate its 50th anniversary March 13 at the Little America Hotel, 500 South Main, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Cost: \$15 members; \$20 guests; additional \$5 for those without reservations. Information: 800/544-8828. Reservations (by March 9): 801/355-8040. ☐



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Jiten, books & tomes

THE JITEN, entitled "Glossary of Scientific & Technical Terms," (*Kagaku Kōgaku Yō-Go Jiten*) compiled by Louise Watanabe Tung (Watanabe Hisako), must be one of the most comprehensive and up-to-date guide for those involved in technical fields of U.S.-Japan commerce. At least, I've never seen anything quite like it, particularly for one whose principal language is English. (In fact, I do have a commercial dictionary that, unfortunately for me, is intended for one facile in *nihongo* with the result that I need other dictionaries to understand the explanation in the commercial dictionary.) Author Tung's *jiten* consists of some 1,100 pages in two parts: the first part being Japanese-English and the second part being English-Japanese—with both sections reflecting the *kanji* writing of the term and the *romaji* pronunciation thereof. A most helpful feature of the *jiten* is the addition, where appropriate, of a category identification of the term, e.g. computer, electric, engineering, microbiology, etc., so that the reader has a comprehension of the context in which a term might be applied.

The jacket to the book reflect the following bits about Author Tung: she received a bachelor of science degree in Tokyo and a master's degree from the University of Chicago; and accredited member of the American Translators Association. Mrs. Tung has engaged in various facets of translating, not only translating technical papers for companies, agencies, and law offices but also tackling the translation of the 1987 Japanese publication of G. Taguchi's "System of Experimental Design." For those interested but whose local bookstore may not be carrying the book, the jacket indicates the book source: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Prof. Ref. & Trade Group, 605 Third Ave., NYC 10158-0012.

SPEAKING OF BOOKS, Richard S. Oguro (now deceased, from Hawaii) responded to my request for a couple of his writings, entitled "Sempai Gumi" ("oldtimers," or "the originals"—referring to the first group of Nikkei who graduated from the language school during WWII) and "Boys of Company B" referring to a company from the 100th Battalion, of which

Dick was an original member. Written in a straightforward, unpretentious manner, both books are personalized, first-hand accounts of what Dick saw, heard and experienced. As an intimate Nikkei's account, these books belong in any Nikkei library.

A FEW YEARS AGO, a Nikkei lady who apparently was stranded in China when WWII ended, sent me a manuscript describing her experiences. She asked me for my comments on the writing, and although I was flattered that she believed I had such competence, because of pressure of various legal cases then pending, I was compelled to postpone reading. But I ultimately did, and I found the recital and the drama intriguing. Just about that time, the lady (from California as I now recall) somewhat abruptly asked for the return of the papers, to which I promptly responded. I did not retain her name or address, and if she should happen to read this particular column, I want her to know that her script had, in my opinion, much potential. It could be developed in a dramatic movie—whether

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Voices from Japan

By TERUHIKO MANO
economist, Sankei Shinbun

The Japanese government should cooperate with the Clinton in adjusting yen-dollar exchange rates to lower the prices of U.S. products in Japan, says economist Teruhiro Mano. In an approach similar to that of Treasury Sec. Lloyd Bentsen, Mano calls for dynamic coordination of monetary policy by the Group of Seven. Enlightened self-interest demands that Tokyo slash its trade surplus with the United States, Mano says.

Seeking fresh leadership for the post-Cold War era, the American people have voted Bill Clinton into the White House.

At this stage, exactly what the president-elect's policies will be is unclear. But judging from Clinton's campaign, his record as governor of Arkansas and the current state of the U.S. economy, unemployment will be his most pressing concern.

Creating jobs will be the dominant factor in determining overall economic policy. The new president is likely to increase federal assistance to the states to encourage more spending on public works. He will simulta-

neously have to bring down the fiscal deficit, a crippling burden on the U.S. economy.

Implementing cuts in politically sensitive areas like defense and health care, and boosting revenues with higher taxes on households with incomes over \$200,000 will require close cooperation with Congress.

This policy mix has two built-in risks. If infrastructure projects proceed without slashes in expenditures, the deficit could spiral higher. Alternatively, preoccupation with putting people to work could delay efforts to improve industrial competitiveness, which is crucial for curtailing the chronic trade deficit.

President George Bush is being evicted from the Oval Office after a single term because the trade and budget deficits have dragged the United States into its worst recession in more than 50 years. Whether Clinton meets with the same fate will ultimately depend on his ability to stem the hemorrhaging during the next four years, while also bringing unemployment down to an acceptable level.

This daunting task might push Clinton toward protectionist policies, such as

squeezing more tax revenue out of foreign companies operating in the United States, applying American antitrust law overseas, and supporting tougher retaliation against allegedly unfair trade practices.

Nevertheless, it would be wrong to assume that Washington will erect more barriers to trade simply because Clinton is a Democrat. A lot will depend on what happens to the twin deficits. We must at least wait and see who is chosen for the cabinet and other key government positions.

In Clinton's first 100 days, we can expect more pressure on Japan. The new administration will probably demand greater access to our markets, push for managed trade, and seek to adjust the dollar-yen exchange rate to boost U.S. exports and curb Japan's. The Congress will back this up with a trade bill full of sanctions.

Tokyo's response will go a long way in determining how protectionist the United States will be. We should not give in to every demand, of course, but reducing our giant-trade surplus is vital for bilateral relations.

The greenback may temporarily strengthen as investors and speculators

move out of the flagging Deutsche mark, but the U.S. Treasury will soon be tempted to drive the yen higher against the dollar. A stronger yen would help correct the trade imbalance by making Japanese exports more expensive in the United States and lowering the prices of U.S. products in Japan.

Since the European Community is also running a huge trade deficit with Japan, Germans would surely accept an upward realignment of the yen as long as the dollar remained stable against the mark. Given the tripolar structure of the global monetary system, yen appreciation does not necessarily mean dollar devaluation vis-à-vis other currencies.

That is where the Group of Seven leading industrial nations come into the picture. Their coordination of economic policy in the search for sustained worldwide growth should go beyond occasional adjustments in interest rates.

Recall how effectively the United States, Japan, West Germany, France and Britain, later joined by Italy and Canada, cooperated in manipulating the exchange mar-

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Voices

By ALISON FONG and CRAIG MINAMI

The phrase "family style" is used at Chinese restaurants when everyone orders a separate dish with the intent to share it with everybody at the table. We believe that this phrase must now be part of the solution to the complex problems confronting Los Angeles today. The greater Los Angeles area is among the most diverse populations in our country. Diversity in this city extends beyond ethnic boundaries and includes sexual orientation, economic discrimination and so on. One can only imagine the challenges that local government and community based organizations are currently facing.

Learning about the diverse communities, the institutionalized political process, the governmental agencies, and community based organizations is the first step. Unless we understand these dynamics, we cannot begin to respond to the needs and demands of our community.

Recently in mid-January of this year, we, along with four other PSWD members, participated in the Los Angeles Public Affairs Program, which was organized by Jon Kaji and PSW Regional Director Jimmy Tokeshi. The purpose of the four day program is to expose its participants to local government officials and community based organizations.

On a Sunday, we went on a guided tour of the Japanese American National Museum



Photo: JIMMY TOKESHI

PARTICIPANTS—Taking part in a recent Los Angeles Public Affairs Program were, from left, Mark Greenblatt, Gary Mayeda, Alison Fong, Craig Minami, May Yamamoto, Neil Sugimoto and Jon Kaji.

in Little Tokyo. At dinner that night, we discussed our upcoming meetings with the local government and community leaders.

The first full day included visits to local government officials, community leaders and the media. We met with the following men and women: Gil Garcetti, the Los Angeles County district attorney; Ron Wakabayashi and Eugene Mornell, executive directors for the Los Angeles City and County Human Relations Commissions, respectively; Jeff Matsui and Jill Nishi from the Mayor's Office; Barry Sanders and Annie Cho of Rebuild L.A.; Kathy Imahara from the Asian Pacific American

Legal Center of Southern California; and members of the editorial and business staff of the *Los Angeles Times*.

Those visits left us with mixed emotions. On the one hand, it was encouraging to hear Garcetti express a real concern for the rising amount of hate crimes in our community. But, it was also evident that these people are burdened by the overwhelming needs of the community and the limited resources available. For example, no one doubts that racial tensions throughout our community is at the top of the list of problems we must deal with. Wakabayashi and Mornell have paid staffs, including them-

selves, of 2 and 18 members to deal with communities of over three and nine million people, respectively. From these meetings, we observed that public policy is driven by the amount of resources available, rather than public policy driving resources.

The second full day was mostly filled with meetings with local and national directors of these community-based organizations; Joe Hicks of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Arturo Vargas from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund; Rabbi Gary Greenbaum from the American Jewish Committee; Ramona Ripston of the American Civil Liberties Union; and Dennis Hayashi from the JACL. We also met with Warren Furutani, board member of the Los Angeles Unified School District; Angela Oh, president of the Korean American Bar Association; Rose Ochi from the Mayor's Office; and members of the editorial staff of the *Rafu Shimpo* newspaper.

It was obvious that fighting for political, social and economic justice was a way of life for these leaders. For many of these organizations, they represent and support underrepresented groups to the institutionalized political arena while also being forced to compensate for limited governmental services. Often, it is through these organizations, that public policy affecting these underrepresented groups is achieved.

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Moshi moshi

Akebono—the name means dawn's early light—the new Yokozuna and former Ozeki of the Ozumo, Japan's organized national sumo, is 204 cm. tall, and weighs 200 kg., or 6 feet 8 inches and 440 pounds. Akebono is the tallest champion in the past 70 years. Closest to him in height was Ouchiya of some years back, 202 cm, or 6 feet 7 inches. The tallest Ozeki on record goes back to the Edo era. Shakagadake was 223 cm, or 7 feet 4 inches, and Kumonryu, 208 cm, or 6 feet 9 inches.

Rikishi—the official designation of *sumotori*—are huge men, compared with the general populace. But besides the men cited above, they are pygmies. Of the 50 Yokozunas from the end of the 18th century, when the title Yokozuna was officially established as the highest rank, to 1965, only 15 were over 6 feet tall, though they weighed an average of 299 pounds. The two most celebrated Yokozunas of history, Hitachiyama and Umegetani, were 5 feet 8.5 inches, 321 pounds, and 5 feet 6 inches and 370 pounds, respectively.

There are 70 *sumogaijin* rookies in *Osuno* (the national organization of the sumo). They represent Brazil, China, Korea, Taiwan, Hawaii, Canada, Australia, and of all places, even England. The rookies' training is grueling. Takamiyama, the first Hawai-

ian to break the barrier against a foreigner, rose to *Sekiwake* and established a record for consecutive matches. Reminiscing about his hard beginnings, he said the *matawari* exercise (spread eagle in ballet and gymnastics) was so painful that he used to cry. Now retired as *Toshiyori* Azumazeki, he heads his own *heya* (stable) bearing his name. Akebono is the first Ozeki produced by his *heya*. *Toshiyori*, elder, is stockholder in the organization.

Rikishi must belong to some *heya*. Rookies must live communally in a dormitory where he must perform all sorts of menial tasks from cooking to toilet bowl cleaning. They also must serve their *anideshi* (elder-brother pupil) in all sorts of go-fers. *Fundoshi hatsugi*, loin cloth carrier, the popular lay designation by which they are often called is more descriptive than merely

contemptuous.

For *gaijin* rookies another hardship to overcome is the peculiar sumo cuisine called *chanko ryori*. It is a blend of stew, bouillabaisse and mizutaki cooked in a large wok, of which all morsels are heroic size. It is nutritionally well balanced, and very tasty. It is gaining popularity in the lay world. But as a steady diet morning and night—*rikishi* eat only two meals a day—and day in and day out, it could be monotonous.

Have you ever wondered why the sudden recent interest in sumo as a career in foreign countries? The ease of entry certainly seems a factor. Without exception they are taller and heavier than qualifying measurements, 174 centimeters (.5 feet 8.5 inches), and 75 kilograms (165 pounds), which are fairly large for the Japanese. Appeal to their ego may be another.

By JIN KONOMI

The sumo lifestyle



But more than anything else, I think it is the generous pay. The *Maegashira*, *Komusubi* and *Sekiwake*, the three ranks below Ozeki, get ¥1,077,000 per month, ¥50,000 per tournament, of which there are 6 regular and others on tour, and they retire on a ¥7,000,000 severance pay, plus ¥250,000 yen per tournament participated. The Ozeki monthly pay is ¥1,497,000. The tournament pay is ¥150,000; his retirement pay is ¥10,000,000 plus ¥400,000 per tournament. Besides, he is given ¥500,000 as prize when he gets promoted to Ozeki.

Akebono, before he became Ozeki, had bought a house for his parents in Hawaii. This sort of "koto bidan" (beautiful story of filial devotion) has always gone big with the Japanese. I think it is a big factor in his popularity. Another factor seems to be his progress with the Japanese language. Recently a newspaper man asked how heavy he was. "My *leit kintama* is 100 kilo," he answered, grinning mischievously. "The other one too is 100 kilo, so the two together I must be 200 kilo," and he roared with laughter. A very vulgar joke, but certainly shows his mastery of Japanese. His promotion to Yokozuna did not have quite the unpleasant hassle Konishiki's case had.

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Personally speaking

George Sakaguchi was recently elected to the board of directors of the St. Louis Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Sakaguchi, former governor of the Midwest District, JACL, has served as chairman of several JACL national committees. He is the project director for the Rohwer/Jerome Restoration Committee, which recently completed the restoration of the monuments at the Rohwer Cemetery and erected a monument at the site of the former Jerome Relocation Center.

Sakaguchi is also a member of the Volunteer Services Committee of the Bi-State Chapter of the American Red Cross, advisor to the St. Louis CORO Office, and vice president of the St. Louis Metro Seniors Golf Association.

He has also been awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Award for the World of Difference Program in St. Louis.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews is a civic group whose activities emphasize religious tolerance. He will serve a three-year term.

Ruth Asawa and David K. Lam are among five prominent civic, business and education leaders who are scheduled to be honored at a March 4 University of San Francisco-sponsored event. The USF Center for the Pacific Rim and the Ricci Institute for Chinese-Western Cultural History will present Asian Pacific awards to Asawa and Lam for their leadership in and contributions to Asian American affairs in the Bay Area.

Asawa, an artist known for her lithographs, drawings and sculptures, has exhibited at major museums, galleries and corporate headquarters throughout the country. In 1989, she received the Cultural Award from the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California and the Arts Award from the Asian Heritage Council.

Lam is president and CEO of Expert Edge Corporation, a Palo Alto, Calif.-based company he co-founded in 1989 to develop, market and support knowledge-based software. He is formerly president of Link Technologies.

Lam is director and immediate past chairman of the 600-member Asian American Manufacturers Association, a Silicon Valley-based association.

Marie Morisawa recently was honored with a University of Wyoming Distinguished Alumni award for her work in geomorphology, the nature and origin of the earth's surface.

She received her bachelor's degree in mathematics cum laude from Hunter College in New York in 1941 and her graduate degree

Making deposits in a blood bank

Yukio Shimomura, executive with Fujitsu ICL System and a resident of Carlsbad, Calif., recently received the

Trailblazer Award from the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) for his volunteer efforts to recruit minority marrow donors with the San Diego Blood Bank. "Yukio's tireless commitment to the San Diego Blood Bank and to helping others have truly made a difference to leukemia patients everywhere seeking an unrelated marrow transplant," said Lynn Stedd, community relations director for the blood bank which nominated him for the award.



YUKIO SHIMOMURA
Working for a good cause

It was the plight of Brian Tanaka, a young Vista, Calif., resident who suffered from leukemia and was having difficulty finding a match due to his Hispanic and Japanese heritage, that brought Shimomura into contact with the bank in 1990.

Eventually 1,845 potential

creating the Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches, a recruitment organization for the NMDP.

This group helped to establish recruitment drives within Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Vietnamese and East Asian communities.

in geology from the University of Wyoming where she conducted extensive field work in surface geology and wild rivers. She obtained her Ph.D. from Columbia University, New York, in 1960.

Morisawa has been a teacher at Bryn Mawr College, the University of Montana, Antioch College and the State University of New York at Binghamton where she spent 20 years before retiring two

years ago. She is also the author of more than 30 articles in major geological journals, an editor and contributor to two volumes on stream processes, founder and editor in chief of the journal *Geomorphology* and author of a textbook, *Streams: Their Dynamics and Morphology*.

Morisawa is an active member of the Japanese Methodist Church in New York City.

In college leadership conference



LISA SUGIMOTO
in year-long program

Long Beach City College dean of counseling Lisa Sugimoto will participate in an international leadership training program for college women administrators

throughout the year. Originally from Pasadena, Calif., and the daughter of Pasadena residents George and Ruri Sugimoto, she will study counseling department staffing strategies to meet student needs in a time of change and financial constraints.

Sugimoto joined the college in 1989 and formerly handled responsibilities in the counseling program at Cerritos College in Norwalk, Calif.

She holds master's degrees in counselor education (1977) and business administration (1987) from the University of Southern California, where she is pursuing a doctorate in higher education administration.

PROTECTION

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kets to almost double the yen's value between the Plaza Accord of September 1985 and the Louvre Agreement of February 1987.

Upward pressure on the yen is mounting within Japan, in any case, quite apart from the necessity to reduce trade imbalances.

From 1984 through 1990, Japan's basic balance of payments, which includes trade and long-term movements of capital, was actually in the red as corporations financed the rapid global expansion of their operations and institutional investors poured large amounts of money into overseas assets.

By 1990, the cumulative net outflow of capital had reached \$200 billion, and the resulting deficit was covered by the banks'

short-term borrowing on the Euromarkets.

With the onset of recession in 1991, however, the flow of funds reversed. Japan's balance of payments went sharply into the black, and the banks are paying back more than they are borrowing.

As long as the surplus in the basic balance is canceled out by the cost of repayments, it has no impact on exchange rates. But the surplus in 1992, expected to be even larger than in 1991, will probably be sufficient to wipe out the rest of the debts accumulated during the years of capital outflow.

From the beginning of 1993, therefore, the net flow of capital into Japan will drive down the value of the dollar on foreign exchange markets.

Although a further appreciation of the yen would deal a heavy

blow to our export industries, it would help to tame our monster trade surplus. Exports are the main reason for the yen's rise in the first place and the underlying cause of friction with our trading partners. In a sense, our manufacturers have brought this on themselves.

A further adjustment in foreign exchange rates, which will speed up the process of economic restructuring, will be good for Japan. Imports can improve the quality of life by freeing land, labor and materials from production. Then we could redirect those resources to upgrading the nation's infrastructure, from housing stock to roads and airports. This is the path to sustainable economic growth.

Translated from the Japanese newspaper Sankei Shinbun by The Asia Foundation.

SPOKANE

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during a November party meeting. Drumheller, state Democratic Party vice chairwoman, allegedly bowed *gasho* style during a recent meeting of the Affirmative Action Committee after Spokane Chapter, JACL, member Chris Marr refused to shake hands with her.

Reacting to the recent developments, Marr said, "The mayor is the first publicly elected official who has come out and said these specific actions must take place—the resignation and apology. She was out of town when these things first took place, so she deserves some credit for dealing with the issue promptly."

The Spokane Chapter member, speaking as an individual, suggested that JACL now ask other elected officials on the local, county, and state levels to speak out on the issue.

"We need to ask for the same level of response from every elected official in the state and county as well as Rep. Foley (D) and Senators Murray (D) and Gorton (R). The sheriff, county prosecutors are all elected officials, they should come out and state their opinions for the record," said Marr. ☐

REACTIONS

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of the president's plan.

"I listened to the president's speech very intently," said Kaji, a Republican who voted for Bush. "Personally, I would prefer the administration to weigh its plan toward phasing in more spending cuts in the first five years and then gradually increase taxes rather than vice versa. I feel that would be acting in the best interests of the country. The same goal of deficit reduction would be achieved."

Kaji says that in California, he thinks there needs to be less of a tax burden and more incentives. "Perhaps other part of the country are in a better position to bear the brunt," he said. "I don't know if the business community can stand a double whammy."

As a real estate businessman, he is still concerned with the state's recession, particularly in the South Bay area of Los Angeles which has been hit hard by cutbacks in defense-related jobs. "There's been a decline in employment and that has a direct effect on real estate values," he said. "For myself, I haven't had adverse effects. My firm is now engaged in assisting both foreign and domestic owners in asset management and restructuring debts. . . . If business continues to decline, there is no way to stop decline of real estate values. I will find it more personally difficult."

Barry Saiki, 73, of the Stockton Chapter, JACL, thought the president brought out key issues and proposed logical solutions but believes that implementation will be difficult.

"My taxes will go up but it will be within an affordable range in view of my moderate retirement funds," he said. "It is obvious that some action needed to be taken, before our economy goes down the drain."

Saiki is a registered Democrat who votes as an independent. Last year he did not vote for Clinton or Bush, but added that "I would like to have Clinton succeed in carry-

ing out his programs against all of the opposition he will be encountering."

Bill Mukai, 30, of the Chicago Chapter, JACL, said that he did not care for the president's talk. He thought the president was trying to portray his plan as a major dramatic change in policy. "Maybe it's a change in policy from Bush, but it's not anything new that hasn't been tried before. The economy doesn't grow by putting additional taxes on people or companies. Companies don't pay taxes, people pay taxes. In essence, that's what he's going to do. People will change their behavior, wealthy people will report less income. Because of tax increases, the economy is going to slow down. The total amount of revenue government takes in will be less. The deficit will be unchanged or higher. The only way to do it is to reduce spending," Mukai said.

Mukai believes that Clinton has strayed far from what he said during the campaign for the presidency. "If Clinton talked about doing this, you have to question whether he would have gotten elected."

In the end, he believes that tax increases without significant cuts won't work—and that will make people increasingly cynical.

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ern California.

"Whether or not you think the program will work, it's the first time in the post-war era that a president has made achieving economic strength a top priority," said Prestowitz. "Clinton said we need to be concerned about strategic industries—it is a dramatic change."

In his speech before Congress Feb. 17, Clinton said, "The world is changing so fast that we must have aggressive targeted attempts to create the high-wage jobs of the future; that's what all our competitors are doing."

"We must give special attention to those critical industries that are going to explode in the 21st century but that are in trouble in America today like aerospace," said Clinton, foreshadowing the announcement Feb. 18 by Boeing of massive layoffs.

"Domestically, we see the implications," said Prestowitz, "if the budget deficit monster is not slain now, we are in deep, deep trouble. By 2015, we'll be digging for roots. At least we're attacking it with concern for the overall structure."

Prestowitz, a Reagan appointee in the Commerce Department and author of *Trading Places*, speaking on the Clinton factor in

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HOWARD CHUJI ATSUMI

Funeral service for Howard Chuji Atsumi, 56, a Stockton born Nisei who passed away on February 14 at Menlo Park, California, was held on Saturday, February 20, at the Garden Valley Baptist Church, 1630 W. 158th St., Gardena, under the direction of Fukui Mortuary. He is survived by his wife Cookie, daughters Julianne, Carolyn, Denise and Janice, mother Reini Atsumi, brothers Richard and George Atsumi, sisters Nancy Atsumi and Myrtle (K) Shibata, sisters-in-law Aki (Dr. Paul) Tsukahara, Sachi (Tami) Watanabe of Washington and Frances (Bruce) Kaji, aunt Mary Yoshimura, cousin Robert Yoshimura and many nieces and nephews.

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FAMILY

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We met with J.D. Hokoyama, of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics during the final morning session. After the program, each participant was asked to make commitments to the community and to themselves. Everyone was inspired by the commitment of the men and women we met with and after having the opportunity to speak with them, it made us realize the need for committed people in those positions is greater than ever. It was also interesting to see the number of JACLers who are active in governmental service and coalition building activities. Also, as Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, we need to recognize our growing population and demand representation and accessibility to the political, social, and economic arenas.

As we said at the beginning, we felt the phrase "family style" was appropriate for the feelings that were expressed to us during the program. There is a belief that is commonly carried throughout the community that it is not enough to just show up at the table, you must bring something to the table in order to be accepted. There is also a definite concern that if the trend towards ethnocentrism continues, as if all of us were not facing the same troubles, soon the Balkanization of Los Angeles would become a reality. Working together will be a difficult process but we must begin now or else the problems we face today, will continue to exist tomorrow. The battle for equality and justice is not one which can be won alone.

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U.S. trade relations with Japan, said that for too long in the U.S. an attitude toward trade of "computer chips, potato chips—what's the difference" has seen the decline and movement of high tech, high skill industries from America.

"In our economic policy, we focus on interest rates, the budget deficit, but have not paid attention to the underlying structures of the economy, on what we make," said Prestowitz.

"The premise has been that Japan is just like us, thinks the same, economic objectives are the same," said Prestowitz. "By assuming that the systems are the same we leave two explanations, 1—one side is cheating or being unfair or 2—one side is not performing."

Offering that the U.S. and Japan have different economic systems, Prestowitz said, "The Japanese believe in structural economics. I applaud them for it. I only wish the U.S. had adopted similar policies. Now, I am hopeful after Clinton's speech."

He noted that at a recent economic forum in Switzerland a Japanese economist said that Japan would have to change its culture. "It's encouraging. I'm not saying Japan must change its culture, but Japan can change its practices to be more compatible with the rest of the world," said Prestowitz.

As discussion continues throughout the media about whether or not Clinton is a protectionist, Prestowitz criticized the long running debate of protectionism versus free trade for stifling meaningful discussion. "What has troubled me is the stereotypical structure of discussion. Protectionism or free trade—any slight mediation—and there is criticism of heading towards protectionism. What is free trade? The European Community subsidizes Airbus, one result is McDonnell Douglas is in big trouble."

In a time when both the U.S. and Japanese economies are reeling and looking for new ways of dealing with each other, Prestowitz, quoting a Japanese official, said, "Many things are possible if you don't accuse us of being unfair—not be moralistic." Reiterating his optimism, Prestowitz said, "We may in fact usher in a better era of U.S.-Japan relations."

EAST WIND

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produced in Japan or the U.S. One plot in particular, still sticks in my mind.

I RECENTLY RECEIVED a tome—the first part of a two-volume work—authored by Norio Mitsuoka (Seattle) who was in the U.S. Army Air Corps (as it was then known) at the outbreak of WWII. But since I had just started to read the book entitled "Truman" authored by McCullough, somewhat to my dismay, I discovered that McCullough's book consists of some 1,000 pages. My habit of reading such books in small installments—when time permits and the mood moves me. So I'm afraid it will be awhile before I get back to Mr. Mitsuoka's "Nisei Odyssey."

But I'm looking forward to it.

After leaving the bench, Marutani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia. He writes regularly for the Pacific Citizen.

MOSHI

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A gaijin Yokozuna! What will it bode for the future of sumo? Already many of the nagawaza (throws) have vanished from the ring. Akebono's and Konishiki's forte is tsukidashi or yorikiri. Sheer heft speaks here, with little room for waza. Will sumo be like the Anefuto, the American football? When the Tokyo Bowl played last year, the players were whites and blacks, and the Japanese were spectators.

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