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## Asians seek \$500,000 from United Way

### Los Angeles

A larger piece of the United Way pie is being sought by representatives from various organizations in the Asian/Pacific communities, and a meeting seeking an increase in monies allocated to the community was scheduled Dec. 1 in Chinatown.

Invited were officials representing:

United Way Region 5, United Way planning council, its Asian-Pacific subcommittee, budget committee.

Chinatown Service Center, which receives \$16,000 annually is currently the only Asian American agency funded for direct services by United Way of Los Angeles. According to PSWDC Gov. Paul Tsuneshi, this compares with a total somewhere between \$16 million and \$20 million allocated for District Services in the greater Los Angeles area, including Gardena and Monterey Park.

Hoover Ng, convenor of

the Dec. 1 meeting, said the Asian/Pacific communities are asking \$500,000 be allocated to provide a multi-service center to augment existing Asian agencies in the delivery of social services. The focus of the center would be on research and planning, technical assistance, resources development, and service delivery on an interim basis where alternatives are lacking.

Ron Wakabayashi, Asian American Drug Abuse Program administrative coordinator, notes that the gaps in service delivery to Asian/Pacific communities are no different for each community. He states, "For example, drug abuse does not display the same pattern in each community. Every community has a pattern that reflects some variance in age, gender, level of abuse, legal status, etc."

Wakabayashi adds that

in most cases community organizations, agencies and institutions in the Asian/Pacific communities have developed to a point where interface is realistic. Committee members feel a multi-service center that could support existing structures should be funded. The proposed center's functions would be as follows:

1) Gathering data on the Asian/Pacific communities that could be used to plan service delivery and to propose that this be

sponsored and/or subsidized by private and/or public funding.

2) Assisting existing Asian/Pacific communities and agencies to develop their service delivery through training, consultants, and other technical help.

3) Developing a system of capturing resources that could be expended in the community's interest through grants and economic development programs.

4) Provide direct service delivery on an interim basis where other alternatives are lacking.

While there is no accurate gauge on the degree of participation of Asian/Pacific

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## JAPANESE SCIENTISTS IN TEXAS

### Mexico earthquake forecast

#### Galveston, Tex.

Two Japanese seismologists were on the team of Univ. of Texas Marine Science Institute scientists which last year forecast the location and magnitude of the destructive earthquake off the Mexican coast last week (Nov. 29).

Drs. Tosimatu Matumoto, professor of marine sciences; Masakazu Ohtake, post-doctoral student who

is now back in Japan working for the International Institute of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering, and Gary Latham, professor of geophysics, published in the October, 1977, issue of Pure & Applied Geophysics that an earthquake of 7.5 or greater on the Richter scale could occur any time in the near future around a point 16.5 degrees N and 96.5 de-

grees W.

The National Earthquake Information Service put the epicenter at 16 degrees N and 96.4 degrees W.—as calculated after the event—and prediction was some 30 miles off.

Matumoto said the forecast had been made more than a year ago. They had noticed the relative calm along the Circum-Pacific belt in the 150-mile stretch near Oaxaca, southern

Mexico, where no earthquakes had occurred since 1973.

"Since our forecasting method is based on quieted gaps in areas where there is normally almost continuous seismic activity, we decided to look at this area much closer," Matumoto said.

Their forecast had attracted attention in the Mexican press last year.

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## Million Dollar check presented . . .



Shintaro Fukushima (left) and Katsuma Mukaeda hold check while Gov. Brown, Mayor Bradley, Councilman Gil Lindsay and Consul General Wataru Miyakawa of Japan look on.

## Japanese donate \$1,000,000 to Li'l Tokyo cultural center

### Los Angeles

A check for nearly one million dollars was presented Dec. 1 by Shintaro Fukushima, chairman of Japan's Kyodo News Service and former Japanese consul in Los Angeles, to Katsuma Mukaeda, board chairman of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

Present at the City Hall ceremony were Gov. Edmund Brown Jr., Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, Councilman Gilbert Lindsay and Wataru Miyakawa, consul general of Japan.

The Japanese donation was collected by a group of diplomats and businessmen and will be used to help build the JACCC (Bunka Kaikan) complex on San Pedro St. near Third St. in Little Tokyo. (The Rafu Shimpo moved from its old site adjacent to the JACCC main building now under construction on Dec. 2-3 to its new home at 259 So. Los Angeles St.) #

## ON CLOTHES RACK

### 'Jap' still in high fashion

#### San Francisco

The Jungle Jap label on Parisian fashion wear continues to irk the Nisei. The latest protest was lodged with I. Magnin & Co. here this past week by George Kondo, JACL regional director.

The Kenzo line should sell "just as easily if simply labeled 'Kenzo,'" the store president was told. "We are sure your store would not handle lines labeled

with words derogatory to other races."

Kondo asked that the offensive labels be removed. JACL has been involved with Kenzo Takada of Japan since he opened his shop in Paris, 1971.

Earlier this year, the Pacific Southwest JACL District Ethnic Concerns purchased space in Women's Wear Daily to express Nikkei objection over Kenzo's use of the epithet. #

## Councilwoman Eunice Sato bids for state senate

### Long Beach, Ca.

Long Beach City Councilwoman Eunice Sato, a Republican, is seeking to succeed State Senator George Deukmejian, also Republican, who will be sworn in as the new state attorney general in January. She announced her candidacy last week for the special election in the 31st district expected to be announced by Gov. Brown for late March.

Mrs. Sato was elected to the city council in 1975 and

won re-election in last March's primary with a 62% majority. She chairs the council's Community Development Committee and the Long Beach Housing Authority, a member of the criminal justice committee, involved with League of California Cities and the So. Calif. Assn. of Governments and an officer with the Los Angeles County Health Systems Agency.

Mrs. Sato, 57, hopes, she said, that her constituents

"will not view my candidacy a step to remove myself from local concerns but rather as a move towards influencing policy where it is made. I will continue to keep an open line of communication with the voters when I'm in Sacramento."

She said she was amazed at the number of people who had called and urged her to be a candidate. She said she has the strong backing of her husband, Tom, a buyer for Star Kist Tuna, and their three

grown children, "as well as that of concerned citizens throughout the 31st District."

"It is my intention to carry to Sacramento the same honesty, integrity and dedication that I have demonstrated in my capacity as councilwoman. I have kept my campaign promise of honesty and integrity and have never compromised on matters of principle.

She stressed that her "first interest is to decrease the state and feder-

al control over local government and private enterprise." She said she has serious concerns that local city governments are losing local control when state bail-out funds and other grants are accepted with strings attached.

In keeping with the "spirit of 13", referring to property tax limit initiative passed last June, Mrs. Sato said she pledges "to work for more efficiency, less taxation and elimination of abuse in government." #



Eunice Sato

### CHOL SOO LEE CASE:

# Chinatown witness emerges, says wrong man convicted

**Sacramento, Ca.**

Two reporters of the Sacramento Union, K.W. Lee and Stephen Magagnini, stunned readers familiar with the Chol Soo Lee case with their Oct. 27 front-page story that revealed a witness has emerged from San Francisco Chinatown saying the wrong man (Chol Soo Lee) was convicted in the 1973 "Alice in Chinatown" murder case.

Chol Soo Lee has been serving a life sentence at Deuel Vocational Institution for the premeditated murder of gangland figure Yip Yee Tak on a crowded street corner in the heart of Chinatown June 3, 1973. Lee is also facing trial in Stockton for the slaying of an inmate at Deuel on Oct. 8, 1977, which the Korean immigrant claim was in self-defense.

The witness, whose anonymity was preserved upon request and whose life is now in jeopardy as a consequence of telling what was observed, admitted that concealing the facts had weighed on X's conscience. The person, who grew up in Chinatown, claims to know both Lee and the real killer by sight.

The information, say the Union reporters, may finally exculpate the 26-year-old Korean immigrant.

Because of the surreal circumstances of the Yip Yee Tak slaying and Lee's subsequent arrest and conviction, the case has been dubbed the "Alice in Chinatown" murder.

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This is the reporters' scenario pieced together from information provided by X and other Chinatown sources.

THE JUNE 3, 1973 murder was not a contract job, as the prosecution maintained at Lee's change-of venue trial in Sacramento a year later, but a spontaneous act of revenge by the real killer, who felt the victim had betrayed his gang.

There were between 30 and 40 persons at the bustling intersection of Grant and Pacific avenues the evening Tak was gunned down. However, only five witnesses—all Caucasians—came forward; three of those were instrumental in the prosecution's case against Lee, which was based largely on a specious photo-identification and lineup procedure.

X and other inside sources are certain other Orientals witnessed the slaying, but won't come forth because they fear retribution at the hands of the real killer and his henchmen. As soon as the police arrived at the scene, the Orientals vanished. In Chinatown, the shorter your memory, the longer you live.

"I am outraged that nobody has spoken up," X said. "Those white witnesses may have seen the man running a few seconds more than I have, but I have the insider's experience of having lived in Chinatown before and afterwards ... I have seen Lee before. Even though I didn't see the guy actually shoot the victim, I heard the shots ... the next thing you know, you see the guy running down Pacific."

X's revelations are the latest in a chain of developments challenging the prosecution's assertion that Lee was an associate of the "Ski Mask Gang" and a hired gun for the Wah Ching (Chinese Youth), a group of misplaced immigrants from Hong Kong that has evolved into Chinatown's most nefarious gang.

YIP YEE TAK was gunned down in the twilight of a Sunday afternoon by a young Oriental male wearing a gold or mustard jacket and wielding a .38-caliber revolver. As Tak ran about half a block, past the Ping Yuen bakery, his assailant pumped three bullets into his back and one into his head, in full view of the throng of residents and shoppers, and then took off down Pacific Ave.

Tak, 32, was known as "The Professor" in the Chinatown underworld, perhaps because he claimed to have a Ph.D. from the University of Southern California. Tak was a small-

tim hood, embezzler and rape suspect who had numerous aliases (Yip Yang and Yip Young were the most common) and no known address.

SAN FRANCISCO homicide detectives Frank Falzon and John Cleary formulated three theories that may have led to the slaying:

- The victim was the suspect in several rapes and could have been killed by anyone closely associated with his rape victims.

- Tak was an organizer and counsel for the Wah Ching and had obtained lawyers for two "notorious Chinatown suspects," Anton Wong and Steve Chan. Tak had collected \$10,000 from the Wah Ching in legal fees. When Wong was murdered, the detectives speculated, Tak used the money for his own use and suffered reprisals from his own gang, the Wah Ching.

- After Anton Wong was slain, allegedly by the Joe Fong gang, Tak was afraid he would be next on the Fong's hit list because he had assisted Wong.

At the Sacramento trial, the prosecution only advanced the second theory, tailoring it to fit Lee's alleged involvement. The following information, which police obtained from an informant shortly after the slaying, was withheld:

MINUTES BEFORE the shooting, Tak and another man were having coffee together in a Grant Avenue cafe. "They were seen shaking hands and an apparent agreement made. They left together when a verbal argument ensued, and minutes later Yip Yang (Tak) was shot."

Ironically, the prosecution's analysis does not differ markedly from the scenario painted by X and other Chinatown sources: Wah Ching members were enraged because Tak ripped off their defense money entrusted to him. The money was to be used for Wong's defense. But, while out on bail, Wong was murdered. On the Sunday evening of the slaying, the alleged killer, an aspiring Wah Ching, spotted Tak, chased him half a block, caught up with him and fired the lethal shots. X's description of the suspect closely matches the descriptions given by the five Caucasian witnesses immediately after the shooting: a slender Oriental male, 5-7 to 5-10, clean-shaven, with straight, black, neck-length hair.

LEE, THEN 20, WAS 5-2, weighed about 120 pounds and sported a mustache; the all-points police bulletin issued the morning after the murder made no mention of a mustache.

The night of the murder, three of the white witnesses picked Lee and several others as resembling the alleged killer. Lee's photo was taken in 1969 and one of the five photo subjects had a mustache.

Eight days later, three of the white witnesses selected Lee from a lineup that included four Orientals with mustaches.

This is what X saw shortly after hearing the gunfire: "He (the assailant) was running fast. His hair was puffed a little, like he had a permanent. (Wah Ching members are known for their pompadours, a la Elvis Presley.) His hair was black, a little bit over his shoulder. It seemed like he had done his hair that day."

"When I saw him, I knew I had seen him before. I didn't know his name but I knew he hung around Chinatown, sometimes with a bunch of young gang members—the Wah Ching."

"HE WAS PROBABLY 16 or 17. White people might take him for older, say 20 to 25. He was rather tall. He had no mustache. He was rather strong."

X saw the suspect in Chinatown a week after the shooting. "He seemed like he had cut his hair—it looked shorter than before. Everything was cool. The only thing you might have said was he didn't get caught. He now had a big reputation as a tough killer. His nickname became 'The Killer.' This guy was the type that would show off his toughness—it was very noticeable to people who lived there. For instance, you would walk across the street and see a car coming your way. You would walk slowly so the car had to

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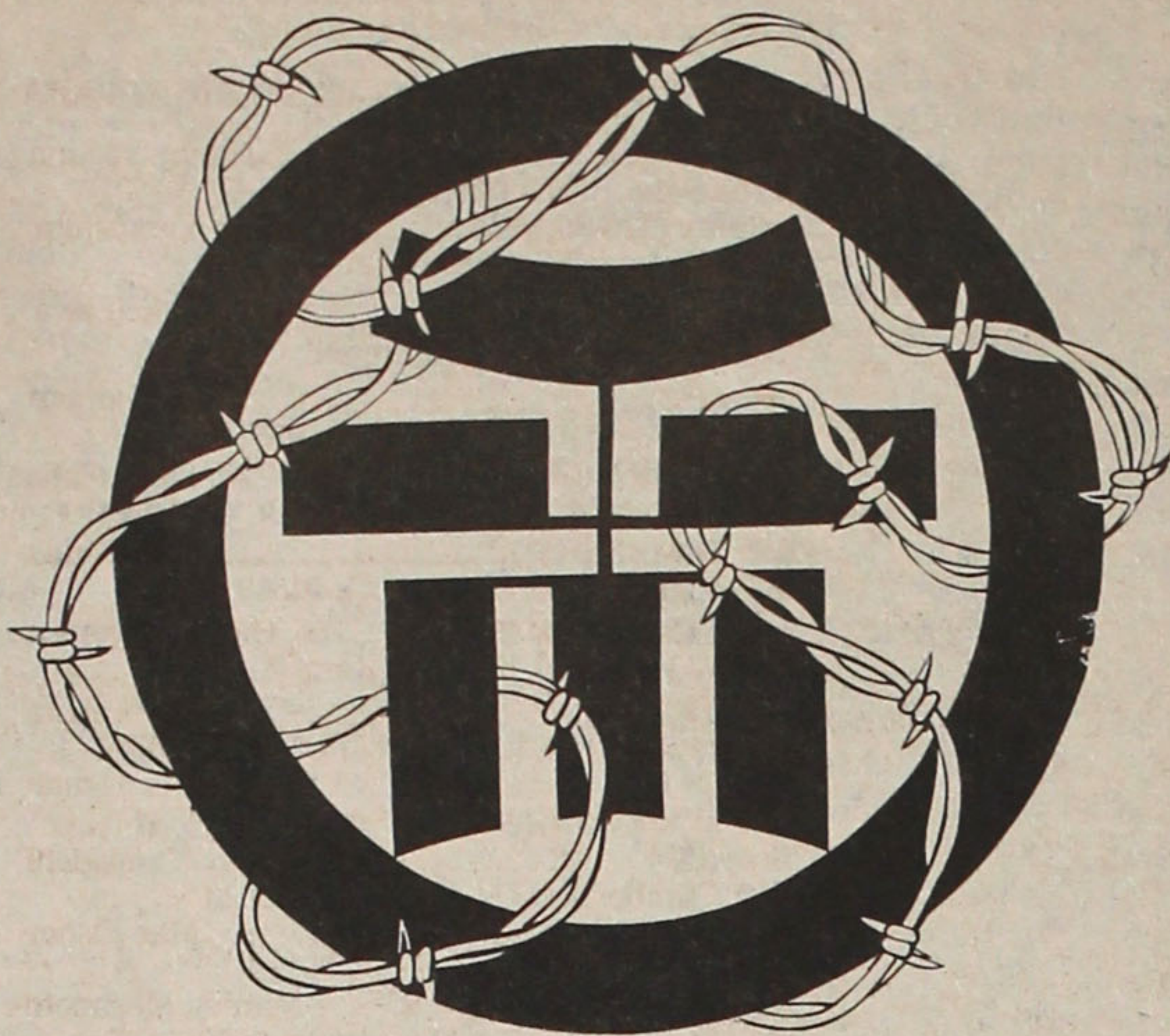
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# second friday special



The logo created for the "Day of Remembrance" was designed by Frank Fujii. The Kanji-like character ringed by barbed wire is an abstract of *Ichi, Ni, San* (1, 2, 3.)



A crowd of 2,000 Nikkei and friends packs the food service building behind the grandstand familiar to former residents of "Camp Harmony"

## This time, it was a 'Harmonious' trek to Puyallup

A full-page story in the Nov. 24 Seattle Post-Intelligencer was devoted to the incarceration of Nikkei during World War II, with Dr. Min Masuda the main interviewee.

The same subject then made the front page of the Seattle Times (Nov. 26) Sunday. Additional coverage on the inside included an interview with Gordon Hirabayashi, one of three persons who challenged the

constitutionality of Executive Order 9066. It was headlined, "Let's rock boat, says Japanese American who resisted."

On Nov. 25, newly-elected Congressman Mike Lowry said on KOMO-TV that he would help push redress legislation through Congress.

Why did Seattle media suddenly show interest in a subject over 30 years old?

A puzzling question, if

one didn't know about the JACL-sponsored Day of Remembrance for the evacuation and incarceration of Nikkei, celebrated Nov. 25 with a four-mile long caravan of buses, trucks and cars to Puyallup Fairgrounds, the former site of Camp Harmony, where Seattle area Nikkei were held before being relocated to more permanent concentration camps.

The event could truthfully

be tagged "newsworthy", judging from the media coverage it garnered. The event will also be on 20/20, ABC's television news-magazine show.

Certainly, there was an impressive group of speakers for the program at Puyallup. Among the speakers were Hirabayashi, Masuda, the actor Mako, Shosuke Sasaki, Seattle Mayor Charles Royer and State Supreme Court Justice

James Dolliver and Lawson Inada. (See Dec. 1 PC for more.)

Royer (noting that he was only 3 years at the time of Evacuation) said, "It's good to be reminded... It's time to hold this country's feet to the fires of the past."

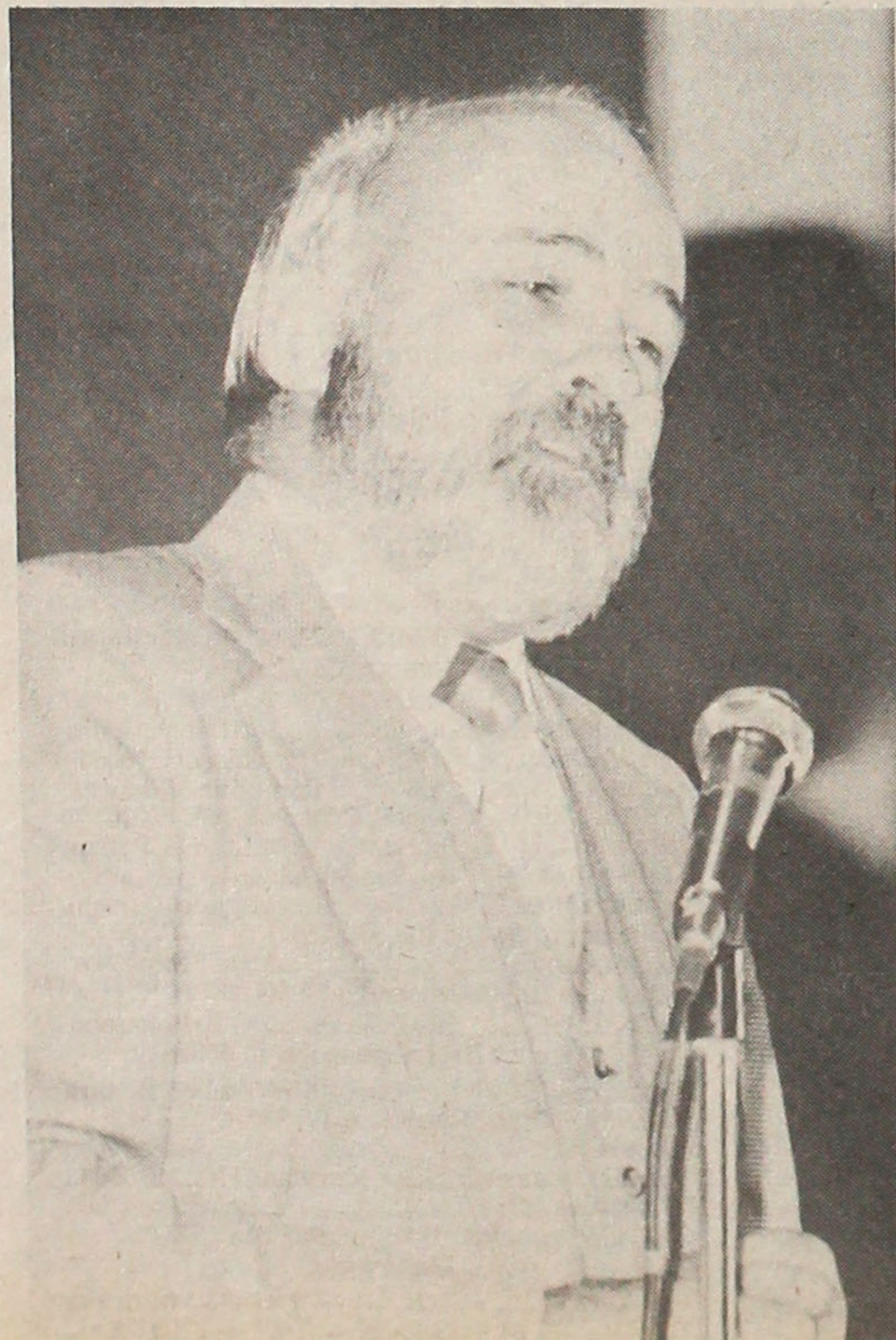
"I applaud you for the actions you've taken thus far," Royer told the crowd of 2,000. "And I am with you now and will continue to be with you in the future until

the matter of redress is resolved."

Ron Mamiya, who chaired the event, has voiced hopes that other district councils will also recreate the Evacuation to help educate the public about it. Indeed, if other similar events become as successful as Seattle's in terms of gaining publicity on the Evacuation, it should be a sweet help to JACL's redress program.

—Sharon Suzuki

Photos by John Harada



James Dolliver, State Supreme Court Justice, tells the crowd about his role in the repealing of E.O. 9066 by then-President Gerald Ford.



Lawson Fusao Inada, Sansei poet and English professor, reads his poem written for the "Day of Remembrance".



Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, professor of sociology at the Univ. of Alberta, recalls his Supreme Court test case challenging the military curfew.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Clifford Uyeda

## Caring

Hanauma Bay, Hawaii

We were perched on the outer reef with waves crashing around us. "Now!" motioned my partner and we headed out for deep water.

The ceiling is a sunlit shimmering surface, and below hundreds of manini flow over a mound of reef in perfect formation. Further out a huge multicolored uha approaches cautiously. Ahead is an ocean stretching into infinity.

There is a euphoric sense of calm and relaxation. Carressed by the warm tropical water, it is a return to the primeval medium from whence we came. A barracuda lies motionless, as if carved in silver.

A school of grey goatfish appears from nowhere. Brilliantly decorated tangs are my favorite—particularly the Achilles tang that glow like neon and the oddly shaped unicorn tang. I stick my hand into the plastic bag I'm carrying and chum the area. They break rank and swirl around me in a feeding frenzy.

Our senses are razor sharp. A sudden disappearance of the multitude of fish surrounding us may signal an approaching predator.

Even among same species the weak and the feeble are quickly eliminated. This practice appears to be present in most living creatures. Certain mammals, including humans, are exceptions.

What distinguishes humans from others is our concern for and our protection of the weak and the unfortunate even among strangers. Some may argue that biologically we are not improving our genetic heritage. Caring for the unfortunate, however, has been the greatest stimulus for many of our discoveries and inventions that benefit mankind. #

DESK EDITOR'S: Harry K. Honda

## Something New Coming

The PC Directory: 1979 Memberships (pg. 2) is full-blown this week, except that many 1979 dues are (\$) unspecified. Names of people processing membership applications are also likely to change. We've taken this step to jog chapters to update the directory because of something new that's scheduled for the PC next week.

Headquarters is having the 1979 membership and 1000 Club brochure inserted as an "advertising supplement". It will be something readers can pull out, save or pass on to a potential member. And they will need to refer to the PC directory to determine which chapter to join and how much to send.

PC's interest in this goes a step further . . . We will have a rate structure on "advertising supplement" insertions.

## 35 YEARS AGO

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

Dec. 18, 1943

Dec. 8—Army permits Nisei to enroll at Univ. of Minnesota and 90 other colleges previously banned due to military research.

Dec. 9—American Legion pressure forces Nisei (Paul Hagiya of Santa Maria) to resign as student body president at Southwestern Univ. of Kansas.

Dec. 9—Lomita VFW commander tells state Assembly Gannon committee Nisei GIs would not be admitted into VFW. (Committee was surveying public attitude on Japanese question.)

Dec. 9—Rep. Magnuson (Wa.) protests reported re-Japanese evacuees married to non-Japanese on west coast.

Dec. 10—WRA estimates 1945 fiscal budget same as 1944's at \$48 million; \$55 million spent in

first year (1943), note living costs for each camp resident at \$1.20 per day with 45¢ toward food.

Dec. 13—Army west coast ban of Japanese evacuees unchanged, says Lt. Gen. Emmons, in response to newspaper rumors reporting exclusion policy being lifted.

Dec. 13—Arizona supreme court affirms Tsutomu Ikeda case, rules anti-evacuee law invalid.

Dec. 14—Utah Gov. Maw lauds evacuee farm workers for solving acute farm labor shortage.

Dec. 15—Calif. congressional delegation seek ouster of WRA Director Dillon Myer, reorganization of WRA and transfer of Tule Lake center operations to Army.

## Comment, letters, features

## Redress—Pro and Con

Editor:

Redress is definitely necessary. We are a peaceful people but the Evacuation isn't something we can just "forgive and forget." However, monetary reparations are not necessary, and I'm strongly against any implementation of such plans.

How can a price be put on an individual's loss? Besides the obvious individual differences and inflationary increases, there are psychological effects to think about. I didn't go through camp experiences, but if I had, I wouldn't be happy just getting money back after all the hurt I'd been through—the losses of property and business, the pain of West Coast prejudice, the physical discomforts at camp, and the outrage I'd feel from being treated by my own government as if I weren't an American and from the government trying to take away my dignity. I couldn't even estimate how much should be disbursed individually if all this were taken into account.

How will Japanese Americans look to other Ameri-

cans if we demand monetary restitution? We will appear greedy, as we are taking the money and then smiling, saying, "Okay, now you're forgiven." We shouldn't have that image.

And, in general, Japanese Americans don't need the money. Most of us are certainly well-off enough that we could live easily without it.

The only end I can see in getting reparations is that we will be temporarily richer. People will probably know just as little about the injustice of the Evacuation as they did before.

I would suggest a plan of redress designed to have a deeper, more long-lasting effect. Instead, a nationwide education plan could be launched. Some sort of written apology from the government could be publicly presented . . . it would show that the United States finally realized the wrong it committed and was willing to admit it to all her people.

Next, some federal funding could be granted for a television special, something on the order of "Holo-

here is "formalized," all societies have some hierarchy. But the basic motivation and worry of the bread winner is still to get a job, to be able to pay the rent or buy a house, and to at least keep even with the Suzukis.

There are, however, some preconceptions about Japan that could do with some overhauling or qualifying. The most glaring is the one about the Japanese being a very courteous, polite people. This is true, in fact sometimes excessively so, with some very important qualifications. They are, if one is introduced by a responsible person [i.e., (a) the status of the introducer is respected by the person the introduction is being made to and (b) that the introducer accepts the responsibility for the conduct of the person being introduced], one is a relative, or one is a hakujin (preferably a pretty, blue-eyed, blonde, stacked, young woman).

Now, if the Japanese were as courteous and polite as many writers would like us to believe there would be, for example, none of the pushing and shoving on the trains at rush hour. Instead one should see dark-suited businessmen bowing and murmuring "after you" on the platforms. To which the reply is also some bowing and murmuring "no, after you", and the trains would then leave the station empty. Ridiculous but a natural extrapolation from what some of these writers write. The fact is, the above scene does happen . . . but only among people who know each other from one of the above three reasons.

Actually, by American standards of social behavior, the Japanese behave rather inconsiderately in public. In a crowd, the Japanese acts

as if he is the only one on the street (if he's with a group he acts as if the group is the only thing). Bumping into other people is like a branch bumping into a boat; if it's too big or comes fast it's something to notice (i.e., apologize); if it's small and just taps you, ignore it. I've known some very traditional and otherwise considerate young ladies just plow through a crowd, bouncing off other people without a care in the world, completely ignorant of the fact that there are literally thousands of people around them.

There are extreme examples too: the guy who stands in the middle of an aisle so you can't pass him without jostling him. You would probably take it for granted that as soon as your body happened to touch his, he would step forward or to the side, but they usually just continue to stand there. There are also the middle-aged or older people who elbow through a crowd like a front linesman trying to make a hole in the defensive line. And if they've got their little grandchild with them, they are like cornered animals protecting their young. Vicious.

Anyway, I believe I've made my point. There are many more points that could be examined more critically that would bring out the humanness of the Japanese. They are not a virtuous people, all practicing Bushido nor are they all peasants living the simple life. They are a people who are not much better or much worse than most Americans. Remove the pedestal so your readers can see the Japanese as people, not revered initiators of the Bon Odori, Aki Matsuri or whatever.

Richard Sawabe  
Tokyo

heroes we learned and memorized). And I'm positive nobody knows that the 442nd Regiment consisted entirely of Japanese Americans, or that it was the most decorated unit in the history of the United States Army. While my peers know what the blacks went through and sympathize with the struggle the Irish had, they don't see any special worth in the Japanese American or know our story.

A push for individual payments won't produce more than a feeling of indifference in the non-Japanese, and ignorance won't be much less. From another plan, though, such as this, many people would learn about and become sensitized to our ethnic group, and maybe some stereotypes—and even prejudices—would break down. And isn't that what JACL is working toward—better race relations and peaceful coexistence? That, to me at least, would be worth more than a \$25,000 check.

MARK ABE  
Bloomington, Minn.

## Convention booklet

Editor:

As I was doing my history assignment, I became fascinated with the article telling of the history of JACL in the National convention souvenir booklet. It inspired a poem which I would like to share with you.

CHERYL MIYAGISHIMA  
Sepulveda, Ca.

HISTORY OF JACL  
The final nine lines are reproduced—Ed.)  
With the help of the JACL, the Japanese are where they are today  
Living, working and coping the American way,  
But they won't forget their struggle in the past  
And hope the trust in them now will forever last,  
JACL will help in any way they can  
For any cause that will help all man!

## Short Notes

Dear Harry:

This was written to fill space . . . to meet a deadline. Clifford Uyeda's worst fears (PC, Oct. 20) are confirmed. When's my replacement taking over?

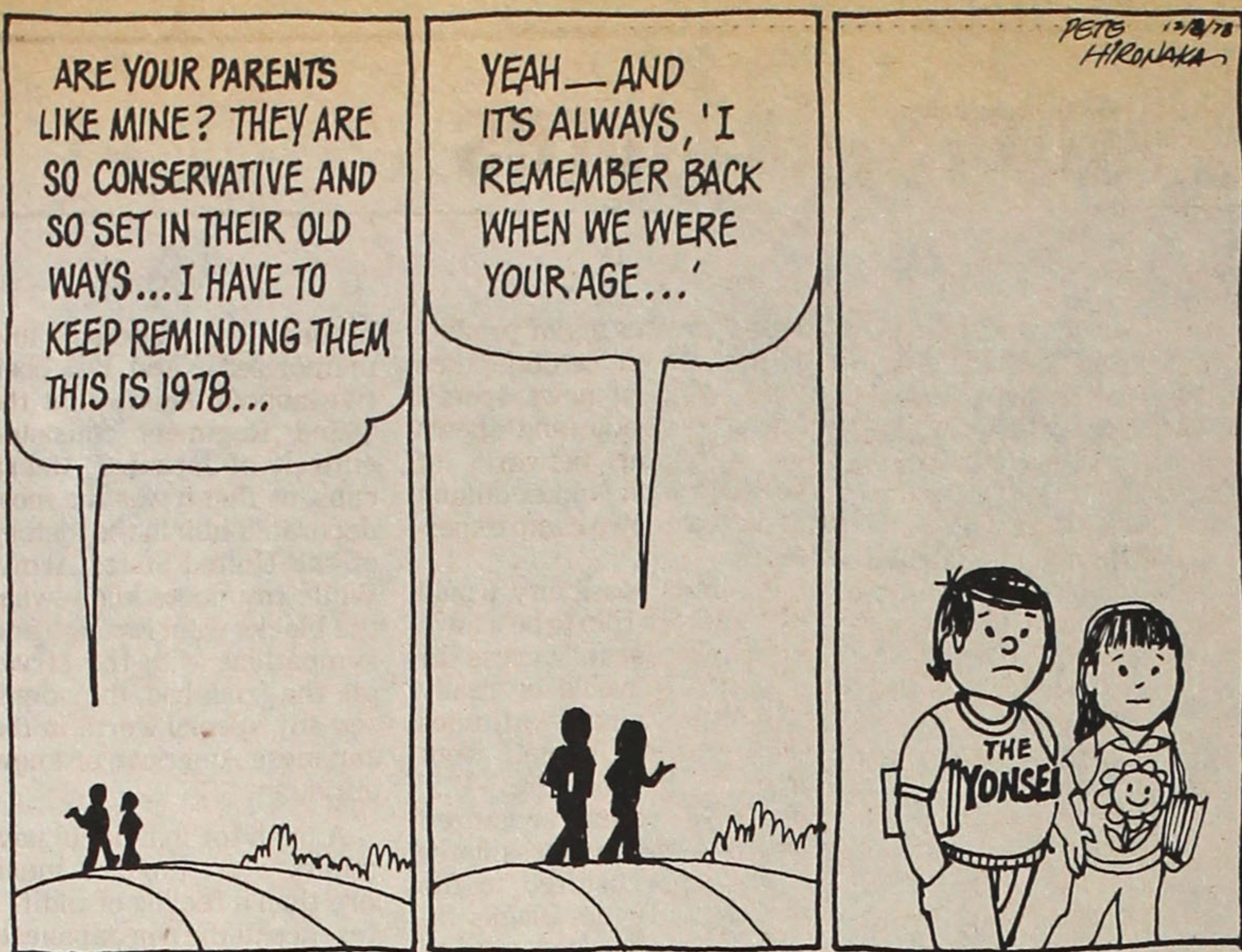
Dear Harry:

President Cliff seems to think some of my columns are a waste of time . . . In any event, if you wish to drop . . . please do not hesitate to do so on my account. Uyeda may be right . . . new blood may be needed.

Columnists have spoken . . . —Ed.

The United States is still the best place to live in the whole world. Most people are without prejudice unless aroused by some demagogue.

—RABBI EDGAR F. MAGNIN



EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

## Shortages and Short Pencils

Philadelphia:

I'VE OFTEN thought if our country were to be managed by the precepts of our Issei parents, we wouldn't be suffering from all the shortages that suddenly seem to be plaguing us. The Issei used only what was necessary, and then their usage was maximized. (Remember how we were not allowed to leave so much as a single grain of rice in the chawan? Compare that with the luxurious makeup of your garbage today.)

I, TOO, REMEMBER being taught to use both sides of the paper for writing, a habit that more or less carries over to this day. And I still use pencils until they become so short that I can no longer grip them. Another Issei teaching. It was not, however, without some youthful griping even though I was told something about "shimatsu". As I view it all today, I am somewhat amazed over how much of it actually became absorbed as part of my values, notwithstanding that youthful griping.

WHICH BRINGS ME, next, to our offsprings: the Sansei.

I'M NOT SURE just what happened: all I know is that something went slightly astray in the transmission from my Issei parents to my Sansei children, through me. Economic and material-goods management—the essence of "shimatsu"—might as well have been something that the Nisei parent might periodically mention when economic-material dissipation of the Sansei went too far. Which, unfortunately, was all too often. If you and I were to compare

our mutual "laundry lists", I think we'd swear that they were copied from one another.

I'VE NOT YET tallied the score and come to any conclusion as to Sansei "shimatsu", or lack thereof. It's a bit early. Among our offspring, a couple of them have gone through feast-'n-famine syndrome: a period when money was coming in and being disposed of as if the supply were eternal, then being hit with the "cold turkey" (and the cold facts of life) inevitably when "eternal" was suddenly shortened to "end". And that's part of maturing. Provided, of course, one learned from that experience.

AND NOT ALL is by any

means negative. Among the offspring are some who have, or at least appear to have, a good economic sense, a reasonably good sense of personal management. There's usually one in every family: the one who keeps up with school work, yet puts in a lot of part-time work, doesn't squander money but when it comes time to buy, buys the best—and yet has a reasonable amount "stashed" away. And we have such a one in our family.

AND WHEN I SEE that, then hope stirs anew that maybe, just maybe, the glow of Issei "shimatsu" remains alive and will turn into a meaningful flame. To be passed on. #

### CORNER FOR OUR GUESTS:

## Seeking Justice for JAs

By EARL G. WATERS  
Sacramento

Those who demand boycotts and other sanctions against world nations such as South Africa and Russia, whose standards do not match up to their civil rights notions, should study California history.

It provides one of the blackest blots on freedom in the nation's record. And it happened only 36 years ago.

On a bleak day in January 1942, federal, state and local police swooped down on more than 120,000 Californians, herding them into trucks with only such personal belongings as they could carry, and hauled them off to internment camps.

There had been no charges against any of them, let alone a trial or any other semblance of the due process guaranteed by the Constitution. And for more than three years these people were con-

finned behind barbed wire. The reason?

They were of Japanese ancestry.

THE EXCUSE was that America was at war with Japan, precipitated by the treacherous attack of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7 by the Japanese Imperial Navy. Everyone in California of Japanese descent was deemed a threat to the security of the nation.

Ignored were those of Italian and German origin despite the fact the United States was also at war with their homelands.

When the question was raised as to why the Japanese should be treated differently the answer was that, "It's really for their own protection. Feeling is running so strong against the Japanese they might be attacked by mobs. It's different with the Germans and Italians because they blend in with the rest of the population while Ori-



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

## 'Yakuza' Issei-style

— Denver, Colo.

MOST NISEI, and virtually all Sansei, are too young to know first hand about the Japanese gangsters who swashed their buckles in prewar Los Angeles, Seattle and various smaller communities. Their primary business was gambling, and their chief customers were young, unattached Issei.

The gambling house in Los Angeles was called the Tokyo Club. The one in Seattle was the Toyo Club. These clubs were set up as business enterprises with elected officers as well as the usual strong-arm boys. The clubs were justified on the ground that the Issei bachelors were dropping their earnings in Chinese-operated gambling houses, and if they were going to lose their money anyway it was just as well for them to patronize their own people.

As with the Mafia, there were outbreaks of violence among the Japanese gangsters, and several of them died violently. But the clubs were well on their way out by the time World War II began, and they were never revived.

What brings all this to mind is a story about Japan's new multinational gangsters in a recent issue of the English-language Japan Times of Tokyo which in turn quotes a report on the respected Weekly Asahi. The weekly says Japanese gangsters, called *yakuza*, "have already firmly established themselves in Hawaii, the Philippines, Thailand and Korea to ply their favorite trades in women, drugs and guns."

In Honolulu, the Japan Times report says, "the gangsters operate Turkish baths, porn shops and movie houses as well as go-go clubs to cater to Japanese tourists." The Japan Times adds that the Honolulu Advertiser, one of the state's two metropolitan dailies, ran a four-part series on what is called "Mafia, Japanese-style."

The *yakuza* seem to be interested primarily in areas most frequently visited by Japanese tourists, but they steer clear of places like Singapore which has a crack police force, and Hongkong where local gangsters jealously guard their turf from outsiders.

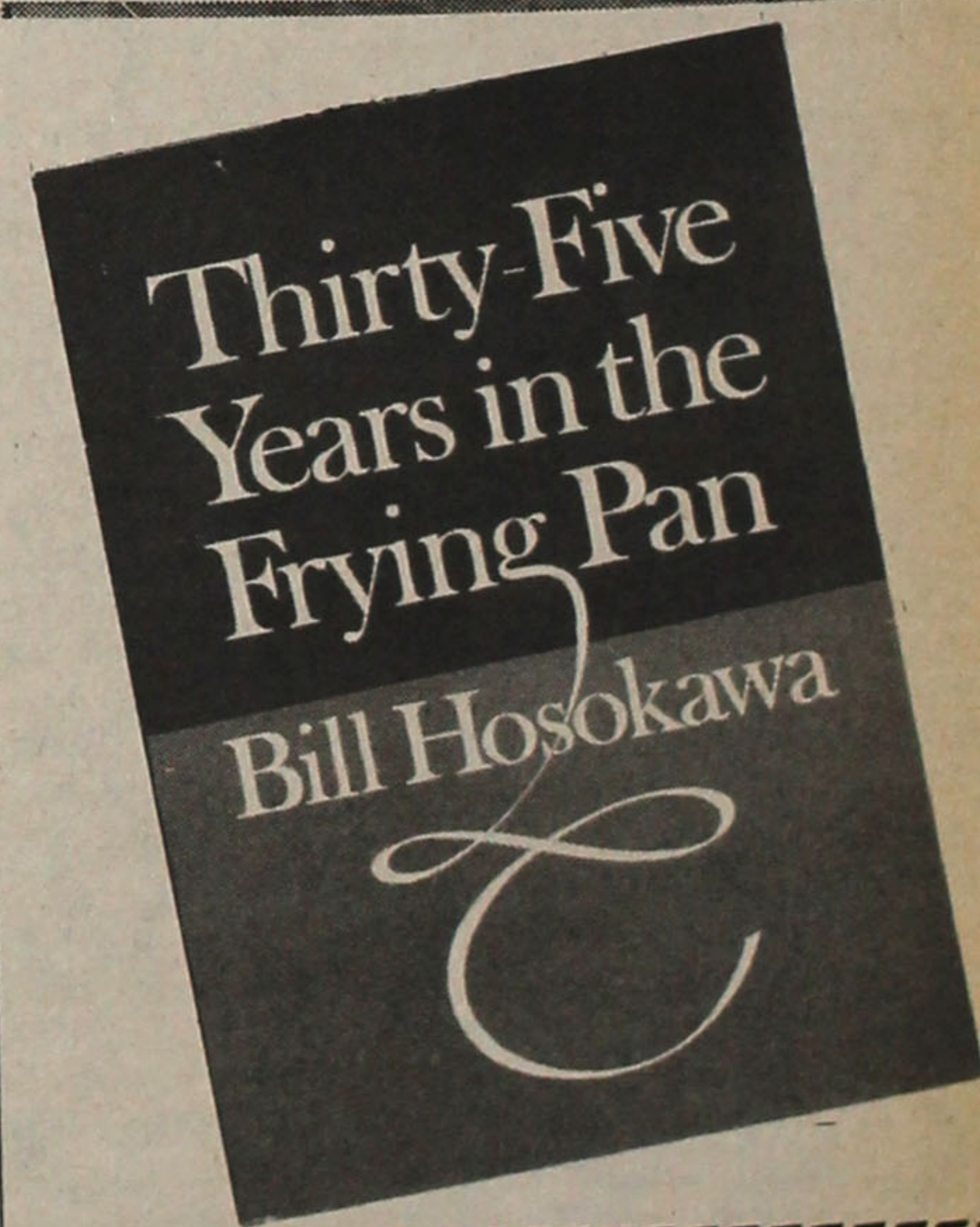
Have Japanese gangsters established a beachhead on the mainland, in places like Los Angeles and Las Vegas which are a veritable mecca for free-spending male Japanese tourists? So far I haven't heard, but that doesn't mean they're not around.

There's nothing funny about gangs and violence, but one enterprise involving organized crime and Japanese businessmen has amusing elements. The gangsters, according to the Japan Times report, operate "sex tours" to Korea for men who tell their wives they are going out for a weekend of golf. Instead of heading for distant golf courses, they stow their clubs in coin-operated lockers at the airport and fly off for liaisons with attractive young ladies in Seoul and Pusan.

One little-known fact about the gangsters in the prewar Li'l Tokyos was that they were among the leading patrons and supporters of legitimate Japanese culture. They contributed generously to local cultural groups, helped finance kabuki stage productions, subsidized dancing, singing and drama teachers, and even underwrote the costs of Japanese artists and theatrical troupes on tours of West Coast communities.

They were also something of community welfare organizations. The clubs fed and sheltered oldsters unable to work regularly, loaned money to legitimate businessmen who couldn't get credit at banks, and even helped Nisei with college tuition payments. So, along with the crime and violence, there was a benevolent side to the oldtime Japanese gangsters in America.

But that was in another era. Let Japan restrict its exports to the United States to cars and cameras and electronic goods; we have too many home-grown overlords of crime as it is. #



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# Calendar, memos

FROM REGIONAL: George Kondo, Northern California

## May 27, 1979— Placing a Plaque



TULE LAKE  
May 21, 1942 — March 20, 1946  
POPULATION: 18,800

Tule Lake was one of the ten American concentration camps established during World War II to incarcerate 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, of whom the majority were American citizens, behind barbed wire and guard towers without charge, trial or establishment of guilt. These camps are reminders of how racism, economic and political exploitation and expediency can undermine the constitutional guarantees of United States citizens and aliens alike. May the injustices and humiliation suffered never here never recur.

THAT'S THE TEXT of the plaque for the monument at Tule Lake concentration camp. The plaque is being erected by the State Dept. of Parks and Recreation in cooperation with the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council.

These eighty words will remind every generation of Americans of the injustices inflicted upon their own citizens by a nation dedicated to human and civil rights. The three sentences above were agreed upon after months of debate and study. Working with nine different versions, the 29 chapters of the district endorsed the statement in 1975 fall meeting hosted by Fremont JACL.

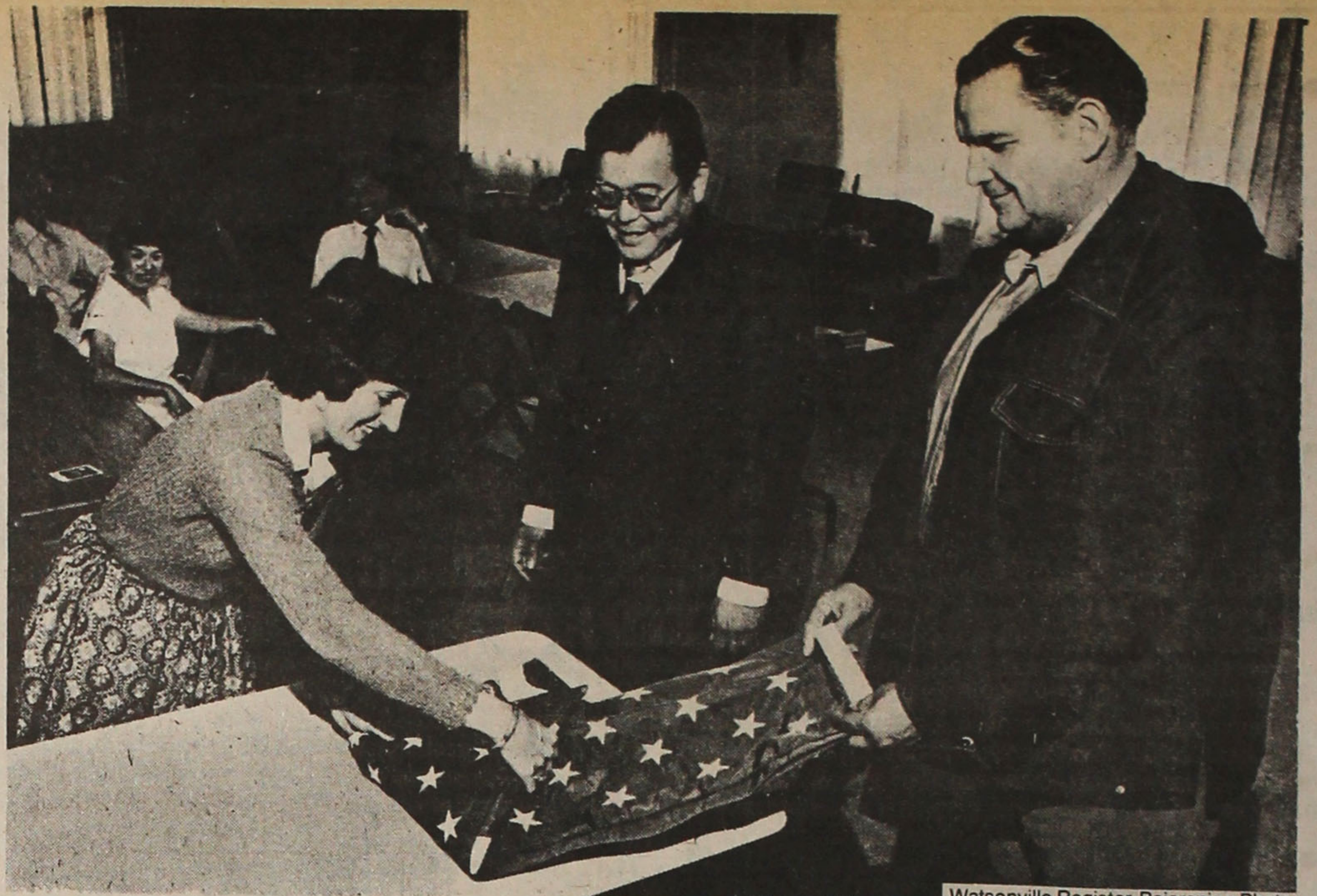
THE COMMITTEE PREPARING the text first met in October, 1974. When the State Historical Resources Commission convened at Sonoma Nov. 6, 1975, the JACL-proposed text appeared on its agenda for the first time and it was tabled because of objections over the words, "concentration camps". The commission recommended the NC-WNDC submit a text using words that were "more constructive — historically, socially and politically", in lieu of "concentration camps". However, the District committee decided not to compromise and appeared a second time May 6, 1976, before the same Commission at Sacramento and presented the original text. Again the application was denied for the same reason.

Following the second denial, many letters were sent to Herbert Rhodes, then director of the Calif. Dept. of Parks and Recreation and the state historic preservation officer, requesting that "concentration camps" be retained in the text for the plaque. On March 16, 1977, Rhodes modified the text by inserting "American" before "concentration camps" and overruled the State Historical Resources Commission. He held that it was imperative that this as well as future generations be reminded of the incarceration and that we should guard against it happening again. In order to insure that injustices done to persons of Japanese ancestry would not be forgotten, he publicly announced that the plaque wording was modified and accepted. He noted, "Wars create many problems yet solve few. Once wars are over, people become absorbed in rebuilding the ruins; the evils and injustices which occurred are soon forgotten."

Rhodes was recognized for his efforts by the NC-WNDC at the JACL Tri-District Conference April, 1977, in Reno.

LAST JULY 31, District Gov. Chuck Kubokawa appointed Frank Hiyama of Sacramento to chair the Tule Lake Plaque Dedication Committee to determine the time and place for the ceremony. Many JACLers who were in Tule Lake serve on the committee. They come from the Marysville, Placer County, Sacramento, Florin and Lodi chapters — areas from which many were evacuated to Tule Lake in 1942.

Wes Doi and Tak Shirasawa volunteered to co-chair a fund drive to cover cost of the monument and dedication program. Many dignitaries are being invited. The goal is between \$8,000 and \$10,000. Donors will receive a fitting memento of the Tule Lake plaque dedication commensurate with the amount of donation. Contributions are tax-deductible and are being accepted by JACL—Tule Lake Fund, National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, Ca 94115.



Watsonville Register-Pajaronian Photo

## Flags for Watsonville JACL . . .

Paul Hiura, Watsonville JACL president (center), watches Sylvia Panetta, wife of Congressman Leon Panetta (D-Ca),

and Assemblyman Henry Mello fold an American flag following a recent presentation of the U.S. and State of California flags from Panetta and Mello, respectively. The chapter has used borrowed flags in the past.

## JACL meeting on redress

### San Francisco

A strategy meeting was called by John Tateishi, chairman of the National JACL Redress Committee, this weekend (Dec. 9-10) at Headquarters. A timetable for the campaign is expected to be adopted.

Judge William Marutani

of Philadelphia was named to the committee. Others being called include:

Ron Mamiya, Henry Miyatake, Seattle; Phil Shigekuni, San Fernando Valley; Ellen Endo, Metro L.A.; Min Yasui, Mile-Hi; staff—Karl Nobuyuki, J.D. Hokoyama, Debbie Nakatomi and Ron Ikejiri. #

## REDRESS

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other war crimes against the nation were descendants of early American families.

WHILE THE years have dimmed the memory of most people of this horrendous action by the government against its own citizens, it has not been forgotten by the American Japanese, many of who later served valiantly and with great honor in the armed forces of the United States.

And the nation is about to be reminded of its fateful deed. For the Japanese American Citizens League has announced plans to seek reparations for its people for their years of false imprisonment. They will ask Congress for \$3 billion to partially compensate them for their humili-

ation and deprivation of liberty.

The compensation would be only for the false imprisonment.

Simple justice must compel Congress to honor the reparation claims even though the shame of it can never be erased.

—Whittier Daily News (Nov. 20)

## Calendar \*A non-JACL event

- **DEC. 8 (Friday)**  
Marin County—Inst dnr-dance, Deer Park Villa, Fairfax, 6:30pm; Bill Stevenson, Kenji Murase, spkrs.
- **DEC. 9 (Saturday)**  
Seattle—1978 Japan Tour slide show, JACL Office, 8pm.
- **DEC. 9 (Saturday)**  
Eden Township—JAYS teriyaki take-out, Eden JCC, 3-5pm.
- **DEC. 9 (Saturday)**  
Diablo Valley—Christmas party, Rancho San Miguel Swim Club, Walnut Creek, 6:30pm.
- **DEC. 10 (Sunday)**  
Philadelphia—Christmas party, Friend's School, Moorestown, N.J., 2-7pm.
- **DEC. 10 (Sunday)**  
Detroit—Christmas party.
- **DEC. 10 (Sunday)**  
Arizona—Christmas party, 1:30pm.
- **DEC. 11 (Monday)**  
Las Vegas—Mtg, Osaka Restaurant, 8pm.
- **DEC. 11 (Monday)**  
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. 15 (Friday)**  
Tri-Valley—Christmas party, Presbyterian Ch, 100 Neal St, Pleasanton, 7:15pm.
- **DEC. 16 (Saturday)**  
Houston—Christmas dance.  
Stockton—Christmas party.  
\*San Jose—JACSS mochitsuki (2days).  
\*Monterey—MIS Assn dnr, Holiday Inn, Carmel, 7:30pm; Steve Magyar, spkr.
- **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.

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● **JAN. 7 (Sunday)**  
Philadelphia—New Year party, 2pm.

● **JAN. 13 (Saturday)**  
Los Angeles—SCYPCC potluck, Bunkerhill Towers, 3d fl social rm, 7:30pm.

● **JAN. 15 (Monday)**  
Las Vegas—Inst dnr.

## L.A. Dateliners

The philanthropic women's group, the Dames, held its installation dinner at the San Juan Capistrano Amtrak Depot restaurant recently. New president is Grace Yamada. Members boarded the train at Los Angeles and at Orange County stations enroute.

Recording star Kiyohiko Ozaki from Japan will stage a one man show Jan. 7, 3-5 p.m. at Scottish Rite Auditorium in a benefit for the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center. Tickets are available at Bunka-do, Magic Radio in Little Tokyo.

Four medalists recently decorated by Japan will be honored Dec. 26, 7:30 p.m., at the New Otani Hotel at a banquet sponsored by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce. They are Yoichi Hiraoka, Hisashi Ota, Keiji Uyeno and the late George Inagaki. Reservations will be accepted by the JCC (626-5116) until Dec. 19.

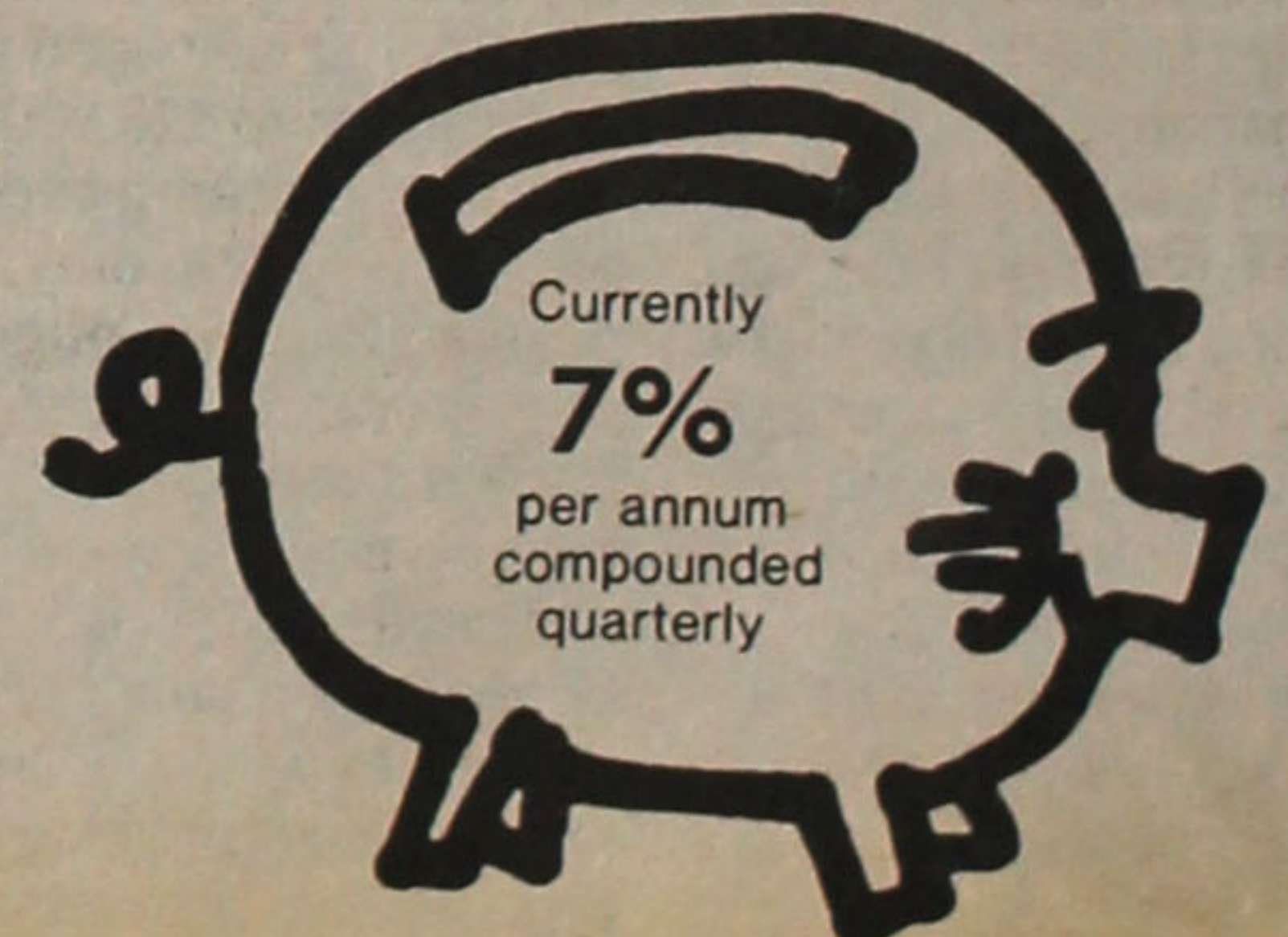
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Total Last Year: 5,716"

Alameda	168	Sacramento	168
Ark Vly	3	Salinas Vly	420
Berkeley	336	Salt Lake	126
Carson	9	San Diego	336
Chicago	84	San Fern Vly	336
Cincinnati	4	San Fran	420
Clovis	5	San Jose	168
Col Basin	6	San Mateo	6
Detroit	13	Seattle	196
DTLA	168	Solano Cty	6
East L.A.	210	Sonoma Cty	12
Eden Twn	84	Stockton	168
Fowler	2	Tri-Valley	11
French Camp	9	Tulare Cty	30
Fresno	168	Wash, DC	56
Gardena Vly	252	Watsonville	168
Hoosier	6	West L.A.	168
Liv-Merced	168	NC-WNDC	20
Marysville	42	PSWDC	30
Monterey	168	Central Cal	6
New York	33	Midwest	8
Omaha	7	Eastern	4
Pasadena	14	Ad Dept	425
Puyallup Vly	84	Office	111½
St Louis	6		
Dec 1 Total:			5,457"
Cincinnati	27	St Louis	39
Cortez	16	Sonoma Cty	14
Dayton	18	Tri-Valley	7
Omaha	33	White River	35
Detroit	35		
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● Eden Township

**30TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Plans are being completed for the 30th annual Christmas party sponsored by the Eden Township JACL for 7:30 p.m. at the Eden Japanese Community Center.

Mrs. George Minami, chairperson, will be assisted by: Mrs. Sam Kawahara, gifts; Mrs. Masao Yokota & Mrs. Susan Takagi, refreshments; Mrs. George Nomura, decorations, Mrs. Gene Deardorff, dance instructor; George Nomura & Ichiro Nishida.

The children will present a varied talent show, highlighted by the arrival of Santa Claus with gifts for the children.

● Las Vegas

**FOURTH ANNUAL LUAU A 'HIT'**

Despite a heavy rain that affected attendance, the fourth annual Las Vegas JACL benefit luau held Oct. 22 was a success, attaining the goal set by the committee for its scholarship fund.

Kaz Matsuura and George Goto stayed up all night to watch the fire which heated the rocks that cooked Kalua pig. Dan Kashiwamura, Tom Watanabe and Joe Morizono came at 5 a.m. to bury the pig.

The chapter's December calendar starts with an election meeting on the 11th, 8 p.m. at Osaka Restaurant; mochitsuki on the 30th at Heritage Square.

● Tri-Valley

**CHRISTMAS IS FOR CHILDREN**

The Tri-Valley JACL Christmas party will be held on Friday, Dec. 15, 7:15 p.m., at the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 100 Neal St. A Christmas craft table for children, a pinata and visit from Santa Claus are planned as well as some guest entertainment. Those planning to attend are expected to call:

Judy Takeda (837-5601), Susan Kendall (828-9586) or George Hirota (447-8546).

**DO-IT-YOURSELF PACKET**

Chapters to look at retirement program

**San Francisco**

Major thrust of the National JACL aging and retirement program at the chapter level will be "self-programming", it was announced by Dr. Minoru Masuda of Seattle, chairperson of the committee which met here Nov. 17-18 to formulate program direction and implementation.

The A&R committee was enthusiastically endorsed and established at the recent national convention. Serving on the national committee are:

Sharon Fujii, San Francisco, vc; Dan Kuzuhara, Chicago; Patrick Okura, Washington; Toy Kanegai, West Los Angeles; Yoshiko Ochi, Idaho Falls; Mits Kawamoto, Omaha; Karen Nishio, Fresno; Yoshiyue Togasaki, Contra Costa; ex-officio: James Tsujimura, nat'l v.p., research & service; Karl Nobuyuki, exec dir.

"Self-programming" involves a do-it-yourself instructional packet that will

describe all the things needed to be known for a chapter to initiate a local "aging and retirement" program,

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**Twin Cities to host EDC-MDC '79 confab Minneapolis**

The 1979 JACL/EDC-MDC joint convention will be hosted by the Twin Cities chapter in July at the Sheraton-Ritz Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. Sam Honda is convention chairman.

The district youth are also planning to convene at the same time. #

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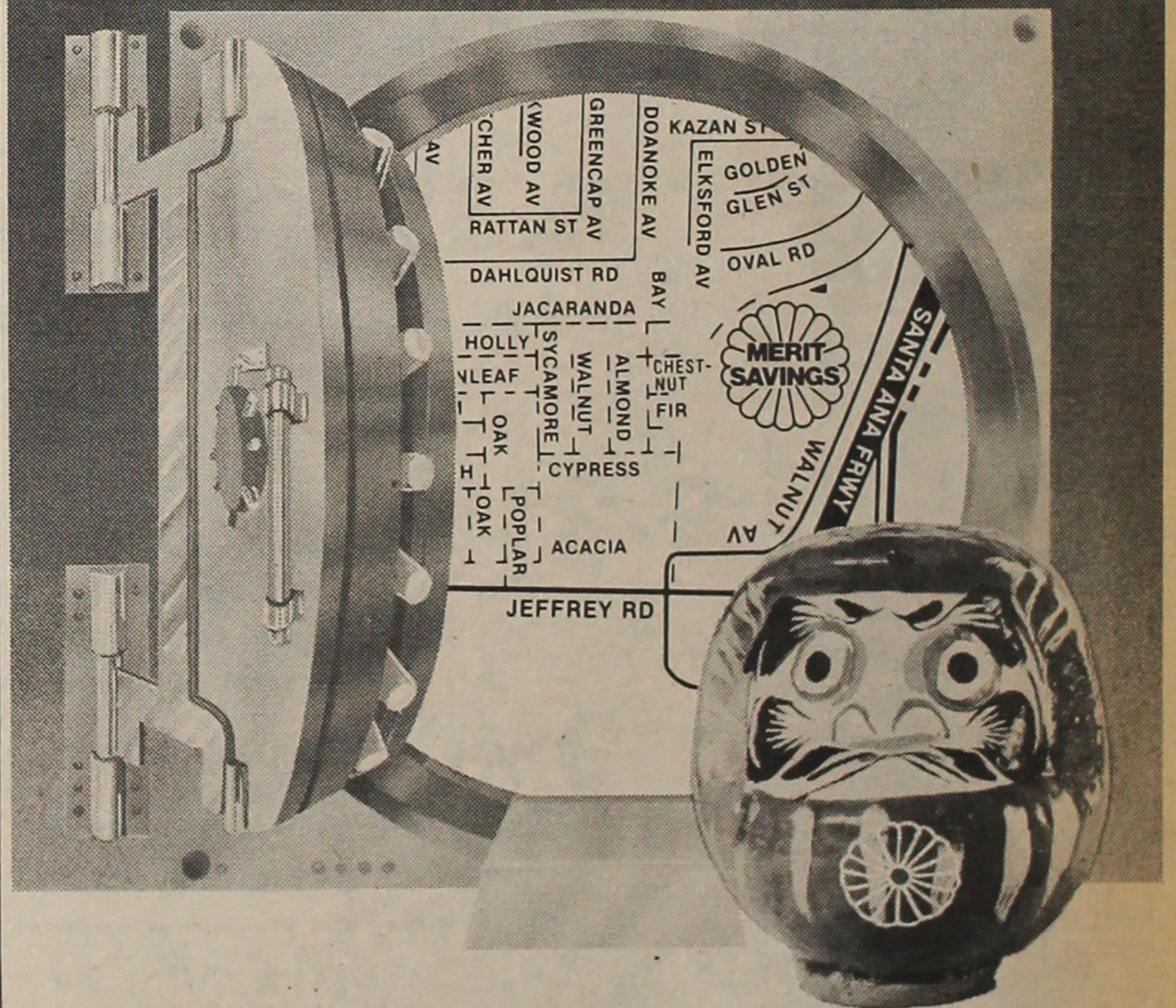
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## AGING

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Masuda said.

Each committee member is also responsible for assisting chapters in their particular regions.

Masuda also noted each

region is different—some have many chapters as in Northern and Southern California, while others have chapters more isolated geographically as in the Midwest and Mountain Plains. Some have more available resources, others have dif-

fering perceptions of need, Masuda added. The more populous area, on the other hand, have already initiated grassroots planning.

The committee is expected to collect data on aging and retirement programs already chapter-sponsored

agers routinely carry them.

Although the murder weapon was a .38 revolver, which led police to suspect Lee, his defense proved that Lee's gun could not have fired the bullets that killed Tak.

THESE ARE X's recollections of Lee: "I remember seeing him before (the shooting). I remember he was dressed very nice and didn't seem like he belonged to a gang or anything... a loner and a street person. He went around Broadway a lot. He may have worked at one of those places. I would say he was attractive for an Asian. Pretty small. I never saw him talking to a Wah Ching. When I read they caught a Korean suspect, I knew he was the wrong person."

Lee himself has maintained his innocence, and in May passed a lie detector test with flying colors. He had worked in several eateries near the murder scene, and pointed out that he would easily have been recognized by any number of the people he had worked with as he ran down Pacific Avenue: "People knew me personally. I am not such a fool to kill someone in a street where people know me all around there."

A CHINATOWN INSIDER and former gang adviser also discounted the prosecution's theory. "How could a Korean be a member of a Chinese gang? Crazy!" the insider remarked, "I worked with all those gangs. The whole case sounds fishy. That doesn't make any sense at all. It's stupid. They are not going to hire any gun to do this. Lee absolutely doesn't fit at all. A Chinese gang doesn't work that way when they kill each other."

Why, then, was Chol Soo Lee singled out? Perhaps because Tak would have been the 13th consecutive unsolved Chinatown murder. Perhaps because a beleaguered district attorney's office, under pressure to convict, found a likely target in Lee, an Oriental on probation with a history of institutionalization, ever since he landed in San Francisco at age 12.

Chol Soo Lee is no more a Boy Scout than than Yip Yee Tak was Robin Hood. He is, indeed a street person who lived off San Francisco's Tenderloin, as a cook, bus boy, parking attendant, dishwasher—the jobs nobody else wanted.

## KOREAN CASE

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stop for you. A show-off: Here I am, I am not going to get out of your way. Just like that. Tough. That summer he seemed like a new member... He acted like a gang member... he was pretty loud. Someday he wanted to be a leader. He talked Chinese. He used to hang around Sung Sing Theater (a former Wah Ching hangout)."

TAK WAS GUNNED down around dinner time. As he lay mortally wounded, a crowd gathered around him, including X. "Cops came very fast. It looked like about five minutes," X said. "People stayed around to see what happened. Others kept their distance. I could remember seeing white faces, too. It was very light."

The police found the murder weapon in Beckett Alley, but no fingerprints were found on the gun.

X heard police asking if anyone had seen "anything significant."

"Why didn't I come forward? People in Chinatown realize how ruthless and cold-blooded gangs can be. When they shoot people in the back, I think that's pretty bad. A lot of killings in Chinatown are like that. You have an ambush. It's not like I see you and you see me... It's more like two guys hiding and waiting for a guy coming out of a restaurant and shooting even before you know what happened.

"I SAW THE BODY. It won't leave your mind. The blood coming out of the back of his head. The blood coming out of his nose and mouth. You couldn't even see his face because of his blood. It got to me. Yes, it really got to me."

The day before Tak was murdered, Lee accidentally fired his .357 Python magnum into the wall of his room in the Skyway Hotel, a flophouse on Broadway wedged between massage parlors and sex reviews. Police recovered a .38-caliber bullet from the wall of an adjoining room.

Four days after the slaying, police arrested Lee at his hotel and confiscated his gun and 41 .38-caliber rounds. It is not unusual for Chinatown residents to own guns; teen-

## Canada admits 400 Japanese in 1977

Ottawa

Only 412 Japanese emigrated to Canada in 1977, according to annual Employment and Immigration Canada reports. Females outnumbered males 242 to 170. Bulk (36%) of the newcomers have settled in British Columbia. Over half (54%) were between the ages of 20-29.

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**ARCHITECT AKIRA KAWANABE**

**A way of life in the quiet valley**

Denver, Colo.

It isn't likely that Akira Kawanabe soon will be examining a commission to build a high rise or a skyscraper in his hometown of Alamosa or other towns in the sprawling six-county San Luis Valley, a bit larger than New Jersey.

Four years ago the architect slipped away from his practice with a Denver architectural firm and took his family to his native valley. There, soon, he even eased himself out of the post of planning director of the Council of Government based in Alamosa. Finally the man had what he wanted, a practice of his own.

The firm, Akira Kawanabe, Architect, Planner, Solar Consultant, which survived early, lean days, now has a

staff of two draftsmen and a secretary. So there he is, the sole practicing architect in the valley with elevation soaring from 7,500 to 10,000 feet, a 100 miles long and 75 miles wide.

He is well aware of the valley's problems; sparse population—five persons per square mile, relatively high unemployment rate and low income families. Occasionally he looks in on Denver.

He attended the recent national convention of International Solar Energy Society where he gave reports, one of them summarizing the valley's approach to this energy source.

There's one factor which distinguishes this architect's work-service experience from those of his urban brethren. Unlike most of them, who confine their attention to the client at hand, Kawanabe's time and effort are spread out. He divides his time between his office and advising and directing people, often skeptical, toward the understanding and application of this energy source to constructive uses.

Akira is a cabinet officer of the San Luis Valley Solar Energy Ass., and in charge of its publication, the Newsletter. Organization of the association itself was educational. He and others with him soon learned that it wasn't enough to spread the word about the association and its goals, beneficial to the valley. They realized that the valley folks were less interested in the association, more interested in understanding how this energy can be harnessed to uses in their own homes and farms.

In his own practice Kawa-



Akira Kawanabe

nabe became acquainted with locally available, heat-conserving building materials — dobe and scoria (pumice, of volcanic origin). Scoria, mixed with cement, increased insulating quality of the aggregate for buildings. It is available in the San Antone Mountain near Antonito in the New Mexico border. Rural folks have other energy conservation needs.

On low technology level are rather simply designed equipment, such as solar crop dryer, more effective than drying crops in the sun.

In Ft. Garland east of Alamosa, a solar greenhouse was built on Charlie Haya-shida's farm. It grows vine-ripened produce all winter

when his fields are under snow.

Akira collaborated in the preparation of a manual, "Solar Water Heater", a do-it-yourself manual with blueprints, and "A Cook Book for Building a Solar Food Dryer".

The architect's work hasn't diminished his attention to his family. His wife, Michi, was momentarily expecting their fourth child. They now have three boys, Kenzo, 6, Seiji, 3, and Kanji, 18 months.

Sunao Tom and Hisaye Kawanabe in La Jara are his parents. Clarence Yoshida in Center, north of Alamosa, is his uncle.

—Rocky Mountain Jiho

**WILSHIRE JACLER**

**Takei elected ATPA v.p.**

Los Angeles

George Takei, vice president of the So. Calif. Rapid Transit District's 11-member Board of Directors, was recently elected vice president-human resources of the American Public Transportation Assn., the national public transit organization.

"Eighty percent of most transit agencies' budgets is allotted to personnel needs, therefore, greater emphasis needs to be placed upon the development of cost effective methods which encourage human resources awareness," said Takei. "Presently, the ATPA Human Resources Board is planning a grant program designed to fund human resources training at member transit companies."

Takei is best known as an actor, especially for his role as Mr. Sulu on the

**Army enlistment bonus**

Los Angeles

Army enlistment bonus of \$1,500 is offered to recruits with language skills in Korean or Czech and \$2,500 to those with skills in Chinese or Russian, announced the District Recruiting Office, 4727 Wilshire Blvd.

popular television series "Star Trek". Takei is currently recreating the role in a major film, "Star Trek—The Motion Picture".

Takei holds bachelor's and master's degrees from UCLA. He was appointed to the RTD Board of Directors by Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley in 1973. #

**Summer youth job announcement out**

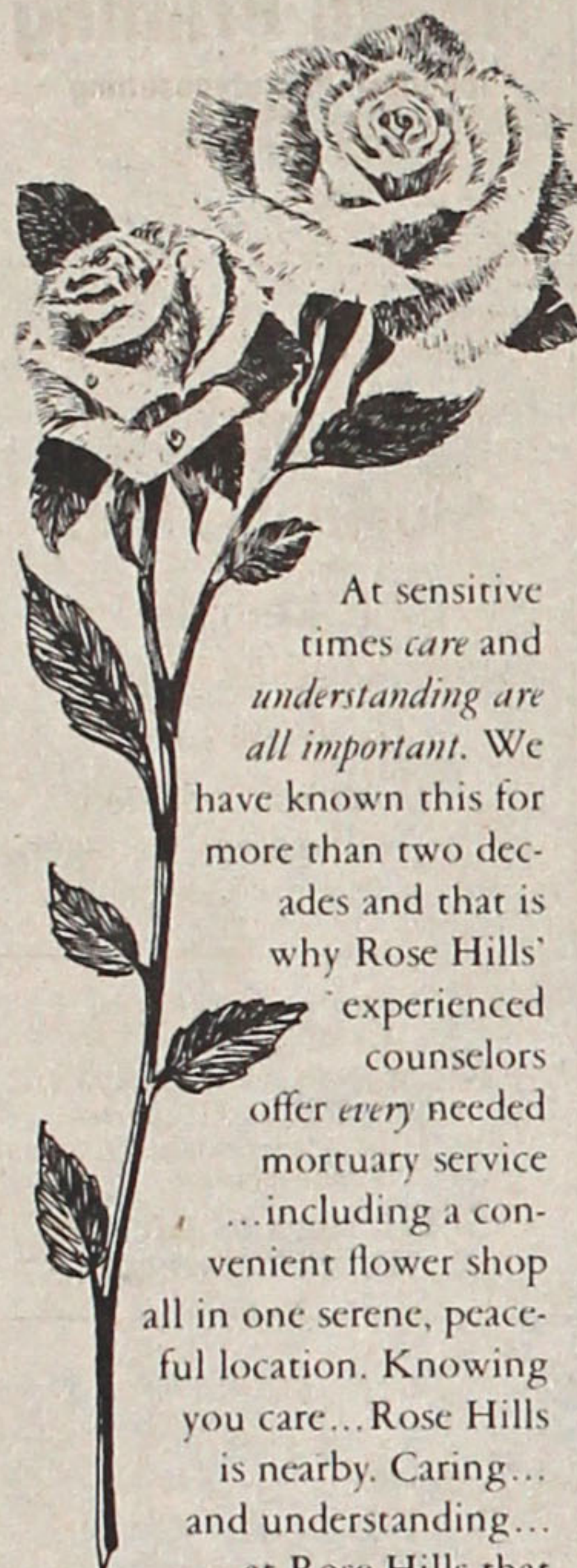
Washington

Young people interested in 1979 summer jobs with the federal government should begin their job hunting activities now, announced Mark Tajiri, Washington Coordinator for the Pacific/Asian Coalition.

The 1979 summer job announcement, No. 414, is now available at local Civil Service offices throughout the country. High school and college-aged persons interested in clerical summer jobs should immediately apply to take a required clerical test to be given nationwide in January and February. The final deadline for applications to be submitted is January 12, 1979. #

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cific Americans in United Way fund drives, it was felt \$500,000 is both realistic and justified, says Tsuneishi.

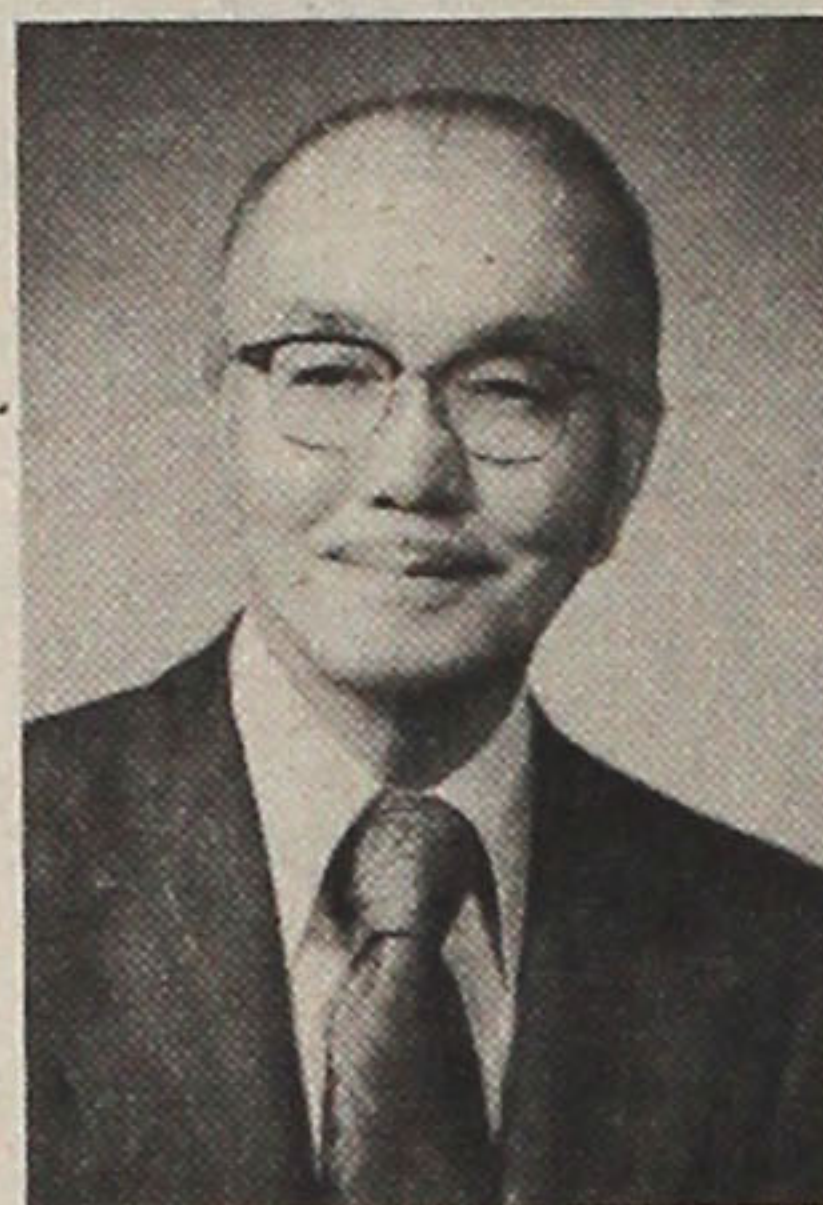
When the United Way was known as the Community Chest in 1925, three Japanese American community agencies received funding: Japanese Children's Home, the Maryknoll Home for Japanese Children, and a Japanese community arm of the YWCA. One Committee member said it is interesting that in the last five decades, the United Way concept has grown, yet its involvement in the Asian/Pacific community has deteriorated.

**11 Japanese students in SLC need tutors**

Salt Lake City

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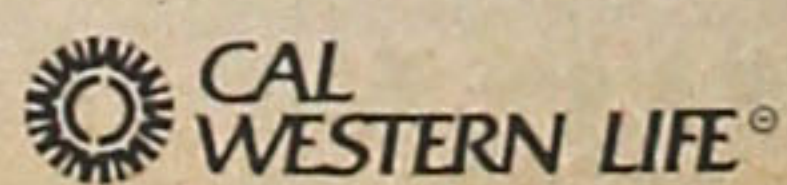
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the state's macadamia nut, Kona coffee and feed grain industries.

## ● Education

Cincinnati JACler Sachi Kariya was selected as one of four Cincinnati public school teachers to develop a program for Minimum Competency in the Language Arts. She represents grades 1-3 while other teachers are developing materials for grades through 12. Study will have wide impact as the results will be available throughout the state.

## ● Government

Fremont (Ca.) City Council ap-

pointed Fremont JACL board member Aileen Tsujimoto to the city's Sister City Committee. She joins George Kato, another JACler who was appointed earlier this year to the same committee.

Michael Ishikawa, Los Angeles County's Affirmative Action Compliance Officer, announced that Benedicto Gillo, a noted Filipino American community leader, was appointed as an Equal Employment compliance investigator. Gillo is the second Filipino American to be appointed to a key position by Ishikawa. The first was Nancy Rosario, who was promoted to rank of Administrative Secretary on Oct. 1.

## ● Honors

Three New York Issei received Imperial citations from the Japanese government. Fumie Adachi received the Order of the Sacred Treasure, sixth class, for promoting Japanese-American cultural understanding. She has been a Japanese language teacher at the Japan Society for many years. Isaku Kida was awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure, fifth class. Kida was editor-in-chief of the Hokubei Shimpo (now the New York Nichibei) and president of the Japanese American News Corp. The Order of the Sacred Treasure, fifth class, was also awarded to Kyuichi Sugihara. He was president of Noritake Co.'s New York office and president of the Japanese American Assn. of New York.

It was like "old home week" when the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington, D.C., honored its founder, 95-year-old Roger Baldwin, at the annual Henry Edgerton Dinner Nov. 15 and those instrumental in pushing the resolutions for full voting

rights for the District of Columbia. Baldwin was a wartime National JACL sponsor.

## ● Radio-TV

United Television Broadcasting Systems chairman Yoshinori Takamine and president Yasushi Haneda marked the seventh year of Japanese-language TV programs in Southern California in September by announcing purchase of a three-story structure as its new corporate headquarters at 6601 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles. Both feel there is a bright future in their cultural programming.


## Sign Up One New JACler

## Affirmative Action programs cited



Los Angeles County Supervisors Pete Schabarum, James Hayes (far left), Kenneth Hahn and Ed Edelman (far right) flank NACO award recipients, including Mike Ishikawa Jr. (third from right), Los Angeles Affirmative Action Compliance officer/director. The County's Office of Affirmative Action Compliance received two awards from the National Assn. of Counties for its ethnic minority and women beach lifeguard training program and Asian American Minority Outreach Seminar held jointly with the City and County Fire Departments.

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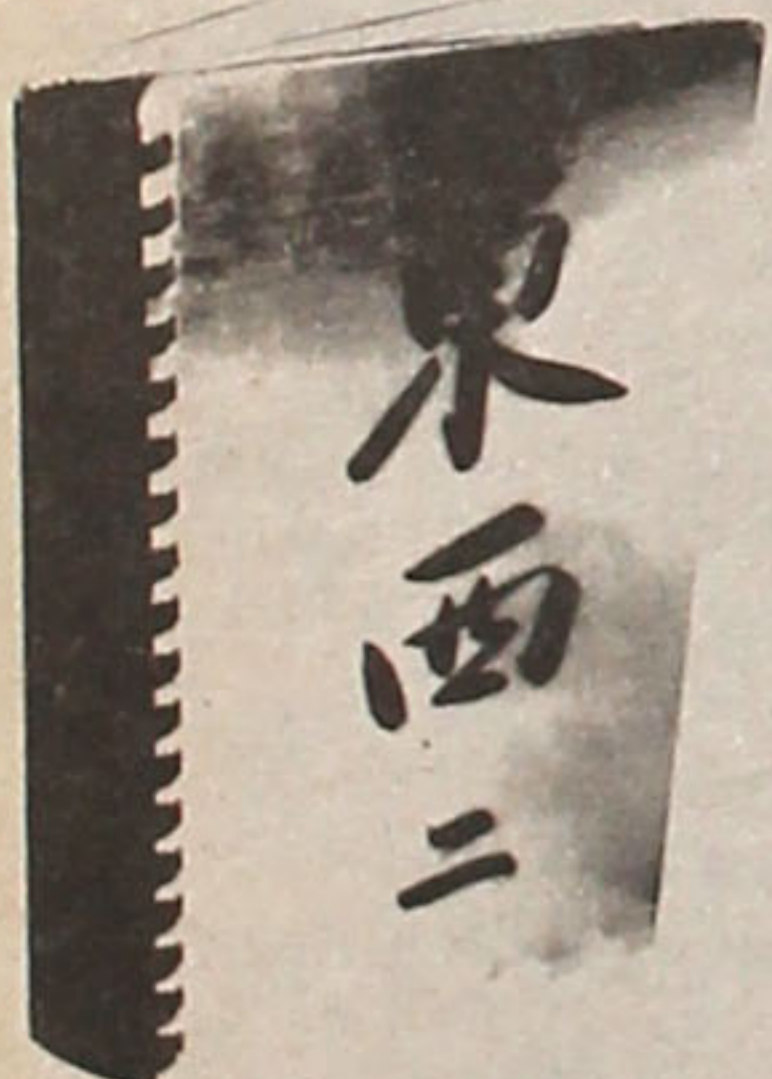
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**442nd's 'Co. K' reprinted**

**San Francisco**  
Former members of Company K, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, held their second reunion on Nov. 4 and 5 at the Kyoto Inn here. Thirty-nine members, from as far away as Ha-

waii, Alaska, Utah and all parts of California, came to renew the close comradeship that existed between them during the war.

Before dinner on Saturday night, Rudy Tokiwa, vice president of Company K, made announcements regarding the June 25, 1979 National Nisei Veterans Reunion to be held in Hawaii, re-publication by Co. K Club of "Story of the 442nd" pamphlet (which is out of print) and the proposed 1980 trip to Bruyeres, France for a special reunion.

A special all-442nd scholarship benefit fund is being established with the proceeds from the sales of the pamphlet which will be available by the end of the year. Advance orders may be made. A \$3 per copy donation, which includes postage, is requested. Send them to:

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**Radio Li'l Tokyo to hold 26th ball**

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**QUAKE**

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Some amateurs then began predicting it would happen in late April, creating anxiety that naturally incurred some public displeasure for Latham, Matumoto and Ohtake.

Matumoto refused to hint what other earthquake-prone areas are being studied. "If you're going to say something about earthquakes in someone else's country, you really should tell that country first," he explained.

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## Suicide rate in Japan continues to increase

TOKYO—Suicides are on the rise in Japan, a trend some attribute to the break-up of traditional family units and the pressures of big city life.

Last year there were more than 20,000 self-inflicted deaths, an increase of nearly a third from 1975. Consequently, Japan now ranks eighth after countries such as West Germany, Austria, Finland and Czechoslovakia in the so-called international "suicide league".

While the level of Japa-

nese ritual suicides, or harakiri, have remained fairly constant, there has been an alarming rise in the number of arbitrary and family suicides.

A Japanese sociology professor has made a study of what he calls "michizure" (take-your-life-with-me) suicides and believes they result from the new pattern of family life after mass migration to cities in the 1960s when Japan's so-called economic miracle was taking shape.

Prof. Susumu Iizuka said

more than 500 families averaging four members killed themselves last year compared with only 336 in 1971.

Before World War II families were associated closely with relatives and neighbors who were always on hand in times of personal distress.

But now, when 60 per cent of Japan's 112 million population live in only 2 per cent of the land area, more and more families are finding themselves isolated in concrete jungles and have not

adapted to the new pattern, according to Iizuka.

He said the major motive for family suicides, which used to be financial problems before the economic boom, has now become worry about what will happen to children after parental deaths as well as family illness and related problems.

The new way of family life still centers on the mother, which is reflected in the fact that more than 90 per cent of "michizure" suicides are instigated by the wife or mother.

Family suicides are usual-

ly administered by both parents, who kill themselves after either poisoning or strangling their children.

Other methods include gassing in a room while huddled together and jumping from buildings holding hands so the family can be together to the last moment.

The Health and Welfare Ministry said the number of

suicides last year to escape the realities of life or as a way of taking responsibility for some incident was the highest since the 23,641 in 1958, when the economy was still emerging from wartime devastation.

During the period of economic growth, the figure fell steadily until 1967 when 14,121 cases were reported.

## Tokyo's safest-city-in-world image challenged

Osaka

Challenging the widely accepted notion that Tokyo is the safest of the world's big cities, researcher Akira Ishii of the Univ. of Tokyo Faculty of Law reported when minor crimes are included, Tokyo has 34 times as many crimes as shown in police statistics.

The report was submitted Oct. 14 at the annual meeting of the Japan Criminal Sociology Society, and will be presented at a seminar to be held shortly in Freiburg, West Germany by Prof. Koichi Mizazawa of Keio University. According to Ishii, there were 10.7 times as many bi-

cycle thefts, and 54 times as many assault and battery cases than the figures announced by police.

Ishii based his findings on 661 residents in Tokyo's 23 wards, all above 17, responding to whether they had been victims of crime over a one-year period from September, 1976. Then a ratio was computed in each ward responding to the survey and then compared with police ratios.

Ishii thought the gap was ascribed to policemen being too busy to keep a detailed record, especially

when crimes are minor.

Commenting on the Ishii report, Prof. Masaki Sumita of Kagawa University said the images concerning the degree of security in a city are largely formed by the incidence of more serious crimes such as murder or robbery. Therefore, a large number of minor crimes does not necessarily mean the city is a dangerous place.

### Japanese expected to live the longest

Tokyo

The Japanese can expect to live longer than any other people, notes a recent Health and Welfare Ministry report.

Men in Japan show a life span of 72.69 years, topping a 72.12 figure for Swedes (though Sweden now claims it's 75.5). Women in Japan show a life span of 77.9 years, above the 77.83 rate for Norwegian women. Thirty years ago, the life span for all Japanese was 50.

### Imperial name system gathers support

Tokyo

Some 20,000 jammed the Nippon Budokan recently in support of legislation to maintain the Imperial era (genjo) system. Opponents, while not necessarily opposed to the system, protest legislation to maintain what has become an established custom observed since the war.

### Attitudes changing in Japan on sex roles

Tokyo

Many highly educated people in Japan no longer support the traditional notion that a man should work while a woman's place is in the home, according to a November 1977 survey for the Prime Minister's Office.

Survey polled 4,113 professional men and women with 64% against women being consigned to housework. Women were 83% against housework while only 45% men agreed with them. Two years ago, a similar survey had only 38% opposed to keeping women at home.

## Ohira elected prime minister

Tokyo

Masayoshi Ohira, who will become Japan's prime minister next month, said friendship with the United States will remain the cornerstone of his foreign policy.

In a 105-page policy statement to members of

### Bonin Islands to be autonomous in 1979

Tokyo

The Ogasawara (Bonin) Islands will become an autonomous body with its leader to be chosen through public election after April, 1979, it was recently declared by Tokyo Governor Ryokichi Minobe. The islands are under direct administration of the Tokyo metropolitan government.

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