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JA Exhibition Previewed at Tri-District

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — Tom Crouch, curator of the upcoming Smithsonian exhibition on Japanese Americans, explained to an audience of JACLers on May 2 why he felt the show was perfectly suited to mark the 200th anniversary of the Constitution.

"This is surely the most controversial exhibit the staid, middle-of-the-road Smithsonian Institution has undertaken in a good many years," said Crouch, who was dinner speaker at a joint conference held by the Pacific Southwest, Central California and Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific JACL districts at the Airport Hyatt.

"All of us, though, who are involved in the project are absolutely convinced that by the same token it's the most important show that the Smithsonian has done in a good many years."

The exhibit, entitled "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution,"

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Charges in 8 Deportation Cases Dropped

LOS ANGELES — Immigration Judge Ingrid Hrycenko dismissed charges against eight immigrants accused of belonging to a faction of the PLO on May 11 after the government failed to produce the immigration official who had ordered them arrested, the Los Angeles Times reports.

After learning that Gilbert Reeves, who was acting INS director in Los Angeles last December, was not present for questioning, Hrycenko announced, "All eight proceedings are through."

The defendants, seven Jordanians and a Kenyan, faced deportation after being arrested in January on subversion charges under the McCarran-Walter Act.

Government attorney Esmeralda Cabrera immediately announced that charges would be refiled against the defendants. New deportation orders were signed by the current INS district director, Ernest Gustafson.

Defense attorneys claim that the eight are being selectively prosecuted because of their ethnicity and beliefs; the government contends that they pose a national security risk.

Some Asian American organizations have opposed the government's actions because of an INS contingency plan, cited by the defense team, that calls for the roundup and detention of members of certain nationalities in order to combat terrorism. JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi said the plan would put Arab Americans in a position similar to that of Japanese Americans during WW2.



White House Photo

President Reagan signs a proclamation declaring the week of May 3 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. With him are (from left) Rep. Patricia Saiki (R-Hawaii), Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), Mari Masing, deputy assistant to the President and director of the Office of Public Liaison, Rep. Ben Blaz (R-Guam), Rep. Frank Horton (R-N.Y.) and Rep. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii). Mineta and Horton are original sponsors of a congressional resolution proclaiming Asian Pacific American Heritage Week.

Reagan Announces Heritage Week and Asian Nomination

WASHINGTON — President Reagan met with leaders from the Asian American community May 4 to sign a proclamation declaring the week beginning May 3 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week.

He also announced his intention to nominate Joy Cherian, president of the Asian American Voters Coalition, as a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

"Today we commemorate the enormous contributions made to the United States by citizens of Asian and Pacific heritage," Reagan said during the ceremony.

"Our citizens of Asian and Pacific descent are admired for their hard work, their commitment to education, and their commercial and scientific genius.

"In the last century, people spoke of a Protestant work ethic. Well, today, no one can miss the fact that there are other cultural-based work ethics, not the least of which is an Asian Pacific ethic.

"Citizens of Asian and Pacific heritage have earned the respect of their fellow Americans, and in signing this proclamation, we underscore this respect and admiration."

Background of Nominee

Cherian, Reagan's EEOC nominee, would succeed Fred William Alvarez and serve for the remainder of the term expiring July 1, 1988. He is currently director of international insurance law for American Council of Life Insurance in Washington, D.C.

He served as the council's director of legal research from 1979 to 1982. Born in Kerala, India, he graduated from University of Kerala, Catholic University of America, and George Washington University. He lives in Wheaton, Md., with his wife and two children.

Among those attending the signing ceremony were Reps. Patricia Saiki (R-Hawaii), Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), Ben Blaz (R-Guam), Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii), and Frank Horton (R-N.Y.).

House Hearing on Anti-Asian Violence Planned for This Year

WASHINGTON — A House subcommittee will hold hearings on race-related violence in the U.S. later this year, Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) said May 5.

At the request of Matsui and Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights has agreed to hold hearings on violence against Asian Americans.

"It is time to move beyond the Vincent Chin case and concentrate on expanding our efforts to prevent racially motivated violence," Matsui said.

"We need to work in new directions to stop race-related violence ... and one of our first steps will be hearings in Congress on the increase in racially motivated crimes in the United States."

'Growing Problem'

In response to Matsui and Mineta's request, subcommittee chairman Rep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.) said that anti-Asian violence "appears to be a growing nationwide problem."

"Recent immigration, trade tension, and the deteriorating civil rights atmosphere created by the administration have combined to make the situation extremely hostile," Edwards said.

According to Matsui, cases of anti-Asian violence reported to the Justice Department increased 62 percent from 1984 to 1985.

House Subcommittee Gives Its Approval to Redress Bill

WASHINGTON — The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations approved on May 13 redress bill H.R. 442, which would compensate Japanese Americans who were removed from their homes and interned during WW2.

For the first time since it was introduced in 1983, the bill has moved out of the subcommittee and will go to the full Judiciary Committee.

Subcommittee members present for the mark-up of the bill were Chairman Barney Frank (D-Mass.), Dan Glickman (D-Kan.), Bruce Morrison (D-Conn.), Howard Berman (D-Calif.), Benjamin Cardin (D-Md.), Ranking Minority Member E. Clay Shaw (R-Fla.), and Patrick Swindall (R-Ga.). Also in attendance were Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui (both D-Calif.).

Views on the issue were discussed and amendments were passed or withdrawn before the bill was approved on a voice vote.

"I am thrilled and delighted," said Mineta. "I've always believed in this bill, and I hope we will enact it this year to celebrate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. I was heartened by the fact that during the subcommittee's discussions, no doubts were expressed about the merits of the legislation, the need for the bill, nor the fact that a wholesale violation of rights had occurred and should be redressed. Not one member of Congress questioned the principle of the legislation.

"The changes made in subcommittee will strengthen the bill and aid our efforts to build support for the legislation in the Judiciary Committee and the House."

Matsui noted, "This is a major hurdle for redress legislation because it is the first time that the legislation has ever been approved by a congressional subcommittee. Redress is an issue of fundamental justice, and today we have taken a giant step forward in our efforts to bring justice to those who were interned.

"I think that the U.S. government has a responsibility to atone for the detention of Americans of Japanese descent during WW2. It is time to close this tragic chapter in American history by giving redress and compensation to those who suffered the damage of the internment."

Changes Made in Bill

The following amendments were adopted:

(1) Under Authorization of Appropriations, the amount to be appropriated was reduced from $1.5 billion to $1.25 billion. The $250 million reduction leaves the $20,000 individual payments intact, but cuts the Educational Trust Fund from $300 million to $50 million. Additionally, in compliance with the Budget Act, no funds are authorized until Fiscal Year 1989.

(2) In Section 204 under Restitution, the provisions regarding individual restitution apply to individuals living on the date of enactment of the legislation.

(3) In the same section, any eligible individual who has not received payment by Sept. 30, 1989 is authorized to notify the Department of Justice of his/her eligibility.

(4) In Section 205 under Definitions, "eligible individuals" will not include those who permanently renounced their U.S. citizenship or permanent resident alien status.

(5) Title III, the Aleut portion of H.R. 442, has been stricken from the bill. The Aleuts have a separate bill, H.R. 1631, introduced by

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Senate, House Redress Bills Get Additional Co-Sponsors

WASHINGTON — Sen. Larry Pressler (R-S.D.) has become a co-sponsor of redress bill S. 1009, bringing the total number of sponsors to 73.

Pressler made his support known to the bill's prime sponsor, Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), on May 13.

Elected to the Senate in 1978, Pressler serves on the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, Foreign Relations Committee, Small Business Committee, and Special Committee on Aging.

According to Elma Henderson, Matsunaga's legislative aide, Matsunaga is seeking a hearing on the bill by the Government Affairs Subcommittee on Civil Service, Post Office and General Services before summer.

House redress bill H.R. 442 has gained the support of Reps. Tommy Robinson (D-Ark.) and Curt Weldon (R-Pa.).

Robinson was a co-sponsor during the 99th Congress. Sam Yada, a constituent from the suburbs of Little Rock, persuaded him to again support the bill.

Weldon was elected last year to succeed Rep. Robert Edgar (D), who left office to run against incumbent Sen. Arlen Specter (R).

Philadelphia JACL redress chair Sumi Kobayashi, along with three of Weldon's Delaware County constituents—George Oye and two Quaker friends, Annette Laird and Carol Koellish—met with the congressman during the Easter break to seek his support. Weldon had no objection to the $20,000 individual payments but wanted to know more about the bill's proposed trust fund. He also said he would consult with the Nikkei members of the House.

Authors Comb Country for Camp Artists

ITHACA, N.Y. — Deborah Gesensway and Mindy Roseman, authors of *Beyond Words: Images From America's Concentration Camps*, became interested in the internment of West Coast Japanese Americans when they were undergraduates at Cornell University.

In the spring of 1980, the two history students received a call informing them that 50 dusty boxes of documents had been discovered in the attic of a classroom building. The authors were invited to help haul the boxes down for closer inspection.

The boxes contained a wealth of documents from the WW2 camps: watercolors, letters, journals, and other papers all believed lost for 30 years.

Gesensway and Roseman were immediately captivated by the paintings, 130 images that seemed to make the shock and pain of the relocation come alive.

They later learned that the materials belonged to two former Cornell professors who had conducted sociological studies in Poston and Manzanar. The watercolors had been painted by a Poston internee, Gene Sogioka, who had been hired by the U.S. Bureau of Scoiological Research to document life in the camp.

After being invited by Cornell Archives to catalogue Sogioka's paintings, Gesensway and Roseman became more and more curious about the experience that the artwork depicted. What was it like, they wondered, to be an "enemy alien" in the country of your birth? What was it like to be uprooted from everything familiar and corralled behind barbed wire for up to three years?

The roommates decided during their senior year that rather than interview for jobs as their friends were doing, they would write a book about the internment. Unlike other books on the subject, theirs would focus on artwork created in the camps and thus present the events as seen through the eyes of the internees. The works would be accompanied by the testimony of their creators.

With this idea in mind, Gesensway and Roseman set out to locate Sogioka. Much to their disappointment, he had seemingly disappeared after retiring from a career as a commercial artist in New York City.

The authors continued to inquire about him, but also began searching for other collections of camp art in university archives and among Japanese American community groups. The search turned up little.

Painstaking Search

Unwilling to admit defeat, the two pored through camp newspapers and documents for names of camp artists and then spent days thumbing through telephone books in search of these individuals. Amazingly, the authors located about one-third of the artists.

Following graduation in 1982, Gesensway and Roseman began working full-time on the book. They recorded oral histories from two former internees in New York City and, after six months of searching, succeeded in finding Sogioka, who was living in retirement outside of the city.

A background artist at Walt Disney studios before the relocation, Sogioka did not know what had happened to his camp artwork and was thrilled with this "40-year surprise." He provided the two with an account of life in Poston, a barren desert camp.

Gesensway and Roseman set out to search for more collections of camp art, to talk with other artists they had located, and to research the history of the internment. The two traveled to Chicago, St. Louis, and Arkansas, where they visited the site of the Rohwer camp. They drove to Arizona, site of Poston and Gila River, and on to California, Oregon, Washington, and Utah.

During nine months of traveling, the authors spoke with dozens of former internees and interviewed 25 artists, both professionals and novices. Acutely aware of being outsiders—young and white, asking questions of older Japanese Americans—the two strove to establish an open rapport with the artists and found them hospitable and willing to share their stories.

The authors returned to Ithaca in May 1983 and spent the summer transcribing their tapes, writing the text of the book and selecting the illustrations, many of which had never before been publicly displayed. Their book, begun as a dare between two college roommates, had become a reality.

Beyond Words, published by Cornell University Press, includes the works of the following artists:

California—George Akimoto and Frank Kadowaki, Monterey Park; Hisako Hibi, San Francisco; Eiko Katayama, Haruko Obata, Lili Yuri Sasaki and Yoshiko Uchida, Berkeley; Mark Luca, Emeryville; Jack Matsuoka, Pacifica; Charles Mikami, Morgan Hill; Hiro Mizushima, San Marcos; Masao Mori and Masao Yabuki, Oakland; K. Ruth Saito, San Mateo; Lawrence Sasano and Kango Takamura, Los Angeles; Harry Yoshizumi, San Jose.

Illinois—Atsushi Kikuchi, Chicago; Missouri—George Sato, St. Louis; New York—Mine Okubo, Henry Sugimoto, Mrs. Shotaro Tsuruoka, New York City; Gene Sogioka, Larchmont.

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Nisei Veterans Planning Fall Wreath-Laying at Arlington

WASHINGTON — Laying of wreaths by Nisei veterans at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery will take place Oct. 2, the day after the opening of the Japanese American exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution.

The veterans' committee coordinating the ceremony is also planning to decorate 36 individual gravesites of Nisei buried at Arlington.

The ceremonies are being arranged by Mike Masaoka, Kaz Oshiki, Key Kobayashi, Toro Hirose, Joe Ichiuji, and Ben Obata in Washington, D.C., and Paul Bannai in Los Angeles. Bannai, a former VA official, will emcee a congressional dinner that evening.

A 10-page booklet containing tributes and a program of the event is also being prepared.

Nisei veteran posts in California are expected to join the event with $25 contributions for a wreath. Contributions from California should be sent by May 30 to Bob Hayamizu, Nisei Veterans Washington, D.C. Tour '87, c/o Kubota Nikkei Mortuary, 911 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90015.

Denver-Area Asian American Journalists Form Own Chapter

DENVER — A local chapter of the Asian American Journalists Association was formed April 4 at the Denver Press Club.

AAJA national president Bill Sing, a Los Angeles Times reporter, gave the background of the organization and explained how to form a chapter.

Interim officers for the Denver chapter are: president—George Toshio Johnston, Metro Traffic Control; national board representative—Bill Hosokawa, Rocky Mountain News; treasurer—Craig Matsuda, Denver Post; secretary—Glenn Asakawa, Boulder Daily Camera. Official elections will be held at the next chapter meeting on May 24.

Formed in 1981 in Los Angeles, AAJA now has chapters in San Francisco, Sacramento, San Diego, Seattle and Washington, D.C. Its goals are to increase the number of Asian American print and broadcast journalists, assist Asian American students pursuing journalism careers and promote fair and accurate coverage of Asian Americans.

For more information on the Denver chapter, contact George Johnston, (303) 629-6000, or Craig Matsuda, (303) 820-1201.

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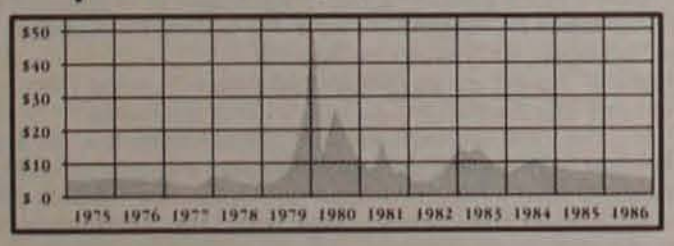
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'Yankee Samurai'

DLI Displays Photo Exhibit on MIS Nisei

MONTEREY, Calif. — "Yankee Samurai," an exhibit on the Japanese American contribution to victory in the Pacific during WW2, was installed in the auditorium of Nakamura Hall at the Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, on April 30.

The 70-frame show of murals and photographs depicting the wartime internment, Military Intelligence Service operations in the Pacific, and postwar occupation of Japan was installed by volunteers from National Japanese American Historical Society, MIS–Northern California, and the Defense Language Institute. The exhibit will be on indefinite loan from NJAHS.

Growth Since WW2

From humble beginnings at Crissy Field, Presidio of San Francisco, on Nov. 1, 1941, MIS grew into DLI, a sprawling complex of academic buildings and barracks with a teaching staff of over 1,000 teaching 40 languages to students from the four services and various government agencies.

U.S. and allied officials who visit DLI will be taken on tours that include the "Yankee Samurai" exhibit.

Nakamura, Hachiya and Mizutani Halls house the School of Asian Languages. These buildings were dedicated in 1980 to honor the memory of George Nakamura of Santa Cruz, Calif., who died in North Luzon; Yukitaka Mizutani of Hilo, Hawaii, who died in New Guinea; and Frank Hachiya of Hood River Valley, Ore., who died on Leyte.



AEROSPACE ACHIEVERS — James Yakura (left) and Kay Endow were honored May 11 by Aerospace Corporation in El Segundo, Calif., as Asian Pacific Americans of the year. Yakura, who joined Aerospace in 1966, is a systems director in the Space Transportation and Test Division and was a key member of a team that assessed the impact of the Challenger disaster on Department of Defense space programs. He is a founding member of Aerospace Asian American Association. Endow joined Aerospace in 1962 and is now Material Department coordinator for small and minority business programs. He is an officer in Aerospace Asian Caucus.

Physicist Authors Two Books

NEW YORK — Dr. Michio Kaku, a professor of nuclear physics at City University of New York, has released two books dealing with his area of expertise.

Beyond Einstein: The Cosmic Quest for the Theory of the Universe, published by Bantam Books, is a popular account of the upheaval in the physics world created by the new "superstring" theory, which claims to unite Einstein's gravity theory with the quantum theory, and which could explain all the laws of the universe.

To Win a Nuclear War: The Pentagon's Secret War Plans, published by South End Press in Boston, deals with recently declassified plans to use nuclear weapons on the Soviet Union, China, Korea and Vietnam during past international crises. One reason why these plans were canceled, according to Kaku, was the lack of a shield to prevent retaliation by the Soviets.

Kaku, a Sansei, earned his doctorate in nuclear physics at UC Berkeley in 1972 and has taught at Princeton University.

Asian Pacific Heritage Month Marked by Mayor, Governor

CHICAGO — Mayor Harold Washington and Gov. James Thompson have declared the month of May as Asian American Heritage Month in Chicago and Illinois.

A proclamation issued April 20 by Washington read, in part:

"Asian Americans have contributed to the history and culture of the United States for over a century... recent waves of Asian immigrants have arrived in the Chicago area and the rest of the U.S. in ever-increasing numbers, becoming the nation's fastest growing racial group...

"Asian Americans have established homes and communities in our city, bringing their family and cultural values and adding to the diversity and strength of our many neighborhoods... Asian American businesses have revitalized numerous commercial areas and have contributed significantly to the economic development of virtually every area of the city...

"Asian Americans have participated actively in the field of government and politics, through Mayor's Advisory Committee on Asian American Affairs, through participation in other boards and commissions, and by working for the city in a variety of professional areas...

"[W]hile Asian Americans have involved themselves in a wide spectrum of professional, community and cultural areas, the mainstream media and society at large continue to portray and see Asian Americans in stereotyped roles and images."

Washington urged all citizens "to be cognizant of the tremendous contributions made by Asian Americans."

Heritage Month events included an Asian Coalition Unity Banquet on May 3, a May 5 lecture on stereotyping by Asian American Educators Association, a May 7 performance by Midwest Buddhist Temple Taiko Drummers, a May 9 celebration by National Association of Young Asian Professionals, and a May 22 Governor's Reception featuring the 1987 poster contest award.

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Grayce Uyehara



Continuing from last week, JACL-LEC director Uyehara recounts the hearing on redress bill H.R. 442 held April 29 by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, chaired by Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.).

Assistant Attorney General Richard Willard of the Civil Division of the Department of Justice made it clear from the outset that the administration recommends against enactment of the bill.

He said there are no grounds for passage of H.R. 442, though he acknowledged that President Ford, in his repeal of Executive Order 9066, said that with the benefit of what we know now, the wartime exclusion was a mistake. "There can be no doubt that Executive Order 9066 visited injustice upon loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry," Willard added.

His argument was that the problem is now seen with the benefit of hindsight and that we should not try to "second-guess" the decisions of that time. He had misgivings about the "official version" of events that would be disseminated under the educational provisions of the bill. These matters are best left to scholars and historians for interpretation, he said, rather than to Congress.

Chairman Frank said he found it disappointing that the administration is not ready to say the internment was a mistake, only that it "may" have been a mistake. Willard responded that the department's position is that it was a mistake, but that the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians report contains very serious accusations regarding the individuals who made the decisions, their motivations, and their honor.

Not satisfied with Willard's statement that "it was a mistake," Frank said, "I don't think that's really enough... knowing what they knew then, it was a mistake. It was a mistake of racial categorization. Nowhere is there individual differentiation."

He added, "An action can be wrong without being dishonorable."

Willard said that "to act solely on racial prejudice is dishonorable... The question is whether these actions were based solely on 'race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership' or whether there were military judgments involved."

Rep. Howard Berman (D-Calif.) questioned the validity of raising military factors, suggesting that it was dishonorable to make assumptions regarding an entire racial group. He pointed out the consequences of what would happen if that assumption were extended to American Jews after the recent case of Jonathan Pollard, who was found guilty of giving U.S. secrets to Israel.

Willard protested that his purpose was not to defend the decisions but merely to point out that the historical record is complex. Frank, interrupting, said complexity is not a reason to withhold judgment, and that such an argument comes from having a weak case. He charged that the department's position seemed to be an effort to evade rsponsibility.

Rep. Howard Coble (R-N.C.) tried to restate Willard's position for him by saying that while much of what was done was wrong and racial prejudice motivated some of it, there is evidence of some justification for what happened.

Willard's response was that "There was no justification for mass exclusion and internment" but that there was evidence of a military nature that caused our leaders to make the decisions, even though they did not make the right decisions. He pointed out that the CWRIC released an addendum on the "Magic" cables "because it had not discussed this important source of wartime intelligence in its report."

Japan had "enjoyed a virtually unbroken string of military successes" at the time, he said, and the decisions of our wartime leaders should be considered in that context. No one brought up the fact that Japan was incapable of attacking the West Coast after the battle of Midway in June 1942.

Frank asked Willard why action was not taken against Italian and German Americans as well. Willard replied that it was because of numbers and the degree of assimilation.

Rep. Dan Glickman (D-Kan.) returned from voting and picked up on the discussion. "Last year there was a lengthy series of hearings, and the issue of right and wrong is closed," he said. "The issue before us now is what level of compensation. It is not useful to defend past actions at all. The question is, should compensation be awarded and how much?"

Willard was asked if the department's position had changed at all since last year; he admitted that it had not and reiterated that the department wanted to be careful not to rewrite history.

After the second recess for a House vote, Berman chaired for Frank, who had not returned. Glickman asked Willard if the department opposed compensation under any and all circumstances. Willard responded that compensation had been provided by Congress in the 1948 Evacuation Claims Act. From the government's point of view, claims had been resolved and were not

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Albuquerque

EAST WIND

Bill Marutani



THE NEW MEXICO chapter of JACL is headed by a president who surely must be among the more unusual presidents in the organization. That he is a *hakujin* is not unusual, nor that he is a former Marine (retired after 20 years of service but manages to look like a college student)—not quite unusual, although by no means ordinary.

Add to this, however, that he is facile in *nihongo*, with the capability to read, and we get into the unusual. I happened to know the *kanji* for *kama* (oven) and during a coffee break idly scribbled it on a napkin, and darned if he couldn't read it! (I don't know how many of you out there know the character for *kama*, but I had to look it up; it's a rather interesting character.) In addition, this chapter president is in the midst of studying Mandarin, attending a Saturday Chinese-language school in Albuquerque.

His name: Harry Watson.

THE FIRST TIME I met Harry was a brief encounter at the JACL National Convention held this past July in Chicago. Since it was a passing chat, I did not have the pleasure of learning more about him. However, in April, when I was invited to attend the Mountain Plains District Council conference hosted by the New Mexico Chapter, some of that deficit on my part was cleared.

From various JACLers in attendance at the confab, I also learned that Harry's interest in languages goes even beyond reading. He is an aficionado of Japanese songs and has a collection of tapes which he plays in his automobile. (His frau reportedly placed a limit on how much he may fill the household with the sounds of *shamisen*, *shakuhachi* and things of that sort.)

I mentioned some of this to Harry as we were whiling away some time over coffee. Harry, who has done some sojourning in Japan, conceded his addiction for Japanese music and told of an incident where he sang an old tune much to the amazement and delight of his Japanese hosts. Now, I don't know how many chapter presidents there are who can do that. And I'll even throw in the Japan Chapter.

Among other things, Harry has been called upon to translate Japanese technical manuals into English. And I don't have to tell you, *that* takes some doing.

I HAD NOT been to Albuquerque or New Mexico before; in fact, I had to check the spelling of "Albuquerque" to make sure that I had it right. And as my United Airlines flight dipped down to the valley through which the Rio Grande runs and where the north-south highway Route 25 and east-west Route 40 intersect, my mind wandered back to JACL conventions wherein National Director Mas Satow called the chapter roll.

And I distinctly recalled that Mas would start out with "Albuquerque." I can still hear it now as I write these words. I'm not sure when the chapter name was changed to "New Mexico," thereby giving up the privilege of being the first to be called.

THE MOUNTAIN PLAINS chapter members, including those residing in Albuquerque, are distinct individuals. Were I to generalize, I would characterize them as independent souls who, while very much part of their local communities, nonetheless have a broad view of affairs. They are not provincial in terms of their concerns or their interests.

I very much enjoyed rubbing elbows with them.

Wall of Prejudice

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa



Bob Sakaguchi, president of the Mile-Hi Chapter, is a bright and dedicated Sansei who may be typical of the new breed of young JACL leaders. The evacuation took place a long time before he was born. A native Coloradan, he grew up in a benevolent environment in which Japanese Americans experienced little prejudice.

Nothing in his experience compelled him to take an interest, much less a position of time-consuming leadership, in an organization like JACL. But he has, for reasons best known to him.

One recent night, something happened to steel his resolve. He tells about it in his column in "Mile-Hi Notes," his chapter's bright little newsletter.

Sakaguchi is chairman of the planning and zoning commission in Broomfield, a small Denver suburb. He is also a state highway department employee. So it was proper that when Congressman Dave Skaggs held a town meeting, Sakaguchi should rise to thank him for his support of a recently approved highway bill. Sakaguchi also took advantage of the occasion to ask Skaggs to support redress. Sakaguchi writes:

"After making my presentation and upon conclusion of the town meeting I was approached by a young gentleman who wanted additional information on the internment camps. As I was explaining the events leading up to the forced evacuation, I was interrupted by an elderly gentleman who abruptly said to me: 'I disagree with you about the redress and you Japs deserved everything that was coming to you.'

"Well, needless to say, I was shocked. This had never happened to me before. My attempts at explaining some facts unfortunately fell on deaf ears. It did prove to me,however, that we all have a lot of work to do, to overcome such misconceptions and extreme prejudice."

Sakaguchi is right, of course. But I wonder. I wonder if any amount of effort is going to change the minds of members of the Flat Earth Society. I wonder if any amount of education is going to persuade some people that you don't have to be an Anglo to be an American. That Americans of Japanese extraction had no more to do with the attack on Pearl Harbor than German Americans had to do with the Holocaust. That Japanese Americans have been Americans for as many as four or five generations.

It's important to get this information out to those who would listen and want to learn the facts. But as we know, and Sakaguchi discovered, there are people whose blind prejudices make them impervious to any truth that runs counter to their biases.

Is it worth time and aggravation to try to get them to see the light? Or would it be wiser to concentrate our limited resources on those capable of conversion, letting time take care of the problem with those who continue to believe the world is flat, the sun circles the earth, the Holocaust is the invention of Zionist propagandists, and Bob Sakaguchi and his friends were responsible for starting WW2?

Panel Discussion

LOS ANGELES — Asian American Journalists Association will present "Asian American Magazines: Is There a Market?" on May 26, 7-9 p.m., at Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Panelists: Tom Kagy, AsiAm; Kenyon Chan, Rice; Richard Katsuda, East Wind; and Gerald Jann, Jade. Info: Sophia Kim, (213) 487-5323; Lorena Tong, (213) 452-3312.

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Letters to the Editor

Open Letter to Nat'l Board

We understand that the JACL National Board, at its June 19-21 meeting, will review the performance of Ron Wakabayashi, our national director.

We, the undersigned past national presidents, have had an opportunity to work closely with Ron since his hiring in 1981.

We firmly believe that Ron has done outstanding work for JACL and that the board ought to show its appreciation by commending Ron for his hard work and dedication to our organization.

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A Repeat of History?

Anti-Semitic rhetoric currently sweeping Japan like a prairie fire is, in essence, directed against America. The underlying theme is "Jews are sly, and America is controlled by Jews."

Japan is again on the threshold of fascism. In recent years, school textbooks were revised to play down the description of Japan's wartime atrocities in China. Masayuki Fujio, former education minister, openly denounced in no uncertain terms as unjust the entire postwar structure formulated through the Yalta and Potsdam conferences and the Far East War Crime Tribunal.

Prime Minister Nakasone felt obliged to remove him, but the fact of the matter is that he himself was a hard-core nationalist before attaining the premiership.

Japan's right-wingers readily transformed Fujio's political philosophy into direct action. A fanatical gunman recently forced his way into the prestigious Asahi Shimbun's editorial room and killed one reporter and wounded two.

What has happened to Japan? Who is to blame? One answer lies in America herself. America, through the CIA, cultivated Japan's anti-Soviet structure by seeking the service of former militarists and nationalists. Their rationale was as in the case of Germany: "The most trustworthy anti-communist is a former fascist."

Ironically, this policy is now backfiring, for these people's first and foremost allegiance has been and is to the old Japan and not a Japan allied with America.

America has to wake up, or history might repeat itself.

JAMES ODA
North Hollywood, Calif.

Missing the Point

This is in response to the editorial "Ugly Ghost From 1942" (reprinted from the Denver Post in the May 1 PC).

Bill Hosokawa is certainly entitled to his opinion that "individual payment cheapens the experience we went through."

However, it is because we were not considered as individuals that compensation should be made to individuals. This would reaffirm the value of individual rights and protections under the Constitution.

The suggestion that any remaining funds, if there are any funds at all, be used to send thousands of young Americans to Japan misses a vital point. Nations wishing to strengthen bonds and relationships through cultural and/or educational exchange programs should provide the funds.

The point is that thousands of Americans should learn what an individual is entitled to under our Constitution.

An alternative for the use of funds is to set up scholarships to help educate Americans in constitutional law or to contribute to cases brought before the courts which oppose abuses of power by the government and circumvention of the Constitution.

HOWARD OKANO
Campbell, Calif.

Chin Verdict

The recent vindication of Vincent Chin's killer leaves me with a bitter taste of justice in America and makes me feel somewhat insecure in society. To allow this violent act to go unpunished is a statement from the federal courts that there exists a double standard of justice in the United States today.

Nonetheless, I hope that Asian Americans will remain vigilant against racial attacks on ethnic minorities. Just like any other citizen, we have the right to self-defense. While I am totally opposed to violence, I must also bear in mind that there may be another racist lurking out there who may single me out to vent his hate, and I must be prepared to deal with such affronts, attacks or abuse.

Like Vincent Chin, I can be mistaken for a villain. Hence, I highly recommend that Asians should be aware that they must protect themselves against encroachments by domestic terrorists who apparently have a license to kill, since the federal courts appear to be indifferent to the problems of racial violence.

As a Nikkei Sansei, I recommend that a memorial to Vincent Chin be initiated as a reminder to America that freedom can be taken away in one moment and denied by the legal system in another, all because, as Asians, "we all look alike."

THOMAS OKAZAKI
Arcata, Calif.

Total Theater Experience

by Philip Tajitsu Nash

"You have the 'killer's thumb,'" the samurai tells her as the lights dim and two puppets suddenly appear in a pool of light. The Asian American murder mystery known as "The Dream of Kitamura" operates on several levels of realism and fantasy, and we are about to move from one to another...

I remembered this particular scene from the spring of 1985, when Philip Kan Gotanda's play first opened in New York. It was the kind of total theater experience that San Francisco critic Nancy Scott called "visually stunning" and "a fascinating, funny, troubling fantasy" when it opened there in 1982. And here I was, watching a rehearsal of the same scene in an empty New York auditorium, feeling the power of the scene even without the lights and props.

With the backing of Jean Erdman, a pioneer in the concept of "total theater," and her Open Eye theater company, Gotanda's piece opened in New York on May 11 and began an ambitious seven-city national tour. While Gotanda has won awards for this and other works, this tour represents another milestone in what has been an unusually prolific and eventful artistic career.

The tour, amazingly, stars all 12 cast members who performed in the New York production in 1985. It opened at the theater at St. Ann's Church in Brooklyn and ran until May 16. It then moves to Hawaii for five shows (May 22 and 23 at Kennedy Theater in Honolulu, May 24 in Hilo, May 28 on Kauai, and May 30 on Maui), San Francisco for one show (at Theater on the Square on June 1), and then Los Angeles for two shows (at the Japan America Theatre on June 4 and 5).



Photo by Ken Howard
"Dream of Kitamura" cast members William Ha'o and Jodi Long.

If you missed "Kitamura" in any of its previous incarnations over the past five years, be sure not to short-change yourself this time around. And if you've got friends or family who live in one of the tour cities, be sure to give them advance notice.

So, who is Kitamura, and what is a "killer thumb"? Meet me at the theater and find out.

For more information about tickets in any of the tour cities, call (212) 769-4142.

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is scheduled to open Oct. 1 and to run for five years.

Visitors will view a videotaped introduction by NBC newsman John Chancellor. "Roger Kennedy, who's the director of the National Museum of American History, and I have given a great deal of thought to the words that John Chancellor does speak," said Crouch. The script reads, in part:

"Two centuries ago, the framers of the Constitution wrestled with the fundamental problem of government, the balance between the rights of individuals and minorities and the need for the order and defense of society as a whole. We will take you back to one of those times in American history when that balance was upset by racial prejudice and by fear.

"This is the story of a people who suffered a great wrong, and who have worked and fought in order to obtain those rights guaranteed to them, and to all of us, in the words of the Constitution."

The anniversary of the Constitution could have been celebrated with "the standard sort of costume drama," said Crouch, but for most Americans the events of 200 years ago seem "very far removed" from daily life.

"We wanted to help visitors to the museum understand how the American system really works... how the system can go badly wrong, and how we can try to effect the kind of change that sets things moving in the right direction once again," he explained.

Washington and Roosevelt

Although the original Constitution was not available for the exhibit, said Crouch, the Smithsonian was able to obtain the first printed draft used by George Washington at the Constitutional Convention. This document will be juxtaposed with President Franklin Roosevelt's signed copy of Executive Order 9066, which led to the wartime internment.

One section of the exhibit will show why Japanese immigrants came to the U.S., how they established themselves and how they dealt with anti-Asian prejudice; visitors will then see "an abstract reconstruction of a street in Little Tokyo in the sprint of 1942," said Crouch. "We wanted, in a sense, to take our visitors on a journey as well, and that journey begins on this city street."

The exhibit will examine how the decision to intern was made, as well as the issues raised in the *Yasui, Hirabayashi, Korematsu* and *Endo* Supreme Court cases.

Next, continued Crouch, visitors will find themselves in a camp. "They're literally behind barbed wire, with a guard tower looming over them, and the wall of a barrack beside them."

In order to "personalize" and "humanize" the camp experience for visitors, videotaped oral history interviews and sketches and paintings by former internees will be used in addition to artifacts and photographs, he said.

On a life-sized TV screen outside the barrack door, a grandfather will describe camp life to his granddaughter. "It gives us a chance to inject that sense of life into the barracks room," said Crouch.

Draft Resisters

The section on military service will deal with internees who resisted the draft, such as the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee, as well as those who served. "As difficult as some of those issues were to handle," said Crouch, "in a show about the situation and the U.S. Constitution, they were such an integral part in terms of the kinds of decisions people made, the kinds of options that were available... that we had to deal with those issues."

The section on the combat experience will include a 105mm howitzer manned by a crew from the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion as well as oral history interviews showing what life was like

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subject to being reopened.

Glickman asked if the position would be different if the payment schedule were stretched out over 10 years. Willard said such a plan would be particularly pernicious, as it would create an entitlement without coming up with the money to back it. Glickman countered that Congress does that all the time.

Asked if the President would veto a compensation measure if one were passed by Congress, Willard said he did not speak for the President.

Berman summarized what he said were contradictory positions taken by the department. First, Solicitor General Charles Fried said in the April 20 Supreme Court hearing on the *Hohri* lawsuit that the 1942 actions were racist and deplorable; Willard said the government's actions can only be judged by scholars and historians in the context of the times.

Second, Fried said there was no excuse not to file suit in the 1940s, but by allowing so much time to pass, Japanese Americans had given up any right to a judicial remedy, though their claims may be legitimate; Willard, on the other hand, said Japanese Americans do not have a legitimate claim and there is no basis for Congress to provide any remedy.

Making judgments on history is not just the prerogative of historians and scholars, Berman continued, because Congress, the President and the people do that all the time. For example, whenever Congress appropriates money for the military, it is making historical judgments on the power of the enemy, he said.

Willard thought that a statute of limitations in determining claims should apply to Congress just as it does to the courts. Berman's response: "We waive the statute of limitations all the time in this committee... and that is what a congressional remedy, as opposed to a judicial remedy, is all about."

Benjamin Cardin (D-Md.) commented on Willard's opposition to the establishment of a board to administer the trust fund and civil liberties educational fund because he opposes the dissemination of "an official version of history."

"All of us want to make sure events are not forgotten so we can learn from history and not repeat our mistakes," said Cardin. Willard agreed that we should remember our mistakes, but said the language of the bill was overly broad as to what the board can do with the $300 million. Cardin asked what the department would propose as an alternative for providing public education, and Willard agreed to work on a proposal.

All the witnesses who testified after Willard were in full support of the remedies contained in H.R. 442. Frank thanked all those who testified and said he planned for early mark-up of the bill. May 13 was later set as the mark-up date.

Deadline for JA Directory Is Extended

SEBASTOPOL, Calif. — The Women's Concerns Committee of Northern California–Western Nevada–Pacific District Council JACL has extended the deadline for accepting listings for its forthcoming resource directory for Japanese American women in Northern California.

Individuals and organizations may turn in their data forms by May 31. Listings range from legal services and health care to Japanese food markets and art gift stores. The tentative publication date is September 1987.

"We think this will be a very useful source of information," said directory editor Mei Nakano, "not just for women, but for anyone who is interested in the valuable resources that the Japanese community in Northern California, particularly its women, has to offer. For instance, we've already had inquiries from business people and legislators."

Those wishing to be listed in the directory should send name, address and telephone number to: Resource Directory Project, Box 854, Sebastopol, CA 95472. Info: Sacramento—Marian Uchida, (916) 442-4329; Sonoma County—Mei Nakano, (707) 829-0854; San Jose—Susan Nakamura, (408) 448-5445; East Bay—Chizu Iiyama, (415) 233-9595; San Francisco—Nikki Bridges, (415) 648-9038.

Chapter Pulse

NEW YORK

•Chapter's annual Scholarship Dinner-Dance will take place May 30 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Warwick Hotel. Dinner committee is being spearheaded by Sandy Funatake. Info: (212) 614-2838.

SOUTH BAY

•Chapter will hold a reception honoring 1986 queen Debbie Nishimura and presenting 1987 queen Bernice Michiko Hirabayashi on June 28. Info: Midori Watanabe Kamei, 541-6698.

PUYALLUP VALLEY

•Chapter's annual graduation banquet will take place June 14, 6:30 p.m., at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife. Tickets are $15. Reservations may be obtained by calling Dr. Charles Rich, (206) 535-2454, or Yosh Tanabe, (206) 922-7045.

SEATTLE

•Chapter's benefit golf tournament will take place June 14 at Jefferson Park Golf Course beginning at 11 a.m. Entry fee is $20 with participants paying green fees. Further information may be obtained by writing Bob Sato, 316 Maynard Ave. S. Room 108,, Seattle, WA 98104.

ARIZONA

•Chapter will sponsor the annual Keirokai Dinner May 30, 6 p.m., at the JACL Hall, 5414 W. Glenn Drive, Glendale. Bento dinner is $6 and reservations may be obtained by calling (602) 934-9637 or (602) 939-6486.

•Chapter's annual golf tournament will take place May 31 at the Scottsdale Country Club, 7702 E. Shea Blvd. Entry fee is $45. For additional information contact Jim Kubota, (602) 996-6138.

SAN DIEGO

•Chapter will sponsor a slide show of evacuation and camp scenes by award-winning artist Chiura Obata May 31, 1 p.m., at Kiku Gardens, 1260 Third Ave., Chula Vista. Donation is $5. Info: (619) 458-1710.

WEST LOS ANGELES

•Four seniors from University High School and one from Venice High School will receive $500 scholarships at the chapter's annual scholarship dinner May 24 at Yamato Restaurant in Century City. Guest speaker will be Ron Wakabayashi, national director, JACL. Tickets are $19 per person. Reservations may be obtained by calling Sid Yamazaki, (213) 931-1026.

Bay Area Nisei Memorial Day Services Set

SAN BRUNO, Calif. — Nisei Memorial Day Services will be held May 25, 10 a.m., by Golden Gate Nisei Memorial Post 9879 of the VFW and Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council JACL at Golden Gate National Cemetery.

The program will include an honor roll call by Roy Uyehata, president of Military Intelligence Service Association of Northern California; introduction of gold star parents and veterans' wives by Cressey Nakagawa, president of San Francisco JACL; Memorial Day remarks by JACL-LEC chair Jerry Enomoto; and invocation and benediction by the Rev. David Nakagawa of Christ United Presbyterian Church.

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for the men who left behind families and friends in the camps.

"If the show stopped in 1945, it would obviously be a negative show. Fortunately, it doesn't," Crouch reported. "We've had 40 years of history since 1945, and the conclusion of the show, which in a very real sense is the most important part of the show, focuses on the last 40 years."

The events dealt with in this section range from changes in discriminatory laws in the early postwar years to the current *coram nobis* cases, class action lawsuit and redress legislation.

"One of the nice things about the show," commented Crouch, "one of the reasons I was convinced from the beginning that it was a good way to talk about the Constitution, is the fact that the show is open-ended, it isn't finished. These questions are still unresolved today."

In conclusion, Crouch told the audience, the exhibit will show visitors that "Your struggle to ensure that all Americans understand the importance of extending the safeguards and the protections of the Constitution to every citizen, regardless of race, color, creed or anything else, has moved all of us much closer to that more perfect union of which the founding fathers of the nation dreamed."

He thanked community organizations that provided material for the exhibit, including JACL, National Japanese American Historical Society, National Council for Japanese American Redress, the Manzanar Committee, and Center for Conflict Analysis.

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To receive a copy of the Request for Qualifications, please contact the Committee office:

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May 23 — June 6

LOS ANGELES

May 27, 7 p.m. Community forum, "The New Immigration Act and its Impact on Businesses and Individuals in the Japanese Community," will take place at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Event is being sponsored by Japanese American Republicans, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the JACCC. Info: (213) 628-2725.

May 30, 8 p.m. "Words and Music—Then and Now," a benefit show for the Japanese American Retirement Home, will take place at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center. Entertainment will be provided by the Hawaiian group Krush, comedienne Tamayo Otsuki, the Ink Spots and Andy Russell. Tickets are $50 (founder's circle, $25 (orchestra), $15 (loge) and $10 (balcony). Info: (213) 226-1456.

NEW YORK

May 27, 8 p.m. Chen and Dancers will be presented at the Theater of the Riverside Church, 120th Street between Riverside Drive and Claremont Avenue. Two other performances will take place May 29 at 8 p.m. and May 31 at 4 p.m. Tickets are $7.50 general, and $5 for students and seniors. For information call (212) 864-2929.

WEST COVINA

May 24, 1 p.m. San Gabriel Valley Singles will host a panel discussion, "Learning to Cope With Loneliness," at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center. For more information call Irene, (818) 965-2165.

JA Honored for Work in ESL

PASADENA, Calif. — Sadae Iwataki, the Los Angeles Unified School District's adult ESL (English as a second language) programs supervisor, received the first Outstanding Service Award of the California Association of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages at the 18th annual CATESOL state conference held March 25-27 at the Pasadena Hilton.

Currently serving as CATESOL historian, Iwataki has been newsletter editor and president of the organization. She has also received the first annual CATESOL Regional Conference Appreciation Award for her activities in the Los Angeles area, and the E. Manfred Evans Award for lifetime achievement, presented by the California Council of Adult Education.

Marysville Reunion Planned

MARYSVILLE, Calif. —Japanese American residents in the Marysville-Yuba City area are planning a second reunion to be held Sept. 23-25, 1988. Former and present residents of Yuba, Sutter, Butte and Colusa counties are invited.

More than 500 people attended the first reunion, held in September 1985. For further information, write to Mazie Sasaki, 938 Chestnut St., Yuba City, CA 95991.

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FREE SPIRIT — Asian American choreographers will premiere new works at a concert of Unbound Spirit, resident dance company of Asian American Dance Collective, June 4-7 (Thur.-Sat. 8:30 p.m., Sun. 7 p.m.) at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St., San Francisco. Tickets: $9 at door, $8 in advance. A lecture-demonstration by artistic director Anna Sun will be held June 6, 2 p.m. Admission: $5. Guest performers are Jill Togawa, Tina Misaka and Bih Tau Sung. Pictured: Mona Chan performing Sun's "Moments." Info: (415) 552-8980.

Nikkei Vets of 3 Wars to Gather

RENO, Nev. — Veterans of the 100th/442nd RCT and Military Intelligence Service, as well as Nikkei veterans of the Korean and Vietnam wars, are invited to attend the National AJA Veterans Reunion at the Bally Hotel from June 8-12, 1988.

The tentative schedule includes a golf tournament, dinner/dance, memorial service, screening of the film "Go For Broke," and bus tours to Lake Tahoe, Virginia City and Carson City.

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JACCC Will Give Awards to 8 'Pioneers'

LOS ANGELES — To celebrate its seventh anniversary, the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center will hold a dinner with the theme "Pacific Pioneers: A Celebration of Excellence" on May 28 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

Pacific Pioneer Awards will go to Shoichiro Toyoda, president of Toyota Motor Corporation of Japan, and Mayor Tom Bradley. Toyoda will be cited for his leadership in making Toyota the largest auto-maker in the world, and for Toyota's contributions to cultural projects in the U.S. Bradley will be honored for focusing attention on the Pacific Rim as the major arena of world affairs.

Dance Instructors

JACCC will also recognize the lifetime achievements of six Japanese classical dance instructors, each of whom has spent more than 25 years perpetuating her art in the U.S. The President's Award recipients are Mitsusa Bando, Chiseye Fujima, Kansuma Fujima, Rokumie Hanayagi, Tokuyae Hanayagi and Kanya Sanjo V.

Nobuo Matsunaga, Japan's ambassador of the U.S., will attend the dinner. Judge Kathryn Doi Todd will emcee.

Dinner Chairs

Honorary dinner chairs include Consul General Taizo Watanabe, Japan Business Association president Teruhiko Ena, JACCC board chair Frank Kuwahara, Japanese Chamber of Commerce president Toshio Nagamura, Toyota Motor Sales (USA) president Yukiyasu Togo, Los Angeles Area Chamber of commerce president Ray Remy, Southern California Gas Co. chairman Robert McIntyre, Mitsui Comtek president Takio Fukawa, JACCC chairman emeritus Katsuma Mukaeda, and Marie Doizaki, widow of former JACCC president George Doizaki.

Table reservations are $2,000 per table of 10 for the Pioneer Circle and $1,000 per table of 10 for the Pacific Rim Circle. Info: (213) 628-2725.



PASSION PLAY — Jude Narita will perform her one-woman show "Coming Into Passion/Song for a Sansei" at Powerhouse Theatre, 3116 Second Ave., Venice, Calif., May 27, June 3, 10 and 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets: $10. Narita, a Sansei actress from Long Beach, Calif., explores the stereotyping and exploitation of Asian women in this comedy/drama. She plays such roles as a punk rocker, a Vietnamese prostitute, a Filipino video bride and a Japanese American internee. For reservations, call (213) 379-2615.

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Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska).

(6) Under Findings #4, the language has been changed from "caused by racial prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership" (as stated by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians) to "resulted in part from racial prejudice."

(7) The Use of Funds of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund has been modified. The first authority of the fund is "to sponsor research and public educational activities so that the events surrounding the evacuation, relocation and internment of United States citizens and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry will be remembered, and so that the causes and circumstances of this and similar events may be illuminated and understood."

The amendment incorporates the third authority—"to publish the hearings and findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians"—into the first. Stricken from the bill were authorities 2 ("to fund research on the role of the Constitution in times of national stress") and 4 (funds "for the general welfare of the ethnic Japanese community in the United States, taking into consideration the effect of the exclusion and detention on the descendants of those individuals who were detained . . .").

Several other amendments were withdrawn.

The amendments are subject to acceptance or rejection by the full Judiciary Committee and, if the committee approves the bill, by the full House.

The mark-up comes two weeks after the April 29 subcommittee hearing chaired by Frank. The bill was introduced in January by Majority Leader Tom Foley (D-Wash.).

"We have shared the up side, but we must be aware of the political reality and the long process for passage of this legislation," said JACL-LEC director Grayce Uyehara. "We must have endurance.

"There are those individuals who believe that Japanese Americans also have certain inalienable rights and who continue to press on with the lobbying of members of Congress. Thank goodness for the believers, for what happened last week resulted from their faith in the cause of responsible citizenship. This belief required their individual commitment and action."

UC Berkeley Professor Edits New Book on Race Relations

BERKELEY — UC Berkeley professor Ronald Takaki is the editor of a new book entitled *From Different Shores: Perspectives on Race and Ethnicity in America.*

Published by Oxford University Press, *Different Shores* is a collection of essays by neoconservative, liberal and leftist scholars on the meaning and nature of America's social diversity. They study a wide range of groups—European immigrants, Blacks, Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, Native Americans, and Asian Americans.

One section examines women's experiences and includes "Slaying Demons With a Sewing Needle: Feminist Issues for Chinatown's Women" by Chalsa Loo and Paul Ong.

The collection opens with a debate which took place in 1980 at University of Wisconsin between Takaki and Nathan Glazer of Harvard University on affirmative action; it closes with a debate which took place in 1986 at UC Berkeley between Takaki and Charles Murray, author of *Losing Ground: American Social Policy, 1950-1980*, on welfare and race.

Essays written by Takaki address such topics as racial inequality, affirmative action, welfare, and the image of Asian American success.



Ronald Takaki

"The multiethnic and comparative approach of the book is designed to reflect and speak to the increasing racial and cultural diversity of California society in the 1980s," said Takaki, observing that the state's population is 8 percent Asian—about the same as Blacks.

"By the 1990s, according to population projections," he added, "the majority of the residents of California will be composed of racial minorities."

Nisei Recognized as 'Mover and Shaker' in Seattle Politics

SEATTLE — Ruth Yoneyama Woo figured prominently in an April 12 special report by the Seattle Times entitled "Who Runs Seattle?"

A team of reporters spent several months gathering anecdotes, facts, and opinions from more than 200 people—corporate chief executives, community activists, elected officials, government workers, attorneys, developers, minority leaders and church leaders—to determine who wields the most influence in Seattle.

A Montana-born Nisei, Woo was living in Gresham, Ore., when WW2 broke out and was interned in Tule Lake and Minidoka. She lived in Chicago before moving to the Seattle area.

Following is the profile of Woo presented in the Times:

Ruth Woo is the quintessential behind-the-scenes worker of the Seattle power scene. She holds no office, has no job and refuses to collect the civic awards people want to bestow on her. In person, she is shy and self-effacing.

But she has worked her way out of the secretarial "pink ghetto" to become a powerful facilitator who seems to know everyone in the city and state political world.

Her accomplishments range from helping pass last fall's museum and housing levies to getting legislation passed in Olympia.

"She was instrumental in my campaign to be appointed to the City Council and subsequently be elected," said Councilwoman Dolores Sibonga. "Her secret is talking to people. She has so many political contacts, it's amazing."

Ruth's husband, Ben Woo, adds to the clout of this "power couple" by being head of the Chinatown/International District Preservation Development Authority.

Ruth Woo began working in 1959 as a receptionist-secretary for Mayor Gordon Clinton, then went on to become a receptionist for Gov. Dan Evans.

She learned "that there are a lot of honorable people in the political] profession. Even if I didn't agree with their philosophy, I had the same goals: a better life for my children, better jobs. I have a hard time with partisan politics. I've been involved in a lot of Republican campaigns as well as Democratic campaigns."

She's worked on campaigns for at least 10 office-holders.

In 1985, Doug Hurley, newly named executive director of the Downtown Museum Project, asked her to help the museum campaign by rescuing a languishing bill in Olympia that would create a Public Development Authority.

"In the closing days it hadn't been passed," Woo recalled. "I called [King County Councilman] Ron Sims and he scurried around and got it out of the Senate. It got to the House and I called my good friend [Rep.] Gary Locke. With the PDA passed, we were able to form the Museum Development Authority and issue tax bonds."

Sims calls Woo "one of the most influential persons in Seattle today. She has access to so many people, and gets so much out of them. Everyone knows her. She's never mentioned but is one of those with the most clout."

1956-57 JA Graduates Sought

DALY CITY, Calif. — The committee for the 30-year reunion of George Washington High School in San Francisco is seeking the names and addresses of fall '56, spring '57 and fall '57 graduates in order to send them information about an Oct. 17 dinner-dance celebration.

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● **1987 Tour Dates**

(As of May 5, 1987)

11: Jun 11 - Jun 14
River Rafting & Lake Tahoe
Phyllis Murakawa, escort

12: Jun 5 - Jun 17
National Parks & Canyons Tour; Bill Sakurai, escort
All motorcoach tour fr Denver, 12 nights accom in well-known hotels. Visit Denver, Cheyenne, Devil's Tower, Cody, Yellowstone Nat'l Park, Grand Teton, Bryce Canyon, Zion Nat'l Park and Grand Canyon. $640 p/persn dbl occ., $250 sgl supp. Airfare extra. Tour ends in Las Vegas.

13: Jun 19 - Jul 3
Japan Summer June Tour
Ray Ishii, escort
Discover Old & New Japan: Tokyo, Nikko, Kamakura, Hakone, Nagoya, Toba, Pearl Island, Ise, Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima. Land tour: 246,000 yen p/prsn dbl occ; r.t. LAX-TYO airfare $593; 4-day Hong Kong extension option, $450 p/prsn dbl occ; 2-night Honolulu stay, $75 p/prsn dbl occ.

14: Jul 3 - 17
Japan Summer July Tour
Yuki Sato, escort

14a: Jul 4 - 20
Scandinavian Vistas
Toy Kanegai, escort
Escorted fr Copenhagen, 2 nights Baltic cruise btwn Stockholm & Finland, comprehensive tours of Copenhagen, Helsinki, Leningrad (3-days), Turku, Stockholm & Oslo; visit Uppsala/Mora, Lillehammer, Sognefjord / Hardangerfjord. Land tour $1,740 p/prsn dbl occ; airfare via Northwest Air extra.

15: Jul 5 - Jul 17
Canadian Rockies
Veronica Ohara, escort

15a: Jul 29 - Aug 6
Cruise Alaska

16: Aug 1 - 14
Festivals of Japan Tour
George Kanegai, escort

17: Aug 7 - 21
Japan Summer August Tour
Mabel Kitsuse, escort

18: Sep 6 - 16
National Parks & Canyon Tour; Toy Kanegai, escort

19: Sep 12 - 22
Canada, Nova Scotia Cruise; Niagara
Yuki Sato, escort

20: Sep 14 - Sep 30
China Tour
Mabel Kitsuse, escort

21: Sep 25 - Oct 9
Hokkaido/Ura-Nihon Tour
Veronica Ohara, escort

22: Oct 2 - Oct 24
Omote Nihon Tour
Yuki Sato, escort

23: Oct 2 - Oct 20
Highlights-of-the-Orient Tour
Bill Sakurai, escort

24: Oct 3 - Oct 14
Fall Foliage Two Nation Tour; Roy Takeda, escort

25: Oct 8 - Oct 30
Australia/New Zealand Tour
Jiro Mochizuki, escort

26: Oct 7 - Oct 25
China/Ura-Nihon Tour
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