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JACL news

High court hears case for stiffer hate crime laws

In a court case which could have wide implications to hate crimes legislation nationwide, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral argument April 21 on a First Amendment challenge to stiffer sentences for crimes committed because of a person's race, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.

The *Washington Post* reported that in the case of *Wisconsin v. Mitchell* the justices seemed sympathetic to the arguments of Wisconsin Attorney General James Doyle who said that stiffer sentences are warranted when a perpetrator selects a victim due to his ethnicity.

The case began in 1989 in Kenosha when Todd Mitchell and other African American youths were discussing the movie *"Mississippi Burning."* Mitchell reportedly said, "Do you all feel hyped up enough to move on some white people?" Then pointing to Gregory Riddick, Mitchell said, "There goes a white boy; go get him." Riddick was beaten and sustained serious injuries including brain damage. Mitchell received four years in prison, two because of the hate crimes enhancement statute.

Mitchell's attorney, Lynn Adelman, argued that the Wisconsin hate crime law seeks to punish thought and no matter how "disgusting" bigotry may be, it is unconstitutional to try to outlaw it.

Commenting on the case, Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington, D.C., representative, said, "We are encouraged by the pointed questions asked by many of the justices indicating that they believed that the statute could not be distinguished from the anti-discrimination laws that have already been found to be constitutional."

JACL filed an amicus brief in support of the Wisconsin statute in conjunction with the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, Asian Law Caucus and Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, said, "We are very pleased that the Department of Justice filed a brief and joined Wisconsin in arguing before the Supreme Court in support of the statute. These kinds of statutes are important in the war against bias motivated violence."

Nixon calls for Japanese aid to Russia

LOS ANGELES —Japan must not sacrifice Boris Yeltsin for the return of the Northern Territories—the four islands off Hokkaido. That was one of the key statements made by former president of the United States and the elder statesman of American foreign policy, Richard M. Nixon.

Speaking April 21 before an enthusiastic and largely Republican audience, Nixon said, "Every free nation has a huge stake in the survival of a non-aggressive, democratic government in Russia. And as one who is a long-time friend of Japan, and who will continue to be, I regret to say that Japan has not done as much in this area as it should have and as it could have."

Looking fit after a long fact-finding trip to Asia and Russia and speaking without the aid of a teleprompter, Nixon said Russia should return the four islands (occupied since 1945) back to Japan, but aid to the former Soviet Union shouldn't hinge upon their return.

"It makes no sense to take that position with the Yeltsin government, because I can assure you, having met most of those who might be his successors, all of them are nationalists. They are Russian nationalists. (Japan) would never get the islands back from any of them."

Nixon also warned that America must not pull its forces out of Japan despite arguments in the U.S. that Japan must take the burden of defending itself. The former president said that such a move would push Japan to rearm and perhaps to gain nuclear weapons capability.

"With the United States gone, it leaves Japan facing Russia, no longer communist, but still a nuclear super power. Facing China with the capability of becoming a nuclear super power and facing even North Korea, trying to become a nuclear power. What do the Japanese do? They have the painful decision, and it will be terribly painful, to go nuclear. We cannot allow that."

The former president also criticized the Clinton administration's move toward managed or results-oriented trade. "We are both great trading nations, great trading nations, therefore, have a common interest in promoting free trade and in resisting protectionism. That's why managed trade, for example, may be a temporary political expedient, but it is not in the long-term interests of the United States or Japan, and I trust will be resisted."

Earlier, Henry Kissinger criticized the Clinton administration for using "endless guerrilla negotiations in which the weakest American industry stakes a claim

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FRAGILE FRIENDSHIP:

UNITED STATES - JAPAN RELATIONS
AND THE BALANCE OF POWER IN POST-COLD WAR ASIA

A NATIONAL POLICY CONFERENCE



The gap

Is it narrowing or getting wider between the U.S. and Japan? Conference draws experts and officials from both sides to discuss the many facets of the problem

Stories by GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

A gathering of friends—or future enemies? The U.S.-Japan relationship has gone through a myriad of changes since the end of World War II. Now with the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War, roles and relationships across the globe are being re-ordered and re-assessed, and so it seems that America's friendship with Japan must also be re-examined. Are we close friends or distant acquaintances? Will our friendship survive the coming years of political flux or will we be torn apart?

Sponsored by the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace and the Japan America Society of Southern California, "Fragile Friendship: United States-Japan relations and the balance of power in post-Cold War Asia," April 20-21 at

the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, was a meeting of powerful friends from both sides of the Pacific, including former U.S. President Richard Nixon, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, and as well as Clinton administration representatives and panelists discussing

issues of trade, security and politics.

No longer in the spotlight of the global arena, but nevertheless important participants, these former leaders of the free world agreed—American and Japanese friendship must be maintained. But there are new factors in the equation. An unstable Russian democracy, North Korean nuclear weapons research and the "waking giant" China looming over everything, are question marks threatening stability of the region and of the world.

Speaking at the opening dinner, Kissinger said he sees in the coming decade that Japan will rearm itself militarily and would eventually have a military "as large as China and Korea put together." A sobering thought, 50

years after World War II. At the conference, attended by more than 300 people, both American and Japanese participants had to ask themselves whether America and Japan will be able to survive as allies or will trade wars and incendiary political rhetoric rend their friendship?

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conference
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Groups seek more Asian American appointments

Asian Pacific American leaders recently met in Washington with Defense Department officials to press for more political appointments. A group, consisting of Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington D.C. representative; Daphne Kwok, executive director, Organization of Chinese Americans; Irene Natividad; Phil Nash, executive director, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium; and Emily Woo, president, Organization of Pan Asian American Women met with Larry Smith, counselor to Defense Secretary Les Aspin, and General Jim Klugh.

Smith said that currently there is only one Asian American expected to be appointed to a high level position within the Defense Department. He encouraged other Asian Pacific Americans to apply and asked the group for their assistance.

Smith said applicants should think creatively about positions in the Defense Department and the department has openings in positions which require skills in environmental matters, technology, financial management and purchasing.

The meeting was part of a series of meetings with high level officials from various federal agencies on the subject of Asian Pacific American appointments.

Do's and don'ts

When it comes to trade, U.S. and Japan still see things differently. Respective representatives take firm stands...

Clinton official: Japan must play bigger role

Derek Shearer, deputy under-secretary for economic affairs, Department of Commerce, speaking at the U.S.-Japan conference April 21 said that Japan in the post-Cold War era cannot be seen nor should act as the little brother of America.

"We do not think Japan should continue to play a little brother role to the United States in the international arena. Japan



SHEARER

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Japan official warns of U.S. protectionism

Using unusually blunt and direct language, Yasuo Tanabe, director for North American Trade Policy Planning, Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Japan (MITI), said the Clinton administration's proposal for managed trade is unacceptable.

Speaking in the panel, "Will Trade War Follow Cold War?" Tanabe said, "Japan will never accept protectionism or managed trade. We will not accept a



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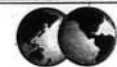
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Calendar

Washington, D.C.

Thursday, May 13—Reception, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, 5-7 p.m., Room 106, DeKoven Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. Information: Phil Tajima Nash, executive director, 202/296-2300.

Sunday, May 30—Annual JACL memorial service at Arlington National Cemetery, Columbian Courtyard, 10:30 a.m. Speaker: Rep. Norman Mineta. Wreathlaying at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, noon. Information: Lily Okura, 301/530-0945.

Utah

Salt Lake City

Saturday, May 8—16th annual Asian Festival, Salt Palace Assembly Hall, noon to 9 p.m. Music, dance, food, cultural exhibits. Tickets: adults, \$3; seniors, children, \$1.50. Information: 801/486-5987.

Illinois

Chicago

Saturday, May 22—Chicago Chapter, JACL, hosts the annual scholarship luncheon, Terrace Restaurant, Wilmette Golf Course, Lake Ave. and Harms Rd., Wilmette, noon. Cost: \$12. Information: Jenise Honda, 312/784-3659. c/o JACL, 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640. RSVP by May 17.

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5—Sixth National JACL Singles Convention, Chicago Marriott Hotel, 540 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Banquet and dance on Sat. night to feature Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, and emcee Adele Arakawa, anchor, WBBM-TV. Cost: \$125 before July 1; \$145 after July 1. Information: Elsie Ogawa, registrar, 708/679-4710.

Michigan

Detroit

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 20-22—Detroit Chapter, JACL, sponsors a weekend trip to Chicago to participate in the annual Ginza Holiday at the Midwest Buddhist Temple. Trip includes lodging in downtown Chicago and transportation. Cost: \$100, members; \$110 non-members. Information: Toshi Shimura, 313/356-3069.

Wisconsin

Milwaukee

Sunday, May 23—Wisconsin Chapter, JACL, hosts the annual recognition dinner, Human-Peking Restaurant, 4323 N. 60th St., 3:30 p.m. Speaker: Madeline Urusack, international education consultant, Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction. Cost: \$13. JACL: \$7. JAYS Information: 414/672-5544.

Nevada

Reno-Sparks

Saturday, May 8—Reno Chapter, JACL, hosts a Mother's Day brunch, Knights of Pythias Hall, 980 Nevada St., 10 a.m. Information: Cary Yamamoto, 702/784-6865 or Henry Hattori, 702/358-2966.

Sat.-Sun., May 22-23—Asian Pacific Americans of Northern Nevada are

For the record

In Pacific Citizen's book review section of the April 23 issue, the title of poet Amy Uematsu's book was written as *30 Miles To J-Town*.

The correct title is *30 Miles From J-Town*.

Small kid time



among the sponsors for Asian Pacific Festival of Fortune, centered in downtown Sparks. Asian Pacific marketplace and artisans. Free. Sat. evening: Dance of the Dragons through Victorian Square in downtown Sparks. Information: John Ascuaga's Nugget, 800/646-1177.

Arizona

Phoenix

Sunday, May 23—Arizona Chapter, JACL, is sponsoring a leiokai dinner honoring the elders, JACL Hall, 5414 W. Glenn Dr., Glendale, 4 p.m. People who are 70, 75, and 80 plus years will receive complimentary dinners. Deadline: May 17. Information: Joyce Shiota, 602/934-5858 or Toshiko Chavers, 602/934-3125.

Sunday, June 6—America-Japan Week opening ceremony and festival, Phoenix Symphony Hall, 225 E. Adams St., 5 p.m. Dragon dance, koto music and a festival with fireworks. Tickets required. Information: 602/262-4430. America-Japan Week '93 Tickets, 4310 N. 40th St., Phoenix, AZ 85018. Part of a week-long celebration, June 4-13.

California

Sacramento area

Wednesday, May 19—Asian-Pacific Islander Donor Day, Sacramento Blood Center, 1625 Stockton Blvd., 10 a.m. Information: Sacramento Blood Center, 916/456-1100.

San Francisco area

Tuesday-Thursday, May 4-6—Japan Pacific Resource Network sponsors tour of 10 Japanese educators to the Bay Area. Reception, May 6, 12:30-2 p.m., 1840 Sutter St. Film, "River With No Bridge," shown 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Kabuki Theatre, 1881 Post St. Information: Gina Hotta, Sam Gordon, 510-485-7748.

Saturday, May 8—"Can You Hear Me?" sponsored by Nisei and Retirement, 1-3:30 p.m., Nihonmachi Terrace, 1615 Sutter St., San Francisco. Speakers: Gary Micono, M.D., Lawrence M. Eng, M.S., C.C.C.A. Information: 415/731-7774.

Sat.-Sun., May 15-16—Berkeley Buddhist Church's Satsuki Bazaar, 2121 Channing Way at Shattuck, Sat., 4 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m. Sushi, teriyaki, pastries and games. Information: 510/841-1356.

Through Saturday, May 15—National Japanese American Historical Society presents, "Go For Broke," an exhibit commemorating 100th/442nd, Presidio Army Museum, San Francisco, Tues.-Sun., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information: NIAHS, 415/431-5007 or the Presidio Army Museum, 415/561-4115.

Saturday, May 15—JACL Women's Concerns Committee of Northern California and the Samsel Legacy Project present the conference, "Bridging the Gap," Enmanji Buddhist Memorial Hall, 1200 Gravenstein Hwy. S., Sebastopol, 9 a.m. Cost: \$25, 20 students. Register by May 8. Information: Lucy Kishaba, 707/822-0276; Leah Hamachi, 510/837-8031 or Kiku Funabiki, 415/658-9314.

East Bay area

Saturday, May 8—Contra Costa Chapter, JACL is sponsoring Kids' Day III, East Bay Free Methodist Church, El Cerrito, 1 p.m. Kendo demonstration, San Francisco Taiko Dojo kids' performance and origami making. Cost: JACL member, \$3 child, \$7 family; non-member, \$4 child, \$10 per family. Registration by mail until Apr. 28, limited space. Information: Dennis Okamura, 1642 Julian Dr., El Cerrito, CA 94530; 510/234-8252.

San Jose area

Thursday, June 8—San Jose Chapter, JACL, fishing challenge, a one-day trip out of Monterey through Chris' Fishing Trips, 6 a.m. Cost: \$35, not including rod, reel and tackle. Fishing license

additional. Space limited. Information: San Jose Chapter, JACL, 408/295-1250.

Stockton area

Saturday, May 8—French Camp Chapter, JACL, is hosting their annual spring dance, Stockton Buddhist Church Social Hall, Shimizu Drive, 8 p.m. Music: Swing Tone Band. Cost: \$7.50. Information: Fumiko Asano, 209/982-4680 or Katsue Komura, 209/982-1741.

Placer County

Saturday, May 8—Placer County Chapter, JACL, annual scholarship fund-raiser dinner, 6-8 p.m. Placer Buddhist Church Hall, 3182 Boyington Rd., Penryn. Donation: \$12.50 per person. Information: Chester Yamada, 916/791/4510.

Los Angeles area

Thursday, May 6—Asian Business League general meeting, 6:30 p.m., Sheng-Li Restaurant, 313 So. Boylston, Los Angeles. Speaker: Fritz Friedland, president of World Publicity for Columbia Tri-Star Home Video, on Asian Pacific Americans in the entertainment industry. Cost: \$15 for ABL members; \$18, non-members. Information: Naomi Kurokawa, 213/626-5837.

Saturday, May 8—Marina Chapter, JACL, is hosting a garage sale at the Venice Japanese Community Center, 12444 Broadway Dr. and Centinela, Mar Vista, 8 a.m. Information: Alice, 310/324-0582.

Saturday, May 8—American Friends Service Committee presents "50 years later: Remembering the Japanese American internment," AFSC Pacific Southwest Regional office, 980 N. Fair Oaks, Pasadena, 1 p.m. Information: 818/791-1978.

Saturday, May 14—Greater L.A. Singles Chapter, JACL, meeting, "How Can We Enhance Our Relationships?" Rev. Tetsuo Uno, ad. professor, Institute of Buddhist Studies/Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley. Business meeting, 7 p.m.; speaker, 8 p.m. Founders Bank, 2001 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena, Calif. Information: Joyce Kuruma, 310/691-9686.

San Diego

Saturday, May 13—Japan America Society of Southern California hosts Ira Wolf, assistant U.S. trade representative to Japan and China, speaking on "Unraveling the Trade Policy Mystery." Hyatt Regency La Jolla, 3777 La Jolla Village Dr., La Jolla, 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$32, members; \$37, non-members. Information: 619/699-2411.

Oxnard

Saturday, May 15—annual Fujimatsuri Festival, sponsored by the Oxnard Buddhist Church, 2500 South H St., Oxnard, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Exhibits: bonsai, ikebana, oshibana; demonstration: tea ceremony, food. Free. Information: 805/485-5948.

Arts calendar

Theatre

SAN FRANCISCO—Tues., May 4-Sat., May 29—Theatre of Yugen presents "Drifting Fires," a contemporary Noh play featuring Masaki Takano, Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa/Alameda, San Francisco, Thurs.-Sat., 8 p.m., Sun., 3 p.m. Cost: \$8-\$12. Information: Noh Space box office, 415/621-7978.

LOS ANGELES—Monday, May 10—Pacific American Ballet Theatre presents the premiere of "Winter War," a production spanning 100 years of Japanese American history. Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 N. Grand Ave., L.A., 8:15 p.m. Cost: \$30, advance tickets at group discount. Information: Japan America Society, 213/625-6936.

Gwen Muranaka



Panel examines views of Japan

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

LOS ANGELES—A panel whose range of knowledge and background on U.S.-Japan relations took on the question, "where are we?", in the post-Cold War era balance of power in Asia. The workshop was billed, "Beyond Political Correctness: Building a New Paradigm in U.S.-Japan Relations."

Dr. George Packard, dean of the school of advanced international studies at Johns Hopkins University where he founded its Foreign Policy Institute, noted Japan-bashing has been on the wane this past year as "Americans were paying more attention to a U.S. economy out of control."

The one-time chief diplomatic *Newsweek* correspondent who concentrated on East Asia observed the old mold (paradigm) of U.S.-Japan relations "was not so hot" but that has been changing in recent years. "Japan can change," he added, as he sees it happening, pointing out that "what happens in the Japanese bureaucracy is not the same as that of the nation."

Packard urged, "Let's not be ignorant of Japan, the language, the way of life." For example, the presentations by Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa in Washington this past week with President Clinton were conducted in English. "No one here could do it in Japanese, but we have young people here who can start."

Robert McFarlane, former national security adviser to President Ronald Reagan and founder of the U.S.-Japan Leadership Council, viewed the question with an eye on the military and nuclear

issues.

Despite U.S. concerns over emerging nuclear powers in Asia, a changing China and a new Russia, he asked, "Can we deal with a breakdown of U.S.-Japan trade relations?" While Japan has looked to the U.S. for leadership all along, the 1950 Annapolis graduate who served in the Marine Corps for 20 years warned that a China-Japan trade could take over.

McFarlane also described the Japanese people as being "a sacrificing lot," and living with an



economy in need of oil. A closer-to-home supply lies in Siberia, he noted, which Russia can develop.

Author and filmmaker Michael Crichton wondered aloud, "What's a novelist doing here?" While his popular books, *Jurassic Park* and *Rising Sun*, are set for release this summer in movie houses, the Harvard Medical School graduate reflected on the various opinion polls taken in Japan and America on such issues as trade deficit, Japan-bashing, cultural diffusion, mutual security... His view of the pre-1991 polls was a definite "no," meaning they had failed as a guidepost.

Crichton sees "real changes tak-

ing place" in both U.S. and Japan relations with upcoming presence of different political parties. He painted the past relationships between the two powers as being "artificial."

Makoto Kuroda, former vice minister for international affairs at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and currently managing director of the Mitsubishi Corp., commented on issues since the end of the Cold War. He said that in order to keep the peace, Japan must go "international," which meant a broader approach to global undertaking, higher profile and long-term relations.

Karel van Wolferen, author of *Enigma of Japanese Power* (1989) and former Japan correspondent of the Tokyo bureau chief for the Dutch newspaper *NRC Handelsblad*, said that "while the U.S. has saved U.S.-Japan relations in past crises, the U.S. must continue in that role... and not forget that Japan has a different infrastructure." He was, of course, pointing to the Japanese bureaucrats and their role on the business scene, all of which is little understood by American business and political.

Of the Miyazawa-Clinton talks, Wolferen characterized "his visit to Washington says much about the Japanese perspective about the United States." Japan is worried about its relations with the U.S., he said. Another Japan concern was the "erosion of American industrialization," which he called a most important issue.

Executive director Steven Clemens of the Japan American Society of Southern California was the moderator of the session.

Eagleburger: Agreeing on the disagreements

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

LOS ANGELES — "Fragile Friendship" between Japan and United States is indeed fragile since the breakup of the Soviet Union and "certainly, there are two views on that theme," concluded former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger in his summary of the Nixon Library's annual policy conference held April 20-21 at the Biltmore Hotel.

The theme, "Fragile Friendship: United States/Japan Relations and the Balance of Power in Post-Cold War Asia," was addressed from many corners by top opinion leaders and decision-makers in government, industry, academia

and media. "I can't summarize each one of them," the career diplomat remarked, "except to note that there is a community of interest. And I don't have answers to these economic and trade issues (nor) how it's going to affect our security relations."

In hisown view, Eagleburger, who was co-chair of the conference with Toshiaki Kaifu, neither the U.S. or Japan is telling the full story. He added that each side has its share of blame in mishandling political situations and views.

His terse comment, "thank God for the Japanese auto industry in forcing the U.S. to follow," was greeted with applause from the 200-plus conference participants.

Currently serving as a senior foreign policy adviser to a Washington law firm, Eagleburger reported the racist issue, Japan-bashing and bureaucrats were not fundamental issues but "stuff for the papers."

In closing, he posed a critical question, "Who has vested interest in ruining U.S.-Japan relations?" He gave no answer. He further observed and hoped that Japan and Europe which have benefited in the past from U.S. aid are ready to reciprocate in keeping the peace since the "U.S. can no longer help and still be able to compete in the 21st century." (E)

Kaifu: Good things to come

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

What a difference a year makes. A year ago, former U.S. Prime Minister Toshiaki Kaifu was in Los Angeles to dedicate the opening of the Japanese American National Museum which was disrupted amidst the tumult of the civil unrest following the first Rodney King verdict. Now, almost a year to the day later, Kaifu returned to L.A. with a hopeful message about greater cooperation between America and Japan.

Speaking April 21 at the U.S.-Japan policy conference, "Fragile Friendship: U.S.-Japan Relations and the Balance of Power in Post-Cold War Asia," Kaifu commented about last year's trip, "It was quite an experience. However, I am not here to talk about the past. We are here to create a new U.S.-Japan relationship for years to come."

Through an interpreter, the former prime minister said America's continued military presence is important to the future stability of the Asia Pacific region.

Today the military presence of the United States is accepted as a stabilizing factor by almost all countries of the area," said Kaifu.

Japan understands that in light of changes in the economic environment, the United States is proceeding with reduction of its military. At the same time, Japan is certain that the U.S. will retain a level of military necessary for maintaining a stabilizing force.

Talking about economics and trade, Kaifu added his voice to opposition of managed trade or protectionism. "I strongly hope the United States doesn't delve into quick-fix solutions such as unilateral trade or managed trade."

"The world stands at a crossroad of great significance," said Kaifu, between better trade relations or protectionism. The former prime minister urged the successful completion of the Uruguay round of the GATT talks.

Rebutting some of President Nixon's earlier criticism of Japan's lack of support for Russia, Kaifu said, "Japan is enthusiastic about Russian reform despite the conception that we are only concerned about the Northern Territories."

"We hope Russia can be part of Asian Pacific economic growth. A Russia based on democracy and justice would be welcome in the Asian Pacific economic system," said Kaifu. (E)

JAPAN

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numerically targeted approach, since it has the same effect eventually as managed trade."

Prime Minister Miyazawa stressed to President Clinton (April 14) that the bilateral economic relationship cannot be nurtured with managed trade nor under the threat of unilateralism.

Tanabe, who is involved in policy making decisions, said that many of America's criticisms about Japan's unfair trade practices are wrong.

"There are many American products and companies that are successful in the Japanese market. Sun Microsystems for computer work stations, Intel for microprocessor, Apple and Compaq for personal computers, Boeing for aircrafts, Dupont for chemical products and Levis for jeans. The list goes on."

Using the Hawaiian-born sumo wrestler Akebono as an example, Tanabe said, "Akebono's becoming the Yokozuna, the highest rank in sumo) demonstrates that a hard-working competitive foreign player, without complaining about the playing field being uneven, can succeed in the sector believed to be the most closed in

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CELEBRATING—Michael Woo with his wife Susan Ann Fong after winning primaries.

L.A. councilman Woo in the running for mayor

For the coming weeks until June 8, businessman-civic leader Richard J. Riordan, 62, and urban planner-city councilman Michael Woo, 41, will make their spurs to voters to be the next mayor of Los Angeles.

They finished one-two in the April 20 primaries that carried 24 names. Riordan led with 33% (144,690); Woo followed at 24% (106,596). Voter turnout was 25%, according to the city clerk's office. Voters also passed charter amendment No. 2 to limit elected officials to two terms in office. It was also the first time the city history that a bilingual Japanese-English ballot was available.

A supporter in San Gabriel Valley (who therefore couldn't vote

for him) declared if Michael Woo is elected mayor, "it's comparable to Fujimori getting elected in Peru." Eugene Chang of Hacienda Heights and president of the So. Calif. Chinese American Association, added, "His impact can break those Asian stereotypes. He's giving more guts to other Asians to come out and run."

In the 15th District city council race, school board member Warren Furutani, 45, polled 11% (2,682) to wind up fifth in a seven-candidate primary. The San Pedro-born Saneai's campaign dwelt on coalition-building and union support. He was calling for "change" in the Clinton/Coramanner with a Rebuild L.A. theme.

—Harry K. Honda

'93 MIS reunion plans announced

Plans of the 1993 Military Intelligence Service reunion for Oct. 21-23 weekend at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Va., near Washington, D.C., have been announced by Phil S. Ishio, president of the host Japanese American Veterans Association.

Reunion theme is "Nisei Veteran: An American Patriot." A series of panels in which selected MIS veterans with unique experiences will be featured.

Dr. Glenda Nogami of the U.S. Army Military Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., is assisting with the oral history workshop.

Other highlights include visits to the Smithsonian's exhibit on the Japanese American Evacuation and Internment, Capital landmarks, evening buffet mixer; Arlington National Cemetery, Cap-

itol Hill luncheon and tour of Congress, reception at Japanese Embassy; golf tournament, boat cruise with luncheon, Saturday grand banquet.

Reunion is open to all veterans, their families and friends. For registration packets, write: Japanese American Veterans Assn. of Washington, D.C., P.O. Box 391, Vienna, VA, 22183-0391. Special rates have been negotiated for reunion registrants at the Crystal Gateway Marriott.

In Honolulu, the MIS Veterans of Hawaii have scheduled a 50th reunion of the Sempai Gumi, July 7-10, at the Pagoda Hotel and Terrace, 1525 Ryecliff St., Honolulu, HI, 96814; national reservation by June: (808) 367-6060.

Information: MIS 50th Reunion, P.O. Box 3021, Honolulu, HI, 96802. ☐

NIXON

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against the strongest Japanese industry and gets involved in this sort of rescue operation."

Kissinger spoke the night before at the opening dinner. In an apparent reference to the recent summit meeting between Bill Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, Kissinger sharply remarked, "It is unwise to try to score points in domestic policy politics in America by humiliating or pressuring Japanese prime ministers publicly, in press conferences or elsewhere."

Assessing Miyazawa's first meeting with Clinton, he said, "Two weeks ago, the Japanese prime minister was asked whether Japan would accept a Korean nuclear capability, and in very un-Japanese fashion, he said no and nothing else. That is important. That was probably the most important statement that was made by anybody in the last month."

Not only critical of America,

Kissinger said, "The Japanese also have a lot to answer for. They cannot hide forever behind their cultural peculiarities and refuse a dialogue that Americans can comprehend."

"We may be too impetuous, but the Japanese cannot let the whole world wait on their consensus, and somebody has to help shape it."

Kissinger said eventually America's and Japan's security interests will necessarily diverge.

"In the Cold War, Japan could nestle under American protection because there was only one serious threat to the security of either country, but as the Soviet threat diminishes, it cannot be, and we would kid ourselves if we expected it, that Japan will interpret its security in the same way as we do."

"I expect some Japanese rearmament over the next decade and a half, not because it saves America some money, which is the reason why we usually recommend it, but for quite different reasons," said Kissinger. ☐

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Opinions



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Fools rush in

There's a topic which does not readily lend itself to open, reasoned discussion because those with differing views seem to gravitate to immovable positions. The topic is homosexuality. Before going any further, let me air some of my views, such as they are. (Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.) Needless to say, homosexuals should not be targets of physical violence or even taunts, and violence perpetrated against them, or any others, must be vigorously prosecuted. Also, it is nonsensical to enact laws, as was done in Colorado, prohibiting enactment of other laws to protect others, including homosexuals; it's unconstitutional on its face. Not to mention inherently dangerous.

Having said this, I must openly recognize that I'm partially reformed homophobic. I say "partially" because I undoubtedly retain an appreciable degree of homophobia, although not as much as I once did. The one individual who caused me to re-examine my own views was U.S. Congressman Barney Frank, an openly avowed homosexual. I had, and continue to have, a great

deal of respect for him as a humanist and for his brilliant wit. When I later learned he was a homosexual, I just shrugged my shoulders and said to myself "So what?" and let it go at that—although that messy affair involving his chauffeur or whatever, somewhat diminished my assessment of his good judgment. On the other hand, some of us heterosexuals manage to get involved in messy affairs as well—albeit with the opposite sex.

The educational process continues. A few years ago a lawyer here in Philadelphia for whom I had the greatest admiration for competence, commitment and good works, was a participant in a panel discussion on the issue of homosexual protection. During the course of the discussion, it became quite evident that he himself was gay. My high regard for that gentleman has not diminished; what he does in his private life does not alter one bit his capabilities as a lawyer and human being.

I said that I was a "reforming" homophobic, not a "reformed" one. If there were a group discussion where one could

explore the issues dispassionately, with some tolerance for incomprehension of others (such as myself), each with an open mind and not with a hidden agenda—well, I suppose I might profit by such an exposure. (Candor compels me to say, however, that much of it is going to be a "tough sell" insofar as this one is concerned.) Some points on which I do not see eye-to-eye with those who espouse gay causes: when proponents of homosexual rights seek to equate their claims with "civil rights," I don't see it; one's being of a particular (minority) race is determined not by one's choice but rather by eugenics. I am not a proponent of teaching (which I equate with promoting) homosexuality in elementary schools as is done in some school districts in California. If individuals wish to engage in whatever in the privacy of their castle, that's up to them. But I fail to comprehend why their private preference is to be extolled by exposing children to it. My failure to comprehend will not be enhanced by someone rising up and hurling a personal epithet at

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Letters

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At issue with Hosokawa on meaning of redress

Bill Hosokawa complains in the *Pacific Citizen*, April 9, 1993, that unless recipients of redress payments forward part of their payment to the Japanese American Citizens League, "the protestation that money was an unimportant part of the struggle for Redress will turn out to have been largely a pious fraud." He writes as someone who consistently sought to have Japanese American redress take the form of a group foundation for good works that would promote the image of J-As and opposed redress as payments to individuals. He is entitled to his opinion. What he failed to realize, however, is that group redress, which a foundation would be, is not legally viable. Who and what represents the group? While an individual injury may be defined, how does one define a group injury? His idea of a foundation for good works indicated a bias towards those who believe in good works and away from those who have other interests. In the early period of the redress movement, other leaders of the JACL joined Hosokawa in supporting the foundation idea, most notably Mike Masaoka and Minoru Yasui.

Now Hosokawa compounds the flaw of his earlier position by suggesting that redress recipients contribute part of their \$20,000 to the JACL so as to avoid committing fraudulent piety. Many if not most recipients recognize the payment as being a mere token. (The civil suit of Hohri et al. v. United States sought and defined a more reasonable amount of \$220,000 for redressing each victim.) But this recognition has nothing to do with piety, fake or heartfelt. It's a matter of values. I have yet to meet any law-abiding citizen who is willing to spend three years in prison in exchange for \$20,000.

I am at a complete loss to understand why anyone, other than a JACLer, should have to consider sharing his or her payment with the JACL. Was this part of the deal? Was the JACL lobbying and working for redress in order to fill its coffers? Hard to believe? Then, of the several organizations that fought for redress, why is the JACL unique in extending its hand, palm up, to redress recipients?

William Hohri

Chicago

Bigger, broader-based message needed

Bill Hosokawa's article on the number of people who have donated to the Legacy Fund versus the number who received redress checks was very eye-opening, but not surprising.

I don't know the statistics on the percentage of the JA population who are JACL members, but I would guess it is small, just from comparing our local chapter's membership a few years back to the JA population in the area. If the majority of redress recipients are not JACL members or do not get the PC, how and where would they get detailed and consistent information on how redress was won, who was involved, and what the Legacy Fund has to do with anything.

It was because of this small population focus and lack of a strong marketing attitude toward the general JA population that I began to spend less time and energy on JACL. I felt we were always talking to the same people (ourselves) rather than to the majority (who were not members). JACL has important things to do and say, but how much stronger that voice would be with a broader base of support. Again, it takes a long-term marketing attitude, not a one-time pitch for membership or donations, to get that broad support for money and time.

I, too, hope that more people donate to the Legacy Fund, but like anything else, it takes more than wishing to make something succeed.

Sharon Harada
Seattle

P.S. I like Bill Hosokawa's columns on his family. It's more than about his family, it's about family values of the Nisei generation that have been passed on.



Moshi Moshi

JIN KONOMI

Onihei, the Japanese social thinker

In the 2nd year of Ansei, (1790), the Edo government opened the *Ishikawajima Nisoku Yoseba* (Laborer Mustering Grounds). Located on a delta in the estuary of the River Sumida, the facilities consisted of barracks and shop shops over a 17 acres site. Here, newly released convicts and the homeless were housed and trained in such trades as carpentry, masonry, roofing, black smithy, hairdressing, bamboo crafts, and so forth, 19 in all. During the three-year term of training the inmates were given stipends twice a month for tobacco money, of which one third was withheld as savings. Near the completion of training, the inmates were sent out on *soto zukai* (outside errands) to sell their products, and test their newly acquired skills in actual market conditions. When they had completed their terms they were sent back into society, fully equipped to cope with the demands of life as skilled workers or with a small capital to start their own shops.

I learned about the *Ishikawajima Rehab Center* several years ago from ONIHEI HANKA CHO, a period police novel by the recently deceased Kenami Shotaro. Nicknamed *Onihei* (Demon Hei), Hasegawa Heizo was the Chief of the newly created Arson-Armed Robbery detail of the Edo

police. A resourceful, brilliant cop, he struck terror in the criminal underworld. One of the best sellers of the period fiction genre, the book is a series of the accounts of his exploits (highly fictionalized, naturally) in solving baffling cases and apprehending some of the notorious criminals, all of them actual, historical characters. Heizo is portrayed as a reformed juvenile delinquent, wise to the tricks of the hoodlums, pickpockets, petty thieves and prostitutes that populate the lowest strata of society. A master of the martial arts, courageous in the face of danger, he is withal a man of charisma, humane and compassionate.

This characterization must be true, for he was the man who conceived the rehabilitation program and succeeded in having it adopted. No doubt his innate humanity was broadened and deepened by his intimate knowledge of life at the bottom of society. This man realized 200 years before Watts and the '92 Los Angeles riots that poverty is largely responsible for crime, that jobs are the best antidote for recidivism. When you consider that 1790 was 7 years after the American Independence and 9 years before the end of the French Revolution I cannot help being amazed at the modernness of Hasegawa's social thinking.

Can you think of any other advanced country of the Western world of the time which showed equal enlightenment and humanity in the treatment to its ex-convicts? In this social legislation alone, Japan under the Tokugawa was far ahead of Japan of today, and for that matter, many other countries. But the most surprising fact of all is that such a policy was adopted by the Edo government, which, probably, was the most unenlightened, merciless, paranoically selfish government in history.

Surprise encounters with precious facts and eyeopening sidelights on history are part of the pleasure of random, indiscriminate reading in the so called *jidai shosetsu* (period fiction), a seemingly inexhaustible genre of contemporary Japanese literature. I often regret that there are so few Nikkei Americans—or, for that matter any Americans—with whom I can share my pleasures. May I suggest to anyone who is half interested that English translation in this genre will be a richly rewarding undertaking. ☺

Columnist Konomi is a prewar newspaperman who lives in Albany, Calif. His column appears regularly in *Pacific Citizen*.

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MATCHES

Pete Hasegawa 4/29/93

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Obituaries

Fujita, Frank Y. 'Tab', 80, Denver, March 12; Joliet, Mont.-born, survived by wife Lily, daughter Carol Miyayoshi (Buena Park, Calif.), 1 gc, 1 grrc.

Fujita, Genjiro, 88, Caruthers, Jan. 30; Kumamoto-born, survived by sons Ray, Bob, daughter Nobuko Inoue, 12 gc.
Hata, Masuji, 85, Fresno, Feb. 4; Stockton-born, survived by wife Toshiko, son Rodney, daughter Susan Nagata, 3gc, 2 brothers Mitsuo, Bob, 6 sisters Sachiko, Kenesaki, Doris M. Jyouye, Esie Kobashi, Lily Tsao, Ethel Kikakami, Ellen Yamada.
Hattori, Ryoschi, 85, Tokyo, Jan. 30; Osaka-born musician-composer, incorporated American jazz in '30s and '40s. [Presented Little Tokyo concert in '51.]

Hoshida, George T., 82, Oakland, Jan. 19; survived by wife Kishiko, daughter Norma, son Robert, 3 gc.

Kato, Chiyko, 85, Hayward, Jan. 11; Fukushima-born, survived by husband Noboru, 2 daughters Sumi Uyeda, Yone Ito, 5 sons Mac, Haruo, Takeo, Kiyoshi, Yoshio, 12 gc, 1 grrc.

Kishida, Tadaaki, 83, Lodi, Jan. 23; Cucamonga-born, survived by wife Shizue, daughters Yoshie Tanaka, Judy Waters, Joyce Edward, 3 gc.

Kuwatani, Tansu, 86, Pacific Grove, Jan. 28; Shimane-born, survived by 4 daughters Hiroko, Jean Maruyama, Sachie, Yae, sons Henry, Jimmie, David, Robert, gc, in-law Emi Kuwatani.

Matsumoto, Alpine M., 61, Fresno, Jan. 26; Fresno-born, survived by wife Taeko, son Frank, daughters Lynn, Kristi.

Matsumoto, Toshikazu, 88, San Mateo, Jan. 22; survived by wife Sumiko, sons Akio, Tadashi, daughter Tomoko Nakawase, gc.
Mayeda, Tomie, 89, Sacramento, Feb. 1; Wakayama-born, survived by daughters Emi Miyai, Alice Sakakibara, stepdaughter Edna Heida, gc, and grrc.

Mori, Takichiro, 88, Tokyo, Jan. 30 of heart failure; Tokyo-born landowner and builder, was called 'the world's richest man' by Forbes Magazine ('51, '52), estimated at \$13 billion, owns 83 buildings in central Tokyo area.

Nakagaki, Katsumi, 86, Berkeley, Jan. 26; Fukui-born, survived by in-law Yonezo Nakagaki, cousin Mifuro Goto.

Nishimoto, Isamu S., 73, Sacramento, Feb. 8; Penny-born, survived by wife Miyoko, Okaya, Akira, 72, New Canaan, Conn., Jan. 20; Kobe-born research physicist in fiber optics and laser technology, naturalized U.S. citizen in 1969.

Omori, Kikuyo, 88, San Francisco, Feb. 7; Yawai-born, survived by sons Hiroshi, Shigeru, sister Yumiko Kimura (Lodi), Tokyo Iwazubo, brother Haruo Kimura.

Saito, Harry K., 86, Los Angeles, Jan. 21; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Chisato, daughters Michiko Waki, Kaiko, Sakaguchi, Shingpei, 75, Wheat Ridge, Colo., March 7; pediatric surgeon, Brighton-

born, graduate in pharmacy ('36), in medicine ('42) from University of Colorado, residency at Milwaukee Children's and Columbia Hospitals; survived by wife June, daughter Laura Novasod, 4 gc, brothers Kay, Keizo, Ray, Goro, sisters Miyo Ichi, Fujio Tashiro, Yeye Onishi, Toshie Sasaguchi.

Santo, Yoshie, 82, San Jose, Jan. 13; Shmame-born, survived by sons Roland, Chet, daughter Ruth Takata, 10 gc, 13 grrc.

Sato, Dan B., 84, Palo Alto, Feb. 2; Kumamoto-born, survived by wife Alice, daughters Carol Nakamura, Ann Murano, 3 gc, brother Tom.

Sato, Ryo, 86, Latrop, Jan. 21; Aichi-born, survived by daughter Shimako Yoshikawa, sons Sadatoshi, Tsunao, Masayuki, gc, 8 grrc.

Shue, Dr. M. Gensho, 86, Maryland, N.Y., Jan. 8; last of the founding members of Maryknoll Sisters in Boston, 1912, spent many years working with Japanese and Japanese Americans, was in Japan at time of Pearl Harbor, interned two years during WW II, returned on exchange ship.

Tajiri, Vince T., 72, Van Nuys, Feb. 7; Long Beach-born 442nd veteran, retired photojournalist, author, survived by wife Rose, son Brian, daughters Karen Schaefer, Lisa.

Takashima, Yoneki, 105, Kahului, Maui, Feb. 6; Kumamoto-born, Maui resident since 1906 to work on railroad, retired blasting worker, survived by son Tony Russell, daughters Vivian Waterhouse, Toshiko Ogatawara, 12 gc, 16 grrc.

Tanaka, 'Red' M., 75, Acampo, Jan. 25; Acampo-born, survived by wife Mary, son Ron, daughter Mary Tanaka-Daley, 1 gc, brother Shigeichi, sisters Mary Kishida, Grace Kawase.

Toyotomi, Dr. Masumi, 77, Los Angeles, Jan. 26; Beppu-born, UCLA, Union Theological Seminary, Columbia graduate, retired executive director for Missionary Strategy Agency, survived by sons Alpha, Philip, daughters Jole Toyotome-Melko (Oakland), Faith Alto Chapel (Portland), 5 gc, sister Emi (Eagle Rock).

Uyeda, Gengoro, 85, San Jose, Feb. 7; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Torae, sons Toshio, Tatsu, Yoshi, Paul, 9 gc, 1 grrc.

Uyemura, Kiyoko, 85, Los Altos, Feb. 4; survived by son Hiroshi, daughters Fumiko Yamanaka, Koyoko Tsuchiuchi, gc.

Yagura, Masaya, 65, San Mateo, Jan. 12; Yagura, George, 84, Fremont, Jan. 28; Auburn, Wash.-born retired New Jersey real estate developer, White River Valley JACL charter member ('30), pres. ('32, '37, '42), survived by wife Taeko, son Gary (Santa Clara), daughter June Yoshida, 1 gc, sister Michi DeSole (Beaufort, Ga.).

Yoshida, Harry Y., 86, Spokane, March 16 at Seattle; Spokane-based community leader, employed by Alaska Steel & Supply Co. (1926-1962), treasurer of Japanese language school, assisted in wartime resettlement of Seattle Nikkei families to free-zone Spokane, served as liaison between Caucasians and government agencies, member: JACL, Highland Park United Methodist Church, Spokane Japanese Cemetery Assn.; survived by daughter Frances Mori (San Leandro, Calif.), son Ronald (Bellevue), 3 gc, 1 grrc-c, 4 sisters Miyoko Katsuhira, Sumiko Okamoto, Kimi Nakata (all Spokane), Asako Katsuyama (Bellevue), brother George (Merced Island), Wife Mary of 61 years died in 1991.

Death Notice

TADAO SAKAI

NEW YORK, NY - Tadao Sakai, 73, a sign painter by trade passed away Wednesday, April 21. Survived by his wife, Edie; brother, Tom Sakai (Vancouver); sister, Harky (Kozo) Hiramasa (Portland).

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