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'Camp Harmony' remembered

Over 2,000 experience the Evacuation in one-day demonstration for redress

Puyallup, Wa.

Upwards of 3,000 came by Army truck, buses and caravan of cars here Nov. 25 to rename Western Washington Fairgrounds "Camp Harmony" for one day more. It was a day to remember and demonstrate for redress.

Camp Harmony was one of the 1942 Army reception centers processing some 110,000 Japanese Americans being interned because of their race.

ABC-TV's 20/20 News-magazine, local media covered the entire proceedings, starting at noon at Seattle's Sick Stadium parking lot where those assembled were registered, given a buff-colored name tag. Each came with a tote bag or satchel.

(Thirty-six years ago, the Army ordered all persons of Japanese ancestry—alien and citizen—on the west coast to assemble at a designated point to be evacuated from the excluded area by noon of a certain day. Evacuees were told to bring their own bedding, toilet articles, extra clothing, eating utensils, plates, bowls, cups and essential personal effects; but no pets. Each item was tied and plainly marked with the name of the owner and family number provided by the Army.)

The highly visible name tag and bag of personal effects (participants last week were bringing a blanket, pillow or cushion, ground-cloth and something to share for the potluck dinner) added a touch of Evacuation realism that shook loose pent-up anger a generation old.

Monica Sone, now of Can-

ton, Ohio, who relived the 1942 trek to Puyallup with her mother, Mrs. Benko Itoi of Seattle, now 80, told the Pacific Citizen that the Day of Remembrance was "a positive expression" and was "to the point". She explained: "The buried anger over Evacuation has been corruptive of the Nisei, but now our feelings are open and that's healthy. It's only right to show our anger openly over the injustice."

Her book, "Nisei Daughter" (1953) was one of the first evacuee-written stories about the Evacuation, where she describes her Seattle childhood (her father owned a hotel on the waterfront in what is now Pioneer Square), Camp Harmony and Minidoka.

Under clear skies and in crisp weather, the symbolic trek to Camp Harmony was paced by two 2½-ton Army trucks from the National Guard, followed by three buses and a caravan of some 250 cars—which was stretched some 4 miles down Interstate 5 toward the Puyallup fairgrounds. State patrol and local police escorted the Japanese American families and their non-Nikkei friends to the site of the wartime assembly center.

(Any person subject to Exclusion Orders who failed to comply by not leaving the excluded area at the posted time was liable to criminal penalties, provided by PL 77-503 of Mar. 21, 1942, entitled "An Act to provide a penalty for violation of restrictions or orders with respect to persons entering, remaining in, leaving, or committing any act in

military areas or zones." This was the order, signed by Lt. Gen. J.L. DeWitt, that three Nisei tested in court and lost. They were Minoru Yasui, Gordon Hirabayashi and Fred Korematsu.)

The program to remember the 3½ years of Japanese Americans in America's concentration camps began auspiciously by raising the flag over Camp Harmony by a detail comprised by Nisei veterans. As program emcee, Dr. Min Masuda noted the flag ceremony marks the "years of hardship Japanese Americans endured to make the U.S. home for their parents, themselves, their children and all Nikkei generations to come."

Masuda spent time in Harmony and Minidoka before seeing combat with the all-Nisei 442nd Regt. Combat Team in Europe. The professor of psychiatry at the Univ. of Washington revealed: "I've always had a sense of injustice that the country I love has never acknowledged nor given redress for the losses, shame and stigma of Evacuation."

Shosuke Sasaki, born in Yamaguchi-ken, Japan, grew up in Pomeroy, Wa. He described his bus ride to Harmony in 1942, reading from his diary. Now retired here from his profession as statistician and securities analyst in New York, he expects evacuees will win redress because "I believe in the average American's sense of justice and fair play."

Mako, artistic director of

East West Players in Los Angeles, also read a diary of camp life—in Japanese, belonging to a San Diego Issei. Born in Kobe, Mako came to the U.S. in the late '40s. His wife, Momo Yashima, told the Pacific Citizen:

"The power of the people poured through the experience of re-living the Evacuation in this trip to Camp Harmony. I'm glad I came here (as a member of the postwar Sansei generation) to experience this... we've stumbled on to something bigger than expected. It's hard to describe."

Hirabayashi couldn't believe how gripping the experience born of the clamor for redress was and said: "We're on the threshold of a new era." The Nisei is not afraid any more to manifest their emotions about Evacuation that have long been held in private, he said. Born and raised in Seattle, he had refused to be evacu-

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Two Chinese sisters in death leap over dating dispute

New York

Two Taiwan-born teenage daughters—apparently in despair over their father's insistence that they stop seeing non-Chinese boyfriends—fell Nov. 10 to their death from the roof of their six-story midtown Manhattan apartment.

Betty Hwang, 17, a student at Seward Park High School, and her sister Jean, 13, a junior high schooler, had been in an argument with their father who had reprimanded them for breaking his rule against dating non-Chinese boys and ordered a Puerto Rican boy friend of Betty's to leave the family's top-floor apartment.

The Hwang children were celebrating a third sister's 16th birthday when their father came into the apartment, according to witnesses, and ordered the youth to leave. Apparently upset, Betty and Jean went to the roof's edge, then responded to pleas to leave

but doubled back. As a police car entered the block, Betty stepped off, followed by Jean. They were pronounced DOA at Bellevue Hospital.

Neighbors in the heavily Hispanic block told New York Times reporter Judith Cummings that there was no tension between them and the Hwangs who have lived on the block for more than eight years. The tragedy was described as "an old story" of city-raised youngsters clashing with parents struggling to preserve old country ways. #

Guyana reveals Cult's references

New York

The Guyanese government publicized a list Nov. 20 of prominent Americans whose favorable comments on the Peoples Temple and its leader Rev. Jim Jones formed character references that attempted to show why Guyana was sympathetic to the jungle colony, which stunned the world by murdering five Americans, including Rep. Leon Ryan (D-Calif.), Nov. 18 and then committing mass suicide the next day.

Former Rep. Patsy T. Mink (D-Hawaii) was among those listed as well as First Lady Rosalynn Carter, Vice President Mondale, the late Sen. Hubert Humphrey and HEW Sec. Joseph Califano.

State panel backs Redress campaign

Olympia, Wa.

The State Commission on Asian American Affairs voted unanimously to support the Japanese American redress efforts, it was announced Nov. 13 by Diane Yen-Mei Wong, executive director.

The group was also actively involved in the Day of Remembrance program held Nov. 25 at Puyallup fairgrounds. #

IMMIGRATION RED TAPE

Mom wins right to stay with son

Seattle, Wa.

Perhaps it was the front-page treatment that untangled the government red tape this past week (Nov. 15) permitting Kazuko Hendrichs, a Japanese citizen married to a missing American fisherman, to remain with her in-laws, the Tim Farrells of Seattle.

She had been refused alien residency status because she had no American blood relative of legal age to sign for her alien registration card. Her husband, Bill Hendrichs, was reported missing at sea and presumed dead a year ago while they were visiting her family in Okinawa. In September, the Farrells managed to get Mrs. Hendrichs and her 5-year-old son Andy, who was born in California, back to the U.S. on a visitor's visa.

Her plight tugged at the feelings of

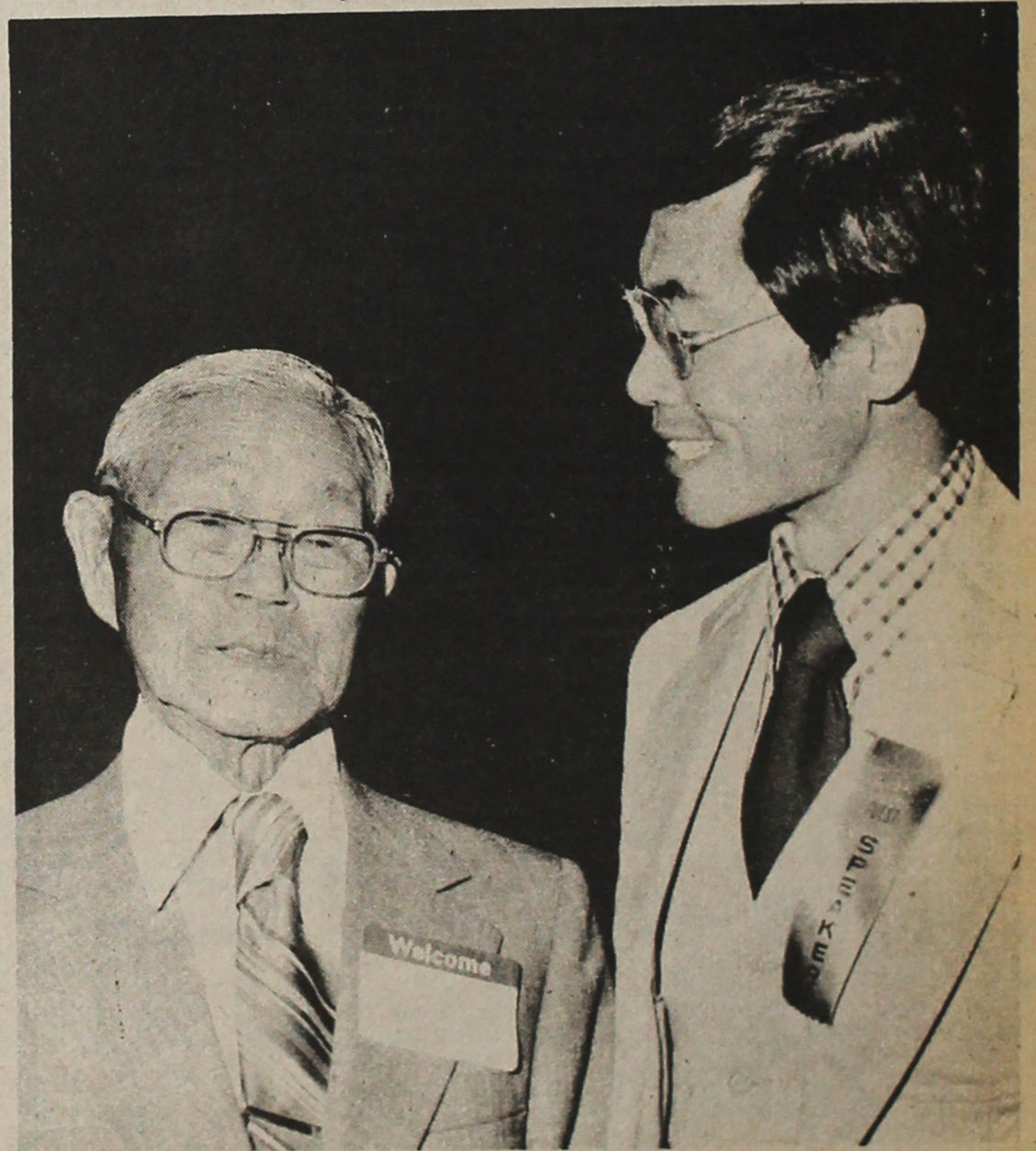
newspapers and readers after the story broke on the front pages earlier this month.

The immigration office reversed their previous decisions and issued her a permanent registration card, crediting all the time spent in the U.S. (over five years).

"All she was asking was for a chance to stay here and raise her American son—now she's got it," said Laura Farrell, Hendrichs's sister.

"She was frightened half to death," Ms. Farrell said. "First she lost her husband, then her residency, for all these months she'd been in limbo."

"Now she can settle down, live with us, maybe go back to school, concentrate on learning more English and starting a new life for herself and her son." #



Roseville Press-Tribune Photo

ISSEI PIONEER MEETS 23rd CENTURY SPACE SHIP CREW MEMBER — Charles Nitta, 92 (left), listens to George Takei, member of the Star Trek cast now involved in a full-length motion picture version during the Placer County JACL's Golden Anniversary and Goodwill Dinner held Oct. 28 at Placer County Fairgrounds. Fruit rancher Nitta came to U.S. in 1903.

INTERMOUNTAIN DISTRICT

Nobuyuki's HQ report headliner at IDC meet

By YUKI HARADA
(IDC Correspondent)
Ontario, Or.

First-hand observations and reports about National JACL and operations and Headquarters from visiting National Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki headlined the fourth quarterly Intermountain District session here over the Nov. 11-12 weekend at Tapadero Motor Inn.

Nobuyuki discussed:
1—Eastern District's "Japanese American Resource Registry"; 2—Founders' Award, a project to inscribe the names of early JACLers for unveiling at the 1980 National Convention; 3—International Relations Committee; 4—Redress: how a na-

tional poll indicates 94.4% support; 5—Camp Harmony caravan; 6—Revenue funding program.

Nobuyuki also commented on the personnel changes at Headquarters, the new chapters in process, travel program, scholarships, legal counsel's concerns, 1980 convention, the Mas & Chiz Satow Fund and endowment fund.

District governor John Tameno appointed Terry Yamada, a Boise attorney, as Intermountain district legal counsel.

Tameno also announced the appointment of Marg-

ret Hasegawa, Idaho Falls JACL, as National JACL Resolutions Committee chairperson and confirmed by President Clifford Uyeda.

IDC went on record in support of Mountain Bell's affirmative action program and its equal opportunity policy.

Hid Hasegawa of Idaho Falls outlined Clarke Kido's tented plans for the 1979 IDC convention being hosted by the chapter in November. Kido is the Idaho Falls chapter president.

Snake River Valley president David Mizuta

welcomed the delegates as did JAYS president Robert Sakahara. IDYC chairperson Jeanne Hirai received an allocation of funds to meet their budget.

Yoshiko Ochi will present her report on the National JACL Nisei retirement planning meeting at the next quarterly session. She was the IDC representative at the special meeting held Nov. 17-18 at Headquarters.

A heavy snowstorm in northern Utah prevented some delegates from attending. #

HARMONY

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ated in 1942 and was jailed. A teacher of sociology at the Univ. of Alberta, Canada, he interrupted his preparing for a Tokyo symposium Dec. 3-5 on Japanese emigration to participate in the JACL redress program.

Program of speakers and entertainers included read-

ing of an original Nisei play, "Lady Is Dying", remarks from JACL Redress Committee officials; Lawson Inada, Sansei professor poet at Southern Oregon College; and comedian Pat Morita. Floyd Schmoef of American Friends Service Committee was presented an award for his work with evacuees. He once mistook the building on the parking

lot coming up at Camp Harmony in 1942 as "rabbit hutches". JACL officials including Dr. Clifford Uyeda, Karl Nobuyuki, John Tateishi and Ellen Endo were present.

While the local redress committee was preparing for 500 to come, chairman Ron Mamiya was overwhelmed by the turnout and hoped other districts

First goodwill dinner



George Makabe Photo

Addressing the first Placer County JACL goodwill dinner Nov. 18, 1950, at the Loomis Legion Memorial Hall was the late Saburo Kido (standing), past national JACL president. To accommodate the overflow, members were seated at the headtable facing the chapter officials and the guests. Identifiable by face (from left) are then State Sen. (and now Congressman) Harold Johnson, Ellen Kubo, Cosma Sakamoto, and Mrs. and Assemblyman Francis Lindsay.

Japanese language school pioneers honored by Canada

Ottawa

Tsutae Sato, 84, of Vancouver, B.C., a pioneer Japanese language school teacher, was decorated by the Canadian government with its highest civilian award, The Order of Canada, at ceremonies held here Oct. 16.

To celebrate the occasion, some 20 former students and their spouses held a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Sato at a local Chinese restaurant. For most of them, it was the first reunion since the Alexander St. school was closed by the war.

Always advocating a Nisei who learns Japanese would be a better Canadian, Sato said humbly the distinguished medal was won because of the Nisei who had turned out to be good citizens. "I actually like to share this medal with you, but I'll keep it since I am older than you," he quipped.

The 84-year-old Issei related some of the sad and amusing experiences as a teacher-internee at Lacombe, Alberta; but foremost on his mind were the thoughts of his (school) "children" and the school building which the military was renting. Looking back, he said he was very lucky to have been given the chance to devote his

lifetime to teaching. He started at \$40 a month in 1917, was instrumental in having the combination school-and-hall built in 1928 for \$50,000—a sum that was raised within four years. The school boasted enrollment of well over 1,000 students before the war.

Due to Sato's efforts to retain the school building during the war and restarting after the war, the Japanese Hall is in use today by a new generation.

Sato, after 49 years of teaching, has retired but he is honorary principal and keeps in touch with hundreds of his "children" across the country.

—New Canadian

Samoa bill signed

Washington

President Carter signed Oct. 31 HR 13702, a measure to provide the Territory of American Samoa with a nonvoting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives from 1980.

The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Phillip Burton (D-Calif.), was passed in the closing days of the 95th Congress. Mark Tajima, Washington Coordinator for the Pacific/Asian Coalition (PAC), noted that last minute efforts by Burton and Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii)—with the behind-the-scenes work of Eni Hunkin, a Congressional staff member from American Samoa—were "instrumental in ensuring the bill's passage." #

Deaths

Helen Katsuko Akagi, 73, died Nov. 9 in Binghamton, N.Y. A longtime West Los Angeles JACLer, she was the first born Nisei in the Puyallup Valley area (1905), first Nisei registered nurse in the Pacific Northwest (1927) and worked at Providence Hospital, Seattle. Because of the stae alien land law, property for the Firwood Japanese Language School was purchased in her name. Among the survivors is Dr. James Watanabe, Spokane, past PNWDC governor.

Tom S. Okamoto, 62, of El Monte, Ca., died Nov. 20 after a prolonged illness. Born in Kent, Wash., and a Disney Studio artist prior to Evacuation, he served in the MIS as master sergeant and went into free-lance advertising work in the 1950s. He created "Deems" which appeared in the old Nisei Crossroads and briefly with the UPI syndicate.

Yoneo Sakai, 73, prewar newspaperman in San Francisco and Los Angeles, of Washington, D.C. died in a nursing home Nov. 21. Postwar he was a Tokyo Shimbun and NHK correspondent in Washington D.C.

PC Directory: 1979 Memberships

REPORT ANY CHANGES DIRECTLY TO THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

Membership fee (after name of chapter) reflects the 1979 rate for Single and Couple. Thousand Club members contribute \$50 and up, but their spouse (x) may enroll at the special rate as shown; otherwise, the Single member rate applies. Student dues (y) do not include PC subscription but such members may subscribe at the JACL rate (\$7). Dues are payable and remitted to the JACL Chapter of the individual's choice. z—Retired sr citizens

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1978 HOLIDAY ISSUE BOXSCORE

Total Last Year: 5,716"		
Carson	9	Sn Fran 336
Chicago	84	Sn Jose 168
DTLA	168	Sn Mateo 6
Eden Twn	84	Sn Seattle 196
Fowler	2	Solano Cty 6
Fresno	168	Stockton 168
Gardena	252	Tri-Vly 11
Marysville	42	Tulare Cty 30
Monterey	1	Watsnville 168
Pasadena	14	West LA 168
Puy Vly	84	
St Louis	6	NC-WNDC 6
sac'to	168	Central Cal 20
Salinas Vly	420	Midwest 8
Salt Lake	126	Eastern 4
Sn Diego	336	Ad Dept 307½
Sn Fern V	336	Office 105½
Nov 24 Total	4,017"	
One Liners: 1977 Total—742		
Dayton	18	Tri-Valley 7
St Louis	39	White River 35
Nov. 24 Total	99	

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Henry Senbei Honda, who passed away Nov. 13, at age 94, at the Minami Keiro Home, Los Angeles, gratefully acknowledges the many expressions of sympathy and condolence. In his memory, contributions have been made to favorite charities, including the National JACL Endowment Fund, San Francisco.

SHU M. HONDA and Family
3926-2nd Avenue
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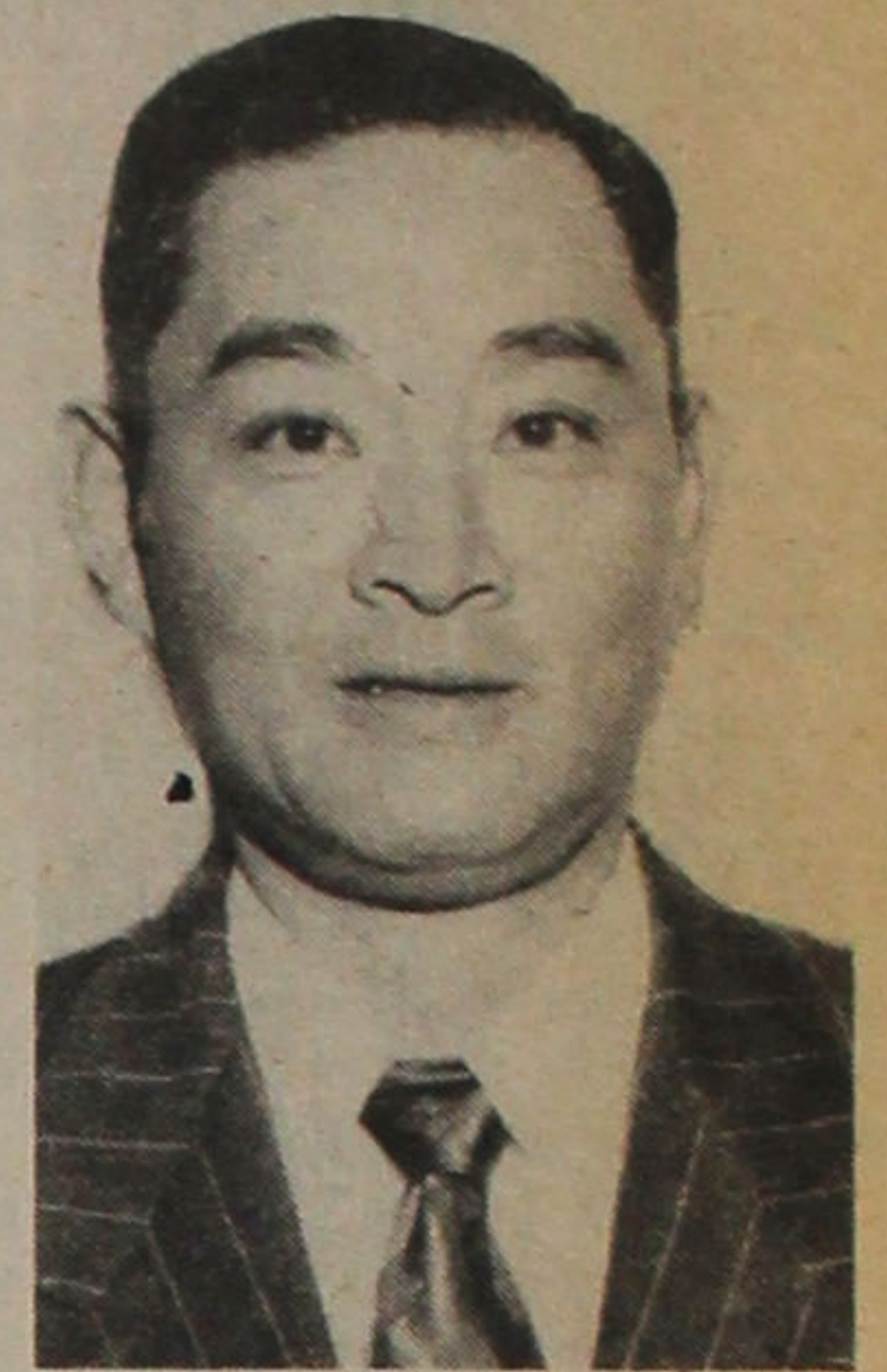
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1928—1978

The People Who Led Placer

What is so unusual about this roster of chapter presidents covering 50 years is the virtual dominance of the leadership by the men—except for Ellen Kubo (1961), who continues to be active at the district and national levels of JACL as well. Two years ago, she was the national credentials committee chairperson who successfully challenged the then PSWDC governor Mike Ishikawa's proxy votes.

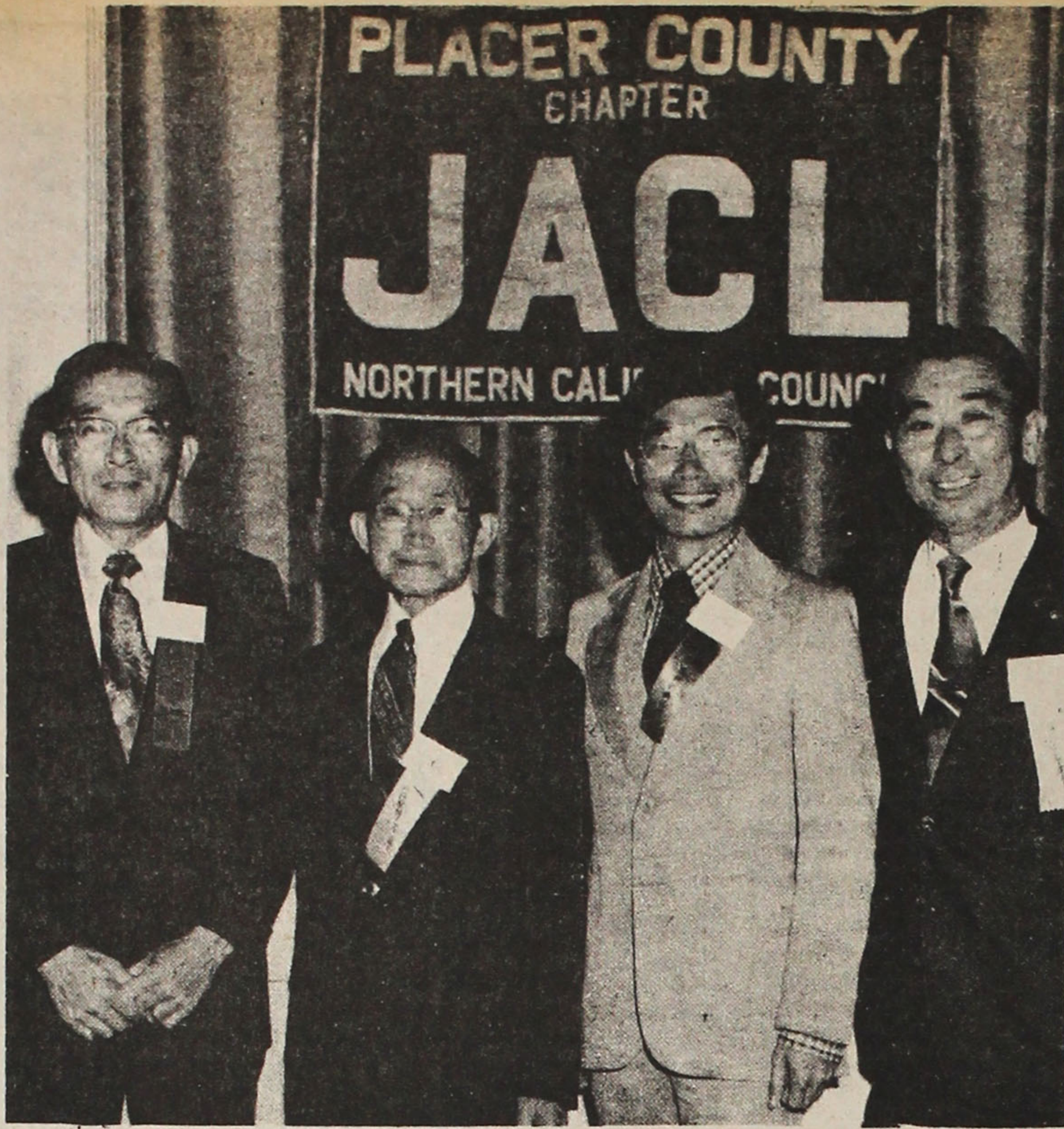
JACL co-founder



Tom M. Yego

Placer County's "Mr. Nisei" was the late Tom M. Yego, co-founder of Placer County JACL in 1928 and a co-founder of National JACL in 1929. At the time of his sudden death at age 47 in 1956, he was a respected leader in the Republican party, Lions, Calif. agricultural and horticultural district associations, Buddhist Church and was National JACL's first vice-president.

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| PLACER COUNTY Pioneer Chapter Organized May, 1928 | 46—Jeff K. Asazawa | 61—Ellen Kubo |
| 28-29—Tom Yego | 47—Tom Matsumoto, Roy Takemoto | 62—Kunio Okusu |
| 30-31—Kay Takemoto | 48—Kay Takemoto | 63-64—Harry Kawahata |
| 32—Sam Sunada | 49—Howard Nakae | 65—Dick Nishimura |
| 33—Kay Takemoto | 50—James Makimoto | 66—Minoru Kakiuchi |
| 34—Tom Yego | 51—Frank Hironaka | 67—Tom Takahashi |
| 35—Louis Oki | 52—Homer Takahashi | 68—Herbert Tokutomi |
| 36—Tom Matsumoto | 53—Tadashi Yego | 69—Nobuya Nimura |
| 37—Cosma Sakamoto | 54—Koichi Uyeno | 70-71—Rusty Uratsu |
| 38—Masayuki Yego | 55—Wilson Makabe | 72—Seiichi Otow |
| 39—Bunny Nakagawa | 56—George Itow | 73—Don Yamasaki |
| 40—Louis Oki | 57—Hugo Nishimoto | 74—Frank Kageta |
| 41—George Sakamoto | 58—George Hiramawa | 75—Koichi Uyeno |
| 42-45—Kay Takemoto | 59—Kay Kashiwabara | 76-77—Chester Yamada |
| | 60—Aster Kondo | 78—Cosma Sakamoto |



Loomis News Photo

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY—Handling arrangements for the Golden Anniversary dinner of the Placer County JACL were (from left) George Hiramawa, toastmaster: Cosma Sakamoto, president; guest speaker George Takei; and Hugo Nishimoto, co-chairman.

...and Those Who Started It

One of the eight pioneer JACL chapters which established the National JACL in 1929, Placer County JACL was organized in the spring of 1928 by handful of far-sighted and persevering young Nisei. The charter members are as follows:

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| Tom Yego | Uichi Sunada | Masayuki Yego |
| Louis Oki | Kay Takemoto | Cosma Sakamoto |
| Sam Sunada | Harry Kawahata | Tom Matsumoto |
| Roy Yoshida | Satoru Taoka | Marcelle Kawada |
| Togo Yokota | Tokuichi Imamoto | |

Placer County JACL celebrates its 50th anniversary

Roseville, Ca.

"Star Trek" personality George Takei issued a challenge for the Japanese American Citizens League to face and accept new responsibilities during the 38th annual Placer County JACL goodwill dinner held here Oct. 28.

The occasion was super-special since the dinner also marked the 50th anniversary of the chapter and honored the Issei pioneers. About 350 were present at the dinner staged at Johnson Hall at Placer County Fairgrounds here.

"Japanese Americans today are faced with a new kind of challenge different than the transition faced by the Issei pioneers when they crossed the Pacific Ocean.

"It is time to assume responsibilities on a broader scope and meet new challenges," the 1971-73 president of the Wilshire chapter of the JACL in Los Angeles said.

One of the oldest Issei pioneers present for the occasion was Charles Nitta, a rancher and agriculturalist, arrived in California in 1903 and Placer County in 1910.

The Issei, according to Takei, had "true grit." "They gave to their children an abiding good faith in what America stands for," he added.

Takei said the story of the Japanese pioneer to America is an epic needed

to be known by all.

"When I see their deeply tanned weathered faces and hands, it revives in me a sense of pride and strength."

He added the JACL is at a threshold point in striving to achieve its motto, "Better Americans in a Greater America."

"It is a new era to sit

down and pull up your sleeves and find new challenges, responsibilities and projects," the "Star Trek" helmsman told the JACLers.

JACL was founded as a national organization in 1929 by delegates from Placer County and seven other pioneer chapters: San Francisco, Fresno, Los An-

geles, Seattle, Portland, Stockton and Brawley.

The Placer JACL was organized through the leadership of its first president, Thomas M. Yego, in April, 1928.

"It's amazing the Placer County Chapter is celebrating 50 years, when the national organization is only 48 years old," Takei told

the group.

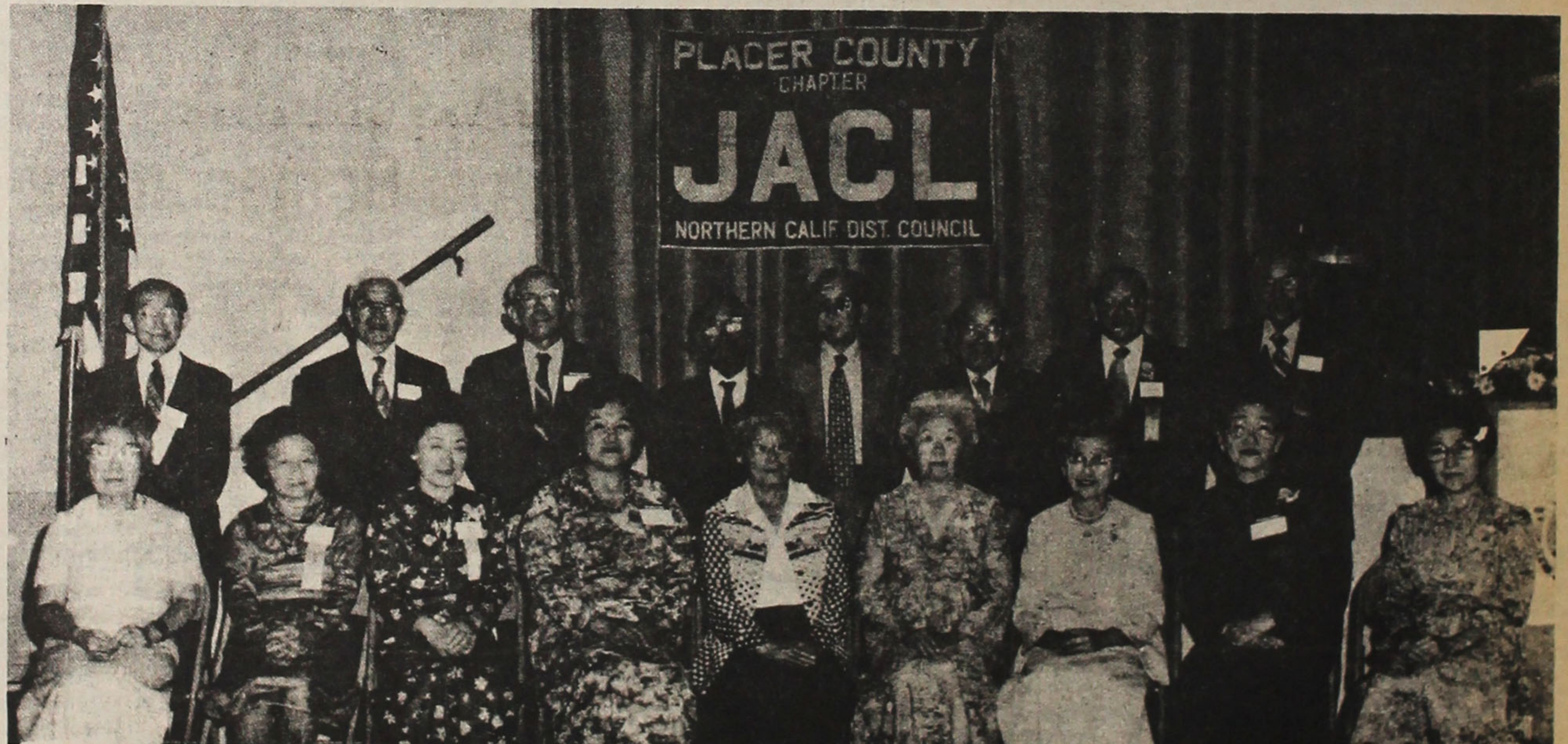
The organization's current president, former Loomis Judicial Court Judge Cosma Sakamoto, is a charter member.

Takei currently is involved in filming a full-length motion picture of the 23rd Century space odyssey at Paramount Studios in Southern Califor-

nia.

"When I return to the U.S. Enterprise, I will look back to the 20th Century and say the Placer JACL has done a good job in its first 50 years.

"Based on its track record," the star ship's helmsman added, "the chapter will do an even better job in succeeding years." #



—Loomis News Photo

The Golden Jubilee of the founding of the Placer County JACL was celebrated during the 38th annual Goodwill Dinner Oct. 28 in Johnson Hall at the Placer County Fairgrounds. Among the several hundred at-

tending were these charter members and their wives (from left): standing—Cosma Sakamoto, current chapter president; Kay Takemoto, Louis Oki, Uichi Sunada, Tom Matsumoto, Togo Yokota, Harry Kawahata

and Masayuki "Hike" Yego; seated—Eiko Sakamoto, Harriet Kawahata, Alice Yego, Alice Sunada, Michiye Hanamoto, Mary Sunada, Irene Takemoto, Virginia Nakamoto and Alice Matsumoto.

Comment, letters, features

CHIAROSCURO:

Inflation Finally Hits

By DR. KAZ MAYEDA
(Detroit JACL)

AS YOU ALREADY know, the National Convention in Salt Lake City voted to increase the national dues by \$4.50. I voted in favor of this move. Let me try to explain my position. For the past 10 to 15 years, the inflation rate in this country has been near double digit. The National JACL has done quite well in the face of this inflation.

However, when the national convention is held every other year and dues are increased by 50 cents

or a dollar, eventually we would reach a point where our effectiveness as a national organization deteriorates. The exorbitant dues increase this year is the price we are paying for past mistakes of not keeping up with inflation. I hope we do not get into this trap again.

WHAT ARE WE getting for the money we pay to the national? Several things are happening that require your full support. First, the Youth Program is going to be supported

wholeheartedly. The JACL has, in the past, paid lip service to the JAY Program, but during this biennium, we will "put our money where our mouth is". Our future resides in the hands of our children; thus I am all in favor of this move.

Second, the Midwest District Office will be budgeted out of the national fund so that we in Midwest District will not be taxed extra to help keep this office going.

Third, before the next National Convention, the National JACL Constitution will be rewritten to reflect the modern needs of the Japanese American community and concern.

Fourth, new programs and ideas will be developed for the betterment of Japanese Americans in a greater America; such programs as antedefamation, international relations (especially between Japan and the United States) and Nikkei registry of talented Japanese Americans will be developed.

ONE OF THE crucial discussions at the National Convention involved the question of Redress. When I was getting ready to attend the convention, I was not convinced that this was the right thing to do. The thought of lining my own pocket with \$25,000 for two years spent in camp as a youngster was repugnant to me.

However, during the de-

bate, Mike Masaoka said something that really convinced me that this action was right.

In essence, Mike said that during pre-evacuation time, the JACL leadership was in a quandary as to obeying or disobeying the Executive Order 9066. The leadership at that time, decided to obey the order with the full realization that someday this country will make Redress. I am thinking more of our Issei parents than my own personal gain. I am convinced that we (the JACL) owe our parents this obligation of righting this wrong. I am convinced that now is the time, while some of the Issei are still with us. I was brought up with the idea of *Giri*, and this is one *Giri* that we owe our parents.

If you feel that pursuing

this course of action will alienate your neighbor, then I'm sorry. It is not a question of \$25,000 or \$5.00. The question is to right the wrong. The time has come to do our bit to pay back the Issei—we have an obligation (*giri*).

To be incarcerated without due process of law is unconstitutional. I would like to have an apology from this country.

(Dr. Mayeda hails from Los Angeles, grew up in Japan in the 1930s, coming back to be interned at Manzanar. He finished high school and college in Utah, culminating with a doctorate in genetics. He has been teaching in the Dept. of Biology at Wayne State University since 1961 and currently holds an adjunct appointment in pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Michigan, a genetics counselor at WSU Medical School and teaching genetics at Univ. of Detroit Dental School.—Ed.) #

"Chiaroscuro" is reserved for JACL chapter presidents.—Editor

The Yanks—Redress

By DON ITO
(Sacramento JACL)

NOW THAT THE World Series is over, I and (surely) other members of the Chapter can return to doing more everyday tasks. But before we do, I would like to make a comparison between what happened in the World Series to the redress program.

The New York Yankees were down two games to nothing when they returned to home "turf" and proceeded to win four straight to become the champs. How does this compare to the redress program?

In essence, the program has suffered setbacks in the form of adverse public statements from a U.S.

Senator from California and the miscommunication of information. As the Yanks have done, the redress program, too, can begin to make a comeback. A comeback in the sense that the leadership and organization behind the program has become effective. Preliminary work on educating the public has been initiated. Meetings have been arranged to plan introduction of legislation. Indications of support have come from several elected officials.

So those of you who view the redress program as an underdog, remember what the Yanks did and what we will accomplish! #

(Sacramento JACL President Don Ito was recently elected to the NC-WNDC executive board. He is an auditor with the State Dept. of Parks and Recreation.—Editor.)

35 YEARS AGO

Dec. 4, 1943

Nov. 20—Los Angeles ACLU may test west coast exclusion ruling.

Nov. 24—War Department protests any proposal it should assume control of relocation program.

Nov. 26—Drew Pearson reports Navy stalling on War Shipping Administration over to use 400 evacuee merchantmen.

Nov. 26—Native Sons of Calif. at Los Angeles organize efforts to prevent release of Japanese from relocation centers.

Nov. 27—Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play backs WRA jurisdiction of Tule segregation camp, oppose postwar ban against return of evacuees to west coast.

Nov. 29—War Dept. casualty lists growing with names of Nisei in Mediterranean Theater (presumably Italy).

Dec. 1—Over 15,000 Christmas gifts gathered by various religious groups for distribution to youngsters inside 10 WRA centers.

Dec. 11, 1943

Nov. 24—AP war correspondent Kenneth Dixon reports Nazi PWs surprised to see Nisei GIs in Allied front lines.

Dec. 1—War Dept. reveals 100th Infantry part of 34th Infantry Division during Hill 609

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action in Tunisia and in Italy.

Dec. 2—Mentally retarded evacuee, 22, refusing to answer warning of Gila WRA Camp sentry felled by gunfire after trying to walk past.

Dec. 3—Ninth Circuit court upholds Gen. DeWitt's evacuation of Japanese Americans in Korematsu case; minority opinion by Judge William Denman expresses hope evacuees all be compensated.

Dec. 3—WRA Director Dillon Myer aims to relocate 70,000 eligible evacuees during 1944, reveal about 300 involved at Tule "riot"; about 25,000 out of camps permanently.

Dec. 4—San Francisco Police puzzled over status of Caucasian-Japanese girl, 17, living with Caucasian half-sister married to Chinese American.

Dec. 6—L.A. Times "Jap Questionnaire" shows 14 to 1 favor deportation of "all Japanese" and 10 to 1 in favor of Japanese being permanently excluded from west coast.

Dec. 6—Congressional storm of "Battle of Bathubs" reported; WRA pamphlet had appealed to evacuees heading into Ohio, Michigan to teach farmers sanitation and efficiency. Evacuees were described as "daily bathers" and sending them to mid-west might be a problem because of a shortage of bathing facilities. #



EL PIMENTERO: Frank Fukazawa

Is the yen that strong?

scrap. Shoes are dumped on the domestic market below cost being afraid of anti-dumping laws abroad. What they urgently need is CASH!

One billion dollars in one single day is bought up by the Japan Central Bank, intervening to stop the nose-diving Dollar. It's supporting the ailing Dollar not the Yen.

Unemployment has risen to 1,500,000 which is unusual where life-time jobs are assured. Jobless because their companies went into liquidation.

And 400,000 university graduates seeking jobs this year are being cold-shouldered by the majority of companies who simply cannot maintain any further increase in their administration expenses at such a critical moment. Some M.A. degree graduates are serving in restaurants.

WHAT'S ALL behind this?

The root lies in the fact that Japan is traditionally an export-oriented country. Not only traditional but its survival is based on export. Export which secures them the indispensable funds to purchase the essential foods, iron ore, oil, lumber, cotton, wool and practically everything that can be named natural resources. Even "Nori for Sushi" comes from Korea, and the shrimps that make the delicious "tempura" from Baja California. But this export in large, medium, and small industries is slowing down and in some sectors it has come to a complete stop.

Because at the present Dollar/Yen rate, their Yen income doesn't even cover the cost. Typical are the medium size factories which are almost knocked

out. Take a shoe factory for example, having an export contract for \$100,000 in December, 1977 calculated at \$1/240 Yen. By the time he ships the goods in September, 1978 and changes his Dollars to Yen, to his horror, the rate has dropped to \$1/180 Yen. A loss of ¥60 to a Dollar! A loss of 25% can't be overcome in a night. The tragic finale for him is plain BANKRUPT. With a \$17 million exchange loss, Toyota Motors might still survive, but not the shoe factory.

It all originates from this free-wheeling mechanism called the "Foreign Exchange" where millions of Dollars are changing hands with Yen, Deutsche Mark, Swiss Francs and other currencies every day. As 80% of the world trade is based on Dollars, the impact of a dropping Dollar in value would be fatal to world exporters. Dollar-speculators, the currency hyenas, picking on the ailing Dollar victim are doing roaring business relentlessly regardless of its economic and social consequences.

WASHINGTON DOES not appear to realize that the Dollar is so internationally utilized, so susceptible

that any erratic behavior affects the entire world's currency... above all:

That it has lost the confidence of the leading industrial nations who look upon Washington's every move with suspicion and doubt.

That America inherently has a healthy industrial economy with vast natural resources and self-sufficient surplus agriculture products.

That it has the international accountability to stabilize its Dollar. Recently, however, it abruptly woke up and made a blitz-announcement to support the sagging Dollar by intervening with \$30 billion which was welcomed from all quarters of the world. However, if this program is not accompanied by more drastic measures... lowering the inflation rate, reducing oil imports, absorbing the \$60 billion Euro-dollars and suppressing money supply, restraining wages & prices, adjusting its deficit trade balance payment, and above all recovering its economic world leadership... it could end up with temporary results at the best, and an embarrassing failure at the worst.

So, if Washington

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FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

A good, home-grown idea

Salt Lake City:

THE PHONE BEGAN ringing a little past eight. Not an unusual occurrence, except for it being a stormy Saturday morning. Snow started falling Friday, granting an unexpected reprieve from autumn gardening activities. Some of the leaves were still green and the red chrysanthemums budding when winter blustered in. We had anticipated luxuriating in a morning of late sleeping when the phone rang.

It rang most of the day. The same question repeated, "How is the road up the canyon?"

The company's annual Quarter Century Club dinner had been planned weeks in advance for the 11th of November. My husband, railroaded into the club's presidency last year, had selected a restaurant four miles up the road from our house. He reasoned that its location would be convenient for inviting the group over later for an informal social hour at home.

As evening approached, black ice formed under rapidly accumulating snow. Packing the car with favors and flowers, place cards and programs, we cautiously drove up the road. The ordinarily crowded dining rooms, ablaze with their welcoming fireplaces, were quiet that night. Reservations were being cancelled as weather reports warned of worsening conditions.

We had arrived early to make certain that all arrangements were proper. Fresh red roses were inserted in silver bud vases. Seating was arranged with care. No head table, a designated place for each guest. The courtesy of avoiding any fumbling for seats, the awkward hesitation of those new to the

group.

Despite two letters of specific direction that no liquor would be served, an elaborate wet bar occupied a corner. Its speedy removal was ordered. The guests would have to contend themselves with punch that night. Company policy, strictly observed. We had mentioned to the owner-manager, that in recent years there had been occasional complaints about the decline in ordinarily superb service. As assurance, he came several times to inquire whether we required further assistance.

BY THE TIME the first guests arrived, everything was in perfect order. We slipped into our roles of host and hostess. As my husband greeted and introduced guests, I poured punch, careful to include strawberries in each ladleful. Not a drop was spilled on the clean linen cloth. I didn't dare. In my own house, I am a slob. But that night, it was the company's house. Carefully coached by my more sophisticated spouse, I had memorized names and some small item about each guest. I was asked to avoid the asininity of, "How are you?" or "So nice that you could come."

Dinner was served at the appointed time. Those who had to travel far on slippery roads quietly slipped into their places as they arrived. Arrangements had been made so courses they missed would be brought to them. One of the minor details considered in advance. The food was excellent. Conversation and laughter flowed from each section of the banquet table. That, too, was arranged. A balance of the

Civil liberties are always safe as long as their exercise doesn't bother anyone.

—ANONYMOUS

shy and aggressive, a mix of sales, engineering and administrative people.

There were speeches, none very long. Brevity is the shortest route to a point. It is traditional that a Quarter Century Club dinner provides an opportunity to assess the progress of the company's last 25 years. Its growth and achievements duly acknowledged. It is also traditional that wives are appreciated for their support and sometimes, sacrifice. And a new initiate of the club is railroaded into next year's presidency.

As the program came to its formal conclusion, conversation turned to the weather and roads. It was reported that one car had earlier careened into the creek. We apologized for having selected such a stormy night. Our apologies were quickly waved away. Who could predict weather conditions a month in advance? If they made it up the canyon, they would somehow make it down. It was a terrific dinner, they said. We'll be back next year.

And they will. Even those who have retired from the company will travel through snow, if need be, for the annual Quarter Century Club dinner. Company loyalty will assure that.

Much has been made of the paternal role that corporations play in Japan. It is successful because of loyalty between employer and employee. Recently, it has been mentioned that some American companies are studying the Japanese system, hoping to achieve greater productivity and better human relationships. I don't think we Americans need to go abroad and borrow such ideas. Because the system is here, has been for a very long time.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

'Jap' Flap in Japan

Denver, Colo.

"HEY, HOSOKAWA, what's that big stack of clippings on your desk?" These?

Oh, these are clippings from the Japan Times, Asahi Evening News and other English language papers that Kay Tateishi sent me from Tokyo. Most of them are letters to the editor.

"What are they about? What makes them so important that good old Kay would invest in airmail stamps to send them to you?"

They have to do with the use of the word, Jap.

"You mean the Japanese are uptight about being called Japs? I thought that was a strictly Nisei and Sansei phenomena."

Yes, they are uptight. What touched it off was that the Press Council of Britain, the unofficial watchdog body for press conduct, ruled that "Jap" was a shortened form for "Japanese" and should not be considered insulting or offensive.

"Well, that's a hellova howdydo. Seems to me what the British Press Council is saying is that a bad word isn't a bad word, no matter how it sounds to our ears, just because they say it isn't."

Yup, that's about the way it appears.

"What do all the letter-writers say?"

Some are embarrassed, some think Jap is okay, others don't, some see no difference between Jap as a shortened form of Japanese, and Swede, Turk, Jew as shortened forms to describe persons from Sweden, Turkey and of the Jewish faith. One letter-writer contends the word is not necessarily derogatory, that it can be informal, insulting, neutral or endearing, depending upon who is using it.

"Did anybody explain the Nisei viewpoint?"

That every man should regulate his actions by his own conscience, without any regard to the opinions of the rest of the world, is one of the first precepts of moral prudence.

—SAMUEL JOHNSON

FUKAZAWA

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doesn't take a definite and bold stand quickly, the Japanese yen will continue to be ARTIFICIALLY stronger and eventually force Japanese export industries into a gradual disintegration process. Like the shoe factory, possessing the same fragile framework, Japan might take the similar steps of destiny.

Our galloping correspondent Frank Fukazawa is home for a change in Tokyo to comment on the financial problem facing U.S. and Japan.

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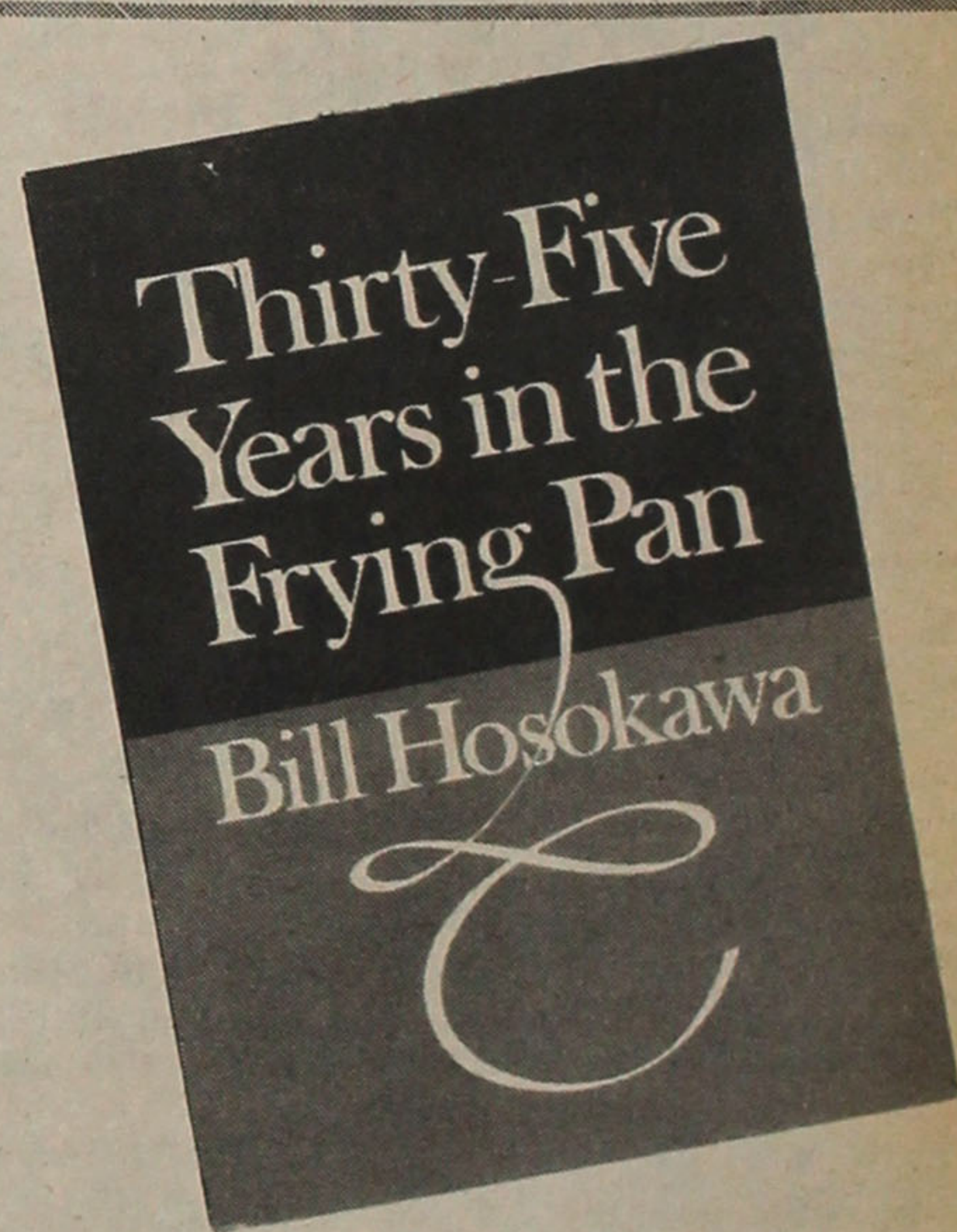
N.Y. ethnic advisory council organized

New York

New York Gov. Hugh Carey, noting the diversity of nationality groups in the City, created the State Ethnic Advisory Council Oct. 23, "to take a positive role in education and the preservation of language".

He told publishers of "home (ethnic) newspapers: "We don't want our children to lose their mother tongues. This heritage of their forefathers must not be lost to our children."

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Let's Open a JARR

By SEIKO N. WAKABAYASHI
(EDC Governor)

Washington

The JACL National Board on March 11, 1978, adopted an EDC resolution to establish a talent registry of skilled and talented Nikkei with the cooperation of the District Councils and the chapters. The Washington D.C. chapter, on behalf of the EDC, agreed to develop ground rules and procedures to establish such a registry.

JACL is frequently asked by government agencies and private organizations to furnish the names of qualified Nikkei for certain employment and/or special opportunities, such as service on commissions, committees, honorary memberships, special activities, etc. Without some kind of registry, more times than not we have been unable to suggest worthy Nikkei candidates.

The Registry would include all categories of Nikkei and not be limited to those in business, professions, politics, arts and the humanities. There are no specific criteria such as minimum educational qualifications, age, sex or prescribed level of accomplishment. Rather the registry will consist of people, including retired persons, who by their accomplishments, service, character or contributions are considered "outstanding" or "prominent" by their peers.

At the recent District Council meeting, the EDC recommended that the Registry be open to anyone who wishes to be included. The National Director Karl Nobuyuki and the National President Cliff Uyeda have concurred. The new guidelines will be disseminated through the Pacific Citizen.

However, it will remain the responsibility of the

chapter selection committee to obtain the names of outstanding Japanese Americans within its geographic area. Nominees need not be JACL members. Individual chapter members should be encouraged to send names to chapter selection committees in order to insure that no outstanding individual will be overlooked. Information to be obtained at this stage will be limited to the nominees' name and address. National Headquarters will thereafter send each nominee a questionnaire, with instructions to mail the completed questionnaire to the Washington office of the JACL.

It has also been suggested that JACL chapter presidents and members of the National Board for the last 15 years be listed in the Registry.

The deadline for the submission of names to National Headquarters has been extended to Jan. 31, 1979.

Calendar

- **DEC. 1 (Friday)**
Watsonville—Inst dnr-dance, Seacape Restaurant, Aptos, 7:30 pm; Assemblyman Floyd Mori, spkr.
- **DEC. 2 (Saturday)**
Contra Costa—Christmas party, Free Methodist Church, Richmond, 1-3pm.
- **Cincinnati-Dayton**—Joint inst dnr, Alex's Continental Inn, 6pm; Bill Hosokawa, spkr.
- **Chicago**—Inst dnr-dance, Jacques East Restaurant; Noboru Honda & Tom Masuda testimonial program.
- **Fremont**—Inst dnr, Lum Yuen Restaurant, 7pm; Dr Clifford Uyeda, spkr.
- **New York**—White Elephant Sale-Holiday Dnr, J.A. United Church, 2-9pm; dnr fr 5:00.
- **Montebello**—SCYPCC All-Am potluck & disco, Plymouth Congregational Ch, 6:30pm.
- **Seattle**—Ai-Iku Guild Christmas benefit dance, Filipino Comm Hall, 5740 Empire Way S.
- **Yakima-Columbia Basin**—Nisei Retirement Conference, Wapato High Sch, 8:30am-4:30pm.

MEMO FROM HEADQUARTERS:

Las Vegas to join PSWDC

San Francisco

The National JACL Council at its last convention at Salt Lake approved adjustment of the district council boundaries so that Las Vegas Chapter becomes a part of the Pacific Southwest. Since the by-law amendment was not timely filed, chapters are being asked to ratify by mail no later than Jan. 31, 1979. A two-thirds majority is required.

Las Vegas became a member of the No. Calif.-Western Nevada district when it was chartered in 1976 but travel to the district proved to be too difficult for them with inadequate east-west highways

during the winter, except toward Los Angeles. There was no controversy involved in having the by-laws changed at the convention. If approved, the amended portions will read:

Art. IV, District Councils

- b) Northern California/Western Nevada District Council: Merced County, Monterey County, and all other counties in California north of the aforementioned counties, and adjoining northern sections of Nevada.
- d) Pacific Southwest District Council: all counties in California south of Kern and Monterey Counties, the State of Arizona, and adjoining southwestern sections of Nevada.
- e) Intermountain District Council: Utah, Idaho, Southeast Oregon, adjoining eastern sections of Nevada, and adjoining sections of Wyoming.

Calendar, pulse, memos

NORTHERN CAL-W. NEVADA DISTRICT

Office manager succeeds inventor

By HARRY HONDA

Covering the fourth quarterly NC-WNDC session was unintended, but going back to Los Angeles after a pair of meetings at National Headquarters via SMF (Sacramento airport) was intended. All flights from San Francisco Sunday afternoon were booked solid by Trojan fans up for the football game at Stanford. And our thanks to regional director George Kondo for giving us a lift to the Red Lion Inn and to Percy Fukushima, longtime Florin JACler, for seeing we got to Mass at nearby St. Ignatius. There was a time in JACL when no business meetings were conducted on Sunday mornings so that delegates could attend church.—H.H.

Sacramento, Ca.

Innovator Chuck Kubokawa (in real life, he has an invention of his own patented) passed the reins of Northern California-Western Nevada district governor over to his vice-governor Ben Takeshita of Contra Costa JACL at the close of the fourth quarterly session here Nov. 5 at the Red Lion Inn.

Among the number of new things the affable aquanaut from Sequoia JACL initiated, the Arigato Award (i.e., JACler of the Year at the district level) was accorded to Takeshita last summer; Project Scatter to have such books as Weglyn's "Years of Infamy", Chuman's "Bamboo People" and others about Japanese Americans to public officials and institutions was "nationalized"; and a complete schedule of district meetings to be hosted by each chapter in turn is well on its way. For instance, Florin JACL, hosts for this meeting, must wait eight years before their next turn. Only thing to snap the timetable would be to break up the 31-chapter district council (and this has been considered on an informal basis). Another Kubokawa touch was writing a district report in the PC each month

—and (gratefully) Takeshita's writing acumen has been noted in the chapter bulletins when he was an editor. He is manager of the State Employment Development Office at Pleasant Hill.

The morning session covered close to 20 agenda items—including committee reports on:

- Cultural heritage—Samuel Cohen (koto concerts Jan. 13-Feb. 6); Library/education—Ko Nishimura; Chapter of the Year—Dr. Tom Taketa (two \$100 prizes being offered at 2nd Quarterly next year, applications due Feb. 28); Committee for Internment Credit—Muts Furiya (started campaign in 1972, about \$4,000 spent, will continue committee work another year); district constitution—Dr. Ron Mayeda; international relations—Kubokawa (to seek amendment to Japan-U.S. Friendship Act); district youth—Bruce Shimizu (starting new JAYS in Berkeley area with UC Berkeley students as counselors); governor's report and communications received—Kubokawa; 1000 Club—Mats Murata;
- District health plan—Bud Nakano (dental plan not recommended); membership—Steve Nakashima (Hawaii program proposed); Okubo-Yamada Fund

—George Baba (\$8,922.61 received to date); regional director's report—George Kondo (about \$500 raised in sale of volleyball tickets).

John Tateishi of Marin County and national redress committee chairperson detailed the progress of the redress campaign thus far. He noted a nationwide opinion poll on the acceptance of a redress plan in Congress has been proposed; a major media blitz is being worked out and legislative strategy is being formulated.

Steve Nakashima, nat'l v.p. for membership services, believed JACL should be all things to all people by assuming the role as a "catalyst" in the community with respect to social, political and educational endeavors. He also wanted to see more people who disagree with JACL to join; golfers and bowlers to renew their ties in JACL tournament play.

It was announced Central California will host the fourth Tri-District Conference in Fresno next April 20-22. "JACL—Growth Through Understanding" is the theme.

San Jose attorney Karl Kinaga was appointed district legal counsel.

Spokane JACL's anti-dis-

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- **DEC. 3 (Sunday)**
Los Angeles—FOLTA progressive art auction (till Dec 16), M.M. Shinno Gallery, opening 2pm.
- **Los Angeles**—Okinawa cultural exhibit, Little Tokyo Towers, 11am-4pm.
- **Dec. 5 (Tuesday)**
Sequoia—Inst dnr, Chez Yvonne, Mtn View, 6:30pm.
- **DEC 6 (Wednesday)**
Las Vegas—Election mtg.
- **Arizona**—Bd mtg, JACL Hall, 7:30pm.
- **Milwaukee**—Bd mtg, Roy Mukai's, 7pm.
- **Los Angeles**—Forum: Indo-chinese Refugees, Agape Fellowship Ctr, 7:30pm.
- **DEC. 8 (Friday)**
Marin County—Inst dnr-dance, Deer Park Villa, Fairfax, 6:30pm; Bill Stevenson, Kenji Murase, spkrs.
- **Seattle**—1978 Japan Tour slide show, JACL Office, 8pm.
- **DEC. 9 (Saturday)**
Eden Township—JAYS teriyaki take-out, Eden JCC, 3-5pm.
- **DEC. 10 (Sunday)**
Philadelphia—Christmas party, Friend's School, Moorestown, N.J., 2-7pm.
- **Detroit**—Christmas party.
- **Arizona**—Christmas party, 1:30pm.
- **DEC. 11 (Monday)**
Las Vegas—Mtg, Osaka Restaurant, 8pm.
- **Puyallup Valley**—Mtg, Tacoma Buddhist Ch, 8pm.
- **DEC. 12 (Tuesday)**
Stockton—Gen mtg, Cal 1st Bank, 8pm.
- **Sacramento**—Open house, Asian Comm Ctr, 5:30-7pm.
- **DEC. 16 (Saturday)**
Houston—Christmas dance.
- **Stockton**—Christmas party.
- **San Jose**—JACSS mochitsuki (2days).

● **DEC. 20 (Wednesday)**
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyterian Ch, 8pm.

● **DEC. 30 (Saturday)**
Arizona—Mochitsuki.
Las Vegas—Mochitsuki, Heritage Square.
Puyallup Valley—Mochitsuki.
Washington, D.C.—Mochitsuki.

● **DEC. 31 (Sunday)**
Contra Costa—New Year's Eve party.
Fresno—New Year's Eve benefit dnr-dance, Buddhist Church Annex, James Meyers Trio.
New Mexico—New Year's Eve party, Ken's Tiger Den, Albuquerque.
San Diego—New Year's Eve party, Nisei VFW Hall, National City.

L.A. Dateliners

An Okinawan cultural exhibit will be displayed at Little Tokyo Towers on Sunday, Dec. 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., it was announced by Carlene Ige, JACL Office secretary.


A Monday night dancing class in Latin, ballroom and disco is being offered at Harbor City Koyasan Buddhist Church. For information, call Sue Elam 541-7790.

A fund-raising pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10, 8-11 a.m., at Higashi Hanganji to help send Ken Murashige, top deaf skier who will represent the U.S. at the World Winter Olympics for the Deaf in France next January. Breakfast is \$1.50

A new beginner's class in calligraphy will be offered Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Hamilton Adult School, 2955 Robertson Blvd., (213) 391-0411. The class will be taught by Joyce Usui, who has had vast experience in this art form. She has worked in Japan as a calligrapher for an interior design firm.

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Carter signs solar bill sponsored by Matsunaga

Washington
President Carter has signed into law the Solar Photovoltaic Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Act of 1978, sponsored by Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii).

"Enactment of this bill

Mitsui Bank opens Little Tokyo office

Los Angeles
Though housed in a temporary setting, Mitsui Bank of California opened its Little Tokyo branch Nov. 10 at 211 S. San Pedro with a ribbon-cutting witnessed by civic and business dignitaries. Masato Kaneko, branch manager, said the permanent site will be planned in accordance with CRA redevelopment program. #

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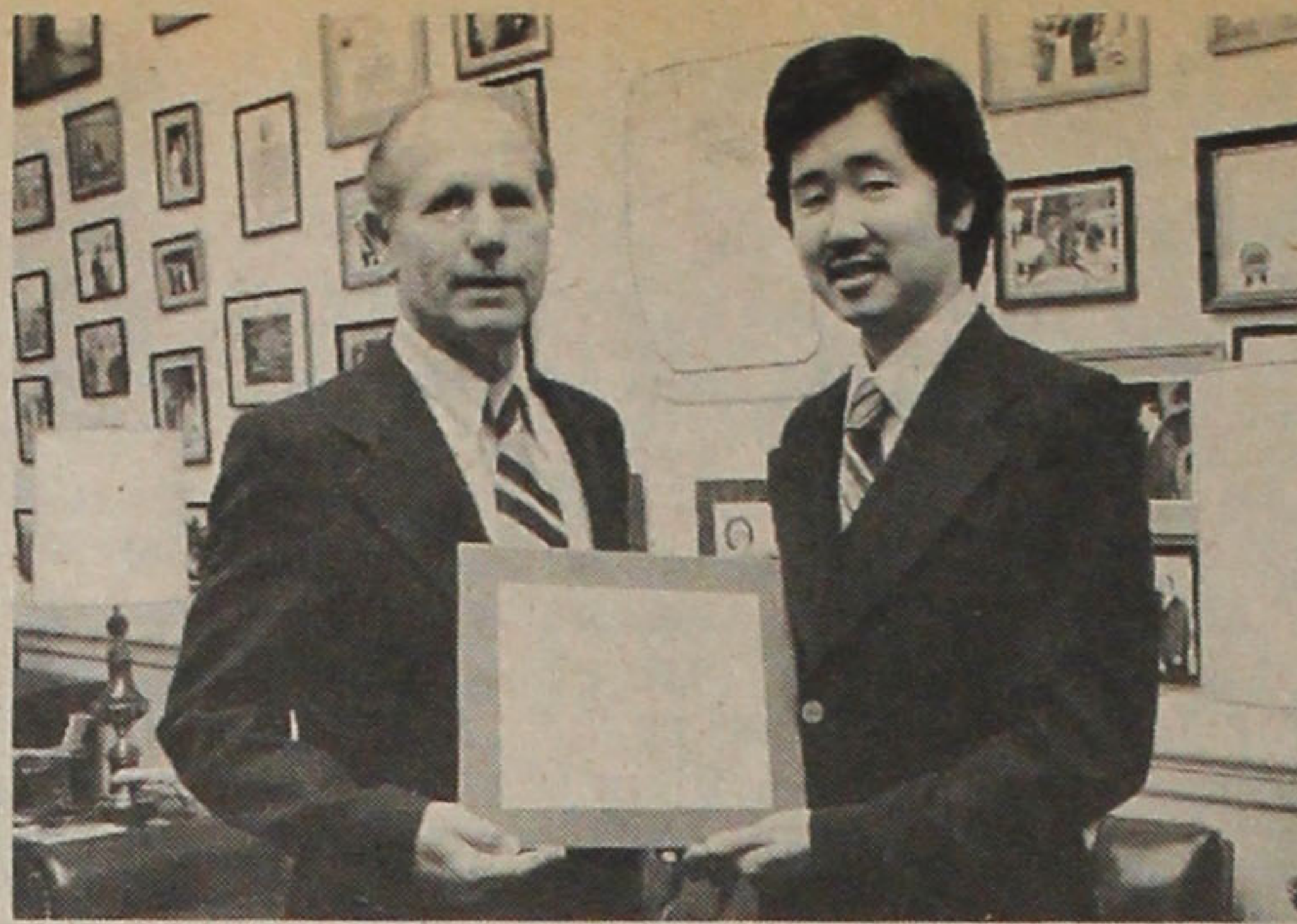
ensures early development and widespread use of photovoltaic energy systems, which use space-age technology to convert sunlight directly into electricity," stated Matsunaga. "Under the program set forth in this bill, electricity generated by the sun's rays will be in general commercial use by 1988."

The bill commits the U.S. to a 10-year, \$1.5 billion research, development and demonstration program in solar photovoltaic technologies. It would lead to the doubling of total U.S. production of photovoltaic systems each year for 10 years, advancing the state of the technology and achieving cost reductions through large scale production. #

Foreign influences at colleges eyed

Los Angeles
Prompted by a report that USC has established a Middle East Center being financed by multinational American corporations doing billions of dollars of business in Saudi Arabia, Assemblyman Mel Levine (D-West L.A.) said he would introduce legislation aimed at discouraging attempts by foreign governments to compromise the academic integrity of California universities and colleges.

Under his proposal, such institutions would be required to publicly disclose the source and intent of programs financed by foreign governments. #



Mark Tajima of the Pacific Asian Coalition presents Rep. Glenn Anderson (D-Calif.) with the Special Services for Groups Award.

PAC awards Anderson

Washington
Congressman Glenn M. Anderson (Calif. 32nd dist.) was presented the Special Services for Groups award by the Pacific Asian Coalition for his work on behalf of Pacific and Asian Americans. Anderson cosponsored and testified on behalf of legislation supported by the Coalition. The award was given as part of the Special Services for Groups' 25th Anniversary.

Anderson cosponsored HR 4440, a measure which would provide medical aid to people now residing in the U.S. who suffer health problems resulting from the atomic bomb blasts in Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II.

He also cosponsored and testified in favor of legislation that would give federal employees pension credit for time spent in internment camps during World War II. This bill was recently signed into law by the President.

Following an award presentation by Mark Tajima, Washington coordinator for PAC, Anderson said, "the large number of Pacific Asian Americans residing in my home district gives me a welcome obligation to work for bills like the Internment Credit Proposal. We won on this effort and have lost on others."

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Long overdue tribute for Larry Tajiri

fell to my lot to translate orally for Larry some of the more significant seeming news from the Japanese agencies.

In my mind's eyes I can still see him as he sat at his typewriter desk, facing me with that faint half smile on his face, his two index fingers poised over the keys. Half way through my first sentence his fingers would start to fly, like the hooves of the lead horse in a trotting race. A few seconds after I finished my delivery the item was completed. He typed with his two fingers faster than I could with my five.

It was the most awesome, uncanny display of the intellectual power in a youth twelve years my junior. It used to make me feel immature by comparison.

But that was not all. He was the one man editorial staff of the English section and he performed all the other routine chores, too. Altogether his was an astounding performance.

A sort of ideological and semantic rapport developed between us. I am sorry I never commended him on his brilliance, for somehow I felt it would show me up as a bit condescending. I was not too

many years older than he.

When the flat presses started to shake the whole building, someone always brought up a few copies of the first run. The first items I examined were Larry's renditions of the Japanese news. And there they were, under smart captions and in flawless style, all the important points in proper sequence and all the irrelevancies tactfully deleted. To read them was such a sheer pleasure I used to look forward to the daily session with him.

But my association with him was all too brief. For I left the Kashu Mainichi in January the next year.

WITH THE SURE instinct for survival developed over the years of knocking about and tackling anything that came my way, I had found several eateries on Main Street which offered soup, entree—usually boiled beef, pork sausage, or meat patty—cole slaw, canned peas or beans, bread, coffee and bread pudding for 15 cents.

At Chitose on the periphery of Little Tokyo, broiled mackerel or arani (fish trimmings cooked in soy sauce. Very delicious

and nothing to sniff at. Try it some time) for 25 cents. Still you could not live for \$50 a month. When the rival paper, the Rafu Shimpo, made me a better offer, I jumped at the chance.

I do not remember seeing Larry again. Years afterward I was thrilled to hear, by the tidings of the wind, that he was with Bill Hosokawa on the Denver Post. I wanted to write him a note of congratulations, but I never got around to doing so. Then, again, by the tidings of the wind, I

Buddhist parents in D.C. start school

Washington

Basics of Buddhism will be taught to youngsters every second and fourth Sundays at the home of various parents starting Jan. 14 with Ken Nakamura as coordinator of the local Sangha Dharma School. Approximately 16 children, between 4 and 16 years of age, comprise the school. Others on the committee include:

Norman Kondo, Lillian Oye, Nori Nakamura, Shigeki Sugiama, curriculum; Ruby Fujiwara, sec-treas; and Mitsu Y Carl, cor sec-pub.

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heard of his passing away. This is a long overdue tribute from his old colleague. Some of his friends

—there must be very many—would be pleased to know he had an admirer among the Issei. #

Richmond, Ca.:

THE PICTURES of Larry Tajiri in the JACL convention book show him as I have always remembered him. Only he was five years younger and 15 pounds lighter.

Since those far off days of 1933 I have lived many lifetimes and passed through scenes and events which are only blurred memories now. But I still remember Larry most vividly, for he and I were colleagues, though briefly, in the old Kashu Mainichi of Los Angeles.

I was just beginning to get the feel of life as a newspaperman. It had seemed so glamorous and exciting from the perspective of a Master of Arts in literature washing spinach and polishing apples in a produce market, but the reality was far different. Still there was that crushing depression on, and this was my first intellectual professional job, and I was eager to make good. I suspect Sei Fujii, publisher-owner, never had a more willing slave.

My duties consisted of transcribing the short-wave Romaji dispatches from the Domei and Godo agencies, the two still private presses of Japan, taken down in large, frantically scrawled hand by Fred Mittwer, a brother-in-law of Joe Oyama; writing and rewriting the local and downtown news; and reading the galleys for typos. When the presses started to run, it was time for the others—there were four or five beside myself on the Japanese staff—to lean back on their swivel chairs and put their feet on their desks, but I had still another chore: writing a column for the next day.

(It must have seemed an unmitigated conceit for a rank greenhorn to take on such an assignment—which the other veterans apparently shied from—and actually it was. I take this opportunity to apologize to my readers, if they are still around, for all the brash, priggish, half-baked pontifications I must have spouted off, for I still wince to think about it.)

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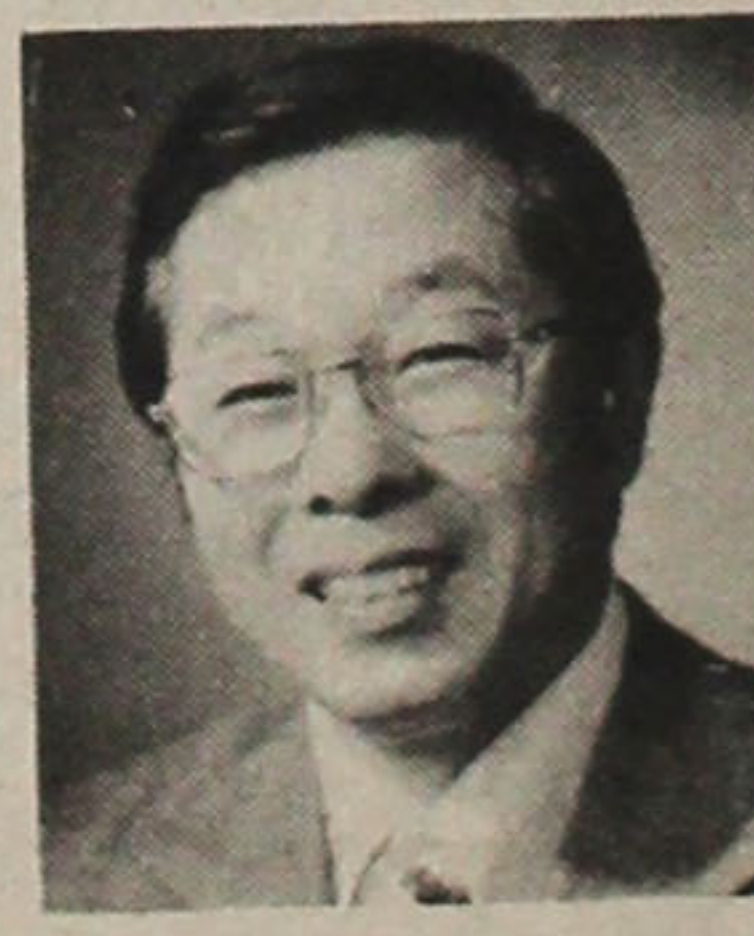


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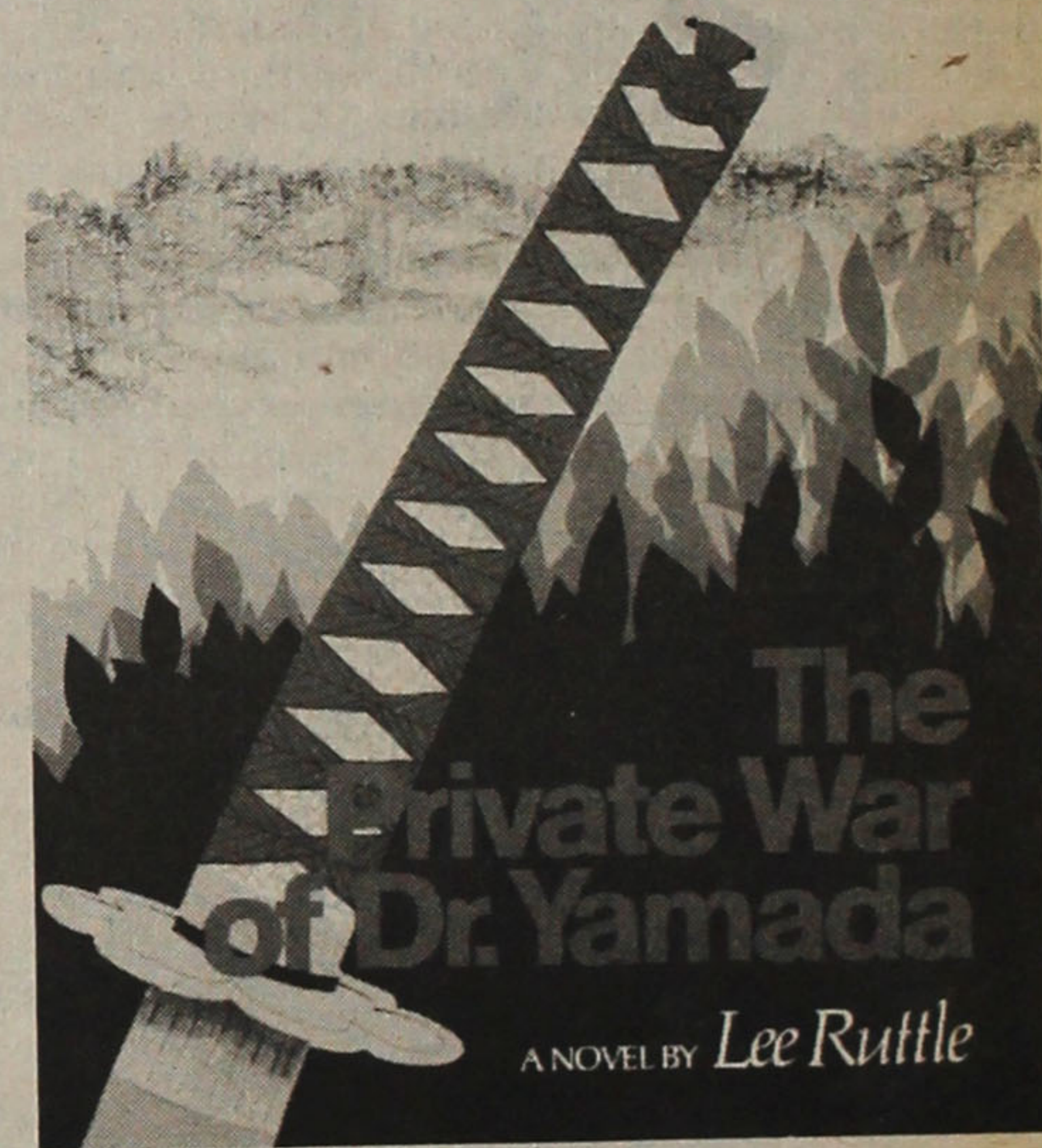
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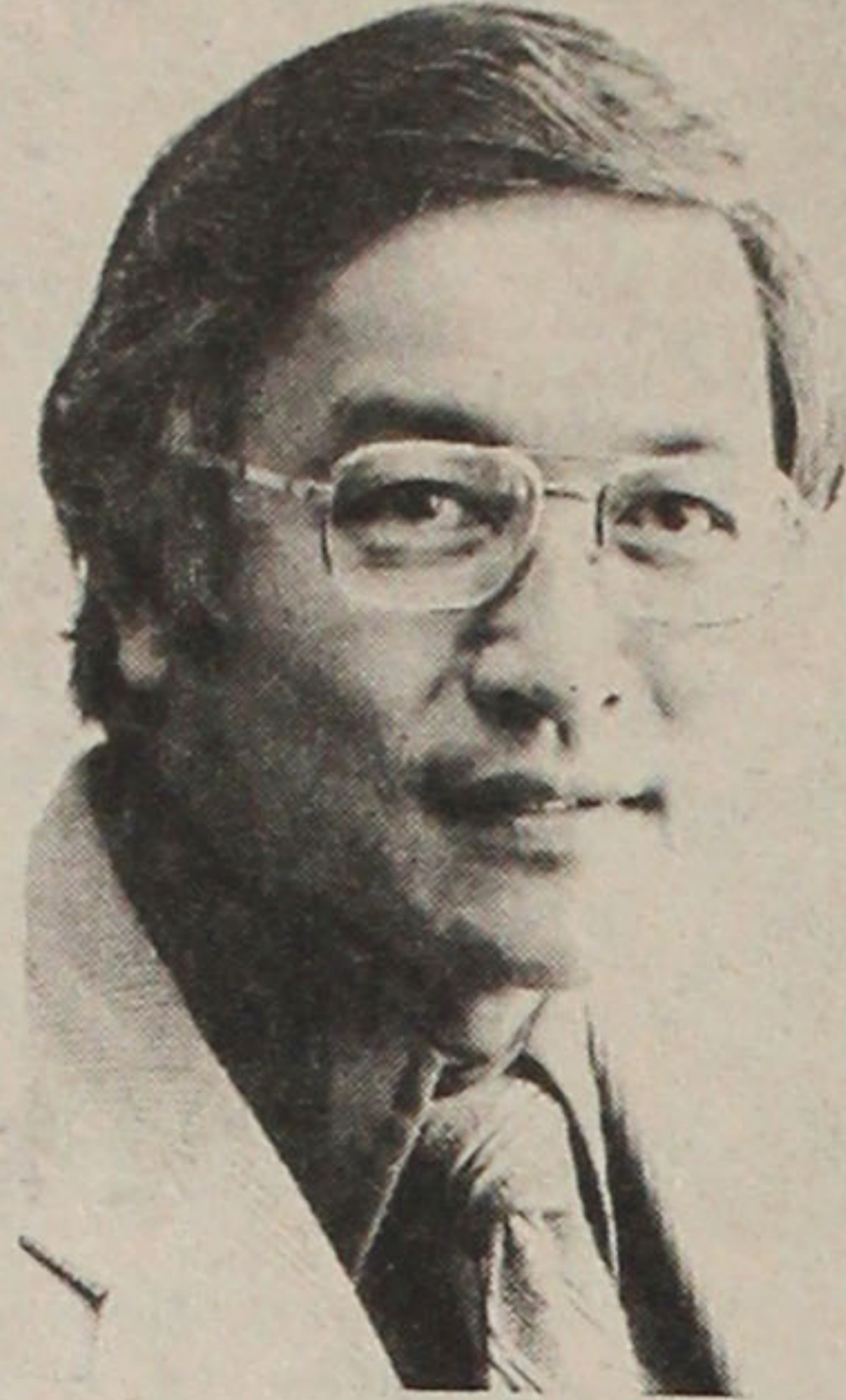
Seminary appointment focuses on Pacific-Asian Americans

Berkeley, Calif.

The Pacific School of Religion elected Roy I. Sano, 47, to a full-time faculty position as associate professor of theology and Pacific and Asian American ministries, it was announced Sept. 19 by Dr. John von Rohr, interim PSR president.

Sano becomes the first seminary professor in the history of theological education with a particular focus on Pacific and Asian American ministries, it was pointed out. He had been a visiting professor since 1975 and also served as director of the Pacific and Asian American Center for Theology and Strategies (PACTS), at PSR.

The Brawley-born Nisei is an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, served pastorates in New York City, Santa Maria, El Monte, Loomis and Los Angeles and was chaplain and assistant professor of religion at Mills College between 1969-1976. He is a graduate of UCLA, Union Theological Seminary, Graduate Theological Union and Claremont Graduate School. He is married to the former Kathleen Thomas and has three children.



Dr. Roy I. Sano

Sano has written scores of articles for periodicals and authored a study book, "You Can Be Set Free", and lectured to church groups worldwide. His recent overseas trip took him to nine countries in East Asia and the Pacific.

Pacific School of Religion, founded in 1866, is the oldest theological seminary in the west and related to the United Methodist Church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. Currently, some 200 students from 40 states and foreign countries are enrolled. #

Business

Alameda JACler Dr. Roland Kadonaga has moved his optometric practice and joined the staff of Dr. Ernest S. Takahashi as partner at 3310 Grand Ave., Oakland. Kadonaga, who has been practicing the past 30 years in East Oakland, is a 1946 graduate of UC School of Optometry. Takahashi is a longtime Berkeley JACler.

Etsuko Tanabe is assistant vice president in the Asia-Pacific/Middle East Division of Wells Fargo Bank's international banking group, San Francisco. She joined the Bank in 1972 with five years' trading and securities experience. California First Bank has named Wilfred Y. Tanimatsu as assistant vice president of the Gardena office. A native of Hawaii, he lives in Torrance with his wife Gladys and two children. Tanimatsu was graduated from CSU Los Angeles in 1969 and joined CFB's Los Angeles office.

Tomoharu Kita was named Japan Air Lines southwestern regional manager, succeeding Toshiro Kondo, who returned to Tokyo.

Courtroom

Nisei Joe Hiroshi Negoro, a Vancouver fisherman, was fined \$1,000 by a U.S. Court for operating a Canadian Fishing Co. boat in U.S. waters in Juan de Fuca Strait. The fine and loss of a week's fishing suffered by Negoro contrasts with \$500 penalties and swift court appearances U.S. fishermen caught operating illegally in Canadian waters usually experience. Federal fisheries dept. sources suggested a look at unequal penalties levied against U.S. and Canadian fishing violators is needed.

Gov. Brown appointed James Sing Yip, 54, to fill a vacancy on the Los Angeles municipal bench. A mechanical engineer in the aircraft industry before becoming an attorney, he specialized in civil law.

John K.C. Mah, formerly of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley's Office and United Way, Inc. has opened his law offices in the Los Angeles World Trade Cen-

ter. A graduate of UC Davis, the Hollywood JACler received his law degree from Loyola University. He is a candidate for the Master of Public Administration degree from USC this winter.

Honolulu attorney Melvin Masuda is the new executive director of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. Masuda, 35, is a graduate of Princeton University and Yale Law School; was editor of the Hawaii Bar News; and president of the Young Lawyers group of the Hawaii Bar Assn. He was also a White House Fellow and most recently was counsel in the legislative auditor's office and taught part-time at the Univ. of Hawaii Law School.

Education

Joyce Najita has been appointed director of the University of Hawaii Industrial Research Center. The first woman to head the center, she has been a researcher there for 20 years. One of its future projects, Najita said, will be a study of the relationship of collective bargaining, affirmative action and the merit principle in the public sector. She is considered one of the state's foremost authorities on collective bargaining.

Press Row

Tourists from Japan are sight-seeing and shopping around California without guides, thanks to shopper publications all in Nihongo, the "Gateway USA", published by Hirokazu Yokoyama, 39, of Los Angeles—now in its sixth year. Press run is about 17,000. He began his publishing stint about a decade ago with Little Tokyo magazine for the kaisa-shosha segment. Linda Mari Taira, 21, journalism senior at Univ. of Hawaii and weekend anchor of KITV (ABC) Honolulu, won the \$2,500 Sigma Delta Chi Foundation Award named for the late Bernard Kilgore, Wall Street Journal president. The national award recognizes journalism excellence by a student.

Religion

The Rev. Dr. Hiroshi Kondo, coordinator of pastoral counseling services at Berkeley's Herick Memorial Hospital, was ap-

pointed part-time director of the newly-formed Japanese American Christian Center by the No. Calif. Japanese Christian Church Federation. He was introduced Nov. 5 at the Pine United Methodist Church.

Sports

Del Shigematsu, a sophomore from Kauai, is a starting tackle on the Univ. of Nevada Las Vegas football team. He is 6 ft. 4 and 240 lbs.

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crimination suit against Washington State University received \$500 from the district in support of the campaign to have Asian American studies fully scheduled there. Vote was 12 to 11.

The new board members elected to two-year terms are:

Dr. Tom Taketa (SJo), Ozzie Imai (Lodi), Don Ito (Sac), Ich Nishida (Eden) and Nori Tashima (Liv-M); One-Year—Paula Mitsunaga (Marin); Holdover—

Japan opens world's 5th museum on tobacco

Tokyo The Japan Tobacco and Salt Museum recently opened in the Shibuya ward of Tokyo, culminating a 20-year project by the government corporation. It is the fifth museum of its kind in the world; the others being located in the U.S., West Germany, France and Sweden.

Wallace Terui (Fremont), John Tateishi (Marin), Dr. Ron Mayeda (SJo) and Ben Takeshita (Contra Costa).

The board then met to elect Takeshita governor,

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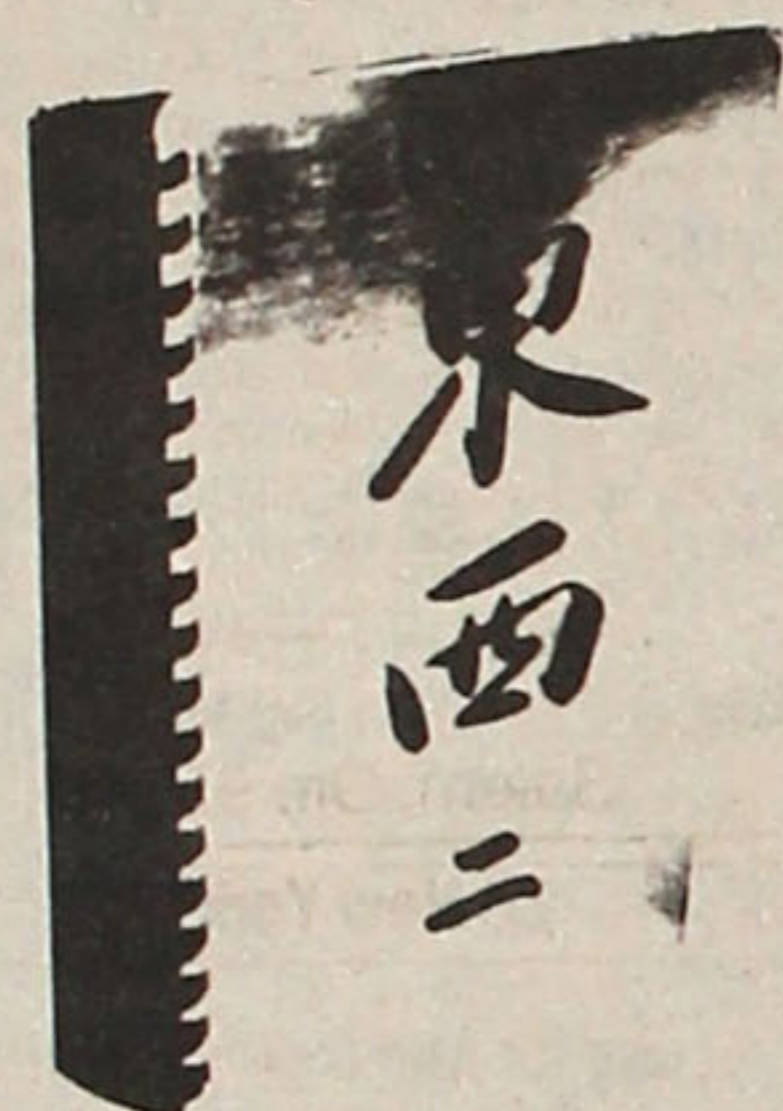
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A Visit to Narita

Tokyo: It is thought-shattering to have to meet someone at Narita, because 65 km (40 miles) is a long distance on Japanese highways. In spite of reservations, I made the trip the other day in the best of circumstances and for the finest of reasons.

I went to welcome Miss Elizabeth Humbargar and Dr. James Tanaka to Japan. Taking no chances, I got to Narita about an hour before the arrival of the plane. This gave me ample time to browse through the departure area of both wings, each large enough for a half dozen basketball courts.

The two exits from the customs area to the waiting room were about 30 yards apart. It was difficult to keep my eyes on both exits. Fortunately, the thin crowd made the task easier and the two came out of the exit normally used by foreigners.

As they spotted me waiting near the exit, I casually remarked, "Well, you both look great. Let's get your baggage into the Rolls Royce I came on."

"You must be kidding. We're just glad that we found a friendly, familiar face waiting for us," said Miss Humbargar. Dr. Tanaka simply grinned, thinking that I was merely joking.

A few minutes later, the paging service brought the car to the loading area. It was a Rolls Royce, furnished by the New Otani Hotel through courtesy of Mas Kono, an executive director of the hotel and former president of Japan Travel Bureau International.

Being Sunday, the traffic was relatively light and the plush car transported us to the hotel in less than one hour. Even the earlier trip going to Narita took about one hour, because when we reached the checkpoint, the guards checked the driver's identification and waved me on. I had come prepared with my passport and a short speech in order to justify my desire to meet the visitors from the United States. Evidently, a passenger on a Rolls Royce was above reproach.

SO NOW, I revise my original vow about not meeting anyone at Narita. The exception is if it is a Sunday and if I have a Rolls Royce available.

For the hoi polloi, I still recommend incoming tourists use the arrival escort service. By this arrangement, the travel agency sets up an arrival package that takes you from Narita to the downtown Tokyo terminal at Hakozaeki, and then escorts you to your hotel. This package is reasonable and ensures a safe arrival on the first day. After that, your friends or relatives can take over.

Narita as an airport has wonderful facilities—too bad it was built so far away in an area where the local population still has strong objections about its existence. With only one runway, the airport will have to be expanded to make it suitable for crosswinds and increasing traffic, and this will mean a continuing controversy at Narita for some years to come.

Mainichi Daily News photos



Yoshida with his collection.

'Black Ship' museum contains over 10,000 items on Perry trip

Kashiwazaki, Niigata

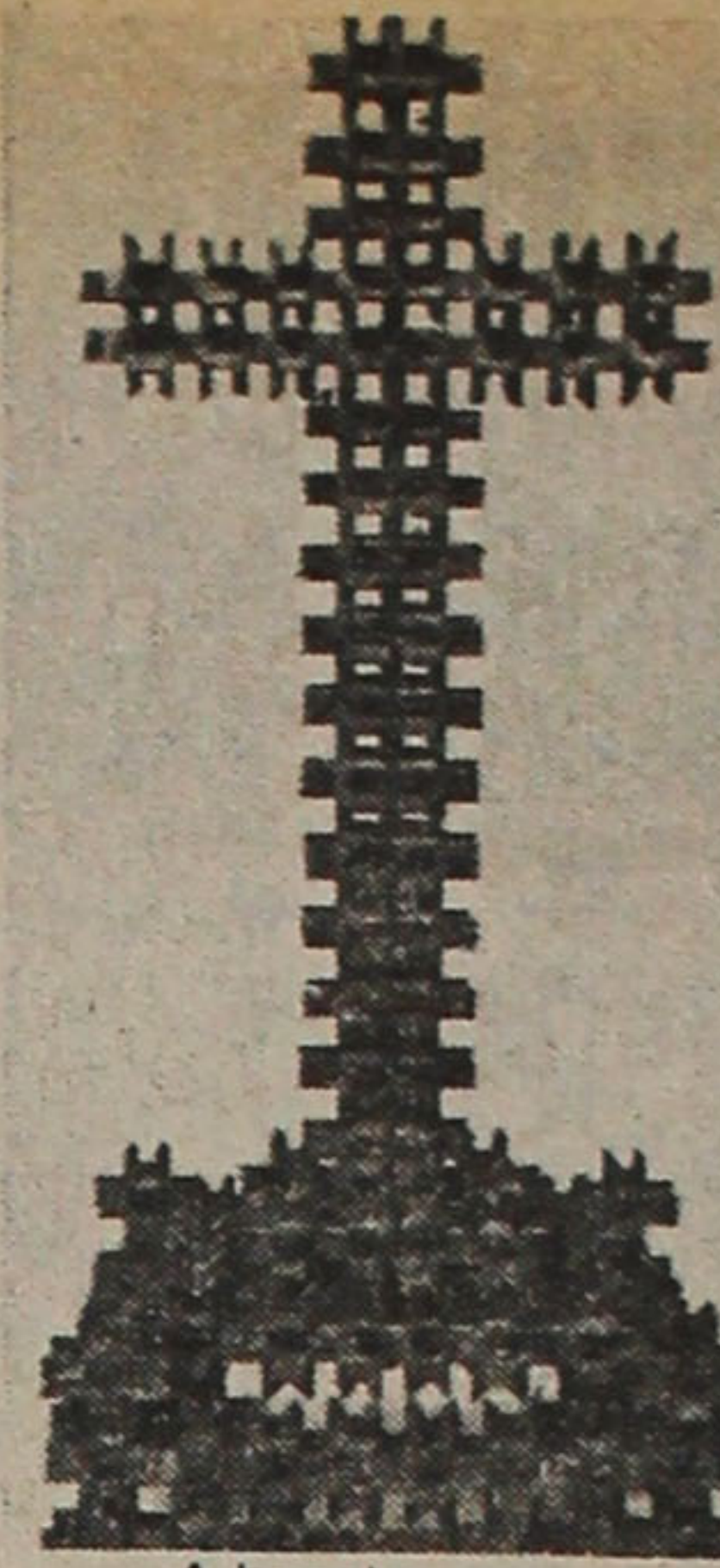
A private museum boasting the largest collection of "Black Ship" material in Japan was opened by Naota Yoshida, 65, in a two-story warehouse at the back of his drapery shop which was founded in 1842.

Some 10,000 historical items concerning the Japan visit of four American Black Ships commanded by Comm. Perry in 1853 are on display. They include block prints, picture books, glassware and arti-

facts.

Yoshida said his father had collected historical documents when he was a student at Tokyo more than 70 years ago. Since inheriting the collection, he has received an increasing number of requests from scholars, writers and artists for the loan of items.

The four American ships visited Uruga, then a tiny fishing village near Yokusuka, to ask the Tokugawa Shogunate to end its isolationist policy and open its doors to foreign countries.



A bamboo cross.



A tile block print showing the portrait of Commodore Perry.

Osaka tourist spot going bankrupt

Osaka

Tsutenkaku Tower, a 334-ft. tourist landmark in the southern part of the city built in 1956, has been losing money and its owners are asking the city to take over the operation. Of all the viewing towers in the country, Tsutenkaku is the only one under private management.

Japan tobacco sales

Tokyo

Tobacco sales in August dropped by 0.2 per cent from the same month last year, the first decrease since 1956 when the Japan Tobacco and Salt Public Corp. started compiling statistics.

JACL 1979 travel program being set

San Francisco

The 1979 National JACL travel program will be published in the Holiday Issue of the Pacific Citizen, it was announced by travel coordinator Yuki Fuchigami this week.

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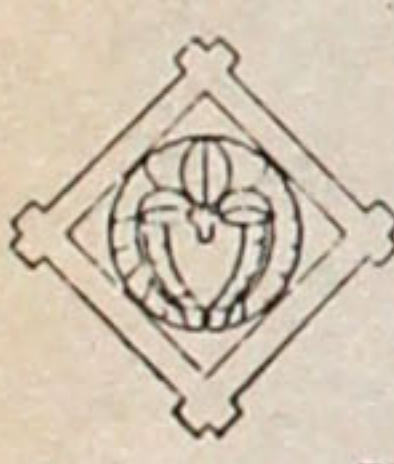


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