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## RACIAL ANGLE ENTERS RACE

### Only Nikkei governor in dead-heat battle

#### Honolulu

Hawaii's voters will go to the polls on Oct. 7 to face a primary election which has spotlighted the dead-heat battle for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination between incumbent George Ariyoshi, the only Nikkei governor in the U.S., and Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi.

Ariyoshi and Fasi are repeating their bitter 1974 pri-

mary bid for the same slot. The winner is expected to beat the Republican nominee easily in this Democratic stronghold.

Latest polls show Fasi with a slight edge (38.7%) over Ariyoshi (38.5%), while 21.7% indicate no choice as yet and the other two candidates receiving 1% and 2%.

A racial angle has been brought into the neck & neck

race because a survey conducted by the Honolulu Advertiser found that Fasi does well among Caucasian (haole) voters and new arrivals who are mostly "haole", and Ariyoshi's strength lies with Hawaii-born — especially Japanese American — voters.

Ryuso Hirai, Japanese editor of the Hawaii Times, triggered a controversy with his Aug. 28 editorial. Hirai's analysis of the Advertiser survey results led him to state that the Ariyoshi-Fasi race was "Japanese vs. anti-Japanese" and that the "anti-AJA (Americans of Japanese ancestry) vote" which is "numerous" helps Fasi.

Eighteen Nikkei members of Fasi's cabinet responded with a letter mailed only to voters with Japanese surnames, which was also signed by his campaign manager Iwao Yokooji. It said the idea that "supporters of Mayor Fasi are anti-Japanese is unfortunate and totally false".

Hawaii's governor "should be selected not by the color of his skin, but by the quality of performance", the letterwriters stated, adding "as members of an ethnic group which fought long and hard against racial injustice, we feel ethnic politics has no place in this campaign."

Hirai's interpretation of the gubernatorial election poll, attacked by Fasi's JA administrators, was merely a small incident in a heated race that has included accusations of bribery (Fa-

si), organized crime ties (Ariyoshi), between the two front-runners.

In 1974 Ariyoshi won the nomination by a 2% margin over Fasi and that was due to "spoilers" who stole some of Fasi's votes away.

This time there are no "spoilers"—the other two candidates are hardly a threat—so although it's another close race, the conditions are different.

#### Brown campaign names Asian coordinator

##### Gardena, Calif.

Mas Fukai, Gardena City Council member and Mayor Pro Tem, has been named Asian American coordinator to serve the state's Asian communities by Californians for Brown, Gov. Jerry Brown's re-election committee. Fukai, 51, currently serves as senior deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

### Nisei turnout for retirement conference

#### Los Angeles

A good sized crowd of about 200 people attended the Southern California Nisei Conference on Sept. 30 at the Japanese Union Church.

Guest speakers at the day-long affair were Dr. Sharon Fujii, specialist in Asian gerontology, and Mike Suzuki of the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare with social services. Fujii spoke on "The Nisei Profile and Aging". Suzuki's topic was "Challenges Facing the Nisei Today".

Participants were divided into small workshops twice that day and there was a drama presentation by the East West Players.

A workshop facilitator, a Yonsei, said he was pleased and surprised that his group "opened up" in discussion and that a Nisei man there

#### Phony ¥ checks passed in Southern California

##### Los Angeles

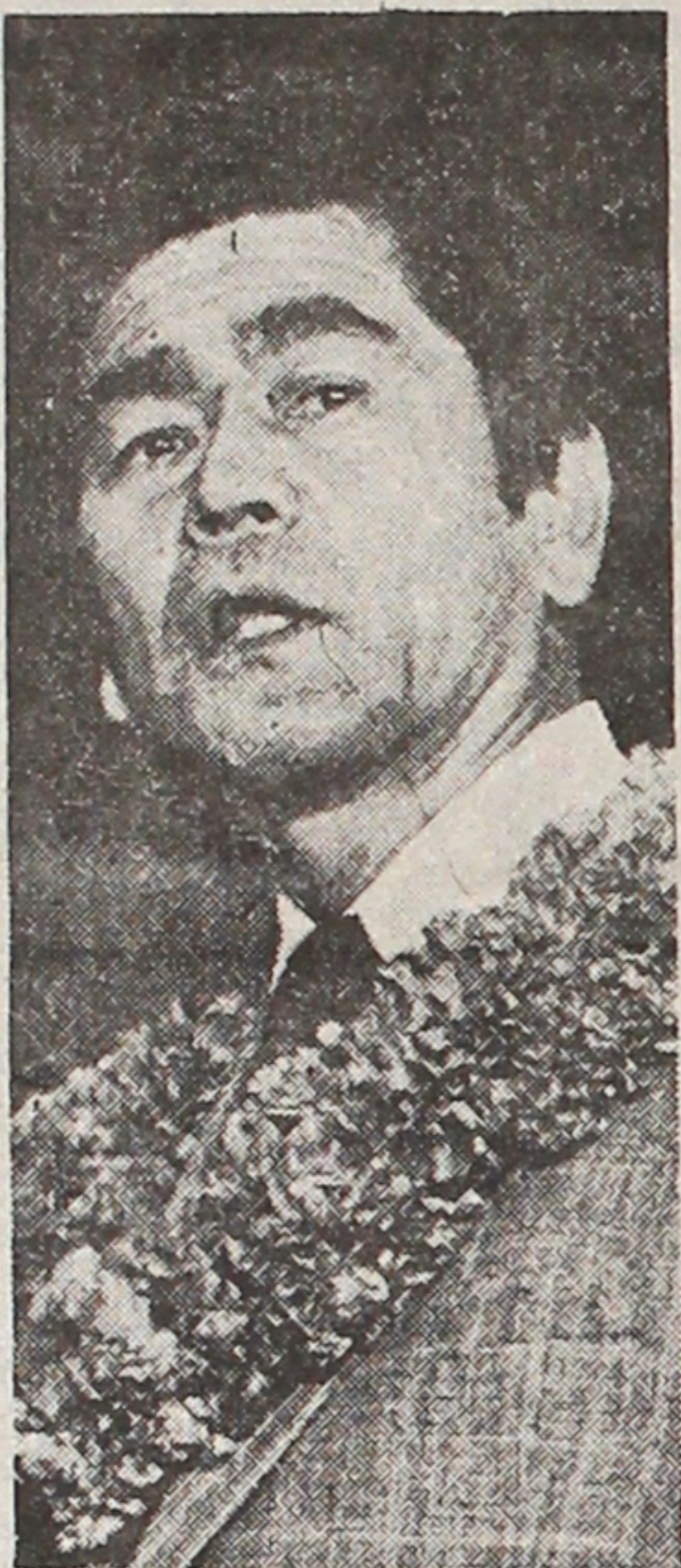
Local merchants have been warned that counterfeit yen traveler's checks may still be in circulation in Southern California. The bogus checks (¥20,000 and ¥50,000 amounts) imitate those of the Bank of Tokyo, Ltd. The 20,000 yen checks have serial numbers 161120-29, the 50,000 yen check numbers are 248340-248359.

#### Shinoda garners over 5,100 votes

##### Seattle, Wash.

Paul Shinoda, Jr., (R-39th District, Snohomish) who polled 5,182 votes will face Gary H. Scott (D) for the district's No. 2 seat at the State House in the November general election.

John Sy Eng, Seattle 37th District Position 1 incumbent, will face John Gilmore (4). Eng had 3,567 votes in the Sept. 19 primary. Another Asian American in the primary was Christine Yorozu (R), running for 31st District House Position 2, who had 488 votes, 535 votes shy of making the general ballot.



Ariyoshi



Fasi

### Two Nikkei aboard ill-fated PSA in mid-air San Diego crash

#### San Diego, Calif.

Two Japanese Americans were among the 151 dead in the mid-air collision here Sept. 25 of the PSA 727 and a prop-driven Cessna 172.

Listed were Kenji Nakanishi, 31, of Santa Monica, engineer with Occidental Petroleum on company business, and Richard Oshiro, 31, of Sacramento, auditor III with the State Controller's Office.

Nakanishi, a graduate of Roosevelt High, Los An-

geles, and in engineering from Stanford, is survived by a wife Tsuma, parents Toshio and Fumi Nakanishi, of Los Angeles, and brother Yoshio, San Francisco.

Oshiro, a graduate of Sacramento State, was unmarried, and is survived by his parents and brother Hiroshi.

It was the worst U.S. air disaster to date, the first involving Lindbergh field and the first for Pacific Southwest Airways.

(The March 3, 1974, crash of a Turkish Airlines DC-10 in Paris when a cargo door blew out after take off caused the death of 346 passengers, among them 49 Japanese tourists. In other major air disasters, 162 Japanese were killed July 30, 1971, when a Japanese jet fighter collided mid-air with an All Nippon Airways 727 in the Japanese Alps.)

#### Hosokawa books arrive Sept. 26

No sooner we say the books will be late in coming, the Pacific Citizen receives its order of Bill Hosokawa's latest book, "Thirty-Five Years in the Frying Pan" (McGraw-Hill: \$10.95), living up well in advance to its publication date of Oct. 29.

### Congressional intern ...



Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) of San Jose is with Congressional summer intern Kim Hatamiya, 21, a senior at Stanford University majoring in English. She is the daughter of the George Hatamiyas of Marysville. Kim had been a youth intern at National JACL Headquarters the previous year.

#### WHERE TO WRITE

### Curious about your WRA file?

OAKLAND, Calif.—According to the Diablo Valley JACL newsletter, Japanese American evacuees may obtain copies of materials in their personal file accumulated by the War Relocation Authority from:

General Archives Division,  
Nat'l Archives & Record Service  
General Services Administration,  
Washington, D.C. 20409

NARS will quote service cost at about 20 cents per page. A typical file consists from 15 to 50 pages, the JACL chapter newsletter Wilma Hayashi explained. She paid \$9.20 for her files. "It's interesting to see what one gets for that price," she added.

Inquirer must furnish (1) name, (2) name of the head of family, (3) date of birth, (4) social security number and (5) name of the WRA camp.

noted it is "hard to get Nisei to talk about their feelings."

Although the conference was mostly attended by Nisei, Suzuki addressed one remark at Sansei in the audience, telling them not to expect Nisei to "retire to the rocking chairs". He pointed out that the new president of JACL, Clifford Uyeda, is a

retired pediatrician.

Suzuki also noted that previously, when discussing "aging and retirement", the Nisei were thinking about Issei. "Perhaps we thought we were Peter Pan—never growing old," he said, but noted that now 20% or more of the Nisei are retired and the median age is 55. —Sharon Suzuki

### CCDC leader Kubota dies

#### Fowler, Calif.

Fowler Mayor Tom Nagata mourned the death of City Attorney James K. Kubota, who died of a heart attack Sept. 19. He was 58.

"Kubota served the council beyond the call of duty and in many instances served without receiving due compensation," Nagata declared. "He was a man of compassion and wisdom."

A law partner of Judge Mikio Uchiyama, Kubota's practice was in Fresno but was particularly interested in rural municipalities. Prior to being appointed city attorney here six years ago, he was city attorney for Parlier.

He represented Central California JACLers in the 1960s as Fresno Chapter

president in 1960 and later Central California district governor for the 1967 term at national JACL functions. Also a Buddhist lay leader the church honored him posthumously for his contribution during the funerals held at the Fresno Betsuin Sept. 23.

#### Oriental exhibit set at Cal State L.A.

##### Los Angeles

"The Oriental Mystique," an exhibit exploring Oriental imagery in contemporary art, will be on display in the Exploratorium, University Student Union, Cal State L.A. in October. Some of the artists showing their work are Steve Baba, Joanne Hayakawa, Wayna Kato, Wayne Kuwada, Kathy Oshima and Margaret Eijima. Admission is free.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Clifford I. Uyeda



## Membership

San Francisco:

ONE OF THE MAJOR objectives of the coming biennium will be membership development. Under the innovative ideas being formed by Attorney S. Stephen Nakashima, we all have hopes.

At present we have 32,000 dues-paying members representing 21,000 households. There are 600,000 Japanese Americans in the United States, of which 240,000 (40%) live in Hawaii where JACL does not exist. Our 32,000 dues-paying members represent 11.25% of the Japanese Americans in the continental United States. As a household, the representation is nearly a fourth. That is not an insignificant number.

What is even more relevant is that there are no other Japanese American organization in existence that has as extensive a national network to deal with Japanese American issues. Equally important are the many dedicated JACLers who volunteer their time & energy for Japanese American causes.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People claims nearly a half a million members, but there are 25 million Blacks in the United States (2%). The American Jewish Committee's voice is influential; they have 40,000 members from among six million Jewish Americans (0.6 of 1%). Dues-paying members in the American Jewish Congress is approximately 1,000.

AS WITH ANY large organization, there are those disenchanted with JACL. I know. I was one of them. JACL changes, as we all change. We call out to Japanese Americans and others interested in Japanese American issues throughout the Nation to join and help make the organization a meaningful force in the struggle for civil and human rights of all Americans. #

## Stanford-Takahashi Lectures to feature talks on Japan

San Francisco

A Stanford University lecture series made possible by a gift from Tomoye Nozawa Takahashi and Henri Hiroyuki Takahashi of San Francisco will be initiated here Oct. 25.

The Takahashi Lectures are being held at the Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter, featuring Japanese history Prof. Paul Varley of Columbia University on Oct. 25, 8 p.m., speaking on The Origins of the Japanese People; and Asian languages and literature Prof. Roy Miller of the Univ. of Washington on Nov. 1, 8 p.m., lecturing on The Origins and Development of the Japanese Language.

Both lectures are open to the public free of charge. Co-sponsoring the series will be:

Japan Society, San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies, World Affairs Council, San Francisco JACL, and National JACL.

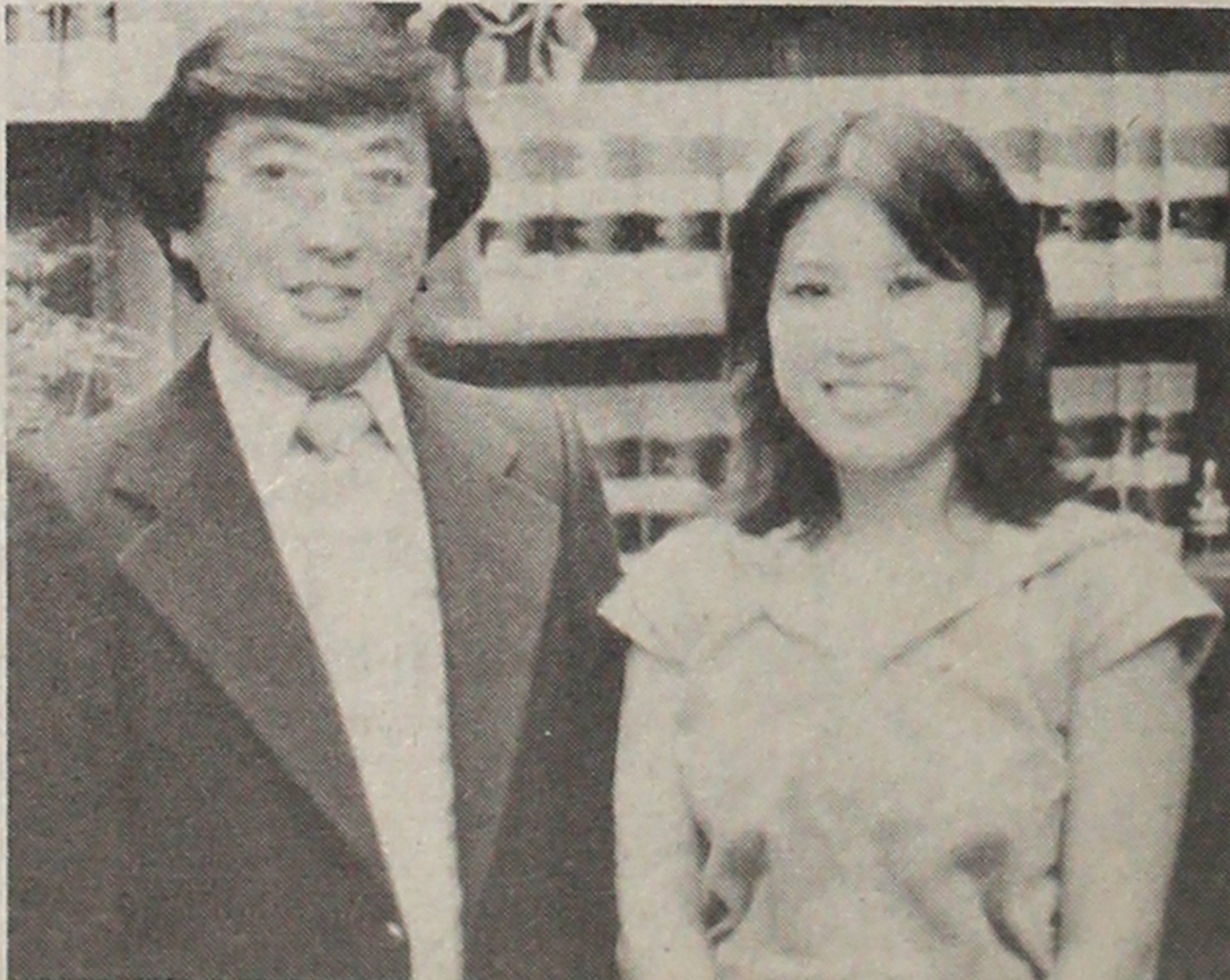
Varley completed advance studies in 1964 on early and medieval history of Japan at Columbia, taught briefly at Hawaii before re-

turning to Columbia in 1965 to teach.

Miller, a specialist on Japanese historical linguistics, taught and held administrative positions at International Christian University, Tokyo, before accepting similar positions at Yale and Washington.

Stanford has a long tradition in East Asian studies, having established the first course on modern Far Eastern history at any U.S. university in 1907. With financial support from Japan, Stanford also established a professorial chair in Japanese history and civilization in 1920.

## To push Calif.-Japan ties . . .



Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) gets help from Nana Komiya (right), Cal State Sacramento senior, on his November trip to visit government officials and businessmen in Japan and Taiwan to promote trade relations and goodwill. A native of Fukuoka, Komiya is researching the availability of agricultural produce to Japanese customers at affordable prices.

# Alien land bill up for hearing in Olympia

Olympia, Wash.

A public hearing on HJR 2721-78, a resolution amending Article II of the Washington state constitution regarding ownership of land by aliens, is scheduled for public hearing here Oct. 6, 8:30 a.m., at the House Office Bldg., Room 416.

The resolution raises a number of principles which the Asian American community has historically opposed. If passed, it would be referred to public vote.

The new section to be added reads:

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
CONSTITUTION

Article II, Section—. The ownership of lands by aliens, other than those who in good faith have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, is prohibited by this state, except where acquired by inheritance, under mortgage, or in good faith in the ordinary course of justice in the collection of debts, and all conveyances of land hereafter made to any alien directly, or in trust for such alien, shall be void: PROVIDED, That

the provisions of this section shall not apply to the citizens of such of the provinces of Canada which do not expressly or by implication prohibit ownership of provincial lands by citizens of the state. Every corporation, the majority of the capital stock of which is owned by aliens, shall be considered an alien of the purposes of this prohibition.

## PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT:

### Civil Service Internment Credit becomes law

Washington

Following is the text of President Carter's statement on signing Sept. 22 the civil service retirement credit to Japanese American civil servants for time they spent in internment camps during World War II:

I am very happy to sign H.R. 9471, a bill which represents one more government effort to redress inequities that occurred during World War II.

Three and a half decades ago, our government overreacted to the attack on Pearl Harbor and evacuated and interned approximately 110,000 Japanese who lived in our western states.

Even at the time this action seemed shameful and indefensible to many of us.

The loyalty and devotion of our Japanese-American citizens—despite this government action—has been proven many times over. Most of the internees were American citizens, and many subsequently gave their lives in defense of this country.

While we cannot undo or erase the hardships and indignities suffered by these loyal Americans, we can, in some small measure, compensate them.

Three laws have been enacted for this purpose since the end of World War II. Public Laws 82-545 and 86-782 granted special benefits for civil service pay and retirement purposes to Japanese Americans who met certain criteria, and were employed by the Federal Government on July 15, 1952. The third law, Public Law 92-603, granted social security credits for privately employed adults who were confined in World War II internment camps.

All three of these laws were designed as partial compensation to working age Japanese American internees, but they do not help

those who entered Federal service after mid-1952. These Federal employees generally do not qualify for social security benefits.

H.R. 9471 will cover that group by granting civil service retirement credit for periods of confinement after age 18 in World War II internment camps to any

Japanese American who later entered Federal service.

This bill represents years of unceasing effort by many members of Congress who wished to redress the injustices suffered by this unique group of American citizens. I am pleased to have the opportunity to share in that effort today.

## Gov. Brown names two Asians to law revision commission

Sacramento, Calif.

Two Asian American attorneys were appointed by Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. to the nine-member Calif.

law Revision Commission this past week. They are Ernest M. Hiroshige, 33, Los Angeles County deputy district attorney; and George Y. Chinn, 58, now in private practice and one-time member of the San Francisco board of supervisors and the San Francisco board of education.

Hiroshige is currently president of the Japanese American Bar Assn. and the Calif. Oriental Peace Officers, a member of the Venice-Culver JACL, and received his J.D. degree from Hastings College of Law, San Francisco. Chinn also studied law at Hastings.

Appointments are subject to state senate confirmation.

## Nat'l Merit lists 95 semi-finalists

Evanston, Ill.

National Merit Scholarship Corp. revealed the names of 15,000 academically talented high school seniors as semi-finalists in the 24th annual program.

(The San Francisco Nichi Bei Times listed the names of 94 with Japanese surnames plus one more whose mother is Japanese.)

Semi-finalists are the highest scoring students in each state from over 1 million students who were tested last year at 18,000 high schools. In the spring, 1979, 4,100 Merit scholarships will be given—1,000 to be awarded one-time \$1,000 scholarships and about 3,100 a four-year scholarship. #

## Dr. Kitano heads for Brazil confab

Los Angeles

Dr. Harry H.L. Kitano, professor of social welfare and sociology at UCLA, will be among 10 speakers addressing a symposium on Japanese in Brazil Oct. 12-13 at the Casa de Cultura Japonesa, Sao Paulo.

Sociology professor and Tokyo-born Tomoko Makabe, Univ. of Victoria, is on the same panel with Kitano covering the Japanese of North America.

## For the Record

President Carter is still expected to sign the resolution proclaiming Pacific-Asian American Heritage Week. We apologize for the premature report in last week's issue that it was signed.—Editor.

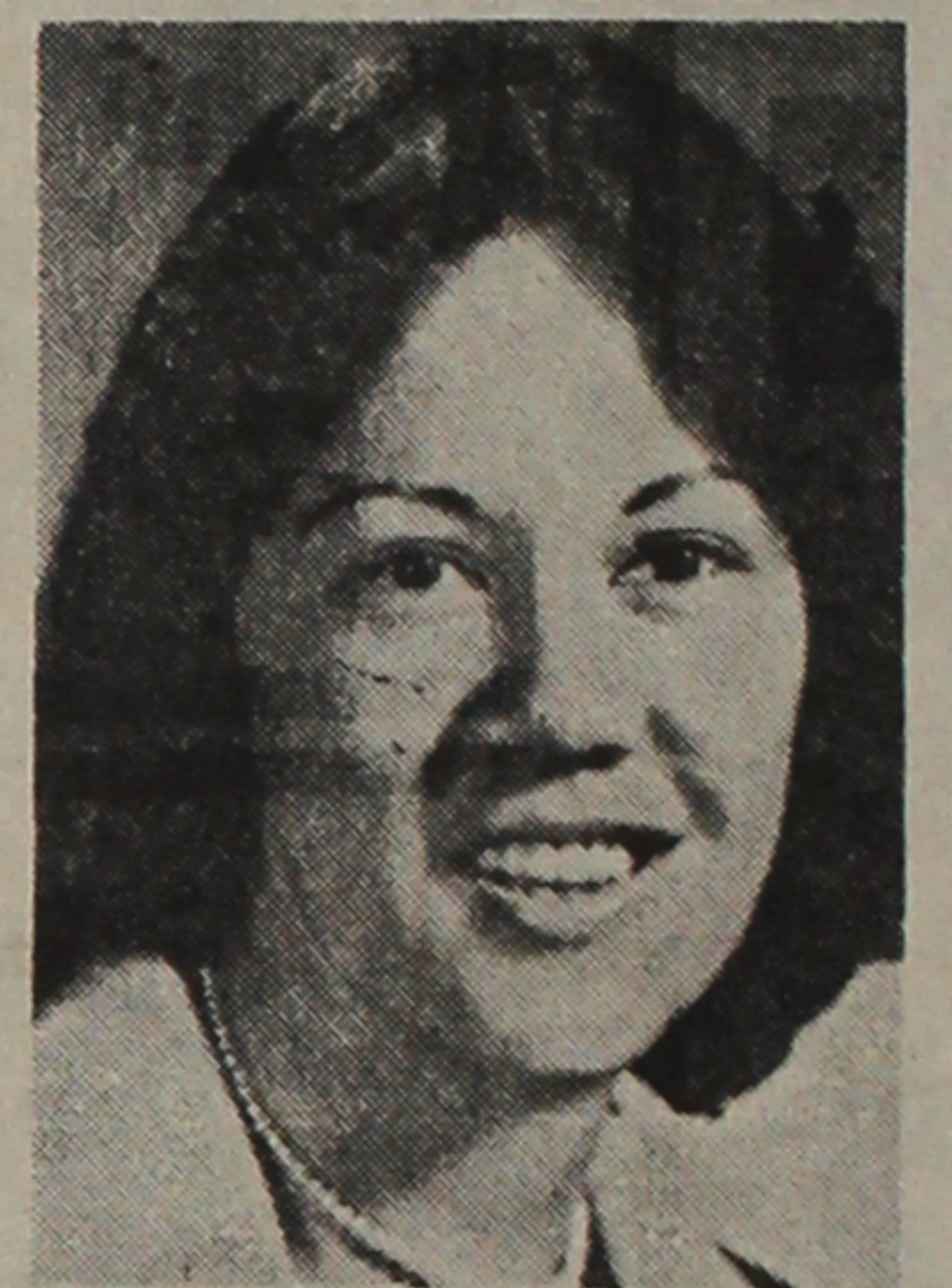
## Gov. Ray appoints commission director

Olympia, Wash.

Diane Yen-Mei Wong, Seattle attorney, was appointed by Gov. Dixy Lee Ray to be executive director of the Asian American Affairs Commission as of Sept. 13.

A Boston University Law School graduate in 1976, she worked in Chinatown Legal Aid Outreach Office and Evergreen Legal Services as a staff attorney, taught a course on Women of Color at the Univ. of Washington and is a graduate of UW's Social Welfare school.

## NEA Nat'l executive



Honolulu teacher Odetta Fujimori was elected to the National Education Association's executive committee at the NEA convention in Dallas. She is the first teacher from Hawaii and the first Asian American to hold national office.

## Asian American dolls on sale to reaffirm image for Nikkei tots

San Mateo, Calif.

For many years, the Japanese American Curriculum Project, Inc., sought a baby doll distinctly Japanese American rather than Japanese as a "reaffirming image for the Japanese American child".

JACP board members searched the markets throughout the U.S. and Japan. After market-testing the toy dolls they finally found, it is now being offered at \$18.50 per pair (boy doll only \$9.45; girl doll \$9.95) plus tax and shipping (\$1.50 for one doll, \$2 for two to same address) from: JACP, Inc., 414 E. Third Ave., Box 367, San Mateo, Calif. 94401.

Dolls are 13-inch high, soft with movable parts, wet and have removable clothes. JACP, which distributes books and curriculum materials on Asian Americans, has received many letters from mothers thanking them for making the dolls available. #



JACP's Asian American dolls

## New York church marks 25th year

New York

The Japanese American United Church celebrated its 25th year over the Sept. 22-24 weekend. Church is located at 255 Seventh Ave.

A merger of three Japanese Protestant congregations, its history dates back to about 1894 when missionaries conducted meetings for Japanese seamen and others then living in boarding houses near the Brooklyn Naval Yard.

## Deaths

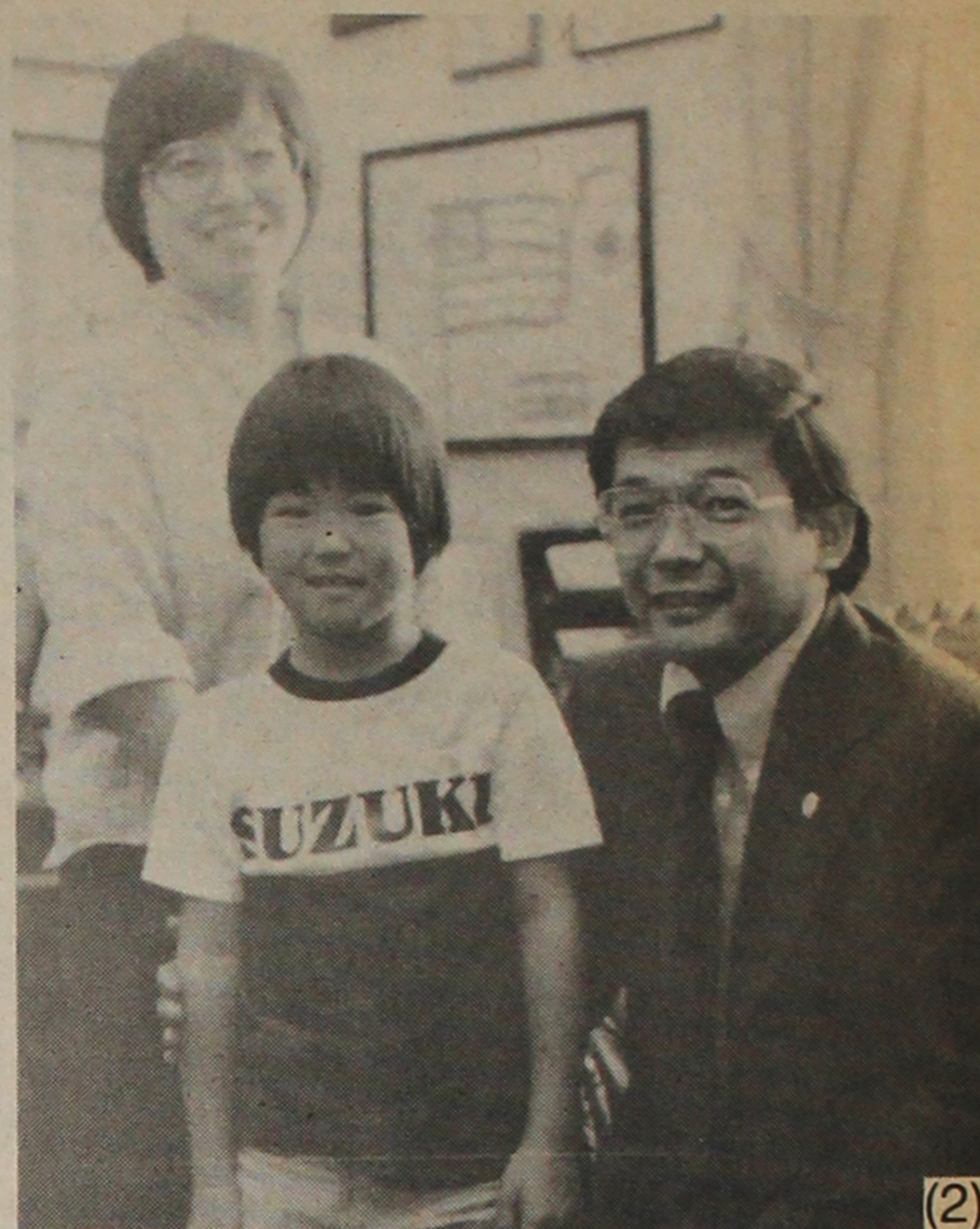
James K. Kubota, 58, Fresno attorney, former Central California JACL District chairman, died of heart attack Sept. 20. Surviving are w Mieko, s Russell, Marshall, Barton, br Willie, Henry, Fred, sis Michiko Kubota, Umeko Gotanda.

Alice H. Shikamura, 53, of Los Altos, Calif., died of cancer Sept. 17. The Texas-born educator was one of the first Japanese Americans to teach in the San Francisco school system postwar and was vice principal at Commodore Stockton School when she retired last year.

# first friday feature

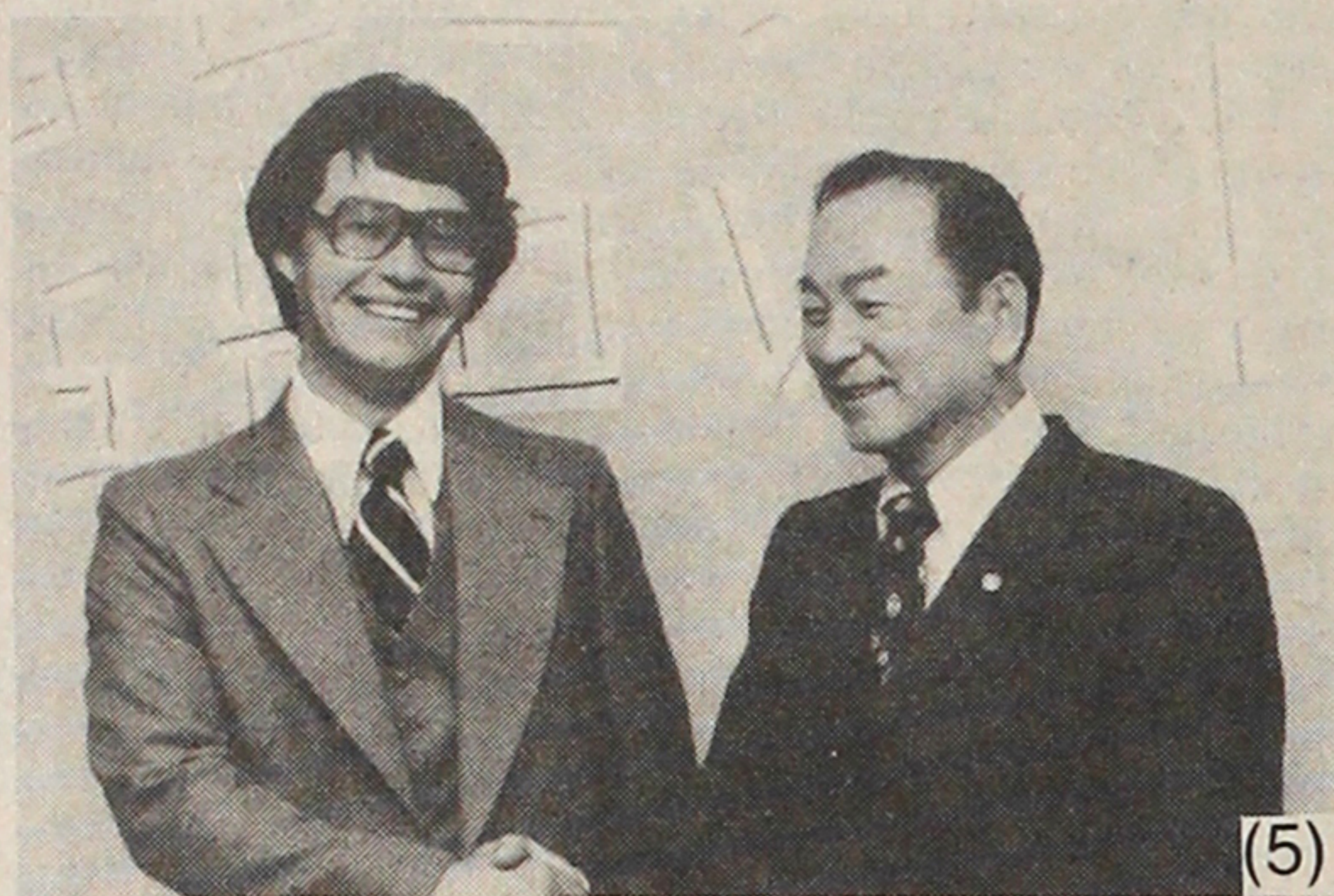


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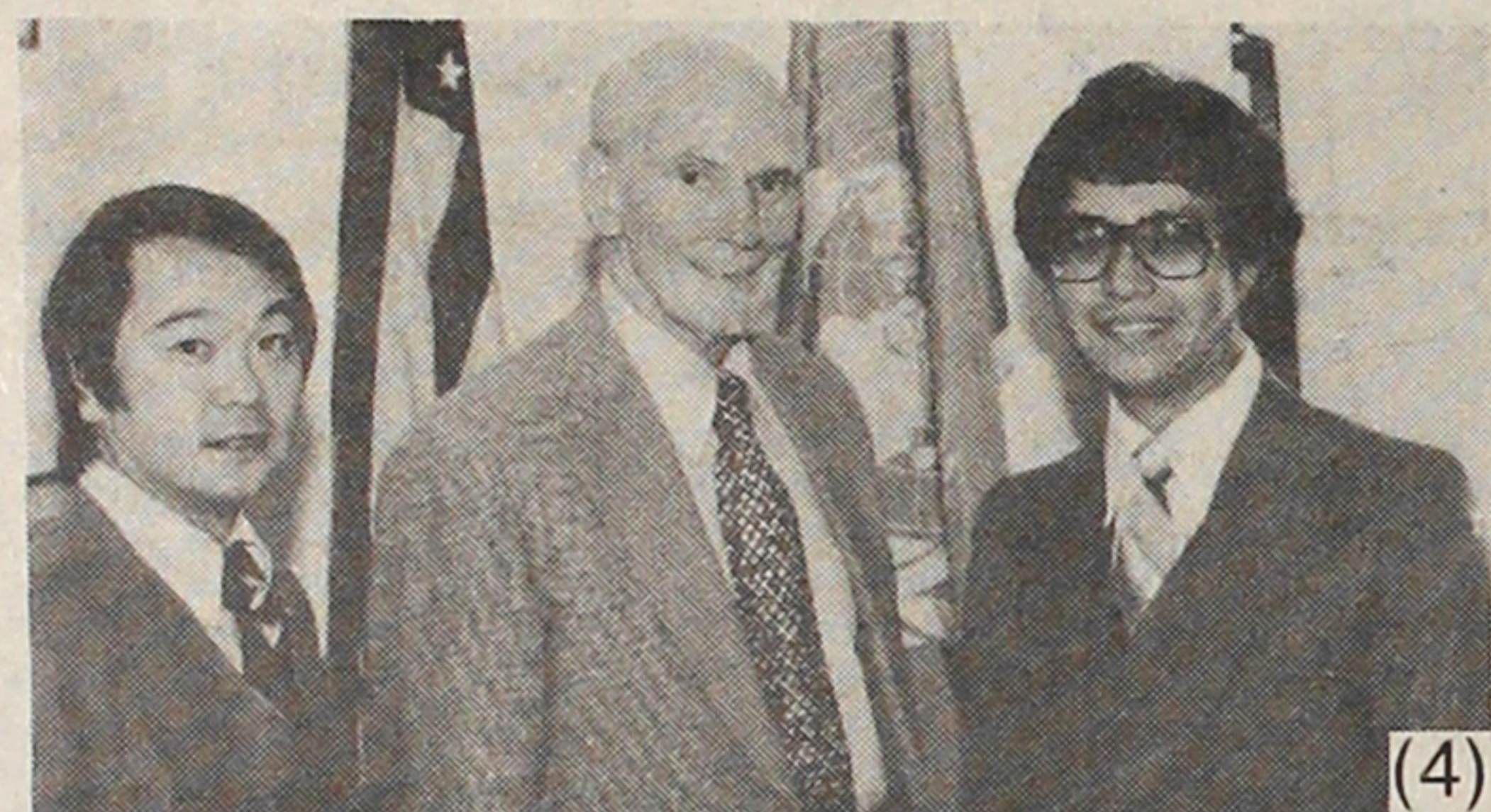


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## Ron and Karl Renew Washington Contacts



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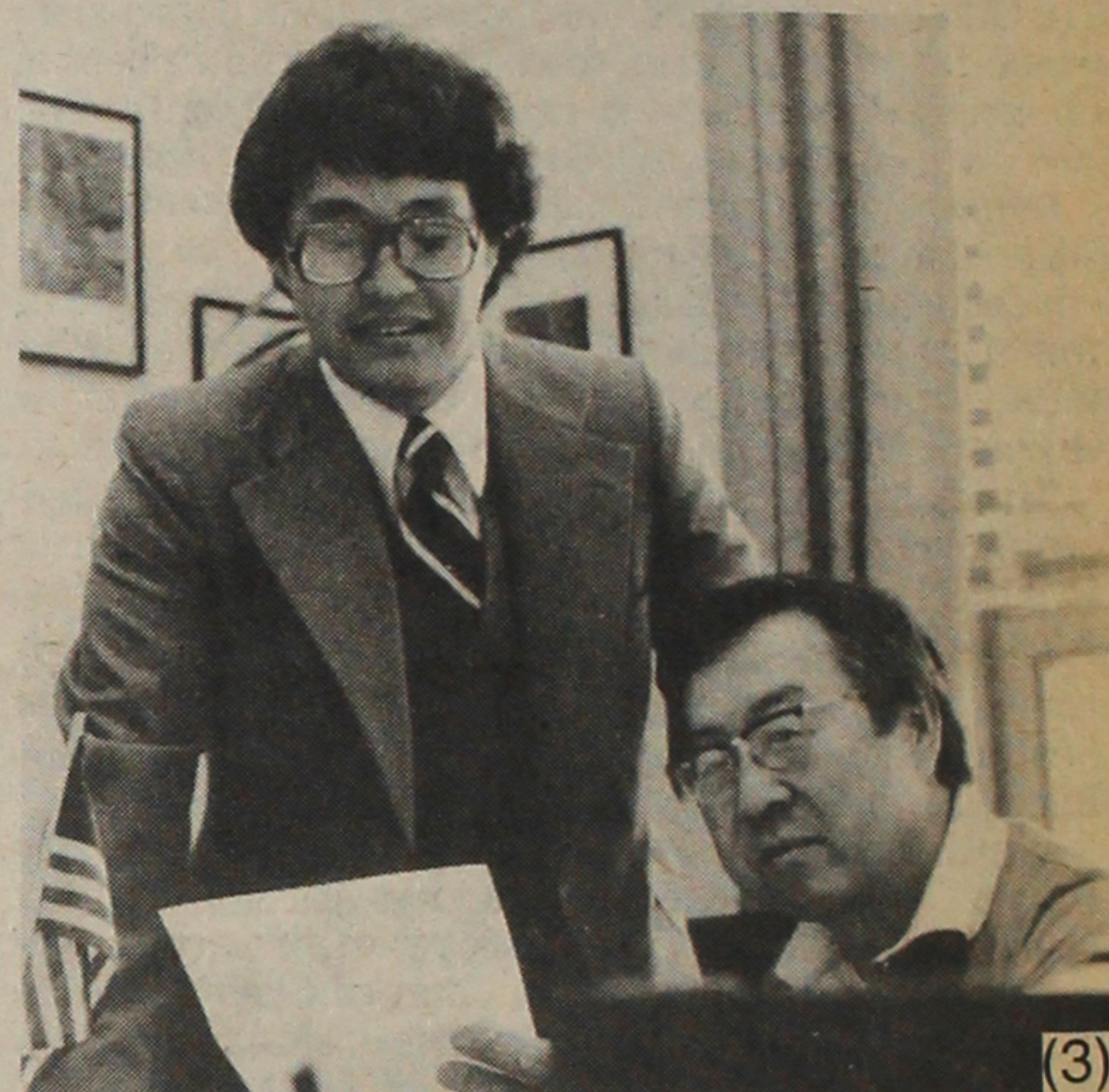
(1) Mike Masaoka, Karl Nobuyuki and Ron Ikejiri (far right) meet with Consul Fujii following a brief session with Japan's Ambassador Togo at the Embassy. Meeting focused on improving U.S.-Japan relations in wake of U.S.-Japan trade differences.

(2) Barbara Ikejiri, wife of the new Washington JACL representative, and Karl Nobuyuki's son, Bryan, are welcomed to Washington by Congressman Norman Mineta.

(3) At the Rayburn House Office Bldg., Ron "touches base" with Kaz Oshiki, administrative assistant to Congressman Kastenmeier of Wisconsin.

(4) Now at the Russell Senate Office Bldg., Karl and Ron meet with Alan Cranston, senior senator from California. Cranston expressed interest in legislation which would provide redress for Japanese Americans who underwent evacuation and internment during World War II.

(5) Still in the same Senate Office Bldg., Ikejiri meets with Sen. Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii, who expressed interest in continuing to assist the JACL—an association dating from 1963 when he was elected to the House of Representatives.



(3)

These photographs from Karl Nobuyuki initiate the "First Friday Feature"—which will be devoted to people and pictures.—Editor.

## Serious interest shown by Senator Cranston for Redress campaign

Among the many visits made by National JACL Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki on his "working vacation" in Washington, D.C. last month, of particular significance, was one with Sen. Alan Cranston of California.

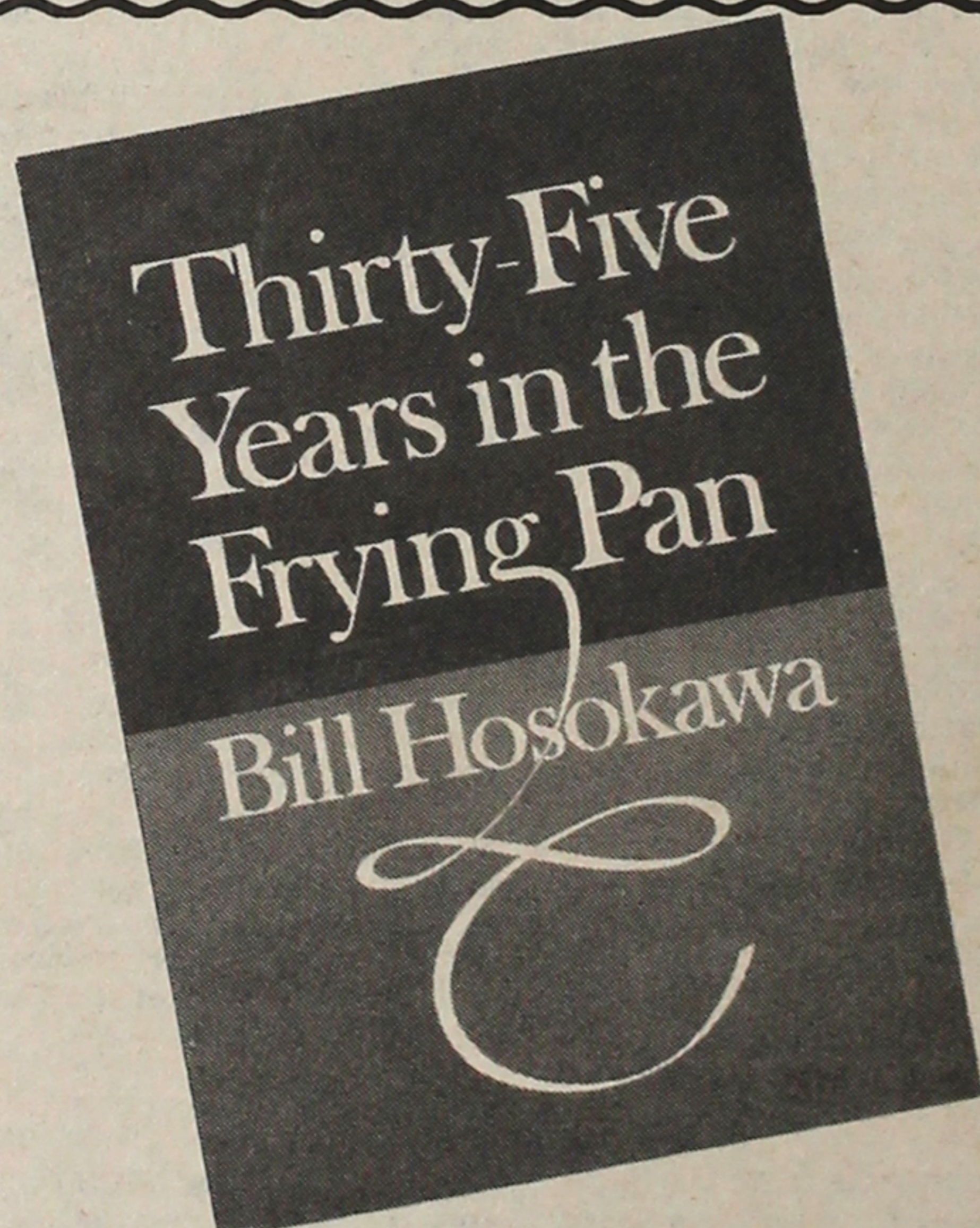
Nobuyuki reported that Cranston, the Senate Majority Whip, expressed interest in legislation which would provide a form of redress for Japanese Americans whose constitutional rights were suspended as a result of the forced Evacuation and internment by the U.S. government during World War II.

Nobuyuki said Cranston showed "a sensitivity towards the tremendous personal sacrifices and injustices imposed upon Japanese Americans during that period."

Cranston offered to assist the Japanese American Citizens League in its development of a proposal which would address the constitutional question involved in the mass evacuation.

Results of that meeting between JACL representatives and Cranston were "positive", according to Nobuyuki, who said they will continue to work closely with the senator in the future.

"I was truly impressed with the sincerity of (Cranston) and his awareness of the issue that we are carrying forth," Nobuyuki concluded. He seemed "deeply interested to hear our point of view."



## It's Here!

OUR readers need no introduction to the most continuous feature in the Pacific Citizen — Bill Hosokawa's column, "Out of the Frying Pan", that began in 1942.

What Bill has now done for his fifth book, "Thirty-Five Years in the Frying Pan", is that he assembled from the enormous stack of some 1,750 columns some of the more interesting and illustrative pieces with new background and a running commentary.

And published by McGraw-Hill/San Francisco Book Co. as part of its first batch of a new venture for the 1978 fall season, Bill's "Thirty-Five Years..." merges his choices by categories — Indignant Times, Nisei GIs, Relocation, The Growing Family, Nostalgia, Of Travel and Vittles, Of Language and Things, Some Favorites, To the Present. (Actually these are titles from the 16 chapters that comprise the 275-page book with index.)

It comes off as an intimate and fascinating chronicle of Japanese American life of the postwar years — down to a column written in 1977. There are not too many books covering this era of Japanese Americans on the comeback since Evacuation and Relocation.

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We invite our readers to share their comments (not over 200 words, please) for this spot. You'll be helping us for the proceeds from the sales will go toward improving our in-house production facility. We are hoping that at least 10% of our readership will purchase a copy for their home, friends, libraries, school, etc. — Editor.

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## EDITORIALS:

### Oregon's Civil War Debt

THE STATE OF Oregon wants a \$1.3 million Civil War debt paid by the U.S. government. The claim stems from an unfulfilled U.S. promise to pay if Oregon would man the military forts in the west at the time the Civil War started. The federal government needed its troops to fight in the South.

State Senate Historian Cecil Edwards, searching old records last year, discovered that Oregon was never paid. Several efforts to collect on the \$390,820.10 debt had been made. Three times the claim was put before the Congress and while at various times it passed both houses they never approved it at the same time.

The U.S. Court of Claims, in the early 1900s, according to Edwards, approved awarding Oregon a lesser sum of \$193,543.02. Newspaper accounts indicated the state would be paid. But then, three of Oregon's members of Congress at the time were under indictment for fraud—two were later convicted. So Congress sat on the matter.

In preparing the latest bill, it was considered too complicated to ask for the money plus interest. However, the government did indicate to Edwards that \$193,543.02 would translate to some \$1.3 million for the state in today's inflated money. So he asked Rep. Al Ullman and rest of the Oregon legislators to introduce a bill last year to collect.

The claim is not frivolous, Edwards feels, for if the federal government pays, he wants to establish a chair of Pacific Northwest history at a state university.

IF THIS PASSES, it should be an "assist" to JACL's redress campaign, notes our reader Gunnar Olsburg of Seattle, who shared with us the newspaper clipping dated Salem, Oregon.

While members of the JACL redress committee are fully aware of the legislative barriers that stare at them, realization that when Congress is reluctant to make good even an award from the U.S. Court of Claims must be discouraging. But the state senate historian has now openly publicized the plight of Oregon's just due to gather public understanding and support. The JACL redress committee stands at the same threshold.—H.H.

### Voter Registration—Calif. Style

WHEN MCDONALD'S, THE fast-food burger chain, sings out, "We do it all for you," they really mean it. In California, you can pick up lunch and register to vote at the same time at your local McDonald's.

Last week Thursday, a McDonald's restaurant here was the kick-off site for a statewide voter-registration drive, with Secretary of State March Fong Eu, officials from McDonald's Corp. and local civic leaders on hand to help register new voters.

Due to recent changes in California law, it is now possible for commercial establishments to register voters. Deputy registrars are no longer needed, but to be eligible to vote a person must still be a U.S. citizen, not on parole for a felony, and at least 18 years of age by Nov. 7.

Some 430 McDonald's will have voter registration displays where cards can be filled out, dropped in a box to be forwarded to the local Registrar of Voters.

The statewide program was initiated because a pilot program using 32 McDonald's in San Diego County last spring proved to be very successful (11,104 new voters registered in just 20 days). Surveys indicated that the familiarity and non-intimidating atmosphere of McDonald's encouraged voter registration.

Secretary Eu's office hopes to register 1 million new voters by the next deadline—Oct. 9, just three days away.

Since JACL has always strongly urged Japanese American to exercise their right to vote, we'd like to commend the folks responsible for this new (and apparently successful) wrinkle in voter registration.

So, eligible would-be voters out there: "Buy a burger and register today!"—S.S.

# Comment, letters, features

## Retirement bill

Editor:

This is in response to George K. Oga's letter (Sept. 15 PC) on "Retirement Bill" for internees. I concur with his comments and share his concern. While the following information may not satisfy all those who were under age 18, it may inspire guidance to continue the Congressional action to achieve the ultimate goal set by the Committee for Internment Credit (CIC) from its infancy to the passage of the bill.

a. Initial bills HR 6412, HR 6413, and HR 6414 all did not have any age restriction.

b. During a House Post Office & Civil Service subcom-

mittee hearing, it appeared that all internees would benefit from the bill. However, during the subcommittee's mark-up session (where no lobbyist is permitted to participate) the addition was made of the 18-year age restriction. This restriction is shown on HR 9471, which passed the House by an overwhelming vote.

c. The Senate Governmental Affairs subcommittee decided to use HR 9471 in lieu of S.224 for consideration, since both bills were similar. During the Senate hearing the legislation was amended to be in conformity with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Con-

tro Act of 1974.

d. The House approved and sent HR 9471 as amended to the President for Signature on Sept. 11, 1978.

e. Mr. Carter signed the bill into law at 3 p.m. (EST) on Sept. 22, 1978.

So you can see, the dedicated efforts of the Congressmen, their constituents, friends, and supporting organizations, coupled with Committee for Internment Credit (CIC) resulted in the passage of HR 9471, which will cover the majority of the beneficiary. I realize the foregoing does not satisfy Oga's comments, but we hope that the inequity of the bill can be overcome by con-

tinued impetus from the supporters, new and old, in obtaining an amendment to insure coverage of those minorities who have chosen Civil Service as their career and who were interned during World War II.

What has taken place during the 94th and 95th Congressional Sessions is a great milestone. What has been achieved to date is a partial reality of our goal. Those who want to help or be placed on the mailing list, write:

Committee for Internment Credit, 487-23rd Ave., San Francisco, Calif. 94121.

HIRO NAKAJI  
El Cerrito, Calif.

## An attitude from IDC

Editor:

The following represents my individual view and are not necessarily the views of the Intermountain District whom I represent as their Redress Committeeman. I would just like to say something about some of the things said by opponents of the Redress Action endorsed by the National JACL Convention held in Salt Lake City.

Some keep mentioning that "it is a bad time to bring up Redress," "Don't rock the Boat", "The Nikkei have got it made", "Just treat the Evacuation as a bad memory", "the JACL will fall on its face because it will never pass Congress," etc.

## Immigration

Editor:

The Asia-Pacific policy of the United States alternated between a period of practically do nothing and to that of an explosive violence of destruction. At present it's at the former, which is by no means healthy. The reason why our government has been lacking a positive, constructive policy lies in the fact that the very presence of more than one billion people has been ignored; otherwise, the U.S. must have sought for their participation in the democratic process, because democracy means people.

Instead, our government shunned them by the immigration ban. I hope I do not have to discuss about the atrocities committed in the violent periods. It is about the time for our policy to change 180 degrees; I believe this is possible, because in the heart of every U.S. citizen there lies a feeling of humaneness and a belief in democracy. Specifically, our immigration policy must be changed for a freer society. The Asia-Pacific people must be given positions to make key decisions, which allow equal participation of people from both Asia-Pacific and Atlantic-Euro-Africa.

NOBUYUKI NAKAJIMA  
Sheffield Lake, Ohio

## PC coverage favored

Editor:

In an article from the Sept. 20 issue of the Lansing State Journal, it appears that AP (Associated Press) has decided to award credit for the paternity test (Sept. 8 PC) to Judy Bond and/or a group of researchers at UCLA.

In reading both articles it is obvious that the PC has done a far better job of reporting on the break-through. AP not only gave misleading credit for the discovery, but they made the public feel that the

I for one don't go along with all these negative attitudes. These types of play-safe attitudes never got anyone or any organization any place.

Also, as far as I am concerned, I really don't know what they mean by "it's a bad time to bring up Redress." Will opponents of the redress movement enlighten us when it is the right or proper time to bring it up?

Sure, some Nikkei have got it made and more power to them. However, how about those less fortunate, who suffered a big financial void in their lives when the evacuation took place, a big chunk of years was taken right out of their lives, notwithstanding the trauma associated with

the Evacuation? In this respect, we hope the affluent and influential will support the redress movement with resources available to them.

I as a Nisei have inherited some of the Issei traits, but I for one am tired of turning my cheek the other way and respectfully bearing the pain in silence. I guess I have also inherited some other Issei traits contravening the aforementioned trait. My dear father attended all of the high school football games I played in and I can still hear his voice above the roar of the crowd, "Oi Teddy, gambare!"

That's how I feel about the redress movement. The JACL has never been obligated to support a cause that has

## CULCON's elitism

Editor:

With reference to Bill Hosokawa's column (PC Sept. 1) on the Japan-U.S. Relations Workshop at Salt Lake City, what the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council (workshop sponsor) tried to convey to the audience was that one doesn't have to be a scholar to provide useful input for improving the relations between the two countries.

Each one of us learned through years of experience (Japanese American) and have accumulated experiences that the Caucasians could never experience!! This type of unique experience can never be acquired through textbook learning or through osmosis. This uniqueness together with the practical ethnic upbringing of two cultures plus higher learning have made many Nikkei a useful resource.

In essence, what we conveyed was that a humanized practical input from the Nikkei community has just as much, if not more, usefulness for the masses than the narrow pedantic self-serving input of the intellectualizing scholars. Scholarly elitism in the Commission is the exact thing we desire to eliminate. We wanted the people on top who are unaware and insensitive to what's happen-

ing in the real world of the Japanese American community throughout the West Coast and the U.S., to realize that discrimination is surfacing again because of the U.S. unemployment, import of Japanese goods, whaling issue, Japanese buying businesses, trade imbalance, dollar devaluation, etc.

ing in the real world of the Japanese American community throughout the West Coast and the U.S., to realize that discrimination is surfacing again because of the U.S. unemployment, import of Japanese goods, whaling issue, Japanese buying businesses, trade imbalance, dollar devaluation, etc.

The scholars can intellectualize all they want to about the fine arts, philosophy, literature, theater, history, etc. but when it comes to racist remarks and discrimination of the Japanese nationals, the Nikkei must suffer along with them. The Japanese nationals can go back to their country and forget about discrimination, but the U.S. Nikkei must live with it or work towards the elimination of racism. It's a shame the Nikkei must suffer as a result of deteriorating Japan-U.S. relations. The Japan American Friendship Act Commission should have been doing something about it from two years ago.

When it comes to understanding countries and their people—ways of life, the grass roots involvement on a one-to-one basis will potentially provide a more practical approach than at the scholarly level where intellectualism flourishes.

In our country the power may lie in the government and commissions but one must remember the power is given to these entities through the votes and voice of the citizens. (Note: The position of the Japan-U.S. Relations Workshop panelists will be released in the forthcoming issues of the PC.)

CHUCK KUBOKAWA  
Palo Alto, Ca.

## Acropolis restoration

ATHENS, Greece—Restoration of the 2,500-year-old Acropolis has been halted because a ban on imports from Japan cut off supplies of titanium, being used for internal supports in the Acropolis columns. Japan had been selling four times more to Greece that it was buying, Culture Minister George Pyltas explained.

been popular with everyone including the general public. However, I feel it should support a cause that is just and right in every respect which it is admirably doing in this case, such as the redress movement. It will be a big task and even if we are defeated, at least we will have fought a good fight.

Too bad, the good Senator from California didn't see the film on the Canadian Japanese shown at the Convention Redress Workshop. Maybe a few tears would have swelled in his eyes like they did in mine.

TED MATSUSHIMA  
Ogden, Utah

## P.B. sandwiches

Editor:

I strongly suspect that Sachi Seko is concealing something about those alleged peanut butter sandwiches she claimed to have served to a friend she called Harry for a recent dinner at her home (PC 9/22/78).

It so happens I was amongst those other dinner guests on the following night, and having heard some rumors about the peanut butter sandwiches, I asked her. She was extremely evasive. Just what was she hiding? Some exotic version of the p.b.s.? For I consider myself an aficionado, a connoisseur of the otherwise lowly peanut butter sandwich.

Does Sachi, by any chance, garnish her p.b.s. with pickle relish? Or, bread-and-butter pickles? Or, crispy bacon? Or, even a couple of slices of salami? If she does any of these things, then she is in my class. On the other hand, she may have yet another formula that is far superior to my humble efforts. If so, then the next time I'm invited to her home for dinner, I hope I'll be fed her version of the p.b.s., instead of the delicious steaks, scalloped potatoes and salad we were served that memorable night in July, 1978. Incidentally, I've been unable to extract a word out of Harry, who is also my friend. But he would never betray one friend to another. So he ate Sachi's p.b.s.'s, and enjoyed them. I think.

LEE RUTTLE  
Oakland, Ca.

A signed letter includes  
an address we can verify.



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

## Disadvantaged . . . in a Way

Salt Lake City, Utah:

IT SNOWED ON the 18th of September, which was David and Roberta's wedding day. It is only the second time on record that snow has fallen so early. I had planned on wearing an afternoon dress of summer weight, but had to rummage through the closet for something warmer.

Clothes have long lost their intrigue for me. Sometimes I try to avoid ceremonial affairs with the excuse that I have nothing to wear. So that morning, in exasperation, I said to my son, "I think I'll skip the wedding. Besides, the dog's sick, so David will understand."

"You can't do that. David is counting on you and dad being there. At the rehearsal dinner last night, he mentioned again that we were his other family."

I remember the morning after they were officially engaged. David and Roberta, both away from their families, came to our house with the news. They planned a small ceremony, maybe only family, and that included us.

It has been that way between David and us for about six years, all the time that he and our son have been college students. Through undergraduate years and in their separate areas of graduate work. They have known each other since junior high, but have been best friends since college.

It was about that time that David's family moved to New Mexico, leaving him to complete his education at the University of Utah. His major was metallurgy and the program at this university is nationally recognized.

During some summers he has worked out of state, in Massachusetts and Arizona. But when school began, he always dropped by to share his experiences. He joined us for dinner often. It didn't matter if it was a holiday or a party or just family. Sometimes the four of us tried a new restaurant.

ONCE, HE WAS rushed to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy. He came from the hospital to stay with us for a few days. I wanted him to stay longer, until he was fully recovered. But he made it clear that our hospitality could be accepted only on his conditions. He is a young man of firm convictions, who loathes dependence.

So I have been flattered when he sought advice, mostly on social matters. Not that I could teach him very much. His mother's early and good training are obvious. Some of the nicest notes of appreciation have come from David. Sometimes, he has delivered them personally.

I know so many little things about him. How he hates potatoes in any form. His mother is from Idaho and he grew up eating potatoes. So I make certain to serve noodles or rice. Fruit Loops are his favorite cereal. He uses no salad dressing. Greek mythology fascinates him.

I tease him and call him, "Mr. America." For under the summer sun, tall and tanned, he is the epitome of the charmed golden boy. He graduated at the top of his class, won all honors. Scholastic excellence was maintained although he worked to support himself through school. His graduate work has been of such significance that a program he worked on was presented in Norway this year. I overheard at the wedding that David's research will be helpful to all metallurgy students, not only to the pilot project.

AT THE RECEPTION, his mother and I exchanged thoughts. I asked whether she was glad that her son had married. She said yes, because David deserves his happiness. After the appendectomy and a recent car accident, she wished he had a wife by his side. She told me small stories of his childhood as the oldest of four boys. The father traveled in his executive capacity, so she relied on David to be head of the house. She said that David never had things easy. It began in grade school where a teacher decided that giving him the "A's" he deserved would make the goal too easy. Instead, he gave him "B's" to make him work harder than all the other students. All through college, the difficult projects were given to him.

David is white. He was disadvantaged, in a way, by his color. He couldn't shout "racism" to all the impediments deliberately put in his way. I remember his telling me that someone didn't like him. He didn't have race to blame. Only himself. Maybe that's the way it really should be. #

## 35 Years Ago

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

OCTOBER 9, 1943

Sept. 12—Hawaiian Nisei hold first mass meeting since Dec. 7, 1941, at Nuanu Y to determine role in war effort.

Sept. 24—Second Amache camp resident dies of polio; camp quarantined.

Sept. 25—All-Nisei [100th Inf] troops taste first combat on Italian front at Salerno. (Identity of unit was not given in the early dispatches.)

Sept. 30—Chicago employers looking for 3,500 Nisei workers, WRA relocation officers told.

Oct. 1—Navajo Indian chief protests hiring of Nisei advisers and instructors by Indian Service.

Oct. 2—Nat'l JACL Credit Union chartered.

Oct. 2—Hoodlums attack War Food Administration migrant labor camp, occupied by 185 Nikkei, at Provo, Utah; Gov. Maw condemns attacks, criticizes petitions demanding ouster of evacuees.

The real significance of a crime is in its being a breach of faith with the community of mankind.

—Joseph Conrad

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

## Declassified Papers

— Denver, Colo.:  
NOT THAT IT changes anything, or justifies what was done, but the recent declassification of documents by the National Security Agency provides some fascinating insights into U.S. military decisions in the waning days of World War II. Among them was the decision to use atomic bombs for the first time on human targets.

The United States had cracked secret Japanese codes prior to Pearl Harbor and this had enabled the Pentagon to know a great deal about what Japan was up to throughout the war. The information gleaned from the intercepted messages was carefully analyzed by experts and this intelligence helped determine many military decisions.

After capturing Okinawa in a bloody 88-day battle, the American plan was to make a series of landings on the Japanese home islands, starting in Kyushu on Nov. 1.

The Americans knew about Japanese Kamikaze suicide planes which had wreaked ghastly damage in the battle for Okinawa. There had been some 850 such suicides which sank 30 ships and damaged 368 others, including 13 carriers and 10 battleships. And American intelligence estimated there were about 1,000 Kamikaze planes poised for attack in the Kyushu area where the initial landings were to be made.

Chalmers M. Roberts, a journalist who was in military intelligence during the war, wrote recently that it was believed 56,000 Japanese troops were dug in near Miyazaki, one of three planned landing beaches in Kyushu. Another 70,000 troops were in reserve, plus the suicide planes. That added up to a formidable force, indeed. As it turned out, these estimates were very close to the actual figures. In any event, it appeared certain that a great deal of blood would be shed in the inva-

sion. President Harry Truman later said the projected loss would be 250,000 dead and a half million wounded.

So, apparently, the decision was made to use the newly-perfected and still secret atom bombs to avoid the bloody landings; it was a cold-blooded but understandable trade of Japanese lives for American lives.

This doesn't explain why the bomb wasn't dropped on an uninhabited area to demonstrate its power to the Japanese warlords without loss of life, or why a second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki when it was apparent the first had virtually paralyzed Japan's will to resist. Perhaps other documents will provide an understanding.

OTHER RECENTLY DECLASSIFIED National Security Agency documents reveal that the compromised code uncovered a spy apparatus operated by the Spanish embassy in Washington for Japan. To keep Tokyo from suspecting that their code had been broken, the United States did not attempt to crack down on the spies.

Among the sources of information the Spanish mission tapped, the documents reveal, were "a major in the office of the chief of the air branch; a U.S. officer who recently returned from Australia; an Army man in the Air Force headquarters; a certain office of the Air Defense Command; an instructor at the Merchant Marine School in New London; the manager of a Scranton munitions factory and a supervisor of floating piers in New York." There apparently were as many as eight spies being used by the Spanish embassy and much of the information they provided had to do with ship movements out of American ports.

In news stories concerning these declassified documents, no mention appears about Japanese Americans. That is as it should be. They couldn't possibly have been involved. They were all locked up, remember? #

YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry K. Honda



## Too Hot to Type

not set a line of phototype unless the room is 75 degrees—after one miserable experience last year during a similar heat wave, when the minicomputer boards overheated and blew out. Room temperature at the time was around 85.

Most rooms in the PC office have clocks on the wall. But not the room where our production department is located. There, we have two wall thermometers . . . and two 8,000 BTU air-conditioners. If we get another thermometer, will we get another air-conditioner?

WE'RE USING LARGER type for standard reading text, starting with this issue. There will be some instances where small type will be necessary to squeeze advertising copy, but generally—we are finally responding to the many requests to shelve the small type. Allow us another week or so to complete the changeover. It also means a 10% drop in the average number of words per column inch.

LET ME SHARE a recent

letter Dr. Clifford Uyeda had addressed to Ellen Endo, our new PC Board chairperson, concerning the direction for the Pacific Citizen. The national president said he would like to see PC become the "expression of the total Japanese American community rather than just JACL (since) JACL will plan an increasing role in the affairs and concerns of the Japanese as a whole". The PC Board under Al Hatate, the immediate past chairperson, had expressed the same intent, we hasten to add.

Uyeda felt the JACL should know more about the Japanese Americans in Hawaii, about Japanese Canadians, Japanese Brazilians and Japanese Peruvians as well as Japanese nationals and Japanese government attitudes toward us.

"PC should reflect the eyes and ears of the Japanese Americans. It should not be secretive. It should be open. It should serve as a Japanese American conscience." On this, Dr. Uyeda scores unscathed.

THERE ARE MORE days topping 90 degrees in the month of September here than any other month, so the Los Angeles weather watchers tell us. It always seemed to come the first week after school started and as students we wondered why summer vacation was not running another week. The beach waters are the warmest in September, too, around 68 at Santa Monica.

This year, the hot desert winds came two weeks late as the calendar approached the autumnal equinox. Sachi Seko is grousing about the early Utah snowfall in mid-September in her column this week. We wonder if there is some connection weather-wise.

Till we became minicomputer-conscious with installation of our photocomposition equipment, the unseasonable 100-plus heat wave was just a personal discomfort. Now we dare



DOWN TO EARTH: Karl Nobuyuki

## A stranger who cares

San Francisco:  
NOT TOO LONG ago I had cause to take a commuter to Los Angeles. My seat had me placed between a young

Vietnamese woman and a middle-aged Caucasian male. As I arrived at my seat, I had to squeeze between what was a very friendly discussion. Not wanting to interrupt them I offered to trade seats with the fellow by the aisle.

The move prompted a discussion. He asked me what my line of work was . . . "I work for a civil rights organization, the Japanese American Citizens League." But before I could explain JACL, what we were interested in or, for that matter, my name, this fellow asked: "Are you guys involved with trying to get back some compensation for what you went through in World War II?" . . . For a few seconds, I wondered to myself—another Hayakawa fan? . . . I said, "Yeah, in fact, that's our No. 1 priority." He snapped back, "It's about time!" He continued and explained how he had relatives in Idaho during the War and how they had friends who were Japanese Americans who were put to inhumane treatment and abuse during that same period. He added that there appears to be a few Japanese Americans that did extremely well following the War but how he figured that most of them "lost everything they had".

I thought to myself that this fellow seems to be well informed on the travesty and that since he was on his way to Los Angeles, he must either be an Angeleno or a Californian at least. But before I could test my guesses, he commented in a very low-key and soft manner: "I'm glad someone is going to do something about that." Needless to say, I was surprised.

I mentioned to him there were members of our community that do not feel as he and that there are vocal persons who strongly oppose our action with REDRESS. He paused and said straight to my eyes: "Somebody's got to deal with that. Everybody knows that 'that' was the biggest rip-off of the century . . . Just because some people did well after the war doesn't make what happened right. Somebody's got to do something about it and I hope you guys hang in there."

I could feel my pulse quickening. Here was a total stranger who seemed familiar with the REDRESS issue. I mentioned how JACL was particularly interested in the educational value of REDRESS and how we were seeking \$25,000 per person as indemnification. He commented, "That's cheap. I know and my family knows of people who lost everything. Sure, some people have really become rich after the War, but that still doesn't make what happened right. I hope that you guys get everything you're asking for . . . Maybe what you guys do can help somebody else in some other way."

ODDLY ENOUGH, JUST before parting company at LAX, he remarked how we must be pleased to have Senator Hayakawa's remarks in Salt Lake City and the conflict in attitude and sensitivity. He remarked with a sad shaking of the head, "Hang in there. It'll be tough, but somebody's got to do something about it."

As I left the plane to meet Paul Tsuneishi, I knew that I would probably never run into this fellow again in my lifetime. I felt that he would probably never be an outspoken advocate for REDRESS and for that matter be a member of JACL. But he knew that something wrong had happened and that former President Nixon attempted to use the evacuation of Japanese Americans as precedent for his actions during the Watergate scandal. You see, this stranger cared. He was not an Angeleno nor a Californian as I thought. This stranger was born and raised in North Dakota. He served as a military adviser in Vietnam. My flying fellow is still an employee of the military and has been for 18 years. He was on assignment to Los Angeles from Washington. He is employed with the Pentagon.

### Volleyball game tickets on sale

#### San Francisco

Tickets sold by JACLers for the Japan-U.S. women exhibition volleyball games being played Oct. 27 at UC Davis and Oct. 28 at CSU Hayward will be earmarked for the NC-WNDC legal assistance fund, it was announced by George Kon-do, regional director.

Tickets (advance sale: \$3.50 and \$5) are available at "JACL-Volleyball", 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco 94115.

### CETA renews PSW office funding

#### Los Angeles

The Pacific Southwest JACL regional office request for CETA funding of four positions was renewed, it was announced by Paul Tsuneishi, PSWDC governor, effective Oct. 1 but the program is different — community education, vocational and academic training, cultural and creative arts. Last year, it had stressed youth work.

# Calendar, pulse, memos

## San Mateo County Issei history portrayed in slide presentation

### San Mateo, Calif.

A photo/slide presentation of the history of the Japanese settlement of San Mateo County was presented by the San Mateo JACL at the local Buddhist temple Sept. 22. It was narrated by Richard Nakanishi, historical researcher, with William Nosaka translating the presentation in Japanese.

The photographs featured the pioneer Issei activities in north and central portions of the county. A sequel covering the southern portion will be shown at a later date.

According to records, earliest Japanese in the area were visitors entertained in January, 1872, at

the Belmont home of John Ralston. School catalogues also show Japanese students at William T. Ried's Belmont School for Boys as early as 1886.

The local Issei history project required extensive research and interviewing by Nakanishi and Shizu Tabata. The project personnel were funded through San Mateo CETA funds, while operational costs were funded by the Atkinson Foundation.

Advisory board overseeing the project were Tazu Takahashi, Yoshi Mizono, Tomiko Sutow, William Enomoto, William Nosaka, Ernest Takahashi, Shig Mori and Yasuko Ann Ito.

### Hollywood



Toyo Miyatake Studio

A happy moment during the recent Nisei Week coronation dinner-dance at the Beverly Hilton finds newly-crowned Festival Queen Lisa Yamamoto (center) congratulated by the co-chairpersons of the pageantry, Toshiko Ogita (left) and Les Hamasaki. It was JACL's turn to sponsor the coronation ball and Hollywood JACL assumed the role.

### East Los Angeles

#### TOP FLIGHT ENTERTAINERS BILLED

The annual East Los Angeles JACL Issei Appreciation Day program will be staged at the Japanese Retirement Home on Boyle Ave. on Sunday, Oct. 15, 1:30 p.m., according to chapter president Dr. Robert Obi.

Appearing will be Seisui Matsushita, Yoshio Kajiwaru with his music, the Yokotake Family band, Miyoko Komori dancers, Kiyoko Ambo and her taiko group and others with Kiyoshi Igawa as emcee. Program producer Mable Yoshizaki (263-8469) added admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Issei are all invited.

## Calendar

\*A non-JACL event

- **OCT. 6 (Friday)**  
\*San Jose—AACI Candidate forum, Oak Grove High, 7:30pm.
- **OCT. 7 (Saturday)**  
Washington, D.C. — Japanese School (15-wk sess starts), Cedar Lane Unitarian Church, 9:30am - 12:30pm; regis 942-7929.  
Eden Township—Issei appreciation dnr-movies, Eden JCC, 6:00pm  
\*Los Angeles—Agape Coffeehouse Time, 332 S Virgil, 8:00pm.  
\*San Jose—Sr Serv Keirokai, Buddhist Church Annex, 4-6:30pm.  
\*Sacramento—Bazaar, Japanese Methodist Church, 11:00am.  
\*Long Beach—Sukiyaki dnr, Grace Presbyterian Church, 4:30-7:30pm.
- **OCT. 8 (Sunday)**  
\*Berkeley—Aki Matsuri, Buddhist Church, 12n-4:30pm.  
\*San Mateo—Troop 7's 25th anniversary dnr, Four Seasons Restaurant, Los Altos, 5:30pm.  
\*San Diego—Food fair, Buddhist Church.
- **OCT. 9 (Monday)**  
West Los Angeles—Elections.
- **OCT. 10 (Tuesday)**  
Stockton—Gen mtg, Calif 1st Bank, 8:00pm.
- **OCT. 11 (Wednesday)**  
Las Vegas—Mtg, Osaka Restaurant, 7:45pm.
- **OCT. 13 (Friday)**  
Watsonville—Dance class (6 wk sess starts), JACL Center, 8:00pm.

- **OCT. 14 (Saturday)**  
Philadelphia—Fall outing, Swiss Pines, 9:30am; bento, Valley Forge N.P., noon.  
Detroit—Issei event.  
Sonoma County—JAYS Keiro dnr, Enmanji Memorial Hall, 5:30pm.  
\*Los Angeles—Street Scene festival (2 da), City Hall Mall.
- **OCT. 15 (Sunday)**  
Las Vegas—Luau.  
East Los Angeles—Issei Appreciation Day, Japanese Retirement Home, 4th & Boyle, 1:30pm.
- **OCT. 18 (Wednesday)**  
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8:00pm.
- **OCT. 20 (Friday)**  
Hoosier—International Festival (3 da), Conv Ctr, Indianapolis.
- **OCT. 21 (Saturday)**  
San Francisco—Schol Fund benefit dance, Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, 8:30pm-12:30am.  
\*San Diego—Calligraphy exhibit, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, 11:00am.  
\*Los Angeles—Amache reunion (overnight), Hilton Hotel.
- **OCT. 22 (Sunday)**  
San Mateo—Cultural arts-craft fair, Central Park, 11am-4pm.  
Sonoma County—Nisei GI Memorial, Enmanji Temple, 9:45am.  
Santa Maria—Issei appreciation.
- **OCT. 24 (Tuesday)**  
Houston—Theater-dnr party, Windmill Theater, 6:45pm.

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## chapter pulse

### ● Eden Township

#### FEED AND FILMS FOR ISSEI

Eden Township area Issei will be honored guests at the JACL potluck supper Oct. 7, starting at 6 p.m. at Eden Japanese Community Center. Two Japanese films with English sub-titles will be shown from 7:30. No admission will be charged. Films are "Aite Nandaro", a family sitcom, and "Doto no Taiketsu", judo thriller.

### ● Imperial Valley

#### NO BETTER PLACE TO GOLF IN NOVEMBER

Imperial Valley JACL's golf tournament-buffet lunch at Imperial Valley Country Club & Inn on Saturday, Nov. 18, is open to all—especially former Valleyites and their family, it was announced by chapter president Pro Nimura. The course is located in the heart of the U.S. Carrot Capital—seven miles east of El Centro on old US 80.

Golfers will tee off at 8 a.m. Non-golfers can come to the Inn around noon for the buffet starting at 1:30. Out-of-towners planning to stay at the Inn (P.O. Bix 1529, El Centro 92243, 714-356-2806) may register at \$20 single, \$31 double.

Tournament entry fee of \$25, payable to the chapter, is due Nov. 1 for greens fee, buffet and prizes. Send it to Nimura, 2405 Gowling Rd, Holtville, Ca 92250 (714-356-1887).

### ● Monterey Peninsula

#### BEEF AND ALL THAT JAZZ

Monterey Peninsula JACL again operated that popular kushiyaki (skewered beef) booth at the annual Monterey Jazz Festival Sept. 15-17. On the steering committee were Pet Nakasako, Herb Tanaka, George Uyeda, Dick Inokuchi and Jack Nishida.

The recent rummage sale was hailed as a financial success, having added in excess of \$500 to the chapter general fund, it was announced by sales chairperson Doug Jacobs. Many assisted in pricing, sales and committee work.

### ● Philadelphia

#### PICNIC INSIDE A NATIONAL PARK

The annual Philadelphia JACL fall outing, with senior citizens as guests, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14, starting at 9:30 a.m. from Swiss Pines (Japanese Gardens) and then drive eastward to Valley Forge National Park for the sushi bento around noon at a picnic site near Varnum's Quarters. There is no charge for senior citizens, but others

will be assessed about \$4.50 for lunch & tea. Arrangements for lunch or transportation should be made with Hiroshi Uyeda, (215) 696-6219.

The summer outing July 30 at the Moriuchi Homestead attracted over 60 people. Reiko Gaspar was in charge.

### ● Reedley

#### A POPULAR TOPIC FOR DINNER

Bernie Zahren, CLU, of Fresno spoke on Wills and Estate Planning at the Reedley JACL dinner meeting Sept. 15 at the Riverland Restaurant.

### ● Reno

#### THE KIND OF FAT WE DON'T MIND

Reno JACL scholarships were increased in the aggregate amount this past summer as awards were made to Keith Yamashita, \$300; Lillian Coonley, \$250; and Grant Coonley, \$200.

### ● Sacramento

#### TINY NOTICE, BUT A SUPER NIGHT

The Sacramento JACL "Chapter Show of the Year" will be staged on Sunday, Dec. 3. Local talent will perform for the annual fund-raiser for community and Issei programs.

### ● San Diego

#### DINNER-DANCE UNDER \$20 PER COUPLE

While the nominations committee is busy this month preparing for elections, the San Diego JACL board set the installation dinner-dance date for Saturday, Nov. 18, at Islandia Hotel on Mission Bay. Carol Kawamoto, program, revealed the projected admission will be around \$17 per couple. Disco music is being planned.

An appeal to parents with youth of junior and senior high school age, interested in forming a JAYS group in San Diego, was issued by Vernon Yoshioka (461-2010).

### ● San Francisco

#### HAVE A GOOD TIME AND HELP SCHOLARSHIP

San Francisco JACL's scholarship fund benefit dance will feature DJ Bobby G who promises a great variety of tunes for young & old on Saturday, Oct. 21, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., at Golden Gate Park's Hall of Flowers.

Chapter aims to present more awards next year. The single award this year amounted to \$500. Dance tickets are available at \$3.50 from board members, Paper Tree or Honnami. It will be \$4 at the door, according to May Ochi, fund-raising chairperson.

### ● San Mateo

#### AN ARTY OCTOBER IN CENTRAL PARK

The San Mateo JACL's Nikkei Cultural Exhibit will be an arty Sunday afternoon at Central Park Recreation Center on Oct. 22 from noon till 4 p.m. On display will be traditional Japanese arts as well as crafts and creations by local artists. Historic photographs of the Japanese in this area will be displayed. Japanese entertainment is scheduled. Tea, senbei and tai-yaki will be available. No admission is being charged to view the exhibits.

### ● Sequoia

#### WITH A BANK'S HELP, NET DOUBLES

Sequoia JACL and California First Bank co-sponsored a tennis tournament Sept. 24 at Palo Alto's Cubberly High, attracting 30 men and 24 women participants. With a buffet lunch added, a picnic atmosphere was achieved to make this a fun thing. Competition was in doubles only. The results:

#### CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Men—(1) Morris Nishiguchi-Isao Hirotsuka, (2) Ken Tsuboi-Don Fujimoto. Women—(1) Valerie Itaya-Marilyn Murata, (2) Hiroko Yoshida-Kim Leong.

#### CONSOLATION FLIGHT

Men—(1) David Yoshida-Tom Sugimoto, (2) Wayne Doiguchi-Mark Takahashi. Women—(1) Betty Kumagai-Teresa Itaya, (2) Sachiko Yamasaki-Lynne Doiguchi.

### ● Sonoma County

#### NISEI OVER AGE 65 TO BE HONORED, TOO

Sonoma JAYS are going to prepare the menu for the annual Keirokai dinner Oct. 14, 5:30 p.m., at Enmanji Memorial Hall—composed of chicken and beef teriyaki, Japanese vegetables and sushi, and the boutonniere and corsages for honorees: some 60 Issei and Nisei over age 65. Other diners will be assessed \$4.75 per plate. Entertainment will feature the San Jose Betsuin Taiko drummers and a comical JAYS skit depicting Issei life.

Honored guest will be Chuck Kubokawa, NC-WNDC governor (he's not near the Keiro age). About 250 are expected, according to general chairman Kathy Kameoka. Reservations are requested by Oct. 7. Call Bruce Shimizu (707) 795-5042, Linda Otani 763-9730 or Leslie Murakami 545-6245.

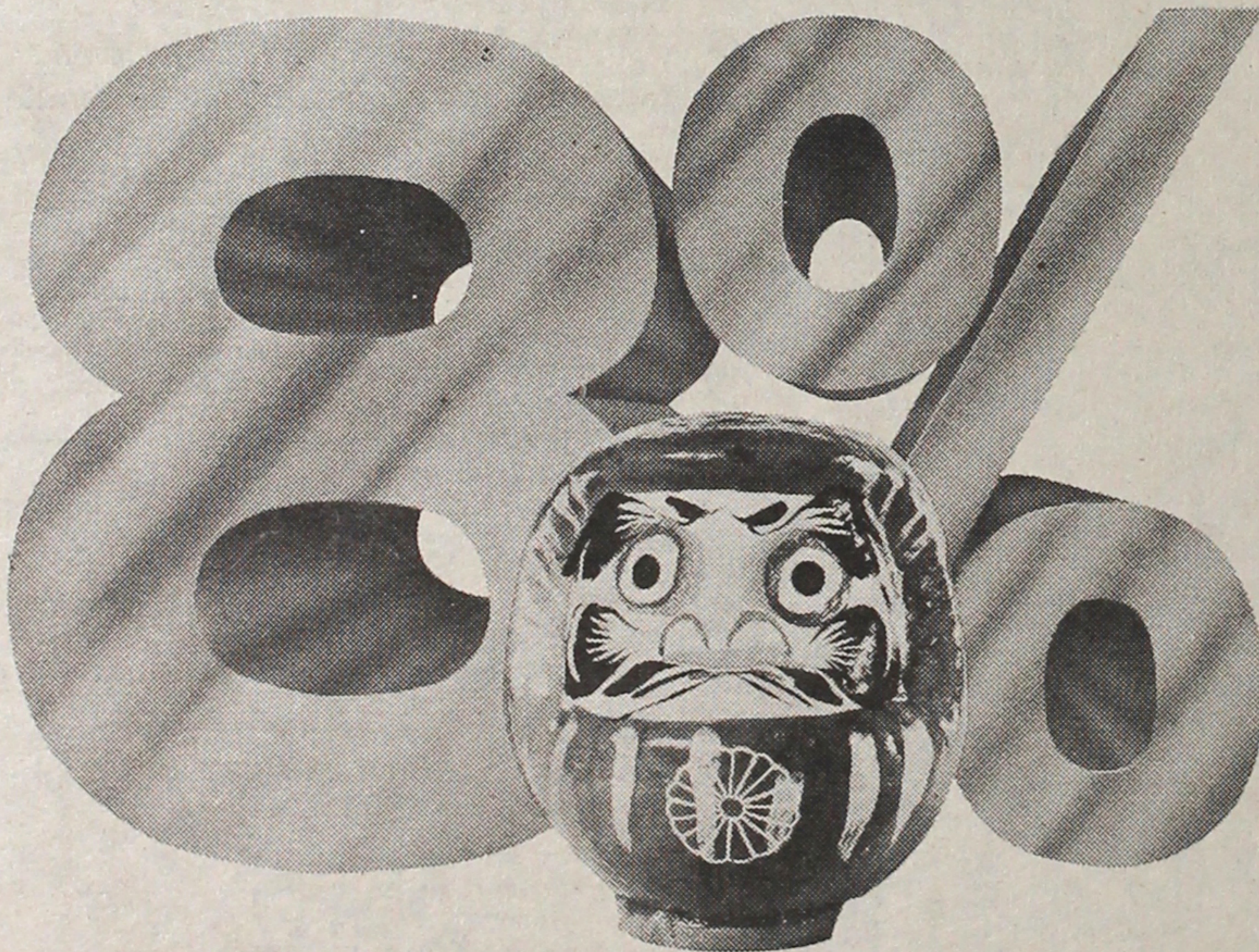
Chapter's annual Nisei GI Memorial service will be held Oct. 22, 9:45 a.m. at Enmanji Buddhist Temple.

### ● Tulare County

#### MAYBE IT'S TOO LATE TO SIGN UP

Tulare County JACL reminded its three-day Las Vegas charter bus trip Oct. 27-29 is on a first come-first serve basis. Stanley Nagata, tour coordinator (591-0824) announced rates of \$48.25 single, \$96.50 double to include hotel and bus fare. Group will be housed at the new downtown hotel, Rendezvous.

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Talent Registry seeks name

**Washington**  
A new title is being sought for the "Talent Registry of Japanese Americans" because, as some have pointed out, "talent" connotes vaudeville or theatrical listing rather than a directory of outstanding, prominent of distinguished Japanese Americans.

Suggestions for a new name to the project may be sent to Seiko Wakayashi, Eastern District Governor, 7020 Sulky Lane, Rockville, Md. 20852.

Nominees are currently being sought from all areas on the mainland, U.S., especially in areas not served by JACL chapters. Nominees need not be JACL members. Anyone may submit names of nominees to a local JACL chapter selection committee or to JACL National Headquarters: 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

The name and address should be accompanied with a short statement explaining why the candidate is considered to be outstanding.

Thereafter, National Headquarters will send each nominee a questionnaire patterned after the "who's who" format. The deadline for submission of names has been extended to January 31, 1979.

**Takamine-Pettis**

REDLANDS, Calif.—Congresswoman Shirley Pettis, who is not a candidate for election, is engaged to be married when Congress adjourns to Dr. Jokichi Takamine III, an internist in West Los Angeles, whose Issei grandfather synthesized adrenalin and brought Japanese cherry trees to Washington. People who have never met the doctor often expect to meet a Japanese-appearing man and are startled to find he is a 6-footer, blue-eyed and blond. His mother was Norwegian and his father was also Caucasian.

Membership

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Eastern	892	79.1
Intermountain	1,326	94.6
Midwest	2,236	94.5
Mountain-Plains	648	93.2
Pacific Northwest	1,819	86.9
Pacific Southwest	8,590	91.9
No. Calif.-W. Nev.	12,209	94.0

Chapter	Total	(1000)
San Francisco	1,663	135
Gardena Valley	1,461	66
San Jose	1,421	56
West Los Angeles	1,256	33
Chicago	935	175
Sequoia	921	25
Sacramento	861	124
Seattle	686	102
East Los Angeles	683	21
San Mateo	682	18

A CASE FOR REDRESS

SECTION 6:



The Supreme Court

While the majority of Japanese Americans complied with the military orders as a means of demonstrating their loyalty to the United States, there were many equally patriotic individuals who decided to challenge the discriminatory orders on constitutional grounds. As a means of testing the orders in the courts, over 100 Japanese Americans deliberately violated one or more of the orders and invited arrest. But the government was apprehensive about a judicial review and declined to prosecute most of these violators.

Instead, the government carefully selected for prosecution three individuals, who did not appear to have the backing of any Japanese American organization. Minoru Yasui was charged with violating the curfew, Gordon Hirabayashi with violating the curfew and refusing to report for detention, and Fred Korematsu for failing to report for detention. All three men were convicted in the federal courts for variously disobeying military orders and sentenced to prison terms under Public Law 77-503. The legal issues were slightly different in each case; the three appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals and their cases were ultimately heard by the Supreme Court.

On the other hand, Mitsuye Endo cooperated with the military orders, but when she found herself detained against her will without charges, she sought a writ of habeas corpus in July 1942. Habeas corpus cases are supposed to be adjudged promptly, but the federal district court took a full year before announcing the decision denying Endo's plea for release. Endo appealed, but again, the Court of Appeals took another year before forwarding her case to the Supreme Court.

All four Japanese American appellants argued that the military orders were unconstitutional when applied to citizen civilians, and the government conceded that the appellants were loyal citizens who had not committed any crimes other than to challenge the military orders.

Regretfully, judges, and even justices of the Supreme Court, were not immune from the prejudices of the times, and the judicial system failed in its constitutional responsibility to protect citizens against abuses by the executive and legislative branches.

In *Hirabayashi* and *Yasui v. U.S.* (320 US 81, 115), the Supreme Court ruled that a curfew may be imposed against one group of American citizens based solely on ancestry. In *Korematsu v. U.S.* (323 US 215), the Supreme Court further decided that one group of citizens may be singled out and expelled from their homes and imprisoned for several years without trial, again based solely on ancestry. The court refused to question military judgment, or the validity of military orders applied to civilians without a declaration of martial law.

The Supreme Court justified these decisions by reiterating the false stereotypes about Japanese Ameri-

cans which had permeated white American thinking. The justices argued, without any foundation in fact, that Japanese Americans were inherently more dangerous to national security than other people merely because of their ancestry. The Court ignored the constitutional guarantees of due process and equal protection of law, and violated the basic principle of American justice that guilt and punishment must be individual, i.e., the inalienable rights to life, liberty and property cannot be deprived except upon conviction of an individual's own wrongdoing—not the wrongdoing of others, nor of a group. Justice Robert Jackson stated in dissent: "The Court for all time has validated the principle of racial discrimination in criminal procedure."

In the case of *Ex Parte Endo* (323 US 283), the Court granted Endo an unconditional release from confinement. In a very important sense, however, she lost her point. The court specifically stated that the original expulsion from the West Coast and

the detention for three years without charges or trial were legitimate exercises of presidential and military power during an emergency. The Court merely ruled that Endo and the other admittedly loyal American citizens could not be imprisoned indefinitely.

Refusing to consider the salient constitutional issues begging for resolution, the Court decided the *Endo* case on narrow technical grounds—that Executive Order 9066 did not authorize the indefinite detention of citizens who the government conceded were loyal, nor did it authorize the imposition of parole conditions on citizens once removed from the West Coast.

The *Endo* decision was announced on December 18, 1944. The Western Defense Command (then under General Henry C. Pratt) had rescinded the exclusion and detention orders a day earlier on December 17th. Japanese Americans were free to return to their homes on the West Coast effective January 1945.

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BY PAUL TSUNEISHI  
PSWDC Governor

Los Angeles:  
I CONSIDER IT a privilege to have been elected the Governors' Caucus chair at the Salt Lake City convention. This position places me on the EXECOM, responsible for bringing to the EXECOM the interests of the Districts as they relate to Board decisions. It also gives me the added duty of sharing with the Governors some of the insights I gain from my representing them at the semi-annual EXECOM meetings.



JACL is in a fortunate position of having the opportunity to place the bitterness and divisiveness of the past

behind us, having elected a National President who owes no one, and a new Board that essentially is of the same mind.

At the recent EXECOM meeting, we dealt with those issues of the past: the Amy Doi suit, an ex-employee who is holding all of the Washington D.C. Office records for his term as Washington Representative, the long overdue JARP report and other matters as a new Board determined to finish the old business and get on with the new. There is here no condemnation of the prior boards... but a realization that we must be done with the past.

With respect to the suit, there are matters that need to be resolved yesterday, but legal constraints prevent your Board from acting

more quickly. We are well aware of the kinds of sentiments held by various Chapters and individuals regarding our fiduciary duties as elected Board members. I did not run for Governor and the Governors' Caucus Chair to be a defendant in future litigation, and my actions as a Board member are with the hope of closing out past issues.

I HAVE BEEN very fortunate in the makeup of our PSW Board and the new people who are coming on or have just come on. I have tried from the beginning of my term as Governor last November to bring up and put on a "fast track" people we need... Sansei and Yonsei... and non-Nikkei.

It is no secret that JACL has not had a fair share of non-Japanese in elective or appointive positions. There are an awful lot of qualified folk who are members who just are not elected or selected who are not Nikkei.

For my own part, I also decided to serve as a one-term governor and open up

as many opportunities as I could for our "minorities": women, Sansei, Yonsei, the non-Japanese.

I have been extremely fortunate in having an understanding spouse who permits me my "aberrations" about community service, and a father who is of the same mind as I am about service to the larger community.

FOR A VARIETY of reasons, Southern California has the largest Asian population of any state with an enormous number of immigrants from Asia and the Pacific Islands. (Today's Los Angeles Times estimates the local Korean population at near 150,000—up from 7,000 of the 1970 census.)

Problems of needed services, of cultural and language problems in surviving in America are magnified and JACL can play a very large role in Southern California. We have a direct role in challenging United Way in Los Angeles for its failure to meet new and emerging needs. Unlike San Diego, where JACL's Vernon Yoshioka and others through their Union of Pan-Asian Communities have made United Way in San

Diego decide to allocate funds for Asian community development, United Way in L.A. is talking about funding existing agencies to meet new and emerging needs. Nationally, United Way in 1975 had a 10% turnover in their funded agen-

cies... In Los Angeles for the past several years, it has been under 1%!

Employment, direct services, affirmative action... you name it, JACL has a role to play, and we are doing our best in Southern California. #

**CHIAROSCURO:**

**To Our Complainers**

BY RONALD SHIBATA  
New Mexico JACL  
Albuquerque, N.M.:

I had hoped to give a blow by blow account as to what happened at the 25th Biennium in Salt Lake City. However, the PC took care of that for me...

As a result, I have decided to address an issue which is critical as far as our Chapter is concerned. This issue is that of those individuals who have expressed to me either indirectly or directly, that they are less than happy about the direction the Chapter has taken this year.

This year's officers have tried to do the best job possible for this chapter, given the fact that our information as to what the membership wants has been less than perfect. Without your input, it is difficult for us to determine what you would like us to do for this chapter.

Those individuals who have complained, have been for the most part, not eager to speak out or, have not helped us out by offering their leadership ability to coordinate a project to meet their needs. When approached about helping out, they decline by saying, "Oh, but you all are doing a great job with JACL". However, they continue to complain.

AT PRESENT, out of 130 members there are only about 20-30 people who have pitched in to help this chapter carry out its local program.

For those of you who are unhappy, a golden opportunity has presented itself. At the Aug. 31 meeting, the appointments to the Nominating Committee will be made public.

What this means is that it is time to begin choosing the officers for 1979. Thus, you who are unhappy have a chance to seek a Chapter Of-

fice... As an officer you can directly influence the direction that this Chapter will take in 1979. Therefore, when the Nominations Committee appointments are made public, let them know that you want to run for office so that NMJACL can do the things that you want. It will make their job a lot easier.

INCIDENTALLY, AT its Aug. 14 meeting of the Executive Committee (past Chapter presidents), subject to membership approval, has suggested that it become a standard practice for NMJACL that the immediate past president and the current president be the delegates to represent our Chapter at future National Conventions. (The 1980 Convention is in San Francisco. Thus, the 1979 and 1980 presidents would be our delegates.) #

**Florin to host next NC-WNDC**

Florin, Calif.

There will be seven positions open on the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District executive board for the fall election, which will be held Nov. 5 at the Florin JACL-sponsored meeting.

Besides the regular five board members with a two-year tenure up for election will be two vacancies for one-year each caused by Stephen Nakashima and Floyd Shimomura who were elected national officers.

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# Books, stage & films

## FILM: 'THE BUSHIDO BLADE'

### Based on Perry's arrival

**Tokyo**  
A film based on the arrival of Commodore Perry to negotiate a treaty with Japan in 1854 and the turmoil that resulted is being made as a joint American-Japanese production entitled, *The Bushido Blade*.

Richard Boone, noted for his Western roles on film and TV, will portray Perry while Japanese actors include Toshiro Mifune, Tetsuro Tamba and Shinichi Chiba.

Drama begins with Perry's second visit to Japan with a squadron of nine ships. It leads to conclusion of the Treaty of Kanagawa, opening up the ports of Shimoda and Hakodate. The story involves a samurai sword the shogunate is presenting to the U.S. president which is stolen by hot-headed anti-foreign elements. The shogunate officials (Mifune and Tamba) set out to recover the blade.

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SAN DIEGO—"Understanding Pan Asian Clients: a Handbook for Helping Professionals" (\$2.50, UPAC, 2459 Market St., San Diego, Ca 92102, 90pp, bibliography) covers 11 groups: Cambodian, Chinese, Guamanian, Hawaiian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Filipino, Samoan, Thai and Vietnamese.

Filming will be carried in Japan, principally in Izu, Shimoda, Kyoto and Hikone Castle. □

### 'Yankee Samurai' due in mid-1979

Monterey, Calif.

The hush-hush history of the Nisei GIs in military intelligence during World War II will be unfolded in *Yankee Samurai*, now in its final writing stages.

It is being published by Harlo Press of Detroit by mid-June, 1979, in time for the Nisei veterans reunion in Hawaii, it was announced by Shig Kihara, MIS book project chairman.

Onetime Navy journalist Joseph Harrington, now residing in Ontario, Canada, was commissioned by the MIS Assn. of Northern California to write the book.

#### Buddhist scriptures

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### ● New Anthology

"Hawaii's Great Japanese Strike," which first appeared in the Pacific Citizen in its 1960 issue, is included in *Kodomo no tame ni - For the sake of the children: the Japanese American Experience in Hawaii*, edited by Dennis M. Ogawa, University Press of Hawaii, 615 pp., \$15.00.

Filled with vignettes of plantation life and chronicling the setbacks and achievements of the Japanese immigrants, the anthology also reveals the hardships wrought by WW2, the struggle of the Nikkei to win a place under Hawaii's sun and their search for identity in a world of changing values.

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### ● Sayings of Joshu

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Last year, Dr. Hoffman authored "Every End Exposed: the 100 Perfect Koans of Master Kido" (Autumn Press). These two writings comprise the most original work being done on Zen today.

### ● Comic book

Caricaturist Jack Matsuoka's weekly comic strip has been appearing in the San Francisco Hokubei Mainichi since November, 1972. Now in book form, *SENSEI* (\$2.95 from the author, 804 Edgemar Ave., Pacifica, Ca. 94044), pokes into the experiences of the Issei, Nisei and Sansei, the ethnic identity kick and contemporary life in Japan. His rakish style of cartooning, occasional smattering of Issei-style Nihongo (with translation) and courage to laugh at himself in print flourish "as a virtue sorely needed to sustain oneself in a humorless Japanese American society (of) today"—to quote Hokubei Mainichi editor Howard Imazaki who writes the introduction to the book.

This is Matsuoka's second collection of his drawings—the first being "Camp II, Block 211", depicting life inside Poston. His next book of cartoons may be the Issei story. He may become the only Nisei Boswell with an overactive funny bone chronicling the Japanese American story.—H.H.

### ● Immigrant Americans

The voices of many immigrant Americans and their descendants are noted in *FIRST GENERATION* (Beacon Press, Boston, \$12.95, 234 pp, with notes and biblio-

graphy) by June Namias, whose grandmother's stories of life in early 1900 America inspired her to publish first-generation impressions of people from 20 different nations.

Among these are Natsu Okuyama Ozawa of Berkeley, the Issei housewife who got her first job for pay at a Topaz camp mess hall; and Kyoko Oshima Takayanagi, an Oakland Nisei now residing near Boston who delves further into camp life at Topaz.

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tion young and dynamic. The Nisei as sons and daughters of immigrants from Japan will readily relate to all of the remarkably candid recollections.

## Nisei cop back in crime novel

New York

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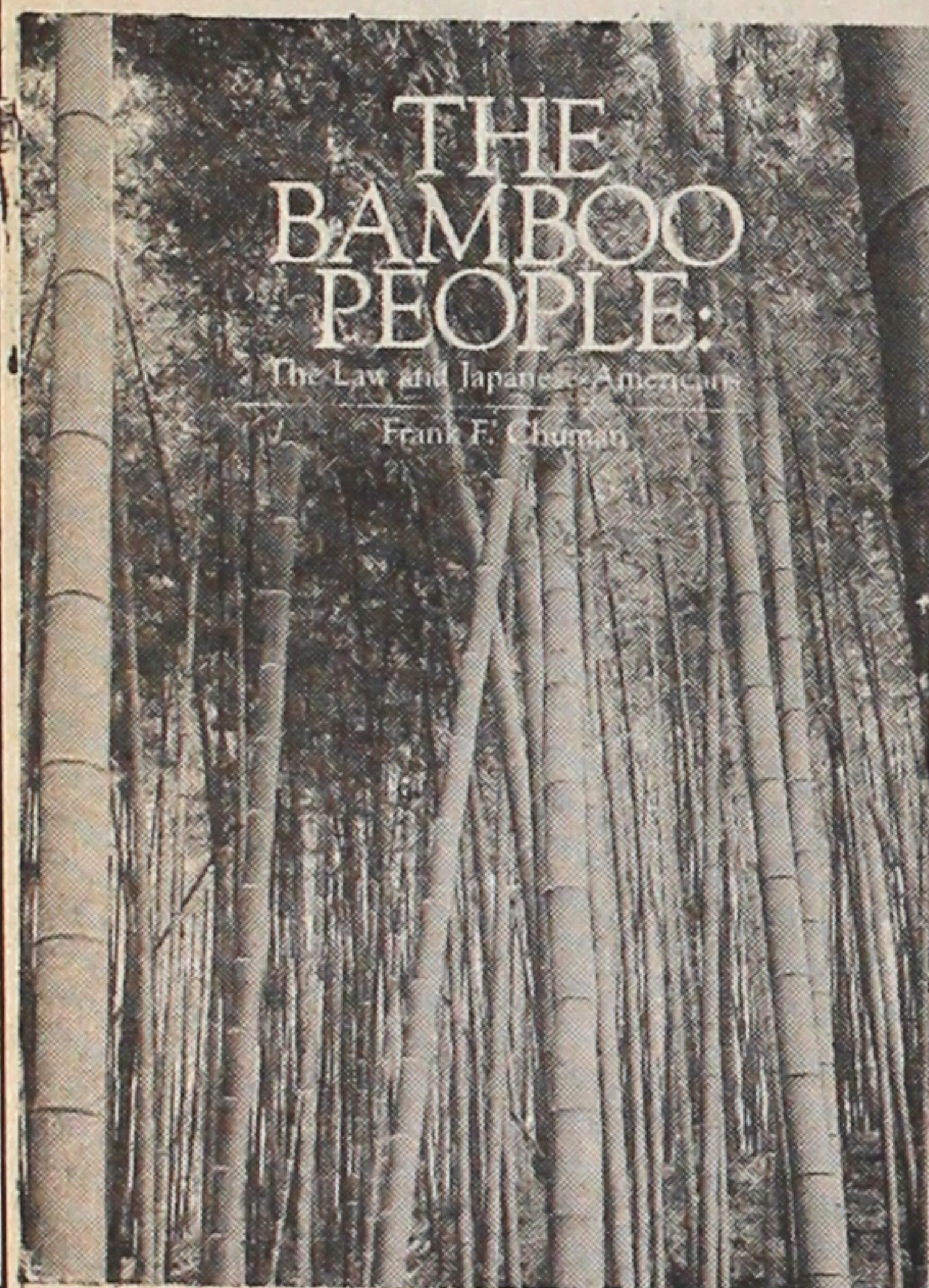
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REVIEW: *Voices in the Shadows*

# Generation gap an open wound in new East West Players' production

BY KATS KUNITSUGU  
Los Angeles

WHEN WE WERE growing up (and by "we," I mean the Nisei), the formidable gap yawning between the Issei and Nisei was the favorite topic of every budding writer who ever essayed a piece for the Sunday literary pages of the *Kashu Mainichi* or the *Rafu Shimpo*. The language barrier and a different way of looking at things created a chasm which exacerbated the natural antagonism of teenagers toward their parents.

Now Edward Sakamoto, this year's recipient of the East West Players' Rockefeller Playwright-in-Residence Grant, has come up with a play which plumbs the depths of the generation gap between the Nisei and Sansei and shows that parent and child can share a similar background and speak the same language, yet be unable to communicate with each other. The sins of one generation are visited on the next.

The problem is no longer peculiar to Japanese Americans but becomes the universal failure of one generation to realize that it cannot fulfill its broken dreams in the lives of the next generation.

East West Players presented CBS grant . . .



Dr. Andrew Wong (right), president of the East West Players board of directors, accepts congratulations of John Backe, president of CBS Inc. upon receipt of a \$240,000 CBS philanthropic grant at a L.A. Music Center presentation.

Sakamoto's play "Voices in the Shadows" should strike a response in every person who has ever awakened in a cold sweat from a nightmare in which he is back in college and it is the end of the semester and he realizes that he has registered for a class he has never attended, or he is back in junior high and cannot find his next classroom—with the voices of his parents intoning in the background, "Study hard, get good grades, make something of yourself!"

THE PLAY CAN be faulted for its lack of dramatic action, especially in the talky first act, but it cannot be faulted for its characterizations.

Hideo Otake is the quintessential Nisei victim, unable to free himself from the emotional tyranny of his father and having no insight whatsoever into what makes his children tick. His bullheaded belief in his own judgment drives his son to a nervous breakdown in college (from which he is just beginning to emerge) and his daughter to suicide.

Helen, his wife, is a perfect foil for her bully of a husband. Ever the quiet, good homemaker, she has



Mako as Hideo Otake

enough intelligence to understand her husband but not enough gumption to prevent his tyranny over their children.

In a touching moment during the second act, she almost manages to evoke for her son the image of the young Hideo Otake with whom she fell in love. The image is shattered soon enough by Hideo the father, whose harsh-toned litany of his son's "failures" drives him away again, although the son had come home for his sister's funeral with a faint hope that his father in his grief might yet turn to him with love.

"You never touched me or told me you loved me!" the son cries in anguish.

So contained are the Otakes, even in grief, that their homecoming from their daughter's funeral may have been an ordinary homecoming from any night

## HEW funds TV series on Asians in U.S.

Philadelphia  
The return of Emiko Tonooka of Philadelphia to her birthplace, Bainbridge Island, Wash., last summer revealed a \$300,000 grant from the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare to Educational Film Center, Springfield, Va., to produce a six-part series on Asian Americans for public television, the Philadelphia JACL Newsletter reported.

Film is being directed by Mike Ito. Story is around Emiko and her return for the first time since she and her family were evacuated in 1942 for Marzanar, Calif. The series is slated to be completed in April, 1979.

out. Hideo complains to his wife that she should have left some lights on, and Helen asks him if he'd like some "ochazuke". The only clue we have here that something is wrong is the fact that Helen does not go into the bedroom to change but continues to sit on the couch, hugging a white cloth-wrapped object, which turns out to be the urn containing her daughter's ashes.

Mako, who has been absent from the East West boards for nearly five years (has it been that long?) takes on the duo role of director and Hideo Otake. So much of the expository burden has been placed on Hideo's lines that even Mako can't rescue the static first act. Shizuko Hoshi's equally wooden Helen doesn't help.

THE BEST ACTING is seen in the minor roles, especially J. Maseras Pepito as Judy, the errant daughter. Pepito evokes the spoiled young girl demanding an electric typewriter who grows into the self-destructive young woman who rebels against her fa-

ther and finds that the rebellion only saps her self-confidence.  
Jim Ishida, who portrays Mits Toguchi, the youthful pal of Hideo's who took the high road to adventure and an early death, adds life to a play that sorely needs it.

Dana Lee, who was so good in "The Year of the Dragon", is developing some Lee mannerisms which threaten to turn every role he plays into Dana Lee; however, the character of Tsuneo Ujimori, Hideo's braggart of a successful brother-in-law, is right up his alley.

Clyde Kusatsu turns in a brief but entirely believable bit as Goro Otake, Hideo's whining, self-centered, senile father. Ken Mochizuki as the son needs seasoning. Dom Magwili, as Judy's sensitive suitor, did well by his brief appearance toward the end.

"Voices in the Shadows" will play until Oct. 29. Prices and show times are:

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## Nara, Japan

Authorities checking tiles donated to the Todaji temple here have uncovered a piece given by the late American billionaire George Morgan and his Japanese wife, Yuki.

The tiles were donated when the temple was being repaired between 1903 and 1913. Characters reading "Morgan and his wife, of U.S." are inscribed in the newly-discovered tile.

Authorities believe the couple donated the tile in 1905, when they visited Kyoto after their European honeymoon. The characters are said to have been written by some other person.

The temple has decided to preserve the piece as a cultural asset, officials said.

Morgan Oyuki, born Yuki Kato in Kyoto in 1881, became a geisha girl of Gion, Kyoto's famous night spot.

She became acquainted with Morgan in 1901 at a Japanese-style restaurant when the billionaire visited Kyoto on a sightseeing tour.

Morgan, enamored with the lady, visited Japan again



This is a tile donated to Nara's Todaji Temple by the late George Morgan, an American billionaire, and his Japanese wife, Yuki, during the Meiji era.

## Japan Scene

and married her in January 1904.

The bride went to the U.S. with Morgan, astonishing fashionable American society. After his death, she lived alone in Nice, France for a while before returning to

# Tourists from Japan crime targets in Isle

## Honolulu

Action "of the strongest nature is needed to cut down on crimes against Japanese tourists here, the Japan-Hawaii Economic Council says.

Unless the community is made aware of the problem and takes steps to correct it, such crime "will lead invariably to a decline in Hawaii's attraction as a paradise and to a major economic crisis," according to a resolution adopted by the group.

The Japanese constitute the largest group of foreign visitors, spending an average of \$146 per day, according to 1977 Bank of Hawaii statistics.

Kenneth F.C. Char, Aloha Airlines vice chairman, said the resolution is intended as

"an acknowledgement that there is a problem" of crime against tourists from Japan by the Hawaii community. He said the association—made up of business people from Hawaii and Japan—became concerned about the problem when a series of robberies of Japanese tourists in Waikiki elevators was reported in the local news media.

The resolution calls the crime problem "extremely complicated" and mentions possible ways to fight it. Among them were persuading Japanese tourists to carry less cash, beefing up hotel security and passing "new and tougher laws for crimes against visitors or in hotel premises."

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