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Politics

● A group of Asian Pacific Americans recently met in Washington, D.C., with Phillip Diehl, counselor and chief of staff to Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, to discuss the lack of Asian American appointments in the Treasury Department.

To this date, no Asian Americans have been placed in the department although a number of women and other minorities have been appointed. Diehl said there are still unfilled positions and asked for help in finding candidates.

Attending the meeting were: Daphne Kwok, executive director, Organization for Chinese Americans; Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington, D.C. representative; Irene Natividad; William Hou, president, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association; and Emily Woo, president, Organization of Pan Asian American Women.

● Masaki Saito, Japanese Consul General in Seattle, spoke optimistically about the future of U.S.-Japan relations.

Saito said he was in Walla Walla, Wash. The consul general praised President Clinton for trying to "put his own house in order" and said solving America's internal economic problems is key to better relations between the two countries.

On a more personal level, the consul general said that Japanese and Americans need to meet and understand one another better.

"We need to increase understanding and contact on the grassroots level," said Saito. Praising programs like the Japanese Exchange Teachers (JET) program, which encourages cross-cultural exchanges, he said simply, "Seeing is believing."

● Delving into trade politics, Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) recently announced that he will head a Congressional group to work on passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in the House.

"Passing NAFTA won't be easy, and there is no doubt that we have our work cut out for us," said Matsui. "Our group will now begin to tell the other side of the story: NAFTA will create jobs here at home, promote U.S. economic growth, and create new markets for our goods."

The group's formation was announced by Dan Rostenkowski, chairman, Ways and Means Committee and Mickey Kantor, U.S. trade representative.

NAFTA is the free trade agreement between Mexico, Canada, and the United States. Signed during the waning days of the Bush administration it has yet to receive congressional support.

● Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), chair of the Public Works and Transportation Committee, voted recently for an extension of unemployment compensation—the only portion of Clinton's economic stimulus plan to survive a Republican filibuster in the Senate.

"At this point, we have no other choice. Of the original \$16 billion stimulus the House passed, the unemployment extension is all

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Teaching INTERNMENT

New picture book educates Japanese American internment to children

A new picture book about the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II will be making its

debut this month. Polychrome Publishing Corporation announced that it will be publishing *Blue Jay In The Desert* to coincide with Asian American Heritage Month. Written by Marlene Shigekawa and illustrated by Isao Kikuchi, *Blue Jay* tells about the internment from young Junior's point of view and shows how he learns to understand and appreciate his grandfather's message of hope.

The book's publication is significant considering that many people know nothing about the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II or, what little they do know is riddled with misinformation that has its roots in wartime propaganda," explained Sandra S. Yamate of Polychrome Publishing. "Even among Japanese Americans it's not uncommon for Sansei and Yonsei to complain about the difficulties they have had in learning about the internment and their own families' experiences during that time. We hope this book will help parents and grandparents to educate the children in their family about the internment."

Author Marlene Shigekawa agrees. "Inspired in part by my own family's experience, I have tried to describe the internment experience in such a way that young children can understand what it meant to be uprooted and the challenges that internment involved," she stated. A Sansei who now resides in Oakland, Calif., and who serves as a cultural diversity consultant, Shigekawa was born in



Author

NAME: Marlene Shigekawa
GENERATION: Sansei
RESIDENCE: Oakland, Calif.
PROFESSION: Cultural diversity consultant
CAMP: Poston

Book: *Blue Jay in the Desert*

Illustrator

NAME: Isao Kikuchi
GENERATION: Nisei
RESIDENCE: Los Angeles
PROFESSION: Retired graphic designer
CAMP: Manzanar, served in 442nd



very beautiful, in this case a loving relationship between a grandfather and his grandson, as symbolized in the *Blue Jay*, can develop even during a painful situation like the internment."

The idea, Shigekawa said, came when she and her husband were in the process of adopting a child. "We have a multi-ethnic family and I wanted to pass on my family legacy to my child, my daughter," she told *Pacific Citizen*. "I wanted to

capture my family, what we stand for, what we've been through. Illustrator Isao Kikuchi also experienced internment firsthand. A Nisei, he was interned at Manzanar and later served as part of the 442nd Central Postal Directory. A retired graphic designer, he lives in Los Angeles and concurs with Yamate and Shigekawa regarding the need for tools to help

educate children about experiences such as the internment. Consequently, the bold, bright illustrations were designed to appeal to young and old alike while still conveying the importance of freedom and hope. "For the Japanese or Asian American community this book, hopefully, will remind them of the value of our civil rights and the importance of young minds," noted Kikuchi.

Recently, a Sansei teacher was appalled to discover that her class of nine-year-olds thought that the internment was "a good thing" and that the Japanese Americans were "lucky" to be afforded such "protection." "Needless to say," reports Yamate, "this teacher has already reserved two copies of *Blue Jay In The Desert*."

How to order

TITLE: *Blue Jay in the Desert*
AUTHOR: Marlene Shigekawa
ILLUSTRATOR: Isao Kikuchi
PUBLISHER: Polychrome Publishing
INFORMATION: For store nearest you, call 312/478-4455 or write to publisher at 4509 North Francisco, Chicago, IL 60625. Send \$12.95 per book plus \$1.25 postage and handling (Illinois residents, add 9% sales tax)

4 books for Asian American children debut

May has been designated Asian American Heritage Month and in its honor, Polychrome Publishing Corporation is introducing four new Asian American children's books:



AT LEFT—Cynthia Chin-Lee, author of *Almond Cookies & Dragon Well Tea*. ABOVE—Wendy K. Lee, illustrator of *ONE sma GIRL*.

Almond Cookies & Dragon Well Tea by Cynthia Chin-Lee and illustrated by You Shan Tang; *Nene and the Horrible Math Monster* by Marie Villanueva and illustrated by Ria Unson; and *ONE sma GIRL* by Jennifer L. Chan and illustrated by Wendy K. Lee.

Although the Asian American population continues to grow, few children's books by or about Asian Americans are published. The Cooperative Children's Book Council (CCBC) estimates that 4,500 new children's books were published in 1992. Of those 4,500 new



BOOK FAMILY—Illustrator Ria Unson (top) with author Marie Villanueva (left), holding daughter Nicole (center) of *Nene and the Horrible Math Monster*, and author Jennifer L. Chan (right) of *ONE sma GIRL*.

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Calendar

Singles Convention in Chicago set

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5—69th National JACL Singles Convention, Chicago Marriott Hotel, 540 N. Michigan Ave. Co-chaired by Merle Kaneko and Chyo Taketsuchi. Highlights include: Friday, Sept. 3
● Golf tournament, 10:30 a.m. tee time. Cost: \$50, including transportation, green fee, cart and prizes.
● Chicago Nodagishi Tour, from Marriott Hotel, noon. Visit sites of the post-war days and also tour the city.
● New Horizons host a mixer in the evening. Games, prizes and dancing.
Saturday, Sept. 4
● Following the opening session,

workshops (tentative).
● Free afternoon for sightseeing. Shopping down Miracle Mile will also be available.
● Banquet and dance in the evening with dining and entertainment. Guest speaker: Lillian Kimura. Emcee: Adele Winkler. Anchor, WBSM-TV.
Sunday, Sept. 5
● Sunday brunch.
Convention package (registration fee, workshops, mixer, banquet/dance, Sunday brunch): \$125. Before July 1, \$145, after July 1, \$160. Golf Tournament and Nodagishi tour separate. Room rates: \$95 double or single. Information: Elsie Ogawa, registrar, 708/679-4710.

Washington, D.C.

Thursday, May 13—Reception, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, 5-7 p.m., Room 106, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. Information: Phil Tajitsu 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.

Illinois

Chicago

Saturday, May 22—Chicago Chapter, JACL, hosts the annual scholarship luncheon, Terrace Restaurant, Wilmette Golf Course, Lake Ave. and Harris Rd., Wilmette, Cost: \$12. Information: Janice Honda, 312/784-2669; c/o JACL, 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640. RSVP by May 17.

Michigan

Detroit

Saturday, June 19—The American Citizens for Justice's 10th annual dinner, Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. Speakers: Rep. Robert Matsui and Doris Matsui. Information: ACJ, 313/577-2772.
Fri.-Sun., Aug. 20-22—Detroit Chapter, JACL, sponsors a weekend trip to Chicago to participate in the annual JACL Holiday at the Midwest Buddhist Temple. Trip includes lodging in downtown Chicago and transportation. Cost: \$100, members; \$110 non-members. Information: Toshi Shimura, 313/356-3089.

Wisconsin

Milwaukee

Sunday, May 23—Wisconsin Chapter, JACL, hosts the annual recognition dinner, Hunan-Peking Restaurant, 4323 N. 60th St., 3:30 p.m. Speaker: Madeline Uraneck, international education consultant, Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction, Cost: \$15, JACL, \$7. JAYS Information: 414/672-5544.

Nevada

Reno Sparks

Saturday, May 22—The Asian Pacific Festival of Fortune's Polynesian Luau, John Asagawa's Nugget, Rose Ballroom, 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$30, special JACL member rate. Information: 800/648-1177.
Sat.-Sun., May 22-23—Reno Chapter, JACL, is sponsoring a booth at the Asian Pacific Festival of Fortune, centered in downtown Sparks. Asian Pacific marketplace and artisans. Free. Sat. evening: Dance of the Dragons through Vietnamese Square in downtown Sparks. Information: John Asagawa's Nugget, 800/648-1177.

Small kid time



Arizona

Phoenix

Sunday, May 23—Arizona Chapter, JACL, is sponsoring a karaoke dinner honoring the elders, JACL Hall, 5414 W. Glenn Dr., Glendale, 4 p.m. People who are 70, 75, and 80 plus years old will receive complimentary dinners. Deadline: May 17. Information: Joyce Shiota, 602/934-5555 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 Filipino-Pacific Islander Donor Day, Sacramento Blood Center, 1625 Stockton Blvd., 10 a.m. Information: Sacramento Blood Center, 916/456-1500.

San Francisco area

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: NJAHS, 415/431-5007 or the Presidio Army Museum, 415/561-4115.
Saturday, May 15—JACL Women's Concerns Committee of Northern California and the Sansei Legacy Project present the conference, "Bridging the Gap," Emery Buddhist Memorial Hall, 1200 Gravenstein Hwy. S., Sebastopol, 9 a.m. Cost: \$25; \$20, students. Register by May 8. Information: Lucy Kishaba, 707/823-0376; Leah Hamachi, 510/837-8031 or Kiku Funabiki, 415/668-9314.
Sunday, May 23—The Nisei Widowed Group's monthly meeting, 2 p.m. New members welcome. Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung, 415/221-0268, or Yuri Moriwaki, 510/482-3280.

San Jose area

Thursday, June 8—San Jose Chapter, JACL, fishing challenge, a one-day trip out of Monterey through Chico. Fishing tips, 6 a.m. Cost: \$35, not including rod, reel and tackle. Fishing license additional. Space limited. Information: San Jose Chapter, JACL, 408/295-1250.
Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday—Yu-Ai Kai sponsors Byung Jun, who will teach the game of "Go" to those interested. Yu-Ai Kai community center, 558 N. 4th St., senior lounge, 3rd floor, 1 p.m. Information: 408/294-2505.

Los Angeles area

Monday, May 10—West Los Angeles Chapter, JACL, sponsors a talk with Clarence Matsumura, one of the members of the 552 F of the 442nd Central Postal Directory, W.L.A. United Methodist Church, 1913 Purdie Ave., West L.A., 7 p.m. Information: Dr. Johnny Gushiken, 310/998-6082 or George Kanegai, 310/820-5250.

Caring for the elderly

Monday, May 10—The Western Region Asian Pacific Agency (WRAP) will present, "You and Your Aging Parents: Are you sandwiched in between and how are you coping?" WRAP office, 8616 La Tijera Blvd., Ste. 200, 5:30 p.m. Topics include: dealing with stress and dealing with day to day responsibilities. Free. Information: 310/337-1550.

Tuesday, May 11—Asian Business Association's luncheon honoring Asian American entrepreneurs, Ocean Seafood Restaurant, 747 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, Chinatown, 11 a.m. Information: 818/452-1242.

Wednesday, May 12—Asian Pacific American Education Commission presents Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, L.A. Unified School District Board of Education, 450 N. Grand Ave., L.A., 11:30 a.m. Special guest: Tricia Toyota. Information: Dr. Carmelita Davino, 213/625-6796.

Saturday, May 14—Greater L.A. Singles Chapter, JACL, meeting. "How Can We Enhance Our Relationships?" Rev. Tetsuo Urino, 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.

Sat.-Sun., May 15-16—Friends of Little Tokyo Branch Library's annual book fair, Japanese Village Plaza, Little Tokyo, 10 a.m. Donations of books in English and Japanese needed. Information: Lynn, 213/462-6798 or Janet, 213/625-6971.
Sat.-Sun., May 15-16—South Bay Chapter, JACL, garage sale fundraiser, 2047 W. 169th Pl., Torrance, 8 a.m. Donations: Joanne Tsujimoto, 310/329-3465.
Saturday, May 15—May's Episcopal Church bazaar and carnival, 961 S. Mariposa Ave., Los Angeles, 11 a.m. Fresh produce, flowers and food.
Saturday, May 15—Japanese American National Museum's "Community Celebration-Downtown County Fair," First St. and Central Ave., 10 a.m. Out.

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Arts calendar

Theatre

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 American Society, 213/626-6936.

Television

SAN FRANCISCO—Monday, May 16—KOED presents, "Mixed Blood" an experimental documentary on interracial relationships in the Asian American community, 10 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO—Sunday, May 30—KOED shows "The Japanese American War Bride Experience," 5 p.m. Archival photographs, film footage and interviews tell the story of war brides in the Midwest, 5 p.m.

Gwen Muranaka



Exhibit



TESTAMENT—Historical photos and newspaper captions of Japanese American exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution show depth of anti-Japanese sentiment in the United States.

Japanese American exhibit still on view at Smithsonian

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

WASHINGTON, D.C.—It's still there—at least for the time being. If you thought you missed the Smithsonian exhibit, "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the United States Constitution," there's still time.

"Why take it down? As long as people are still interested," said Tom Crouch, curator of the exhibit. According to Crouch there is no end date on the exhibit which started in 1987 and was originally scheduled to run only five years.

Standing at the beginning of the exhibit, Crouch said, "Almost everyone knows something happened, but they don't know what happened. We tell them right up front that (the internment) was wrong."

There are some changes to the exhibit if you have seen it before. A section at the end called "The End of the Story" now tells of redress and the court cases that came after the exhibit's opening. But the heart of the exhibit remains the same—an interactive, multi-media presentation of the Japanese American experience, both during and prior to World War II.

"This show about Japanese Americans is the most American show in the museum," said



TOM CROUCH
Why take it down?

Crouch. The curator said that Japanese nationals who have seen the exhibit often can't understand why the national history museum would showcase something that the government had done wrong. "Showing the problems and mistakes is something that is fundamentally American," said Crouch.

Crouch, who is now the chairman of the Aeronautics Department of the Air and Space Museum, said he still comes down to see the exhibit.

"I still come over here and walk the length of the exhibit," said Crouch. "There are still people who get really angry at the show, but then there are also people who are obviously touched."

ents' laundry. A resident of Palo Alto, California, Chin-Lee found her childhood memories provided a suitable framework for a story about friendship between children of different cultures. In *Almond Cookies*, Erica, a European American girl is visiting the home of Nancy, her Chinese American friend. There, Erica finds herself admiring and enjoying some of the special things from Nancy's culture. Together, the two girls learn that the more they share, the more they have.

Nene and the Horrible Math Monster begins to dispel part of the model minority myth that all Asians excel in mathematics. Filipino American author Villanueva shows how hard her heroine, Nene, must work for her math grade and the self-discipline and sacrifices that teach her to overcome her fears. Paired with vividly colored illustrations by Northwestern University art major Ria Unson, *Nene* explores and ex-

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"We want to produce authentic Asian American children's stories... We need to see more books, for children and for adults, that reflect the Asian American experience and educate the reader to accept and expect Asian Americans as a legitimate part of American society."

—Sandra Yamate

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books, 94 were by or about African Americans; the number of Asian American children's books was so small, CBCC found no reliable way to tabulate them. Indeed, Asian American children are more likely to find stories about animals than about people like themselves.

Striving to correct that, Polychrome Publishing has become one of the few publishers in the country dedicated to publishing Asian American children's books.

"We want to produce authentic Asian American children's stories," explained Polychrome President Sandra S. Yamate. "It's not enough to simply slap Asian looking faces onto the illustrations. We need to see more books, for children and for adults, that reflect the Asian American experience and educate the reader to accept and expect Asian Americans as a legitimate part of American society. Given the paucity of Asian American children's books and the easier availability of Asian fables and folktales, is it any wonder that Americans of Asian ancestry continue to be viewed as foreigners in their own country?"

Publication of the new books also allows Polychrome Publishing to develop and promote Asian American community talent. Although illustrator You Shan Tang is a former American Book Award winner (for *Pie-Biter* in 1984), the other authors and illustrators are new to children's books.

Almond Cookies & Dragon Well Tea was inspired by author Chin-Lee's memories of growing up while living above her grandpar-

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that's left," said Mineta.
Speaking out against Senate
Republicans, Mineta said, "The
Senate filibuster may have been
successful to some, but not for the
majority. It is essentially an un-
democratic act. But at a time of a
weak economic recovery and 9
million unemployed, it is also an
unacceptable act."
Perhaps a "tongue-in-cheek"
observation, Dan Boylan, a col-
umnist for the Honolulu Mid-

Week, in a
post-1992
election bit,
admits that
"for many
years I—as
many others
—have based
my analysis
of island politics
on eth-
nicity."
But after
watching the
last election
campaign, he
sees if you're
"short,"
that's how to
be elected.
Sens. Dan
Inouye,
Danny Aka-
ka, Gov. John
Waihee, Lt.
Gov. Ben Ca-
yetano, Reps.
Fatsy Mink
and Neil
Abercrombie
all had this "come up short"
thing in common. Even his prede-
cessor, Cecil Heftel, was short,
Boylan adds.
"Hawaii's democracy doesn't
care whether you are white or
brown, male or female, whether
you hail from the Madeiras, Phil-
ippines or Staten Island. But, by
golly, you had better be short,
very short," Boylan advises.
Looking at politics on the Big
Island, normal-size mayor Dante
Carpenter had one major. They
shaved off a half a foot to get
Lorraine Inouye when Bernard
Akana died after a few months.
But even she was too tall for
them as Hawaii Democrats dis-

Leadership
Talking about his career in public
service, Nao Takasugi, California
state assemblyman (R-37th), met
recently with community leaders in
the Sacramento Valley at a dinner
held in his honor.
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ness and
economic
development director, were to
have any chance of election to
public office, "he must take on a
taller opponent. Of course, at 6
feet-6, this probably is impossible
in Hawaii."

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The range of infringements against Asian Americans varies from verbal name calling to horrible beating deaths. When Asian Americans are tormented and some murdered, because an American company has fired some of its employees, because the product it makes doesn't sell as well as a Japanese product, there is something grossly wrong. When jealousy over the so-called "model minority" causes enrollment restrictions for Asian Americans, there is something wrong. When ethnic slurs slide out of the mouths of public officials and community leaders for all the world to hear, I know that there are those that still "don't get it."

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From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

The Nisei legacy

My friend Frank (Tabu) Fujita died the other day. He was 63 years old and for 57 of them he was married to one woman, Lilly. Tabu was a good man, gentle, kind, hard-working. He loved his wife and his daughter and grandson and great-grandson.

Tabu enjoyed cooking and for a while he ran a restaurant which gained a considerable measure of acclaim. But for much of his life he worked in retail markets, like many other Nisei of his times. He could hardly be called exceptional. No flags were flown at half staff in his memory, nor were public offices closed in mourning. He was just a very decent human being who was happy with what he was, and for that he will be missed by his friends.

So this column will not be a lament for Tabu Fujita alone, but for an entire generation of very ordinary Nisei good guys and gals who are leaving the scene in increasing numbers.

Look in the back pages of this newspaper almost any week and you will find a lengthy list of people who are no longer with us. Most of their names are familiar only to

limited circles of friends and associates. Each was an individual, but collectively they make up a generation that experienced and survived common problems and, in large measure, common frustrations while also as a group gaining a measure of success.

That commonality is based on their ethnicity, the fact that they are the offspring of Japanese who immigrated to the United States within the span of a few decades early this century in search of fortune if not fame. The immigrants carried heavy baggage in trying to make their way in a strange and often unfriendly culture. Their Nisei offspring inherited much of that baggage and sometimes it was a burden.

At the same time there was much moral if abstract treasure in that baggage. Characteristics like diligence and willingness to work and loyalty and perseverance that helped the Nisei generation to overcome their own vicissitudes which were many.

I have heard some Nisei—not many, to be sure—complain that it was these very characteristics that held back Nisei eco-

nomics, social and political assimilation, that they were too conformist and servile and lacked a rebellious spirit. But that is another story and you can get a lot of argument about that.

What I wish to declare now is that members of the Nisei generation, fast vanishing from the scene, are leaving a heritage that all Americans will find useful. They took some important values of their Issei parents, perhaps not consciously in all cases, and applied them nonetheless to make a success of their own lives.

I find that admirable. What more can one wish of a people? So let this be a tribute to all the men and women of Tabu Fujita's generation whose names appear in the obituary columns, and a celebration of the time they spent with us regardless of what they accomplished in their allotted years.

It would be a shame if more about them were not recorded for posterity before all are gone. ☐

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East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

All that glitters

Wesometimes assume, erroneously, that when it comes to output production, the Nippon-jins outdo everybody, including us in the U.S.A. In productivity output we Americans exceed the Japanese as well as the French and the Germans. Specifically, assigning 100 as the Japanese output, the Germans are at 139, the French 146 and we Americans 162—the highest of all. (Hard to believe when we seem to see so much "gold-bricking" all around us.) But that Japanese rate is deceptive in that many Japanese workers put in extra hours for which they are neither credited nor immediately compensated. I say "immediately" because those non-paid extra hours are expected by the boss if not by the company. If extra hours are not put in, the worker may be deemed a sloth, and sloths don't get promoted. And so a goodly segment of the Japanese workforce is reluctant to take any vacation while their co-workers continue to labor away back at the factory, office, or wherever.

Racking up the points.

It's no accident that in Nippon a common vacation period has evolved, a sort of understanding that workers are permitted if not expected to take time off from their jobs.

This period comes the end of April and goes into first week of May, straddling May 5, "Children's Day"—the fifth day of the fifth month. At that period of time, every hotel, hot spring, tourist center, play area, etc. in Japan will be booked to the hilt—far in advance. (Moral: Don't go to Japan at this period of time without iron-clad hotel reservations.)

So how many hours on an average does a Japanese worker put in annually? Well, according to the Japanese Labor Ministry it was 2,100 hours in 1985 and more recently this has been reportedly reduced by 84 hours a year. By U.S. standards, that's still a lot of working hours: assuming a 40-hour work week times 45 weeks (allowing for three weeks vacation, 10 days sick leave, and another ten days for holidays—for a total of seven weeks off), the U.S. worker puts in about 1,800 hours a year. And 1,800 is the goal the Labor Ministry seeks to have reached about this time of 1993. Assuming that the thus far unreported, unrecorded overtime hours are no longer kept underground, I for one predict they'll not come close to attaining this goal.

Folks on U.S. production lines have had a fairly good productivity track record. The segment of our industry that really outshines everybody is agriculture which had

refined the art of production to a level never attained by anyone else, anywhere else at any time. The Japanese will acknowledge that their office system is not among the most efficient. From what little I've observed, I can attest to that. In department stores there seemed, to me, an excess of clerks, although that has improved somewhat over the past decade. No more uniformed women at each landing of an escalator bowing and thanking you for coming to the store. The elevators, however, continue to be manned by uniformed, white-gloved young ladies. But then in some of our better department stores here in the states elevators are piloted by operators.

It is said that the Japanese adaptability to putting in extra hours and extra work is imbedded at an early age. Starting from elementary school if not at the kindergarten level, children invariably attend some after-class session, often juku. When they reach adulthood, it is commonplace to put in "extra" time.

All that glitters is not gold. ☐

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

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Disagrees with Nakano on beauty contests

Re: (Mei) Nakano's column against beauty contests in the April 9 *Pacific Citizen*. I disagree with her views, but I do not wish to be disagreeable about it.

"Archaisic?" Hmm! Thorndike-Barnhardt Dictionary: ARCHAIIC 1. No longer in general use. 2. Old-fashioned, out of date. 3. Ancient. "Could we properly apply to those definitions 'Traditional'?" Certainly definition 1 does not apply! Nor do nos. 2 & 3!

... Who wants to be "socially redeemed"? Certainly not I. After all these years in forming my personality, I do not easily yield to a feminist (whose views are reminiscent of Bela Abzug) who desires to "redeem me socially!"

"Diminishes the worth of human beings." How does the recognition of a woman's beauty "diminish her worth?"

"Ban it...etc." Me, are you sure that you are not concerned by JEALOUSY?

... on the grounds that (the contests) emphasized physical beauty to the detriment of ... intelligence, sense of humor, compassion.

I once knew a very beautiful girl who had an absolutely repulsive personality. Such a person would never win a beauty contest. It is to eliminate such women that the contest sponsors watch the behavior of the contestants under stress, in several areas of competence.

Beauty goes much deeper than, as you say, "breasts and behinds!" No matter how beautiful externally, who would put up with a shrew, a vixen, a termagant?

... derive their standards of beauty from Western models? Well? We are Japanese AMERICANS, we are not Orientals, except by derivation. Would you propose some other standard of beauty? Who are the contests designed to please? Why should we listen to you? You are a minute member of a minute (feminist) minority.

I do agree with you as to the impropriety of "ancestral purity" tests, if the testing is for beauty alone, but if it is desired to select a "Nisei Queen," then why not? Would it be proper to select a girl for "Nisei Queen" who was not Nikkei?

WE LIKE to see beautiful women! The human race would have died out long ago, did we not!

Something you should reflect on. No one forces the contestants to compete. Their participation is voluntary. If young women believed as you do, none would volunteer.

I think that the *Pacific Citizen* was wrong to have given space to your opinion. Forgive me, but I do think that someone should say to you, "Hush. Go sit down."

David C. Moore

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Wants information on JACL 1000 Club

I seek advice as to sources of information that may be helpful in recruiting new 1000 Club members. Besides occasional articles about its activities and how the 1000 Club came into existence, I do not remember articles describing its purposes nor information that might provide motivation for potential members to join.

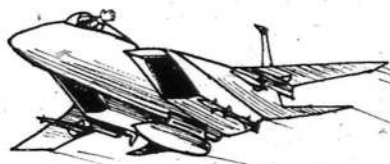
Gen Ogata
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Editor's note: The tradition to help "over and beyond regular JACL dues" because of the importance and need for strong support of the organization dedicated to the cause of Japanese Americans has been the foundation of the 1000 Club since it was founded nearly 50 years ago.

To raise additional funds at some JACL events tongue-in-cheek penalties for such things as not wearing a bow tie were assessed. Understandably, National's emphasis in recent years has been on the Legacy Fund and some 1000 Club members are deeply involved here.

In either case, 1000 Club or Legacy Fund contributions are tax deductible.

MOTHER'S DAY - 1993



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IN-SIGHT

LILLIAN C. KIMURA

YWCA: A leader in fight for justice

In my last column I wrote about the YWCA of the U.S.A. calling on all Americans to set aside May 27th as a "National Day of Commitment" to focus on the elimination of racism in all its forms, in all walks of life. National Executive Director Gwendolyn C. Baker said, "Racism is a threat to our society and we must continually find ways to examine it before incidents occur rather than in response to them." I suggested that JACL chapters join the YWCAs in their local communities on this day.

On September, 1981, I testified for the YWCA of the U.S.A. at the Chicago hearing of the Commission on Wartime Evacuation and Internment of Civilians. I said in part, "In YWCAs on the West Coast before World War II, hundreds of Japanese American women and girls were members of clubs, councils, conferences, committees and on policy making boards. Some of the centers serving these women had been in existence for 22 years prior to the outbreak of the war and many of the women literally grew up within the walls of the YWCA. Because of this, the YWCA felt special responsibility for work on the problems which led to the evacuation and those which resulted from

it. A Business Girl's Council said at that time, 'We are facing the fact that we soon will lose a number of our most active and valuable club members because they happen to have been born of foreign parentage and to be living in areas of military significance today. They are girls who like ourselves are workers in offices, stores and banks, civil service, teaching, nursing, household employment and service occupations. Almost without exception, they are American citizens in the legal sense of the word and Americans in their loyalties and interest. . . They have helped to build our western coast both economically and culturally.'

"Concerned that these members needed to maintain contact with the 'outside' world, to know that there were people who cared about them and thought they were important at a time when they were experiencing almost complete rejection and isolation, the YWCA sought and received permission to establish YWCA units in the 10 relocation centers and Crystal City, TX. Beginning in August of 1942, 13 units were organized in the camps."

At the same time these units were being formed, the YWCA worked with other na-

tional organizations to seek release of the internees to other communities. The National YWCA Student Council sought to get students released in time to attend colleges and universities for the Fall 1942 semester. Local YWCAs were urged to become a part of and give active support to community committees working on such problems as housing, job opportunities and social adjustment of the evacuees. Notable work was done by YWCAs in Denver, Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Madison, Milwaukee, Dayton, Cincinnati and Cleveland. In some instances in the Midwest, JACL chapters were first organized and met in YWCAs.

Through the use of all means possible, the National Board of the YWCA kept its three million members informed about the developments related to the evacuation. "I told the commission in Chicago, 'For example, in the May 12, 1942, Public Affairs Bulletin, the first paragraph read:

"The removal of all Japanese people, citizens and non-citizens alike, from the Western Coastal region is now in process. Lt. General John L. DeWitt, Western Defense commander, is quoted by the press as having stated that the removals will be completed by May 31. After this date the re-

moval of German and Italian aliens from the region is expected to begin. But the evacuation orders do not exclude American citizens of German or Italian parentage and certain exemptions are allowed for alien Germans and Italians, practically none of which apply to the Japanese."

"What is the significance of this Japanese exodus—a social phenomenon unique in our national history? Was it wholly a measure of military necessity? What actually is happening to these people who have had to leave their homes and businesses, their schools, their non-Japanese friends and associates? If evacuation must take place, how can the process be planned to protect the evacuees, so far as possible, against exploitation and abuse? Where are the evacuees to go? What will their life be like in the places of resettlement? What is the psychological effect upon American citizens of Japanese parentage of finding themselves thus singled out, alone among the children of enemy aliens, for removal? Has the thing which is happening (have) any relationship to our future concepts of citizenship or to the terms of future peace?"

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Sidebar

MEI NAKANO

Family values: A matter of responsibility

Mention "family values" and your brain instantly calls up an image of a nice, middle-class, nuclear family—Mom, Dad and two kids in the burbs. It's a pretty picture, often exploited by politicians for the instant, packaged message it can deliver. You recall that former V.P. Dan Quayle used it to castigate the fictional TV character Murphy Brown, who, he said, sent a terrible message across the land about "family values" by having a child out of wedlock.

That sparked a wild firestorm of public debate. Said Judith Stacey, a sociology professor, "Talking about family values allows them (the politicians) to refer to race and homosexuality without saying what they're really talking about." It also allows them to talk about families, excluding about 40 percent of Hispanic children and 60 percent of African American children, who are raised in single parent homes. In contrast, Barbara Defoe Whitehead, a researcher at the Institute of American Values, declared flat out that Quayle was right. "Family

diversity in the form of increasing numbers of single-parent and stepparent families . . . dramatically weakens and undermines society, placing new burdens on schools, courts, prisons and the welfare system."

Both camps have a point. And my guess is that the whole issue makes Japanese Americans a little uncomfortable, particularly those of us who consider ourselves progressive, since, as a whole, we hold strong feelings about family.

But agree with Dan Quayle? I don't think so. For one thing, his attack is too easily made. Doesn't he know that if Murphy Brown were a real-life person, she would have her kid enrolled at Harvard before he/she could cut second teeth? For another, having a child out of wedlock is not all that rare these days, so the message was half-way to Peoria before Brown got to the mike.

Still, there is no doubt that our society is in deep trouble and that children who are poor because of single-parent households do tend to get into trouble with the law

more often than other children.

What can be done? I come down at the issue from another angle. "Family values," it seems to me, functions as a convenient code word for a romantic ideal of a family that ignores reality. Harriet doesn't stay home any more. She's out there with the multitudes in the marketplace, most often out of necessity, but increasingly because she wants to be. And often—50% of the time—there is no Ozzie in the household. Moreover, in some households, sometimes two, even three, sets of siblings live under the same roof. At times, two persons of the same gender do the parenting. The trend for all of these and other diverse family structures is upward, according to authorities on family life. In fact, says Leslie Wolfe, one such authority, "the isolated nuclear family of the 1950s was a small blip on the radar." That's the reality. We need to deal with that reality and stop gnashing our teeth over something that is vanishing and will likely cease to exist.

So, for starters, we can jolt ourselves into

valuing the family unit, whatever its form. Then we can create structures in our society that will encourage marginalized members to veer into the mainstream. That should include programs which encourage people to take responsibility for whatever family unit they create. That is critical. The jobs bill and health care for everyone are examples of strategies that will help families stay together.

Ultimately, then, we need to understand that we are part of a larger family, and we need to take responsibility for that family. Yes, it will require effort, money (read taxes) and sacrifice, what the President is now asking of us.

But that's what family values is about.

Nakano, Nisei author of "Japanese American Women: Three Generations," is presently working on a book about her father. Her column appears monthly in the Pacific Citizen.

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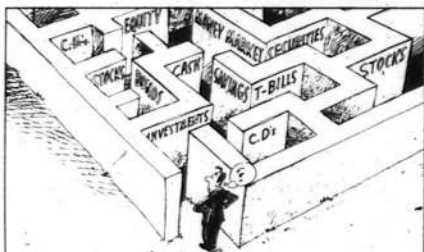
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Peru First Lady to keynote PANA event

By HARRY K. HONDA
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Susana Higuchi de Fujimori, the first lady of Peru, will keynote the 7th PANA convention at Vancouver, B.C. July 1-4.

The first lady will attend the convention along with her secretary, Ana Marina Alvarado de Diaz, Teresa Yamakawa, and possibly artist Julia Ozaki, who will have some works of Peruvian artists.

Yamakawa said she regretted not meeting with PSW Tri-District Conference guest speaker Doris Matsui, President Clinton's liaison official, analogous to her position with Susana Fujimori since the summer of 1990.

Before Yamakawa returned, PANA-USA president Norihito Kanai presented a check for \$14,400 (40 units of \$360 per unit) representing donations from members toward the first lady's scholarship fund to support pupils at the Hideo Noguchi School. Each unit is measured at a dollar-a-day for a needy student.

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IN-SIGHT

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I went on my testimony to say that "In the same Bulletin, the YWCA described evacuation as a race problem in addition to being a result of war hysteria. Here is an excerpt: 'In many parts of our country, persons with dark or yellow skin cannot get jobs, cannot train for certain kinds of work in the Army and Navy and cannot eat and cannot sleep. Too easily we forget this pattern of life and it is only when we are jolted by something so immense as the evacuation which is taking place on the Pacific Coast that we remember injustices meted out to many of our citizens every day.'

The archives at the national office contain correspondence during those years to the president of the United States, members of Congress and administration officials on a variety of issues, such as:

- Opposing the discriminatory practice of denying admission of Nikkei to the U.S. Navy.

- Petitioning to lift the ban prohibiting Japanese from living on the west coast.

- Standing for the removal of race as one of the tests of eligibility to enter the U.S. and subsequently for naturalization.

- Filing amicus briefs on Hirasabayashi and Yasui cases before the Supreme Court.

At the 1946 National YWCA Convention, action was taken to

"work for the restoration of full constitutional rights and privileges of Americans of Japanese ancestry and payment of indemnities for economic loss by virtue of their forced removal from their homes by the Federal Government." This action led to support of JACL's efforts on evacuation claims.

The contact person for work with Japanese Americans during those years was Annie Cio Watson, on loan to the National YWCA from the International Institute in San Francisco. (International Institute was organized by the YWCA as immigrants began to come to this country in great numbers.) Miss Watson played an important role in organizing the Pacific Coast Committee for Americans for Fair Play and served as a National JACL sponsor. For her efforts, at the 1956 National JACL Convention, Miss Watson was awarded the Ruby Pin. At the time of her death, a tribute was written in the Pacific Citizen by Saburo Kido, JACL president during wartime.

Today, the YWCA remains in the forefront on work for justice and equality. Located in 400 communities in this country, it was particularly important to have YWCA support on redress. Participating in the National Day of Commitment may be a way for us to say thanks. That's thirty for now. ☐

Kimura is the JACL National President. Her IN-SIGHT column appears regularly in Pacific Citizen.



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Asano, Shichinosuke, 90, San Francisco, March 6, founder of Nishi Betsi Times (1940), president and board chairman, retired in 1962, late-born journalist who came to U.S. in 1917 as Japanese news correspondent, joined Nishi Shimbun (1923), evacuated to Topeka, decorated five times by Japanese government for his contributions to U.S.-Japan relations; affiliated with many community groups: JACL, Bonsai Club, Christ United Presbyterian, Nichiren Kai, Omote Senjimon, Densetsu, Japanese American Citizens League (Sacramento), Tadayoshi (San Jose), daughter Setsuko Ogami (San Mateo), Hiako Futamatsu (Reno), 111, 31 gaa-gei.

Dela, Takashi, 80, Menlo Park, March 11; Watsonville-born, postwar berry farmer in Ballico-Cortez, survived by wife Celia, son Jerry (Turk), daughters Laura Dela-Colum (Hayward), Doris Burden (Emery), 3 c., sister Ruth Takeuchi (Berkeley), brothers Ken, Frank (Reno).

Endo, Nobuo, 81, Midvale, Utah, March 16, prewar San Francisco Bay Area resident, survived by wife Michiko, 4 sons: Jason (Gardener), Jerry (Santa Clara), Edward (Frederic), Stanley (Roy), 2 daughters Grace Matsumura (Roy), Linda Omon (Centerville), 13 c., 1 gaa-gei, 5 brothers Frank (Salt Lake City), Hiroshi (Los Angeles), Goro (Berkeley), Toshi (Oakland), Hideto (Hawthorne), 4 sisters Hanako Tachiki (Las Vegas), Akiko Tachiki (Chula Vista), Miyoko Shigenoto (Oakland), Mary Ouchi (Hayward).

Harary, John Richard, 78, Key West, Fla., March 24, journalist, author of "Hiroshima" (1946), his nonfiction work describing the horrors of atomic warfare, in 46th printing at time of his death, born in Tienjin (Tientsin) of American missionary parents, WWII war correspondent for Time, Pulitzer Prize novelist of "A Ball for Adam" (1944), taught writing for 18 years at Yale and MIT.

Hirakawa, June T., 88, San Mateo, March 16; San Francisco-born, survived by husband Jim, daughter Gloria Tinnel, son Glen, 2 c., 1 gaa-gei, 77, Salmos, Feb. 22; Woodland-born, survived by son Robert, 3 c., sister Yoshie Ishii, 85, Fresno, Feb. 12; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Shizuko, sons Tommy, Albert, daughter Ann Kageura, 9 c.

Iwasaki, Frank, 76, San Mateo, Feb. 15; Flom-born, survived by wife Marietta, brothers Tom, George.

Kawamoto, Jack T., 83, Los Altos, Feb. 15; Alviso-born, survived by wife Shigeo, son Jack, daughter Maye, brothers Isamu, Frank, Kawamoto, 75.

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Koshiyama, George, 70, San Jose, Feb. 15; Santa Clara-born, survived by wife Teri, sons D. Robert, Ron, Roger, 1 c., sisters Mari Yoshida, Frances Koshiyama.

Kubochi, James "Calagay", 75, Sacramento, Feb. 26; Sebastopol-born, survived by wife Lorraine, daughter Martha, sons Stanley, Jay, c., sister Janet Nagasawa, brother-in-law Saburo Fuji.

Matsushita, Hideo, 79, San Francisco, Feb. 14; Yamashiro-born, came to U.S. age 7 (1920), her grandfather Baron Goro Hagiwara built the Japanese Tea Garden in San Francisco Golden Gate Park where she lived, professionally known as Isadora artist.

Morita, Yoshiyuki, 94, San Jose, Feb. 27; Wakayama-born, survived by sons Bill, Fred, daughters Fumie Funayoshi, Lily Appleby, Elsie Buck, 12 c., 6 gaa-gei.

Morikawa, Masao, 80, Monterey, March 11; Seattle-born, survived by wife Hisae, daughter Anna Almaraz, 25 c.

Morimoto, Kenji, 55, Watsonville, March 7; Castrolville-born, survived by wife Janice, sons Jeffrey, Kevin, Jimmy, daughter Jaylin, 4 brothers Nobuo, Tadashi, Akira, Sueti, 5 sisters Ayako Torio, Mie Miyasaka, Yoshie Hayashi, Kioko Takemoto, Chieko Hosaka, in-laws: father-in-law Shigeru and Misako Toriumi.

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Osaka, Hideo, 52, Pacific, March 7; Lone Star-born, survived by husband Masayuki, son Marvin, Neil, daughters Karen Pedersen, Linda, 2 c., 4 sisters Saeko Harada, Akiko Mori, Masuyo Yoshimura, Hideo Ono, 6 brothers Isamu Haru, Hideo, Joe, Isao, Tom, Kenneth.

Sakaguchi, Shiori, 91, Watsonville, March 3; Kumaoto-born, survived by wife Eiko, son Leigh, daughter Amy Doshita, 2 c.

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Government

Hawaii-born and Cal-Poly Pomona graduate in landscape architecture, **Les Hamasaki**, president of AmerAsia Group, was appointed by Mayor Tom Bradley and confirmed by the city council April 2 to the Airport Commission. He worked with the L.A. city planning from 1965-1981, started his own solar energy development and distribution company and AmerAsia, a consulting firm specializing in Pacific Rim commerce. His highlight in community arts was raising funds for the Jaumu Noguchi design of the JACC Plaza in the 1980s and encouraging Japanese companies to support the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center philanthropically. While with the city, he founded the City Employees Asian American Association and co-chaired the first Asian Pacific American Heritage Week committee in 1979.

West Los Angeles JACLer **Jean M. Uehijima**, Beverly Hills city clerk, completed the academic training program as a third sustaining member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. The status symbolizes her "as a true municipal clerk professional," IIMC President Christina Wilder, city clerk of the Hamilton (N.J.) Township, announced. Jean has been city clerk since 1973, was cited by the Beverly Hills chamber of commerce for achievement in 1990 and by the city for community service in 1991.

CALENDAR

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Mar. 369 E. First St., L.A. Information: 213/625-0414.

San Diego

Saturday, May 13—Japan American Society of Southern California hosts its 10th annual U.S. trade representative to Japan and China, speaking on "Unveiling 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.

Onnard

Saturday, May 15—Annual Fujimatsu Festival, sponsored by the Onnard Buddhist Church, 2500 South H St., Onnard, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Exhibits: bonsai, ikebana, oshibana; demonstration: tea ceremony; food. Free. Information: 805/483-5948.

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