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Before the U.S. Supreme Court:

## Review asked by Young/Chin

NEW YORK — The U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether or not to review the case of Elizabeth Young, 32, and Kenneth Chin, 29, in the upcoming October term. The two Chinese Americans were apprehended by U.S. Secret Service agents on

Oct. 4, 1975, in their Brooklyn apartment on charges of violating the federal firearms act.

But the press had first reported the case was believed to involve "a plot to assassinate Emperor Hirohito" who was due to arrive that eve-

ning in New York. Neither the Secret Service nor the FBI commented on this.

According to a detailed summary of the case prepared by the Young/Chin legal aid committee, based at the Asian American Resource Center, 199 Lafayette St., New York 10012, the two were found guilty and sentenced on Sept. 17, 1976. Young faced five years and/or \$5,000; Chin ten years and/or \$10,000. Because of wide community support attesting to their good character and service to the community, both with clean records, the judge suspended sentence and placed them on three-year probation.

A three judge panel heard the appeal, agreeing with many important points made by the defense lawyers, but the conviction was reaffirmed without legal explanation. When a transcript of the proceedings was sought to prepare the case in the U.S. Supreme Court, the defense was told the tapes were "defective" and are presently unusable.

In the request for case review, the couple contended they were victims of "gross violation of human rights". The Asian American Legal

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## Achievement Award Winners



California State Board of Barber Examiner and Nisei Republican Party leader Toshiko Yamamoto (left), Los Angeles Times staff writer Nancy Yoshihara and Gardena attorney Madge Watai were among 30 women to receive The East Los Angeles Community Union's third annual Women's Achievement Award at a banquet, Sept. 24, at the L.A. Biltmore Hotel.

## Symbolic Fairhaven sword stolen; \$500 reward posted

FAIRHAVEN, Mass. — A \$500 reward has been offered for the return of the 14th Century Japanese sword taken from the Millicent Library here. Also taken were a ceremonial bowl and medal (Order of the Sacred Treasure, 3rd class) presented to the late Charles S. Hamlin.

The sword, 3½-foot long, was presented to Fairhaven by Viscount Kikujiro Ishii, then Japanese ambassador to the U.S., on July 4, 1916 on behalf of Dr. Toichiro Nakahama in commemoration of the rescue of his father, Manjiro, by Capt. William H. Whitfield of Fairhaven in the mid-Pacific in 1841.

(Story of Manjiro was

featured in the 1974 PC Holiday Issue. He was the first Japanese to come to the United States.)

Leading auction houses and antique dealers have been alerted and provided descriptions of the samurai sword, which has been a visible symbol of friendship between U.S. and Japan, librarian Rita Steele said. "The people of Fairhaven are so proud of the sword that it was kept on display even through World War II," it was added.

Police are investigating a lead that indicated two white males, in their 20s, were last seen in the room where the daylight theft occurred. □

## Shinoda bids for Wash. state senate

By EIRA NAGAOKA

Special to The Pacific Citizen SEATTLE, Wash.—Paul Y. Shinoda Jr. (R), state representative, will be the Republican candidate in the Nov. 8 run-off for State Senate from the 39th legislative district against Dianne Woody (D).

King County councilwoman Ruby Chow survived a challenge from fellow Democrat Gar Massingale and will be unopposed in the 5th district finals for another four-year term.

Ballots for Liem Eng Tuai, seeking superior court judge position No. 34 and candidates on the ballot for three other new judicial posts were not tallied after the state supreme court Sept. 8 ruled against the State Attorney General's instruction to have the new judicial posts on the Sept. 20 primary and Nov. 8 general ballots.

Since the 1977 state legislature had created the new judgeships, effective Nov. 1 (and a week before the election), the high court held for the Governor who intends to appoint the new judges by Nov. 1.

## Farm vote pivotal in Calif. races next year, says Kubo

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Harry Kubo, who led the fight last year to defeat the farm labor initiative Prop. 14, told the Sacramento Republican Associates this past week "the Republican Party will be missing the boat if it doesn't take advantage of the elections next year". Many think otherwise, but Kubo feels Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. can be beaten.

It was a repetition of a major commitment Kubo made last year to defeat Brown's expected bid for reelection. Brown had backed

Prop. 14.

Talking with the reporters later, the Nisei farmer of Parlier said he plans to ask agricultural interests to contribute \$2 million for state races. "I think the agricultural vote could be the pivotal vote in 1978," Kubo added.

As a result of the one-sided treatment by the Agricultural Labor Relations Board and the successful campaign to defeat Prop. 14, the farm community can do it again and defeat Brown, Kubo concluded. □

## Chinese latest to enter N.Y. garment trade

NEW YORK — Five years ago, midtown clothing makers started to send higher-priced items to Aurora Chu to work on. Today, Aurora Sportswear Inc. employs 70 to 80 immigrant Chinese and is one of 300-350 garment contractors in Chinatown, according to a recent report in the New York Times.

International Ladies Garment Workers Union officials regard work of the Aurora Sportswear as a "quali-

ty operation" and "one of the best".

The garment industry has become the largest single employer in Chinatown and more than 8,000 of the ILGWU's 22,000 members here are Chinese. Local 23-25 manager Jay Mazur said the number could pass 9,000 before the end of this year.

Some may regard the site of 60 people working together and call it a "sweatshop", but the Chinese shops may have slightly more modern machinery and lighting than

## Ohio governor unflinching in use of 'Jap'

Special to The Pacific Citizen WASHINGTON — Gov. James A. Rhodes was the target of protests from his Japanese American constituents in Ohio as well as from the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League this past week after mentioning "Jap" during a press conference Sept. 27 in Columbus.

Rhodes was asked what kind of sales pitch he would make in view of the report that the Japanese automaker Honda had narrowed the choice down to a few sites including Union County, Ohio. "You can't sell the Japs anything," the Republican governor replied. Then asked if calling them "Japs" would upset them, Rhodes added: "Japs are Japanese. They can call us Yankees, whatever it is."

Washington JAACL representative Wayne Horiuchi, after explaining the organization's objection to the use of the racial epithet, sought public retraction and an apology from the Ohio chief executive.

"When the term is said by public officials, it reinforces

the continued use of the term by the public official. It causes many Japanese Americans distress and discomfort because it recalls the severe discrimination and acrimony of the 1940s," Horiuchi said in his telegram.

While the contraction may be convenient for the word Japanese, "for almost as long as the Japanese have been in America, 'Jap' has been used as a term of racial derogation", Horiuchi explained.

The furor caused by the prominent Washington, D.C., attorney during the Watergate hearings when he referred to Sen. Daniel Inouye as "that little Jap" was cited by Horiuchi as "ample evidence that the term is still universally recognized as a racial epithet".

The three JAACL chapters in Ohio, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Dayton, also protested the public use of "Jap" by their state chief executive whose term expires in 1978. Members were being encouraged to add their personal resentment over the use of the term.

## Asian group given \$1.2 million to establish resource center

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Economic Development Administration has offered a \$1,292,000 grant to the East Bay Asian Local Development Corp., supplying half of the cost to house the East Bay Asian Resource Center in the old Lyon warehouse on Harrison St. between 8th and 9th Sts.

The warehouse will centralize Asian social service agencies along with some commercial enterprises, according to Gerald Leo, EBALDC board chairman. Other funds have been received to help renovate the two-story structure with a Gothic touch.

Thus far, State Dept. of Housing and Community Development has provided a combination \$250,000 loan-grant with \$25,000 each from Cowell and the Fleischmann

foundations. Financing the remainder is expected to be in the form of \$1-million loan, "so we are still very much involved in fund raising activities," Leo announced.

In San Francisco, the YWCA announced its historic Residence Club on the perimeter of Chinatown will be converted from one room units to 84 self-contained apartments for low & moderate income housing and social service facility for the aged. Announcement was made last week after the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development allocated \$2,950,300 for the housing project. □

## Audubon quits boycott move

SAN FRANCISCO — This past summer the National Audubon Society formally withdrew support of continuing the boycott of Japanese goods as a tactic to save the whales, the JAACL Whale Issue Committee related in its latest memorandum to chapters and officers.

Gov. "Jerry" Brown also has stated he was opposed to boycott of Japanese imports to save the whales because he wants to attract Japanese industries to California. Statement came Aug. 19 while visiting a Greenpeace Foundation ship James Bay in San Francisco.

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### Bilingual survey on for reparations

SAN FRANCISCO — The Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council questionnaire (see Sept. 23 PC) in English and Japanese is being distributed by two-thirds of the 32 member chapters in accordance with the 1976 convention mandate.

The district committee set an Oct. 30 deadline from the respondents with chapters expected to forward the forms the following day to the NC-WN regional office, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco 94115.

## \$100 held too little for illegal arrests

WASHINGTON — A three-judge panel has ruled that \$100 each for Quakers arrested in April 24, 1971, demonstration in front of the White House, a prayer vigil, was too low an award.

Two of the three judges who decided Aug. 10 the money for Quakers was not enough earlier had ruled \$7,500 awarded to each of the 1,200 protesters arrested at the U.S. Capitol on May Day the same year was too much.

The federal court has been wrestling with the unusual concept of awarding

damages to persons whose constitutional rights have been violated.

U.S. Circuit Judge Harold Leventhal, writing for a unanimous three-judge court, said compensation for denial of First Amendment rights "should not be extravagant", but "should not be approached in a niggardly spirit".

U.S. District Judge Oliver Gasch who had ruled the arrests were illegal and ordered the government to pay \$2,764 in damages to 27 persons who filed suit, had awarded only "limited dam-

ages" because one of the stated purposes for the demonstration was to attract publicity. Gasch said he could not find the plaintiffs "were greatly aggrieved because the light of publicity which they were seeking to have shine on their demonstration shone more brightly than they had anticipated".

Leventhal said, "It is one thing to court publicity for a group vigil or meeting, an entirely proper exercise of First Amendment rights. It is quite another thing to be subject in addition to publicity of an individual arrest."

Pointing out that the plaintiffs were strip-searched and held in crowded conditions after their arrests, Leventhal said the issue of damages "calls for more sensitive treatment" by the lower court.

In separate opinion, U.S. Circuit Judge Malcolm Wilkey suggested that since the demonstration was a collective effort, the judge should decide on a flat sum to pay the group as a whole.

The panel remanded the award for recalculation.

## State Supreme Court chief visits Asian Law Alliance

SAN JOSE, Calif.—State Supreme Court Chief Justice Rose Elizabeth Bird paid an unannounced visit to the recent office opening of the Santa Clara County Asian Law Alliance here at the Wong Bldg., 1060 N. 4th St. (287-9710).

Escorted by her former associate, Superior Court Judge Tak Takei, the Chief Justice was asked how she viewed the significance of the Alliance's services. She indicated that the potential contributions were for the many, not only Asians.

The Alliance has provided legal assistance and research for members of the JACL communities located in both Santa Clara and San Benito counties. In Hollister, the Alliance examined the legal aspects of curriculum presentation.

ALA consulting attorneys are Don Tamaki and Brad Yamauchi.

The open house attracted more than 150 persons including representatives from:

Rep. Norman Mineta, Santa Clara

County Supervisors Cortese, Sanchez, and Steinberg; Santa Clara County Bar Association, Assemblywoman Leona Egeland's office, Assemblyman John Vasconcellos' office, the San Benito JACL, San Jose JACL, Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), the Asian Law Caucus of Oakland, and local social service agencies.

## Court & Law

Following inspection by Los Angeles County Health Dept. inspector Philip Ikuta last June 14, owner Guey Yee Quan of Alan Meat Co. in south L.A. was fined \$750 and placed on one year probation by court commissioner Meyer Newman Sept. 20 after pleading "no contest" to three counts of mislabeling the fat content of ground beef. For instance, fat content of ground beef, according to state health codes, must not exceed 30 percent; extra lean not exceed 17% fat.

Bruce T. Tsuchida, 33, of Arlington, Mass., who demanded to be listed as co-translator of an English version of "The Tale of the Heike", published three years ago by Tokyo University Press, was turned down by the Kyoto District Court Sept. 5. Although the Sansei alumnus from Amherst corrected grammatical errors and polished the work, the court rejected his role as co-translator because Judge Hiroshi Kikuchi said a translator must understand the meaning of the original and be able to translate it into another language. The 13-volume work by Hiroshi Kikugawa, 47, of Tokyo won the Japan Translation Culture Award in 1975.

Preliminary hearing for Tom M. Yamanouye, 47, of Pacoima, Calif., accused of assault with intent to commit murder, in the shooting of his wife, Atsuko, on Aug. 18, has been scheduled for Oct. 4 in the Van Nuys municipal court. The 43-year-old woman was found bleeding in the kitchen of her home, hospitalized for a wound in the back of the head and later released. She reportedly told police it was an accident. He told police he was cleaning his .22-cal. revolver when it accidentally fired but reportedly changed his story, indicating to police investigators there had been a domestic dispute. The couple's son witnessed the argument, police said.

## Hibakusha appeal to nuclear engineer

ALAMEDA Calif.—An appeal to President Carter for support of two bills in Congress for reimbursement of medical expenses to atomic bomb survivors living in America was made this past week by Kanji Kuramoto, president of the Committee for Atomic Bomb Survivors.

The two bills (HR 5150 and HR 8440) are those introduced by Reps. Edward Roybal, Norman Mineta and 25

other co-sponsors.

Asserting the A-bomb survivors are the "forgotten, ignored, suffering American citizens", Kuramoto said they were the "unfortunate stepchildren of war and politics, doomed to pain and misfortune until they die". about 1,000 so-called Hibakusha (A-bomb survivors) are estimated living in the U.S., though his committee has only located 400 of them as many are still unwilling to declare themselves due to the stigma attached to their condition.

Kuramoto said survivors would face employment problems, difficulty in obtaining health or life insurance, unable to marry and deal with genetic damage. Survivors also suffer radiation-related diseases including leukemia and cancer.

"As a nuclear engineer, I am sure you realize the effects of massive radiation to human beings," Kuramoto noted in the letter.

Kuramoto, who was born in Hawaii, was stranded by the war in Japan. He was in Hiroshima two days after the atomic bomb was dropped searching for his father for two weeks. Though it happened 32 years ago, the devastation and sight of countless victims dying have been "engraved forever in my memory", he told the President. "A catastrophe of this magnitude never fades," he assured.

Meanwhile, the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors is seeking a nonprofit tax-exempt status for income tax purposes to continue its educational campaign on behalf of survivors.

### A-bomb re-enactment

HIROSHIMA—The Hiroshima Labor Union Council has openly protested the re-enactment of the Hiroshima atomic bombing in the U.S. air shows by the Texas-based Confederate Air Force as "trampling the Japanese spirit opposing all nuclear tests and armaments". The shows are staged to finance upkeep of WW2-vintage planes.

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### Hot meals for ELA aged set

LOS ANGELES—Koreisha Chushuko Kai, sponsored by Japanese Community Pioneer Center, will start serving an additional 100 meals at Evergreen Baptist Church on Monday, Oct. 17, 11:30 a.m., it was announced by Emi Yamaki, director. Reservations for opening day are being accepted by Pioneer Center, 120 N. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 90012 (680-9173). Food will be catered by the Little Tokyo Towers Food Division.

### 18 enter Ohye Trophy air race

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Two local fliers and a Japanese pilot were the winners in the annual Henry Ohye Trophy Race at Long Beach Municipal Airport Sept. 24. Eighteen aircraft took part in the race, which followed a 275-mile triangular course.

Winning pilots in the three flying classes, were Fran Bern of Long Beach, Harry Gaul of San Gabriel and Masanori Kobayashi of Tokyo.

The race was first staged in 1950 to stir interest in flying among the Japanese Americans, although entry is not limited only to the Nisei pilots. Ohye, now 67, was the first Nisei to receive a commercial pilot's license

and in 1964 became the first Nisei to make a solo trans-Pacific flight to Japan.

### Students kills self after shooting spree

FULLERTON, Calif.—Gerald H. Uejima, 22, of Anaheim, went berserk Sept. 26, police said, after a shooting on the Fullerton Community College where he was a student and part-time employee of a security guard agency, and killed himself. Police gave no motive.

### For the Record

No raise in administrative fee was intended for JACL participants in the 1978 travel program as was noted in last week's EXECOM action summary. Rather, indirect costs for Headquarters-Regional Office services will be among expense items of the travel program.

### Hayakawa 60-40 for Canal treaty

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Sen. S.I. Hayakawa rated himself about 60-40 in favor the Panama Canal treaties but still in doubt, he said last week at the GOP State Central Committee convention here.

He explained his qualified support for ratification thus:

The U.S. will have problems if we ratify the treaty. We also will have problems, if we don't. As of now, the evidence shows that the longtime interests of the United States would best be served by ratification. This is not my conclusion. It is simply a description of where I am now.

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## Naturalized Issei heads Japan post for Library of Congress

TOKYO — Andrew Kuroda, the 66-year-old new director of the Tokyo Office of the U.S. Library of Congress, says that he is delighted to be able to help cultural exchanges between the United States and Japan toward the end of his career.

He had traveled to the United States after graduating from Meiji Gakuin in Tokyo and only recently returned to Japan for the first time in more than 30 years. His office is located in Sarugakucho in Tokyo's Kanda area.

According to Kuroda, there are about 540,000 books written in Japanese at the Library of Congress. His main task here is to lead his staff in collecting appropriate books to send to the United States.

He was born in Yokosuka and graduated from the English Literature Department of the Meiji Gakuin's then higher education division. Kuroda then went to the United States to study theology.

During his stay in the U.S., the Pacific War broke out, severing relations between Washington and Tokyo. Although he was a church pastor in America, Kuroda was sent to a relocation camp.

He was called by the U.S. Army to teach Japanese. Immediately after the end

of the war, Kuroda came to Nagasaki as a member of a team to study the effects of strategic bombings and was reunited with his parents briefly. He returned to the United States and began to work for the Library of Congress.

Kuroda has worked for the Library for more than 30 years and is now an American citizen. He was chief of the Japanese Section at the Library for 14 years and took it upon himself to help Japanese people who visited Washington.

Kuroda says his life goal is to study religion and human nature. When his term of office in Tokyo ends, he plans to return to the United States and work on a book to be written by him in Japanese.

(JACLers wishing to write to Andrew Kuroda may address letters c/o American Embassy, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96503.)

## Government

With the California legislature stymied over a property tax relief bill involving \$4.76 billion as tax rebate to about 6.5 million households over a five-year period, the Senate and Assembly conference committee was formed to effect a compromise. Assemblyman Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton), a college economics professor by profession, was named to the committee.

Japanese Consul General Hidenori Sueoka at San Francisco has been elevated to become Ambassador to Ecuador. A community-wide farewell is being planned for Oct. 14. Dr. Yoshio Nakashima was sworn in as San Francisco planning commissioner at ceremonies held Sept. 22 at the Masao Satow Bldg. He succeeds Gordon Lau, recently appointed county supervisor.

Los Angeles Harbor commissioner George Izumi abruptly resigned Sept. 22, criticizing his colleagues for ignoring city council requests to cut back expenses on a controversial trade mission to the Far East. It was reduced to half because the first \$40,000 advance expenditure was denied by the city controller. Izumi's term was to expire in 1980. Izumi, who has made four trips to Japan and the Far East with the Harbor Commission, said the trade missions are important though physically exhausting.

Sen. S. I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.), in a letter to President Carter, said Bert Lance was "hounded out of office" and called his resignation as director of the Office of Management and Budget "a moment of great tragedy for America".

## PCYA reserves space for JACL

WASHINGTON—The 1978 class dates for the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans were announced this past week as JACL chapters were alerted to reserving space to this unique course in American government. It has attracted over 100 outstanding high school juniors or seniors from JACL in the past four years.

Each class is a week-long, jam-packed schedule of congressional meetings, seminars and an inside view of the federal government, explained Linda Christhif, coordinator for JACL-sponsored students, of the Washington JACL Office.

With the first 1978 class scheduled for the week of Jan. 21-28 and the last and sixth class the week of Feb. 25-Mar. 4, request for space and \$25 deposit must be postmarked not later than Nov. 15, 1977 with the tuition balance and name of students by Dec. 15, the chapters were advised.

Interested parties should consult with their local area JACL chapters as they have

received the necessary forms and basic information. Students are housed in a local hotel exclusively reserved for the PCYA.

Space is allotted on a first come-first served basis. To assure representative geographic distribution, no more than two students from the same school are allowed per any one class.

There were 30 JACL participants in the 1977 program

## Education

Junnosuke Masumi, dean of the faculty of law and as a professor of political science at Tokyo Metropolitan University, is teaching "Politics of East Asia" at the University of Southern California. Assemblyman Floyd Mori was appointed to the legislative liaison panel with the Univ. of California faculty representatives. On the Assembly Education Committee and subcommittees for education reform and for bilingual-bicultural education, Mori hopes to outline ethnic minority needs to which the UC, in his opinion, "has not been adequately responsive".

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Dayton—Timothy Stebbins (Carroll).  
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Downtown L.A.—Audrey J Hokoda (University).  
Fresno—Sally Naito (Madera).  
Houston—Anita Hall (Stratford).  
Livingston-Merced—Dawn Nakashima (Livingston), Darrel A Shoji (Livingston), Tami Suzuki (Livingston).  
Mt Olympus—Pamela Hashimoto (Granite), Michiko Yoshizawa (Skyline).

Orange County—Patricia Kitsuta (Huntington Beach).  
Pocatello—Jacquelyn Tominaga (Snake River).  
Portland—Judy S Soga (Washington).  
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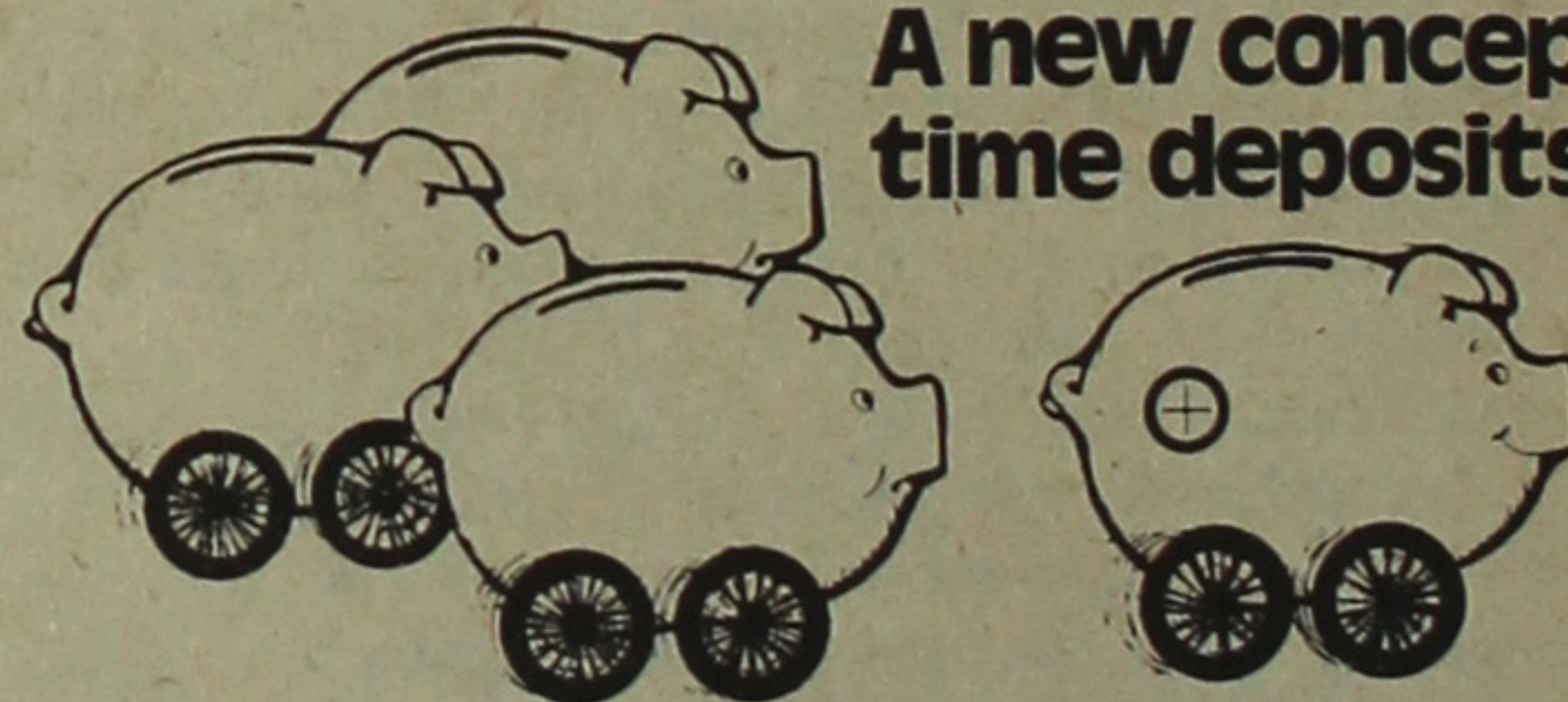
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### Festival of Arts

LOS ANGELES—Top ranking Japanese artists and performers residing here will present their second annual Festival of Arts on Saturday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m. at Koyasan Hall. Tickets (\$5) are available at Radio Li'l Tokyo, Bunka-Do and Magic Radio.

### Historic hall

NEW DENVER, B.C.—The provincial government granted \$7,500 to help renovate the New Denver community hall, a focal point for Japanese Canadians during WW2. Award was made to commemorate the Japanese Canadian Centennial.

### JACCC acknowledges

LOS ANGELES—Tokai Bank of Calif. donated \$10,000 in cash to the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, with president Michio Ormi and v.p. George Saiki making the presentation to Katsuma Mukaeda, JACCC board chairman, and George Doizaki, JACCC president.

### Salute to Bannai

LOS ANGELES—The fifth annual salute to Assemblyman Paul Bannai will be held at the New Otani Hotel on Thursday, Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m. with TV newscaster Larry Burrell as dinner emcee. Reservations are being handled through Committee to Re-elect Bannai, 513 W. 169th St., Gardena 90248.

### Senior service center

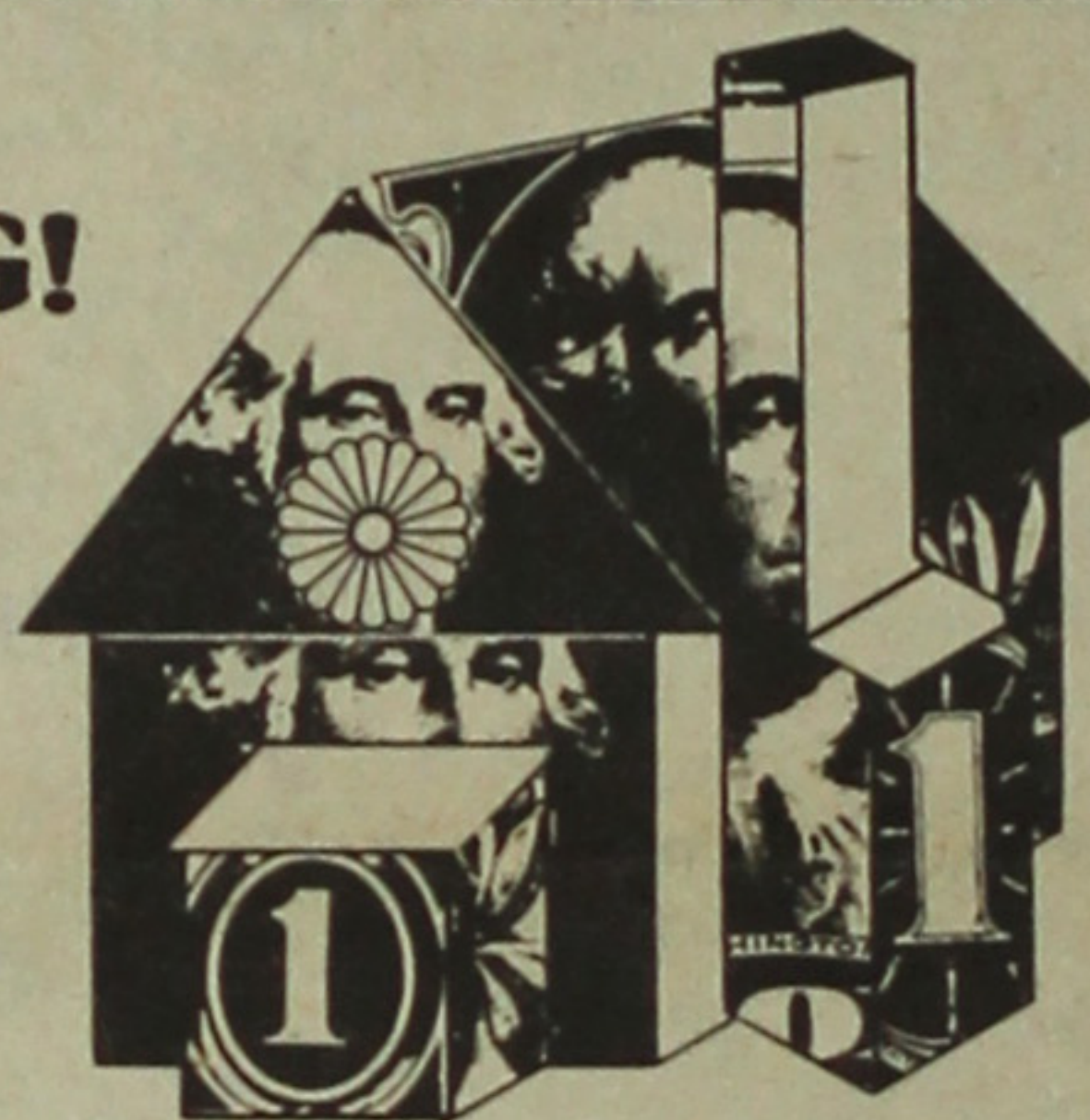
SANTA ANA, Calif.—The newly completed senior service center at 424 W. 3rd St., built through federal revenue-sharing funds and opened in January, received a full-size aquarium from Calif. First Bank's Fifth & Main Office, where Takeo Kittaka is v.p.-mgr.

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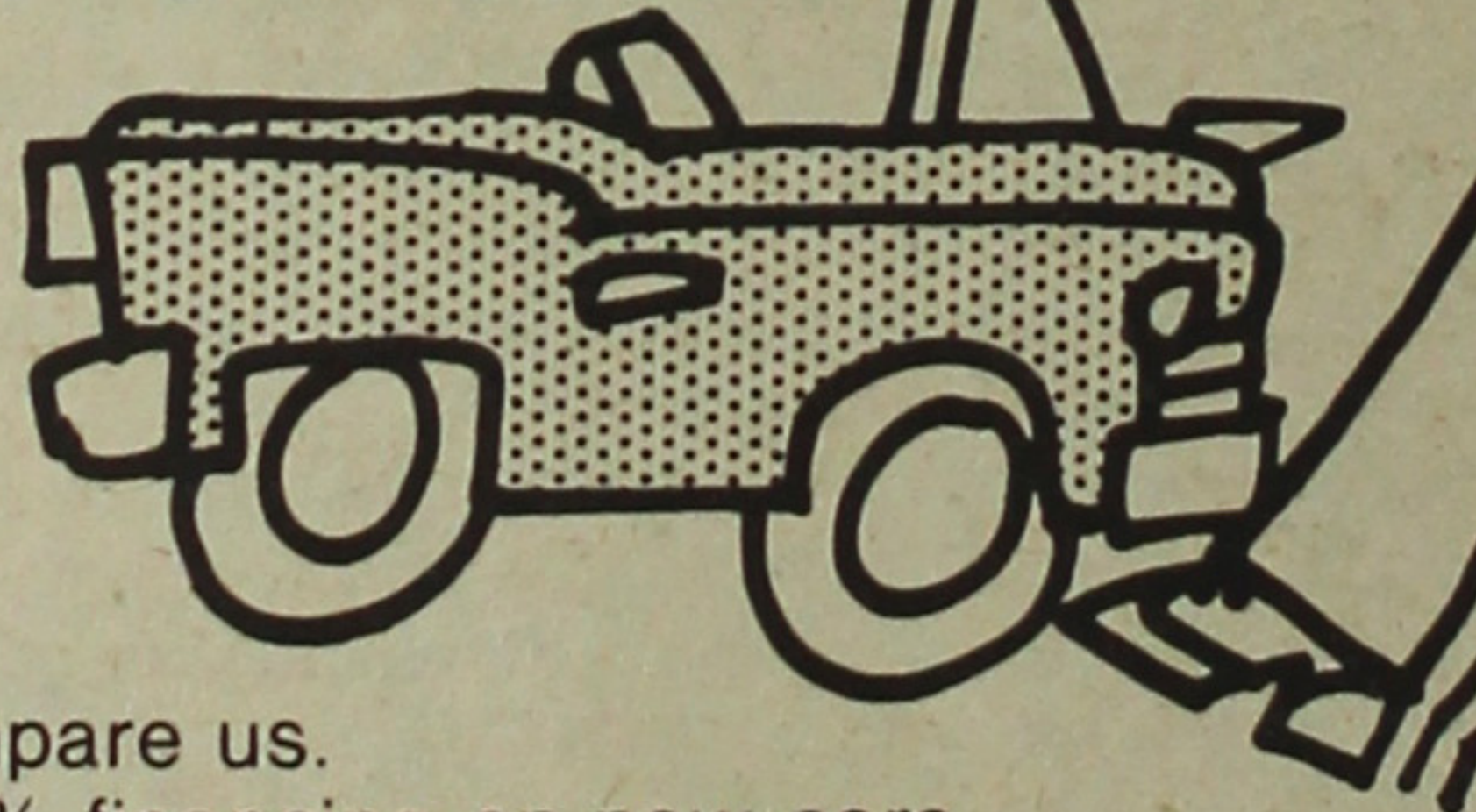
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# Comments, letters & features

## EDITORIALS:

### When It Took Real Courage

Ohio Governor Rhodes tried to defend himself the other day when in response to his use of the derogatory term, "Jap", he blustered: "They can call us Yankees..." The semantic comparison doesn't fit, even if it were "damn Yankees".

The nuances to the contraction of "Japanese" are still not well known in communities where persons of Japanese ancestry are few in number. This was gathered after reading recent sports stories about Lenn Sakata of the Milwaukee Brewers. The Hawaiian-born Sansei second baseman said he had people try and insult him by yelling "Chink"

or "Jap" at him. The Eastern League stops were particular hostile as he recalled his first minor league season with Thetford Mines, Quebec—a AA ball club.

And during the Wilson-Inouye incident of 1973 with all of its emotions and coverage, we wouldn't have been surprised if a poll had been taken at that time that half of the people in the U.S. had said they saw no distinction between "Jap" as a racial slur or a popular contraction. It took some doing to convince Nisei to switch the long accepted abbreviation "Jap." with "J", "Jp" or "Jpn".

The use of "Jap" during World War II was

widespread. No one was making any distinction between the enemy Japanese and the Americans of Japanese Ancestry. In Hawaii, AJAs became popular to avoid mislabeling. On the U.S. mainland, the JACL campaigned for acceptance of "Nisei" by continually referring to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team as the "all-Nisei" infantry. Eventually the publishers of dictionaries entered "Nisei" — along with "Issei, Kibei and Sansei". "Kibei" which we seldom use these days refer to Nisei who were sent to Japan to study in the prewar era.

There is a story we like to tell this week because it's most timely. It's about the courage of an editor who ruled against use of "Jap" during WW2 in his paper: the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Riley H. Allen, editor from 1912 to 1960, refused to go along with a petition from his editorial staff.

Even the enemy Japanese would be called Japanese, not "Japs", Allen directed. A man who wouldn't call the enemy names stood to have his patriotism questioned. But he knew the importance of racial harmony in Hawaii and the world. His patriotic will to fight back after the surprise raid on Pearl Harbor was not to be paid at the cost of denigrating a whole people on racial grounds.

Allen's position of WW2 continues to be admired to this day, and more so when you remember the Army and Navy communiques consistently used "Japs".

So often it's the offending character who commands attention for having uttered the racial epithet as if he were a hero. The true hero — like Riley Allen — doesn't put down people. He uplifts them. □

Priorities: Henry Tanaka

### Let's Not Be Lulled

Cleveland

I often wonder why older statesmen and persons of public stature seem to get away with using racial slurs and derogatory remarks. Are listeners and readers being lulled into thinking that older statesmen have the prerogative to utter such remarks in public without being questioned?

Well, a TV reporter did recently question the Ohio governor James A. Rhodes, when he referred to visiting Japanese businessmen as "Japs". Rhodes replied, "Japs are Japanese. They can call us Yanks, whatever it is."

A few weeks ago Dorothy Fuldheim, a very respected and perceptive senior news analyst on local Channel 5/ABC told a story about a 94-year-old "Jap" who went hiking with his 60-year-old son. In response to Cleveland JACL president George Nishimoto's letter of objection, Ms. Fuldheim replied, "I

did not know the term was derogatory. I shall remember it."

It is unbelievable that these two prominent persons would respond in their use of the term "Jap" in such a cavalier manner. Both are of age to have vivid memories of World War II and how the term was used to characterize the racial stereotype of a sneaky, buck-toothed, distrustful, barbaric person. The derogatory term has since been used indiscriminately to describe anyone who looks Japanese, U.S.-born or not. I am reminded of the incident a few years ago [1973] when John Wilson, counsel for Haldemann and Ehrlichman during the Watergate hearing, referred to Senator Daniel Inouye as the "little Jap". Wilson also likened the term to his being called a Yankee.

What is Governor Rhodes' reason for using the term? Why should he show disre-

spect if he is interested in luring the Honda Motor Co. of Japan to establish a plant in Ohio? When the TV reporter asked the governor what kind of sales pitch he would use, the governor was reported to have said, "You can't sell the Japs anything."

Recently it has been reported that Japanese firms have been accused of dumping steel products in the United States. Allegedly a Youngstown, Ohio, steel manufacturing company has gone out of business because

of this dumping. Perhaps such events, in the midst of rising unemployment, tend to trigger the surfacing of derogatory remarks.

Many of my friends have simply laughed at Rhodes and Fuldheim's remarks and dismissed them as being very stupid. That could be. But if people like Rhodes and Fuldheim continue to make such public utterances, without being challenged, the general public may well be lulled into thinking that they are speaking with compassion and truth.

#### Gardena Valley

Editor:

Eighty Gardena Valley Issei had the time of their lives when the JACL and the Pioneer Project combined forces to plan a train ride to San Diego and a visit to Sea World.

Youthful Wayne Sugita and gracious Mayko Tarumoto handled the multitude of details involved in this most successful program. President Helen Kawagoe, ex-president Tak Kawagoe, and other helpers made sure that everybody had a wonderful time.

"Chapter Pulse" does report many worthwhile programs of our 104 local

units; but an outline of the most noteworthy activities may serve as a model for others to emulate.

Our national organization can truly speak for all Japanese Americans only if each chapter has broad support in its area. We can earn this support by meeting some of the urgent needs of our communities.

MASARU ODOI

Gardena, Calif.

We are reliant on chapter newsletters and correspondents to tell us what's happening. The incident referred to had not been reported. Neither have we seen a newsletter from Gardena Valley for quite some time.—Editor.

#### Short Notes

Editor:

Reading Joe Oyama's column "West Wind" in PC is always a pleasure.

But how he managed to see "... an orange sun rising (PC, Sept. 23) across San Francisco Bay ..." from the Berkeley hills in a mystery perhaps only he can solve. I've lived in the Bay Area for almost 40 years and barring our familiar fog bank, I see the sun set over the Golden Gate. I guess I don't get up early enough to witness the phenomenon of seeing it rise in the west.

LEE RUTTLE

Oakland

West Wind: Joe Oyama

## What If This Were the Last Day of Your Life?

Berkeley, Calif.

This morning while getting ready to take my daily cold bath before going on my daily 2-mile fast walk, the thought suddenly occurred to me, "What if this were the last day of my life?"

**Taking the cold bath and going on my 2-mile walk became unimportant.** There would be no need to try to prolong my life with cold baths or long walks if my life were to end.

I would fly to New York to see my children. I would make out my will, having procrastinated all of these years—not that I have that much to leave.

The next thought that occurred to me was that I would write a letter to Howard Imazeki, the president of the San Francisco Hokubei Mainichi newspaper and apologize for my brashness (being a newcomer here) putting him down for his modesty in what he wrote about S.F.'s Cherry Blossom Festival.

**Love Triumphs over Duty**—My train of thought, then, ran like this: I have a rehearsal to go to in San Francisco tonight. I'm one of the leads in Hiroshi Kashiwagi's play, "Akira wa Mondai". I would study hard all day and give my best—to give the Sansei a sense of identity (but the latter came as an afterthought).

During my walk, I changed my mind: I would go to New York to see the children, and I would cancel going to tonight's rehearsal. I'd better call them up.

Then I thought, what would I do after I got to New York—go see the children individually at their places of work, or see them at their apartments, or meet for a dinner? Then I thought, what would we do after dinner? The thought depressed me so I immediately turned to a more pleasant subject.

I would go to funeral director to arrange my funeral. Would I get a Christian minister or a Buddhist priest? I opted for a Buddhist priest because of the simplicity of the ceremony. I don't like rituals.

I thought of practical friends who already have mauso-

leums picked out. A Nisei friend here in Berkeley said, "Be sure and come and visit us. We have a nice comfortable place picked out like home; it will be nice and warm down there. We'll like having friends." She showed me a photo of their future home.

Then I remembered our family burial plot at the Evergreen Cemetery in Los Angeles, where my father, mother, brother and an uncle are buried ...

My heavy, overly dramatic mood lightened when I thought philosophically of death being a transition and not a final thing; "a no big deal," I said to myself, convinced that there would be a tomorrow ...

**Nisei Holdouts on the East Coast**—My thoughts then went back to the time of the Evacuation. It was October, 1942, and we were on a train, leaving the Santa Anita Assembly Center for Jerome Relocation Center, in Denson, Ark. I saw a young Nisei crying unabashedly as he waved goodbye to us, and as I think about it, it was the last time he would see most of us alive. From the Jerome Relocation Center, we went to Des Plaines, Ill., Chicago, New York City, Cincinnati, New Jersey and back to California 35-years later. We had grown old in the East.

I do not know where most of the other Nisei went nor have I ever seen them again. Some settled permanently in the Midwest or the East, some of them went off to the wars and died, a few vowed that they would never return to the West Coast.

I know one Nisei woman professor who vowed that she would never return, but returned for a visit some 30-years after her camp experience. (Incidentally, she enjoyed her visit). Another retired Nisei assistant scientist also swore that he would never return again, but he plans to come on a vacation finally after being away for 36-years. (He's nostalgic about San Francisco.)

Since time is an element which cannot be stretched, I thought of extending my day of departure—several days. I would be able to clear all the dried pruned tree limbs and

shrubbery from around the house and garden so that in case of a fire, the neighboring houses would not be threatened.

Other thoughts swirled: I thought of the New York Times article which criticized academics and professors who are more concerned about getting ahead—status seeking, aiming for higher pay, etc., who put their egos above teaching, and ambitious ministers who are more concerned about power and prestige rather than tending to their flock.

I also thought of Nisei women who, lacking a sense of worth, hang on to their husband's coattails, bathe in their husband's status or position, and who cannot simply say to themselves, "I am worthy because I am me, not because of what my husband is or has accomplished, or how I appear to other people or because people think well of me ..."

A Nisei with a sense of humor once said to me (referring to Japanese nationals), "Every Japanese is a president of a company, when he gives his business card to you; it's even printed on the card, even if he's operating out of a one-room office." Did this cultural aspect rub off in any way on the Nisei?

Time: 4:30 p.m. I haven't studied for tonight's rehearsal, having decided to write this column hell or highwater. I pick up my wife in San Francisco at 5:30 p.m. □



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Plain Speaking: Wayne Horiuchi



## Rhodes/Honda Flap

Washington I've just sent a telegram to Gov. James A. Rhodes of Ohio criticizing him for his callous use of the word "Jap" when asked the question by a reporter about the prospect of luring Honda Motors to build a plant in Ohio. Rhodes said, "You can't sell the Japs anything." Then asked if calling them, "Japs", could upset them? Rhodes said, "Japs are Japanese. They can call us Yankees, whatever it is."

The use of this kind of racial epithet by a public official is repugnant. However, there is a more endemic concern over an issue that is growing and will have substantial impact on Japanese Americans. Here is my thesis:

Because the public has difficulty in physically distinguishing Japanese Americans from Japanese nationals, issues such as economic trade, immigration of Japanese into America, Japanese whaling will promote stereotypes of Japanese nationals upon Japanese Americans.

The Rhodes/Honda Motors case is a perfect example. Gov. Rhodes of Ohio made a stupid remark about Japanese in referring to Japanese nationals, but the use of the

word "Japs", which has a negative and racist connotative meaning to Japanese Americans, was made by this prominent public official. The bottom line is this. Whether we like it or not, actions or events in Japan will indirectly at the very least affect Japanese Americans.

This is one of the many reasons why a JACL is important in our lives. The public needs continual education about the distinctions of Japanese Americans and Japanese nationals. The public needs to know that Japanese Americans are just as concerned as the general public about the killing of whales by the Japanese, the preservation and creation of U.S. jobs with Japanese corporate assistance or the entrance and existence of Japanese undocumented aliens in the United States.

JACL needs to take strong advocacy positions and educate the public on your behalf. Whether it be in Business Week as we did in the Kodak case or whether it be on the NBC network as was initiated by the Midwest JACL Office or whether it be in the Washington Post and U.S. News and World Reports as we did in the Bakke case, public education is an important function of JACL and the Washington Office. □



From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

## 'In Movement'

Denver, Colo. "In Movement," a paperback book subtitled "A Pictorial History of Asian America," is the kind of publication one wishes had twice its 158 pages. It is in essence the story in pictures of the Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino and more lately Samoan struggle in the United States.

"In Movement" is the product of Visual Communications/Asian American Studies Central, Inc., 1601 Griffith Park Blvd., Los Angeles 90026, an organization that has produced highly regarded documentary films on the Asian American experience. The text was written by Dr. Franklin Shoichiro Odo. The book was funded by the Ethnic Heritage Studies Program of the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The introduction reports that Visual Communications originally began by creating a photo exhibit, "America's Concentration Camps," in 1971 after collecting pictures of the Evacuation. "Since then" the introduction says, "nearly 500,000 photographs of the Chinese, Japanese, Korean Filipino and Samoan experience have been collected, documenting events from the early 1800s through contemporary events in the Asian American community."

Many of these photographs—but in reality, too few—are reproduced in this book to provide a vivid and moving glimpse of a facet of Americana rarely seen. The book accurately describes the pictures in these words: "The photographs reflect imagination and adventure, desperation and courage, minds and bodies moving, leaping and struggling to new possibilities and potentials. This book was envisioned as a part of the historical and historic process in which our people have been engaged since the years before immigrating. Asians in America have always had to create organizations and movements to protect our communities. We are heirs to that heritage and this collection should help bind us to that legacy of struggle, of movement, captured here in photographs."

Yet, along with the praise, to be objective it is necessary to point out two missed op-

portunities which, had they been seized, would have made this a more valuable effort.

The first is the strong advocacy stance of the text, a throwback to the now largely outdated rhetoric of the campus rebellion era.

"The Japanese, released after the war," the book reports, for example, "were never allowed to re-establish the farming tradition so painstakingly hewn from the unpromising deserts in places like California's Imperial Valley. Like other small farmers, the Japanese have been driven out by large corporations such as Del Monte, Tenneco and the Bank of America, which produce and process most of America's food."

There are a number of other corporations which would dispute the claims made for Del Monte, et al, but the point to note is that small farmers other than the Japanese Americans also have given way to corporate farms. It is not necessarily a corporate trend. On the other hand, the book neglects to report that Japanese Americans, many of them evacuees, are now among the largest farmers in states like Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Nebraska and New Mexico.

The facts of the Asian American story are so powerful they need no hyperbole to embellish them. A straightforward, objective recounting of those facts would have been far more effective in projecting credibility and getting the message across. And it is important to deliver the message.

The second missed opportunity is the failure of the volume to recognize that many members of the Asian American minority took on American society on its own terms and excelled. It is an inspiring story of people who overcame racism to become distinguished jurists, political leaders, scientists, physicians, attorneys, civil servants, teachers, businessmen, agriculturists, entertainers, etc. etc., which is a large part of what America is about.

The theme of "In Movement" is struggle. The struggle is not over, but it has begun to bear fruit, and it is a distortion of history not to acknowledge this fact. Perhaps this shortcoming can be remedied in the next volume, which I hope will be forthcoming soon. □

## COURT

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Defense and Education Fund here has submitted an amicus brief, which raised two pertinent questions:

1—Why were Liz and Kenny accused or at least suspected of what would have been a serious crime though supported only by mere accusations but yet led to their sensational arrests?

2—Why, if there was no threat on the Emperor's life, did the government take so much time and taxpayers' money to secure a conviction on a technical violation that had nothing to do with their original accusations?

The government had claimed they acted in "good faith" but offered nothing to support the contention of a probable plot.

The Chinese Americans claimed the Secret Service and the FBI as being "racist" and used them as "scapegoats". The government "would never have picked on

us if we were white, middle-class, suburban hunters. They only wish they had gotten two Japanese Americans since that might have made more sense," Young and Chin commented.

Young, first woman director of a youth program in New York's Chinatown, taught Asian American studies at the Univ. of Southern California and Hunter College. She helped organize the first Chinatown health fair, and was learning the sport of hunting for two years till her career as senior research analyst for a consulting firm cut that short.

Chin, a local high school graduate and a decorated Vietnam War veteran, also worked on the first Chinatown health fair. A construction worker with a union card, he is currently a student at Univ. of Massachusetts—Amherst.

Neither belonged to left wing or radical groups, the legal aid committee added.

East Wind: Bill Marutani



## Anatomy of a Column

Philadelphia

A FEW YEARS ago the Pacific Citizen conducted a readership survey rating some seventeen columns and features that appear from time to time in this newspaper. Top rating went to the "Frying Pan" as the most interesting column, followed by Mike Masaoka's "Washington Newsletter". And what about "East Wind"? Well, let's put it this way: if, as a lad, I had brought home a report card with the grades that were received, there would have been a sobering parental lecture. (I hasten to add that I have absolutely no complaints or apologies, for the rating was genuine and deserved.)

I MUST CONFESS that while the tenor and subject-matters of these columns vary—sometimes serious, other times tongue-in-cheek, and still other times simple levity and fun—that my ultimate purpose has been, and frankly continues to be, to convey "messages", at times openly advocating causes that may be less than popular. Indeed, I have been known to tuck in a "message" into a column which is sugar-coated with seemingly innocent humor.

AT ANY RATE, whether or not I am successful in achieving my ultimate purpose, this is what I purport to attempt to be doing. On this score, were I a ballplayer, I'm afraid I

would be on the bench most of the time and grateful I hadn't been cut from the team altogether.

EVERY SO OFTEN some reader will write, commenting on a column, and then I know how it feels to be a wallflower who gets a bit of attention. Any attention. And not all the attention is necessarily complimentary; but that's just fine with me. For there are spells when column after column go in with no feedback, and one begins to wonder if anyone out there ever bothers to read the columns. Other than frau Vicki. At times it's like speaking into a fathomless darkness without even an echo. It can be eerie.

SPEAKING OF THE Pacific Citizen, you have no doubt noticed, just as I have, that the emphasis on news items has gradually evolved reflecting the metamorphosis that has taken place "out there". Whereas previously the emphasis was almost exclusively Japanese American, today it is much more ecumenical with the shift to Asian Americans. In my view, this reflects the reality of today, notwithstanding the ethnic chauvinism of yesteryears that stubbornly persists in some quarters. Whether the national JACL organization has faced up to this reality is a judgment you, its members, will have to make.

WELL, WITH THAT we've probably lost a few more readers. While this column in particular can ill-afford such losses, at the same time we cannot help espousing certain causes and principles. Particularly when we are deeply convinced that we Nisei would be so much better for it.

PERHAPS THE NEXT column can revert to a fun article. So don't go away, too far. □



# calendar

**Oct. 7 (Friday)**  
Seattle—Nikkei Retirement Seminar, Bannan Hall, Seattle Univ., 7 p.m.

**Oct. 7-9**  
Hoosier—International Festival, Manufacturer's Bldg, Fairgrounds.

**Oct. 8 (Saturday)**  
Chicago—Midwest Asians for Unity Conference, Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Oct. 9 (Sunday)**  
San Francisco—Community picnic, Marx Midway, Golden Gate Park  
Contra Costa—Golf tournament, Galbraith Course, Oakland, 9:30 a.m.

**Oct. 10 (Monday)**  
Alameda—Mtg, Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.  
Las Vegas—Mtg, Osaka Restaurant, 8 p.m.

**Oct. 11 (Tuesday)**  
Stockton—Bd Mtg, Calif. 1st Bank, 8 p.m.  
Sequoia—Bd Mtg, Palo Alto Issei Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 12 (Wednesday)**  
Orange County—Bd Mtg, Calif 1st Bank, 5th & Main, Santa Ana, 7:30 p.m.  
Washington, D.C.—Bd Mtg.

**Oct. 13 (Wednesday)**  
Salt Lake City—Bd Mtg, Jimi Mitsunaga res, 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 14 (Friday)**  
Seattle—Nikkei Retirement Seminar, Bannan Hall, Seattle Univ., 7 p.m.  
San Jose—Gen Mtg, JA CL Bldg, 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 15 (Saturday)**  
Washington, D.C.—Aki-no-Ichi Festival, National Presbyterian Church.  
Houston—Wine tasting party & Mtg, Mercantile Bank Bldg.  
San Jose—Election/potluck dnr, Wesley Methodist Church, 6 p.m.  
El Cerrito—Sakura Kai mtg, Senior Center, 6510 Stockton Ave, 10 a.m.  
Placer County—Goodwill Dinner, Placer Buddhist Church, 6 p.m.  
EDC—Exec Bd Mtg, New York.  
Gardena—Nisei VFW dance, Japanese Cultural Institute, 9 p.m.

**Oct. 16 (Sunday)**  
Hollywood/Metro L.A.—Benefit fashion show luncheon, Beverly Hilton Hotel.  
Las Vegas—Luau, Paradise Park.

**Oct. 23 (Sunday)**  
Berkeley/Contra Costa—Ochi-ba Fashion Show, H's Lordships, Berkeley Marina, 1 p.m.

**Nov. 2 (Wednesday)**  
Chicago—Bd Mtg.

**Nov. 4 (Friday)**  
Salt Lake—Gen Mtg, Ramada Inn, 6:30 p.m.

**Nov. 5 (Saturday)**  
West Valley—Box lunch sale.

**Nov. 6 (Sunday)**  
NC-WNDC—Qtrly Sess, San Jose JA CL hosts.  
Alameda—Fishing derby.  
Sacramento—Henry Taketa testimonial, Sacramento Inn.



"East West in Revue" will be staged for its only San Fernando Valley performance on Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Japanese American Community Center in Pacoima at a scholarship benefit.

## chapter pulse

### Alameda

Mrs. Natsuno Inouye, Mrs. Sugino Ushijima and Chozo Wada, who have reached their 88th birthday this year, were guests of honor at the annual Alameda JA CL Issei appreciation dinner Oct. 1 at the local Buddhist Church.

All Issei members and Issei parents were invited by Hi Akagi, chapter president, and Joe S. Towata, Jr., dinner chairman.

### Placer County

Placer County JA CL's 37th annual Goodwill dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, in the Placer Buddhist Church multi-purpose hall at Penryn with former Loomis Judge Cosma Sakamoto as general chairman, disclosed Chester Yamada, chapter president.

Present plans call for the evening's gala festivities to start off with a no-host social hour at 6, with Tom Takahashi and Dick Nishimura in charge, and the dinner program to get underway promptly at 7.

The steering committee handling the general ar-

rangements has been appointed by Sakamoto as follows:

Hugo Nishimoto and Nob Hamasaki—program; Ellen Kubo—finance; Hike Yego—guests; Nob Nimura and Shig Yokote—hall arrangement; Mack Tsujimoto—decorations; Amy Tokutomi and Toki Okusu—reception; George Hirakawa and Harry Kawahata—catering; Takahashi and Nishimura—refreshments; Kay and Martha Miyamura—photography; and Roy Yoshida and Albert Yoshikawa—publicity.

Because of limited hall space, table arrangements can be made to accommodate only about 200 persons, so it was advised that those wishing to attend to make their reservations early, said Sakamoto.

### Salt Lake

The Salt Lake JA CL will hold its Annual Meeting this year at the Ramada Inn (999 So. Main) on Friday, Nov. 4. Mayor Ted Wilson will attend as a guest.

A social will begin at 6:30 p.m. and a Chinese Walnut Chicken banquet to follow at 7:00. Meeting will start at 8. Five dollars will be charged for the banquet dinner.

On the agenda will be the Multi-ethnic Development and Housing Corp., the Endowment Fund, the Japanese Community Project, and the National JA CL Convention to be held at the Little America next July.

### San Fernando Vly.

"East West in Revue" will be presented Saturday, Oct. 15, 8 p.m., at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Branford St., Arleta.

Show is a scholarship fund benefit, sponsored jointly by the San Fernando Valley JA CL and the Community Center.

"East West in Revue" features the highlights from their many past successful plays, a delightful mixture of songs, drama and messages, with an unmistakable fervor of ethnic pride.

Featured will be a host of stellar actors such as Mako, Momo Yashima, Clyde Kusatsu, Ralph Brannen, Penny Lee, Keone Young and others. Chairman of the event, Vincent Tajiri, will be assisted by his committee.

For tickets (\$5, couples: \$9) and information call:

Marion Shigekuni (893-1581), Ron Yoshida (984-7968), or Vincent Tajiri (787-5474).

### San Jose

San Jose JA CL's annual meeting to elect officers will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, starting with a potluck supper at 6 at Wesley United Methodist Church social

### D.C. woman to govern EDC

WASHINGTON—Seiko Wakabayashi, longtime Washington, D.C. member, was elected governor of the Eastern District Council at its recent EDC meeting here. Other officers elected were:

Vice-governors — Ruby Schaar (New York), Ellen Nakamura (Seabrook) and Hiroshi Uyehara (Philadelphia); treas.—George Higu-chi (Phi).

The EDC board will meet in New York Oct. 15 and again next Jan. 28 with the Washington, D.C. installation dinner-dance, scheduled at Ft. Myer, Va.

hall, 566 N. 5th St., it was announced by Jan Kurahara, chapter president. Board members and nominees will be introduced with elections to follow after dinner. Those planning to attend the potluck supper are expected to call chairperson Karen Shiraki (244-6355).

The general meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., at the JA CL Bldg.

Geri Mitsunaga, administrative secretary at the San Jose JA CL Office this past year, has resigned to accept a new position with the Japanese Community Senior Service here, which is now serving hot lunches twice a month.

### San Gabriel Valley

A white elephant-rummage booth will be staffed by the San Gabriel Valley JA CL at the forthcoming East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center festival-bazaar on Oct. 9, starting at noon. Other organizations meeting at the center will sponsor various games and food booths.

All proceeds of the annual Aki Matsuri go toward support of the Community Center at 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina.

The chapter recently donated \$1,617.20 to the center's building fund.

Chapter also announced its installation banquet will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Great Wall Restaurant, West Covina. Proceeds of the banquet go to the chapter scholarship fund. Ted Hamachi (337-8436) is handling reservations.

### Seattle

Joint discussion and film seminar is being planned next year by Seattle JA CL and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to help understand mutual needs, it was announced by Dr. Minoru Masuda of the chapter committee against defamation at the August board meeting.

The committee on funding is considering a request from the Univ. of Washington Asian Student Assn. to help "Tagatupad", a play centered about displacement of Asian elderly from International District hotels.

The board agreed to help Boy Scout Troop 53, sponsored by the Japanese Baptist Church raise \$20,000 to send scouts on its 1979 tour

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Approximately 100 Nisei attended the opening session of the Nikkei retirement seminar at Bannan Hall with attorney Rodney Mamiya as moderator.

● Washington, D.C.

Site and date of the 32nd annual Washington, D.C. JACL have been selected for Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Ft. Myer's Officers Club in Arlington, Va.—the same locale as the 1977 affair. Lily Okura is installation chairperson.

The Eastern District Council will conduct its meeting at the same day and place.

Meanwhile, the chapter is gearing up for its Aki-no-Ichi Autumn Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the National Presbyterian Church. There will be food, Japanese exhi-

bits, entertainment and handicraft. Proceeds go toward chapter activities. Joe Hirata is bazaar chairman.

The annual chapter picnic was scheduled Sept. 25 at Viers Mill Recreation Center, Kensington, Md.

The JACL-sponsored Japanese language school for children and adults began Oct. 1, meeting on Saturday mornings at the Cedar Lane Unitarian Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, Md. Miyuki Yoshikami (530-0598) is school coordinator.



Summer youth workers who made inventory of supplies, files, equipment at JACL Headquarters pose with a cake marking completion of their mission. They are (from left): seated—Shirley Ma, Mei Lee Chan; standing—Ivy Low and David Chan.

**Summer House Cleaning at Headquarters**

By RICH OKABE

I had the pleasure of supervising four bright, young high school students who worked at National Headquarters this summer. They came to us through the San Francisco Mayor's Summer Youth Program. This federally funded program (CE-TA) pays the students to work 20 hours per week in a non-profit agency. The S.F. Chinatown has a high rate of unemployment among its

youth and the MSYP is aimed at giving them some practical work experience and a chance to earn some spending money.

The main project for the students was to conduct a complete building inventory of all of the supplies, files, equipment, furniture, and other materials which have been accumulating at Headquarters for some time. No box, file cabinet or closet escaped the scrutiny of our diligent workers.

Some obviously obsolete material was discarded. (Do we really need 2,000 1976 membership cards?) Most of it was boxed, labeled and stored in the first floor PR office. Some of the material which was uncovered proved to be of historic value.

Did you know that National has a nearly complete set of camp newsletters? Or birth records from Tule Lake? Or copies of the 1942 special National Board meeting where the National leaders discussed JACL's response to the evacuation orders?

We also have 2,000 Ethnic Heritage Teacher's Manuals (available at \$1 ea.) and two excellent slide presentations on the history of Japanese Americans.

During the course of the inventory we came across files dating back to the '30s. There are four file cabinets and 35 storage boxes full of the history of JACL, material which should be helpful when research is begun on the Masao W. Satow Memorial Project, "The JACL Story".

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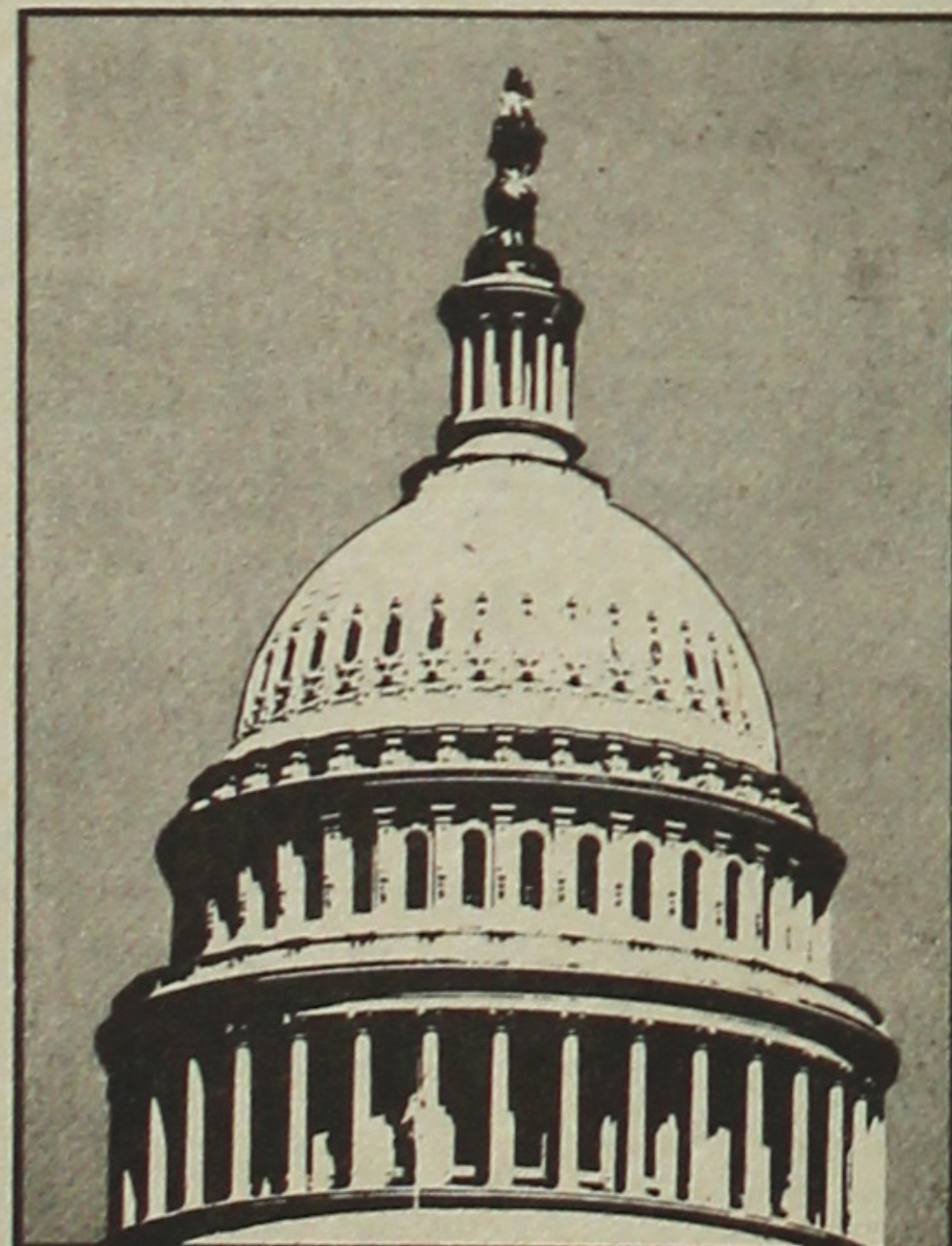
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# The Olympics in 1984

Los Angeles While I am not too elated at the Olympic Games bid being offered to Los Angeles because nobody really wanted the Games due to the high cost, I am happy for Fred Wada.

Wada has been active in trying to get the Games to Los Angeles for a number of years and was very active during the bid prior to the most recent one. He took several trips to the Olympics selection meetings in various parts of the world.

Until the bid was given this time, the work of the L.A. group had been largely unsuccessful.

Wada, who operates a produce supermarket, has been a key figure in the Japanese Olympic movement for a number of years and was recognized by the Japanese government for his participation.

The Olympics coming to Los Angeles should be a culmination of one of Wada's fondest dreams.

### QB Joe Roth

The other day, Sports Nippon Newspaper, the largest daily sports paper in Japan with 1.6 million circulation, announced that the 1978 Japan Bowl all-star football game which they sponsor each year will be dedicated

to the memory of Joe Roth, the late Univ. of California quarterback.

Roth, who died in February, exactly 35 days after he played his last football game at the National Stadium in Tokyo, has become sort of a folk hero among Japanese sports fans.

When his story was unfolding after he passed away, many Japanese came to know the name Joe Roth and his struggle against cancer.

Joe knew, they found out, that long before the 1976 football season ended, that his was a terminal case.

Yet, except for a few people close to him, he never allowed anyone to know the true nature of his illness.

He hit the practice field every day, went to all the functions. All the while, he wore a smile on his face.

Only in rare instances where he had to take a quick seat in the lobby of the hotel or on the practice field, did he indicate that he didn't have his full stamina.

Just prior to our departure from Hawaii for Tokyo, someone told me that Joe was a lot sicker than he was letting on and that we should get a back-up quarterback.

One committeeman suggested that it might be better

to leave him home since the possibility of him getting very ill in a foreign country was risky.

However, when a letter Joe had written to the Japan Bowl, indicating that he was looking forward to the trip and that "he would remember it as long as he lived," was read, all thoughts of making such a move was dismissed.

In the game Joe threw eight passes and hit on six for 150 yards. A super performance for a player functioning on all cylinders. For a quarterback with less than a month to live, what can you say about such courage?

It is this rare quality which Joe displayed which has made him the folk hero among the sports fans of Japan.

Sports Nippon is inviting Joe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Roth of Pocatello, Idaho, to be their guests at the third Japan Bowl game, scheduled for Jan. 14.

In addition, proceeds from the game is being donated to

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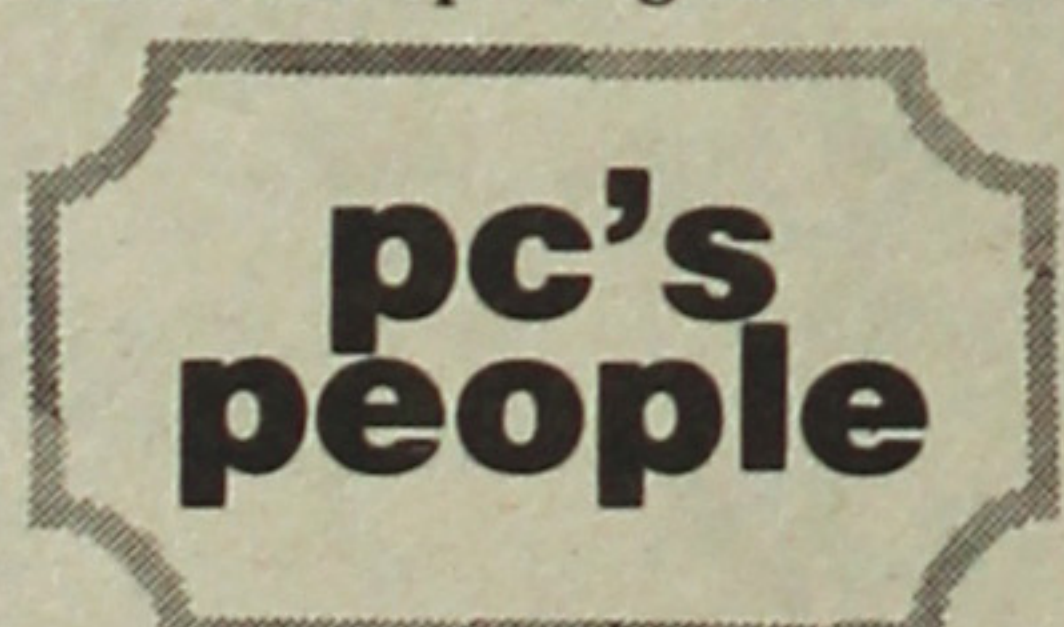
DELANO, Calif. — Sponsored by the Delano JACL, the sixth Nisei reunion held Sept. 11 at St. Mary's School honored the Issei for their tremendous contributions to the community, despite their language barrier, personal trials and tribulations.

Special guest was Mary Salber, who started to teach 49 years ago at Delano High School. There were four Nisei in her class that first year in 1928—and three were at the reunion. She commented one of the fine traits of Japanese Americans was the respect and honor given to the older generation.

Others described the reunion as "unique" as marking sad memories and as reminder of the closeness Delano had at one time. Heisaku Sato of Los Angeles was honored as the oldest Issei present at 92 years old and

as having the most great grandchildren at 11.

Dr. James Nagatani was banquet emcee. Delano Mayor Joe Hochschild extended greetings. Ben Nagatani, chapter president, made the opening remarks.



### Sports

The 1977 Olivers Award for the outstanding Sansei high school athlete in Los Angeles was presented to Daryl T. Suzuki, 18, of Venice High where he captained the gymnastic team to the city championship. His parents, the Tad Suzukis, hail from Hawaii. Cited an All-American, Daryl is 5 ft.-4, 125 lbs. and lettered three years; was city champion in the floor exercise and an honor student. Charles Kamayatsu, one of the original members of the Olivers Club founded in 1917, made the presentation.

At the recent kickoff luncheon for the San Francisco 49ers, a huge caricature by Jack Matsuoka of the new owner Ed De Bartolo Jr., new g/m Joe Thomas and new coach Key Meyer struggling together to pull up a stubborn mule with a 49er helmet off its hind was prominently displayed behind the head tables. The Nisei cartoonist-caricaturist was busy all afternoon sketching other notables and the 49er Nuggets cuties.

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17—	FULL	Chicago	Oct. 2-Oct. 22
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If there are any questions regarding the National JACL Travel Committee policies or decisions, write to Steve Doi, c/o JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco 94115 or telephone (415-921-JACL) and ask for Mich Mizushima.

### Projected 1978 Group Flights to Japan

From Los Angeles: (9) April, May, June-July, July-August, August-September, September, two in October, October-November.  
 From San Francisco: (7) May-June, June-July, July-August, two in October, October-November, November-December.  
 From Seattle (Vancouver, B.C.): (1) April.

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Thanks to our four summer workers, we now have a good idea of the resources at Headquarters which are available to staff and members. We can now move on to the task of looking at where we are going and how we can use these resources to get there.

Although it was a time consuming job, it had to be done and we are indebted to Shirley, Mei Lee, Ivy and David. We will miss their bright smiles and extra hands. We thank them for their efforts.