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Capital columnists back evacuee bill

Washington

Two of the three largest newspapers in metropolitan Washington have endorsed Congressman Norm Mineta's bill to provide federal civil service retirement credit to Japanese Americans who were evacuated and interned during WW2, the Washington JACL Office noted this past week.

Support came in two widely read columns by federal employees, senators and congressmen and others in the bureaucracy.

Bill Andronicos of the Federal Times (July 4), who went in depth on the story, favored the legislation. "Refusal to grant civil service credit ... would only compound the harsh, cruel treatment and embarrassment according to one of our most loyal minority groups in the 1940s".

On a briefer note, columnist Joseph Young of the Washington Star (June 5) called the measure "a worthwhile bill and should be approved" and would provide an estimated 500 employees who were in the internment camps during World War II additional retirement credit. Young believed the bill would cost less than a \$1 million a year.

Washington JACL repre-

Tulare County grand jury names Shimasaki foreman

VISALIA, Calif. — With a new Tulare County grand jury impaneled by Presiding Judge Jay Ballantyne on July 1, Tom Shimasaki of Visalia was chosen as jury foreman by the 19-member panel. Another Japanese American, Linda Sumida, is also a member of the 1977-78 grand jury.

In giving the jurors their instructions, Judge Ballantyne told them they will act as ombudsmen on behalf of the people of Tulare County.

If people know of a crime that has gone undetected or of a public official who is not carrying out his duties properly, they can speak to a member of the grand jury, Ballantyne said.

The grand jury has the power to inquire into all public offenses committed or triable within the county, and

New bar group

NEW YORK—The Asian American Bar Assn., which is soliciting membership nationwide, elected Moonray Kojima, 25 W. 43rd St., New York 10036, as president at its June 14 meeting.

sentative Wayne Horiuchi was delighted the two papers "checked in on behalf of our bill ... (because) we've run into some resistance by staff for the subcommittee in scheduling hearings".

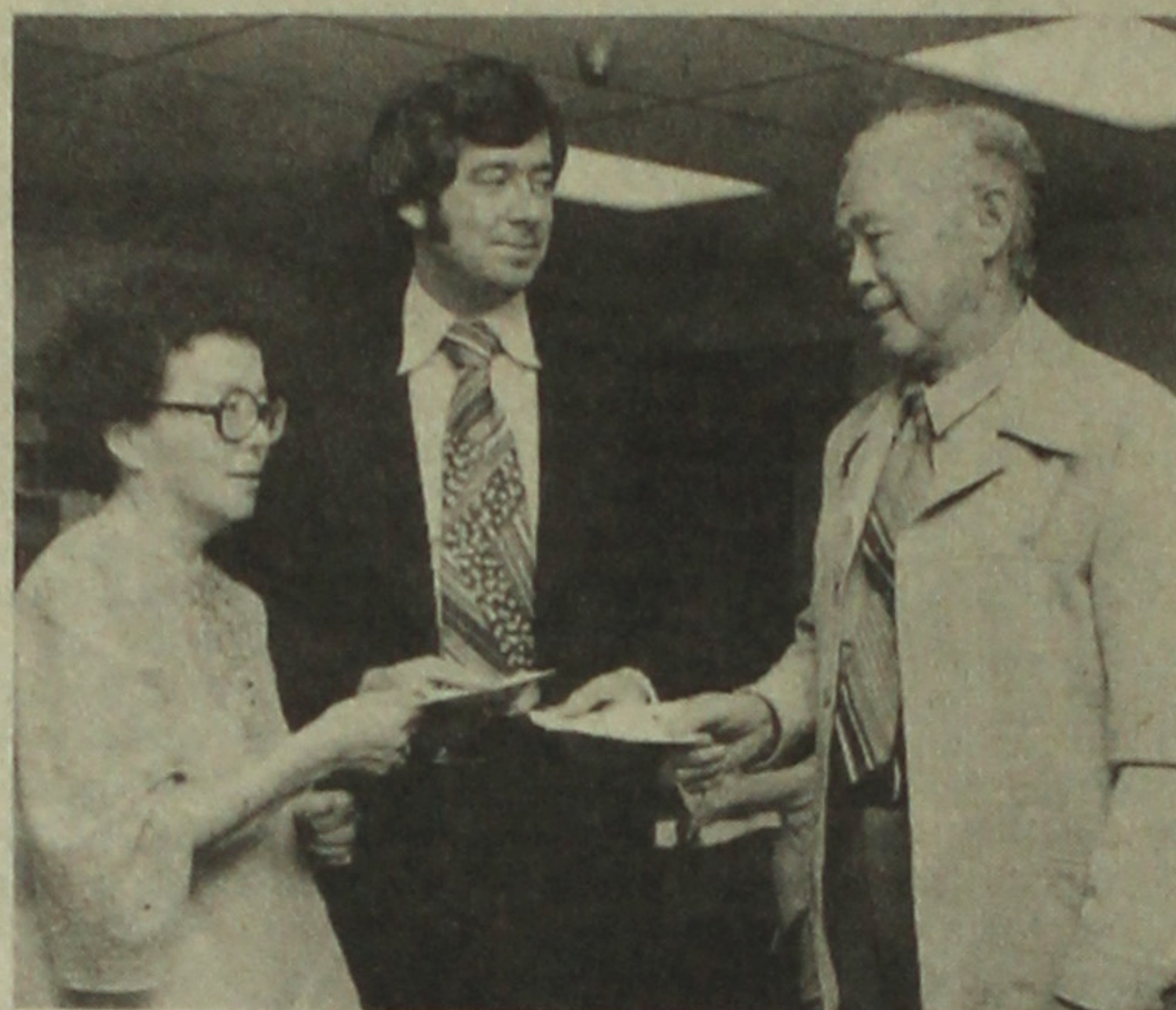
The Committee for Internment Credit (487-23rd Ave., San Francisco 94121) is writing all of its members to urge their congressional representatives to conduct the public hearings on the Mineta bills (HR 6412-13-14) this summer.

"If the membership of CIC and JACL can write to each of their Representatives to get them in turn to contact Congresswoman Gladys Spellman (who chairs the subcommittee which would hear the bill) to hold an early hearing, then I think we can get this bill on track," Horiuchi added. □

Citizens committee formed to probe educational system in San Benito

HOLLISTER, Calif. — Formation of a Citizens Action League for Better Education, initiated in the aftermath of the San Benito High School teacher's use of racial slur against persons of Japanese ancestry, will give minori-

'Friends of Roth' respond



"Friends of George Knox Roth" fund receives its first contributions of \$100 from West Los Angeles JACL Women's Auxiliary through Mitsu Sonoda (left) and \$100 from Sam Minami (right), who co-chair a dinner Aug. 13 at Little Tokyo Towers in honor of the one-time teacher who publicly tried to prevent the Japanese American Evacuation by purchasing radio time to counteract the anti-Nisei hysteria of January 1942. Accepting the checks is Glen Pacheco, treasurer of the "Friends of Roth" fund, and Downtown L.A. JACL president. Contributions should be sent c/o Calif. 1st Bank, 120 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 90012.

ties a voice in teaching methods and curriculum.

Kiyoshi Kawasaki, San Benito County JACL president and a pharmacist in Salinas, was named the group chairman. At the school board of trustees meeting this past week (July 7), he received sanction from the board for the group to be an official advisory committee and Ken Casanega, school superintendent and high school principal, was to select teachers and school officials to the group.

Because of the complexity of issues that appear to be surfacing, some committee members said it might take three years to conduct the probe and implement whatever recommendations result. Purpose was to bolster the school system toward better education, it was stressed.

Some of the questions that were raised at a recent meeting of about 50 parents, students and observers will delve in the area of overt racism on campus, why no action was taken by trustees until they were told by JACL of the "racist remarks" in the classroom, and what can be done to remedy a situation of some 40 to 50 seniors not graduating this year.

The committee also seeks a written school policy to bar "racism" from the teaching program.

Bill Glines of the San Jose Mercury News noted that

buried under the avalanche of unpleasant publicity on teacher John Buchanan has been the fact that he has many times in the classroom praised Japanese Americans for their great courage in storming the beaches of Italy during World War II and deplored their treatment by the U.S. government when they were incarcerated in "relocation centers".

Buchanan saw Army service in the European theater.

In his letter of apology to the Japanese student Katsu Kuki, who reported his use of "Japs", Buchanan said that was used to illustrate "the wartime sentiments of many Americans at the time" and not "to give offense to you ... nor to disparage the people in your homeland".

Don West of the San Francisco Examiner, in his July 4 wrap-up of the "political typhoon" left by the Hollister student who has been touring the East Coast since school ended, found repercussions still being felt — among them the accusation that National JACL was trying to expand a strictly local problem into a national issue for its own benefit.

Kawasaki denied the accusation raised by social science teacher Ben St. Louis.

Kawasaki said, "We local people want to make some changes (for the good of the kids and the good of the

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Defense Dept. hit for lack of affirmative plan

WASHINGTON—In a letter to Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) has called for the establishment of a better Equal Employment Opportunity Program for military personnel and DOD civilian employees.

"I am particularly concerned about the fact that the Defense Department and military departments have, so far, failed to establish separate affirmative action plans for the recruitment, hiring and promotion of Asian American military personnel and civilian employees," said Matsunaga.

"Failure to address adequately the needs of Asian Americans in the armed forces and the civilian workforce, and the halfhearted enforcement of equal employment policies, has had a 'chilling effect' which discourages Asian Americans from entering officer training programs, enlisting, or applying for federal employment."

Matsunaga, himself an Army veteran, cited statistics provided by the Army to make his point.

"No Asian American serves in a rank higher than Brigadier General in the Army, and there are only 20 full colonels," he said. "Only 40 Asian Americans serve in the Army's highest enlisted paygrade, E/9, and there are only 51 Warrant Officers."

"There are no Asian American Brigade Commanders," Matsunaga continued, "only one Asian American Battalion Com-

mander and only 13 Command Sergeants Major."

"Although the percentage of Asian Americans in the total U.S. population is relatively small, their needs are no less urgent than those of other minority groups and have been too long ignored," Matsunaga told Brown.

The Organization of Chinese Americans has asked Brown for an appointment to discuss ways in which DOD's Equal Employment Opportunity Program could be improved, Matsunaga said. □

Mineta visit of So. Korea in '75 recalled

WASHINGTON—Rep. Norman Mineta said he accepted a gift of gambling casino chips but refused to cash in during his visit of Seoul in August, 1975, upon query by newsmen here this past week. "A bunch of us went" to Walker Hill, former American officers club turned casino, upon being invited after a banquet.

Mineta was on a congressional tour of Indonesia, the Philippines, Japan and Korea as part of a House Public Works task force.

Mineta said he did not disclose the incident in his report filed with the House Ethics Committee, which is seeking data on gifts of more

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Gov. Brown choice of doctor protested

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The recent nomination of Dr. Michael Geokas, chief of medicine at the Martinez Veterans Administration Hospital to the State Board of Medical Quality Assurance by Gov. Brown drew public protest this past week from Dr. Edmund Jung, the Chinese for Affirmative Action reported.

The Chinese American physician with 25-year medical experience in the VA hospitals charged he had been discriminated and demeaned by Dr. Geokas' derogatory comments, such as "Chinaman" at staff meetings, his mimicking the facial appearance of Dr. Jung by pulling up the corner of his eyes in a slanted fashion, and being arbitrarily removed from the on-call roster where physicians give advice and consultation to colleagues.

The case of Dr. Jung, who had filed an employment discrimination complaint in December, 1975, against Dr. Geokas and other VA hospital officials, was heard by the Equal Employment Opportunity Complaints examiner of the U.S. Civil Service Commission in November, 1976. The examiner in his May, 1977, findings, ruled the acts of racial discrimination as charged were committed against Dr. Jung and held Dr. Geokas as responsible in each instance.

It was also held Dr. Geokas had interfered with E.O. 12812 investigations by intimidating a black physician with adverse consequences if he testified.

Henry Der, executive director of the Chinese for Affirmative Action, observed the Governor has time to withdraw the nomination. "None of us should tolerate the appointment of any individual who has such insensitive and racial attitudes toward a significant segment of the public," Der said.

The Board of Medical Quality Assurance has major responsibilities to review all medical practice throughout the state, administer medical examinations, issue certificates and licenses, and take appropriate disciplinary action if a physician is guilty of unethical practice or misconduct.

Nisei upgrades nurserymen in thorough 3-hour exam

Los Angeles
For pioneering the certification of California nurserymen through examinations in horticulture, Yo Terada was acclaimed last month (June 23) as the Nurseryman of the Year by the Centinela chapter of the Calif. Assn. of Nurserymen.

An idea that was born in 1963, it involved fellow

members, university professors, park superintendent and entomologist over an eight-year stretch to formulate the examination manual and having the first candidates apply.

More recently, Masao Oka of San Jose became the 1,000th nurseryman to pass and the tests have become models for certification procedures in other states, including Washington, Oregon, Texas, Pennsylvania and in the Canadian province of British Columbia.

While Terada was earnest in his hopes of nurserymen upgrading their industry since he started his business in the early 1950s, not many encouraged him at the outset. He was on the verge of junking the project. When he approached college professors in horticulture, it was a turning point for they were most enthusiastic and actual work on the manual began.

The exam takes three

hours and covers plant diseases, soil plant identification, landscaping, and herbicides, plant protection chemicals, irrigation, fertilizers and having at least one year experience in a retail nursery. Certification status requires renewal each three year.

Five other persons instrumental in establishing the program were also recognized at the June 23 dinner meeting with Terada. They were:

Prof. Oliver Batcheller, ornamental horticulture, Cal Poly-Pomona; Prof. Roy Pence, entomology, UCLA; Charles Rust, park superintendent, Costa Mesa; Ruth Yoshiki, Hawthorne; and Nori Sumi, Hawthorne.

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school). The school has been running things by their own rules and evidently ignored us entirely." National has provided very little assistance and only then upon request, he added.

Coral dentures better than gold

OSAKA—Gold, silver and ceramics have been used in false teeth but they are costly and quickly wear out. A group of oral surgeons at Tokyo University, headed by Dr. Ichiro Yamashita, 42, told a recent conference here coral fixed on a gold core with polyadhesives is better.

Yamashita has experimented with four kinds of coral found in the East China Sea. He said deep sea coral is of crystalline composition (calcium carbonate) and very hard structurally in comparison to gold and found coral does not inflame the gums nor dissolve in acid.

Poston II reunion

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Graduates and former camp residents attending the Poston II High reunion Aug. 6-7 here at the Hyatt House will be able to reminisce with principal Dallas C. McClaren, who told the reunion committee he will attend.

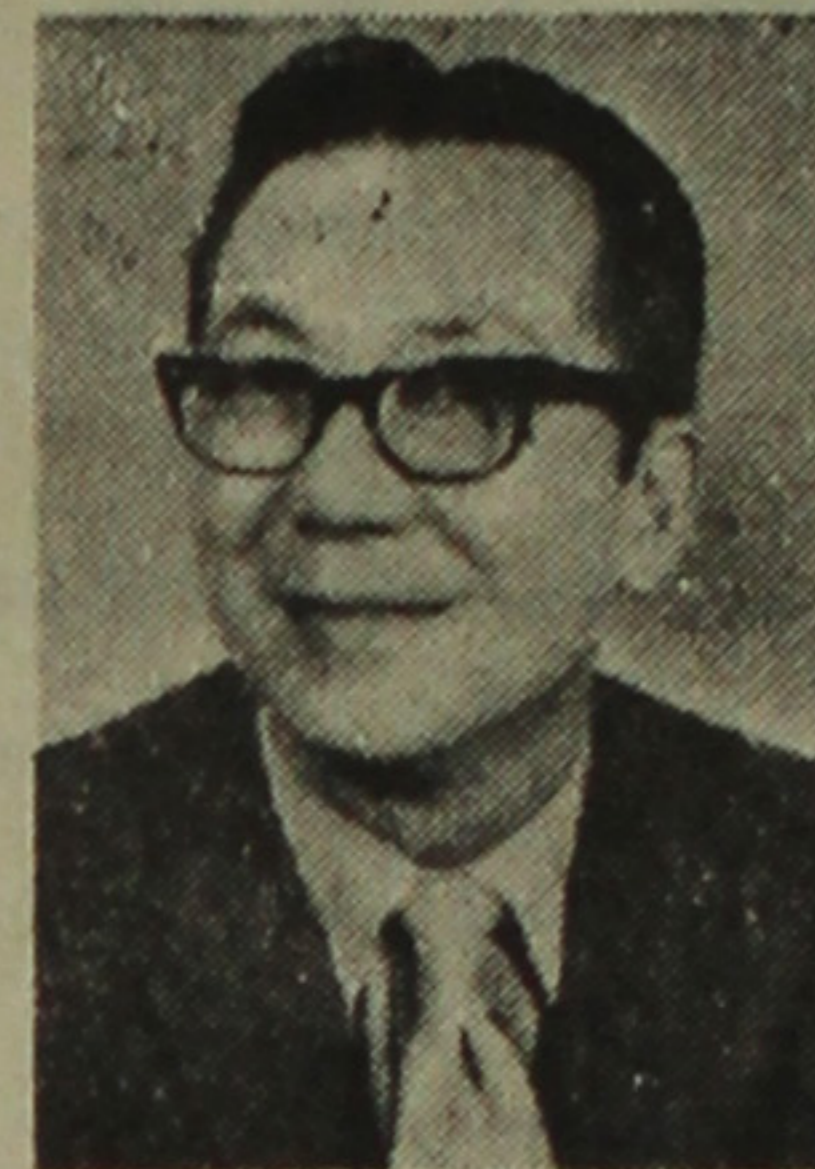
Asahi Homecast changes to UHF-18

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.—New UHF-TV 18 (KSCI) here began carrying Asahi Homecast (Japanese) programs July 9 and each Wednesday and Saturday evenings thereafter. Homecast president Noboru Shirai said they will continue to subtitle as many programs as possible as "our contribution to a better understanding of modern Japan" in America. Its previous carrier, Ch. 52, has become pay-TV.

Nobuyuki named to AICC board

NEW YORK—The American Immigration and Citizenship Conference (AICC), at its annual conference here in May, elected new officers and board members including Karl K. Nobuyuki, national executive JAACL director to its board of directors. Edward J. Ennis is AICC board chairman.

Utahn appointed to Carter's task force on mental health



DR. WILFRED HIGASHI

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—President Carter has appointed Dr. Wilfred H. Higashi, state director of mental health, to the Task Force on Manpower and Personnel of the President's Commission on Mental Health, it was announced June 27 by Dr. Thomas E. Bryant, commission chairman.

The commission is a

significant national body in social services because its recommendations for training, funding and other areas for mental health go directly to President Carter. Mrs. Rosalyn Carter, the President's wife is honorary chairman of the commission.

Higashi, a native of Hawaii and a former local JAACL board member, has been director of Utah mental health services since 1968.

John Tameno now acting IDC gov.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—John Tameno of the Snake River Valley JAACL is the new Intermountain District governor, succeeding Gerold Mukai who has resigned to assume a high federal post in Washington. (This rectifies a previous report that Ken Nodzu would assume the vacancy.)

KOREA

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than \$100 or travel or entertainment offered by South Korean agents, because he did not believe the chips were in excess of \$100. The air fare was paid for by Congress.

Several months after his return from Korea, Mineta said, "Three or four (Korean) assemblymen visited my office to make a courtesy call." But there appeared to be no attempt to lobby him in behalf of Korea, Mineta added.

items per inch

Alcoholism group

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles county alcoholism advisory board designated \$32,250 to establish a Pacific-Asian American Alcoholism Commission. Other minorities have similar groups, according to George Thomas, (731-8861) of the Pac/Asian American alcoholism task force.

Cornerstone unveiled

LOS ANGELES — A cornerstone plaque for the new Japanese Village Plaza now under construction in Little Tokyo was unveiled June 25 at a brief but gala celebration. When completed in 1978, it will house 50 Asian theme shops and restaurants, according to architect-developer David Hyun.

Extradition pact

WASHINGTON—Negotiations to revise the U.S.-Japan extradition treaty resumes here in mid-July. Japan has proposed 50 more offenses, such as bribery, hijacking and traffic in illicit drugs, to the 15 listed in the current treaty.

Farmhouse exhibit

SAN FRANCISCO — A Japanese farmhouse display opens July 12 at the Wattis Hall of Man within the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park, UC Davis anthropology student Sylvia Ryugo assisted in research and posed for the life-size of the woman transplanting rice seedlings in shallow water.

Fireflies return

TOKYO—Long believed to be extinct in the Tokyo area, fireflies were seen weakly glowing from dusk in late June near Jindaiji Temple in western Tokyo and more the following night after a rain.

Images from Home

SANTA CRUZ, Calif.—The Asian American Art Cooperative will feature drawings by Lori Fukuda, Alan Lau, David Izu and Karen Narita Mitchell and pottery by Wayne Horiuchi during the July 30-Aug. 1 weekend at the downtown Public Library on Church St. Show is being sponsored by the City Museum.

Jr. Bowling clinic

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Mori Shimada, a certified instructor with the American Jr. Bowling Congress, will conduct a youth clinic (ages 8-15) at 4th St. Bowl for seven Saturdays starting July 16 at \$1.50 per meeting. Handling sign-ups are Kathy Shigemoto (286-4049), Jan Tomisaka (371-2098), Tina or Jamie Nishijima (379-2162) and 4th St. Bowl.

Always aim for achievement and forget about success.
—Helen Hayes

Montebello Women's

LOS ANGELES—Ethel Kohashi was installed president of the Montebello Japanese Women's Club of the California Federation of Women's Clubs recently. Group is hosting the Nisei Week fashion show July 31 at the Bonaventure Hotel with tickets and reservations available from Sue Sakamoto (626-5275) or Kimi Yasui (723-5948). Holly Mitchell is fashion coordinator, Haru Yoshitake, chairperson.

Nisei VFW gala

SAN FRANCISCO—Golden Gate Nisei VFW Post 9879 celebrates its 25th anniversary on Saturday, July 30, at the Miyako Hotel. Some 100 out-of-town fellow veterans from throughout the state have registered with Orville Summers, 651 McArthur Dr., Colma 94015 (755-0821). Seating is limited to the first 350 signing up, he added.

Nurse-midwives

WASHINGTON—Sen. Daniel Inouye introduced legislation (S 1702) to allow independent reimbursement under Medicare and Medicaid for services of professional nurse-midwives. Their services now are reimbursable when acting under direct supervision of a physician.

Oxnard Obon festival

OXNARD, Calif.—The Oxnard Buddhist Church will hold its 22nd annual Obon festival July 16 with cultural exhibits, food and dancing.

Postwar Japan photos

SAN FRANCISCO—A glimpse of "Japan: 1948-54 Through One American Eye" in a series of 84 pictures taken by Mrs. Betsy O'Hara, 57, of San Francisco opened at Calif. First Bank's Japan Center office last month. She was one of the first American non-military civilians to enter Occupied Japan.

Sachio's roast

LOS ANGELES—Asian Rehabilitation Services, Inc. 1921 E. 7th St., is celebrating the fruition of the first and only rehabilitation service specifically designed by Asian and Pacific Island people by "roasting" its founder-director Sachio Kano at a dinner July 22, 6:30 p.m. at the Golden Palace Restaurant.

Sugar fuel research

WASHINGTON—Hawaii's gasoline requirements may be significantly replaced by ethanol—alcohol produced from molasses, a sugar processing by-product, according to Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii). He is asking \$2 million for federal research by the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration.



JUDY ROMERO

Japan's music 'explored'

Kyoto
A Fulbright scholar in ethnomusicology is exploring a little known part of his own music world at Kyoto University—not only studying gagaku (the Japanese court music), but learning how to play and make the various instruments.

James Reid, 30, who was stimulated in Asian music by his one year experience in the Peace Corps in Korea, returned to his alma mater, the Univ. of Texas, to study the one course they had in Japanese music—the Noh drama, concentrating on Yokyoku (vocal music of Noh) and went on to UCLA to study Gagaku.

In 1973, Reid came to Japan to study the *hichiriki*, the double reed 9-hole instrument of the oboe family, and the *komabue*, a 6-hole transverse flute, with masters at the Shitennoji Temple in Osaka.

Since then, he has learned

to play the *ryuteki*, a 7-hole transverse flute; *Kagurabue*, another kind of transverse flute; *shoo*, a multiple mouth organ; *kakko*, a small drum; *Sanno kotsuzumi*, a No. 3 drum; *taiko*, the drum; and *oodaiko*, the big drum.

Since March, he has been involved in making the *komabue*, under instructions of a Kyoto manufacturer.

Reid told a Mainichi Daily News reporter that everyone normally thinks Western music like Bach and Beethoven is great, "but we feel there is great music all over the world: in Japan, in India and in Africa"—each equally worthy of study. He found that things wrong in Western music were right in other forms of music.

Through his Japanese studies, Reid has concluded Western music is only one of many different but equally valuable kind of music in the world.

Diets will change

TOKYO—As a result of the 200-mile fishing zones established worldwide, two out of three housewives here believe their eating habits will change due to the higher price of fish, a Kikkoman Shoyu survey indicated. Younger women who have fish but once a week saw no alarm in the 200-mile zone.

Gion Festival

KYOTO—Gion Matsuri decided to abandon its custom of scattering *Chimaki*, rice dumplings wrapped in bamboo leaves, from its float during the July 17 parade. With 340,000 along the 3-mile route last year, police said it was utter confusion in the scramble for *Chimaki*.

IN MEMORIAM

Yoshimatsu Shintaku (1873 — 1977)

The late Mr. Shintaku, a longtime prewar resident of Florin, Calif., was 104 years old at the time of his death, June 28, in Detroit, Mich., and possibly the oldest living Issei at the time. He was the father of Sam K. and Raymond M. of Detroit; Harold A. of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Tatsuo Yamamoto of Seattle, Wash.; and Lawrence N. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

"I believe he epitomized the strength the Issei have given us to endure."

—Sharon Shintaku

Sumitomo Bank successful in bidding for 19 BanCal offices

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — As a successful bidder to buy 19 existing branches of the Bank of California, the Sumitomo Bank of California—10th largest in the State—will surpass the \$1 billion mark in both assets and deposits, it was disclosed last week (July 6).

According to Yoshio Tada, Sumitomo Bank president and chief executive officer, the nine branches in Northern California and 10 in Southern California would be acquired from BanCal for \$19.9 million—“plus or minus the net value of the individual branches.”

The acquisition will be made for cash “at closing.” Other terms of the purchase were not made known at this time.

Tada said the transaction must be approved by Sumitomo Bank shareholders and the regulatory agencies concerned.

If approved, the acquisition will almost double Sumitomo's present 23-office system in the State. Moreover, the bank has approval

to open four additional branches. If all come on line, Sumitomo will have a total of 46 offices in California.

Sumitomo's successful bid on two of the four groups of BanCal branches which had been offered for sale means Sumitomo would acquire more than half of the total of 33 up for bid.

According to Tada, the acquisition “fits into our long-range marketing program, and enables us to attain an expansion objective that otherwise would take many years to achieve on a branch-by-branch basis.”

The offices purchased by Sumitomo are located at:

Northern California: San Francisco (two—Alcoa Plaza and Sutter-Stockton); Fremont (4124 Fremont Hub); Monterey 498 Alvarado St.; Mountain View (125 E. El Camino); San Bruno (725 Camino Plaza); San Jose (170 Park Center Plaza); Watsonville (558 Main St.); and Hayward (1004 B St.).

Tada pointed out Sumitomo operates 12 offices in Northern California; none is located in Monterey, Mountain View, San Bruno, or Watsonville.

Southern California (Los Angeles County): Wilshire Center (3250 Wilshire Blvd.); Miracle Mile (5451 Wilshire Blvd.); West Hollywood (310 N. San Vicente); Hollywood/LaBrea (7072 Hollywood Blvd.); Santa Monica (100 Wilshire Blvd.); San Fernando Valley (15250 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks); Long Beach Main (444 West Ocean Blvd.); East Long Beach (600 Redondo Ave.); Pomona (255 W. Mission Blvd.); and Claremont (102 N. Yale Ave.).

Of the 11 branches Sumitomo operates in Southern California, four are in the City of Los Angeles.

According to Tada, the number of BanCal employees who would be affected by the 19-branch acquisition is 323. Sumitomo presently has 840 employees.

“One of the stipulations of the bidding procedure was that the Bank of California employees be accorded ‘parity’ in compensation, benefits, and other employment standards by their new employer. We intend to do precisely that and make them feel welcome in their new association with us,” Tada emphasized.

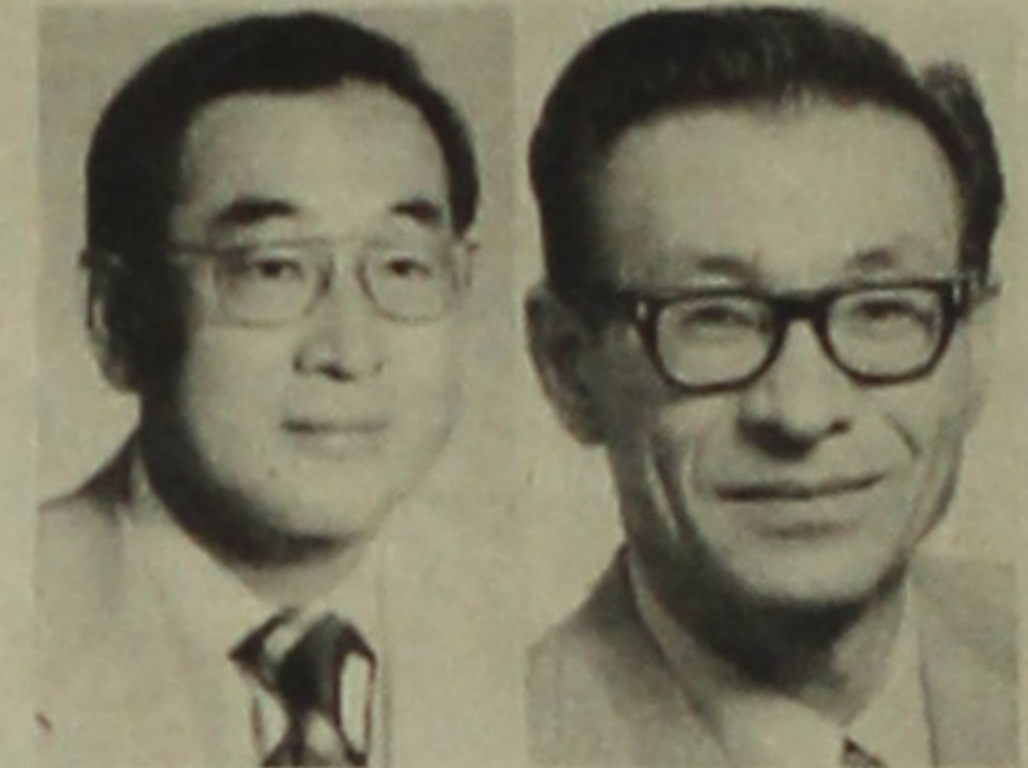
“BanCal not only reviewed our personnel policies, but carefully examined Sumitomo's treatment of customers and services offered before making its decision,” he noted.

Chartered by the State nearly a quarter-century ago, Sumitomo last year had operating revenues of \$64.2

million with earnings of \$5.5 million, or \$2.41 per share. The bank is headquartered in San Francisco and its stock is traded over-the-counter.

Business/Finance

Mas Kuwano, a native of Watsonville, has been named assistant vice president and manager of California First Bank office in Salinas at 531 S. Main Street. He succeeds Mike Mineishi, who has been transferred to the bank's San Francisco Regional office. Kuwano, who joined the bank in 1965, has served at a number of its Northern California facilities. In 1973, he was named assistant manager at the Guam office, and in 1975 he became the first manager of the new Saipan office.



SAM SATO MAS KUWANO

Sam S. Sato, manager of the California First Bank's North Fresno office since its opening in 1973, has been named vice president and manager of its Japan Center office, which means going back “home” where he grew up and where he joined the bank staff in 1963.

CFB president Masao Tsuyama also announced promotions of three men to asst vp's: Kiyoshi Arakawa, Stockton office assistant manager; Shigeo Tanouye, conducts No. Calif. training programs from San Jose; and Clarence Kajikawa, asst. manager, San Jose office.

Marshals clear Sun Bldg. in surprise pre-dawn raid

LOS ANGELES — The Sun Bldg. in Little Tokyo was cleared for demolition crews after a surprise early morning move by a squad of county marshals last week (July 6) when they ejected two LTPRO members occupying the Weller St. site.

By 6:30 a.m., the beleaguered office building abutting the nearly completed New Otani Hotel & Garden,

was locked after LTPRO's remaining equipment and furniture were hauled away by movers.

The previous day, Little Tokyo People's Rights Organization (LTPRO) members had picketed in front of the building against eviction in anticipation of a confrontation with marshals. The media had been alerted and were present.

Other tenants in the city-owned structure vacated the premise last month and are now settled in interim quarters in two old church buildings.

L.A. marts get U.S. funds

LOS ANGELES—Federal grants of \$3 million to revitalize Los Angeles' downtown flower market and about \$750,000 to revamp the city's produce market were announced by Mayor Bradley.

Just home from what he described as “the most single satisfying day I have ever spent in Washington,” Bradley told a City Hall news conference June 29 the grants and redevelopment of the markets will assure continuation of about 5,100 jobs.

Frank Kuwahara, executive vice president of Southern California Flower Growers, said total cost of redeveloping the flower market in the next three years will be about \$12 million, with the balance to come from private industry.

The federal money will provide a bridge across Wall St., pedestrian malls, sidewalks, storm drains, paving and parking lots.

The remaining \$750,000 in federal money will be used for planning expansion and consolidation of the 34-block produce market area.

Matsushita offers Nisei Week prize

LOS ANGELES—Miss Nisei Week's trip to Japan in October is being sponsored by Matsushita Electric Corp. of America, it was announced by general chairman Hiro-michi Kume.

The queen will be selected at the coronation ball Aug. 20 at the Bonaventure Hotel, signaling the start of the week-long festival.

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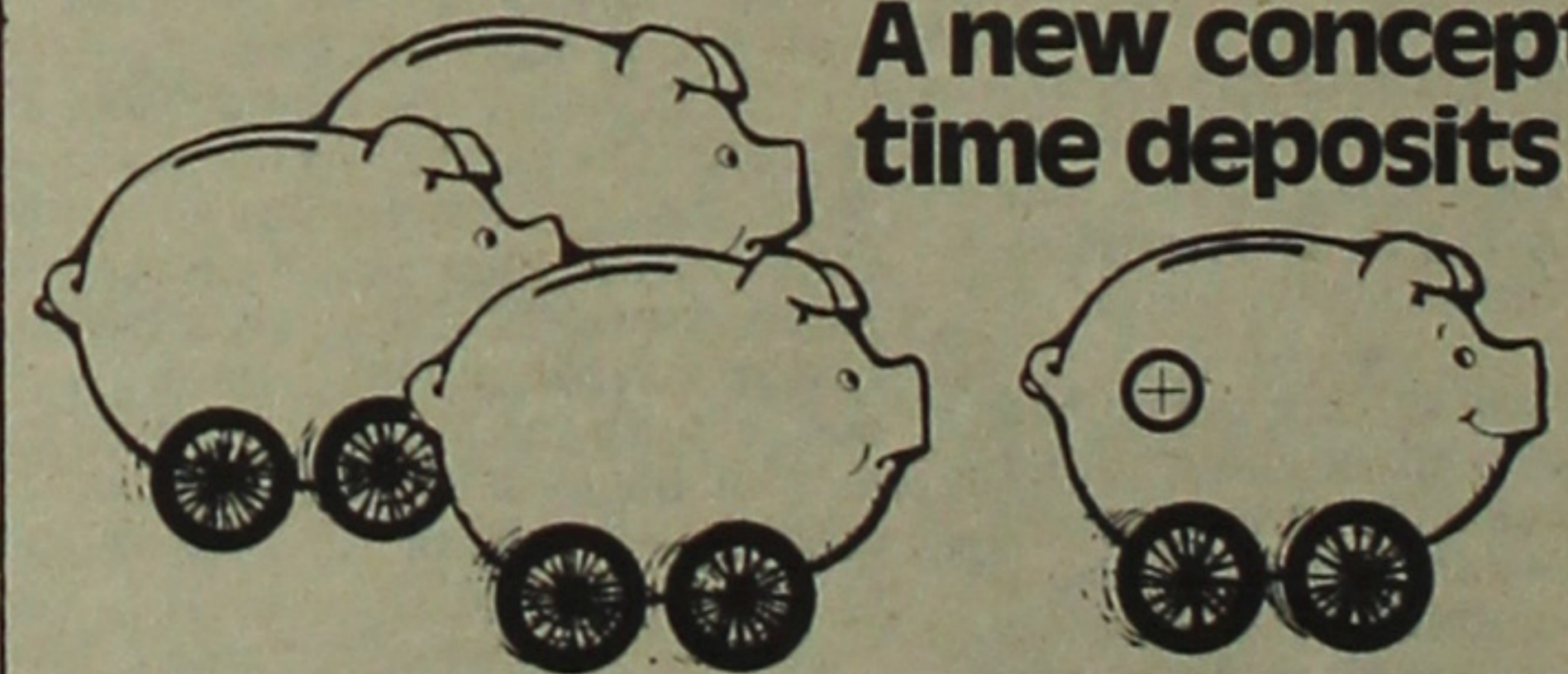
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Ye Editor's Desk: Harry Honda

Mr. Miki's Address

On June 10, former Japanese prime minister Takeo Miki addressed the San Francisco Commonwealth Club on "The Future of Democracy in Japan". The luncheon affair had the cooperation of several civic and trade organizations, including the National JAACL. Extracted below (with parenthetical explanations inserted) are portions that we found significant.—HH

The precious gift the people of California gave me as a young man (Miki first visited the U.S. in 1929 and returned in 1932 to study for two years at Univ. of Southern California) was the gift of understanding democracy and cherishing freedom. This gift has sustained me throughout my political career...

Question (of whether democracy has a future in Japan) arises, I think, out of honest misunderstanding of Japanese attitudes, institutions and deep national commitments. Indeed, some of the images of Japan which are widely held in this country are mutually contradictory.

Take the issue of pacifism vs. militarism. Some Americans criticize Japan for taking a free ride by relying on the United States for its security while doing very little for its own defense. Others fear that Japan—if given a chance—may acquire nuclear weapons and return to the path of militarism...

American images of Japan, in other words, are very mixed. Perhaps, this is inevitable. We are very different cultures and deep communication is not easy. But it is necessary and we must try.

In this spirit, let me give an unqualified and confident answer to the question...

Yes. The future of democracy in Japan is secure. It is deeply rooted in our historical traditions. The pluralistic base of our democracy has been greatly expanded in postwar years. And the institutions of Japanese democracy are providing steady and resilient under severe tests.

Political norm for Japan was not that period of military rule (1931-1945). The military were usurpers in a system of parliamentary democracy established in 1889... Indeed, the indigenous movement to establish democratic rights and freedoms is even older, dating from the early Meiji era... The period of 1910-1926 was a golden era of our parliamentary system—the era of Taisho Democracy...

One of the strong barriers to dictatorship throughout Japanese history has been that peculiar consensus-building tradition of decision-making which is so baffling to Americans and other foreigners. It may be that the ancient principle of consensus-building, not from the top down but from the bottom up, has played a role in the growth of Japanese democracy...

Japanese politics has traditionally consisted of competing maneuverers and compromises among power interests. Rarely has a single political force gained complete dominance. An American specialist on Japan has described it as pluralistic hegemony. Such a system would be appreciated by James Madison, an architect of the American constitution.

Widely shared prosperity (as a result of Japan's postwar economic growth) has created an electorate that is overwhelming middle class in its interests and values... It is inconceivable to me that totalitarianism, whether from the extreme left or the extreme right, could again capture the minds of a people who now have a great stake in the rights and freedoms—and the

affluence—democracy has brought them...

(Of the problems & challenges ahead), our democracy in fact is undergoing a test of governability (of responding) creatively to the needs and demands of a diversified and sophisticated population of 112 million people living in a complex modern society...

Our political parties often seem out of touch with popular concerns, unresponsive to the pluralistic popular will... The executive-administrative branch of government has grown so bureaucratic and cumbersome that the checks and balances of our constitutional system no longer function as effectively as they should...

In Japan, as in other modern democracies, the danger of alienation from politics is real.

One key test of governability for a democracy in these times is whether it can effectively guarantee both qualitative and quantitative improvements in the national livelihood. But this requirement is no longer under the full control of any national government.

In the interdependent global economy, stagflation seems to have become a worldwide epidemic. Protecting our natural environment has become a global responsibility. The threat of depletion of natural resources and the energy crisis have operated as a brake on rates of economic growth all over the world... The growing disparity between industrial and developing nations threatens the very foundations of world economy. Costly arms races and the threat of nuclear war continue, reminding mankind of our capacity for self-destruction...

Our ultimate test, as democracies, is to find workable solutions to these challenges on behalf of all mankind.

Humanity is, at last, one race with one destiny. No longer can any democracy, no matter how powerful, be selfishly concerned with only its own national interests. Unless the world's democracies work effectually together, and in harmony and accommodation with the legitimate interests of the rest of mankind, we shall fail the test of our own governability...

Perhaps, we should not be too impatient. Democracy has never been an answer to problems. It is a process for solving problems, by reconciling and protecting the interests and rights of diverse groups in the society. Democracy cannot be imposed. It must be learned—and earned—by the people who choose it. Once learned, democracy is not given up lightly as the recent events in India demonstrate.

The future of democracy—in Japan as elsewhere—rests on the historical fact that no other system, however efficient or tidy, can guarantee individual initiative, personal freedom and fulfillment, as effectively as democracy... We Japanese, I assure you, are no summer patriots in this modern-day struggle for human liberty, dignity and rights.

Because we cherish our own freedoms, we are enlisted for the duration. This, indeed, is the most enduring bond between our two peoples: our shared commitment to democracy.

'The King & I'

Editor:

Twenty-odd years when I saw the movie, "The King and I" (PC, June 24) I found it charming as well as sympathetic. Sometimes later when it was adapted into the musical, we also saw that. It incensed me.

As a hakuin I kept saying to anyone who'd listen that if I were of Asian descent, I would be furious at what I saw as belittling. It was a beautifully staged and musically satisfying production but basically I felt it was wrong. Another hakuin couple we know did leave after the first act.

I am pleased to know that we were not alone.

BEATRICE KIRSCHENBAUM
San Francisco.

Bakke Case

Editor:

The JAACL position in the case of the Regents of the Univ. of Calif. vs. Allan Bakke (PC, July 1) is a splendid example of our commitment to eradicate all vestige of racism, even if we have to resort to racist or arbitrary means ourselves.

Our organization, purporting to speak for all Japanese Americans, has registered support for the Regents of the U. of C. without even explaining their reasons to us peons, much less polling our collective opinion. Do our leaders have the gift of transcontinental mind reading? Or have they assumed the mantle of infallibility?

Admittedly, our leadership has always acted with honor and intelligence (except for a few instances which are best forgotten). But JA's should be given an explanation of why we should support an affirmative action program which discriminates against ourselves.

If we are instructed to commit hara-kiri, we should at least be told the reason for such self-sacrifice.

MASARU ODOI
Gardena, Calif.

Think 'American'

Editor:

With all the minority groups wanting their piece of action, so to speak, this country's morale is at its lowest. Everyone should stop thinking "minority" and stop all this nonsense about skin shades and start thinking "American".

We are all Americans, born under one flag and without our outer covering, we are all the same—human beings.

Chicago recently had its day with the Puerto Rican group demanding jobs and better neighborhoods. The American Indians and the Blacks are demanding free handouts and expects society to make up for all the wrong done to them in the past. What nonsense!

Everyone, including the Japanese Americans, should forget the past and work for the future. One can never make up for past history but one should lift one's head and march onward.

Everyone is entitled to a job but not because of the color of his skin or meeting quotas but because he is qualified to do that job. If language is the problem, do something about it. All it takes is hard work and perseverance. The Japanese Americans have proven that. No one should be entitled to a free hand-out and if a certain minority group is not represented in key government posts, there is a reason for it and it is not discrimination.

BETTY KUKITA PERRY
Skokie, Ill.

Short Notes

Editor:

I guess I have quite a bit of "gaman" and sometimes unfortunately it might be unintentionally taken advantage of. I've never complained in print... In my last column, "You Can't Go Home Again" the word Wampus was misspelled Wampum. JOE OYAMA

Berkeley, Calif.
Our recollection of the prewar movie stars on the Warner Bros. lot who were just starting out were called "Baby Wampus" and not as columnist Joe says in his letter. He may be right but check an unabridged dictionary and Joe might understand why we changed the spelling.—Ed.

Tell us what you
think... briefly.

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good that I can do, or any kindness that I can show any human being, let me do it now and not defer it. For I shall not pass this way again. —Stephen Grellet

A Corner for Our Guests:

Frame for frame, the quality flourished

By CHIZ SATOW

San Francisco

The landscape here has never been so dry, brown and dead-looking as this year. Things used to be fresh and green. Concern now is water rationing... But in spite of it all, tourists still come and go.

The Fourth of July weekend was no different with "dyed in the wool" bowlers participating here in the first National JAACL Masao W. Satow Memorial handicap tournament. It was successful in that it had quality and lots of conviviality in lieu of quantity.

Most of the credit should go to Hi Akagi, Alameda JAACL chapter president several times recycled, as the "lead off" man putting this tournament together with his hand-picked committee members from around

the Bay Area.

Hi, while not a stranger in the Bay Area, is a rare person and I want to share his profile here. A man of never-ending talents and energy, he operates a successful sporting goods business with outlets around the U.S. and a goodly number of foreign countries. He finds time to go fishing, diving for abalone, skiing over snow in winter (when it's there) or over water in summer. He bowls, plays golf and stays active in all segments of his community—be it political, civic, religious.

For the present, Hi is drilling for water in his backyard. But I predict he will strike oil first. I say this because everything he touches turns to gold. A person with strong conviction and optimism, he has the know-how to get people involved

in his quiet way.

Complementing all this is his vivacious and enthusiastic wife, Betty, who does her share, too... It's good to have people like Betty and Hi on your side.

An active echelon of JAACL turned out in full force for the "special event" of the tournament. Don Hayashi, George Kondo and Karl Nobuyuki from staff and old timers like national president Jim Murakami, Ted Nomura, Jug Takeshita and Ben Takeshita (they're not related) were knocking out themselves trying to out-score each other.

Talking with President Jim (who came in the money at 3d place), he said: "Maybe I would've done better if I hadn't let Margarette use my bowling ball for the last several years as a weight to

make tsukemomo." The "special event" was an ingenious idea because otherwise many bowlers who have retired from the game don't know what to do with their bowling ball long forgotten in the basement or garage.

The tournament ended on a happy note as Hi asked me to present the trophies and prizes. Greatest personal pleasure came when I handed the women's single events trophy to Grace Kasai of Salt Lake City—whose friendship spans some 30 years interspersed with traveling together to Japan four times and to other places.

JAACLers will remember that Mas used to take every opportunity to peddle all kinds of JAACL things: books, decals, raffle tickets, PR brochures... Some have

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Just
About
YouthBy RANDY CHIN
(NYCC Chairperson)

Gardena

Why am I in JAYS?

The JAYS have been around since the middle of the 1960s, and over and over again the question of the purpose of JAYS has been brought up by the JAYS members as well as JAACLers. Many people believe that the purpose centers around preserving and appreciating the Japanese American's cultural heritage. Then the question is posed upon me as a full-blooded Chinese American, "Why are you in JAYS?"

I know as a fact that there are people who don't believe I should be allowed to join JAYS, let alone be NYCC Chairman, yet JAYS is much more to me than a Japanese

American organization, and the same holds for many others. "Why am I in JAYS?" you ask. The organization has done so much for me. While I was in high school, I was a nobody. I went to school, went to work or hung around neighborhood friends, studied after dinner, then went to bed. Sure, I was a "good" kid and received good grades, but I lacked confidence socially. I had difficulty making friends outside of school, and didn't have much fun.

Right out of high school I was introduced to JAYS. My first activity was a simple barbeque at someone's house. I made so many friends that first night, and was hooked. Since then I have gained so many strong cherished friendships from all over the country. Many friendships have been held together through letter-writing, and I haven't seen the person in years, yet I feel that I really know that

person, and the relationship is important to me.

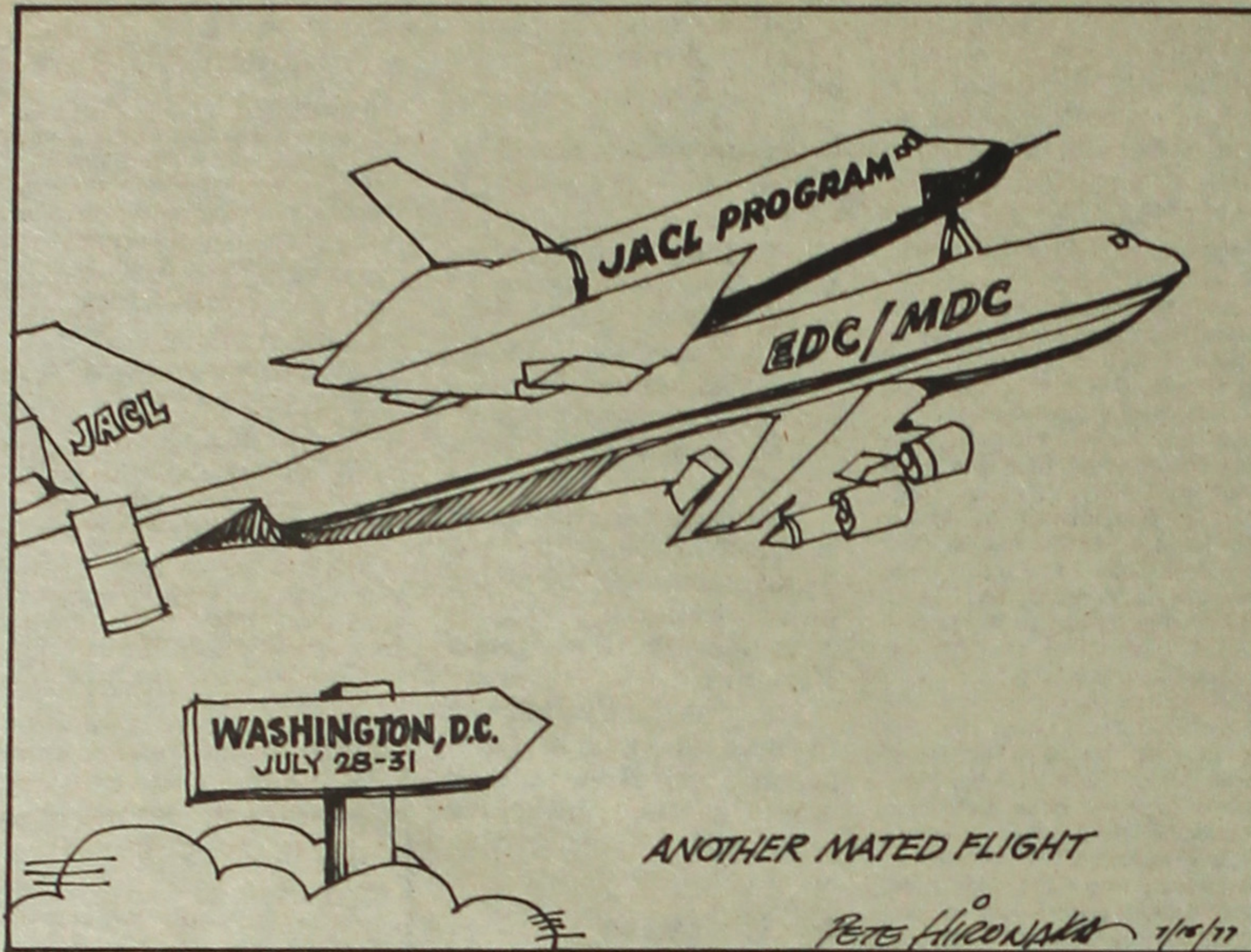
Besides friendships I have gained leadership skills. As chapter president and many times program chairman, I have learned how to plan, organize, delegate, and supervise. These skills are so vital to growing youth in preparation for grownup life.

When I went to the National Convention in Twin Cities, I did not expect to return home as NYCC Chairman. I was asked to consider running for the position of NYCC Chair, and immediately refused. I don't have the necessary qualifications. I study chemical engineering and lack the skills of public speech, good writing techniques, and policy-making. I had little involvement in National JAYS and JAACL. There was some difficulty getting candidates to run, and for sure I didn't want to see the organization crumble. I have that one impor-

tant qualification, a desire to keep the organization strong and prosperous. I took the position keeping in mind how important JAYS have been in molding my character.

It must be remembered that JAYS is not merely a Japanese American organization, although that is a vital aspect. JAYS is also a youth group that provides growing youth with so many of the essentials for a rich, fulfilling life.

The survival of JAYS is not only in the hands of the membership, but so tremendously depends on the support of a guiding hand in the form of JAACL, and the guidance and advice of those former JAYS who have gained as much from the organization, if not more. If you have been involved with JAYS and consider it a plus in your life, don't keep everything to yourself. Give us a hand. And remember... the future is in the youth.



Plain Speaking: Wayne Horiuchi

Fight Goes On

Washington
In the last several weeks, JACL has had significant impact as an organization in speaking against the usage of the word, "Jap", and other racial slurs by public officials, public servants and other individuals.

Let me cite some recent examples:

I've been very impressed at the way in which the San Benito County JACL chapter has responded to the racial slur by a history teacher who used the term, "Jap", in teaching his classroom lesson. With the help of George Kondo, the Northern California regional director, JACL has educated the public in general of the terrible, derogatory connotation of this racial epithet. Of signal importance is the volunteer leadership that has risen to the occasion in exposing the teacher.

But the fight goes on. The Washington Office of JACL just recently sent a letter to the President and the Chairman of the Board of Kodak objecting to comments made by one of the officers during an interview in Business Week. The vice president of marketing and advertising for Kodak proposed that "Remember Pearl Harbor"

be printed on the back of each Kodak film pack as a cheap shot against Japanese photographic competitors. Presumably this would promote Kodak sales over Japanese products.

Therefore, I was encouraged to receive a letter from the vice president and director of corporate relations who completely disavowed the remarks made by the Kodak official and deeply apologized for his comment. In addition, Business Week in the July 11 issue published my letter to the chairman of the board and president of Kodak objecting to the racial slur made by the Kodak representative. Publication of my letter in a major national publication such as Business Week adds credibility to the JACL objection but even more importantly puts other public representatives on notice that these kinds of insidious racial slurs cannot be condoned without public exposure.

The fight will continue. I hope that each individual member of JACL will be vigilant in identifying racial slurs and epithets against Japanese Americans and take the initiative to educate society of their derogatory nature.



East Wind: Bill Marutani

Wave of the Future: Asian American Togetherness

Philadelphia
AS A candidate who happens to be of Asian ancestry, I should like to share with you a few observations which are non-political. I advisedly say "non-political" because there is a canon that severely restricts, and in many spheres absolutely prohibits (and properly so), a judge from participating in politics.

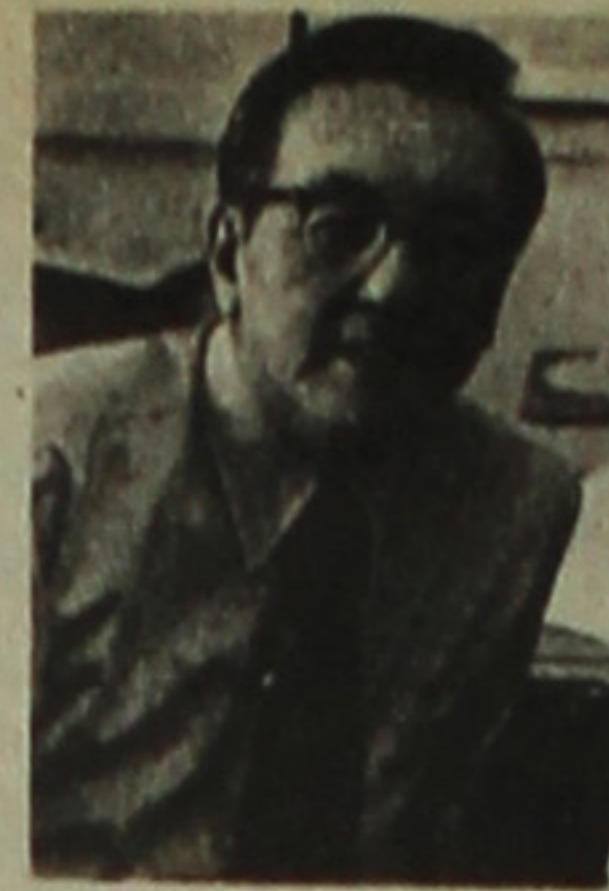
THE ONE EXCEPTION is where the judge is a candidate himself. Which happens to be the present situation in this writer's case. Nonetheless, these observations shall be non-partisan, non-soliciting, and so forth. Rather, the intention is to provide a glimpse—and that's all that it can be—of the political process as viewed by this Asian American.

AT THE OUTSET let it be known that the campaign committee supporting this candidacy is one composed of a spectrum that includes Americans of Chinese, East Indian, Japanese, Korean and Pilipino ancestries, among others. Heading up the committee is a dedicated, efficient, well-organized chairperson who happens to be of Chinese

ancestry: Priscilla Ching-Chung. Pages could be written about her efforts and contributions.

IN ADDITION TO having such a chairperson, let it also be said that other members of the committee have given unselfishly of their time and talents in evening meetings, drafting, mailings—all the things that go into running a campaign. This includes generous financial support, finances so necessary to conducting any campaign. That the candidate himself happens to be a Nisei—a person of Japanese ancestry—is just that: a happenstance, insofar as the non-Nisei supporters are concerned. Some of the most generous financial contribution have come from other, non-Nisei, Asian Americans. Specifically including Chinese, Korean and Pilipino.

I MENTION ALL this as a demonstration to those doubters, to those "hesitators", to the few cynics—to those who continue to be mentally shackled by the shibboleth that Asian Americans somehow cannot work together. Then can. And do. I have seen, I have received. And I know. To the



From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

Warren's Memoirs

Denver, Colo.
Some folks are making quite a to-do about the fact that Earl Warren, in his recently published memoirs, expressed regret that he pressed for the evacuation of Japanese Americans during World War II.

He does indeed express unequivocal remorse in the book (*The Memoirs of Chief Justice Earl Warren*, \$12.95, Doubleday). These are the precise words from page 149:

"I have since deeply regretted the removal order and my own testimony advocating it, because it was not in keeping with our American concept of freedom and the rights of citizens. Whenever I thought of the innocent little children who were torn from home, school friends, and congenial surroundings, I was conscience-stricken. It was wrong to react so impulsively, without positive evidence of disloyalty, even though we felt we had a good motive in the security of our state. It demonstrates the cruelty of war when fear, get-tough military psychology, propaganda, and racial antagonism combine with one's responsibility for public security to produce such acts."

Straightforward enough. Yet it all seems to be a peculiar and curious statement from the man who went on to become a distinguished chief justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Let us back up a moment to lay out the circumstances of which Warren speaks. He was attorney general of California in early 1942. He was charged with defending the rights of Californians and enforcing the laws of the state. He chose, instead, to demand that the civil rights of Japanese Americans be violated and that the laws pertaining to those rights be suspended where the Japanese American minority was concerned.

In taking the position that Warren did in 1942, he became involved in some deep philosophical issues about Constitutional rights, issues that he had to wrestle with in later years as Supreme Court justice. The decisions at which he arrived while on the Court did much to force Americans to

recognize the rights of all minorities, particularly the Blacks.

Yet—and this is the curious part—Warren in his book makes no mention of the specific legal rights that were violated by the evacuation. He ignores the issues that were raised by the Yasui and Hirabayashi law suits that challenged the military's selective curfew order against civilians in the absence of martial law, and the Korematsu and Endo cases that challenged the legality of the evacuation and continued incarceration.

The Supreme Court, before Warren joined it, heard some of these cases. The Court upheld the contention that the military was justified in ordering the evacuation of Japanese Americans on a racial basis, and that precedent still stands more than three decades later. Warren chose to ignore these facts in his book. He chose, instead, to devote one paragraph of his book telling about how his conscience hurt him when he remembered that he had helped to put innocent little children behind the barbed wire of American concentration camps.

It is also peculiar that Warren devotes several pages (about the same amount of space that he gave the entire subject Japanese Americans) about the role he had played in chasing the prostitutes out of towns near California military camps. Thus, he indicates, he helped reduce the venereal disease rate among the troops and contributed to the national defense. Were these episodes of equal importance in his life?

It is a notable footnote to history that Earl Warren, after all these years of silence, finally got around to admitting he was wrong in 1942. But it is only an awkward, mawkish admission when he could have made it so much more. It is a sorry performance, totally unworthy of an American who contributed so much to the progress of his country.

Next Week: Why did Earl Warren "apologize" in the way he did?

SATOW

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accused him of even selling razor blades!

So, here I am following his footsteps, trying to acquaint everyone with a book, "They

Called Her Tokyo Rose" by Rex Gunn, who traces the origin of Iva Toguri from the point of view as a veteran at Pearl Harbor and a GI war correspondent in the Pacific.

To those who have ordered, thanks-but have patience. You will be sent a copy.

I must also say JACL has a stake in this because of the profit-sharing arrangement with the Masao W. Satow Fund campaign, which will enable the writing of the JACL Story, which has never been documented as a single volume. □

doubters, to the hesitators, and to the cynics: it would do your heart good to see the unselfish cooperation and devotion extended to a Nisei by our fellow Asian Americans.

IF WE WOULD only open our minds and our hearts; if we would only openly extend our hands to our fellow Americans of Asian ancestry, without reservations, without hesitation; if only we would be willing to see one another—what a great promise toward working together to realize our common aspirations, our rightful places, our goals toward making this society a better place for all, regardless of race, religion, creed or color. And that's what this proud Nation is supposed to be.

AS YOU CAN see, I do not easily give up. Notwithstanding an earlier "last" column on Asian American togetherness and cooperation. This is the wave of the future. In this there is some real, meaningful hope. If we would only be positive, rather than regressing to old and out-dated—and false—ethnic provincialism. That wave is here and now. Ready to raise us to new heights, new horizons. Together. □

Enjoying a hamburger picnic



Pacific Citizen Archives

Ten years after they were hideously disfigured by the first atomic bomb ever dropped in war, 25 "Hiroshima Maidens" brought to America for plastic surgery treatment are enjoying a

hamburger picnic at the Connecticut home of Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review of Literature, who "fathered" the project with the Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto.

Hiroshima 'maiden' credits U.S. family for inner peace

Hiroshima Michiko Sako feels sure enough about herself and her relations with others now to listen patiently to compliments about her appearance, smile indulgently and put the person paying the compliment in his place. "If I had a normal woman sitting here beside me you'd notice the difference," Mrs. Sako said without bitterness.

For Mrs. Sako to have overcome bitterness to smile readily and to put visitors to ease by communicating an inner serenity after an experience that ravaged her body and soul and seemingly for life nearly 32 years ago, is a measure of her triumph. She is not alone in having overcome physical disfigurement and the consequent psychic shock from the American atom bomb

dropped on Hiroshima, but she exemplifies those whose return to society has been complete.

Mrs. Sako was one of the Hiroshima "maidens", 25 young women brought to the United States in 1955 for medical treatment, mainly plastic surgery, for the visible scars of their burns and the hideous accumulations of scar tissue called keloids.

Mrs. Sako, 13 years old then, was less than a mile from the hypocenter of the explosion, doing demolition work for which her class had been mobilized. Caught on the open, she suffered catastrophic burns, leaving her with eyes that she could not close and a mouth that she could not bring to smile. Now, with a slight smile, she said that even if she

Any up-date story about the 25 Hiroshima "maidens" would not be complete without mentioning two people associated with this humanitarian effort: (a) Norman Cousins, editor of the "Saturday Review", who secured doctors and surgeons to volunteer, New York's Mt. Sinai Hospital to offer its facilities and bed care, American families to house the group and the U.S. Air Force to give them a free lift from Tokyo to New York; and (b) the Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto, the Georgia-educated minister who got his first call prewar at the Hollywood Independent Church. His church in Hiroshima was hit and the story of that day was vividly told by John Hersey in "Hiroshima". In 1953, Cousins met the Hiroshima "maidens" at Rev. Tanimoto's church.—Editor.

could have smiled, she could recall nothing in the 10 ensuing years that she would have felt like smiling at.

"For 10 years the door of my heart was totally closed," Mrs. Sako said, "I never left my house. I cursed the people that made me suffer and those who had not suffered, and felt pity for myself."

In those years, Mrs. Sako expressed her feelings openly only in poems. One, *Bring Back My Smile*, attracted some attention when it was set to music. She wrote:

*Though flowers bloom again,
Even after blossoms have fallen,
Once injured, the body never heals.*

She no longer writes poems, Mrs. Sako said, because she is too busy managing her household with her husband, a railroad worker, and two children, a girl of 17 and a boy of 15, and her work as a dressmaker. "In those days, I had to write poems," she said, implying that since then, she has found other ways of expressing herself.

Mrs. Sako gives most of the credit for her psychological rehabilitation to the American family with which she spent her 18 months in America: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tryon Miller of Ridgewood, N.J. Mrs. Miller has died since then, and efforts to reach Miller were unavailable.

More than the 13 operations, which together with four previous operations in Japan, restored mobility and expressiveness to her face, Mrs. Sako emphasizes that the natural ease with which the Millers, and Americans in general, treated her lessened her obsession with her scars.

"It is a difference in national character," she said. "The Japanese looked at me with the eyes of curiosity and made me think of my ugly appearance. Any woman wants to look pretty. I feel grateful to the people of Ridgewood. To them, I was nothing more than a Japanese woman."

Mrs. Sako withdraws from questions on the dismal years, but the surgeon who treated her then, Dr. Tomin Harada, said her grandmother, with whom Mrs. Sako, an orphan, lived, destroyed all the mirrors in the house to prevent her from seeing herself. One day, she saw her reflection in water and became so desperate she stopped speaking to anyone.

Whenever she stepped outside, neighbors gave her pitiful looks, Harada said. She couldn't stand it. And the boys her age called her monster. Her heart is much more open now, Mrs. Sako said, but not totally. Even today, there are some bitter experiences, she added. Again, Mrs. Sako was reluctant to speak of them, but she recalled that her husband's family openly opposed their marriage, and she ran into opposition more recently when she was proposed for election as vice-president of the Parent-Teachers Association.

Some parents said a vice-

president must sometimes appear in public and should be more beautiful, Mrs. Sako recalled. "Of course, I told them off. That's an American habit, not Japanese. I was elected."

Mrs. Sako said their children were growing up normally, a fact confirmed by their teachers. Although fear that exposure to radiation damage might produce

deformed children has not been completely allayed, American and Japanese physicians said that all evidence so far points to a hopeful conclusion. But Mrs. Sako said she expected her children to have to overcome some reluctance from families when their time came to marry.

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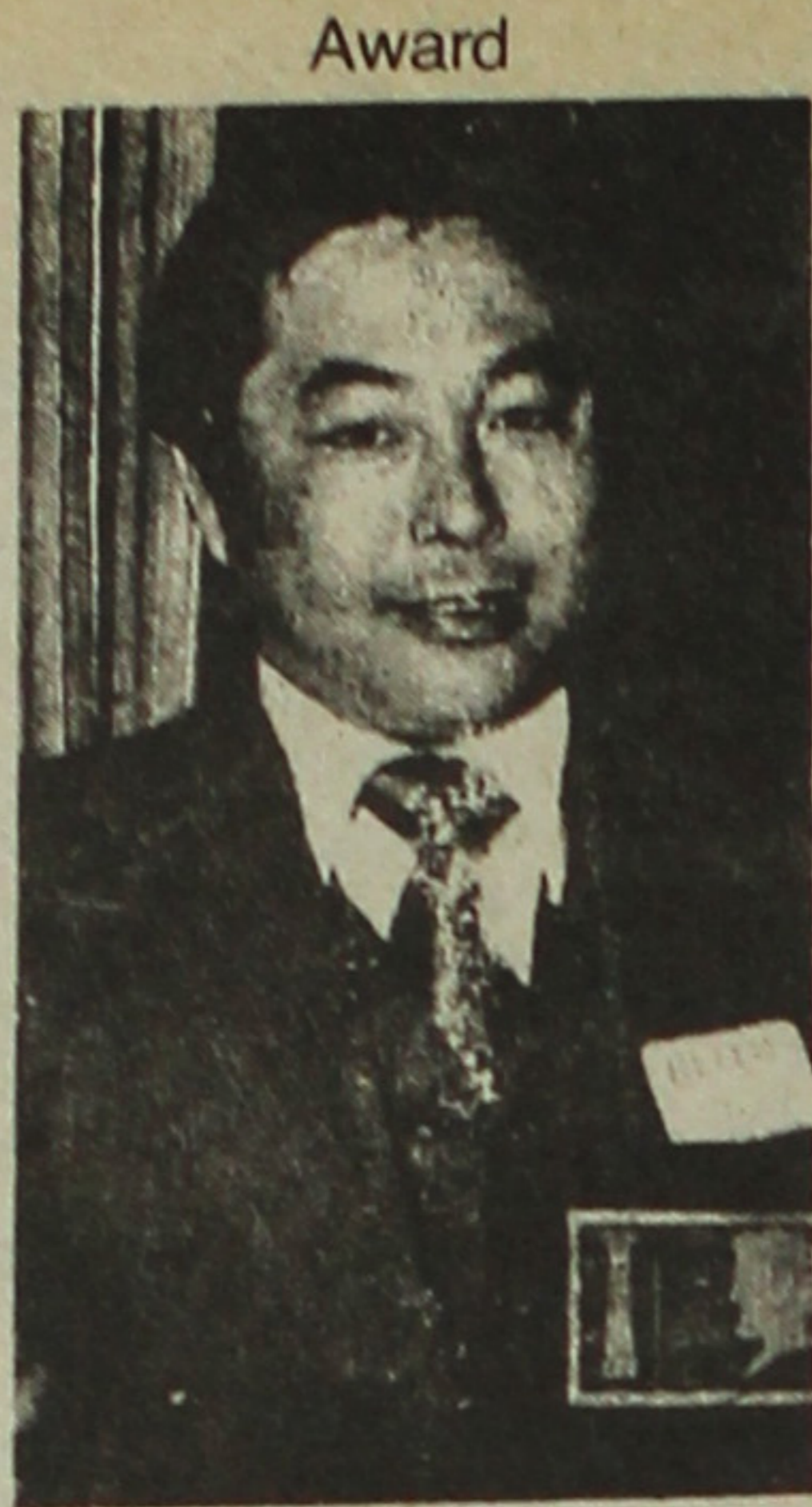
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Yoko Ichino, 24, Los Angeles-born ballerina competing in the Bolshoi Ballet's international competition, was one of four winners of the highly coveted bronze medals.



STEVE ASAKI

Los Alamitos Chamber of Commerce honored Steve Asaki, an attorney active with the Hot Line, Orange County Bar Association's committee aiding the indigent on legal matters.

Organization

With Dr. George K. Togasaki of Tokyo retiring as director of the Rotary International Foundation, Evanston, Ill., Ichiro Matsudaira, chairman of the Calif. First Bank of San Francisco, was appointed as successor.

Ex-PC writer back in Hawaii to head state chamber office

HONOLULU—Lawrence K. Nakatsuka, of Honolulu and Washington, D.C., has been appointed manager of the Government Affairs Department of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, effective July 1.

Robert B. Robinson, Chamber president who made the announcement, said Nakatsuka's appointment fills a vacancy in a key staff position.

"We searched for an experienced, highly qualified person for this position," Robinson said. "Larry Nakatsuka comes to the post with many years of valuable background in legislative, business, and community service in Hawaii and Washington.

Nakatsuka has just completed 14 1/2 years' service as a Congressional employee with U.S. Senator Hiram L. Fong, who retired recently. Nakatsuka served as Fong's legislative and executive assistant and as a top committee staffer.

dent in 1973-74.

Born in Hanalei, Kauai, Nakatsuka was educated in Hawaii schools and at Harvard University, where he was a Nieman Fellow in a special program for experienced newsmen.

Nakatsuka and his wife, the former Minnie Yamauchi of Honolulu, have three children: Paul, a graduate student in economics at the University of California at Los Angeles; Roy, who will be a senior next September at Princeton University; and Laura, an intermediate school student.

The family returned to Honolulu (1335 Palolo Ave.) from their home in Arlington, Va., in July.

Award

A drawing by Cheryl Kumada of Cerritos, Calif., won first prize in the 5th-6th grade division in the second annual Calif. First Bank art contest for local schools in the Cerritos Office area, it was announced by F. Endo, office manager.

HIROSHIMA

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The long years of withdrawal from—or rejection by—society have made Mrs. Sako more reflective and more outspoken than Japanese women of her generation are.

"Men can still be active in

society, no matter what their physical disadvantages. With women, beauty comes first. How her face looks is extremely important. Not only myself but many of my friends have to go through the bitter experience of being rejected by employers when looking for a job.

"Once you get more mature, it is less important perhaps. But it's too cruel to say to a girl in her early 20's with terrible scars that this should not be so important.

"I am half at peace with myself today," Mrs. Sako said.

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of life, she had planned for herself before the bomb. "I wanted to be an actress," she said. "My friends talked me into it because I had inherited some of my mother's beauty." —New York Times

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