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Enomoto defies Gov. Brown, won't quit!

SACRAMENTO, Ca. — Now that Gov. Brown has quit his pitch for the presidency to deal with business at home, what might have been a routine and peaceful reassignment of a department head, director of corrections Jerry J. Enomoto in this instant, embroiled into a bureaucratic tangle this past week as the top Nisei administrator in state government refused to vacate the job he has held for five years.

Gov. Brown last week (Apr. 24) had appointed Ruth L. Rushen, 55, acting chairwoman of the Board of Prison Terms (formerly the parole board and adult authority), to succeed the career prison worker who began in 1952 as a counselor at San Quentin. She was expected to take over April 23.

But an angered Enomoto, at a press conference following Brown's announcement, declared he wasn't going to step aside willingly, and claimed the governor did not follow the proper legal steps in firing him. Both sides are seeking help of Republican Attorney General George Deukmejian to make their case.

Meanwhile, sensing a possible court battle to determine the issue, National JACL Headquarters in San Francisco said an Enomoto legal defense fund is being established. Contributions to JACL, earmarked for the fund, should be forwarded to 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, Ca. 94115.

In his statement filed for the expected hearing this week, Enomoto recounted the course of events as follows:

Howard Way, just nominated a member of Brown's cabinet as secretary of the youth and adult corrections agency, had called him in the previous Friday (April 11) to say the department was being reorganized and "requested me to accept the position" to chair the Board of Prison Terms, a job that pays nearly \$6,000 less than what he currently earns at \$46,896.

Enomoto said no reasons were given him for the change and he expressed his dissatisfaction of the proposal. The Governor's legal secretary also told him he had no knowledge of the change in positions other than the general discussion of a reorganization.

On Sunday, April 13, Gray Davis, the governor's chief of staff, said the Governor would see him on Tuesday.

On April 14, one of the superintendents informed him he had been contacted by Ruth Rushen and had been offered the position of chief deputy of the corrections department.

(Karl Nobuyuki at JACL Headquarters the same day was tipped off that Enomoto was being considered for a transfer and in a telegram to the Governor on April 14 protested the change: "Mr. Enomoto has brought fresh thinking to the Dept. of Corrections and creative approaches in a very complex endeavor. Any action which would remove Mr. Enomoto would thrust the corrections system a step backward in the wrong direction," the JACL declared.)

On April 15, Enomoto personally met and discussed the matter with the Governor for three hours, "complimenting me for my service as Direc-



Ruth Rushen



Jerry Enomoto

tor of Corrections and further encouraging me to accept" the new position. But he told Brown, "I'm not interested..." The Governor called him at home that evening and talked for about an hour, indicating that if he had to choose between Way and me he would have to go with Mr. Way (former Republican state senator from Tulare County).

(That evening, local JACLers and friends of Enomoto met to see what internal pressure might be brought upon the Governor. Support for Enomoto came from throughout the state and from such congressmen as Robert Matsui and Vic Fazio of Sacramento, Don Edwards and Norman Mineta of San Jose, John Burton of San Francisco and Tony Coelho of Fresno.

(Matsui found Brown "totally irresponsible to make such a demand without a showing of incompetence or a finding of other legal grounds for removal". Burton said "such an action would be totally unjustified in light of Mr. Enomoto's exceptional service to our state...")

On April 16, the Governor called Enomoto who again advised he was interested in the change and wanted to remain as director of corrections. The same day, Enomoto learned from his staff of moves to remove key aides and being told Ms. Rushen was going "to dismantle the department".

On April 17, the Governor's press office informed Enomoto that Rushen had been appointed. That same date, he declared he was not resigning and that no charges had been filed against him.

On the issue of firing the director of corrections, Enomoto's private attorney Loren McMaster cited a state penal code (Section 5051) that appears to give the governor the final say so but which allows for a potentially bloody dispute before the question can be settled. It provides:

Sec. 5051: "The director shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. He shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor, but before the director may be removed, charges against him, which charges may be preferred by any person, shall be heard by the Board of Corrections. The Board of Corrections shall make detailed findings with respect to the charges and submit the findings to the Governor. The Governor may, but need not, abide by the findings of the Board of Corrections, and may retain or remove the director. If the Governor removes

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Elections

Gloria Sun Hom, 39, political science instructor at Mission College, Santa Clara, lost her bid by 441 votes for the Republican nomination to the 12th District seat in the State Senate in the April 8 special elections covering the westside of Santa Clara County. She received 17,786 votes among a field of eight in her first bid for public office. Chinese Americans from both political parties had endorsed her. She is the daughter of former Consul General from Taiwan in San Francisco, Patrick Pichi Sun, and has been teaching for the past 13 years.

New Nisei councilman elected in Sebastopol, Marin County

San Francisco
Two more Japanese Americans were seated in the city council in Northern California this past week (April 15), a week following the April 8 elections.

In Fremont, Councilman Yoshio Fujiwara was re-elected polling 8,956 votes and pacing the field of 10 candi-



Yoshio Fujiwara

Sen. Inouye sketches strong plan to rescue U.S. hostages

HONOLULU — During the Congressional Easter break, Sen. Daniel Inouye was home and addressed two groups: (a) the Honolulu Press Club on April 7 where he called for bold steps to rescue American hostages at Tehran, and (b) the Rotary Club April 8 where he said the draft, if needed, should take in men and women.

If he were president, Inouye began, he would call a joint session of Congress, with the UN Secretary General and the Security Council invited, announcing to the world "our intention to go in and get our people" by sending six chartered commercial jetliners "without fighter escort" but carrying a battalion of "Marines with rifles" led by a high civilian official.

And the "world will be watching in living color the landing of the commercial planes," Inouye continued. "If there is to be shooting, let them (the Iranians) fire the first round and let the world see it." The former 442nd infantry officer dispelled any comparison that might be made of the U.S. action with the Soviet invasion into Afghanistan.

By allowing Ayatollah Khomeini "to kick us in the teeth", the United States has emboldened Iran to escalate its demand, he said. "We can't go on forever turning one cheek and

then the other... we're running out of cheeks."

While never criticizing President Carter in his handling of the Iranian crisis, Inouye said "the time has come when something must be done".

On the draft issue, he favors registration of both men and women although he stops short of putting women in combat. And if the draft is restored, there should be alternative service for those who do not want to serve in the armed forces, he said, such as in the hospitals.

The Army is short of 46,000 non-commissioned officers, he reported; 40% of the recruits won't even finish basic training; and 25% of all soldiers are in the low IQ classification. The U.S., thus, is ill-prepared to go to war with its tanks and ships because not all personnel are capable of operating sophisticated equipment, he said.

This past week (April 16), Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Ca.) said President Carter "threw away another trump card" when he deported Iranian diplomats instead of interning them in retaliation for the holding of U.S. hostages in Tehran. If the Iranians had been seized and if Iran then shot the American hostages, Hayakawa was asked, what should this country have done with its hostages? "We shoot them too," he replied. His office later said he had not meant to be taken seriously. #



Mayor Robert Ouye

Voters elect first mayor for 2 years

MARINA, Ca.—Robert Ouye, a sheriff deputy who has served on the Marina city council since its incorporation in 1975, and the mayor since 1978 by virtue of the choice made by his fellow city council members, won the first directly-elected mayor's post for the next two years at the April 8 elections.

He won with 826 votes over 762 for Barbara Bird, midway through her four-year council term which she won in 1978.

George Takahashi led a field of eight city council candidates with 653 votes in an election that attracted 38.2% of the registered voters.

Tsujimura nominated for National JACL presidency

MOSES LAKE, Wa.—The nomination of Dr. Jim Tsujimura of Portland for office of National JACL president was announced by Ed Yamamoto, National nominations committee member for the Pacific Northwest District Council.

Dr. Tsujimura, currently serving his second term as national vice-president, research & services, has been active at all levels within the organization—chapter president in 1970, district governor in 1974, convention board chair for 1974, the 1973-74 JACLer of the Biennium and a Sapphire Pin honoree.

Tsujimura is an ophthalmologist.

Nominations for national office close April 29, it was reminded.

From Northern California, the nomination of Floyd Shimomura of Sacramento for a second term as national vice-president for public affairs was also announced. A deputy attorney general with the State of California, he was chapter president in 1976 when Sacramento hosted the national convention, and a district council executive member when elected to the national board in 1978.

It was reported Lillian Kimura of Chicago, former Midwest District Governor, and veteran JACLer Tom Shimasaki of Tulare County, are considering entering the JACL election for national president. Lily Okura of Washington, it was also learned, is seeking another term as national vice president, general operations.

While Steve Nakashima of West Valley, national v.p., membership services, does not intend to run again, San Francisco planning commissioner Dr. Yosh Nakashima is planning to bid for that office.

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Mayor Chuck Hazama of Rochester, Minn., leads tour group tour to Hawaii

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HONOLULU—He doesn't know whether he'll run again for mayor of Rochester, Minn., but he knows where he can pick up 50 votes right away... his tour group from Minnesota basking in the sun here in mid-March.

Chuck Hazama, who hails from Puunene (a Maui community no longer existing) and a 1950 graduate of Baldwin High in Wailuku, has been leading tour groups back to Hawaii since 1972. Last year, in a classic upset victory, he was elected mayor of the city and its 65,000 people.

He was 18 when he moved to Iowa to study for the ministry but interest in physical education took over, took an administrative job at the Waterloo (Iowa) YMCA, where he stayed for 12 years — getting married in the meantime to the former Almira Oyakawa of Kauai, whom he met while taking graduate courses at Univ. of Northern Iowa. In 1967, he was lured to Rochester to become the YMCA executive director, building it to one of the best in the Midwest and winning a reputation "for bringing people together and getting the job done".

It was during one of physical fitness classes that a student who owned a travel agency asked him to help lead a tour back to Hawaii. "Some people said it was inappropriate for a mayor to lead tours... baloney. Others wondered where I got the time. That's easy. If you love some-

thing enough you'll find time to do it. The secret is organization," he told Ron Ronck, reporter for the Advertiser.

When approached to run for mayor, because the incumbent of 17 years was retiring, Hazama's first reaction was laughter. But after receiving opinions from friends and relatives, who all urged him to go ahead, and learning the mayor's job was "officially" a part-time position and that he could remain YMCA executive director, he entered. Municipal elections in Rochester are nonpartisan, so he had both Republican and Democratic support.

Hazama gets up at 5:30 a.m., works at the mayor's desk until the desk is clean and off to the Y "to get the other house in order". Delegating authority is important, he said, and added, "I have a policy that I never touch a piece of paper twice." He has appointed over 150 volunteers to local committees and boards—such as energy awareness, historic preservations, drug and alcohol abuse, snow removal, etc.

"When I get back, I have to figure out a way to get more men to Rochester. Right now, there are seven women to every man... Maybe, I can recruit a few while I'm here," he said. The temperature at home while talking with the reporter was 10 above zero. #

JACL named to civil rights board

WASHINGTON—Ronald K. Ikejiri, Washington JACL representative, was named to the executive committee of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, it was announced by Clarence M. Mitchell, chairman of the Washington-based conference.

"The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) has been an active supporter of the Leadership Conference throughout our 30-year history, programatically as well as financially," Mitchell said as he welcomed Ikejiri to the committee.

Govt

Judge Barbara Tam Thompson, the distinguished Sansei (Japanese mother) jurist who is currently serving as Judge of Municipal Court of the Central Orange County District, was named by the Board of Supervisors to a blue ribbon commission to investigate the feasibility of Orange County becoming a chartered county. Orange County, is presently the most populous county in California and probably in the nation, is a General Law county. Judge Thompson is the only minority member and is one of two women on the nine member commission.

SEATTLE—The appointment of Kazuo Watanabe, former Washington state director of Commerce and Economic Development, to the State Liquor Control Board was confirmed recently by the State Senate. He was appointed to the three-member board last year by Gov. Dixy Lee Ray.

Politics

Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke has named Christine "Chris" Naito as her Asian/Pacific Coordinator for the Fourth Supervisorial District campaign.

In commenting on the appointment, Mrs. Burke said, "members of the Asian/Pacific communities have consistently been in leadership positions in our district, and have made many positive contributions here."

A lifelong resident of Pasadena and Sierra Madre, Mrs. Naito is a public relations and community affairs executive with Grand Chevrolet in Glendora.

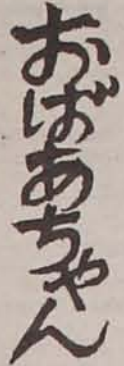
The former California attorney has been JACL Washington "rep" since July, 1978. Executive committee members include: Sen. Edward W. Brooke, Mat'l Low Income Housing Coalition; David Brody, ADL-B'nai B'rith; Douglas

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Hawaii

Big Island County Councilman Moon Sameshima (D) of Kohala is nearer to challenging Mayor Herbert Matayoshi after State Sen. Dante Carpenter announced he would not run for the county's top executive post. Four months ago, Sameshima said he would run if no one else challenges the incumbent, but has yet to commit himself firmly.

Maui's most notable figure, Jesse Kuhaulua (Takamiyama), was home in late March with a camera crew which is filming his hometown and story for a TV special, "Happy Valley". He is due to become a Japanese citizen after a long career as a sumoist.

Honolulu Mayor Fasi, who is getting ready for his fourth term, scored 62% for job performance in the latest Advertiser Hawaii Poll, 18% disapproved and 20% had no opinion. Hawaii Gov. Ari-

Woman missing 60 days found slain in home garage

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—An all-points bulletin was issued April 8 for David Asahara in connection with the death of his wife, Kaoru, whose body was found hidden under sacks of cement and debris in the garage of the couple's South Sacramento home.

Dr. David Asahara, 40, a chiropractor was last seen in the

yoshi got 46% approval, 37% disapproval and 17% no opinion. Two years ago when they were battling for the governorship, Fasi had outscored Ariyoshi but incumbency prevailed.

Sacramento area about the time his wife's disappearance was reported to police Jan. 24.

Dr. Asahara, last known to be in the San Francisco Bay Area, is wanted for questioning in the homicide, discovered April 6.

Sgt. Mike Roy, spokesman for the Sacramento police department, said police "have probable cause to believe (David Asahara) was involved" in the death of his wife.

"We know he's been cashing checks down there," Roy said. He declined to say in which Bay Area community Dr. Asahara was seen. #

Deaths

Toshio Mori, 66, of San Leandro, Ca., died of a stroke on April 12. An author by avocation (nearly 400 stories, some say) and flower grower, he is survived by w Hisayo, s Steven and br Masao. In the late 1940s, he had contributed short stories to the Pacific Citizen, some of them reprinted last spring in a Toshio Mori anthology, "The Chauvinist and Other Stories", by UCLA Asian American Studies Center. His first book was "Yokohama, California", publication of which was delayed because of World War II.

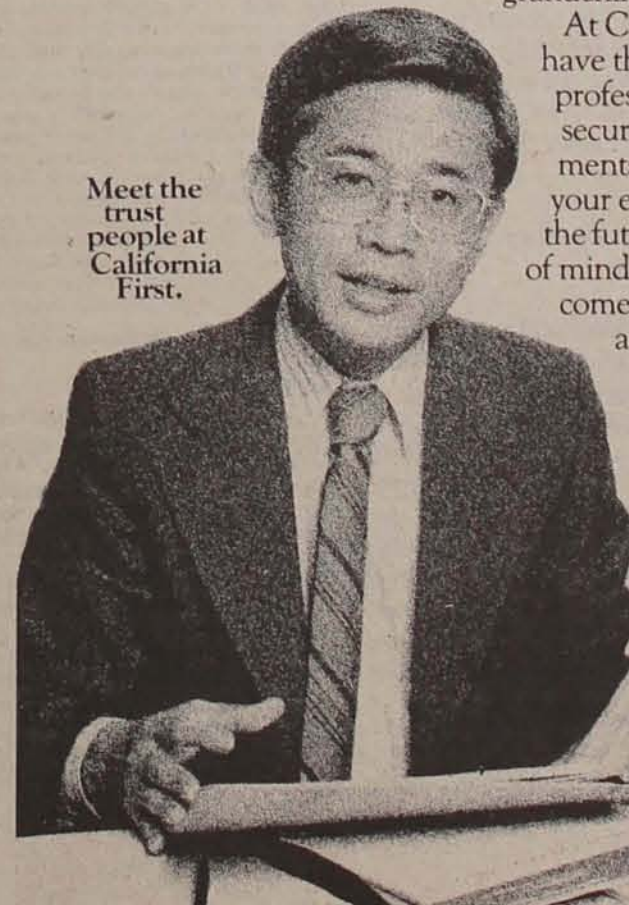
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25 more sites historic to Cal. Nikkei selected

EL CERRITO, Ca.—Twenty-five properties were submitted by the Japanese American component of the Ethnic Minority Cultural Resources Survey to the State of California's Office of Historic Preservation as historic sites associated with Japanese Americans. By the end of the project, 100 such historic sites will have been identified. The third quarter submittals are:

- Alameda Co.—Alvarado Japanese Association Bldg.
- Fresno Co.—Selma Japanese Mission, Reedley Kyogikai Hall, and the community of Bowles.
- Los Angeles Co.—Compton Gakuen, Fukui Mortuary, Hompa Hongwanji, Sei Fujii property, Southern California Flower Market, and Union Church.
- Marin Co.—Angel Island Detention Barrack.
- Monterey Co.—Monterey JACL Hall, Pt. Lobos Canning Co. in Carmel, and Yamato Cemetery in Salinas.
- Placer Co.—Tsuda's Grocery Store in Auburn.
- Riverside Co.—Gravesite of Ulysses Shinsei Kaneko.
- Sacramento Co.—Walnut Grove Oriental School, Florin Grammar School, Lucky Fruit and Produce Co. and the Filipino section of Walnut Grove.
- San Francisco Co.—California Flower Market.
- Solano Co.—Vacaville Cemetery (Japanese section).
- Tulare Co.—K. Shinoda building in Cutler, Visalia Public Cemetery (Japanese section), and Yamaguchi Labor Camp near Visalia.

The detention barracks at Angel Island were the first experience many Japanese had of the U.S. This was particularly true for picture brides who were detained here between 1910-1920. Chinese and white immigrants also were processed through the detention barracks at Angel Island, with each group kept separate from the others.

Another first is represented by Ulysses Shinsei Kaneko, who is believed to have become the first naturalized Japanese in California on March 27, 1896 in San Bernardino. Kaneko settled in Riverside operating a restaurant, labor camp and hotel. He became a city auditor as well as the first president of the Riverside Japanese Assn. Kaneko's qualifications for citizenship were challenged in 1914 by a Deputy District Attorney, but the case was dismissed.

Discriminatory actions toward Japanese Americans are represented by two segregated schools and a test of the Alien Land Law. Florin and Walnut Grove were two Northern California communities which segregated Japanese children in the public schools. The structure in Florin is still used for adult and pre-school education, but the Walnut Grove school no longer stands. In 1948, Kashu Mainichi publisher Sei Fujii, an Issei, purchased property in the city of Los Angeles, as a direct challenge to the Alien Land Laws. On April 17, 1954, the California Supreme Court ruled that a non-citizen alien could in fact purchase and own property in his/her own name. This property remains undeveloped.

Haru Matsuri

FRESNO, Ca.—The Haru Matsuri featuring the cultural arts of Japan will be held at Dick Duncan's Japanese Garden, 6901 East McKenzie in Fresno, on Saturday, April 26, 2 to 5 p.m.

This festival is part of the Japanese-American Project of the San Joaquin Valley Library System through a grant funded by The National Endowment for the Humanities.

Economic ventures of Japanese Americans are acknowledged in a number of the sites. Family-operated businesses are represented by Tsuda's Grocery Store in Auburn established in 1918, Fukui Mortuary of Los Angeles begun in 1917, and K. Shinoda, Cutler, a grocery store-pool hall-barber shop started about 1906.

The Point Lobos Cannery was established at the turn of the century to fish, can, dry, and ship abalone to Japan, and to supply abalone to California restaurants. Established in an area where earlier Japanese had fished for squid and salmon, the only remaining structure from the cannery is the whalers cottage, the former residence of Gennosuke Kodani who founded the cannery, and now used as the ranger's home for Point Lobos State Park.

Collective economic ventures are represented by the California Flower Market in San Francisco, whose first wholesale market was begun in May 1909, and the Southern California Flower Market of Los Angeles, which opened in January 1913. Similarly, Lucky Fruit and Produce Co. of Sacramento was a merger of several produce companies, and currently is the only Japanese wholesale produce company owned and operated by Japanese in Sacramento today.

If one looks at a map, there is a town named "Bowles" in Fresno County, but the "Japanese Bowles" is located a few miles further west on Manning Ave., and one couldn't find it on any map. From 1902, the community of Bowles has been a community of farmers almost totally Japanese; that is, almost every farm in Bowles was Japanese-operated.

Japanese communities throughout the state constructed community halls, but few of these still are intact. The Alvarado Japanese Association Bldg. constructed in 1910, was also the site of the Japanese language school in this area, and still stands. A similar structure exists in Monterey, built in 1925 as the Japanese Association Bldg. and housing the Japanese language school; it has been used

by the community for weddings, funerals, Japanese plays, movies, and meetings of Issei groups. The Reedley Kyogikai built its hall in 1934 as a meeting place for its members, and to serve as a dojo for its Nisei kendo and judo groups; an interesting facet of its construction is its specially reinforced floors to withstand the stress of martial arts practice.

The Compton Gakuen merged with the Gardena Gakuen and Moneta Gakuen in 1971 after having been established in 1923 to teach Nisei the Japanese language. In the 1930s, 370-375 students attended Japanese language classes at the Compton Gakuen; today, as the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, about 110 students still are taught the Japanese language.

'Inochi-tasuke' appreciation shown

SAN FRANCISCO—Appearing in the March 28 Chronicle column of Herb Caen was the following tidbit:

HELLO OUT THERE: Millionaire Rocky (Benihana) Aoki, whose life was saved by the talented crew at Letterman after he crashed his power racing boat outside the Golden Gate last Sept., is showing his appreciation by donating

almost \$50,000 worth of medical equipment to the Presidio hospital. He is especially grateful to Dr. (Col.) Thomas E. Bowen, who removed Aoki's spleen and gall bladder, performed a heart bypass and dealt with numerous internal injuries. We will bypass your next question: is power boat racing really necessary these days?...



UNICEF RECEIVES \$20,000 for Cambodian relief from the Buddhist Churches of America. Presentation is being made at the Gardena Buddhist Church by Bishop Kenryu Tsuji to Joyce Luna, UNICEF area coordinator, with BCA president James Yoshimura (left) and the Rev. Ryo Imamura, social welfare committee chairman. UNICEF indicated it was the largest single gift of its kind. Donations are still being acknowledged by BCA, 1710 Octavia St., San Francisco, Ca 94709.

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Japan gala starts in Albuquerque

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Many Japanese immigrants earned their living as migrant farm workers, moving from one farming community to another, and were referred to as "buran-ketto boys" for the bedroll they carried.

The Yamaguchi Labor Camp outside Visalia is one of the many sites where hundreds of migrant workers were employed seasonal-

ly to harvest crops on large land-holdings. Another group of farm laborers is acknowledged by the selection of the Filipino section of Walnut Grove as one of the non-Japanese sites allowed on the survey.

Cemeteries or grave sites sometimes are the earliest indicators of Japanese in a particular area.

Vacaville Elmira Cemetery, the Yamato Cemetery in Salinas and the Visalia Public Cemetery's Japanese section have been included in the survey of historic sites for this reason. In Vacaville which is said to have produced the first Japanese farmer, the oldest graves belong to Sakata in 1893, Takeuchi in 1894, and Osuga in 1906. The Yamato Cemetery is one of only two accredited Japanese cemeteries in California, and was esta-

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AN OPEN LETTER

"There is a great distance between words and deeds" - Socrates.

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My wife, Aki, family and I wish to thank the many volunteers, supporters and friends that made our Gardena City Council victory possible.

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Disagreements



Anticipating disagreements does not make it any easier when confronting them. It does, however, make the discussion more intelligible. It is a gross error in the first place to even believe that one's beliefs are so sound that

there is no room for disagreements.

No conviction, however firm, should escape dissection and scrutiny. It may be devastating to one's ego to have his judgement torn asunder, but the resulting conclusion is usually superior.

To participate in the Executive Committee (EXECOM) or the National Board meeting is a valuable experience. The more controversial the meeting the more valuable. What comes out of these meetings are decisions arrived at through intense and often emotional discussions. Often the meetings are not pleasant, but that is the least of the concerns.

In the heat of the discussions, disagreements are often misinterpreted as non-support. It takes a while to correct the misunderstanding. After 18 to 20 solid hours of meeting over a week-end, we are often physically and mentally drained. There is also an exhilarating sense of accomplishments.

Without disagreements our agreements will lack the depth and the scope necessary to represent the constituents.

REDRESS PHASE 2: John Tateishi

Commission Bill



Since there still seems to be some confusion about what the commission is and how it works, it may be appropos at this point to explain again the so-called commission bill, especially now that we are in the legislative drive for the passage of this bill.

S.1647 and HR.5499, the JACL-sponsored redress bill, seek to establish a presidentially appointed commission to investigate the events of 1942: the expulsion and incarceration of American citizens and legal permanent residents, primarily in our case, those of Japanese ancestry. The primary function of the commission will be to investigate the Evacuation by gathering facts and testimony to determine whether an injustice was committed against citizens of this nation by the government, and to make recommendations for an appropriate remedy.

The key phrase of this legislation, the wording that has created so much controversy, are the operative words "to determine whether a wrong was committed" against American citizens and legal permanent residents. We can appreciate the reasons for that controversy, for our views on this particular matter do not conflict with those of our critics who are advocates of the Redress issue.

We know that an injustice occurred, we know that our constitutional rights were violated. In fact, we're so confident of the facts and in our ability to present our case that we're willing to place it in the hands of a presidential commission so that there can be an official and conclusive investigation into the events of 1942.

The commission, through hearings held in ten cities throughout this country, will learn from us that the "Relocation Centers" were in fact concentration camps and that we were indeed prisoners of our own government.

We can present documents which attest to these two facts, but there are still many unanswered questions which may be of a more serious and profound nature than we imagine. Therefore, it is our belief that a presidential commission with given subpoena powers may aid us in discovering the extent to which the lives of 120,000 loyal Americans were destined for a fateful consequence.

The commission may not be the best answer or the best possible solution for the justice we seek, but it is, we feel, an important and significant first step in rectifying the injustice of the past.

35 Years Ago

in the Pacific Citizen

APRIL 28, 1945

April 4—Army's Stars & Stripes tells of secrecy surrounding return of #12nd from French Maritime Alps to positions on Ligurian coast in Italy by night to surprise the Germans; had been transported back in three sections since Mar. 15.

April 18—Oregon attorney general accepts language in charter of Oregon Property Owners Protective League, Gresham, conducting "educational" program against return of Nisei to Oregon.

April 19—Nisei veteran Harley Oka quits Hollywood American Legion Post 591, his main supporter, William Schneider, also resigns over racial intolerance of post. (Oka was the first Nisei to seek membership and being accepted after controversy.)

April 21—U.S. Dist. Judge Robert C. Bell of St. Paul, Minn., hears from Nisei GI (Terry Takeshi Doi) from Iwojima; the Calif.-born Nisei who lost his citizenship by military service in Japan while visiting there regained his birthright in his court in July 1944 prior to overseas assignment made the front

pages then when Canadian skater Audrey Miller refused to take oath of naturalization with Doi.

April 23—Nisei (unnamed) responsible for capture of 130 Iwojima prisoners during mop-up campaign, reports AP war correspondent Elmont Waite.

April 24—Calif. State Assembly bars distribution of two pamphlets presenting contributions of Nisei to war effort (including the WRA's "Nisei in Uniform") through its mail system; deposited by George Knox Roth, in Sacramento testifying against bill banning conscientious objectors from public office and jobs. (Roth was prosecuted for contempt of committee when he refused the Tenney "Little Dies" committee information on the backers of his 1942 radio programs defending Nisei.)

April 24—Placer county jury rules trio innocent of terrorism on Sumio Doi farm; defendants acquitted on all counts after white supremacy plea by defense attorney.

April 27—Nisei casualty lists with many next-of-kin still in WRA camps published following return of #12nd in new Italian campaign.

THE GUEST'S CORNER:

Asian vs. Oriental: A Difference that Counts

By ROBERT KWAN

Asian and Pacific American Federal Employee Council Newsletter

What's the fuss over a name? A rose by any other name is a rose. The "Oriental" Senator from California might say that this is only a matter of semantics, rather than of substance. Even one Asian colleague told me that there are more important ways to spend time to help the Asian American cause. But I am still convinced that the distinction is important enough to make a fuss over.

Calling ourselves "Asian" is a recent phenomenon, only dating after the Civil Rights and the ethnic awareness movements of the 1960s. When "coloreds" and "Negroes" became "Afro Americans" and "blacks," Mexicans became "Chicanos" (and "Latinos" or "Hispanics") and "Indians" became "Native Americans," we became "Asian." Choosing Asian American over "Oriental" signified that we acknowledged that along with other minorities, we were Americans and had rights, too, and that we had the responsibility to demand our rights to equal participation in this society and to be prepared to struggle for that equality.

Many older Asian Americans may be reluctant to the change in name because they have always called themselves and have been called "Oriental." When I first heard others call ourselves "Asian," it sounded radical, militant, like the "Black Panthers." Until I understood the reason for the change, I thought it was a meaningless exercise in semantics. I admit that I was very self-conscious in adopting the term. While the change seemed artificial, the term "Oriental" was also artificial.

When I was growing up, our family never thought of ourselves as "Oriental" or "Asian." We considered ourselves "Chinese." "Oriental" was what we were called when they could not tell us apart from the Japanese, the Koreans, and so on. I'm Chinese. He's Filipino. She's Korean. As I remember, we didn't say that we came from the Orient. They said so. We said that we were from Toishan, or Wa-

kayama, or Pusan, or Pangasinan.

We did not choose to be called "Oriental." It was a convenient term which signified that the white majority lumped us together. Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, and other Mongoloids were all "Orientals." All were the "Yellow Peril." All were the "Asiatic Menace." They meant all of us when they passed those discriminatory exclusion laws.

We were all Orientals not only because we apparently came from the same part of the world, but also because to them we all looked alike, came from "the same part of the world" only because it looked that way from the other side of the world. And, really, do we all look alike? (The only answer I can come up with is that we all look "Oriental.")

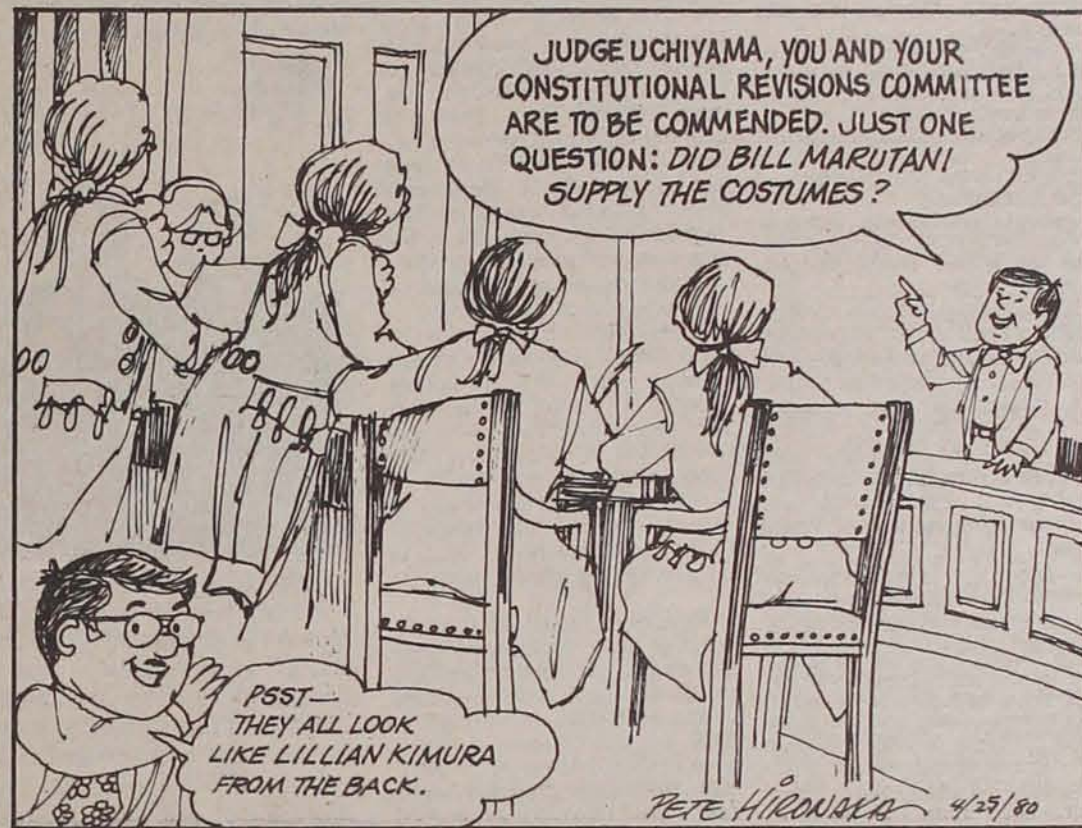
"Oriental" served to distinguish us from the majority. We were the "Oriental Menace to Civilization" as distinct from "Occidental Civilization" (often "Occidental" was left unexpressed because it was understood to be synonymous with "Civilization"). If you do not believe me, just take a look at the literature of the 19th and early 20th centuries to see how white Americans saw the world.

The problem with "Oriental" is that it assumes that we are "East" and they are "West," that they are Americans and we are not. The hyphenated term "Oriental-American" is not corrective because it perpetuates the "east-is-east-and-west-is-west-and-never-the-twain-shall-meet" syndrome.

"Oriental" also suffers from close identification with the pre-

civil rights movement stereotype that Asians are meek and passive. Not long ago Asian passivity might have even been characterized as our way of life or our personal philosophy. This is seen in the answer which Anna May Wong, the pioneer Asian American movie actress, gave in a 1930 Hollywood movie magazine interview when asked how she dealt with difficult situations. (Time Magazine's obituary remembered Wong as having "died a thousand deaths as the screen's foremost Oriental villainess"). Wong replied, "Then I fall back on Oriental philosophy, which is to accept, not to resist. There's no use to struggle. That philosophy gets you through a lot of tight places."

To Be Concluded



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

Sliding, skidding toward home

Salt Lake City

It is almost time for the voice of the turtle to be heard across the land. Winter is not quite past, the rains are yet to come, the flowers are shy, green shoots and the few birds who making their crossing are too drunk on pyracantha berries to do much singing. Some are banging their intoxicated skulls against the glass of the house. I recognize the sound.

Years ago, when I first heard it, I used to scream mistakenly, "Alan, stop throwing those balls against the house. You're going to break something." My son was a baseball nut. It is that season again of the perennial American sport. Athletic competition, whether as a participant or a spectator, had never really interested me until my son decided he was going to become a little league baseball pitcher.

The players were divided into two leagues, the majors and minors. Alan was convinced that he could qualify for the major league. I tried to prepare him for disappointment by saying that if he didn't make the majors the first year, he could always try again the following spring. I remember parents asking, during practice, if he was the bat boy or the water boy. He was small at that age, compared to kids who towered over him. He compensated for his size with a terrific southpaw pitch and was chosen for the majors. The team called him their "secret weapon".

Being the parent of a little league player can be a full-time occupation. There are practices and games and fund-raisers. It is also an emotional experience. The league our son played in was notorious for vociferous and unsolicited parental participation. After one game, most umpires refused to work with that league again. When the parents weren't screaming at each other, they screamed at the ump's, who were all apparently blind. The kids had a name for us, "the crazies".

My son has always had a one-track mind and I thought he would never grow out of baseball. It was fine for him, but it didn't agree with me. I am totally uncoordinated and he chose me to catch for him every morning before I left for

work. Noticing my reluctance, he would say, "One day, I'm going to play in the World Series and make a lot of money. I'll buy you a car and a fur coat and a diamond ring."

For Father's Day, he bought Ern a mitt. His father never had much time to play with him, although Alan kept that mitt in condition, rubbing oil into it, just in case. Some friends made time for Alan. One was Wally Doi, now dead 13 years. Wally was a great athlete who played football for the Univ. of Hawaii Rainbows. His athletic dreams were shot down when he lost a leg serving with the 442nd Combat Team in Italy. He had two athletic sons, whom he used to coach. He took great pride in their abilities, although he was a firm taskmaster. Wally had a special place in his heart for all kids, including mine. His Aloha Fountain was just up the street from our store and Alan was always in there talking baseball with him and secretly hoping that Wally would invite him to practice a bit in the backyard lot. It happened quite often.

Hito Okada was another who used that Father's Day mitt. I remember a hot, humid day, when Hito noticed Alan hopefully rubbing his mitt. He engaged my son in baseball talk, with genuine interest, for he played in a Nisei league in the Pacific Northwest. Then he invited Alan to throw a few balls. They were gone a very long time. When they finally returned, both looked ready to pass out from the heat and exertion. I didn't know whether Alan remembered these things, but one day I found a college paper he had written, about baseball and Wally and Hito. Those are the good memories a boy carries with him into manhood, together with his worn, stained mitts.

The voice of the turtle may not yet be heard in the land, but the sound of sliding and skidding is heard on my rug. Ever since Nicholas learned of a potential baseball strike, he is practicing in hopes of being discovered by a scout. When I decline to throw for him, he coaxes, "I'll buy you a car." And I answer, "I know. You'll buy me a car and a fur coat and a diamond ring." He cocks his head, perplexed by my wisdom. #



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

If you remember Dillon Myer . . .

Washington, D.C. Outside the pleasant, bookfilled alcove where he sits much of the day, spring has greened the grass and a mourning dove rustles about in last fall's dried leaves in search of whatever it is that doves eat. From the alcove Dillon S. Myer finds pleasure in watching the changing of the seasons, listening to the songs of the finches and other little birds that come to visit his comfortable home on a steep street just above Rock Creek Park which winds through the northwest segment of the District of Columbia.

Who is Dillon Myer? The name is likely to be unfamiliar to most Sansei and Yonsei these days, and perhaps even to Nisei who were too young to have sharp memories of the War Relocation Camp experience etched into their recollections.

Myer was the tall, prematurely white-haired civil servant who was given the task of running the War Relocation Authority three months after its founding. The first director, Milton Eisenhower, asked to be relieved of a thankless, difficult and unpleasant assignment and Myer was tapped to take over.

He carried out his responsibility with compassion, understanding and dedication, in the process incurring the wrath of many newspapers and an abundance of super-patriots who assailed him viciously for "coddling the Japs." Nor were most of the evacuees in his charge fully understanding of his efforts on their behalf.

One point needs to be made to clear up any misconceptions that may have developed over the years. Myer and the War Relocation Authority had nothing to do with the

Evacuation itself. That was the Army's doing, carried out under a directive from the president of the United States, and with Congressional approval. WRA was created as an afterthought, after the fact of the Evacuation, to look after the people the Army booted off the West Coast.

WRA was given two functions: To house the evacuees temporarily in the relocation camps, and to get them out of the camps and back into the mainstream of American life in orderly fashion as rapidly as possible. There was no intent to keep the evacuees penned up indefinitely. That's the reason the camps were called relocation centers.

And this is the reason Dillon Myer is saddened to hear the WRA centers referred to as concentration camps in the rhetoric of those who would keep alive the memory of that sorry national experience.

In the sense that the camps were used to house a concentration of people, they were indeed concentration camps. But the term has acquired a baleful connotation because of the Nazi extermination camps and the Russian gulags. The War Relocation Authority was dedicated to make the camps as humane as possible under extremely trying circumstances. It succeeded so well that it had difficulty persuading many of the evacuees they ought to leave the camps and return to the harsh reality of the outside world.

After WRA completed its assignment and went out of business, Myer served the government in various assignments until his retirement about 15 years ago. He will be 89 years old on Sept. 4. His legs have faltered and he finds it difficult to walk these days, but his mind is sharp, his memory clear and he enjoys reading and other sedentary

ENOMOTO

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the direction, his action shall be final. He shall receive an annual salary provided for by Chapter 6... of Title 2 of the Government Code, and shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office."

McMaster felt the unique law was intended to remove the director of corrections from the changing tide of political whim. He and co-counsel Frank Iwama, national JAFL legal counsel, said they were asking Deukmejian's permission to file court action, a necessary step before pursuing the legal challenge in the attempt to save Enomoto's job. Rushen was also served papers which notified her of Enomoto's intention to take legal action.

Rushen, who would be the first black and first woman to head the department, was informed she has 15 days to respond if Deukmejian sides with Enomoto.

Iwama saw Brown's move as being "a slap in the face of the Asian community" and called him "spineless" for having the Governor's press office relay the news of the ap-

pointment. Iwama added Enomoto "has really supported Brown" and has run a good department. "The only time it got any publicity was when Enomoto fought for affirmative action."

Assemblyman Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) said Enomoto had "successfully integrated blacks, Latins, Asians and women into the previously white-male-dominated Dept. of Corrections system. He should be acclaimed for this, not penalized."

Some reporters found sources that revealed while there were no policy differences between the Governor and Enomoto, some high officials were not satisfied with Enomoto's aggressiveness as an administrator.

Rushen, of Harbor City, worked with the L.A. county probation department for 18 years before being appointed by Brown in 1975 to various state-level parole boards.

In Los Angeles, Mas Fukai, senior deputy to County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, said he was glad Enomoto was "fighting this" because "it's unjust and unfair".



WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ron Ikejiri

Cite the Issues

Washington

The lifeblood of JAFL is its members and issues. Some of the current issues which concern the Washington JAFL Office are Redress, increasing the liaison with Asian/Pacific groups and organizations, and assisting in the involvement of more Asian/Pacific Americans in the political process.

We need our reader's help in identifying the issues that concern the membership. What are the some of the things that we should begin looking at in the near future. Your comments and recommendations will assist us in planning for the future.

1980 CENSUS—As a member of the Census Advisory Committee on the Asian and Pacific Americans population for the 1980 census, chairperson Tania Azores has asked me to seek comments and input regarding the administration of the 1980 count as it relates to the Asian/Pacific American population. JAFLers and friends are invited to write or call me (202—223-1240, or JAFL, 1730 Rhode Island Ave NW, #204, Washington, DC 20036) with their thoughts, ideas and recommendations. Cut-off date for this is June 15. The information shall be included in a report to be presented to the Census Bureau this fall.

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Still the memories return, and it would be nice to have others share their own memories with him. If you remember Dillon Myer, why don't you drop him a card or a note sometime? Or give him a call when you're in Washington. His address is 3025 Daniel Lane N.W., Washington, D.C. 20015.



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DETROIT JAYS—Past president Ann Togasaki (left) hands the gavel of office to Alys Watanabe at the 1980 Detroit JACL installation dinner-dance held Feb. 23 at Fairlane Manor at Dearborn. Karl Nobuyuki, national JACL executive director, was guest speaker.



DISTAFF AFFAIR—Karl Nobuyuki, national JACL executive director, witnesses Detroit JACL president, Mrs. Toshi Shimoura (left), receive the gavel from outgoing president Elaine Prout during the chapter's 34th annual inaugural.

Chicago credit union hits new high, assets nearing \$700,000

CHICAGO—Historical highs were attained in 1979 by the Chicago JACL Credit Union, it was announced by Lincoln Shimidzu, president, at the 33rd annual meeting of shareholders Mar. 21 at Como Inn. They included new highs in total assets of \$680,234; total loans of \$646,226; and total share deposits of \$607,792 for a loan-to-share ratio of 106%.

The ratio necessitated the credit union to increase its interest rate on loans from 3/4 of 1% to 1% per month on the unpaid balance or 12% per annum. Total income reached \$55,460 with net earnings of \$34,119 and 5 3/8% per annum declared, compounded semiannually.

Meeting concluded with a re-

port by Pat Okura, past national JACL president, who apprised the group of the Mar. 18 Senate hearing on the redress bill and two tourist films on Japan. Mits Kodama and Tak Tomiyama were recognized for their 10 consecutive years as board members.

Elected to the credit union board were Richard Hikawa, Thomas Masuda, Ariye Oda, Lincoln Shimidzu, Sumi Shimizu and Yatabe; two-year terms on the credit committee—Hikawa, Masuda, Shimidzu, and one-year term, Yatabe. At the April 10 meeting of the new board, Shimidzu was re-elected to serve a fifth consecutive term; Dr. Roy Teshima, v.p.; Shimizu, sec.; Oda, treas.; Sumiko Ono, asst. treas.

Calendar

* non-JACL event

- **APRIL 26 (Saturday)**
Gardena Valley—Coronation dinner, Holiday Inn, Torrance, 7:30pm.
San Jose—Schol awd potluck, Wesley Meth Church hall.
*Fresno—Hana Matsuri, Duncan Water Garden.
*Manzanar—11th annual pilgrimage, from Los Angeles.
- **APRIL 27 (Sunday)**
Livingston-Merced—Picnic, Henderson Park.
Dayton—Square dance, Sor-Rells Hall, 5pm.
French Camp—Picnic, Micke Grove, 10am.
West Los Angeles—Wine-tasting benefit party, Yamato Restaurant, Century City, 12:30-3:30pm.
- **APRIL 29 (Monday)**
Marina South—Panel: Assertive Behavior, Burton Chace Comm Bldg, Marina del Rey, end of Mindanao Way W of Lincoln Blvd, 6:30pm potluck, 7:30-9:30 mtg.
- **MAY 2 (Friday)**
Chicago—Bd mtg, JACL Office, 7:30pm.
Philadelphia—Folk Fair (3da), Civic Center.
*Oakland—A/P Heritage Festival (3da), Oakland Museum.
- **MAY 3 (Saturday)**
MDC/Hoosier—Pre-conv mtg (fr Fri eve), Indianapolis.
Arizona—Schol Awd dnr, Pointe Restaurant, 7pm.
Fremont—A/P Heritage Festival (2da), Hub Shpg Ctr.
- **MAY 4 (Sunday)**
San Diego—Schol Awd dnr, Tom Horn's Lighthouse, 7pm; Assemblyman S Floyd Mori, spkr.
Cleveland—Issei Day, Euclid Mall, 1pm.
Portland—Comm graduate banq, Holiday Inn-Airport.
New England—Forum: Redress, Friends Meeting House, Cambridge, 12:45-5pm.
West Los Angeles—Miss West L.A. Queen's tea, Yamato Restaurant.
- **MAY 6 (Tuesday)**
(Start of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week)
- **MAY 8 (Thursday)**
Hoosier—Bd mtg, Kyoko Reed res, 7:30pm.
South Bay—Wine-tasting party, Sumitomo Bank, Torrance, 7:30pm.
- **MAY 9 (Friday)**
San Jose—Bd mtg.
*Monterey—Def Lang Institute dedication & banq.
- **MAY 12 (Monday)**
Alameda—Bd mtg, Buena Vista Meth Church, 7:30pm.
West Los Angeles—Schol awd dnr, Miss West L.A. presentation, Moulton Garden West, George Takei, spkr.
- **MAY 13 (Tuesday)**
*Berkeley—UC Japanese Women Alumnae planning comm mtg, Women's Faculty Club, 2-5pm.
- **MAY 16 (Friday)**
San Jose-West Valley—Joint Spring Dance, Lou's Village.
- **MAY 17 (Saturday)**
Riverside—Graduates potluck dnr.
Fremont—Invit charity bowling tourney, Mowry Lanes.
*Tule Lake—T.L. Comm pilgrimage, bus fr San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Sacramento.
- **MAY 18 (Sunday)**
PSWDC/West Los Angeles—DC session, Little Tokyo Towers, 9am; Miss Nisei Relays introduction (lunch on your own in Japanese Village Plaza).
- **MAY 21 (Wednesday)**
Reno—Gen mtg.
- **MAY 23 (Friday)**
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8pm.
*Sacramento—Walnut Grove reunion.
- **MAY 24 (Saturday)**
*Stockton—Rohwer High reunion: banq, 6:30pm, Buddhist Church hall.
- **MAY 25 (Sunday)**
Stockton—Comm picnic, Micke Grove, 10am.
- **MAY 26 (Monday)**
(Memorial Day)
Fremont—Memorial service, Irvington Mem Park.

Convention Schedule Deadlines

Following deadlines relate to the 26th biennial National JACL Convention in San Francisco, July 28 - Aug. 1, 1980

- April 4**—Application form for Japanese American of the Biennium. TO: Cherry Kinoshita, ch, JA of the Biennium Comm, 3520 S Thistle St, Seattle, Wa 98118. (See Jan. 4-11 PC for rules.)
- April 29**—Application form for Nominations for National Officers. TO: Grayce Ueyehara, ch, Nat'l Nomin Comm, 1535 Marlboro, West Chester, Pa 19380.
- April 30**—Application form for Masako Distinguished Service Award. TO: DSA Comm, c/o JACL Nat'l Hq, 1765 Sutter St, San Francisco, Ca 94115.
- May 1**—Convention resolutions. TO: Margaret Hasegawa, ch, Res Comm, 3562 Crawford, Idaho Falls, Id 83401.
- May 1**—JACLer of the Biennium award from District Councils. TO: Edward Yamamoto, ch, JACLer of Biennium comm, 4502 Fairchild Loop, Moses Lake, Wa 98837.
- May 15**—Application for George J Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award. TO: George Sakaguchi, ch, Inagaki Awd Comm, 9109 Rustie Wood Trail, St Louis, Mo 63126.
- May 19**—Chapter Nat'l Dues 1980. TO: Helen Kawagoe, ch, Credentials Comm, 21111 Dolores St #66, Carson, Ca 90745.
- June 16**—Chapter Voting Delegate form & Chapter Proxy Authority form. TO: Helen Kawagoe, ch, Credentials Comm, 21111 Dolores St #66, Carson, Ca 90745.

French Camp

French Camp JACL will stage its 31st annual community picnic at Micke Grove on April 27, 10 am, with door prize tickets available until 1 pm, it was announced by George Komure, Tom Natsuhara, and Lydia Ota, general chairman.

On the picnic committee are: Hide Morinaka and Tom Natsuhara, donations; Tosh Hotta, assessment; Fumi Asano and Florence Shiromizu, purchasing; Dorothy Ota, wrapping; Katie Komure, Miyuki Kanemoto, and Earlene Takahashi, prize distribution; Nancy Natsuhara, Terry Hotta, George Eto, and Jim Nishida, judges; Kimi Morinaka and Lydia Ota, program and game coordinator; Shig Hisatomi, George Komure, Hatsuo Nonaka, transportation; Al Pagnucci, Henry Long, Yone Hisatomi, and Lawrence Nakano, refrr; Lydia Ota, pub; Fumio Kanemoto, Bob Tomiyama, Mats Murata, Frank Kosugi, Bob Ota, Hiro Shinmoto, and Yo Takashiro, ticket; John Fujiki, Yosh Itaya, and George Komure, announcers; all JACL members, clean up.

Scholarship chairman Albert Pagnucci (982-1519), announced two scholarships for high school seniors of a French Camp JACL member and one for a Manteca East Union High School senior is open now and application forms are available.

Redress topic at joint Boston meeting

BOSTON, Ma—Incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II is the topic of an all-afternoon forum May 4 at the Cambridge Friends Meeting House with New England JACL and American Friends Service Committee here as co-sponsors.

Dr. Everett Mendelsohn of Harvard will moderate the panel on "Legality of Japanese American Internment and the Prospects for Redress". Among the panelists will be Rep. Robert F. Drinan (D-Ma) and Neil Gotanda, master candidate at Harvard Law School. Dr. Scott Miyakawa will be commentator of the personal experiences of incarceration as recounted by Nisei and Sansei. Dr. Eji Suyama, chapter redress chair, will open the meeting at 12:45 with "Nisei: The Pride and Shame", the CBS News documentary.

Kei Kaneda, forum coordinator, and Gary Glenn are scheduled to appear on the Channel 7 "Asia Focus" program May 4, 9 a.m.

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Marina South

Panel discussion on "Assertive Behavior and the Japanese American" at the Marina JACL meeting Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. at the Burton Chase Community Bldg., Marina del Rey will feature three Nikkei in the psychiatric and mental health field exploring the bicultural conflicts that affect the Nisei-Sansei in business and social world. Discussants, all of whom are Marina chapter members, are Toshiko B.B. Reschkey, Vivian Matsushige, and Kenneth Mitsu-hata.

A potluck supper will precede at 6:30 with those attending expected to bring a suitable food dish. A group of New Age JACL members is planning to attend.

Milwaukee

Richard Naruo, attorney with Kohler Corp., will be guest speaker at the Milwaukee JACL graduates dinner May 3, 6 p.m., at Gung Ho Restaurant. Naruo was a JACL-JACL scholarship recipient.

South Bay

With Ed Mitoma declining the presidency due to his health, Mary Ogawa heads the chapter board as president. Ed will continue to edit the newsletter.

Among the upcoming chapter activities are a wine tasting party at the Sumitomo Bank in Torrance on Thursday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., with Gene Austin officiating and a reception in July for the chapter representative in the Nisei Week queen contest.

Scholarship chairperson Mary Ogi reported three nominees for National JACL awards as follows: Colleen Miho Adachi, West Torrance High; Lori N. Fujii, Westlake High, Thousand Oaks; and Edward Osawa, North Torrance High.

Chapter also joined the Torrance Sister City Association stage the cultural festival over the April 12-13 weekend at the Torrance Recreation Center.

West Los Angeles

The ninth annual West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary benefit, "Festival of Wine", co-sponsored by North Coast Prestige Wine Society, will be held on April 27, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Yamato Restaurant in Century City.

Tickets are \$7.00 and are available from Auxiliary members or co-chairperson Aiko Takeshita 473-0629 and Toy Kanegai 820-3592.

West Valley

West Valley JACL held a "Get Acquainted through Bridge and Bowling" evening, April 12 at the West Valley JACL building, San Jose. Activities for youngsters were also provided.

Four vying for Miss Gardena title

TORRANCE, Ca—Miss Gardena Valley JACL will be selected at a dinner dance here April 26, 7:30 p.m., at Holiday Inn. Tickets are \$15 per person. Candidates are:

Dori Dohi, 18, daughter of Ronald & Shinobu Dohi, CSU-Long Beach education major; Hedy Posey, 19, daughter of Calvert & Aiko Posey, tour guide, Universal Studios; Stacy Hamamoto, 21, daughter of Tamotsu and Shifumi Hamamoto, USC education major; and Tracy Mato, 19, daughter of Hajime & Bobbie Mato, El Camino College student.

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No Hill Too Steep:

San Francisco Update

By JOHN T. YASUMOTO
1980 National Convention, Chairman

The 1980 National JACL Convention Board of the San Francisco Chapter is now hard at work hammering out the details of the Convention to be held in San Francisco starting from July 28 to August 1.

The chairman feels fortunate to have Board members with a combined JACL experience of over 150 years. This board has been meeting regularly for the past 2 1/2 years to plan an outstanding program for all the attendees to this 50th Anniversary Convention.

It is important to note that each of the members are not only active JACLers but presently are involved in many other community and church activities at the same time.

As we are getting closer to the Convention date, it is gratifying to see this experienced group starting to get things rolling and are responding to the challenge. They're measuring up to our Convention Motto, "No Hill too Steep".

Our Enthusiastic Group is presently made up of the following Committee Chairpersons:

1. SAM SATO: Facilities/Arrangement. (Sam is Vice President and Manager of the Japan Town Branch of the California 1st Bank.)
2. WES DOI: Program/Activities. (Wes is the proprietor of Master Cleaners.)
3. GREG MARUTANI: Special Events. (Greg is on the Staff of the Mayor's Office of Employment and Training and is also a member of the California State Commission on Manpower & Training Advisory Board.)
4. STEVE DOI: Public Relations. (Steve is a practicing attorney with Nichols & Associates.)
5. HATS AIZAWA: Booklet.
6. NOB MIHARA: Project Kifu Fund Raiser. (He is the owner and operator of Paper Tree Store in Nihonmachi.)
7. YO HIRONAKA: Registration and Fashion Show. (Yo is Office Manager for a private medical firm.)
8. CONNIE ARIMOTO: General Secretary. (Connie is an export manager with James J. Boyle Co.)
9. RICHARD KIWATA: Treasurer. (Rich is a CPA with his own firm.)
10. ED MORIGUCHI: Budget. (Ed is also a CPA who operates his own company.)

In addition, this Board is receiving excellent assistance and support by the following persons of the National JACL staff:

Karl Nobuyuki, J.D. Hokoyama, George Kondo, Bruce Shimizu, Peter Takeuchi.

Since this fine group is working so hard in planning this momentous event, as chairman, I am inviting as many of our members and their families and friends to join us by scheduling your summer vacations NOW for the last week in July. Lets help make this a high success.

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paper, Die Welt. Beattie spent his junior year at International Christian University, Tokyo, living with a Japanese family there and appeared on educational TV's "English for You". He has drawn editorial cartoons for the UCLA Daily Bruin and also studied two years at Art Center College of Pasadena.

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NISEI IN JAPAN: Barry T. Saiki

Will to work affects U.S. auto production

TOKYO—Japanese automobiles are increasingly gaining a larger share of the foreign market, not only in the U.S., but one may wonder why in places as far apart as Malaysia and Saudi Arabia.

The American ingenuity and know how in various technologies still remain on par, if not superior, to those of the Japanese. The U.S. also has a strategic edge because most basic materials for auto production need not be imported. Further, the practical applications of mass production and automation began in the U.S., decades ahead of Japan.

Why, then, has the American auto industry lost its pre-eminence?

Obviously, something is wrong with management or personnel. One recent mistake by management was the belief that large, luxury cars would still be bought in spite of the energy crisis. The fault may be with the current American work ethics.

Recently, Ward's Automotive World conducted a survey among U.S. automotive engineers. The consensus of the 250 who replied was that the Japanese cars ranked best in the world because of: "Better workmanship on the production lines, attention to detail and rapport with management."

Pride in one's work — the hallmark of a craftsman or the satisfaction of a farmer at harvest — is difficult to retain in an assembly line. One lazy employee or a haphazard worker anywhere along the line can ruin the reputation of a hundred other coworkers. Efficient automation requires team spirit and teamwork. It demands individual responsibility over tasks assigned to the worker. It means that inspectors and supervisors need to check stringently the products during all phases of manufacture.

Possibly, some management has paid more attention to new idea, better promotion

and increased sales rather than the morale and efficiency along the production lines.

The unions, while championing higher pay, more fringe benefits and better working conditions, have neglected the need for the employee's share of responsibility — that is, to provide an honest day's work for gradually rising pay. The desired cycle is higher efficiency for higher production, leading to higher wages. On the other hand, poor efficiency means mediocre production and loss of competitiveness.

It is doubtful that the U.S. has lost her ingenuity or has fallen behind in technology. It may be that the will to work has fallen.

There has been increasing pressure from the U.S. that the Japanese auto manufacturers should produce their autos in the States, but both Nissan and Toyota are reluctant. One reason offered is the requirement for heavy capital commitment, but the underlying reason may be the uncertainty of management-labor relations.

Walerga Park donation cited by Sacramento Bd. of Sup.

SACRAMENTO, Ca. — The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, presented to The California First Bank, a resolution commending its generous \$1,000 donation to the Walerga Park Development Fund. The park is located on a portion of what was once the Walerga Assembly Center, which was used in the evacuation of Japanese Americans from the Sacramento Area.

The resolution said in part: "The park will serve to commemorate the steadfast loyalty shown by Japanese-Americans to their country in spite of violations of their basic rights."

Kazuo Ohsawa, vice president and manager of The Sacramento Office of California

Transpacific balloon crossing seen

TOKYO—Spurred by the 1978 balloon crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, a private group here is planning a crossing of the Pacific sometime in the 1980s. It was founded seven years ago by the late Sekisho Kondo, developer of the WW2 balloon bombs. About 9,000 were released in the winter-spring of 1944-45 to soar at altitudes of 13,000 meters to reach the west coast in two to four days.

The current plan will be similar—riding the jet stream in an air-tight gondola hoisted by a helium-filled balloon. Saitama Medical College professor Kazuo Nagamatsu said the crossing, if successful, would open the way for ocean surveillance and atmospheric research.

SURVEY

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blished by the Japanese Association. Its earliest graves date back to 1898. Visalia's Japanese section shows one Y. Miyaji buried August 13, 1888, and O. Dowd with "Japanese" noted next to the registry name as being buried on April 14, 1894. The names on many of these earliest gravesites are not known to community members, and are assumed to be unattached, transient males who were the earliest Japanese immigrants to this country.

For more information or suggestions for additional sites, contact Isami Arifuku Waugh at (415) 527-4629 or Box 799, El Cerrito, California 94530.

Japan's nationality law amendments proposed

TOKYO—Japan's nationality laws should be revised to guarantee equal rights of both sexes in transmitting nationality to offspring, the Foreign Correspondents Club meeting in early March was told by Takako Doi, a Socialist member of the Diet.

Miss Doi said that the existing Japanese Nationality Law discriminated against both Japanese women married to foreign nationals and their offspring by refusing

* Japan Today

A pair of giant pandas is being displayed for 60 days until the end of May at the Fukuoka zoo as a goodwill gesture of its Chinese sister city Guangzhou. The Siamese elephant, Hanako, at the Sapporo Zoo has departed by cargojet for her new home in Asuncion, Paraguay, to recuperate from rickets. Japanese serows, caught by hunters for chewing up barks of trees, will soon be kept in a sanctuary at Omachi, 50 miles west of Nagoya in the Northern Alps country.

Jackpot winners in the public lotteries in Japan have been regular buyers for at least three years before hitting the top prize of 10 or 20 million yens, according to the Daiichi Kangyo Bank, sales agent for the ¥200 good-luck tickets. Last December there were 356 top prize winners.

Lawsuits may delay the scheduled opening of the Tohoku Bullet Trains in October from their southern terminus in Kita-ku, Tokyo. Some of the opposition comes from the Seibi Gakuen group in Kita-ku, Tokyo, protesting the route through Akabane Heights south of Arakawa River. School says it would be exposed to noise and oscillation caused by the trains traveling through the tunnels which would be underneath the school grounds.

Banana importers have done well the past 20 years, but the demand has been dropping since the peak year of 1972 when 1.06-ton was imported from the Philippines, Taiwan and Ecuador. Now they are introducing its use by promoting banana splits. Coming up is the demand for sweet (bing) cherries and the kiwi.

The Ohira Cabinet is seeking a common ground to implement a five-day work week for central government employees.

to allow them to transmit and inherit Japanese nationality.

The law thus violates the spirit or both the International Covenant of Human Rights and the Convention of the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women recently adopted at the U.N., she said.

Under the present law, Japanese nationality is granted at birth only in the following cases: At the time of birth, the child is fathered by a Japanese national; The father, if deceased prior to the child's birth, was a Japanese national; The mother is a Japanese national and the father is either unknown or stateless; The child was born in Japan but neither of the parents are known or neither have any nationality.

Japanese women are forced to live with their foreign "husbands" without being legally married in order that they obtain Japanese nationality for their children, the Dietwoman said.

To make matters worse, those children born of such mixed couples will become stateless if the alien father is disqualified to transmit his nationality in connection with the civil laws of his own country.

"There are about 80 stateless children in Okinawa, where many U.S. Marines were stationed during the Vietnam War," said Miss Doi.

In an effort to rectify the in-

equality between the sexes, Miss Doi presented an amendment of the law to the judicial Committee of the Diet in February.

According to the proposed bill, the child may become a Japanese national when, at the time of birth, the father or the mother is a Japanese national.

This will enable a mixed couple to apply for Japanese nationality for their child if they so desire, and at the same time resolve the problem of stateless children, Miss Doi said.

The bill also seeks to relax the naturalization conditions for foreigners married to Japanese women to the same level as that of foreign women married to Japanese, she said.

Miss Doi presented a similar amendment to the Diet session last year, but the bill fell through.

As for the prospect of the bill passing the present Diet, she said "it is fifty-fifty."

Most Western European nations have revised their nationality laws to guarantee equality between the sexes in transmitting nationality to offspring

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