114 co-sponsor HR 5499, internment commission bill

Washington

Legislation (HR 5499) which would establish a Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians was introduced on Sept. 28 by House Majority Leader Jim Wright (D-Tx), and Representatives Peter Rodino (D-NJ), Norman Mineta (D-

jority Whip John Brademas Sidney Yates (D-Ill), Glenn Anderson (D-Ca), and Paul Simon (D-Ill).

members joined as original S 1647, it was learned.) cosponsors of the legislation. The bill is identical to S 1647,

Ca), Bob Matsui (D-Ca), Ma- which was introduced Aug. 2 by Senators Inouye, Matsu-(D-Ind), Phil Burton (D-Ca), naga, Hayakawa, Church, McClure and Cranston. (Since then, Senators Magnuson and Jackson of Wash-Over 100 other House ington are also co-sponsoring

Briefly, the bill calls for the appointment of a 15-member commission to gather facts to determine whether a wrong was committed against those American citizens and resident aliens who were relocated and interned as a result of

List of the Initial Co-Sponsors of HR 5499 Democrats are listed in roman type; Republicans in italics. The number

Executive Order 9066 and to recommend appropriate remedies. In remarks to the House on

Sept. 28, Mineta said, "It is my hope that the commission on internment will provide us with a fresh insight into this enduring lesson of our history."

The bill has been referred to the Judiciary subcommittee on courts, civil liberties and administration of justice, chaired by Wisconsin's Rep. Kastenmeier and on which Rep. Matsui is a member.

The House recessed for 10 days after the bill entered.

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Assemblyman Mori bill solves problem cited by Nikkei farmer

Sacramento, Ca.

Under current law, a California farmer could work for an entire year to deliver his crop to a food processor and not get paid for it.

Even with the existing producer's lien, which is supposed to be a farmer's security for payment, a processor can use the farmer's product as collateral for a loan and successfully void the farmer's prior lien.

All of this will be remedied, however, under legislation which goes into effect next Jan. 1. The bill, by Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton), simply provides that, even if the food processor

Film project receives \$500

Los Angeles

S. John Nitta, Lansdale, Pa., contributed \$500 toward the JACL-Terminal Island Film Project, it was announced by John Saito, PSW regional director, who is keeping track of the fnds received through JACL. As previously stated, the monies will be returned if the film project is scrubbed.

pledges the farmer's goods as security for a loan, the producer's lien remains in effect for the amount still owing to the farmer.

Mori learned of this problem when a prominent Dixon Nikkei farmer informed the Assemblyman of a recent instance where a farmer lost nearly \$400,000 when his cannery went bankrupt.

The farmer had relied upon a good-faith relationship between himself and his canner for payment on his crop.

Mori explained, "I feel the claim of the bank, which is made after the claim of the farmer, should not strip the grower of his priority claim to recover at least some payments for his crops. Processors and banks often have other methods of securing financial arrangements. It is simply unfair for farmers to have to risk their entire year's labors where such financial alternatives exist."

Mori cited hard work from supporters of the bill "and pure matter of equity" for its final success. Supporters included Harry Kubo of the Nisei Farmers' League.



Nixon poses with Japanese tourists at Waimea Canyon.

Honolulu Advertiser Photo

Japan tourists at Waimea first to spot fellow tourist in crowd

Waimea Canyon, Kauai

The former president seems tentative as he stepped out of his car at the Waimea Canyon lookout in mid-September. He had been here 30 years ago when he was a young senator from California.

Accompanied by Kauai police, Secret Service and his sonin-law Edward Cox, it was fitting for a former president whose triumphs were in international relations that the first people to recognize him were non-Americans—a tour group of Japanese, who spotted and immediately identified Richard Nixon.

Then on, he was surrounded, photographed, shaking hands and exchanging chit-chat. Nixon was on his way to Peking. To everyone who spoke English, he was addressed as "Mr. President". There was no hostility. His own tentativeness was gone.

Nixon spent the day (Sept. 13) on Kauai before continuing his flight to Tokyo-Hong Kong-Peking.

WENDY YOSHIMURA CASE

San Francisco

Possible sentence to be challenged

ty Release Board, at its Oct. 12 hearing, will consider whether Wendy Yoshimura, presently confined at Califor-Frontera, Ca., is a "serious offender". Deputy State Public De-

fender Dennis Riordan, who represented Yoshimura during her unsuccessful appeal, said he was puzzled by the decision to hold the hearing and in view of her record and reseems clear that Wendy does not meet any of the criteria

for 'serious offender' consid-The California Communi- eration." Her present release date is September, 1980.

She had voluntarily surrendered herself to prison officials July 17 to begin serving nia Institution for Women, a 1-15 year sentence on her 1977 conviction for possession of explosive materials.

Under California's recently enacted Determinate Sentencing Law, her indeterminate sentence was automatically converted to a determinate term of two years minus statutory good time, making view of regulations added, "It her eligible for release in September of 1980. The Determinate Sentencing Law

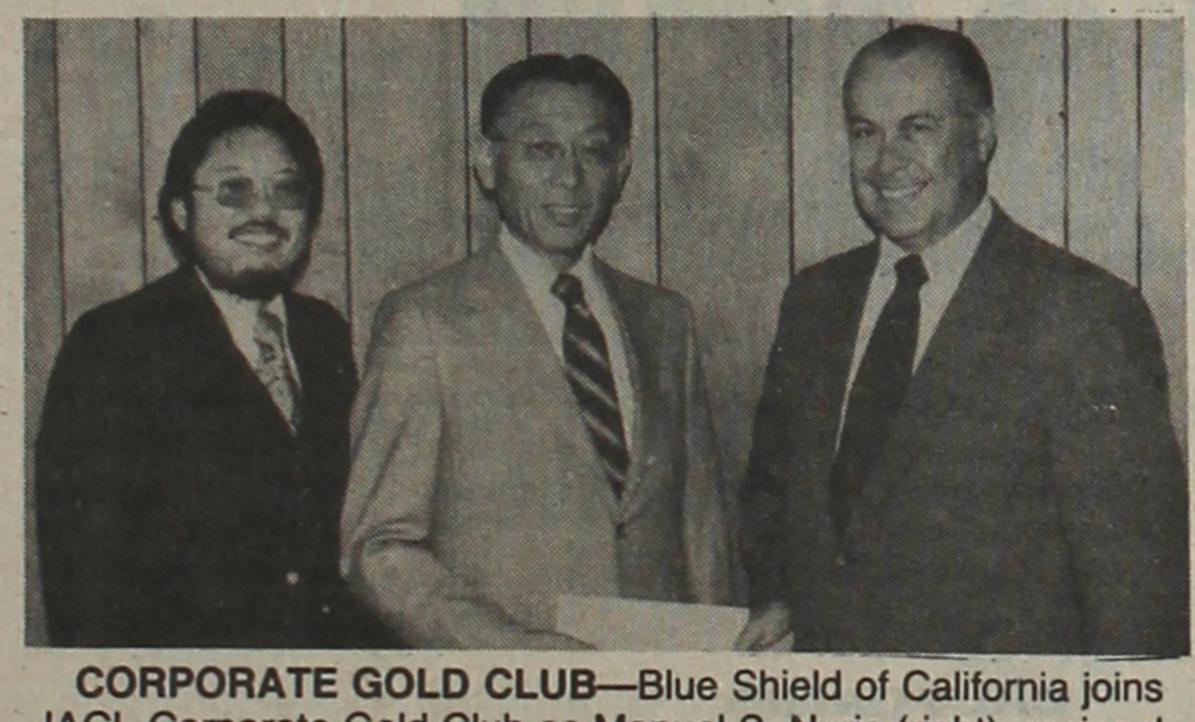
permits the Community Release Board to consider lengthening such converted terms, if the board finds, after holding a hearing, that the inmate in question is a "serious offender".

Riordan also noted that Yoshimura at present is already scheduled to serve a sentence twice as long as two of her three codefendants in the case which led to her conviction, both of whom received probation after pleading guilty to weapon charges in 1972. "I don't believe any objective observer could possibly conclude that Wendy

was as culpable of this offense as were Michael Bortin and Paul Rubenstein, who never received any state prison sentence in the case," said Riordan.

At the time of Yoshimura's surrender, the trial judge in the case received hundreds of letters from coworkers and friends of Yoshimura, as well as many civic leaders, attesting to the community service Yoshimura had performed after her arrest in 1975 while standing trial and awaiting the outcome of her appeal. Yoshimura served as an art

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JACL Corporate Gold Club as Manuel S. Nuris (right), regional Blue Shield manager, presents \$500 membership check to Dr. Clifford Uyeda (center), national JACL president, and J.D. Hokoyama, associate national director. Blue Shield has covered JACL family members since 1964, growing from 800 subscribers to a current total of 4,800.



DOWN TO EARTH: Karl Nobuyuki

Relief in Sight

San Francisco:

In 1944, JACL national president Saburo Kido wrote, "The Korematsu Evacuation

test case will go down as one of the landmarks in American constitutional jurisprudence. For the first time the authority of a military commander over civilians during a war emergency without evoking martial law has been defined. The right to discriminate between citizens based on their 'ethnic affiliation' with enemy country was upheld. No doubt a dangerous precedent has been set to make every minority group dubious of its security in a national war emergency." (Korematsu v. U.S.)

Mr. Kido was right. His words have endured the test of time and continues to stand as a powerful reminder. The three challenges before the Supreme Court of the United States-Yasui, Hirabayashi and Korematsuoften referred to as the NI-SEI CASES, were sustained. The courts refused to address the question of constitutional liberties and were

Total this report: \$570

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\$10 & UP—Rosalie Nishimura,

Ventura; Harry Akune, Gardena;

prey to the racial hysteria of the times. Thirty-five years later, despite the admirable accomplishments of the Nisei, the ruling of the court on the aforementioned cases stand as a clear reminder of the meaning of second-class citizenship.

At long last, relief is in sight. Rather than a judicial remedy, the action is a legislative remedy. S 1647, championed by Senators Inouye, Matsunaga, Hayakawa, Cranston, Church and Mc-Clure, and the House companion bill, HR 5499, managed by Congressman Norman Mineta, Robert Matsui and over 111 others, addresses the wartime relocation and internment of civilians. It is, as JACL President Clifford Uyeda put it, "... truly our day in court".

The overriding impact of the two bills was best articulated by our Washington Representative Ron Ikejiri when he stated last weekend in Tacoma:

"There exists a presumption that the actions of government as a result of E.O. 9066 were justifiable. S 1647 and HR 5499 give

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us all the opportunity to torever rebut and refuse that presumption. I submit to you, we can clearly refute that presumption."

Dr. James Tsujimura of Portland, Ore., and JACL vice president of research and services, is responsible to committee. Together with Redress Committee Chair worked carefully to place can public. In just 14 months they have accomplished a done. Now, it will be up to us ing forward ... come on ... LET'S GO FOR IT!

The Japanese American United Church, at its Sept. 16 session, voted to sponsor an Indochinese refugee family as a congregational commitment, the Rev. Justin Haruyama explained.

Hawaiian language classes are moving into all levels of public schools on Oahu as teacher-training began Oct. 1 while Hawaiian elders (kupuna) will be placed in the Leeward and Windward elementary schools to teach culture and language from January.

guage was offered at 13 high schools and four neighbor island elementary schools.

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Refugee family New York

Hawaiian new 'in' thing at schools

Honolulu

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Hawaii

Gov. Ariyoshi's push to favor local residents in government jobs and programs will hurt immigrants-whether they come from a foreign country or the Mainland, according to the Governor's Immigration Service Center. Hence, it recommended more help be given them through bilingual services, job opportunities, health assistance and minimizing bureaucratic red tape. State and county jobs favor those who have filed Hawaii income tax returns and dependents who are listed on such returns, under a law passed in 1978 after the ACLU challenged Ariyoshi's one-year residency statute as discriminatory.

The race for Maui Mayor Cravalho's seat is crowded with a huge field of 18 candidates who will be on the special Oct. 20 winner-take all-race. Among the five best-knowns are Ronald Kondo, onetime State House majority leader; Abraham Aiona, ex-chief of police; Henry Takitani, who quit the State Senate to run; Hannibal Tavares, an Alexander & Baldwin v.p. well known in Maui; and Wayne Nishiki, who nearly become lt.-governor last year.

The Congressional Quarterly, checking out the latest financial disclosure information, lists Rep. Cecil Heftel among the wealthiest members of Congress (one of about 30 millionaires in the 435-member House). No. 2 in Hawaii was Sen. Daniel Inouye (\$22,500 outside income from speeches, \$2,000 in earned income, \$21,901-34,000 in unearned income).

Japanese tourists were being encouraged by the Hawaii Visitors Bureau to use credit cards more to reduce their vulnerability to robbery. As a state dependent on tourism, Hawaii attracts more than usual coverage in the national press of any incidents of crime and violence, HVB president Simpson added.

Hawaii Office of Consumer Protection subpoenaed D. Paul Mace, founder of Project Seascape, to answer questions about his fund-raising: sale of Christ-

mas trees, wreaths, cards, to buy a boat to rescue Vietnamese boat people stranded at sea.

Hawaii Democrats for Kennedy are being headed by former Rep. Patsy T. Mink and Richard Wong, State Senate president. But another organization, Citizens for a Democratic Alternative in 1980, organized here by D. Eiko Fujikami-Blakely, is also seeking grassroot support for Kennedy.

Two discount chains (Holiday Mart and Parkview GEM) were both heading to become Japanese-owned, Daiei Inc. and Seibu, Inc., respectively. Holiday Mark is undergoing bankruptcy Bankruptcy reorganization. Judge Jon C. Chinen has been asked to approve the sale.

Dr. Richard You, whose medical license was revoked Feb. 18, received an O.K. from the Hawaii Supreme Court to continue his practice on condition that he doesn't prescribe schedule II drugs (quaaludes, seconal and valium) pending his appeal of a state judge's decision. A wellknown sports figure, he expressed his gratitude for the court's stay.

Attorney Hayden Burgess, 33, may lose his license to practice in federal court by insisting he is a "citizen of the nation of Hawaii" and for not filling out a federal jury questionnaire form. He is part Hawaiian.

Wallace Fujiyama, chairman of the Univ. of Hawaii Board of Regents, said he was not sympathetic to proposed raises of stipend to graduate assistants because he had heard local students (those who graduated from a Hawaiian high school) have been "locked out" of certain graduate programs by a high enrollment of Mainland stu-

Generally considered a shooin for re-election to his fourth term, Sen. Daniel Inouye's campaign finance co-chairman Stuart Ho said about 2,000 contributors were adding "a little more than \$200,000" to the senator's campaign coffers at Aloha Tower's Pier 10 fund-raiser held Sept. 7.

Life expectancy charts in Hawaii for major ethnic groups, based on 1970 statistics, show those of Japanese ancestry are living the longest-77.4 years, followed by Chinese, 76.1; Caucasian, 73.2; Filipino, 72.6; and Hawaiian, 67.6. Average life expectancy in 1878-79 was only 22 years, at nearly 46 in 1920, and nearly 76 years by 1975.

All profits made by the new Mitsukoshi Hawaii store at Waikiki will remain in Hawaii, it was pledged by Shigeru Okada, president of the Tokyo-based store. It has a branch in New York City and one is being planned for Los Angeles, but a site has yet to be found, Okada added.

A 20-year member of the State Legislature, Rep. Jack Suwa (D-1st Dist., Hawaii) resigned to accept Gov. Ariyoshi's appointment as deputy director in the Dept. of Transportation where he will be involved with bonding and budget-finance, topics close to his legislative specialty.

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Interest in naturalization reawakened

Gardena, Ca.

Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute and Gardena Pioneer Project organized a comprehensive program to assist South Bay Isachieve citizenship through naturalization classes which are to be scheduled.

An initial group of about 100 applicants met last Sunday to receive detailed information.

Shig Matsumoto, bilingual attorney, was on hand to outline the requirements. Mayko Tarumoto is in charge of sign-ups.

YOSHIMURA

Continued from the Front Page

teacher for the elderly in the Japantown community and worked in a Berkeley restaurant. The trial judge, while stating he was deeply impressed by Yoshimura's rehabilitative efforts and the deep-seated support for her in the Asian-American community, ruled he was legally prohibited from granting her probation. Riordan added:

"I am utterly confident that there is no one confined in the entire California penal system who poses a lesser threat to the people of this state than Wendy Yoshimura. To the contrary, the community to which she is released will positively benefit from her presence. I sincerely hope that when the Board reviews Wendy's record during those years since her arrest, they will agree that it would be a true waste of her talents and thousands of tax dollars to extend a prison term that is already unnecessarily lenghty."

Mayor restores \$2.2 million to Little Tokyo CRA budget

Los Angeles

Mayor Tom Bradley ordered \$2.2 million restored to the 1980-81 Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project budget to include funding for the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center Plaza and development assistance for the Anzen Triangle parcels at First and Weller Sts.

Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee chairman Tad Ikemoto had stated the reduced budget of \$266,000 being proposed threatens the redevelopment momentum within the community. Two major priorities facing Little Tokyo redevelopment are:

1—The proposed plaza at JACCC with participation of internationally acclaimed sculptor and a native son of Los Angeles. Isamu Noguchi, in the design.

2—Development assistance to the Anzen Triangle parcels at First & Weller Sts. would permit priority consideration to low income residents of that block to relocate to the housing facility now under construction in Little Tokyo.

Meanwhile, the question of "affordable rent" at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, which

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may have opening ceremonies before the end of this year, has potential tenants the cultural instructors and community groups—and concerned individuals in a tizzy. While no firm rate has been announced, rental may be 70¢ per square foot—perhaps three times more than what some currently are paying or have budgeted.

Prospective tenants have been invited to meet Oct. 13, 10 a.m., at the JACL Regional Office to develop "a united approach" for a reduced, affordable rent, request from CRA a rent subsidy to cover the difference between affordable rent and the JACCC established rental rate, and prepare for a presentation to the JACCC board.

Noguchi exhibit Philadelphia

Works of Isamu Noguchi go on exhibit Oct. 21-Jan. 6 at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Special events, such as the Minyo folk dancers from Seabrook and the Tokyo String Quartet, have been approached to perform during the exhibit.

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88TH BIRTHDAY RITES

Patriarch Hosaka of Reedley

Fresno, Ca.
Family and friends of Sohichi Hosaka of Reedley gathered here Aug. 25 to mark his 88th birthday at a dinner hosted by his four children, their spouses and 13 grand-children. They were 125 in attendance.

The native of Fukuoka, he first farmed in San Diego between 1914 and 1941, was interned during the war, and resumed farming with his two eldest sons Henry and George in Reedley. He received the Japan Agricultural Society's gold medal award in 1971; was the sole surviving founder of the San Diego Buddhist Church when it celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1978; and had celebrated his golden wedding jubilee on Dec. 19, 1971. Wife is the former Misao Takata.

Other children are Mmes. Frank (Ayako) Yamakoshi of Chicago and Dr. Sumio (Sayako) Kubo of Fresno.

Frank Yamakoshi emceed the dinner while Jim Kubo was in charge of the entertainment portion which included koto selections by Brian Yamakoshi, a classical dance by Yuri Yamakoshi, songs by George and Henry Hosaka and Happy Birthday sung by all the grandchldren.

California

Skeletal remains of Steve Nakagawa, 26, of Reedley were found in the Edison Lake area north of Fresno by hunters on Sept. 22. Wallet with his identification was found with the bones, investigators reported. The coroner's office was unable to determine how he died. Nakagawa was reported missing last Oct. 31 after failing to return home from a four-day hike into the area. Search lasting through mid-November failed to uncover any trace of the victim.

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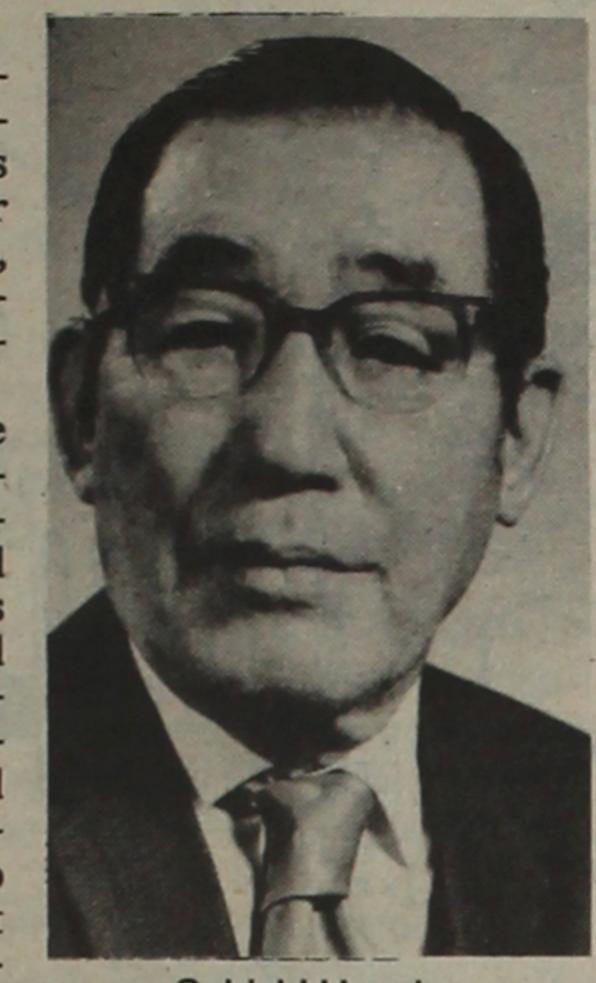
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Sohichi Hosaka

• Books

Fiddlehead Poetry Books, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, has published "No Other Lodgings" by Frances Itani with illustrations by Shizuye Takashima, relating the sentiment and grim images of the Japanese in Canada. The poetess lives in Oromoco, N.B., where her husband is based with the armed forces.

Business

Leslie T. Koyanagi, CSU-Fresno graduate who joined California First Bank nine years ago, was named asst. v.p., recently and is asst. manager at the Montebello office.

• Education

California State University, Sacramento has announced the appointment of Tohru Yamanaka as the Associate Dean for Curriculum, College of Arts and Sciences. Yamanaka, professor of economics and ethnic studies, had been the Director of Asian American Studies for the past ten years. His appointment be-

came effective Aug. 29. ... Also appointed at CSU-Sacramento was Chris S. Tomine, as the interim Director of Administration and Business Affairs, supervising personnel, plant operation, campus planning and environmental health. Dr. Tomine, associate professor of civil engineering, had been the acting director of Asian American Studies during Spring 1979 when Professor Yamanaka was on leave. His appointment is effective Aug. 31. These appointments mark the first time that important administrative posts at CSUS have been filled by Asian Americans.

• Government

Henry Der, executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, San Francisco, has been named by Gov. Brown to the board of directors of the California State Bar.

Irene Y. Hirano, 30, of Los Angeles was reappointed by Gov. Brown to the State Commission on the Status of Women. She is executive director of the Clinic

ne Y. Hirano, 30, of Los An Health

West Valley JACLer Dr. Seiji Shiba, Los Gatos orthodontist, is president of the Santa Clara County Dental Society. He is the first Nikkei to head the 700-member organization. His daughter Nancy is a freshman at UC-San Francisco Dental College.

sion membership in an attempt to

appease a furor over staff-com-

Rocky Aoki, board chairman

of Benihana of Tokyo, New

York, and an active powerboat

racer, was named to a 33-mem-

ber New York Mayor Koch's citi-

zens Committee to develop the

city's 578-mile waterfront for

recreational purposes. Other

boating enthusiasts named in-

clude Walter Cronkhite, Berg-

dor Goodman's chairman Ira

Neimark and film producer Jo-

seph E. Levine. ... Aoki was

seriously injured Sept. 14 in a

boating accident a mile west of

Golden Gate during a practice

run for the Benihana Grand prix

mission relationship.

Politics

Sen. S.I. Hayakawa, 73, is supporting Ronald Reagan, 68, for the Republican presidential nomination and expects him to be

for Women ... Sandy Ouye resigned her position on the San Francisco commission on the status of women as Mayor Feinstein made changes in commission of the United States", dismissing suggestions that the former governor is too old to run.

Radio-TV

Marianne Kushi of Los Angeles, who had interned in community relations and news production at KNXT (the CBS-outlet) after earning two degrees in biology and broadcast journalism at USC, was hired as a news reporter at Bakersfield's TV station, KERO, in August. She is the daughter of the late Archie and Theresa Yamamoto ... San Francisco KPIX's (5) Evening Magazine co-hosts Jan Yanehiro and Steve Fox, began their fourth year on Sept. 17, though Fox is leaving in October for a new job with ABC News-Los Angeles. The format led other Group W stations (KYW in Philadelphia, WBZ in Boston, KDKA in Pittsburgh, and WJZ in Baltimore) to do their own Evening Magazine.

Sports

Altadena pastor retires

after 40-year ministry

Ardie K. Oji, general manager of Golden State Tractor, Woodland, Ca., who races stock cars on the side, won the annual Sports Car Club's Pacific Coast road racing title with his Class A Sedan Camaro Sept. 23 at Sears Point Raceway, Sonoma. This is his first season of sports car road racing, though his first racing event was in 1964 steering Go-Karts.

Cherry trees in Texas blossom after Issei discovers secret

Isamu Taniguchi, 82, retired from farming the Rio Grande Valley in 1967 and moved

in the Rio Grande Valley in 1967 and moved here to be near his son, Alan, then with the Univ. of Texas School of Architecture—a propitious move for both the prewar Stockton Issei and the City of Austin, for both have flourished.

In a recent Sunday feature article by Linda Anthony for the American Statesman here, listed are the arboreal and traditional touches of Japanese beauty that dot the city. It took him 18 months to work over three rugged acres in Zilker Municipal Gardens, for starters, into a miniature fantasy Oriental garden. In the lotus pond are now blossoms that symbolize peace and purity for thousands of years, cultivated from seeds bestowed upon

him five years ago by the Crown Princess of Japan.

He has created a Japanese garden at the Rebekah Baines Johnson Center, planted cherry trees near the gazebo at Barton Creek and even more along Town Lake.

Six years ago, he planted some 1,200 cherry trees around Town Lake but root rot claimed most of them and "I almost gave up. But I found out that a native plum tree in the (Texas Hill Country) takes cherry grafting ... Now we have lots of cherry trees," he beamed.

(His son, Dr. Izumi Taniguchi, economics department chairman of the CSU Fresno, is a longtime Fresno JACLer, a former district governor and currently a member of the PC Board.—Ed.)

NEWS BRIEFS

of a suitcase and its contents to \$50 has been amended in an Assemblyman Floyd Mori bill signed by the Governor to be effective Jan. 1, 1980. The limit has been raised to \$500 per trunk, \$250 for each valise and its contents, box, or other personal property.

Assemblyman Floyd Mori's bill affording wives protection against spousal rape was signed by Gov. Brown Sept. 22, becoming effective next Jan. 1 and making such crimes punishable by up to eight years in prison. The Nisei legislator had been working to amend the rape provision since 1976.

A hung jury caused a mistrial to be declared Sept. 6 in Santa Barbara Superior Court in the case of Tom Yu, accused of taking part in the killing of five persons during an eruption of gang warfare in San Francisco's Chinatown two years ago.

Los Angeles

Asian American Drug Abuse Program 10-km race will start Oct. 20, 8 a.m., at Griffith Park,

Los Angeles, at the merry-goround area. Approximately 3,000 enthusiasts are expected, including Sen. Alan Cranston, honorary chairman of the race, and Rita Saenz, director, Calif. Dept. of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. To enter, contact Steve Sato (213—293-6284) or write to AADAP, 5318 S Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles 90043.

Asian Pacific Head Start Agency will receive HEW funding for 22 classes or for 330 children on half-day programs starting Jan. 1, 1980, it was announced Aug. 21 by Rockwell Chin, Chinatown's Little Friends Playground director (613-1552), who also added there is currently only one predominantly Asian Pacific Head Start class. Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment, Asian Pacific Planning Council and Little Friends Playgroup were instrumental in the program expansion.

Washington

Asian and Pacific Americans in the Federal Employee Council

(APAFEC) conference on "Moving In ... Moving Up" in the federal service will be held on Dec. 1 with morning and afternoon sessions at the Hyatt Regency Washington. Registration is required by Oct. 19 through:

Betty Yu, regis, APAFEC Conference, 2902 Porter St NW #40, Washington, D.C. 20008.

Canada

The Karma Buddhist College, first of its kind in Canada, was opened in September by the Karma Kargyu Society at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ont., to students enrolled at Brock.

In terms of revenue, the 40,000 Japanese tourists clearing through Vancouver, B.C., annually, comprise the new "jet set", spending some \$19.2 million in the province in 1978—a 20% increase over the previous year. About 60,000 are expected this year—just 2% of the 3½ million Japanese who go abroad each year. Restaurants in Banff now have menus printed in Japanese

Rev. Donald Toriumi

Altadena, Ca.

The Rev. Donald K. Toriumi, DD, retired from the active ministry Sept. 30, concluding a 40-year ministry and with the last 31 years as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Altadena. An estimated 400 attended the farewell service and testimonial luncheon.

A native of Sacramento and graduate of UC Berkeley and San Francisco Theological Seminary, he began his ministry in prewar Holly-

wood, then at Heart Mountain camp and in Cleveland during the war years. He returned in 1948 to the just reopened doors of the Pasadena Union Church, which was relocated in 1967 by freeway construction to its present site in Altadena.

In recognition of his leadership in the Presbyterian Church, Occidental College conferred the honorary doctor of divinity degree and the Ecumenical Council of Churches in the Pasadena area named him the 1976 "Churchman of the Year".

National JACL, in 1960, honored him as one of five "Nisei of the Biennium" for his ministerial leadership.

Rev. Toriumi helped develop Asian and inter-ethnic caucuses in recent times and sparked the program to help resettle Vietnamese refugees in Southern California with his own congregation one of the first to adopt and resettle a refugee family.

He is looking forward to having more time to devote for ethnic and inter-ethnic causes in the church and for ministerial training for young seminary graduates. #

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San Francisco:

We, former Northwesterners, though relatively few in number, have always been marked as outspoken on issues and often as non-conformists. I don't know the reason why.

Gordon Hirabayashi was from Seattle. Minoru Yasui from Denver came from just outside Portland. Judge Robert Takasugi of Los Angeles was from Tacoma. Judge Bill Marutani of Philadelphia grew up near Seattle. These are some of the most outspoken and staunch defenders of our constitutional rights.

Bill Hosokawa was from Seattle. So was Minoru Yamasaki. The list can go on and on.

One can wonder whether the relative lack of or the smallness of the Japanese American ghettos in the Pacific Northwest could have been part of the reasons.

Most pre-World War II Japantowns in California were complete communities unto themselves. Most Japanese Americans interacted among themselves.

In the Pacific Northwest, even within the major metropolitan areas, there was more scattering of Japanese American population. There was more interacting with the majority society as we grew up. At the same time there were enough of us around to give us a sense of togetherness and a pride in our heritage.

These seem to be nebulous reasons to try to explain the Pacific Northwest Japanese Americans. These reasons may be totally irrelevant.

Expressing our opinions or comments, whether in private or in public, the Pacific Northwesterners are not known to hesitate.

At the EDC/MDC combined conference in Bloomington, Minnesota late this summer, the delegates met for dinner at a downtown restaurant. Seeing so many Asian faces heightened the curiosity of the Caucasian customers. "Where are you people from?" one of them asked.

Dr. Kazuo Kimura replied immediately, "We're the boat people."

A look of confusion filled the blue eyes.

Dr. Kimura grew up in Seattle. He is Professor of Pharmacology at Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton, Ohio. He is also a Board certified Pediatrician, having done his pediatric training at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He is newly elected Vice Governor of the JACL Midwest District. We worked together in Alaska in the mid-thirties. He was then already 6 feet 1½ inches tall, and growing.

5Short Notes

Editor: A few lines from the city with the Arch:

1. Really enjoyed Moshi-Moshi's article (PC Sept. 14) on walking. I agree we should walk more. Remember an old Japanese song ... Aruke, aruke, aaruke, aruke ...

2. Well, something happened to our JACL newsletter. After several heads got together one evening and sweated over it, retyped, etc., and it apparently disappeared from the print shop. One suspects some sort of insidious international conspiracy

3. I am returning to Japan this October for the first time in 25 years. I came here September 1954 to study Physics at Univ. of Oregon. I am presenting a paper, Grief in Childbirth at an International Obstetrics and Gynecology meeting in Tokyo Oct. 31. I hope to do a lot of visiting in three weeks.

> YASUO ISHIDA, M.D. St. Louis, Mo.

Do you, by any chance, have any books about the 442nd Rgt. Combat Team and the 100th Infantry in your "Books from PC"?

Anaheim, Ca.

Joe Harrington of "Yankee Samurai" is now working on a book about the men of the 442nd an 100th Infantry in the same style. There is a chapter in Hosokawa's "Nisei: the Quiet Americans" devoted to the Nisei GIs. Ot herwise, we have none on sale.

JJACL Scholarships

Editor:

After reading about the JACL scholarship winners (June 29 PC) and the Henry & Chiyo Scholarship (July 6 PC), I am interested in applying for next year's competition. I am a 25year-old Japanese American who has gone back to school, working toward a Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry. How do we ap-

JANETTE W.S. Sacramento, Ca.

Requests for such information should be sent to National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, Ca. 94115. We understand a new scholarship brochure is in the works. —Ed.

REDRESS PHASE 2: John Tateishi



San Francisco: Late Friday afternoon, Sept. 28, National Director Karl Nobuyuki and I sat around the JACL office talking about Redress. We were awaiting a call from Congressman Norman Mineta's office for word on the introduction of the Redress bill in the House of Representa-

tives. Shortly after five o'clock the call came in. We were on the line with Congressman Mineta.

"I'm just about ready to leave to go down to the floor of the House to drop the bill in the hopper." For me, it was exciting moment. I thought about all those years JA's have struggled with the meaning of camp, and now we were on the threshold of finding a resolution for those 37 years.

Congressman Mineta continued. "Right now, we have 112 co-sponsors on the bill." Karl and I looked at each other, surprised. My response was, Holy Cows, a hundred and twelve! Karl, too, was elated.

Norman Mineta had truly championed the bill. He had

been behind us all the way and given us his support and time, and now he had taken the lead in getting the support of his colleagues. Just before he called, he had been on the House floor getting signatures on the bill. He had gotten about 70. There would have been more were it not that some of the Representatives couldn't be reached the day of the introduction. He indicated his appreciation for the letters and contacts made to members of the House by JACL chapters. They had been helpful in soliciting the support of his colleagues.

We had previously felt that it would be great if there were at least 25 sponsors on the bill when it was introduced, maybe even as many as 50. But one hundred and twelve! We had moved one giant step closer to success thanks to Congressman Mineta.

PNW Supportive ...

On Saturday morning, Karl and I flew to Seattle where we met up with Ron Ikejiri to attend the PNW District Council meeting in Puyallup. We found the district very supportive of the legislation and anxious to help out in whatever way necessary.

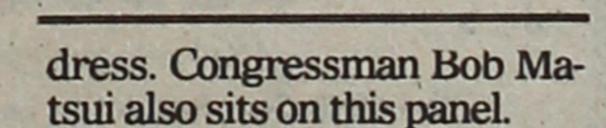
In the approximately three hours discussing Redress in which Ikejiri gave his report and answered questions, one

statement sticks in my mind: He said that as Washington Rep, he would never offer any false hopes to the JA community on Redress legislation, whether it's a commission bill or an appropriations bill, and that to do so, in his view, would be less than honest.

I think many of us felt this way but had not articulated it in our own minds. We came away from the meeting feeling good; much had been resolved.

Clifford Uyeda, Karl and I spent a good part of the following Tuesday morning at JACL Headquarters, part of which time we were on the phone with Ikejiri discussing what steps should be taken next in the campaign. The meeting having ended, I returned to the office I share with Clifford and began to catch up on correspondence. About an hour later, Karl phoned me on the intercom to inform me that he had just talked with Ikejiri who told him that the House bill had already been referred to its Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties and the Administration of Justice.

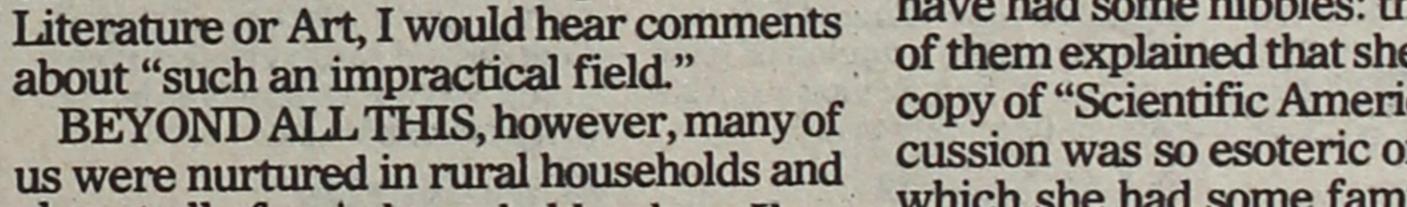
We both realized what that meant. Congressman Robert Kastenmeier, who chairs the subcommittee, is a co-sponsor of the bill and supporter of Re-



flowed.

The next step will be for the bill to be referred to the full Judiciary Committee, chaired by Peter Rodino, a co-sponsor of the bill and one of the nine House members who introduced it. From there, the bill goes to the floor of the House, where it will be voted on.

In view of the surprisingly strong support of the House bill, we are very encouraged and optimistic about passage of both the Senate and House bills. But we also find that our time schedule has suddenly contracted and find ourselves in need of raising funds imme-



almost all of us in households where English was not spoken with any facility, at least in our early years. Least of all by our parents, from whom much learning

Oct. 2—Ingersoll (Ont.) city council rejects resolution requesting fertilizer plant to fire Canadian Japanese workers; three men convicted for inciting

Oct. 6—Remember Pearl Harbor League formed by White River Valley and Puyallup Valley (Wash.) farmers as anti-evacuee group, accept Seattle attorney E. D. Phelan's proposal for constitutional amendment to revoke citizenship of all Japanese Americans.

diately in order to carry out the

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zine. I'm frustrated by the number of unknown words sprinkled throughout some articles. It bothers me no end that someone writing for the general reading public uses words that I had never seen before. (Frankly, sometimes I suspect that these writers go out of their way to use "two-bit words" when plain English would do the job. But even that may be a defensive reaction of my cultural drawback.)

IN MY OWN situation, to this day I keep

a dictionary nearby even while reading

something prosaic as "Newsweek" maga-

PETE HIROLAKO

Cultural Drawbacks

EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

or

something to the effect

that Nisei in general suf-

reading

fer the impediment of not being facile

with the English language. This was a bit

difficult for me to believe because it had

been my impression that, again generally,

Nisei excelled academically. Although,

now that I think a bit more about it-con-

tinuing to make generalizations—among

Nisei that I had been exposed to, they

excelled particularly in the exact sciences

but not as well in the non-disciplined sub-

jects such as ... well, not many, but such

as literature, Romance languages, philo-

sophy and so forth. But generalizations

IN MY DAY at least, this was entirely

understandable. For if one will analyze it a

bit (or at least I so thought), Nisei tended

to apply their energies to those subjects in

which capabilities could be measured be-

yond cavil. Therefore, subjects such as

mathematics, geometry and calculus,

chemistry, engineering, etc. were areas in

which Nisei particularly excelled. And, I

then reasoned, this was because these

areas touched upon hard bread-'n-butter

occupations, less vulnerable to racial im-

pediments. And thus when my parents

learned that some Nisei was embarking,

or seeking to embark, on some theoreti-

cal field such as Philosophy, English

are always dangerous.

Philadelphia

ONCE

hearing

MY FIRST CULTURAL shock came about when I left my tiny, rural community for the university in The Big City: Seattle. From the "small pond" of my English class where I did manage to squeeze out a few "A's", I was thrust into a university English class that was so advanced that for the first semester I didn't even know what my classmates were talking about. I had heard about "two-bit words" up until then, but these classmates were speaking in another coinage almost foreign to me. That was one helluva big pond for me.

TODAY, IN ORDER not to repeat this experience for our brood, we "casually" try to leave books around the house, hoping that one or more of the offspring will pick up a book or magazine. Just out of sheer curiosity, if nothing else. None of them have become dog-eared. But we have had some nibbles: the other day, one of them explained that she had picked up a copy of "Scientific American" and the discussion was so esoteric on the subject (of which she had some familiarity) that she couldn't comprehend it.

WELL, SOMETIMES YOU just can win. No matter which way you slice it.



Oct. 7—Army policy permitting MISLS graduates to officer candidate training revealed by

of 21 leaves for Ft. Benning, Ga. Oct. 9—Film star Sessue Hayakawa refused to collaborate with Nazis, Paris INS correspondent

Ft. Snelling Bulletin; initial group

reports. Oct. 12—Korematsu case heard before U.S. Supreme Court; Attorneys general of California (Robert Kenney), Oregon

(George Neuner) and Washington (Smith Troy), in amicus brief, urge civilian exclusion orders be lifted. Nat'l JACL brief holds "no reasonable basis for any exclusion order"

Oct. 12—President Roosevelt praises Nisei fighting against Nazis in Columbus Day nationally broadcast speech.



OCT. 14, 1944

disturbance against evacuee workers.

lobbying effort.

D V U ta

Nisei 'angle' to Black/PLO talks

Denver, Colo.:

Excuse me. This column may develop into something heavier than usual. But it has to do with an important matter, and I hope you will stay with me.

If you have been reading the newspapers, you know that American Black leaders have taken a sudden interest in Mideastern problems. Some of them recently visited leaders of the Palastine Liberation Organization and other hard-line Arabs who are unremitting foes of Israel.

Some Americans profess to see this move as calculated mischief, an act of revenge on the part of American Blacks who believe Andrew Young was forced by American Jewish pressure to give up his post as ambassador to the United Nations. Only time will tell whether this interpretation is valid.

For the purposes of this column, it is not necessary to pass judgment on the wisdom of the Black strategy. The Black leadership is indeed treading on sensitive ground when it circumvents the regular channels of diplomacy and sits down with Yasser Arafat and his ilk. But as private citizens, Jesse Jackson and other Blacks have every right to talk to anyone they wish anywhere in the world. Who knows, they may come up with an equitable peace formula that so far has eluded the experts and professional diplomats.

But another important point needs addressing. Until now the Black leadership was concerned almost totally with problems that affected Blacks directly—issues like racism, equal educational opportunities, fair employment practices, police brutality, fair housing practices, the right to vote and all the rest of that litany of injustice that had been the lot of Blacks over the years.

Now, dramatically, the Black leadership had widened its horizons. Whatever their hidden motives, if any, they

have moved on from their specialized concerns to seek a role in a knotty international issue. They are in position to exert their influence and contribute their wisdom to help an international problem.

The conclusion one must draw is that the Black leaders feel they have made sufficient progress of solving their narrow ethnic problems, and now are confident enough of their position to plunge into broader issues.

What does all this have to do with a column published in a Japanese American journal?

Well, like Black leaders, Japanese Americans have been inclined to focus their concerns almost entirely on problems that affect their own. However, the record shows that Japanese Americans were seldom in the vanguard of civil rights and other activist movements; they were more inclined to join after a movement was under way. Thus they were often two or three years late in becoming part of a trend.

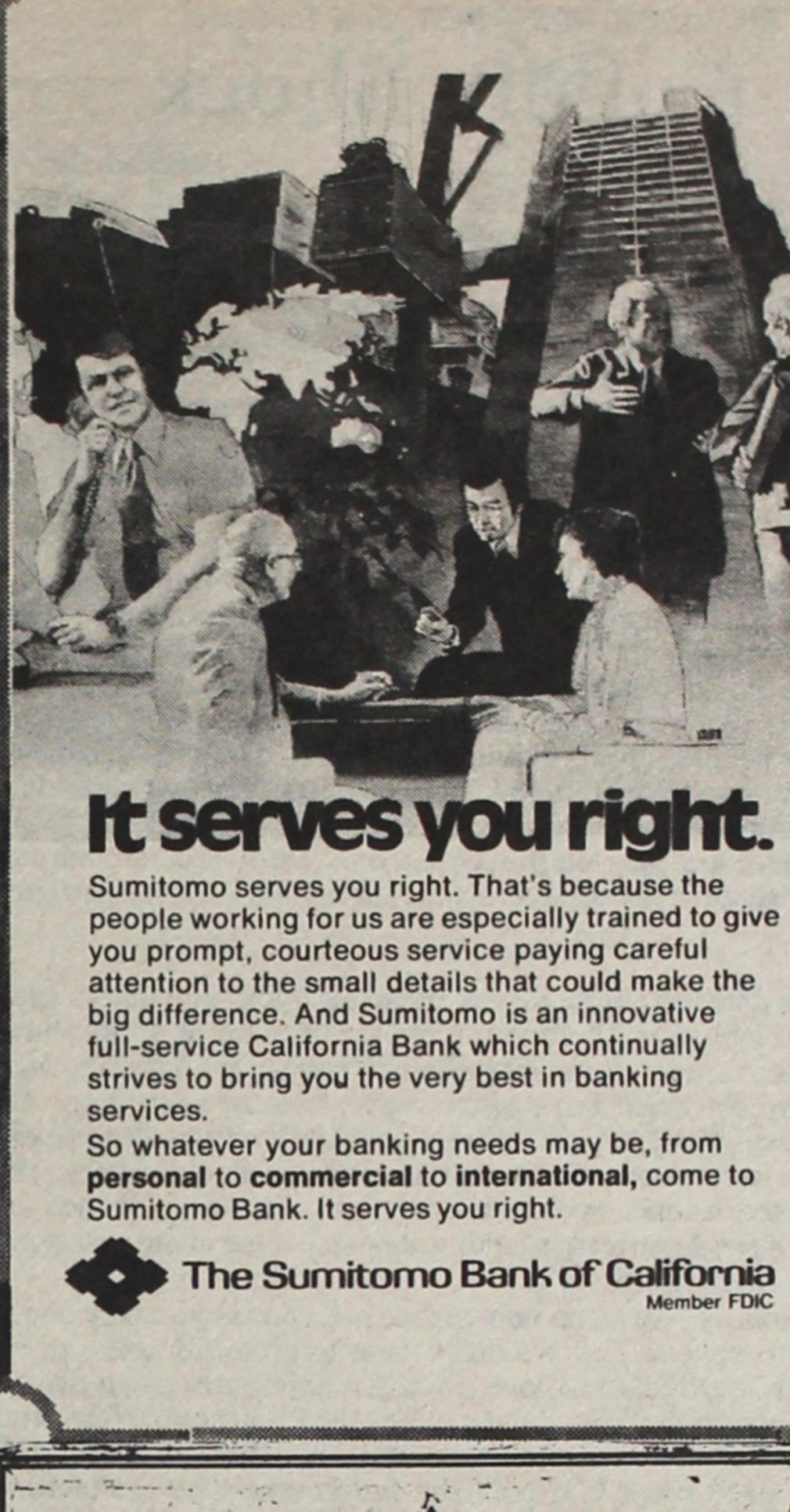
If this evaluation is correct, and it is still valid, the Japanese American leadership may feel secure enough in time to broaden its concerns beyond the narrow ethnic problems.

The Blacks, with a new-found interest in Islam, picked for their own reasons a hot potato in wading into the Mideast. What non-domestic issues might Japanese Americans address as members of a concerned American minority?

For beginners, inasmuch as the current vogue is to consider ourselves Asian-Americans, instead of simply Japanese Americans, how about addressing the plight of the Vietnamese boat people, the genocide in Cambodia which most Americans have conveniently ignored, the repressive Marcos dictatorship in the Philippines, the virtual one-party government in Taiwan and the lack of free expression in South Korea.

In Japan itself, we might want to let the government know firmly that we are deeply troubled by the lack of more decisive action on restrictive trade practices, by its refusal to accept more than a token number of Vietnamnese refugees, by its insensitivity to world-wide concerns about whale and dolphin slaughter. And if wanting to take on bigger game, we could send a delegation to the Kremlin to demand that the four northern islands seized from Japan in World War II be returned.

Do you think that will ever happen?



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Travel Program

Upon accepting the 1979 progress report, Steve Nakashima, v.p. for membership services, commended the work and leadership of travel program chair Henry Sakai. Impressions of those participating in the first JACL-South American tour

(June 23-July 10) are being submitted to the PC; complete 1980 travel program to be announced in October.

Treasurer's Report

Accepted Treasurer George
Kodama's report covering current 11-month financial report,
prepared on cash basis at HQ, as
follows:

The 11 months ending Aug. 31, 1979, prepared on cash basis.

1979, prepared on cash basis.				
INCOME	Budget	YTD		
Dues	\$625,750	\$539,122		
Donations	21,800	14,212		
Endowment	23,950			
Interest		363		
Dividends		21,202		
Gain (Loss)		-3,646		
Pac Citizen	82,200			
Other		5,182		
EXPENDITURES				
Gen Oper	\$ 86,000	\$118,606		
Nat'l HQ	168,000	163,987		
Wash'n Office	49,700	46,181		
Pac Citizen	260,000			
Dist Offices	111,000	97,879		
Youth	45,500	11,689		
Programs	21,000	21,172		

Redress 25,000 14,324
Ways & Means Committee

Recommended such a committee, as proposed by treasurer George Kodama, be formed forthwith to review ways JACL raises money and means of its spending from a sound fiscal perspective by JACLers having a high degree of expertise in matters financial. It would help to develop, coordinate and oversee "all money-raising activities at the national level".

Recommended the NYCC consider the changes being proposed in the JACL Constitution and send input to the revision committee. Being proposed is transfer of District Youth Chairs from the National Board to the National Council as a voting DYC delegate.

Endorsed youth director Bruce Shimizu's first report and concepts stated therein; major changes in JAYS constitution, a

youth version of "Operation '80s" on triple phase: (1) cultural heritage, (2) community involvement, and (3) scholarship.

REPORTS NOT RECEIVED

All standing and interim JACL committees were informed to submit reports or an item for the agenda. Following did not respond:

Yamada/Okubo Fund, Headquarters Bldg. Fund, Satow Memorial Fund, Pacific Citizen Board, Whale Issue, International Relations, Employment Discrimination, Political Education, Ethnic Concerns, Resolutions, Convention Credentials, Scholarship, Inagaki Award, Nominations, Bowling, Health Insurance.

(Some of these committes become active during a convention year.)

ADJOURNMENT

The EXECOM adjourned to meet two times more before the 1980 National Convention: (1) Feb. 1-2-3 to JACL planning, review of Operations '80s, and budget for FY 1981-82; (2) April 25-27, for final budget.

The National Board is scheduled to meet on Sunday, July 25, prior to the 1980 national council meetings.

J From Nobuyuki Nakajima

Resettle Japan's Retirees in U.S.

Cleveland

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"Obaste-vama" is a Japanese legend supposedly of Chinese origin. It tells of a king who thought old people were ugly and undesirable. He made people cast off the aged to a faraway mountain of Obaste-yama. After that, however, the country was beset with trouble after trouble. Finally, the king was persuaded that the country needed the advice of elders. Whereupon he recalled all the old men and old women from the mountain. And everything went back to normal again.

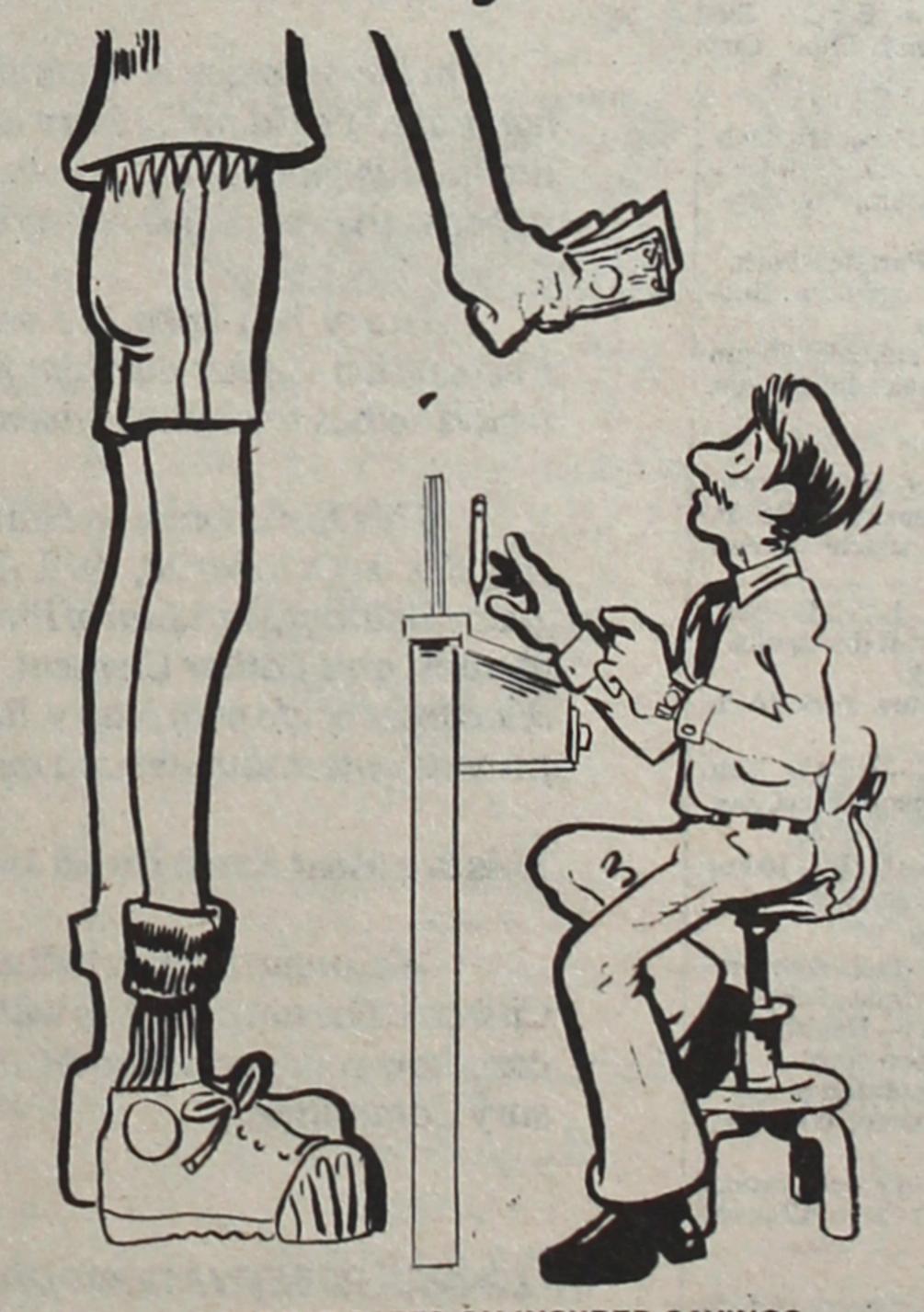
I always liked to listen to old people talk. Their recollections and bits of things here and there told me so much of the real America. Even in the rapidly changing world of technology, there is much the older folks can give us from their experience. Now that we realize that energy and material resources are limited, their advice on the old way, i.e. conservation, will be very useful. In this regard, experience of Japanese will be invaluable because they have come through the time of near-absolute have-not.

As previously stated here, building retirement communities in the U.S. for a million Japanese would bring much needed yen for the balance of trade with de facto, permanent commitment from Japan.

However, the non-economic benefits to the U.S. are much more significant. Japanese retirees would not be inactive; on the contrary, they will be busy pursuing what they wanted to do all their lives. These may be sports, arts, crafts, gardening and other recreational activities. They can also develop or stimulate business.

The most important is, however, an intangible structure of their community and the social harmony, which they can transplant to the U.S. Our citizens who once lived intimately among Japanese know what it is. Once a Chinese American engineer remarked to me that every time he returned from Japan on his business trip, his wife suspected something, be-

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Culture Shock

Portland, Ore.

In watching Pope John Paul II enter Yankee Stadium to conduct Mass, it was of interest to note the behavior of a predominantly Caucasian audience to the Pope's acknowledgement of that welcome. His hand gestures, aside from the papal blessing, particularly the positioning of the palms seemed to be related to his Polish background.

This non-verbal communication or body language can be also evidenced in a group picture of Japanese Canadians in full hockey dress. American Nikkei youngsters would be usually pictured in baseball gear.

My parents always seemed to talk in riddles. They would say, "You seem to understand what we are saying, but you keep missing the point!" To us, their homilies, no matter how simply stated, did not result in satisfactory behaviour and / or response from us. We, on the other hand, thought they were pretty dull and boring people, always giving out orders that seemed unclear at best, impossible to fulfill. We laid it to the fact that there was a language barrier. It was years later that I discovered that "Mattress, Oregon" was Madras, Ore., a small farming community on the Deschutes River, several miles upriver from where we once lived.

It is now beginning to penetrate this thick skull that in addition to language, there is the matter of cultural background. Japanese students studying English have great difficulty with indefinite articles, intransitive verbs; to name a few items. On the other hand, Americans have great difficulty with Japanese bumpo (grammar), plus their thousands-years-old history. The Japanese listener suffers a great deal-mostly in silence-to learn if the American is talking about an event in the past, present or future tense.

Scholarly works on non-verbal behavior is just now beginning to appear. But we don't have to go to libraries for research material. Just look around. Commuters using private or public transit somehow manage their daily trips; fans from basketball, football, baseball, etc. etc., behave differently from each other; ... only the fan knows. The use of time, space environment, mode of dress are but a few of the ways in which one's cultural behavior is determined.

Is that why some people can find that elusive matsutake, while some can't?—even at the expense of scratching (plowing up) the forest floors, much to the detriment for future growth and ruination of a particular "su" ... and risking the displeasure of the Forest Service which usually retaliates against such behavior by closing forest areas to the public? #

Church.

Essays help pick winners of Washington D.C. scholarships

Washington

A major requirement in this year's Washington, D.C. JACL scholarship competition was submitting an essay —which would be published in the Pacific Citizen. Subject of the essay was inspired by the JACL's biennium national priority—Redress and the social injustice of Americans during WW2. Evaluation also included academic and extracurricular data, it was announced by Yoshinori H.T. Himel, chairman.

Awards were presented Aug. 4 at the Bradley Hill Presbyterian Church to:

1-\$500: Cheryl Ann Watanabe, d. of Edward Watanabes, Herdon, Va.; 2—\$350: Wendy Aiko Chiogioii. d. of Melvin H. Chiogiojis, Silver Spring, Md.; 3-\$150: Wendy Hideko Marumoto, d. of William Marumotos, Mc-Lean, Va.

Judges were: Susan Kakesako, Dr. Larry

Kubota, Vincent Lugani, Jo Uyehara Missler, Don Tokunaga, Joyce Yamada, Dr. Joanne Yamauchi.

The awards ceremony highlighted theme, its "Awareness of Social Injustice", with a premiere showing of "Emi", the story of one Nisei woman's confrontation with the trauma of her in-Manzanar. ternment in "Emi" is part of the Pearls television series on Asian Americans. The director of the film, Michael Uno, was present to answer questions from the audience.

Presiding was incoming chapter president, Gerald Yamada. Outgoing chapter president, Hideki Hamamoto presented each recipient a copy of "In Movement", a visual history of Asians in America. Nancy Yamada was refreshment chairperson.

TATEISHI

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Consequently, we are launching our drive by requesting a contribution equivalent to \$1 per member from each JACL chapter. We are working on various other plans for fund raising, but the dollar per member drive will help meet the immediate and pressing needs of the campaign.

It's important, now that we've come this far, not to let up on the effort. But it's going to take money, and a lot of it. There are 435 members in the House, and 100 in the Senate, and we have to reach every one of them.

JACL members and the JA community have given their support through letters and events, but this is now the true test. One dollar for each of us is not a whole lot for a final reckoing with justice for our experiences 37 years

1000 Club

(Number=Year of Membership) Sept 24-28, 1979 (32) CHICAGO: 26-Harry T Ichiyasu, 13-Omar Kaihatsu, 7-Clayburn Lovelace, 24-Lincoln Shimidzu.

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STOCKTON: 18-Roy S Nakashima. VENICE-CULVER: 24-George T Isoda.

SUMMARY (Since Dec 15, 1978) Active (Aug 31 total). This month (Sept 30).

JACL Okubo-Yamada Fund

At the 1970 National Convention in Chicago, two JACL youth delegates were victims of a brutal and senseless crime. Evelyn Okubo (age 18) was murdered by an unknown assailant and Ranko Carol Yamada (age 17) was near death after being severely assaulted. It was a miracle that she survived.

JACL is committed to assist the two Stockton families with legal expenses in their lawsuit against Hilton Hotels, which owns and operates the Palmer House. No funds raised will be used for attorney's fees.

Nine years following the tragedy, the legal: battle continues. Will you join us in support of these families?

THE OKUBO-YAMADA LEGAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS—Perhaps one of the few JACL chapter scholarship programs tied in with an essay, the Washington D.C. JACL awarded the \$500 first prize to Cheryl Ann Watanabe of Herdon, Va. (center). Others are (from left) Yoshinori H.Y. Himel, scholarship chair; Wendy Aiko Chiogioji of Silver Spring, Md., 2nd prize of \$350; and Wendy Hideko Marumoto of McLean, Va., 3rd prize of \$150; and Hideki Hamamoto, outgoing chapter president.

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OCT. 12 (Friday) Oakland-Bd mtg, Sumitomo Bk, 7:30pm.

OCT. 13 (Saturday) MDC-Mtg (2da), Chicago. Philadelphia—Sr cit luncheon/ movies. Happy Garden Restaurant, 1-4:30pm.

San Fernando Valley-Mtg, JACC, Pacoima, 8pm; Robert Nagata, spkr, "Estate Planning". *Hayward—Yamato Bonsai Exhibit (2da), Southland Shpg Ctr,

10am-6pm. • OCT. 14 (Sunday) Contra Costa-EBIH benefit fashion show, Goodman Hall, Jack London Sq, Oakland, 12-3pm; Jan Yane-

hiro, hosts.

Las Vegas-Luau, Paradise Park. *Cleveland-Chow mein dnr, Buddhist Church, 12-6pm.

*San Francisco—Tule Lake Comm mtg, Sumitomo Bank Japantown, 2pm; Reparation. OCT. 19 (Friday)

Chicago-Ann'l mtg, JACL Office, 5415 N Clark, 6pm; boxlunch RSVP, 7:30 spkr, Christina Adachi "Invisible Women".

Hoosier-October Int'l Festival (3da), Convention Ctr, Indianapolis. *OCT. 20 (Saturday)

EDC—Qtrly sess, New York JACL Hollywood/PSWDC-Pac Cit 50th

Anny dnr-dance, Biltmore Bowl, Los Angeles, 7:30pm.

*Los Angeles—AADAP 10-km race, Griffith Park, 8am.

OCT. 21 (Saturday) East Los Angeles—Issei App program, J Retirement Home, 1:30pm. San Gabriel Valley-Health fair, JCC, West Covina, noon-4pm.

*New York—JAA autumn tour. Houston-Beach party, West Galveston Island. *Berkeley-50th anny celebration,

Berk Methodist-United Church, 2:30pm.

OCT. 26 (Friday) Diablo Valley-Luncheon, Adobe S&L, Concord Shpg Ctr, 12n. Marin County-Gen mtg, Hanamo-

to res, 7:30pm; J D Hokoyama, spkr, "Operations 80s". OCT. 27 (Saturday) New York-Bazaar, Buddhist Church, 332 Riverside Dr.

 OCT. 28 (Sunday) *Los Angeles-Little Tokyo health fair, Nishi Hongwanji, 10am-3pm. NC-WNDC-Redress comm, Satow Bldg, SFrancisco 10am.

NOV. 1 (Thursday) *Newport Bch-Or Cty Medellas

schol benefit Fashion Update, South Cleveland—Bd mtg, Buddhist

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On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Pacific Citizen, we are honoring "Ye Editor", Harry Honda. We would like to show our appreciation to this giant of a man who singlehandedly produces a weekly newspaper with over 30,000 subscribers and countless readers.

Harry has been the voice of the Nikkei throughout the country. Recognition is past due him for the 27 years of sacrifice and dedication which he has unselfishly given us through the PC.

This testimonial to Harry will be held at the Biltmore Bowl in Los Angeles on October 20, 1979. Among those who will be on the program are Judge William Marutani of Philadelphia, who will serve as Master of Ceremonies, and Father Clement, now of Seattle, who will entertain us with anecdotes of life with Harry. Baritone Butch Kasahara and his combo will provide entertainment and music for dancing.

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Meeting Site Changed

Chicago JACL's annual been meeting site has changed from the JASC Bldg. to the JACL Office, 5415 N. Clark St. The time/ date is as is-Friday, Oct. 19, starting with boxlunch (RSVP) at 6 p.m., and Christina Adachi, guest speaker, from 7:30. She will speak on "Invisible Women: From Geisha to Feminist".

chapter pulse tremont

Bowling Tourney

Fremont JACL's family bowling tournament attracted 60 participants on Sunday afternoon at Fremont Bowl. Prize winners were:

CHILDREN (HG, HS)

9 & under—Curtis Yagi, Rod Nakamura; Kari Tsujimoto, Holly Nagase; 10-12-Kyle Yamasaki, Norman Becker; Jenny Maher, Cinday Nakamura; 13-15-David Kasama, Cory Chun; Terry Hashimoto, Loren Yamasaki; 16-18-Stan Kimura 155, Scott Hashimoto 402; Cindy Siegfried 147, Susan Kimura 327.

ADULTS (HS, HG) Women Scr-Linda Hayashida 443, Gail Chin 179; Men Scr-Ed Nagase 553, Robert Tagumi 199; W Hdcp-Kay Chun 632, Cathleen Tagumi 239; M Hdcp—Ton Chun 633, Keith Yagi 241; Booby-Fran Nakamura 81, Moss Kishiyama 106.

Nomura Market, Sumitomo Fremont and Sumitomo Hayward also contributed toward success of the tournament.

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tresno

1980 Nominations

Fresno JACL nominating committee announced its slate of nine candidates to serve a two-year term on the board as follows:

Alex Araki, optometrist; Rick Berman, attorney; Fred Hirasuproduce packer-shipper; Tony Ishii, attorney; Kay Kodama, tax examiner (also a Fresno City-County Commissioner on Status of Women); Karen Nishio, professor of nursing, CSU Fresno; Franklin Ng, associate professor of anthropology and Asian American Studies, CSU Fresno; Norman Otani, bd sec, social worker; Emiko Taketomo, loan officer, Cal 1st Bank.

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new york

Newsletter People

New York JACL commended Tooru and Mae Kanazawa upon their leaving the newsletter staff as editor and consultant this past summer. They were instrumental in reviving the newsletter as a quarterly six years ago (August, 1973) with a new format and flag, "The New York Scene".

(Tooru's connection with JACL and the PC goes back to prewar days when he helped on the Pacific Citizen, then a monthly published out of Seattle.)

The current newsletter was prepared by a Sansei staff, according to Ruby Schaar, chapter president. Richard Kenmotsu's photo coverage of the scholarship benefit dance in June was

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Los Angeles

Due to rising postal rates, the WLA JACL Auxiliary cookbooks, "East-West Flavors" will have to increase the mailing costs from Nov. 1. Cookbook I will be \$4.50 plus \$1 for postage and handling; Cookbook II will be \$7 plus \$1.30. Until then, the rates will remain 75¢ and \$1.00 respectively. Send orders to:

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featured the center ın spread.

Chapter elections for ten spots on the board of directors will be conducted by mail with nominations being accepted up to the meeting date Nov. 3. On the nomination committee:

Fujio Saito, ch; Woodie Asai, Riki Ito, Haruko Muranaka, Stan Kanzaki, Cyril Nishimoto.

san gabriel valley

JCC Activities

San Gabriel Valley JACL, which meets at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center (JCC), 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina, will participate in two special JCC activities:

1—JCC Building Fund-raiser, Oct. 14, with Kay Tokeshi in charge of the chapter's rummage and white elephant booth.

2—JCC Health Fair, Oct. 21, noon to 4 p.m. Free flu shot for those over age 55; clinics for blood pressure, dental, eye, ear, podiatry.

On Nov. 10, the chapter scholarship-installation potluck supper will be held at the Center with PSW regional director John Saito as principal speaker. Toshi Ito is chairing the event, it was announced by Bill Young, president.

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san francisco

Treasure Island Teahouse

San Francisco JACL sponsored an Issei-Nisei over 55 outing on Saturday, Sept. 22 with a bus trip to picnic at the Gilroy teahouse, which was originally built as part of Japan's exhibit for the 1939-40 World Exposition on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay and tour the Paul Masson Winery in Saratoga.

Grace Tsuchiya was in charge.

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selanoco

New Member Potluck

Selanoco JACL general meeting and potluck supper

with special invitation to the new members will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m., at the faculty dining room of Rio Hondo Community College, 3600 Workman Mill Rd., Whittier. Each family is requested to bring one main dish and a salad or dessert.

The 1980 officers will be elected. Phil Shigekuni will speak on redress.

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stockton

Golf Tourney

Stockton JACL golf tourney held Sept. 30 at Van Buskirk attracted a field of 60 golfers. The Sumitomo Bank low gross trophy went to Muts Fukumoto with a 77 and the Calif. 1st Bank low net trophy to Tom Nakata with 80-16-64. Ben Oshima took the high gross award with 122. The summaries:

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT—Jim Tanaka 80-15-65, Bob Madeiros 82-15-67, Dave Kenmotsu 81-10-71, Don Na-

FIRST FLIGHT-Dan Takahashi 85-18-17, Jim Morita 86-17-69, Ron Kurakazu 87-17-70, Ed Yoshikawa. SECOND FLIGHT-Arky Hirota 89-22-67, Frank Inamasu 90-20-70, Gunji Watanabe 92-22-70, Shago Mu-

THIRD FLIGHT—Jim Asahara 94 27-67, Paul Matsumoto 107-40-67, Yas Matsui 94-25-69, Scott Takahashi. LADIES FLIGHT—Mary Kusama

94-29-65, Mitzu Hatanaka 88-16-72, Grace Nagata 106-29-77. GUEST FLIGHT-Tom Horita, Don Drake, Richard Yoshikawa, Lo-

ren Bounds. HOLE-IN-ONE (8th)-Shago Muraoka, Ben Oshima, Ted Aoyama; (11th)—Jerry Ueda, Ed Yoshikawa, Arkie Horita.

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west valley

Bridge Tournament

Results of the second annual West Valley JACL duplicate bridge tournament were announced by Ray Uchiyama as follows:

MAJOR SECTION—Kerry Raven-Maralyn Imaoka; Harry Miyakusu-Helyn Uchiyama.

JUNIOR SECTION — Advanced: Robert & Tom Murai; Rod Kobara-Ray Uchiyama; Intermediate: Kathy & Larry Kimura; Sally Nakashima-Howard Watanabe.

NAKAJIMA Continued from Page 5

cause he came back full of tenderness. But, it wasn't Japanese women who made him feel tender. A whole social atmosphere was full of human tenderness. He couldn't make a rational explanation as to what and why it was so. But, whenever he saw young and old saying to each other, "Sayonara, sayonara" with waving of hands, he felt so much tenderness that his heart almost ached.

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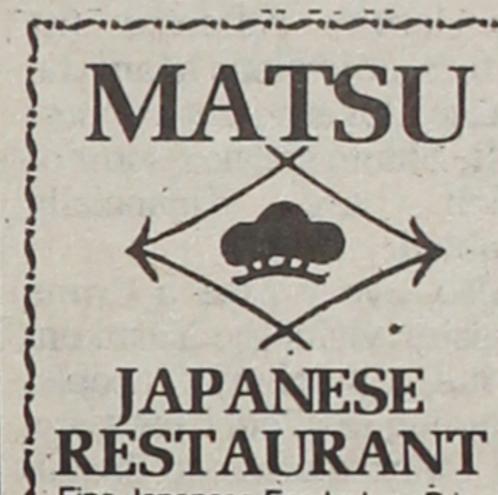
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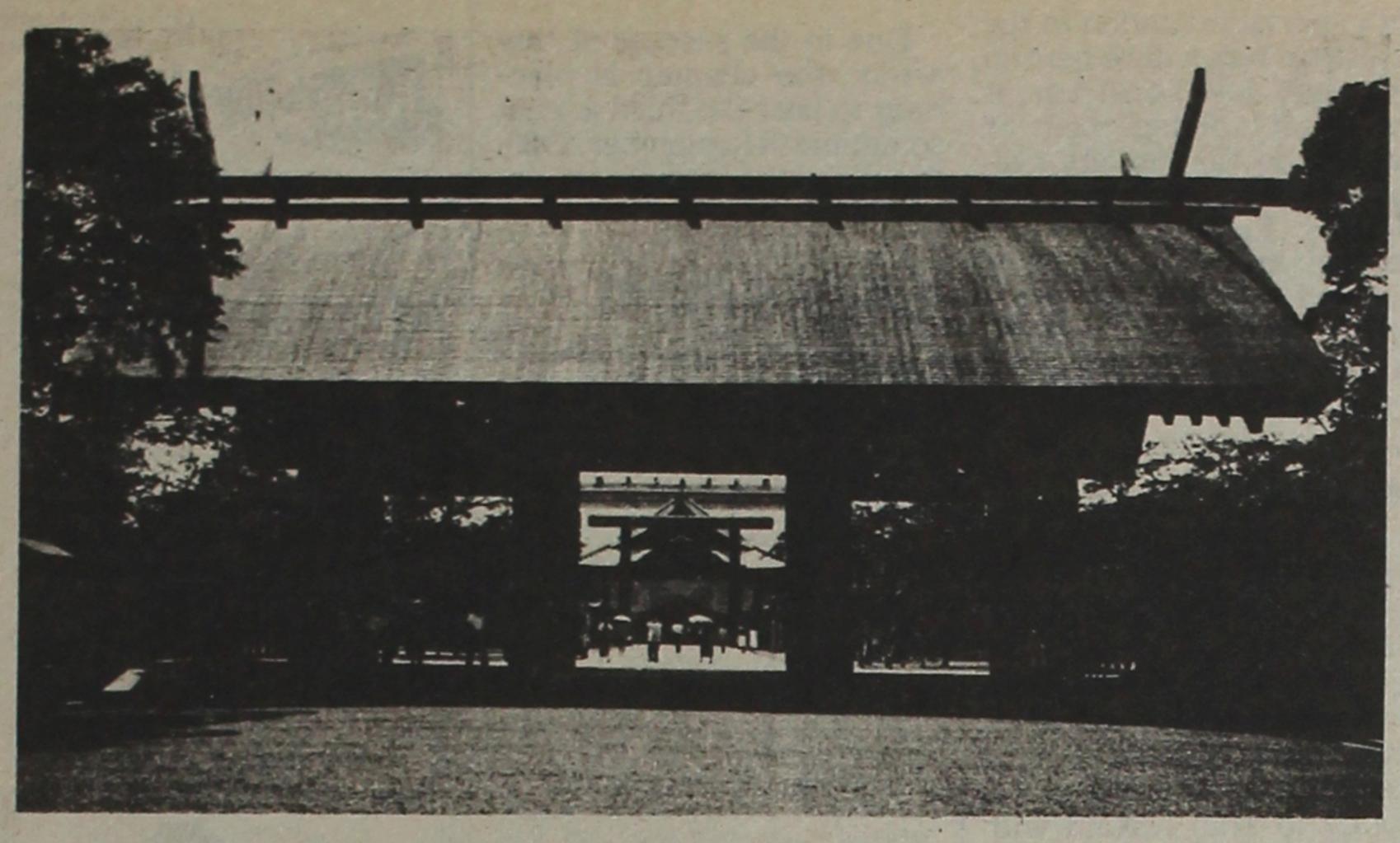
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NISEI IN JAPAN: Barry T. Saiki

Forebodings on Shintoism

Tokyo Recently, a spate of letters has appeared in the English language newspapers in Tokyo on the subject of Shinto. The letters reflected the writers' objections to any Japanese Government support of the Shinto shrines, some of which are financially troubled.

Also, every time a Prime Minister visits the Yasukuni Shrine, a number of people, including resident Christians and Marxist-oriented Socialists, raise objections, saying that such visits are giving official Government recognition to this most famous of Shinto shrines.

The main criticism is based on the fact that this native religion or belief was effectively used by militarists in the prewar decades to solidify support for imperialist Japan. Millions of men were sent off to the wars on foreign soil, imbued with the belief that they were fighting

Uranium pilot plant Ningyotoge, Japan

Japan became the eighth nation in the world Sept. 12 to produce enriched uranium on its own at its pilot plant here in Okayama-ken. Full operation is scheduled for 1981.

The U.S. has been supplying Japan with the product. Enriched uranium is used in light-water nuclear power reactors, the dominant type in Japan.

for the Emperor, who represented the father image of the racially pure Japanese.

As prewar legend would have it, all Japanese were descended from the Sun God-Amaterasu-Omikami. And many of these millions died (how many with doubts?) on alien land and sea, believing that their souls would be enshrined in the Yasukuni Shrine.

Although the Yasukuni is still unrecognized as a national shrine, it is in effect the national shrine for millions of Japanese. The remains of untold numbers of Japanese soldiers and sailors were never recovered from overseas, and this shrine memorializes these deceased.

As such, to the Japanese who have lost their kin and friends on the foolhardy World War II, the Yasukuni remains as a monument to the memories of the past, that are still not forgotten.

The general Japanese population today do not have even a cursory knowledge of Shintoism. They do conform to a number of Shinto practices, primarily in deference to tradition. For example, weddings are still performed with a Shinto ceremony, or new buildings are sanctified by Shinto rites, to include the rituals for ground purification, for completion of the framework and for the final dedication of the building. Rather than unquestioned belief in Shintoism, these rites

are today held mostly as precautionary measures and to allay superstitions.

Perhaps, by appeasing the gods, the holding of these rites would save the building from future misfortune, such fires, typhoons, earthquakes and other calamities. Why walk under a ladder when it may bring bad luck. Why break a mirror or why knock on wood? Such is the attitude of the general public. Perhaps, a very small minority may sincerely believe that the rites will truly ensure the good graces of the native gods.

Those of us who believe in throwing rice as newlyweds or in carrying brides over the thresholds will be less inclined to object to the Shintoism of Japan today.

Prizne Minister Ohira and Foreign Minister Sonoda agreed that the U.S. should refrain from imposing its human rights policy on Central and South American countries, many of which are labeled human rights violators. Sonoda had visited Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Chile, Argentina and Venezuela in August-advocating in Circum-Pacific cooperative of nations surrounding the Pacific.

One out of three in New Zealand think Japan is either dictatorial or a communist country, a recent poll sponsored by the Japanese Foreign Office indicated. Half (48%) gave the right answer: a democracy with free elections.

More than half (55%) of the 3,000 randomly polled by Yomiuri Shimbun feel present business conditions in Japan are bad -and diametrically opposed to the rosy picture (70% said they were satisfied with present living conditions) projected by the Prime Minister's poll taken a week prior to mid-August.

Shiga Prefecture, determined to ban dumping of detergents containing phosphorus-nitrogen into Lake Biwa, has a new ordinance to that effect since August. The Kinki area lake is Japan's largest body of fresh water.

As of Aug. 31, there were 966 Indochinese refugees temporarily residing in Japan. The Asia Welfare and Education Foundation received ¥800 million from

Japanese government to operate two centers in the Tokyo/Osaka

The Japanese community in Thailand has grown to about 9,000, making it the second largest foreign group in the country behind Americans who have about 10,000, according to a Thai-Japanese business expert.

More junior and senior high schools in Japan will offer kendo and judo as traditional sports next year. Banned after the war, it was gradually reinstated so that over half of the high schools today have dojo facilities but only 10% at the junior high level, the Education Ministry announced. About 30% of the junior highs teach judo, 40% kendo and 30% sumo. Western sports are taught three hours per week.

"Promenade" is the name of a new king-size 85-mm long filter cigarette, which was introduced in Japan Sept. 15.

City of Nagoya accepted ¥600 million gift from an octogenarian who made it from the sale of his parking lot near the JNR station, on the pledge that an inexpensive home for the elderly would be built in the city.

Lifespan among Japanese is expanding, the Ministry of Health-Welfare announced. There are 937 persons (757 women, 180 men) over 100 years of age—a 145 increase in one year. Oldest person, Shigechiyo Izumi of Kagoshima-ken, is 114.

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English-Japanese dictionaries, plans to build a nine-story building in Kanda, mecca for booksellers in Tokyo, in 1981. It will be the largest bookstore in Japan. The Yaesu Book Center near JNR's Tokyo Station is now the largest in Japan.

Hot-rodders armed with steel

pipes, wooden swords and clubs,

went on a post-midnight Satur-

day spree Sept. 9 in six scattered

locations in Chiba-ken, Yamana-

shi-ken, Nagoya, Osaka, Oita-

ken and Kito-kyushu-killing at

least two and injuring 11 others.

Violence was aimed at police for

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to control the estimated 19,000

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hot rodders in Japan.

Excessive rice

Japan will have shipped 680,000 tons of its domestic rice surplus as foreign aid this year, according to the Foreign Ministry, to Asian and African nations. The Japanese five-year surplus rice disposal arrangement started last April.

Wartime misery

Elementary school textbooks, starting April 1980, will be revised to better explain the miseries of World War II from the Japanese perspective, according to the Japan Teachers Union.

Fast food chains in Japan thriving

rant.

Tokyo

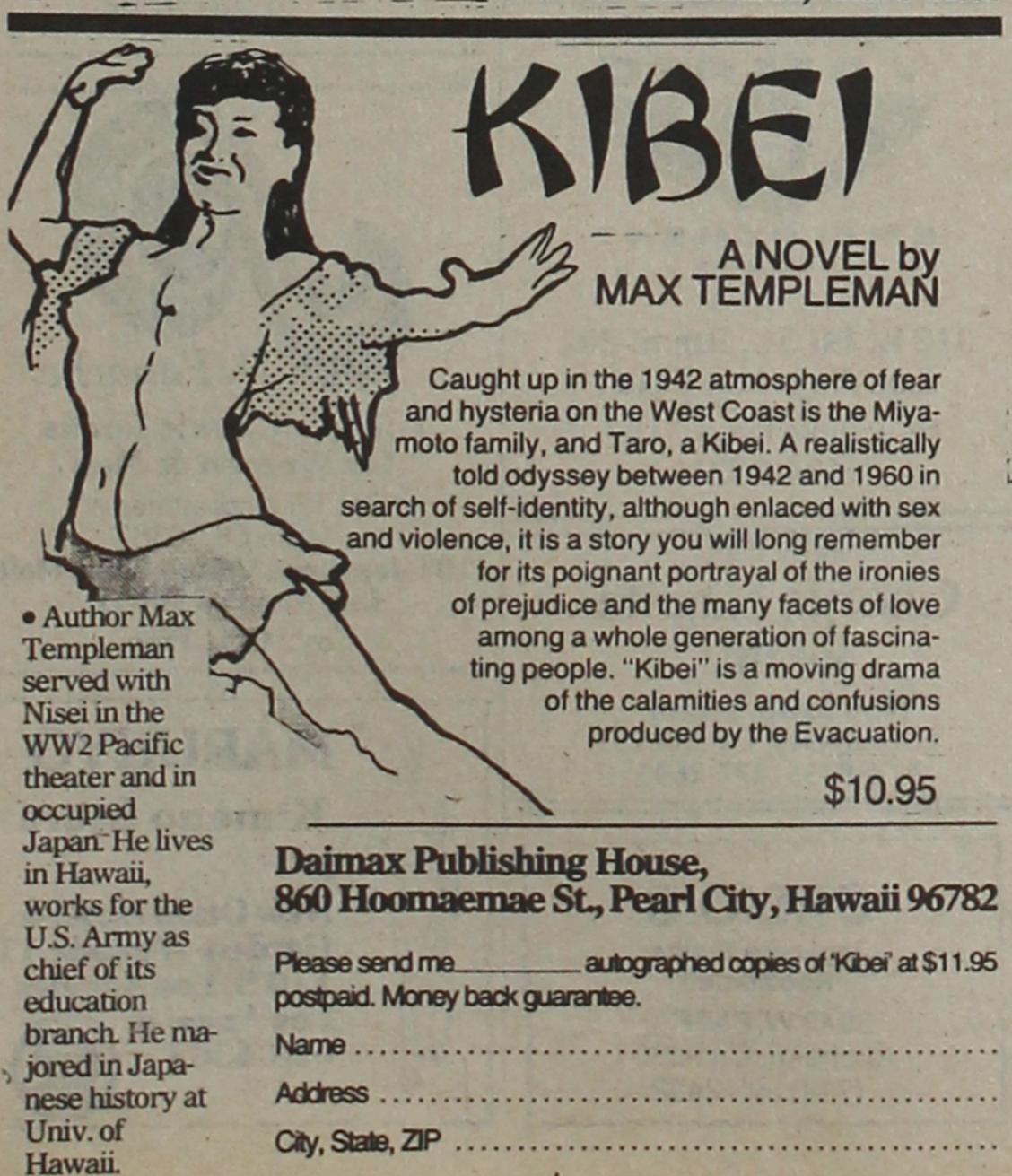
The "west is best" syndrome in Japan for fast foods is going beyond America's MacDonald and Colonel Sander's as most main streets in Tokyo and other big cities now have liberal sprinklings of chains and restaurants that serve British roast beef, Spanish paella, French bouillabaisse and Turkish kebabs.

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