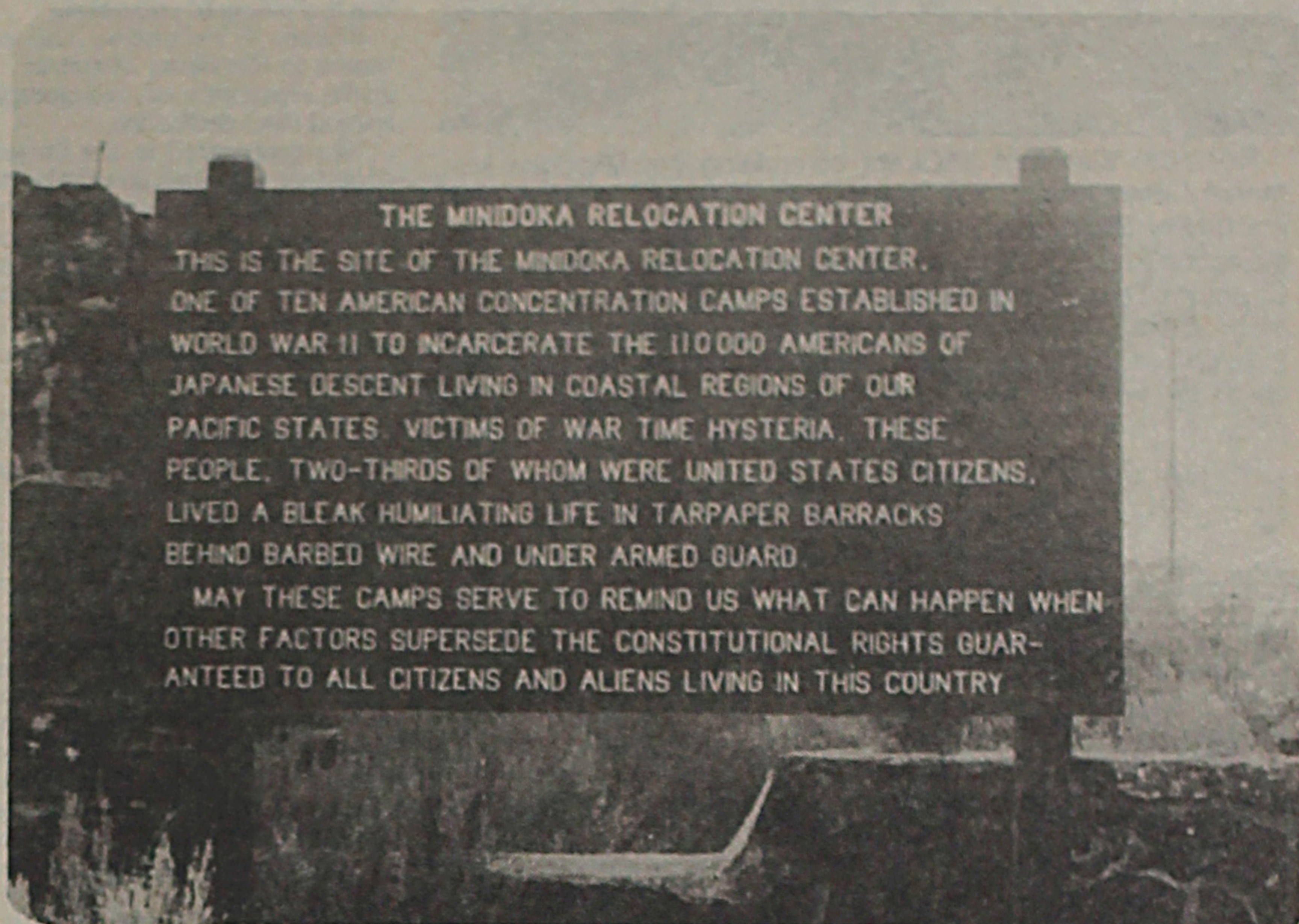




Gentle rain joins 500 present at Aug. 18 dedication of Minidoka Relocation Center at Hunt, Idaho.



Wooden sign tells why Minidoka becomes part of U.S. National Register of Historic Places.

Minidoka dedicated as U.S. Historic Place



Rodney Vissia, regional director with Bureau of Reclamation, dedicates a 5-acre site of old Camp Minidoka which the Bureau will maintain as a national historical landmark. Seated at right is U.S. Sen. Frank Church's wife.

Twin Falls, Idaho

About 500 gathered Saturday morning, Aug. 18, to dedicate the site of Minidoka Relocation Center as a U.S. National Historic Place.

A bronze plaque was placed on the remains of the basalt rock guardhouse near the entrance. A large wooden marker explains the historic significance of the place, about 7 miles north Eden or 2 miles

northeast of the East Twin Falls Interchange from I-80N.

During WW2, it was a U.S. concentration camp for nearly 9,400 Japanese Americans because of their race after President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 to give the Army blanket power to exclude any person from the West Coast.

The ceremonies included addresses from Sen. Frank

Church (D-Idaho) and Bill Hosokawa, associate editor of the Denver Post; greetings by:

Twin Falls Mayor Leon Smith; Ed Yamamoto, past gov. PNWDC; Karl Nobuyuki, JACL nat'l exec. dir.; Robert Saxvik, chief of staff, Idaho Governor's Office; and John Tameno, gov., IDC.

Noting the message on the marker, Church stressed the final sentence:

"May these camps serve to remind us what can happen when other factors supersede the constitutional rights guaranteed to all citizens and aliens living in this country."

Church credited evacuees for saving the sugar beet harvest in Idaho of 1942, noted the heroic actions of the 442nd and presented a 442nd battle scene to the IDC governor John Tameno, who later gave it to Pocatello JACL for display in their JACL Hall.

Hosokawa said ex-evacuees should question "why" they

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Tad Masaoka early candidate for San Mateo college trustee

San Mateo, Ca.

Longtime JACLer and community leader Tad Masaoka was among early candidates to announce for one of three four-year positions on the San Mateo Community College District board of trustees which are up for election Nov. 6.

As trustee, he seeks "to improve communication and coordination between the community college campus-

es and set the best educational goals possible under the present limited dollars". He is best known for his role as chairman of the 1975 master plan committee for the district.

An evacuee to Manzanar in 1942, he volunteered and served with the 442nd Infantry in Italy and France, receiving the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. A San Mateo

resident since 1964, he served as member and chaired the Calif. State Commission for Equal Opportunities in Education and also received a community service award from the Federal Regional Council.

Accepting the challenge to run for his first public office from many active citizens in the county, the youngest of the late Haru Masaoka family has named J. Russell

Kent, former county superintendent of schools, as honorary campaign chairman. Among the endorsers are:

Mayor Bill Hardwick of Belmont, Councilman Art Lepore and former mayor of Millbrae; and former San Mateo mayor Roy Archibald.

Contributions to his campaign are being acknowledged by:

Friends of Tad Masaoka Committee, Joe Scott, treas.; P.O. Box 6254, San Mateo, Ca. 94403.

Non-Nikkei reactions to Redress make print

Los Angeles

JACL's redress campaign has apparently begun to stir up sentiments against both Japan and Japanese Ameri-

cans, if the comments in the Torrance-based Daily Breeze "Letters To The Editor" section are to be taken seriously.

In the August 29 edition of the paper, G.V. Stevens of Torrance wrote,

"It appears that people of Japanese descent worship a country many have not even visited. Why do second and third generations removed use chopsticks? Americans use silverware. Why do they bow in greeting? Americans shake hands ...

"Why do they build Japanese community centers? Americans donate money and time to organizations and buildings that encompass all races and religions."

Warming up to the subject, Stevens went on to state in his letter,

"Japanese Americans' first choice for a store, bank, doctor, dentist, etc. is one owned or run

by another Japanese American. Why? Japanese Americans are very clannish people—I know—I live around them. They are the ones who do not integrate.

"I, for one, wish they had not been put into the camps. Let them take their chances when a father, brother, etc. who had just lost a loved one in the Japanese war encounter went out for revenge."

He concluded, "Japanese Americans wake up—start acting like true Americans!"

M. Jones, also of Torrance wrote,

"I am so fed up with hearing about the 'mistake' this country has made all due to a war it did not start or want. I say this country made one mistake, that was compensating the Japanese and rebuilding Japanese cities from

war torn ruins ...

"Had it not been for their vicious attack on this country, there would not have been a need to put those people in concentration camps. Compensation should have come from the Japanese government, as far as I'm concerned, we have paid debts we did not owe.

"Since our politicians do not have the backbone to admit this publicly then we the people have a duty to speak out in defense of our country's actions."

Still another Torrance resident, J. Cox, utilizing the same type of logic that prevailed at the outset of WW II, said in his letter,

"At the time the Japanese Americans were incarcerated who knows how many were disloyal to our government. Only those who were heading our government at the time know that."

Ignoring the fact the government had no such knowledge, Cox continued,

"There must have been a lot of evidence against them for the government to incarcerate them. If we were to reimburse the Japanese people for what they lost, why not 'first' reimburse the parents of dead sons, and wives of dead husbands, and the children of dead fathers."

Kenny Uyeda, commenting on the same letters, wondered if they represented reactions of the man-on-the-street about redress at this point in time. "Right or wrong, there could be a hell of an impact in many forms" upon those of Japanese ancestry in America, he added.

In San Jose, Rene Halpern of Sunnyvale tells of his sup-

port of Senate Bill 1647 in the San Jose Mercury letters section Aug. 30. Calling the bill "long overdue", the time has come "for our government to compensate these victims of wartime panic and racial injustice". (This is the first to come to our desk commenting specifically on S 1647 and appearing in a non-Nikkei newspaper.—Ed.)

In San Francisco, a month earlier, Examiner columnist Guy Wright had devoted his July 8 piece titled "An Old Injustice", explaining JACL's commission approach to redress. He concluded:

"It is not enough to say there was a war on. Redress, in the sense of an official acknowledg-

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Pocatello-Blackfoot JACLers comprising the Minidoka Memorial Committee for the Intermountain District are (from left): front) May Shiozawa, Evelyn Eckerle, Sanaye Okamura, sec.; Marianne Endo, George Shiozawa, dedication m.c.; back—Paul Okamura, Dick Kanow, Ed Eckerle, Bob Endo, and Masa Tsukamoto, chmn. Their two-year endeavor was successfully realized through cooperation with Sen. Frank Church, the Bureau of Reclamation and the Idaho State Historical Society.

Minidoka Memorial

By ED YAMAMOTO

(Speaking for Pacific Northwest District Gov. Harold Onishi at the recent Minidoka memorial plaque dedication, immediate past governor Ed Yamamoto of Columbia Basin JACL paraphrased the words of a great American spoken at a prior historic dedication as noted below.)

Three decades and seven years ago, our fathers and our peers brought forth on this desolation a desert existence, mandated by the Roosevelt Executive Order #9066, abrogating the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now—since Thursday, 02 August, last —, we engaged in a Congressional process, testing whether the American right to petition for Redress of just grievances shall, for us, endure.

We are met on the site of one such desolate existence. We have come to dedicate a portion of that site as a National Historical Monument honoring those who were here interned. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground.

The stoic internees, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or to detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it must never forget what they did here! History forgotten is history to be repeated—and this, we cannot allow!

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Spousal rape bill

Sacramento

The State Senate has passed Assemblyman Mori's measure overhauling state rape laws, returning it to the Assembly for concurrence of amendments. #

cultural events

Oakland's Asian Community Library, 125-14th St., marks its fourth year with open house festivities Sept. 29, noon to 5 p.m.

Deaths

Tao Miyashita, 57, a 442nd veteran and artist, died Aug. 13 of lung cancer in a Honolulu hospital. He had returned home a year ago to Lahaina, Maui, where he was born. His collages were recently acquired by New York's Whitney Museum and Guggenheim Museum.

Sofu Teshigawara, 78, of Tokyo died of a heart malfunction Sept. 5. He was founder of the Sogetsu School of flower arrangement.

MINIDOKA Continued from the Front Page

had cooperated "in our own incarceration". As noted in the Idaho Statesman editorial, Hosokawa said:

It has been said that many Japanese Americans proved their patriotism after leaving the camps by fighting valiantly as (other) American soldiers and sailors. But the way the Japanese Americans accepted their internment was no less a showing of patriotism.

William K. Hosokawa, ... an internee at the Heart Mountain ... spoke eloquently of that acceptance at (the) dedication.

"We cooperated in the knowledge that we must do nothing to disrupt the nation's war effort, even though we knew in our hearts that our country was wrong in its evaluation of our loyalty, wrong to drive us out of our homes, wrong to lock us up in camps in distant deserts," Hosokawa said. ...

Through their grace the Japanese Americans left an indelible imprint of sorrow and regret on the American spirit, an imprint that is much deeper than the impression that would have been left by loud demonstrations and angry protests.

A person living in today's world of loud voices, where no cause is too small to find a champion, can only wonder, "How did they react with such grace?" The next question that comes to mind is: "How could we have done this to them?" As Hosokawa said, it must never be allowed to happen again.

Of the 34,000 acres comprising the original campsite, only 6 acres remain in public land which the Bureau of Reclamation received after rest of the land was divided among WW2 veterans under the Homestead Act. It was the BOR that recommended the site to be of "high historical significance" and nominated it for the National Historic Register.

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chairing the project, was responsible for the program. Principals were:

George Shiozawa, emcee; Rev. Ernest Wilson, Twin Falls United Methodist Church, invocation; 442 veterans George Sumida, Dr. Ken Yaguchi, color guards; Hero Shiosaki, Pledge of Allegiance; Alice Nishitani, National Anthem, JACL Hymn; Shigeki Ushio, Salt Lake City, benediction.

Local newspapers also interviewed some ex-Minidokans that weekend.

Jim Oyama, U.S. postmaster at Calwell, remembered Minidoka for his family had been uprooted from Auburn, Wa. He worked in the messhall, where codfish reaching the kitchen was often rotten, the dish of beefhearts proved to be unpopular; and beef tongue was camouflaged to appear as some odd kind of ham.

Kim and George Semba from Seattle continued farming in Twin Falls. He was among the original 100 who came to construct the barracks.

Henry Miyatake, now an engineer at Boeing, was 12 when war came; 13, going into camp. Assigned to write about democracy in the 11th grade at the camp high school, he indicted the U.S. for its treatment of American Indians, the blacks and Japanese Americans. Ordered to rewrite the paper because it was "biased", Miyatake refused. "I was taught there was freedom of speech and writing."

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Mineta rides the SP commuter

San Jose, Ca.

Vacationing Rep. Norman Mineta took a nostalgic trip aboard the Southern Pacific commuter to San Francisco to see how it was just before Labor Day. Years ago, he rode to work in San Francisco. He was quick to note it wasn't just a congressman's version of Jimmy Carter's riverboat trip.

Now that SP has an ICC permission to quit the service because of high cost and losses, Mineta has been in the forefront of congressional effort to intervene on behalf of the commute train. "We don't want 18,000-20,000 more cars on the freeway," Mineta said. #

Mineta could back Mondale for Pres.

Gilroy, Ca.

If President Carter decides not to seek a second term, Vice President Mondale is the sort of man Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Ca.) could support next year. Speaking at an open forum here recently, he made obvious his views concerning other possible candidates.

About Sen. Edward Kennedy, Mineta observes: "No matter what he does or says, no matter what his explanation, the Chappaquiddick tragedy surfaces."

As for Gov. Edmund Brown Jr., "I'm not buying Jerry Brown."

JACL flights to Japan all filled

San Francisco

National JACL travel coordinator Yuki Fuchigami announced all remaining JACL flights to Japan are filled and all applications received in recent weeks have been wait-listed. Remaining orientation meetings for the fall flights are as follows:

WEST LOS ANGELES—Every third Sunday, 1:30pm, Felicia Mahood Center 11338 Santa Monica Blvd., West L.A.; George Kanegai, adm.

SACRAMENTO—Sept. 25, 7:30pm, Nisei Hall, 1414-4th St, Sacramento; Tom Okubo, adm.

SAN JOSE—Sept. 26, 7:30pm, Wesley Methodist Church, 560 N. 5th St., San Jose; Grant Shimizu, adm.

The complete 1980 JACL flights to Japan, special tours to South America and China are to be published in October. #

AADAP seminars

Los Angeles

Asian American Drug Abuse Program community seminar program this year will stress counseling techniques and other methods on drug abuse prevention. Church and community groups wishing information should call 293-6284. #

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Dr. Ozawa, family practitioner, named chief of staff at general hospital

Sacramento, Ca.
 Dr. Kenneth H. Ozawa, 47, a general practitioner, has been appointed Chief of Staff of Mercy General Hospital here, believed to be the first Nikkei ever named to such a position in Northern California.

Dr. Ozawa was born in St. Helena in Napa Valley and

was raised in Berkeley. He studied at Pacific Union College in Napa Valley and was graduated with a medical degree from Loma Linda (Ca.) University.

Dr. Ozawa interned at Oakland Naval Hospital and then served with the U.S. Marine Corps as a battalion surgeon. Following military

service he was a staff doctor with Aerojet-General Corporation near Sacramento for two years.

In private practice now for 17 years, Dr. Ozawa is affiliated with Mercy General Hospital and Methodist Hospital. He serves as medical adviser for American Red Cross and on the board of

governors of the Professional Service Review Organization for four counties (Sacramento, Yolo, Placer and El Dorado), and heads a family practice review section with Medical Care Foundation.

He is a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice, clinical professor of family practice at UC

Davis Medical Center since 1974 and is a captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

He is married to the former Leatrice Fukunaga of Honolulu. They have three daughters: Andrea, nursing student at Loma Linda; Emiko, Pacific Union College; and Carol, Union Academy sophomore. His parents, Hi-

sashi and Natsu Ozawa, reside in Berkeley. He is active with the Sacramento Japanese Seventh Day Adventist Church and works with church youth groups.

The 364-bed Mercy General Hospital, owned and operated by Sisters of Mercy, has been serving Sacramento for 81 years.

—WILLIAM KASHIWAGI

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Business

Sumitomo Bank of California reassigned seven officers as of Sept. 1 as follows: **Masahiko Miyakoda**, sr. vp. from West Los Angeles to So. Calif. Division, deputy administrator; **Albert Ibaraki**, vp, succeeding Miyakoda as West L.A. office manager; **George Yamashiro**, vp, Torrance manager, to senior auditor, L.A. head office; **Kiyoshi Kawai**, mgr., Oxnard office, to a new position, mgr. L.A. Corporate Service Center; **James Komatsu**, from L.A. head office to succeed Kawai; and **Richard Kawachi**, asst. auditor, L.A. head office, to So. Calif. personnel training coordinator.

George T. Harada, formerly president of Suntory International, Los Angeles-based subsidiary of the Osaka liquor and wine firm, was elected to chairman of the board, succeeding **Michio Torii**, exec. v.p. and co-owner of Suntory Ltd. **Gary Saji** succeeds Harada. New products introduced over the past 1½ years include the Midori honeydew melon liqueur, Aki plum liqueur, Shogun Aperitif and Suntory vodka.

Education
 Hawaii Board of Education has approved the principal appointment of **Yoshio Nekoba** to Kalaniana'ole School on the Big Island and **Edwin Ichiriu** to Haku School on Maui.

Kazuyee Kumabe, widowed three years ago and who decided to complete her doctorate in social work, returned to the Univ. of Utah, where she had gained her B.A. in psychology in 1943. She was awarded her doctorate

Education

in June and is returning to her old job as associate professor at the Univ. of Hawaii public health and social work.

Elizabeth Ann Uno, daughter of Rosalind Uno and the late Edison Uno of San Francisco, was awarded the Ph.D. degree from the California School of Professional Psychology, Berkeley, in June. In completing her program, her dissertation was on "The prediction of job failure: a study of police officers using the MMPI".

Government

Entertainment
Mary Kasai, longtime Pocatello dance teacher, auditioned and awarded five dance scholarships to compete in the Dance Olympics at the Las Vegas Sahara Hotel.

Press-Radio-TV
 UPI writer **Gordon Sakamoto** of San Francisco gave the Kimochi-kai nationwide publicity in July when his story moved on the UPI national wire. Kimochi said it received clippings of the story from Los Angeles, Oakland, Riverside, San Diego, Seattle and Honolulu.

David Hosokawa, 35, was named publisher of the Naples (Fla.) Star, Collier County Star News and Bonita Banner by Suncoast Publications general manager Michael Manheiro. Hosokawa was former assistant publisher and editor of the Sun Newspapers of Omaha for two years.

San Jose Mercury News contest to design a new California Golden State flag was won by **Naoki Kanaya** of Sunnyvale, who won a \$100 prize plus it being featured on the Aug. 26 cover of the paper's Sunday magazine and a full-size reproduction to be made by a professional flag-maker. Over 500 entries were submitted.

Sports

Rocky Aoki won his own Benihana off-shore powerboat race July 18 off Point Pleasure Beach, N.J., to Asbury Park, finishing the 178-mile course in 2 hr. 35 min. to defeat a field of 21 racers. It was Aoki's first victory in 13 starts in open-class powerboat racing.

Mayumi Yokoyama, 16, of El Monte (Ca.) Aquatic Club, won four gold medals in the 13th annual Santa Clara International Swim Meet June 29-30, setting a new meet record in the 400-meter individual medley at 4m.56.04s. She also won the 200 IM, 100 and 200 butterfly events.

Mackay Yanagisawa will retire as general manager of Honolulu's Aloha Stadium sometime early next year. In 1954, he began as concession manager and took charge of Aloha Stadium in 1955. He has been in Hawaiian sports for 50 years, introduced the Hula Bowl in 1947, promoted high school games and UH's football program into big time with the new stadium that opened in 1975.

Health

The Assn. of Schools of Public Health presented **Sen. Daniel Inouye** a plaque for his leadership in promoting public health programs in Congress. "His efforts have resulted in the growth of the Univ. of Hawaii's School of Public Health to its current position as the single such school with a focus on cross-cultural and trans-national health," declared Dean Jerrold Michael of UHSPH.

A prominent sports figure, **Dr. Richard You** of Honolulu who was once light-heavyweight wrestling champion in Hawaii and physician to Olympic athletes, will lose his license because the board of medical examiners found he had prescribed "dangerous" drugs without justification. The circuit court last July upheld the board's decision made February 1978.

Dr. Craig Hisaka of Stockton, appointed by Gov. Brown to the state medical quality review board for the 1976-80 term, was

Portland Nisei receives emergency nurse honor

Portland, Or.

Alice Sumida, assistant head nurse of the emergency department at Providence Medical Center in Portland, has been honored as Oregon's Emergency Department Nurse of the Year for 1978.

She received the fourth annual Michael Turman Award at a recent conference of the Oregon Emergency Medical Services Association at Otter Rock.

Mrs. Sumida has worked at Providence since 1957, serving as night charge nurse before assuming duties as assistant head nurse.

A native Oregonian, she attended the Univ. of Oregon before completing her nurse's training at Genesee Hospital in Rochester, N.Y., in 1947. She started working at Providence in 1947 as a part-time surgical nurse. She is the wife of Nobu Sumida, a past president of the Portland JAACL.

After four years, she stopped working to raise a family, returning to the hospital in 1957. In 1976, she received her bachelor's degree from Linfield College.

The Turman award is a memorial to a physician's assistant with the Kaiser-Permanente Medical Care Program who assisted in training Portland-area emergency department nurses. The award was established in 1974 after his death.



ALICE SUMIDA

Noguchi sculpture graces SMU

Dallas, Tex.

Isamu Noguchi's latest sculpture in stone, "The Spirit's Flight", was placed Aug. 24 in front of Owen Arts Center on the Southern Methodist University campus.

A 12-foot obelisk of black basalt stone, it was commissioned as a symbol for the A.H. Meadows Award for Excellence in the Arts by the Meadows Foundation and General American Oil Co. SMU plans to start the award program next year.

SLC housing

Salt Lake City

Multi-Ethnic Housing Corp. celebrated the start of construction of its senior citizens housing complex at the site, 120 South 200 West, on Sept. 6.

Fuji Festival dinner to fete Rev. Kubose, Shimidzu

Chicago

The ninth annual Fuji Festival benefit dinner sponsored by the Japanese American Service Committee will be held on Sunday, Sept. 23, 5:30 p.m., at the O'Hare Marriott Motor Hotel, it was announced by Thomas Teraji, president, JASC board of directors.

The dinner honors persons who have made outstanding contributions to the quality of life in the community. Being recognized this year will be the Rev. Gyomay Kubose of the Buddhist Temple of Chicago, and Lincoln Shimidzu, former JAACL president and all-around friend of the community.

Two talented artists will be featured on the program: operatic soprano Shigemi Matsumoto, a favorite per-

co Opera; and Fujima Shunjo, a Tokyo-born classical Japanese dancer now based in Chicago.

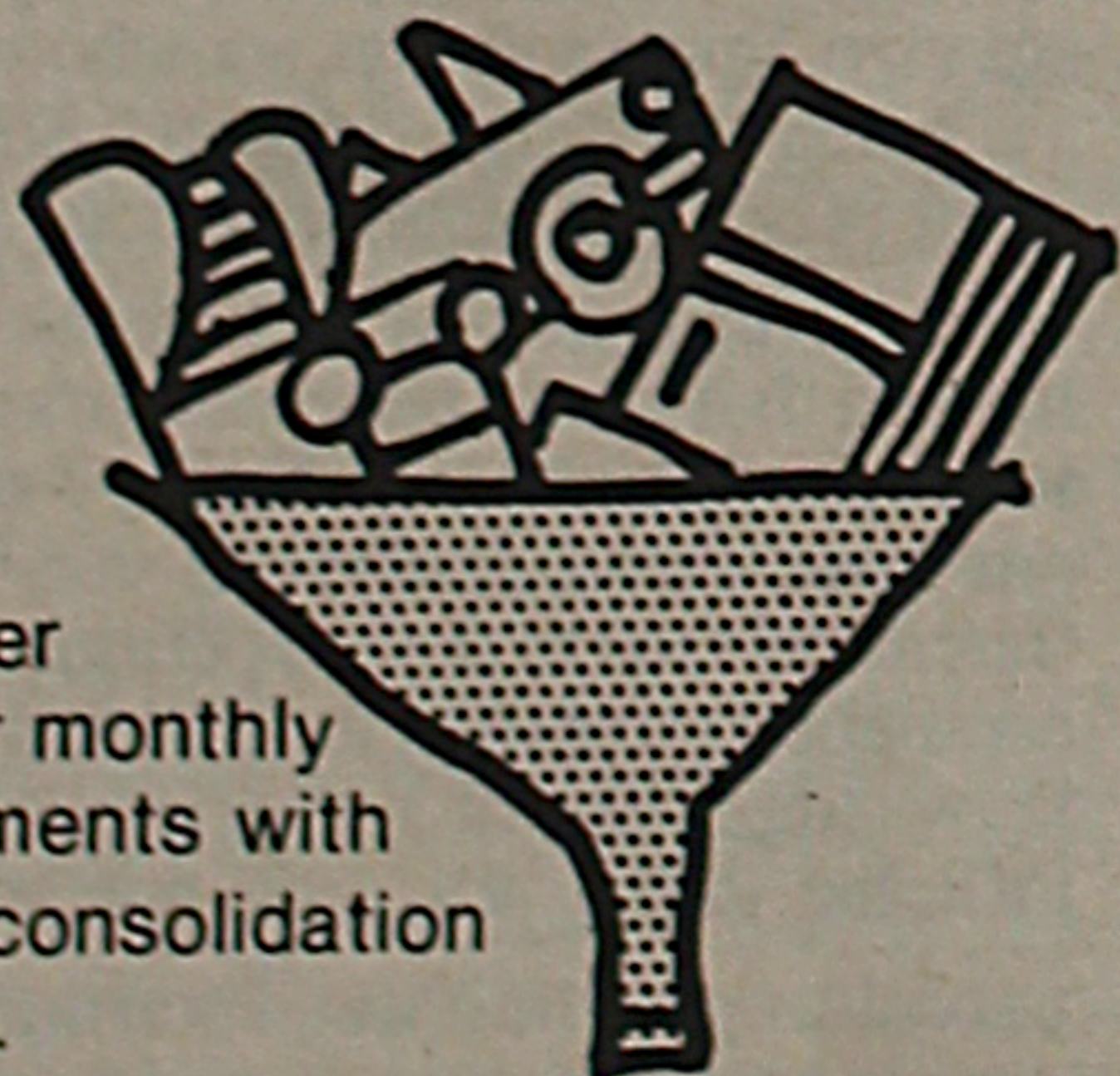
Tickets are \$35 per person. Proceeds go toward JASC programs, especially with mental health, aging and community services.

fund-raising

Asian Community Mental Health Services of Oakland, Ca., received a \$7,500 outright grant and a one-to-one \$2,500 matching grant by November, 1979, from the Episcopal Church Center Coalition for Human Needs to fund its consultation project. Donations may be sent to ACMHS Consultation Project, 1322 Webster St., Suite 402, Oakland, Ca. 94612.

West L.A. Japanese United Methodist Church will have its annual Oriental cultural bazaar Sept. 16, 11:30 a.m. till 5 p.m. at the church, 1913 Purdue.

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Inspiration

A multi-interest, multi-concept organization such as JACL creates many internal dissensions. They are expected and are necessary. If these can be viewed as contrary inputs rather than diabolical criticisms, one has a better perspective.

The value of oppositions and those who express them cannot be over-emphasized. Without them our policies and programs are deprived of the scrutiny which is necessary to keep them honest. I appreciate agreements; I value those who disagree.

That is not to say that we always enjoy internal battles which at times can become vicious. They are frequently very painful.

Fortunately, there is a soothing balsam to relieve the burning pain. It is in the meeting with hundreds of dedicated JACLers all across the country. Whenever Chapters and Districts are visited, the meeting with local JACLers who are struggling and implementing the organization's goals at local levels results in inspiration and warm satisfaction. There is a wealth of talents in the Japanese American communities. They are capable, imaginative and dedicated. There is an atmosphere of trust and respect among them.

My spirit is always uplifted after one of these trips. The battery is recharged. How can anyone not feel and not be motivated after the energizing experience? I'm refreshed and ready again to do battles wherever necessary.

The combined Eastern and Midwest Districts conference at Bloomington, Minnesota in the latter weekend of August was just such an experience. #



REDRESS PHASE 2: John Tateishi

'Commission'

rights are concerned.

Therefore, we are seeking a reckoning with Congress for a determination whether "military necessity", as in our case, or "national security", as in the case of Watergate for example, can ever justify an abridging of the basic protections guaranteed to the individual by the Constitution.

What we are seeking is a close examination of the Constitution and a determination by Congress of the credibility of those guarantees.

Redress, in this sense, is primarily a constitutional issue, one which questions the viability and legitimacy of American democracy as it applies to all American citizens at all times, regardless of the possible exigencies which may exist at any given time.

Perhaps I reiterate the obvious in talking about these goals (and there are many others), but I think it's important to keep them in mind as we move ahead in the campaign. Our objectives are by their very nature and scope altruistic, but I think they not only have to be, they should be. It has been suggested on one occasion (PC, 8/17) that we should attempt to place the question of the culpability of Evacuation before the government itself (i.e., an appropriations bill as opposed to a commission bill). If, as we anticipate, such a bill should fail, then, we are told, "the Government's perfidy would be finalized." Fine, but what purpose does this serve? I think that such an attitude is irresponsible and shows little true regard for what Redress is all about.

If our intent is to obviate injustice in America, and if Redress is one of the means of fulfilling that intent, then let us not be satisfied with less. #

The Kitazumi-Uyeda Exchange

Following "open letter" comes from a JACLer whose membership dates from 1932, concerned about the Redress campaign and addressed to Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national president, who has promptly responded within the week.

An Open Letter

Re: Revised Redress Proposal dated August 8, 1978 from Clifford I. Uyeda, then National Redress Committee Chairman to Committee members, National Council members and National Board members.

Dear Dr. Uyeda:

At long last I received a copy of the above described Redress document. I believe it is a well thought out, beautiful document that needs no further explanation. The only exception I may take could be in regards to #3 item in the opening paragraph, and the petition should be directed not only to our Congress but also to the President of the United States, the Justice Department, the War and Navy Departments and to the Interior Department. It isn't that "Persons of Japanese ancestry brought over from Central and South America and interned in the United States ..." do not deserve to be included under the Revised Redress Proposal the JACL National Council approved on July 19, 1978 as redress guidelines, but it seems that the JACL is going beyond the bounds of its involvement as its name, Japanese American Citizens League, signifies.

THE CRUX OF THIS LETTER is simply to point out that our current National Redress Committee is just not doing the job it was appointed to do. It seems a very clear case of misfeasance, malfeasance or just plain deviousness in the fulfillment of its job. As much as I respect my government, I, as a long-standing member of the JACL (since 1932 as a member of the Sacramento Chapter), cannot say that we as JACLers are an extension of our government in its function relative to the question of evacuation. Hence, for our National Committee to "pass the buck", so to speak, of duties assigned to it to the Congress or to function under suggestions from selected members of the House or Senate, whoever they may be, was not the intent of the National Council, I am sure, unless further verified.

I DON'T THINK such a verification was accomplished by the unauthorized poll-taking indulged in as possibly a convenient escape route for not doing their rightful duty. Additionally, the question must be posed to Congress as a whole and not to any JIA members as such.

MY PROPOSAL, in a nutshell, therefore, is to replace the present committee with another from Seattle or Chicago or elsewhere willing to do the job as assigned without further delay. If the current committee cannot stand the heat, they should be decent enough "to get out of the kitchen." This, I believe, they owe to our National Council which deliberated in all sincerity from 1970 through 1978, and to

in the Pacific Citizen

35 years ago

SEPT. 16, 1944

June 26 (delayed)—442nd RTC makes first contact with enemy troops in Italy near Cassino, assisted 34th Red Bull Division; commended by Col. Pence for never taking "backward steps".

July 21 (delayed)—442nd units first Allied troops to enter Pisa, Italy.

Sept. 7—WRA protests tuition being charged evacuation children in some Idaho school districts.

Sept. 8—Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy in San Francisco hits intolerance against U.S. Nisei, when newsmen ask for his attitude.

Sept. 12—First Nisei student (Esther Takei) arrives to study at Pasadena Jr. College since Evacuation with War Dept. permission.

Sept. 13—Army opens ordnance depots to Nisei workers; first group cleared for Tooele, Utah, and Sioux, Neb., depots.

those JAs who fought for the country out of barbed wire enclosures and especially to those who failed to return because they died in combat to uphold our right to live in this country as first class citizens.

HOWEVER INTELLIGENT or well-meaning the National Redress Committee members may be, they are not our supreme policy making body. They are not empowered to formulate a new policy instead of posing the question of Redress directly to our august government representatives. Should this be otherwise, the JACL will be reduced to an organization where the "tail will be wagging the dog". I believe that would be totally ridiculous and may even destroy our organization, and I cannot stand

by nonchalantly and see this done to an organization that could boast of unparalleled service to our nation in times of dire need.

I CANNOT SEE one legitimate reason why we as JACLers cannot make the kind of petition that the committee is commanded to make by our National Council.

EDWARD M. KITAZUMI
San Jose, Ca.

The Response

August 30, 1979

Dear Mr. Kitazumi:

For nearly a decade the mandated redress campaign remained at a debating phase because it was simply not possible to come to a full agreement on all details.

The redress proposal submitted to the National Council was accepted with an understanding that we would make known a broad demand from which we expected modifications.

Passing of a legislation which

will eventually require an appropriation of considerable sum must be done with careful attention to all details, with care, and realistically.

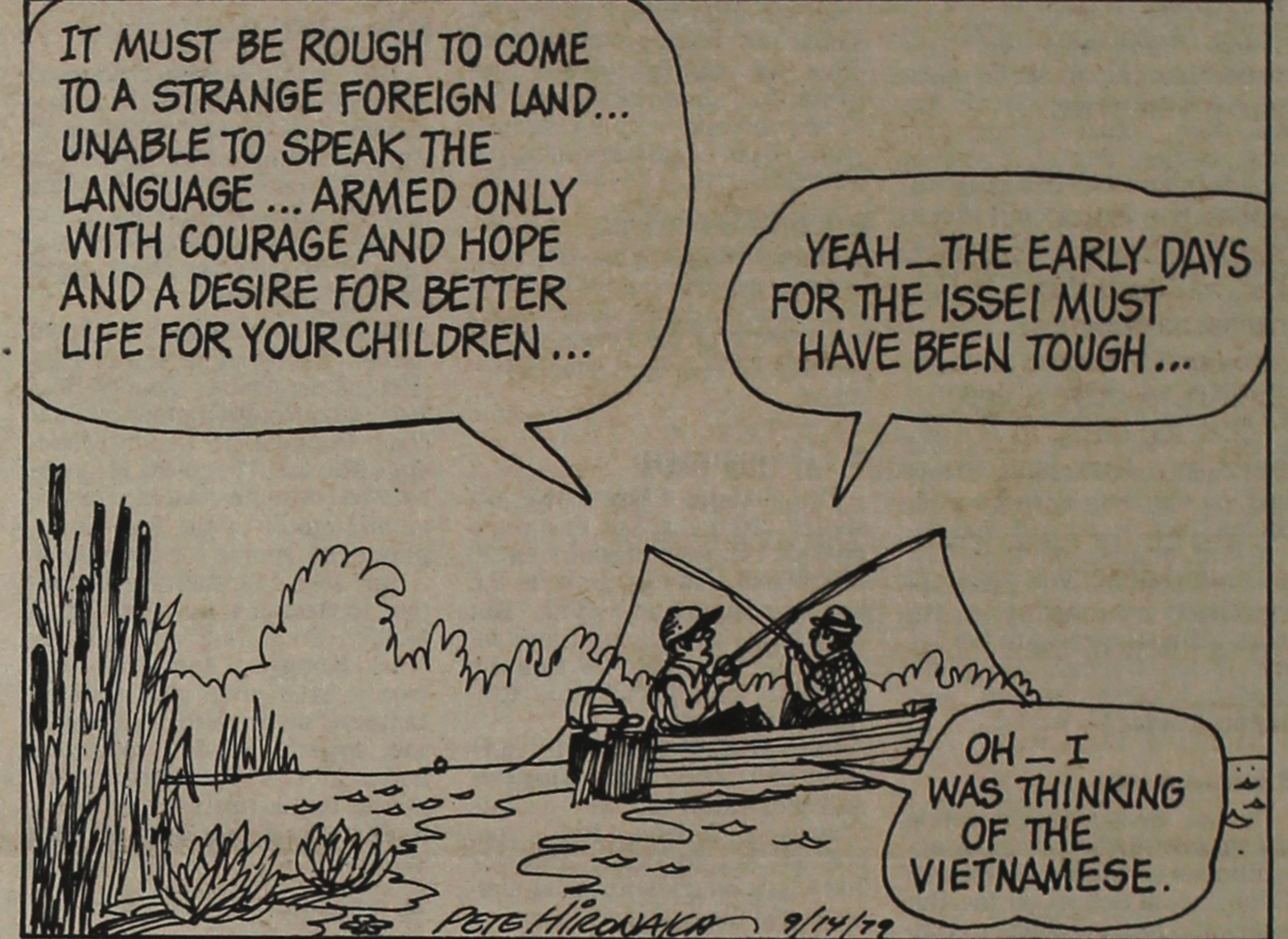
From all carefully researched indications, the chance of passing a huge appropriation bill for Nikkei at this time seems unrealistic and doomed to failure.

A satisfaction of a struggle in itself is not enough. Our responsibility to the Nikkei communities, it was felt, demanded much more.

The commission approach is a carefully planned strategy to seek redress. Nikkei are very aware of the Evacuation injustice. With few exceptions, the general American public is not aware of the full gravity nor the significance nor the injustice of the case.

We want our day in court. Nikkei will have the opportunity to state their case before the commission. The commission recom-

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EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

An Unsigned Letter



Philadelphia

A reader from Los Angeles has written a letter, unsigned, commenting on this writer's

views of redress. While, as a general policy, I do not respond to unsigned letters, nor even by use of this column to other signed or published comments to any of my columns, in this instance, I am making a double exception. I do so because while the letter was unsigned, I do not question either its intent or sincerity. It was not a "crank" letter nor was it vindictive. I shall not quote from it; rather, I shall simply seek to respond to some of the points made.

YES, I KNOW, I sadly know, that there are all too many Issei, and Nisei as well, who could use \$25,000 each. Or any part thereof. (I could find good use for such money, believe me.) There is none of us who couldn't. And if any of us were handed money from some well-meaning source, who am I—who is any of us—to say how the fortunate recipient should spend the money. Or even squander it, if (s)he so chooses.

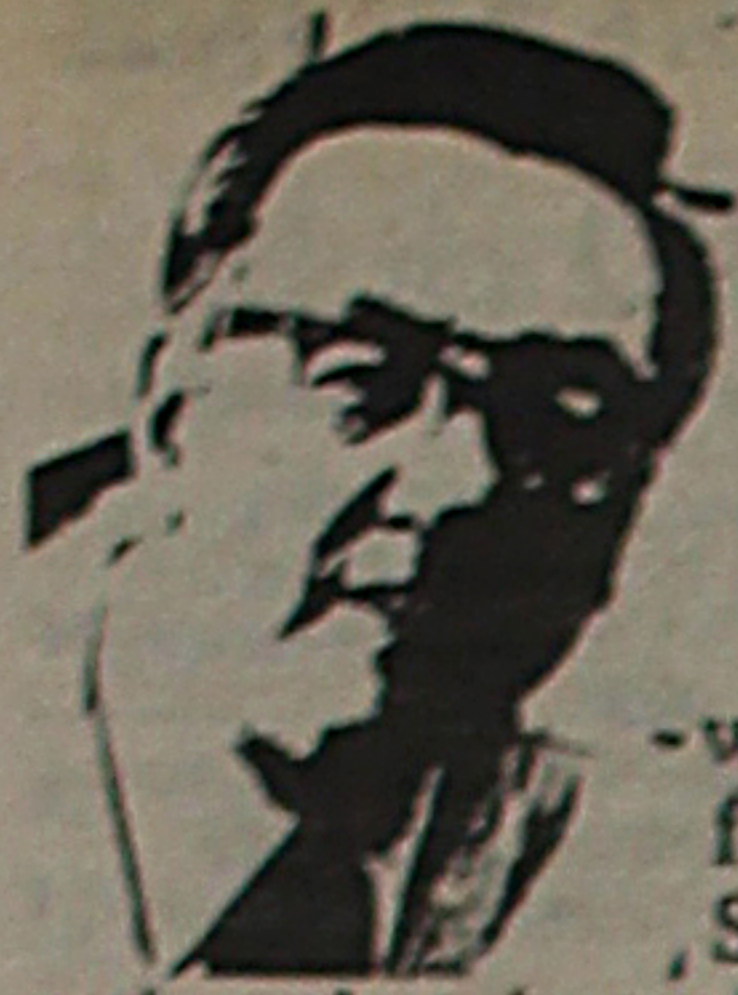
IT IS THE basis upon which we seek redress that to me is important. Vitality so. There are a number of bases upon which I would refuse to accept \$25,000—or any sum of money for that matter. "Sale" of my personal freedom, my dignity, my ability to try to keep my head high—that's one of them. That is not for sale, for \$25,000 or any sum. For anything.

I AM REMINDED of the heart-rendering story of the trade in young girls that centered in the area of Shimabara in Northern Kyushu. Several generations

ago, the farmers in that area were so destitute that they sold their daughters to foreign merchants. And poor as they were, these farmers were not without some pride: thus, their daughters came down the mountain trails at night, and one could see the line of lanterns and hear the sad tinkling of bells of the beasts-of-burden carrying the girls down to the wharf where they were loaded aboard ships, never to be seen again.

WHEN THAT BIT of the past was told to me while we were visiting Shimabara, I just could not grasp, could not understand, could not comprehend the enormity of the act. But I tried to tell myself that I was not one of those farmers, so poor, so destitute—and thus I would not be able to understand why a father would sell his own daughters. But I also thought to myself that no matter how poor I was, no matter how destitute, no matter how unfortunate—somehow, some way I would survive, find a solution, somehow manage... without selling a daughter. Somehow I must retain my personal pride.

IT IS A bit of that *iji* that we Nisei inherited that would prevent me from today selling my liberty, my dignity—at \$25,000 per head. But it is also this very same *iji* that impels me to seek to petition our Government for redress, for a meaningful acknowledgement of the grievous wrongs inflicted in the '40s upon our good Issei parents, upon the Nisei, upon our friends. And to make it clear to our Government that they were "buying" none of us, I had suggested that the redress fund be used to aid all needy persons—starting with our own—without regard to sex, creed, color, religion or national origin. In our land.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Anti-Japanese emotions still erupting

Denver, Colo.

Sheridan Tatsuno is a San Franciscan who volunteers his time as spokesman for the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the U.S. This is the organization that is trying to persuade the United States to provide medical aid for Americans suffering after effects of exposure to the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The committee estimates that between 500 to 700 Americans were among the survivors when the two cities were destroyed. Most are Japanese Americans. About 400 have been identified, the others preferring anonymity in fear of ostracism or unwanted publicity. The committee has persuaded Congressman Edward Roybal of Los Angeles, a Democrat, to introduce a measure known as H.R. 1129 which would provide American survivors medical treatment. The bill provides payment for only "that portion of the charge for such services or treatment which is not paid by insurance or any other form of compensation or award," so it is a bare-bones measure. There is a chance the bill will be considered early next year.

To publicize the committee's concerns, Tatsuno wrote about the bomb survivors and sent copies to about 60 metropolitan newspapers as a possible guest column. So far, at least three papers have published it, although there may be more. The three were the Seattle Times, the San Jose Mercury, and the Denver Post, all dominant in their respective areas.

It is too early to tell what fruit Tatsuno's efforts will bear, but that isn't important at this point. What will matter is the support Roybal can rally when his bill comes up for consideration. It is a compassionate measure and deserves passage. Readers of the Pacific Citizen can help it along by letting their representatives in Congress know of their interest in seeing justice done.

REDRESS

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ment that an injustice was done, is long overdue"

Readers mail is also shared in subsequent columns with nail-on-the-head Wright rebuttals.

To Walter K. Arms, who's against redress whether citizen or no because of the "damage to property and lives their ancestors caused at Pearl Harbor ... except the actual value of properties taken away from them", Wright noted:

"If the government imprisoned you for three years just on suspicion, wouldn't you want redress?"

To Paul M. Whitter, who believes the Evacuation "was not as simple as hindsight would suggest", there were not many Nisei-Sansei around to help "mellow our opinions

of all Japanese" and that history is full of injustices, Wright said:

"Conceding much that you say, I believe the best course now is for the government to admit a mistake was made and to express regret with some form of indemnity."

To B. Rogers, who asks, "Didn't we all give up something?" during WW2 but agrees being interned "was no way to treat a citizen" and wonders, "Would you tax cripples to pay the claims of those who aren't crippled?", Wright tersely responded:

"We tax cripples to subsidize the salary of the president of Lockheed."

To Alden Herbert, who "knew that our Japanese store owners, gardeners, and household help were loyal to the U.S., but we weren't sure about those we didn't know personally", Wright observes:

Meanwhile, some of the predictable adverse reaction has started to come in from people who are still fighting World War II and refuse to recognize the fact that Americans are of many ethnic extractions including Japanese. One woman writing from Seattle in response to Tatsuno's essay confuses Japanese exports with Japanese Americans and fails to understand Roybal's bill would help only American citizens who had the misfortune of being caught in Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the time of the bombings.

"Why are Japanese migrating to this country?" she asks. "Let them stay in their own. You and the Japanese who are working to make the American taxpayer pay out more and more to you of Japanese ancestry are really stirring up some anti-Japanese feeling. I for one am thoroughly disgusted with what the Japanese are doing."

The way this letter is typed and composed indicates the author is at least fairly well educated, and certainly not a member of the lunatic fringe of Americans. Yet it is obvious from her language, and from the way she brings up atrocity stories from World War II, that she will never really understand that some United States citizens are the third, fourth and fifth generation descendants of Japanese immigrants who came to settle in this nation for many of the same reasons that her forefathers migrated to America.

How to overcome this blindness—this refusal of some Americans to accept the fact that Orientals have been among the pioneers who helped develop the American West, and that their descendants are playing major roles in the economic, political and social progress of the United States—continues to be a major problem for us.

The problem is important enough and worrisome enough to demand high priority, especially as we move forward to claim the justice and equal opportunity and treatment to which we are entitled as American citizens.

Church festival

San Jose, Ca.

Wesley United Methodist Church here will have its annual Aki Matsuri Sept. 15, 3-8 p.m., at the church grounds, 566 N. 5th St. Japanese food and cultural demonstrations are on tap.

"I understand. Most likely I'd have felt the same way. But that doesn't make it right."

WW2 merchant marine Sid Burkett told Wright that before going ashore at Pearl Harbor in early 1942, he was given strict orders to stay within the white lines till he got to the tram. He made one mis-turn and was confronted by a U.S. soldier on guard duty. "Looking into his face I saw he was Japanese. The tram came. It was driven by a Japanese. There were Japanese all over the place ... And in California we were sending Japanese Americans to concentration camps. What hypocrites we all can be." To this, Wright said:

"Hypocrisy or panic, we made a mistake. Now let's say we're sorry."

To Bill Stout, who agrees with Wright but that the Japanese Americans have to line up behind the American Indians, the blacks and Hispanics on compensation—yet "despite it all, I know of no better government anywhere", Wright adds:

"Being willing to apologize when we are wrong will help keep it that way."

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mentation will depend on how well we do our job.

We believe that at this phase of the campaign, our presenting our case to the commission rather than to the Congress at large is a more effective way to be heard. The commission recommendation will have to be heard and passed by the Congress. That is another phase, requiring another strategy.

Inflexibility in strategy is a sure ticket to failure. There is no change in the overall purpose of the redress campaign. We believe that the present strategy is well conceived, realistic and will succeed.

CLIFFORD I. UYEDA, M.D.
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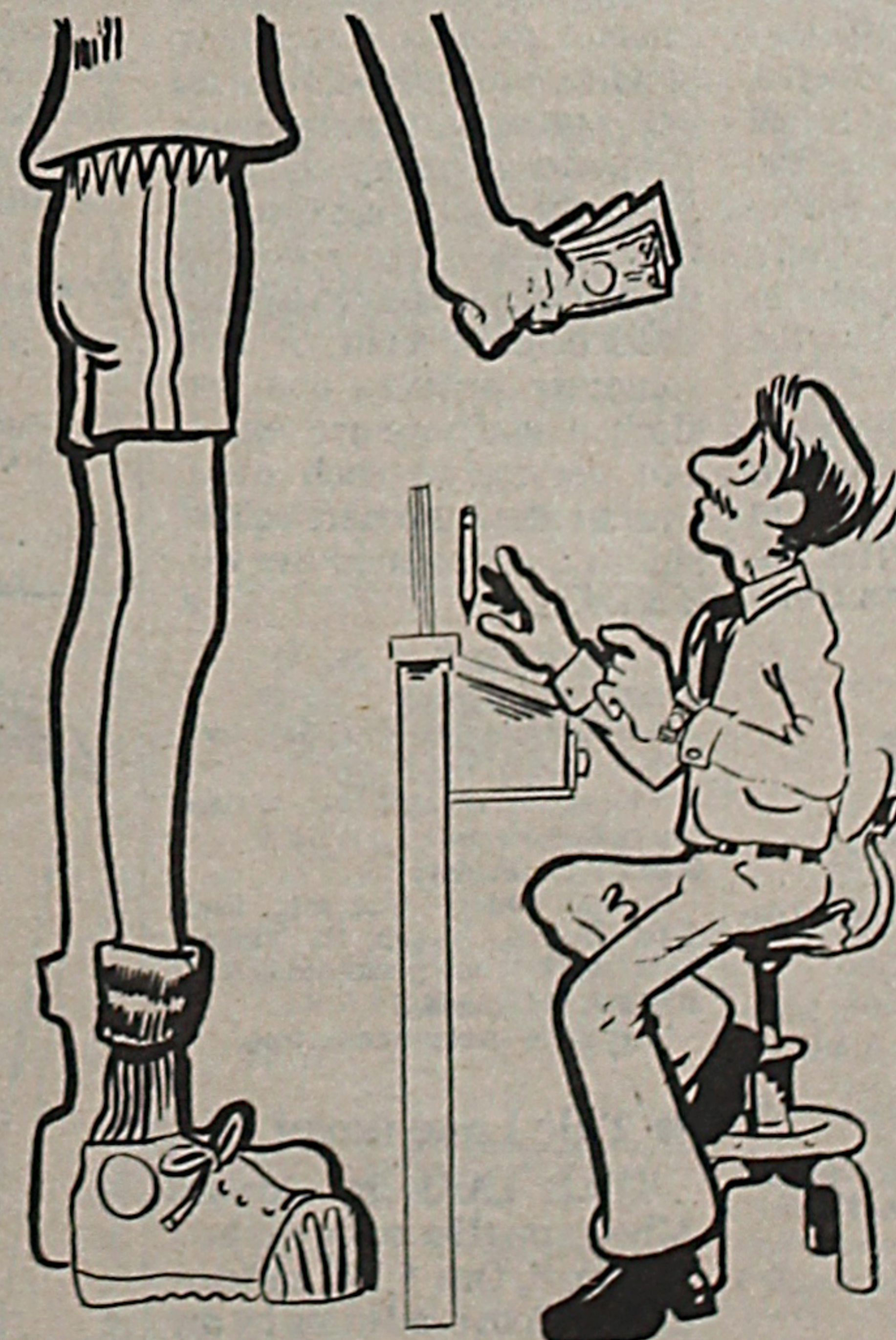
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Sac'to Union writers to publish 'Koreatown'—English weekly

Los Angeles
Kyung Won Lee, one of the first Korean-born graduates of an American school of journalism with 24 years' experience in American dailies, will begin publication in September of an English-language weekly for Korean Americans, who now number about 400,000 nationwide.

The weekly called "Koreatown" will act as "a catalyst for fuller Korean American participation in the American mainstream," said Lee, its publisher-editor, who has been an investigative reporter for The Sacramento Union since 1970.

The tabloid newspaper will also serve as a mirror and forum for Korean American

experience and self-discovery, said Lee. It will not only celebrate Korean American achievements and contributions but vigorously air their problems to help solve them. It will actively resist injustice, bias and bigotry affecting the largely immigrant community.

Lee holds professional degrees from West Virginia University (BSJ, 1953) and the Univ. of Illinois (MSJ, 1955). In 1966 he was a Mark Ethridge Fellow at the Univ. of North Carolina, where he studied race and urban problems. In 1975, WVU's School of Journalism named him as its most outstanding graduate. He has won numerous professional awards, includ-

ing those by the AP News Executives Council, Columbia University, the American Bar Association and the National Headliners Club. In the past several years Lee has taught Journalism at California State College-Sacramento.

Lee's partner in the Korean venture is Steve Chanecka, till recently business editor of The Sacramento Union. A veteran reporter of industry, business, labor and economic affairs, Chanecka will serve as managing editor of the new tabloid.

A graduate of the Univ. of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, Chanecka began his career as a sportswriter for

The Cape Cod (Mass.) Times. While there, United Press International awarded him first place in New England states in a sportswriting contest.

An accomplished golfer and basketball player, Chanecka will cover those sports in the Korean American community. He played for Dick "Digger" Phelps, currently the head coach at Notre Dame, while at Pennsylvania.

"Koreatown" is recruiting representatives and correspondents in Koreatowns throughout the U.S. Its office is at 1311 W. Ninth St., Los Angeles CA 90015; (213) 384-9032.

Recent books on Nikkei reviewed

Chicago
Two recently-published books with respect to Japanese Americans were reviewed in the Chicago Sun Times July 15. Both books were adequately summarized but the comments were constructive, tart and critical.

Free-lance writer Michael Miner, commenting on Masayo Duus' "Tokyo Rose", found her account of Iva Toguri d'Aquino's life since she was stranded by the war in Japan, to be "coolly partisan and convincing" (but) "it ought to be a little better documented".

While calling the book "admirable" in that it would anger a reader who resents public hysteria and government cowardice, Miner felt "one can envision beyond it a truly majestic volume treating more fully the context of the Japanese-American experience and such questions as patriotic duty—d'Aquino's and special prosecutor Tom De Wolfe's—the function of justice when an inflamed populace seeks to be assuaged".

Denver Post's editorial page editor Bill Hosokawa reviewed Joe Harrington's "Yankee Samurai", story of the Nisei who were the eyes and ears of the Allied forces in the Pacific war. "All this has the makings of a dramatic, deeply emotional book," Hosokawa noted. "Unfortunately, Harrington has produced only a confused hodge-podge garnished with some-

times accurate conventional wisdom about Japanese-American mores, traditions and customs."

He found Harrington's narrative and the listing of names hardly "more exciting

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imagery (for the San Franciscan, the satellite photo of their fair city clearly shows up Japantown as white specks of concrete), maps, (for the history buff, the 1888 William "Ham" Hall maps of irrigated lands in California are meticulous and fantastic. For instance, we see "West Los Angeles" was situated where the USC campus is today), and graphs that convey complex water data with immediate visual impact plus the narrative lends great understanding to the least understood of our natural resources. Distributors predict our readers will be fascinated, profoundly impressed and informed by this unprecedented book. This reviewer was.—H.H.

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MOSHI MOSHI: Jin Konomi

Happiness Was Walking

back into my past. I was retracing the streets of Fukuoka, block by block, as I walked them to school sixty years ago.

Richmond, Ca.

A school district announced a plan abolishing and consolidating some of the bus routes. Immediately a hue and cry went up from parents of the students who would be affected. The district could see no other way out of its fiscal bind. The parents of the students not affected were un-supportive of the other parents, or sided with the district. The meeting turned into a scene of verbal Donnybrook.

This happened some time ago in a neighboring city. Undoubtedly such a meeting was taking place all over the country.

As I read on the item in the paper, inevitably, as always, another part of me was going

School was Shuyukan. The school of the Kuroda Clan under the old regime, it was then the most prestigious middle school in the prefecture. Two decades before my time the upperclass students had to use textbooks on math, physics, chemistry and a few other subjects, imported from England and America. Upon graduation, they had free entry in many of the higher schools, without the usual examinations. Although I was never too impressed—I wondered if the teachers did not feel humiliated using textbooks written in foreign countries—I basked in the

aura of that proud past, and I was proud to be a student there.

It was 2½ miles away in the western outskirts of the city. Commuting was by foot (although there was a streetcar) six days a week, rain or shine through the school year for five years. And what joy it was!

Usually I walked alone in the morning. Looking back, I am almost surprised that I do not remember ever being bored or impatient. Except for some compelling reason, I did not take the streetcar and never felt envious of those who did.

On many a summer morning as I walked along the moat of the old Fukuoka castle, I would hear the familiar, yet startling, plop, plop! of lotus flowers open-

ing. In a few days the whole pond was covered with those exquisitely white flowers from bank to bank.

Although the lotus happening lasted only ten days in the year and happened only five times in my high school career, it was probably the biggest joy of the morning commute.

After school the students spilled through the main gate like popcorn out of a bursting bag. We marched by fives and sixes, sometimes by tens and dozens, dragging our high cleated *geta* on the ballast lined streets. (Our shoes were left at school.) We talked sports. We rated the teachers, eulogized some, bad-mouthed most, calling them by their nicknames. We discussed the movies we had seen. *Zigoma* (from Pathe, of France), the *Iron Claws* series with Pearl White, westerns with the Farnum broth-

ers, William S. Hart and Tom Mix, the major opuses of D. W. Griffith with Lillian Gish, and so on. I learned about *Les Miserables*, *The Three Musketeers*, *The Man in the Iron Mask*, *The Count of Monte Cristo*, and other popular classics from the groups, before I read them. I was very immature. Those who were already on to Dostoevsky, Tolstoi, Turgenev, Goethe, Ibsen and other deep stuff apparently did not join. I had to find out about them in my own way and in my own time.

All the girls' schools were on the opposite end of the city, and we often met the girls coming from the opposite direction. We would give them wolf calls or heap bantering remarks on them. Our behavior very thinly disguised our secret longings. We were not supposed to associate with girls.

Then, we also talked sex. It seems almost a miracle that none of these loose talks led to any delinquent behavior.

Going home with the group was such fun that I often overshot my home and walked an extra mile to the

civic center and retraced my steps home, alone.

In Fukuoka, 111 days out of 365 were rainy, and each time it rained about 0.63 inches, statistically speaking. When the weather was really nasty, I was happy there was the streetcar. But mercifully our memory is not designed to retain sensations either of misery or pleasure.

And of course, getting from one place to another on foot was not what walking was about. It was the total experience of walking, the camaraderie of your companions, the sights to enjoy along the way, the sense of well being and the pleasant fatigue afterwards—those were the things that made walking such a joy.

I was sorry for the students of the school district mentioned above. But it was not for the cruel hardship of having to walk to school. It was not because their constitutional right was violated.

The longest distance any one of them would have been forced to walk was less than a mile.

-japan today-

A Japanese cemetery will be built in the Manila suburb at the site of the Muntinlupa Prison, where 500 Japanese soldiers are buried. The memorial park will have a statue of the Goddess of Mercy which a Kobe photographer, 64, is to provide.

Japanese war nurses are seeking a WW2 service bonus from the government, in wake of the coverage being made to Japanese Red Cross nurses for war-time services but not to military nurses, starting in December.

First Laotian refugees to seek permanent settlement in Japan arrived from Bangkok Aug. 13. The husband, a farm student stranded in Japan since 1974, greeted his wife and five-year-old daughter at Narita airport.

Over 900 applications were received for the new Matsushita School of Government and Management, which is to open next April for only 30 students, pursuing graduate-level studies in business and politics. Industrialist Konosuke Matsushita is spending nearly 10 billion yen to establish the institution in Chigasaki, Kanagawa-ken. Interest has been overwhelming because no tuition is being charged and a fellowship almost equivalent to a starting salary for college graduates in a Matsushita firm would be offered.

Japan's first solar-energy power plant is under construction at Nio, Kagawa-ken, along the Inland Sea, for completion by March, 1981. The sun's ray will be concentrated by huge mirrors to heat water and produce steam to operate the turbines, which would generate the power.

More than half of the families in Japan now have their own private autos, according to a recent Toyota Motor survey. The average driver has over 10 years' experience.

To make it easier for buying a home, the Construction Ministry is proposing a "two-generation housing loan system", allowing the borrowers and their children to repay jointly over a long period of time. Maximum loan for a condominium would be raised to ¥12 million (\$60,000) for at least 575,000 applicants, starting FY 1980.

An area of quaint western-style buildings (*ijinkan*) in Kobe will be designated a cultural historic site. Included are the Weathercock Mansion and White Mansion along Yamamoto Ave. in Ikuta-ku.

School class size Tokyo

By reducing the class size from 45 to 40 pupils in the public elementary and junior high schools, the Education Ministry indicated 128,000 more teachers would be hired.

Dilemma of Chinese 'Sansei' in Japan winning speech topic

Osaka

A third-generation Chinese coed won the recent National Intercollegiate English Oratorical Contest here by articulating her frustrations.

"I was born and raised in Japan. My native tongue is Japanese. Yet I cannot be a fellow countryman in the true sense," declared Ho-Shu Chin, 21, of Kwansai Gakuin University.

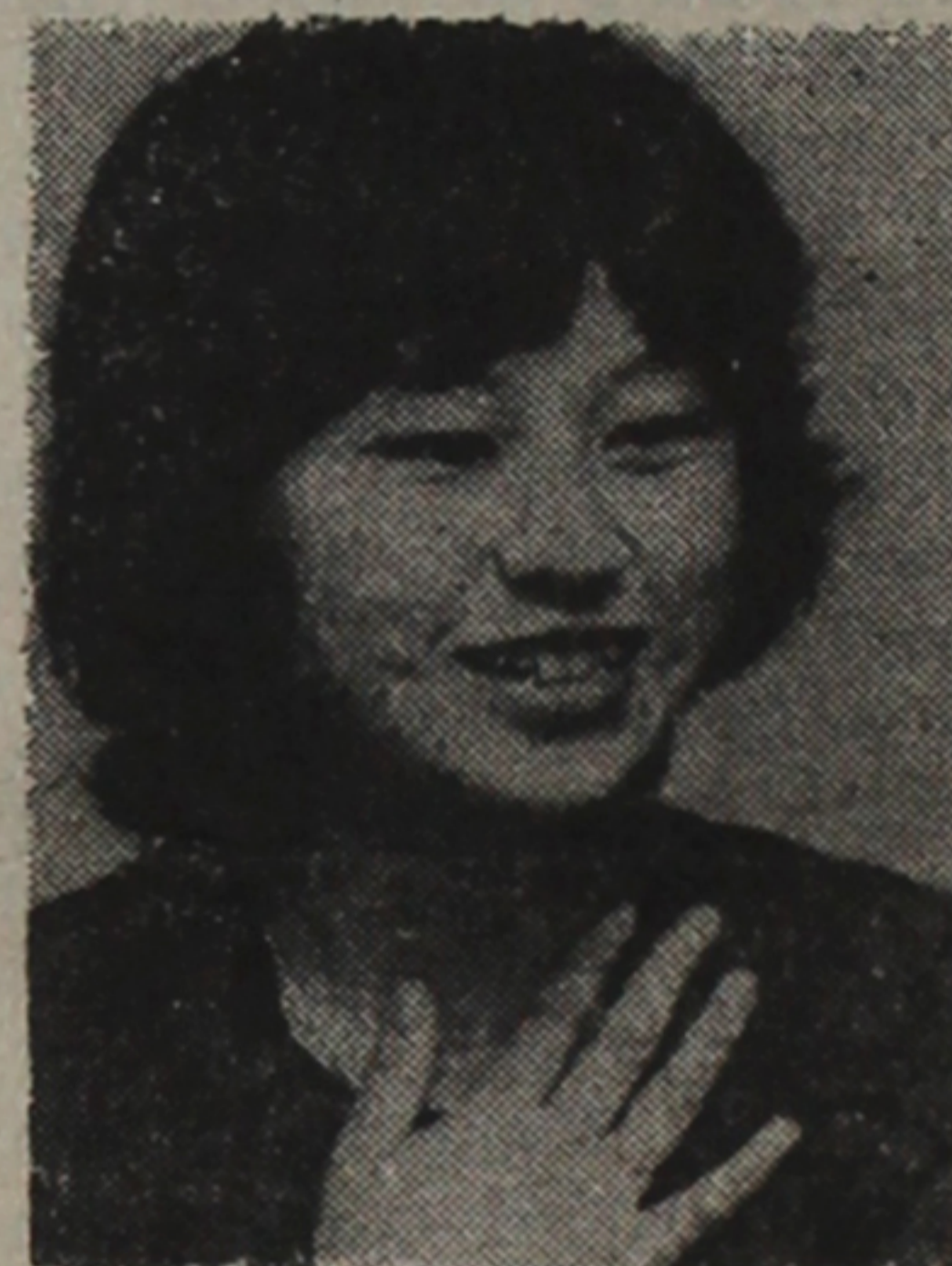
"It is simply because I am of Chinese descent," she explained. Her grandparents came from Suzhou (Sochow) before the war. Her father operates a Chinese restaurant in Kobe.

Every three years, she renews the "little green book that says I am an alien" at the immigration office, even though she was born in Osaka, went through public schools. Her parents prefer their current status, partly because they worry about their position should a war break out and partly because of the complex, difficult formalities of acquiring Japanese citizenship.

"But I myself think in a different way ... and want to obtain Japanese nationality," the business major said. She wanted to marry a Japanese if possible, "because I know nothing except Japan I've never been in a foreign country. I only know the Japanese language plus a little English."

There are some 700,000 non-Japanese permanent residents in Japan who also feel like her, she said. "We are never regarded as a real part of society," she continued.

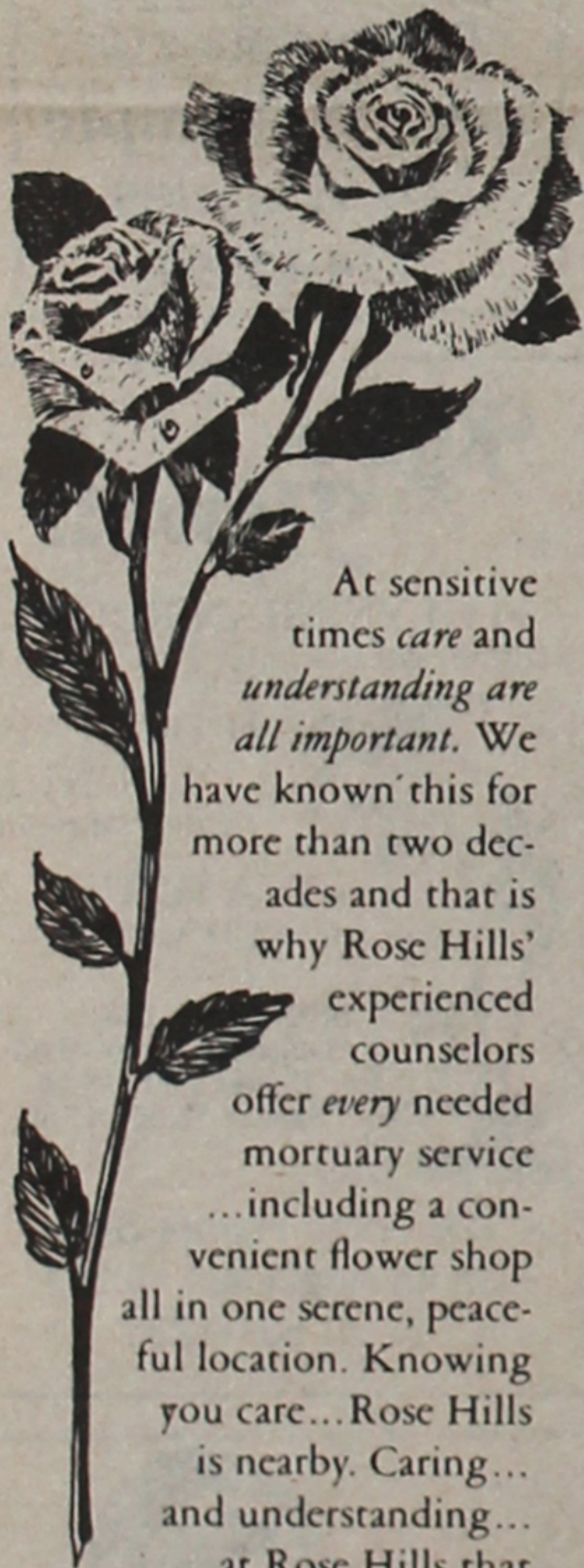
"Will it ever be possible to see or hear the words (like) American-Japanese, Chinese-Japanese?" She was looking forward to the day "when I can say without hesitation I'm a Chinese-Japanese."



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