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Headliners at the Central California JACL District Convention are (from left) PC editor Harry Honda, acting National Director J.D. Hokoyama of San Francisco; Hawaii's Lt. Gov. Jean King, convention guest speaker; Nat'l JACL vice president Floyd Shimomura of Sacramento; and newly-installed CCDC governor Tony Ishii of Fresno.

● JACL Redress Committee

Early solution dim

SAN FRANCISCO—Immediate prospect of persons of Japanese ancestry receiving any redress/reparation because the United States government had uprooted them from their homes on the West Coast and interned them in concentration camps American style during World War II was not high among members of the National JACL Redress Committee meeting over the Nov. 22-23 weekend at JACL Headquarters.

In view of the fiscally conservative mood of the new Congress and the incoming Reagan administration, the inside perspective indicates "a very difficult struggle ahead", committee chair John Tateishi declared.

Further, the committee stressed that JACL's bottom-line with respect to redress has not changed, that some form of monetary redress would be asked along with other forms of reparation.

Tateishi said the guidelines adopted at the recent national convention have been clarified. The Congress will be asked to appropriate a sum based upon "real damages" and "personal injuries" incurred by those affected by Executive Order 9066 as determined by federal agencies with an adjustment for the intervening years since 1941. Payment would be free from any federal, state or local taxes, disbursed.

JACL testimony at the hearings of the Commission on Relocation and Internment of Civilians is expected to cover at least these phases: question of military necessity, historical background, contribution of the Nisei GIs, constitutional argument, the economic, social and psychological impact.

Since the feeling among committee members is that the hearings would be held in fairly rapid succession, National JACL redress committee's coordination with local chapters will be critical, Tateishi added. The first hearings will probably be in the spring. Announcement of the Commission members was being expected as soon as the appropriation bill now in conference is passed, it was learned.

Attending the meeting were:

George Hara (PNWDC), Chuck Kubokawa, Dr. Yosh Nakashima (NC-WNDC), Tom Shimasaki (CCDC), Ron Wakabayashi (PSWDC), John Tamenio (IDC), Minoru Yasui (MPDC), Ross Harano, George Sakaguchi (MDC), Cherry Tsutsumida, Kaz Oshiki (EDC); nat'l officers—Dr. Jim Tsujimura, Floyd Shimomura; staff—J.D. Hokoyama, Ron Ikejiri, John Saito, Bill Yoshino, Carol Hayashino, Lorrie Inagaki, Bruce Shimizu.

State panel backs firing of Nisei school teacher

LIVINGSTON, Ca.—Mitsue Takahashi ended 20 years as a school teacher here Nov. 14, one day after a state panel upheld her firing on grounds of incompetence.

She may be the first teacher fired solely for incompetence under a nine-year old state law by which a professional competence commission reviews teacher dismissals, commission officials said. The commission upheld her dismissal 2-1.

Takahashi's attorney, Ernest H. Tuttle III, said the commission's ruling will be appealed.

The Livingston school district contended that Takahashi lost control of her eighth grade students at Selma Herndon Elementary School last year. Officials said students swore, fought and threw things while she was in the classroom.

"The lack of discipline was a situation that could not be tolerated anymore," the district's lawyer, Paul Loya, said after the hearing.

But Tuttle contended that the district failed to prove incompetence and said the issue should be whether her students learned.

Takahashi was removed from her regular class and given special assignments this fall pending resolution of the case. #

Lt. Gov. King turns on CCDC convention

FRESNO, Ca.—The 31st annual Central California JACL District Convention will be remembered for the warmth and charm of Lt. Gov. Jean Sadako King of Hawaii who was the main speaker, the afternoon panel presented by the Asian-Pacific Women sharing experiences of what it is to be an Asian, and election of CCDC's first San ei governor in Tony Ishii of Fresno.

Over 400 were present for the convention banquet Nov. 16 at the Hacienda Inn to witness the swearing in of 1981 presidents from the 10 chapters en masse by Floyd Shimomura, national JACL v.p. for public affairs; presentation of past president pins by CCDC Gov. Stanley Nagata; the JACL silver pins to Mae Morita of Fresno, James Goishi and Tom Takata of Parlier; the CCDC chapter of the year plaque to Tulare County; and a special recognition to Judge Mikio Uchiyama.

Gov. King, addressing her first JACL gathering, first brought greetings from her home chapter, the Honolulu JACL, and the news it will host the 1984 national convention. She spoke of her personal background, of her mother when a Nisei marrying a haole (then translated as "stranger") in Hawaii was rare, of going to Nihongo classes after regular school and studying "shū shin" on Saturday mornings, learning Kumamoto dialect and customs from her grandparents who grew coffee in Kona, and of two racial incidents during the war. She was unable to land a typing job after graduating from high school with a Honolulu firm. On a double date with naval officers, she and her girl friend (Nikkei father and Caucasian mother) were told the submarine base officer's club was off-limit to them, just as dinner was about to be served.

Expressing interest in ascertaining the differences between the Japanese Americans on the mainland and Hawaii, especially as perceived by Mainlanders, Lt. Gov. King said she looked forward to the visit to Central California to meet with Japanese Americans here and elsewhere. As "visible" Americans, she encouraged Japanese Americans assume a "visible role" in the community.

Speaking to the coming decade, she has high hopes for the

nations and peoples of the Pacific basin in commerce as well as cultural exchange to ensure a healthy diversity and a richer life for all.

She was introduced by State Sen. Rose Ann Vuich (D) of Tulare County, the first woman elected to the state senate in 1976.

Greetings were extended by Sharon Levy, chairman of the Fresno County board of supervisors, and Fresno Mayor Daniel Whitehurst. Rinban Keizo Norimoto of the Fresno Betsuin gave the invocation. Fred Hirasuna was toastmaster.

Ethnic entertainment interspersed the dinner. There were Vietnamese songs, Pilipino dances, the Chinese ribbon dance and a Japanese dance by Lori Takahashi (Sanjo Kanki).

Continuing a tradition that is unique in JACL, civic officials sat with their chapter hosts at dinner. For instance:

Clovis JACL had their mayor pro-tem and local newspaper publisher as guests; Delano hosted their city manager and the recreation-park director; Fowler had its mayor present; Fresno introduced its former mayor and city councilman and the president of CSU-Fresno Dr. Harold Haack; Parlier had their high school principal and postmaster; Reedley, Sanger and Selma mayors were present as well as the newspaper publisher from Sanger and the Selma high school board president.

The afternoon panel, moderated by the KFSN-TV (30) director of news features and documentaries, Frances Reyes Acosta, delved into the interests and commonalities of the Japanese, Chinese and Filipino communities in responding to the theme: "To be an Asian woman, to be an Asian man". This was covered by local TV and shown during the evening news. Panelists were:

Rev. Livingston Chen, minister of the First Chinese Baptist Church; Donna Chiamori, Sansei teacher who is now a full-time mother; Dr. Ron Dangaran, Fresno school district official; Helen Ling, Hawaiian-born civil engineer with the U.S. Forestry Service; David Mas Masumoto, UC Davis graduate student and farmer; and Mae Morita, chairperson of Asian-Pacific Women, who co-sponsored the presentation with CCDC-JACL.

Chen, who grew up in the Philippines, said ethnic groups can co-exist well in the United States. Chiamori, noting the role of a

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Vietnam war film cited for campus melee

POMONA, Ca.—Garey High School reopened Monday, Nov. 24, with additional police patrol after it was shut down by Pomona Unified School District officials for two days this past week following racially inspired violence.

Principal Pedro Garcia said tensions increased after a Vietnam war film, "The Dear Hunter", was shown on television the night of Nov. 4. Parents of Asian students also had complained as early as Oct. 23 to school officials of physical abuse sustained by their children at several schools in the district, according to school officials.

The latest incident, according to Garcia, was started by some 30 or 40 Chicano students on the 1,800-student campus in the predominantly Hispanic neighborhood on the southside. They seemed to regard "Vietnamese as cruel and violent; look what they did to us." The day before the Thursday lunch-hour melee broke out, school officials told a L.A. Times reporter several Vietnamese students had jumped a Chicano student after school, possibly in retaliation for beating of an Asian student by several Chicanos the week before.

When the Chicano lad, his eye swollen from the fight, returned to school, school officials tried unsuccessfully to have him iden-

tify his attackers. Faculty, meanwhile, tried to calm Chicano students on campus. There were outbreaks during lunch as hundreds of student on-lookers rushing from one fight to another stirred emotions, giving rise to additional scuffles, Garcia said.

Within minutes, 20 police officers were on campus and with help from teachers, they managed to break up the fights and sent students back to class. One student suffered a minor stab wound.

Six Chicano students were arrested and Garcia has recommended they be expelled by the board of education. School Superintendent Joe Crawford told a gathering of parents, primarily Asians, Thursday night at the regular meeting of the district's multilingual advisory committee, that law and order would be maintained on the Garey High School campus and that disruptive students would be suspended and students breaking the law would be arrested and prosecuted. #

GOP challenger Shiozawa unseats Bannock chairman

POCATELLO, Idaho—In California, they are elected as county supervisors. In other western states, these officials are known as county commissioners. Republican challenger George Shiozawa knocked Bannock County chairman "Doc" Vernal Horton (D) out of power in the recent Nov. 4 general elections by a 54-48% margin.

Shiozawa and Mike Shiosaki,

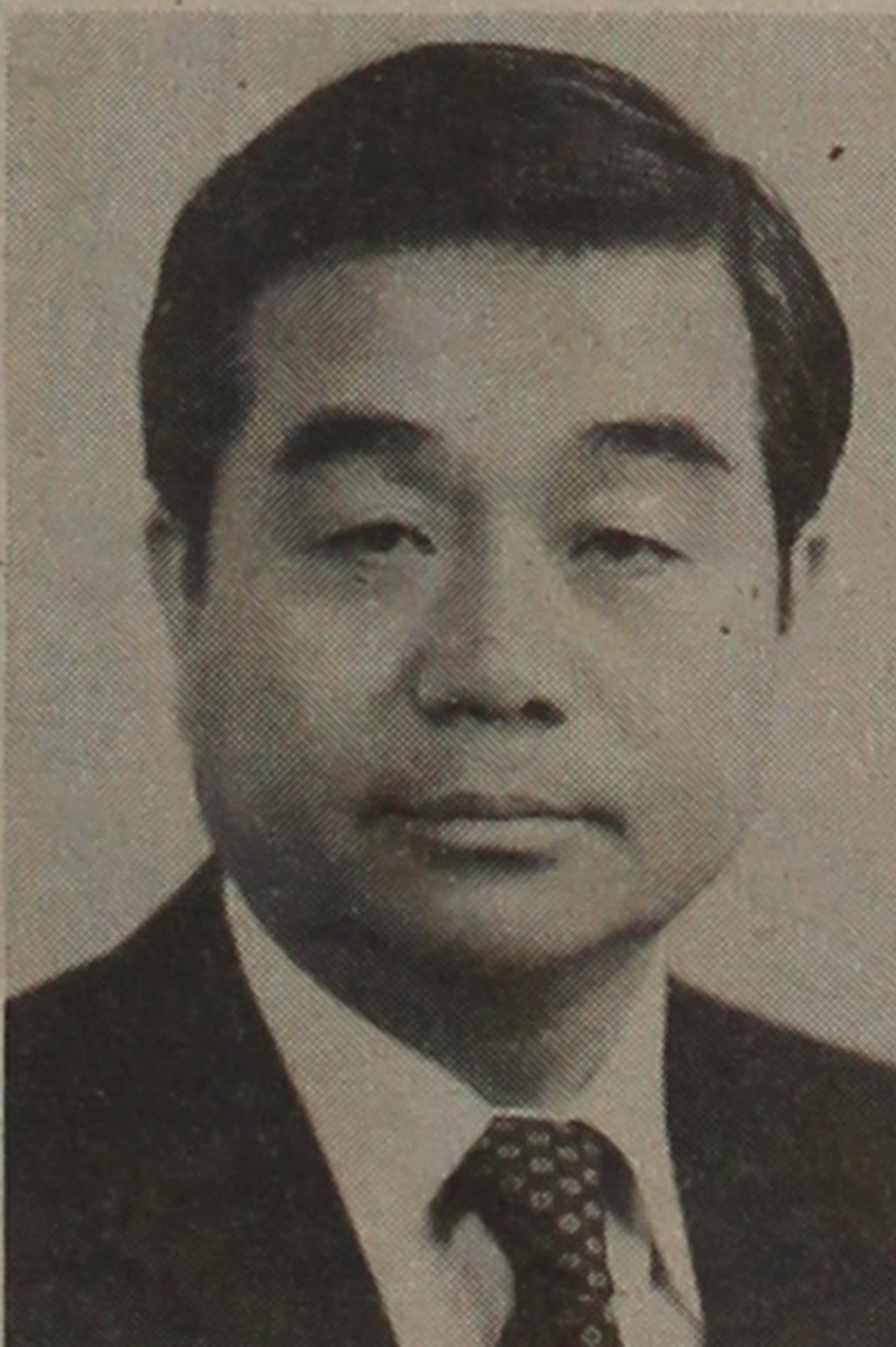
who also won his bid for sheriff of nearby Brigham county, are both members of the same Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL chapter.

Shiozawa, with 15,644 votes, took an early lead in the vote tabulations Tuesday night. But Horton did not seem worried because he expected to take two large Chubbuck precincts and the Tyhee precinct handily—but it was not to be. While Horton admitted he had not campaigned as hard, relying on campaign posters, Shiozawa went virtually door-to-door through predominantly Democratic strongholds here and his campaigners used the phones extensively.

The 66-year-old Nisei speculated his success was given an advantage by the conservative trend which appeared to benefit many Republicans throughout the nation. "People were in favor of my stands on long-range planning and on citizen involvement," Shiozawa said.

Shiozawa begins his four-year term Jan. 1. His district No. 2 is mostly urban in character. While this is his first partisan political race, he has been elected to school board races which are conducted non-partisan style. Horton had been in office only two years.

New bank head



Yasushi Sumiya, 53, was named president and chief executive officer of San Francisco-based California First Bank, succeeding Toshio Nagamura who has served in that capacity since 1978. Sumiya's 30-years in banking includes 12 years within California.

Seattle mayor picks Mamiya to muni bench

SEATTLE, Wa.—Mayor Charles Royer has appointed Ron Mamiya, 31, trial attorney and a current Seattle JACL board member, to the municipal court position being vacated Jan. 1 by Judge Charles Johnson who moves to superior court.

Mamiya's appointment requires city council confirmation and shall be up for election in the fall of 1982. The Sansei attorney, among 40 other applicants for the municipal judgeship, was interviewed by the mayor after recommendations from a merit selection committee, which included Seattle attorney Rod Kaseguma.

Mamiya prosecuted municipal court misdemeanors in Spokane before entering private practice in Seattle. He headed the International District Economic Assn. (1978-80), helped organize the Asian Law Assn., and was on the National JACL Redress Committee. #



George Shiozawa

CCDC

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full-time mother is just not at home but running around the community as well as a volunteer for this and that, wants her Yonsei family to retain their cultural heritage. Dangaran spoke for cultural pluralism as opposed to the melting pot idea. Takahashi said her cultural background offered no conflict in her everyday life and business activities. Masumoto voiced the complaint of Sansei lads who have no Sansei lasses to date.

JACL business sessions were split, beginning Saturday evening and ending Sunday noon with Stan Nagata, CCDC governor, presiding. Convention chairman Nob Doi acknowledged the cooperation of his committee and the chapters in his opening remarks. After dinner, delegates accepted the nominations committee report and elected Tony Ishii of Fresno as their next CCDC governor. The 1980 chapter presidents introduced their 1981 successors.

Three resolutions were adopted: (1) commending the Central Calif. Asian/Pacific Womens for its role publicizing the CCDC Convention by hosting a workshop panel; (2) recognizing the leadership of Yo-

shino Hasegawa, director of the Japanese American Project (Oct. 1979-Sept. 1980), San Joaquin Valley Library System; and (3) reaffirming JACL's constitutional provision of citizen membership.

Program included a slide presentation of the proposed Issei Memorial Center by Mike Iwatsubo who sees the project as the Nisei legacy to the upcoming Sansei-Yonsei generations and larger community. The three-floor structure with 10,000 sq. ft. per floor would house the JACL regional office, the Nikkei Service Center and its hot nutrition program, a community hall and rooms for other cultural pursuits. It would be situated at Kern & F Sts., where the historic but soon-to-be condemned Nippon Bldg. stands. With an estimated cost of \$2,597,969, Iwatsubo called upon chapters to assist in a campaign that would involve Central Valley Nikkei families to pledge at least a \$1,000 each (\$350 per year for three years). It was estimated there are some 1,500 Nisei families in the valley.

The West Fresno area, which has seen two new ethnic supermarkets open in the past biennium, is being redeveloped and the Issei Memorial Center would renew and bolster the scene, Iwatsubo pointed out. The two Nikkei churches are also in the immediate area as well as a Catholic church for the Chinese community.

J.D. Hokoyama, acting national director, updated JACL activities and announced National JACL President Jim Tsujimura has been invited to visit Japan in the spring to discuss development of JACL cultural programs and meet with JACLers there as well as government and business officials.

PC Editor Harry Honda looked into the future—hoping that information in the PC files would be accessible via the computer to the public and the prospect of JACL membership renewals being processed by PC when its mailing list is computerized.

Floyd Shimomura reported on JACL redress and international relations—two areas he covers as national vice president for public affairs. JACL is seeking more support from Japan toward promot-

ing Japanese cultural heritage in U.S. education, he explained, with Jim Tsujimura, national president, going to Japan in the spring. Dates for the Pan-American Nikkei conference in Mexico City have been set for July 22-28, 1981, he was advised by Chuck Kubokawa.

Other reports were made by Norman Otani, CCDC youth commissioner; Bruce Shimizu, national youth director; Robert Kanagawa, chair, Nikkei Service Center Committee; regional director Sachiye Kuwamoto; Taro Katagiri, Robert Tsubota, insurance; and Norton Nishioka, Esq., resolutions.

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Eden Township mourns loss of key person: Masako Minami

By TOMI MIYAMOTO

San Leandro, Ca.

The Eden Township JACL and community mourned the loss of one of its long-time member and staunchest supporters in the unexpected passing of MASAKO MINAMI on Oct. 30, followed by the sudden passing of her daughter, Judi Minami Santiago, on Nov. 1.

Masako was born in Wakayama, Japan, on Jan. 2, 1914, and arrived in San Francisco at the age of three months. She became a naturalized citizen after having worked long and diligently for the passage of the McCarran Act. She assisted many Issei to obtain their naturalization papers. Her entire life was spent in the Bay Area except for the war years in Topaz, Utah, and a short stay in Cleveland, Ohio.

She was the wife of George Minami, a retired carnation grower of Hayward, California, and mother of George "Sonny" Jr., the late Judi Minami Santiago, and Janet Minami Bravo.

Masako was the first local recipient of the Silver Pin presented in 1969 by the Eden JACL for outstanding service to chapter and the community and was the chapter's nominee for "Nisei of the Biennium" in 1978. She helped organize one of the earliest JACL youth organizations—AL-CO JAYS—which continues to this day as the active Eden Asian American Youths (AAYs), serving as its first advisor.

Masako annually chaired the Eden JACL Christmas program which she had originally organized some 33-years ago—a community tradition still enthusiastically anticipated by the community as the holiday season approaches.

One of the key people to help initially organize the highly successful Eden Issei Senior Center, Masako had served as its coordinator-director since June, 1972. She personally saw to the individual needs and welfare of the Issei and young Japanese immigrants beyond and outside of the JACL or Senior Center activities. She served as chapter newsletter editor since conceiving the idea some 20 years ago and handled the publicity and historian responsibilities.

She was an active participant of the International Institute of the East Bay.

Deaths

Dr. Joe Yuzuru Abe, 66, Pasadena JACLer, died Nov. 17 of heart attack. A Tokyo native and naturalized citizen, he is survived by Aki-ko (Pasadena JACL president in the late 1960s), s Joseph Eiichi, d Judith T Ishibashi, Sandra, 3 gc and sis Florence Keiko Goto.

Gov. W. Higuchi resigns PSW post

LOS ANGELES—Pacific Southwest JACL Gov. Wiley Higuchi has resigned from his post for personal and business reasons, making the announcement at the Nov. 16 district meeting here at the Little Tokyo Tower. Vice governor Dennis Kunisaki of Pan Asian assumed the office for the remainder of the term ending November, 1981.

At the same time, Cary Nishimoto, legal counsel, was appointed vice governor and Masamune Kojima, former district governor and national JACL vice president, will be legal counsel.

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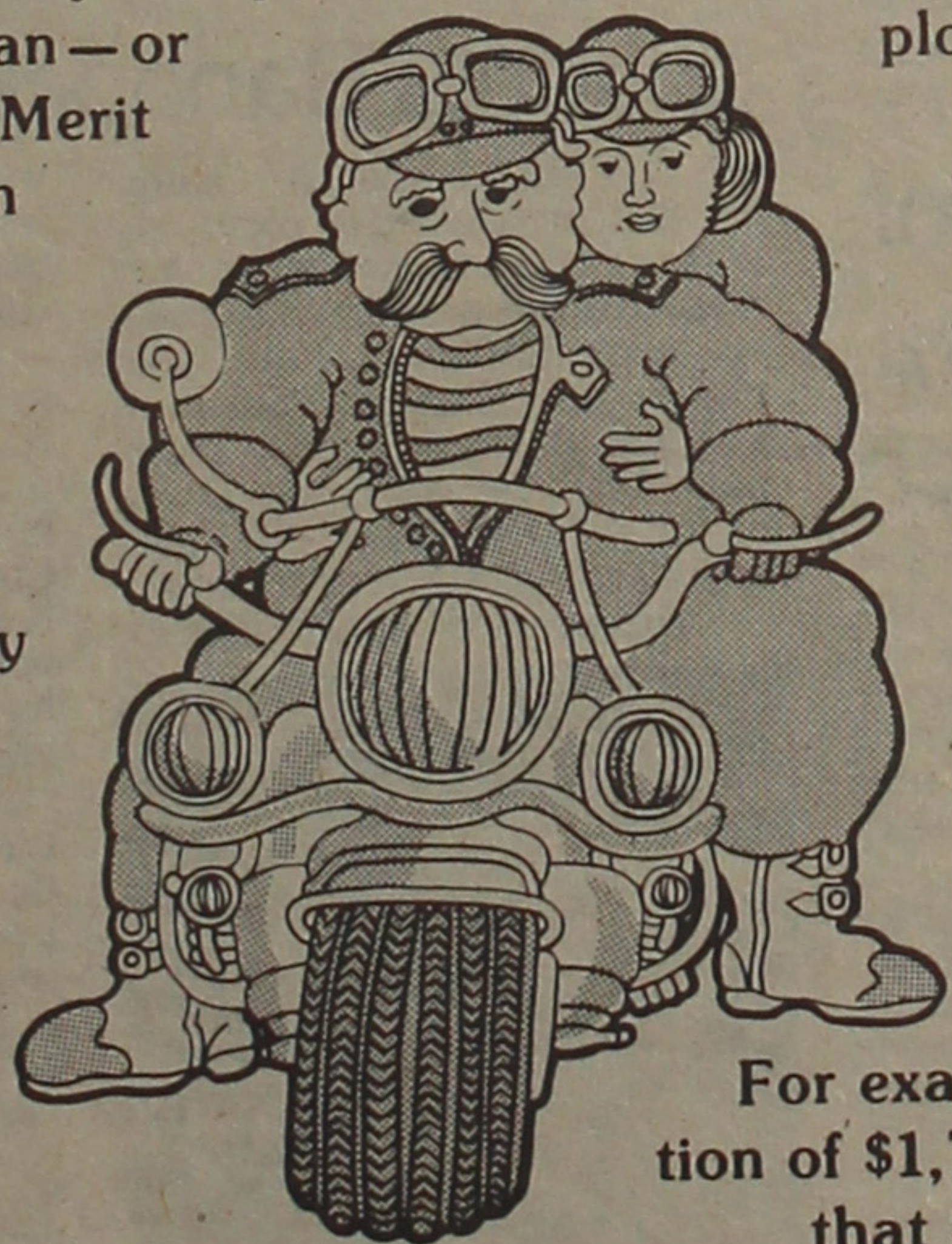
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Chapters ratify new couples memberships

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL chapters ratified by mail the Puyallup Valley JACL amendment proposing a couples memberships dues structure at \$5 less the regular national dues, it was announced Nov. 7 by George Kodama, JACL national secretary-treasurer.

Out of 115 chapters sent ballots, 79 were in favor, 5 against, 2 abstained and 29 did not vote. Of the 86 ballots returned, quorum was 58 with a majority needed to adopt.

Regular national dues for 1981 are \$22.25 single and \$39.50 couple, with one PC subscription for 12 months included. The \$5 deduction would apply if one member is a 1000 Club member and the other is not.

YES (79)

Alameda, Arizona, Arkansas Valley, Berkeley, Boise Valley, Carson, Chicago, Cleveland, Coachella Valley, Columbia Basin, Contra Costa, Cortez, Dayton, Detroit, Diablo Valley, Eden Township, Fremont, French Camp, Gardena Valley, Gilroy, Golden Gate, Greater Pasadena, Gresham-Troutdale, Hoosier, Houston, Japan, Las Vegas, Lodi, Marin County, Marysville.

Mid-Hi, Milwaukee, Monterey Peninsula, New Mexico, North San Diego, Oakland, Omaha, Pan Asian, Parlier, Philadelphia, Placer County, Portland, Puyallup Valley, Reedley.

Riverside, Sacramento, Salinas Valley, Salt Lake City, San Benito County, San Diego, San Fernando Valley, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Seabrook, Seattle, Selanoco, Sequoia, Snake River.

Alice Kasai

receives award

SALT LAKE CITY—Alice Kasai, Japanese Community Program coordinator, was recently honored by the Utah State Conference on Human Services for distinguished service to the community and to human services.

Mrs. Kasai received an Honorary Life Membership for her service to her own ethnic group, to GIs during World War II, to troubled individuals and families of all ethnic groups, and to foreign students and visitors. She was commended for the "humble, generous and resourceful way" she serves others.



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NO (5)

Florin, Hawaii, St. Louis, San Jose, Selma.

ABSTAIN (2)

Fort Lupton, New York.

JACL-Blue Shield rates going up 25% Jan. '81

SAN FRANCISCO—Because of inflation, increased hospital costs and the extraordinary high claim experience, the JACL Blue Shield group health plan rates for members will go up around 25% effective Jan. 1, 1981, it was announced this past week by John Yasumoto, health plan chairperson.

The quarterly rates will be: Single Member—\$134.80; Two-party—\$261.30 and Three-party—\$337.90 (includes the 50 cent administrative fees).

Current subscribers will be billed at the new rate by the end of this month, according to Frances Morioka, program administrator.

The major benefits or "comprehensive-type" coverage plan has reverted to an earlier system, Yasumoto said, where the first \$100 of claims for any type (hospital, surgical, office visits, out-patient X-ray, lab and prescription drugs) would be the member's responsibility. Anything over \$100 would then be paid at 80% for the first \$2,000 and then 100% thereafter in the same calendar year.

Each family has a two-deductible maximum. But any claim because of an accident would not require the \$100 deductible and would be paid at 100% up to \$500; then 80% up to \$2,000 and 100% thereafter.

The plan also provides a \$1,000,000 in benefits for each member as well as each dependent, Yoshimura said.

(The program is a \$3-million plus business, a little bit more out than in, added Yoshimura in his report to the Central California District Council at Fresno.)

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'Chinese in America' to go on tour

SAN FRANCISCO—The Chinese Culture Center's major new exhibit, "The Chinese in America, 1785-1980," will remain on display at the Center, 750 Kearny St., through Dec. 13. Hours are 10 to 5, Tuesdays through Saturdays; Fridays until 9 pm. Admission is free. The exhibit is expected to travel to St. Louis, Minneapolis, Chicago, Boston and Honolulu.

Organizations

Mae Takahashi of Fresno is president of the Central Valley Asian Pacific Women's Organization, founded in January, to establish a communications network among the Asian/Pacific women in the region, gaining visibility and accurate representation as well as advancement of the overall status of Asian/Pacific women as individuals and as a group. Also serving on the board are Karen Nishio, Mary Ann Lai, JoEllen Hanemoto and Caryn Lai.

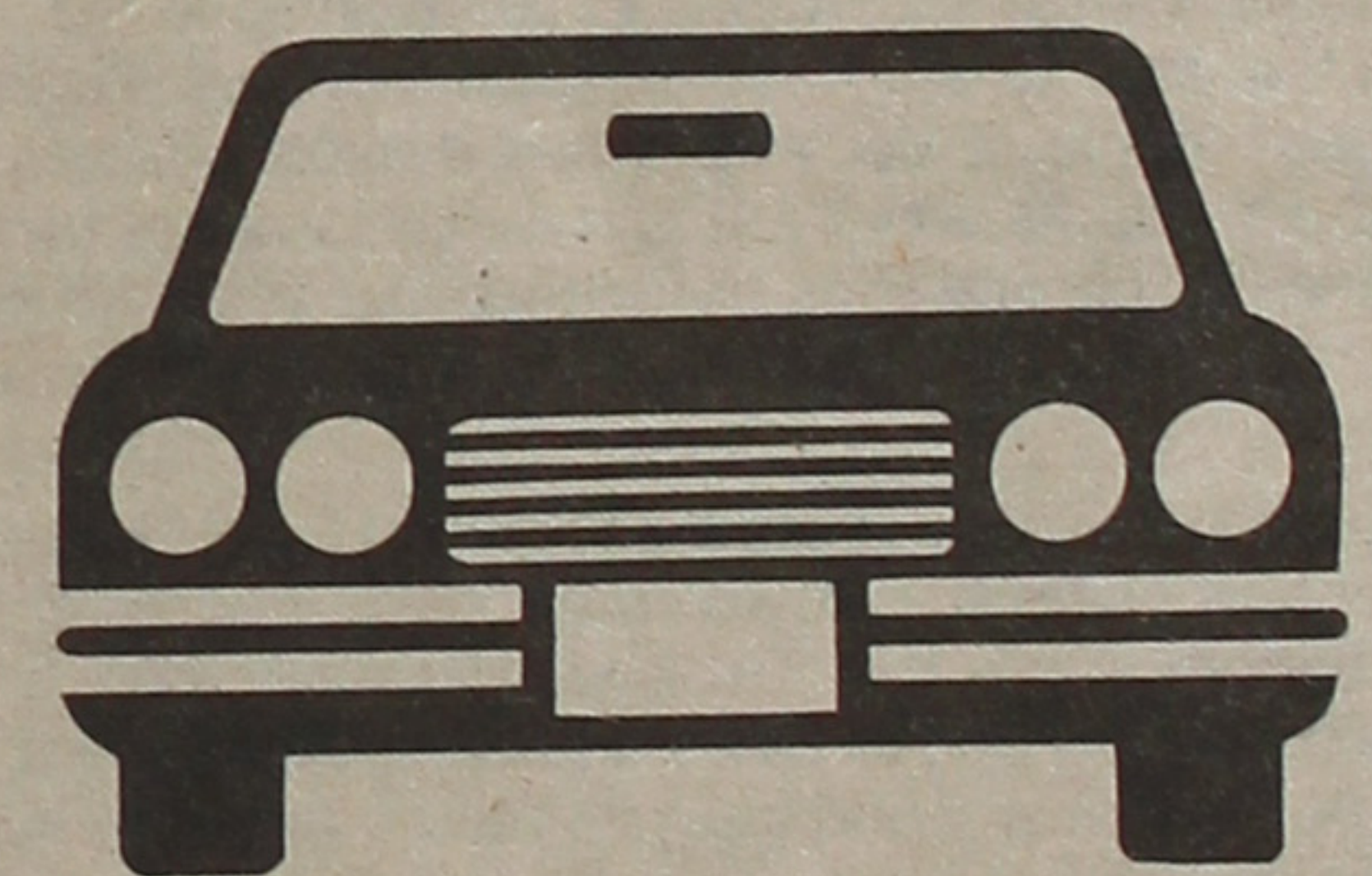
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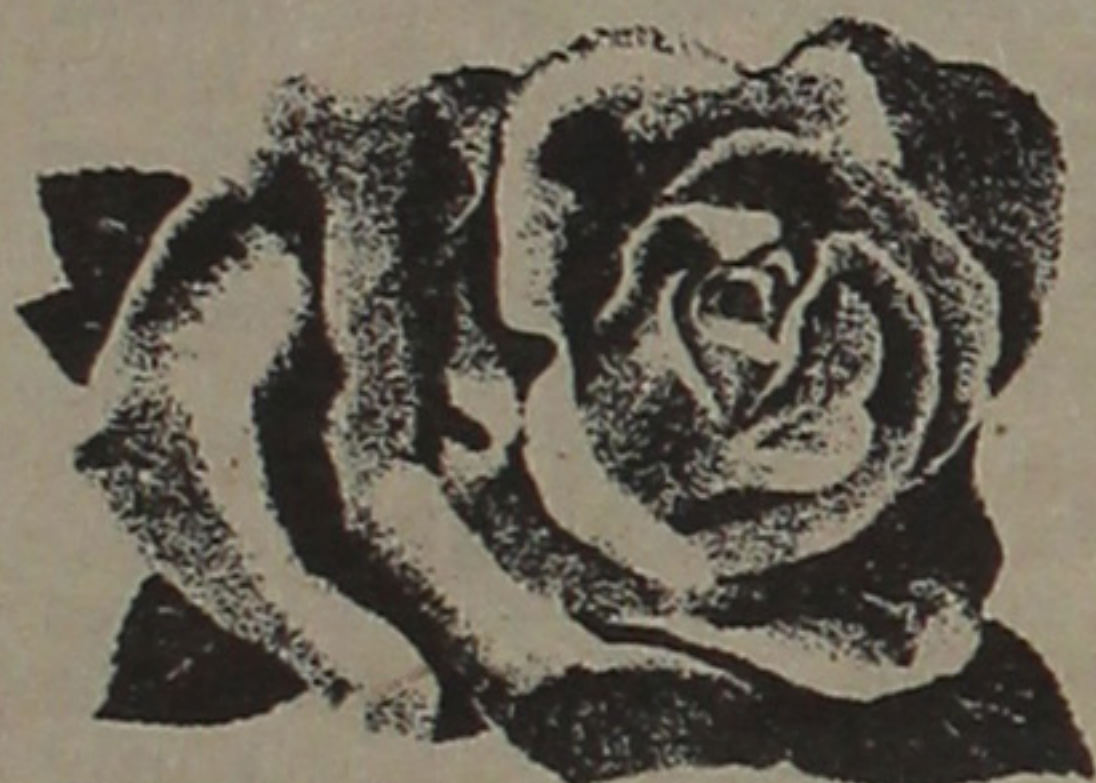
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PERSPECTIVES: by Jerry Enomoto

To the Gardeners

(Here are excerpts of Jerry Enomoto's address before the So. Calif. Gardener's Federation, celebrating its 25th anniversary Nov. 9 at the Hyatt International Hotel by the Los Angeles airport.)

I have had, in my lifetime, the unique privilege of serving in two capacities that few Japanese Americans have had the opportunity to experience. My service for two terms as the national president of the Japanese American Citizens League was not only a privilege, but broadened my experience, and helped me become a better human being. This enables me to make an early point that I feel is very important, and that is that service is a two-way street—it enriches you far more than what it takes to perform it.

In the years since my active service with JACL I have seen many changes, as well as a continuation of some of the same problems we struggled with then.

I addressed the national youth conference in Sacramento this past summer and thought in some respects that I was back in the 1960s. . . Young people still hold out expectations for JACL that they do not feel it fulfills. . . concerns were expressed about token support, and no real opportunity for input.

The reality is that JACL leadership in the last two decades has tried to attract the interest of youth, with limited success. Like many of today's problems, this is only one of a series of issues that face the JACL today. Japanese Americans, young or old, today are not a homogeneous group. . . They make up a diverse range of attitudes and values. They cannot simply be identified as "liberal" or "conservative". Young people are not all social activists, filled with zeal to change the world, . . and older Nisei are not all rigid advocates of the status quo, intolerant or insensitive to the wrongs of our society.

Regardless of where Japanese Americans today are - with their value systems, I believe that most want an organization that is credible, visible and willing to be involved in the important issues that face us all. It is interesting and significant that over the past couple of decades, when dramatic issues were absent and complaints about JACL were the loudest, membership remained stable and sometimes even increased. Some new chapters were even formed, including those in Japan and Hawaii.

I have personally been gratified to see JACL tackling some issues in recent years that it would not have touched in times past. The bottom line is that JACL is basically a human rights organization. It was born in that tradition, accomplished much for Japanese Americans, and loses its reason for existence, if it forgets that heritage.

Unfortunately it is not easy to keep the organization going with that philosophy, because it doesn't answer simply and effectively, the question: "What do we need it for?" or "What's in it for me?"

At this point in history I am firmly convinced that an organization like JACL is needed. I see disturbing indications that the considerable gains made by all minorities may be, if not reversed, at least slowed down. I do not see in our lifetime the emergence of that utopia in which differences of color and ethnic cultures are accepted fully, to say nothing about being respected. It is far too premature to conclude that we don't need a shield, because the battle is far from over.

The current big issue that some may see as a rallying point for JACL is Redress. The issue has many sides, but I feel strongly that it is a long overdue quest for justice. There should be no false pride about the goal of monetary compensation. To those who say "How can money give one back dignity?", I say that repaying victims for major losses is an integral part of our system of justice. Money never replaces lives, limbs, lost honor, or whatever. However, it is one means, however inadequate, of acknowledging the loss and making "restitution".

Recently I have noticed some controversy about the merits and demerits of the popular TV adaptation of *Shogun*. There seem to be Japanese Americans who simply viewed it as great entertainment and others who viewed it as an inaccurate and racially demeaning spectacle. We have all seen major films which, in varying degrees, distorted history and demeaned racial or ethnic groups.

One perspective on this might be that there was a time in recent United States history when such a film with its heavy Japanese theme would never have been produced, certainly not for prime time viewing. Criticism from people who are thoughtful enough to look below the surface is always healthy, but the fact that there was something to criticize may in itself be a sign of progress.

Letterbox

● For a livelier director

Editor:

With your kind permission I prefer to disagree with East Wind - Judge Marutani 100%, on his PC column of Oct. 24:

"We do not need a Madison Avenue hype-type National Director who may devote too much time issuing news releases or taping television interviews. Rather, we need someone who will mind the store, conscientiously and sensitively."

For too long now the Japanese Americans, for whatever reason, have been inclined to disappear in the woodwork.

We need a sensitive, conscientious National Director that is highly visible, articulate, eloquent and persuasive.

It would delight me greatly if the press, T.V., radio and newspaper picked up every pronouncement that the National Director uttered.

I have written a letter to the Editor in reference to the dilemma of the National Director, but unfortunately it must have been too controversial - I assume the letter was permanently filed.

I must say - I do enjoy reading his column "East Wind."

M. YAMANAKA ISEKE
Palo Alto, Ca.

We have asked for a copy of that letter, which we don't recall seeing.—Ed.

● 'Experience Project'

Editor:

I see a rash of apologies and retractions appearing in recent issues of the Pacific Citizen regarding plagiarism, copyright, authorship, etc., and I must surmise the JACL has added yet other victims to its growing list. I applaud Ms. Weglin for exposing the unsavory tactics that have become the hallmark of JACL policy. Plagiarizing from Ms. Weglin's monumental "Years of Infamy" for the JACL leadership's political aims is indeed a "legal and moral transgression", is irresponsible and exploitative. I say "leadership" because it's become increasingly clear that JACL is not an organ representative of its membership. And the Pacific Citizen does not assure us of "honest and candid reporting."

My own experience with JACL has been nothing short of a rip-off. Last year Peter Takeuchi approached Momoko Iko and me to work with him on the Japanese American Experience Project (a documentary film which he later disclosed as a JACL project) and after a hasty and trusting agreement on the terms, we consented to write for the documentary. Takeuchi (JACL) had submitted two

Another item I noted was the furore over the unfortunate piece of carelessness that led to the lack of proper acknowledgement of the material from "Years of Infamy" that was used in the JACL testimony on redress. My perspective on that incident was that it was indeed careless discourtesy and plagiarism. However I am equally sure that it was not done with malice, and happened as a result of dedicated people trying to do a job under very trying conditions, and did not call for the overexuberant criticisms that I read.

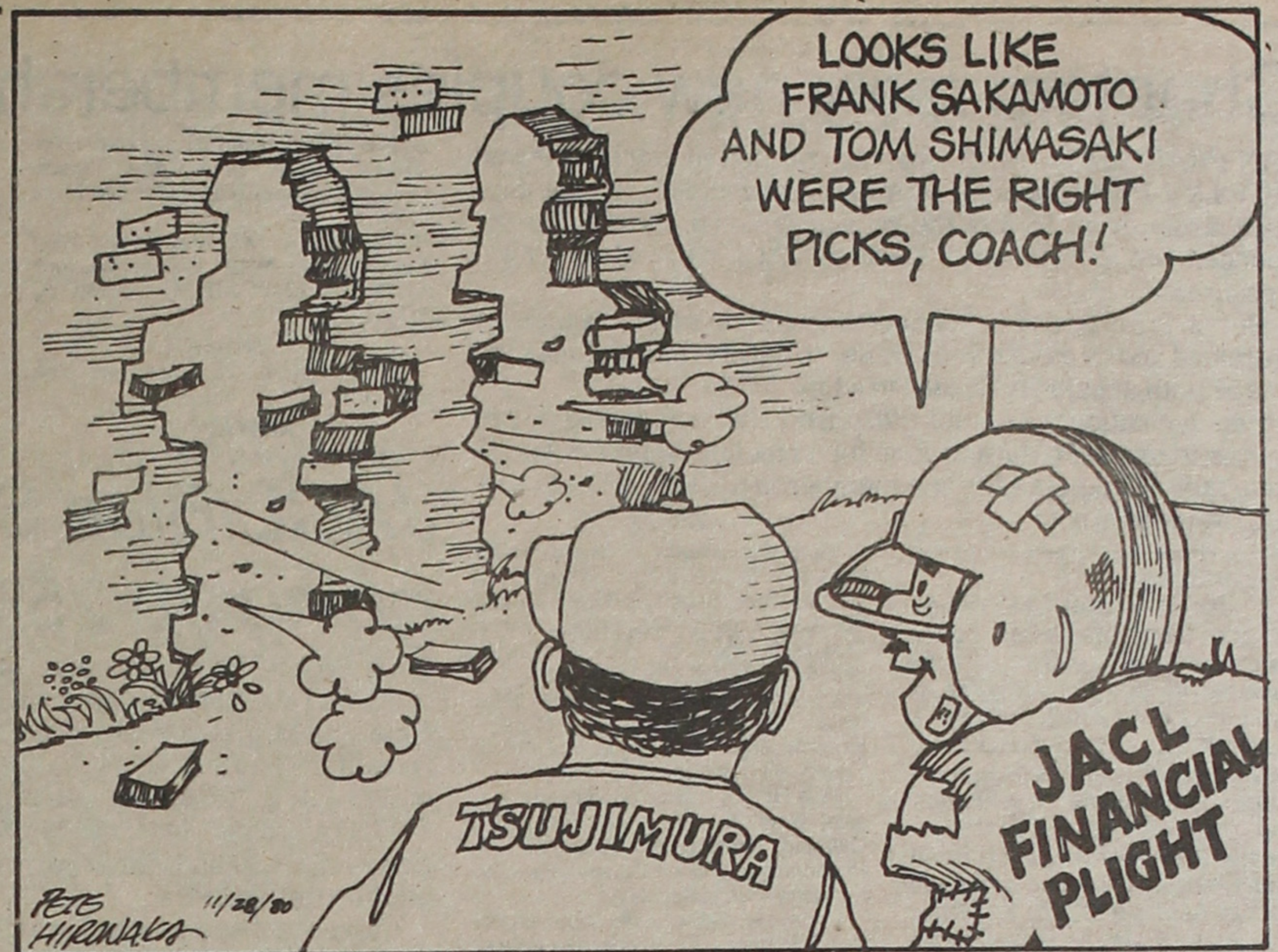
This brings me to the second experience of consequence in my life, wherein I was privileged to serve for over five years as the head of the largest state correctional system in the country. Without going into the details of what I experienced, I need to share with you the gratification that I felt at the swift and spontaneous support of the JACL, and a great number of other Asian American groups.

Legislators like Paul Bannai, Floyd Mori, Norman Mineta and Bob Matsui were quickly there to help. Unfortunately despite that help, an apparently illogical, unfair and political action stood. This may be a dramatic illustration of the reality that if you lack real political muscle, despite all the gains made, you can still end up a victim. . . my guts tell me that some people in power still believe that we will roll over and play dead, rather than stand up.

In Nihongo I think that concept is *bakani suru*, and we have come too far to allow that to happen to us. In that situation I did what I felt I had to do and walked away from it with my dignity and self respect, and without those assets you really don't have much. Yet sometimes you need more than moral victories.

I have now been in New Mexico for over five months, working for a federal agency, helping the corrections department in that state turn its troubled system around. I feel good because I have the support and respect of the people there, and am doing useful work.

Some friends have seriously suggested to me that I write a book. Since everybody today seems to do that, maybe I will. And call it "From Kept to Keeper"—From the barbed wire of Tule Lake to the stone walls of the Penitentiary of New Mexico, with stops along the way.



● Re: Wakako Yamauchi

Editor:

I would like to respond to the slanderous accusations of Wakako Yamauchi against myself and JACL. The only truths contained in her letter are that I did personally meet with her and Momoko Iko in Los Angeles last year and we did discuss their collaboration on a script for the JACL TV project. A team of TV producers, academic consultants and JACL have been planning a documentary series on Japanese Americans since 1978. In September of 1979, JACL, after one unsuccessful attempt (not two as Yamauchi states), was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH, not NEA as Yamauchi state). Conditions for the research and script development grant were that JACL identify both executive producer and screenwriter and also submit a revised budget. It is very important to understand that the grant award was not based on Yamauchi's nor Iko's names and reputations. In fact, NEH was not familiar with their work and requested that samples of their work be submitted. Yamauchi and Iko provided these to JACL. Only Iko was approved by NEH.

However, on the eve of the first meeting of producers, academic consultants and the writers in San Francisco, I received a call from the writers' agent who was supposed to be drafting a written agreement between the writers and JACL. The agent demanded that a "bonus" be paid the writers for attending this meeting, and that a "guarantee" be given that they would be the writers for all of the succeeding programs. I asked why they waited until the last minute to introduce these terms and I was told that I had "forced" the two writers into an unfair agreement. I stated that I was not in a position to pay anyone a "bonus," especially since no work had been

performed and our budget had been reduced by NEH. Also, given the nature of government grants, no "guarantees" were possible, even for myself. This was not acceptable to the agent and both writers refused to attend the initial meeting. No agreement was ever offered by the writers.

The name of another writer was submitted and approved by NEH and the project continued. There followed over the next few months a series of letters between the writers, myself, and the respective attorneys. Both writers also wrote to NEH and demanded that their names be withdrawn from the project and their videotapes returned. This was done as JACL continued to try and resolve the misunderstanding. Finally, an impasse was reached when the writers demanded payment for their services and JACL stated that no payment was due since no services had been performed. Today, the writers still claim that JACL used their names to secure the grant award. This is totally false and only serves as a convenient lie to support their inability to function in a professional manner.

What we have here is not only a failure to communicate, but a basic misunderstanding blown out of proportion into a vicious personal vendetta against JACL and myself. I question the motivation and the methods of the self-righteous individuals hurling insults and innuendoes. They should take a close look at their own behavior before accusing and convicting others. They should also try to get their "facts" straight before presenting them to the public.

Perhaps, in the future, we can put aside our "precious" self-interests and misconceptions and devote ourselves to something more creative and productive.

PETER TAKEUCHI
San Francisco, CA

Bookshelf

● Chinese Americans

SAN FRANCISCO—Conceived of as an illustrated history and catalog to accompany the Chinese Culture Foundation's major new exhibit, *The Chinese of America, 1785-1980*, this generously illustrated CATALOG: *The Chinese of America, 1785-1980* by Him Mark Lai, Joe Huang, Don Wong. (San Francisco: Chinese Culture Foundation, 1980. 98 pages; \$6.95) capsulizes 200 years of the Chinese American experience.

As with the exhibit, whose comprehensive nature is to date unparalleled, this book also has several unique aspects. Equal attention is given to each of the three main periods of Chinese American history: free immigration era, 1785-1882; exclusion era, 1882-1943; and post-exclusion era, 1943 to the present. Unique facets of the Chinese experience are explored. Chinese Americans are treated as an integral part of America.

While it is impossible to fully explore the complexities of two hundred years of the history of the Chinese of America in a mere 98 pages, this book provides an excellent summation.

● HI Boxxscore

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Berkeley	396	Sacramento	168
Carson	15	Salinas Valley	420
Chicago	84	Salt Lake City	84
Cortez	12	San Diego	336
Dayton	2	San Fern Vly	336
Downtown LA	168	San Francisco	336
East L A	252	San Jose	168
Eden Township	56	San Mateo	6
Florin	4	Seattle	196
Fowler	6	Selamoco	84
Fremont	6	Solano Cty	6
French Camp	9	Sonoma County	12
Fresno	168	South Bay	2
Gardena Vly	252	Stockton	168
Hoosier	6	Watsonville	180
Marysville	84	West L A	168
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Nov. 21 Totals: 5,477½ (88%)

ONE-LINERS

53 Boise Vly	16 Portland
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19 Dayton	24 Sonoma Cty
1 Marysville	Total: 180 (22%)
22 Pasadena	

JACL-HI PROJECT

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Redress Campaign, Good & Bad

Denver, Colo.

With reluctance, I return once again to the subject of the JACL redress campaign. I fear that the organization is locked into a strategy and whatever I or any other outsider may say will fall on deaf ears. And there are better ways to use this space than talking to myself. Yet it is difficult not to feel we are about to make some costly mistakes and it would be wrong to remain silent.

The problem stems from confusion about the goals of the campaign. Public Law 96-317, signed by President Carter, sets up a Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians to review the circumstances and impact of Executive Order 9066 in 1942. The Commission is charged with determining "whether any wrong was committed against those American citizens and permanent resident aliens" affected by the order, and to "recommend appropriate remedies."

The JACL committee's guidelines stress two related but not identical objectives of its own, not specifically encompassed in the law, in seeking recompense for the admitted injustice of the 1942 Evacuation:

1—To seek financial compensation for material loss

since this is "the American way." The amount initially mentioned, and now soft-pedaled for whatever reason, was about \$3 billion.

2—To educate the American public as to how human rights were violated in the hysteria of war, and to make certain that our country never again will commit such a wrong.

While these goals may be laudable, they are not necessarily compatible. Furthermore, the most effective strategy in seeking one objective may damage the chances of achieving the other.

But first, let's go back to the responsibilities of the federal commission. While it is required to determine whether any wrong was done, three Presidents already have acknowledged the wrong: Carter when he signed the commission bill last summer, Ford when he proclaimed Executive Order 9066 dead in 1976, and Truman when he signed the Evacuation Claims Act in 1948. On the face of the facts, chances of any objective investigation failing to find injustice are remote. JACL, speaking for Japanese Americans, has a powerful case.

JACL, however, gives the appearance of preparing to orchestrate the hearings to prove once again that a wrong was done. Why else is it going to the public with a

plea for around \$250,000 to conduct its campaign? But rather than reiterate the obvious, the need at this stage is to demonstrate there was damage that deserves recompense without making it look as though a price is being put on a sacrifice which Japanese Americans accepted at the time as their patriotic duty. The oral injustice is hardly open to question; the material loss requiring redress is more difficult to measure.

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JACL's first objective, to obtain monetary compensation for individual victims of the evacuation order, already has drawn criticism as an attempt at a rip-off. We do not necessarily agree with this criticism but it is only realistic to take note of it because as it grows more strident, as it may, it can obscure the very important second goal of educating the public.

The JACL committee's proposed budget includes a sum for purchasing advertisements in newspapers in conjunction with the Commission's hearings around the country. Such ads could serve a useful purpose if the primary objective is to inform the public about the facts of the Evacuation.

But the same ads could well create such a severe backlash to the idea of giving billions to a relatively well-off segment of the population, particularly in a time of national austerity, that the education message would be lost.

In other words, if the primary goal is money, chances of getting it would be better with a low-profile campaign such as the Indians have waged over the years. But if the chief goal is education, then the more publicity the better. The two objectives cannot be served by the same strategy; each requires a different kind of campaign. A determination of priorities needs to be made before we go farther.

The size of the proposed budget is troublesome. The case for compensation may well be confused by the act of soliciting hundreds of thousands of dollars from the measure being pushed. And nothing should be done to hurt the movement's credibility in the eyes of the commission, Congress and the public.

JACL has succeeded already in building up great expectations among Japanese Americans. It cannot afford to come away from this campaign without a large measure of success. But its chances may well be damaged by strategy shaped more by zeal and sincerity than an understanding of the realities.

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



The Phoenix Bird

Philadelphia

ALTHOUGH WE HAPPEN to reside several thousand miles away from the Pacific Coast State of California, along with other Nisei here on the East Coast, we have been following with keen interest the electoral fortunes of Asian Americans in the Golden Bear State, including no less than those of fellow Nikkei, Assemblymen Paul Bannai and Floyd Mori. And we share the sadness in that both of these public servants lost their re-election bids earlier this month. That each of them had stepped front and forward, put themselves "on the line" and had succeeded in being elected, cannot be denied. Even in defeat.

I'M NOT QUITE certain of its origin, or even that it actually exists, but within the Nikkei ethos I sense a great reluctance to risk a venture that is fraught with potential defeat—such as the electoral process, running as a candidate for office. There seems to be a cultural ethic of *mahn-ten*—striving for and getting only top grades, a well nigh impossible goal—that we are generally unwilling to expose ourselves to the risks of defeat. This is unfortunate.

THERE IS, HOWEVER, another cultural concept that we Nisei inherited from our Issei parents, known by several different terms: *doryoku*, *shimbo*, *iji*—to name a few. We have no doubt that Messrs. Bannai and Mori are fully endowed with such virtues; else they would not have entered the political arena in the first place. Of course, we Nisei by no means have a monopoly

of these qualities, for others have manifested them. Hubert H. Humphrey made several tries for the presidency, and in his losses his stature was in no way lowered; on the contrary, in defeat he grew in the eyes of the citizens. Norman Thomas, the perennial candidate on the Socialist Party ticket, engendered even greater respect notwithstanding inevitable defeat each time. The new U. S. Senator from Pennsylvania, Arlen Specter, who had lost a series of elections, demonstrated *shimbo* and *iji*, and in a state with registered voters far outnumbering his party label, won a Senate seat.

IT IS MOST unfortunate that the State of California has lost the input of Nikkei in the legislative process of that state. We trust that Paul Bannai and Floyd Mori will, like the phoenix, rise from the temporary ashes and help to rectify that situation. From the East Coast, we'll be watching. With interest. #

35 Years Ago

in The Pacific Citizen

DECEMBER 1, 1945

Oct. 18—Allied Commission on Japanese Reparations has no intention of seizing U.S. properties of law-abiding Issei aliens for reparations, assures U.S. representative Edwin W. Pauley.

Oct. 21—Stars & Stripes, Paris edition, features story of Nisei GIs in Europe and Pacific; cover girl is Betty Kagawa, sophomore at Drake University.

Oct. 27—Honolulu Star Bulletin reporter unable to discover evidence of any Nisei complicity in Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor; can't understand why people who should know better continue repeat rumors and myths.

Nov. 20—442nd veterans plan housing project, 'Cherry Vistas', near Van Nuys; 10-unit bungalow courts with gardens announced.

Nov. 21—Manzanar camp closed as final occupant leaves; WRA had announced closing for Oct. 15.

Nov. 24—First Tule Lake group (about 1,000 repatriates) leave for Japan aboard USS Randall. (At least 8,794 Nikkei, including 3,594 renunciants at Tule Lake, being deported to Japan, Justice Dept. official tells Congress.)

Nov. 25—Poston camp closes 6 days before scheduled as last 50 families depart for California.

Nov. 26—'California problem' being resolved, state social welfare director assures Gov. Warren. ('Calif. problem': giving public aid to returning evacuees, chiefly in housing.)

Nov. 26—Salt Lake Nisei (Jiro Sugihara, 24) found guilty in draft violation trial; refused to report for Army induction from Topaz camp.

Nov. 28—Six Nisei GIs killed, 16 hurt in Army plane crash near Auburn, Ca.; all Nisei passengers were 442nd veterans enroute home to Hawaii.

Hartnell College garden beautified

SALINAS, Ca.—The Hartnell College landscape has been enhanced with a Japanese Garden, thanks to Japanese Americans responding to the Salinas Valley JACL call earlier this year to contribute muscle, tool and time Sunday after Sunday since the first of August. A dedication was planned Nov. 2.

Over \$3,000 was raised to purchase garden beautification supplies. Another \$1,500 is needed, the chapter said.

■ All sweet things quickly bring satiety.—Macrobius.

BY THE BOARD: by Vernon Yoshioka

Membership

San Diego

It's time to begin the JACL Membership for 1981. Each chapter membership chairperson will soon receive material from National Headquarters, including a 5 page "How to" campaign manual. We have a new black and white picture brochure describing



JACL which is aimed at new membership. The intent this year is to encourage personal contact by having each JACL member pass the brochure on to a friend.

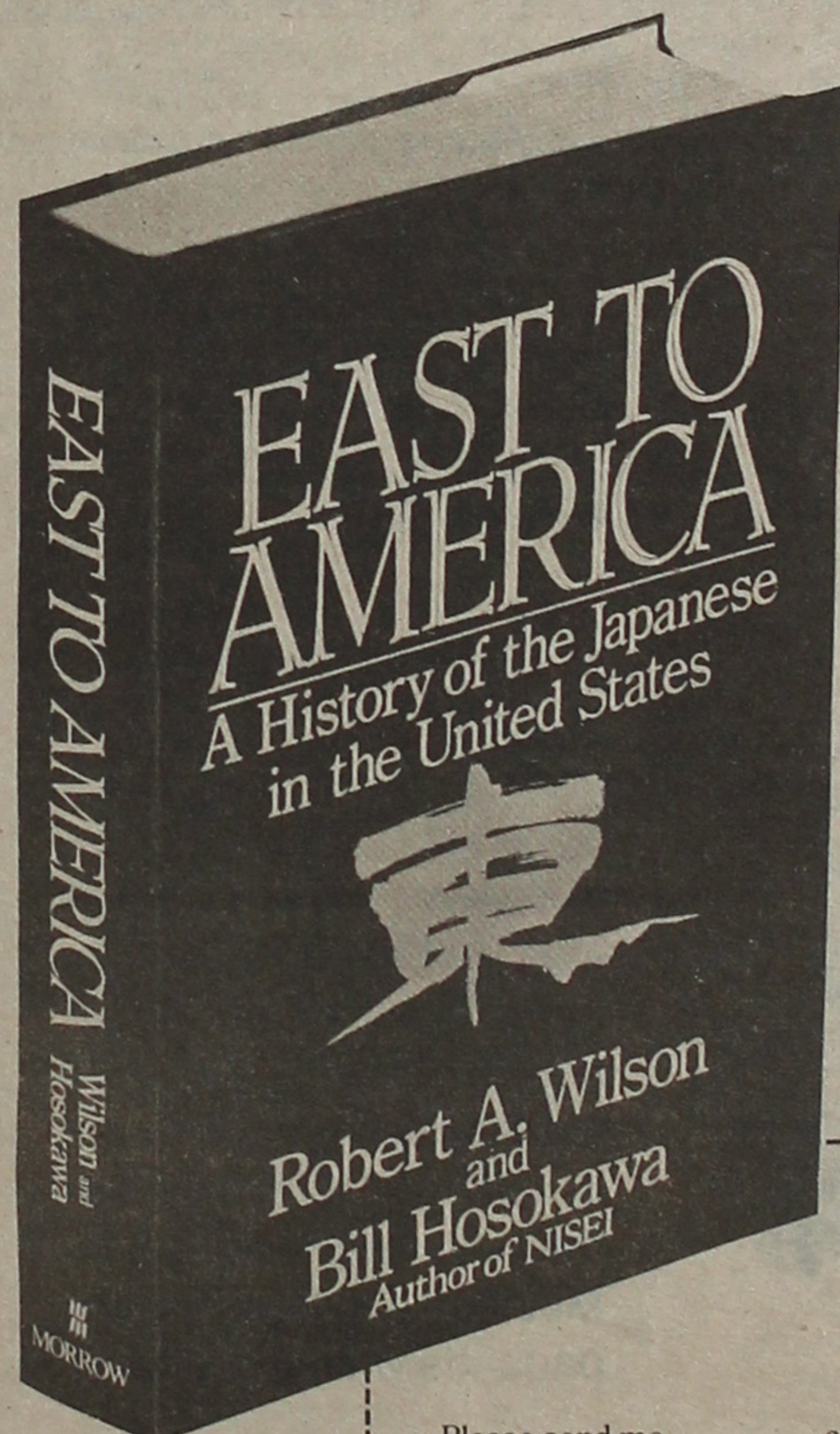
The easiest way to increase our membership is to get a family member to join (spouse, parent, child, etc.). In addition to the reduced membership dues for spouses, there is a \$2.00 discount for chapters on each new member. A new member is anyone who was not a member in 1980, regardless of past history.

JACL is presently engaged in the issue of Redress. We know that JACL is responsible for getting this issue through Congress with the help and support of our legislators. Mr. Edison Uno, who I remember as the conscience of JACL, said although it had many shortcomings our organization was the only one that could make redress a reality. We need to show that JACL is a viable organization and is addressing real concerns. We can demonstrate to the nation our community concern with a growing membership roster.

We need to realize that at present, the only source of JACL income is from our dues. Since the membership has not grown, the dues have gone up to cover increases of expenditure due to inflation. If we are successful in our membership campaign then the dues can be held or reduced in the future.

Finally, we have been accused of being an elitist organization and we have no data to refute that charge. On the new membership applications and renewal forms we are asking two additional questions—age group and occupation. We need to develop a profile of our organization, so that we can begin to broaden our recruitment.

In conclusion I am asking four things of you—your age group, your occupation, your help in spreading JACL's name, but most of all your membership.



• Many subscribers are purchasing copies of "East to America" for their friends or family members in distant parts. By simply filling out order coupon with the name & address of the recipient, JACL-JARP will ship those copies with the inscription "Gift from _____" on the address label. With the thought of the approaching Holiday season, "East to America" will be an ideal and welcome gift. People intending to make these gifts are urged to send in their orders NOW. Well in advance, of the congested postal season.

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Special Price with coupon: \$11 ppd

• Also cash & carry at all JACL Offices and Pacific Citizen.



FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: John Saito

Fund Raisers

I am probably not much different than a great many people in this area. It appears that just about the beginning of the holiday season my mail, both at the office and at home, gets heavy with solicitations for fund raising, receptions and testimonials.

Our family works on a tight budget. I make sure that the necessities, i.e., mortgage, car, tuition and utilities payments are set aside before any other spending is done. I don't know how my wife does it, but she is still on the same food budget that we revised 5 years ago. A family dinner out usually means sitting down for a Big Mac or a Quarter Pounder. For the price that I have to pay at MacDonalds I can almost go and enjoy a family outing at a Chinese restaurant. I still think that a Chinese dinner is still the best deal in town.

Therefore, whenever there is a fund raising event coming up I have to plan a little cutting here and there to have a few extra bucks for the evening.

One of the last events I attended I was prepared to reciprocate at the bar and buy a round of drinks but district board member Mike Mitoma said "John, put your wallet away, anyways the moths might fly out of your wallet," to which I retorted "Thanks Mike, I didn't want to part with my silver certificates anyhow."

Many fund raisers expect visibility on the part of JACL and visibility means money.

There is no way in which you can graciously say I can't attend or I can't afford it.

I have been fortunate on occasions because the district or chapters have paid the way for me but there are times when I have to pay my own way and that puts me on the same level as the rest of the membership.

My only regret is that the cocoons in my wallet will never have a chance to become moths.

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Chapter Pulse

San Francisco

San Francisco JACL will have its annual dinner meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m. at the House of Prime Ribs, 1906 Van Ness.

Tri-Valley

The Tri-Valley JACL will hold a Dessert Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 12, at Country Club School, 7534 Blue Fox Way, San Ramon from 7:30-10 p.m.

Community Service Chairperson Ken Kurata announced at a recent board meeting that the members of the Chapter unanimously voted to donate \$1,000 to the East Bay Housing Project. These funds were raised from the sales of the annual Teriyaki Box Lunch held each spring.

The Installation Dinner for 1981 officers of the Tri-Valley JACL is to be held on Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Willow Tree Restaurant in Dublin.

Dr. Nakashima heads NC-WN-PDC

LODI, Ca.—San Francisco JACL Dr. Yosh Nakashima succeeds Ben Takeshita of Contra County JACL as district governor of the recently expanded Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council. A dentist by profession, Nakashima is a member of the San Francisco county planning commission.

The election took place Nov. 9 at the close of the fourth quarterly session hosted by Lodi JACL at the New Yorker Coffee Shop here. Also elected were:

William Nakatani (Contra Costa), vg; Jan Y. Kurahara Jr. (San Jose), sec; Beatrice Kono (Berkeley), treas; new bd memb—Ted Inouye (Fremont), Mats Murata (French Camp), Fred Nagata (Lodi), Nori Tashima (Liv-Merced), Tad Hirota (Berk) 1000 Club. National redress chair John Tateishi summarized committee

activities since the Convention and added a revised redress guideline would be distributed to chapters. He also believed it was unwise to ask for direct monetary compensation as advocated by National Coalition for Redress and Reparations Committee. "It is futile and self-defeating," Tateishi explained. He said studies are being prepared on the sociological, psychological as well as economic impact of Evacuation and incarceration, that may be a basis for a class action suit.

Special reports were made by nat'l v.p. for membership services Vernon Yoshioka of San Diego, ways & means chairperson Tom Shimasaki of Tulare County, and James Murakami, past nat'l president who is chairing the personnel search and evaluation committee.

Yoshioka cited personal contact

cor secs; Jeanne Otake, treas; Grant Takikawa, hist; Adair Takikawa, pub.

PARLIER JACL

Robert Okamura, pres; James Kozuki, 1st vp; Tom Takata, 2nd vp; Kengo Osami, rec sec; James Goishi, cor sec; Tad Kanemoto, treas; Nob J. Doi, del; Bill Tsuji, social; James Goichi, schol; Tad Kanemoto, insur; Nob J. Doi, athletic.

REEDLEY JACL

Tim Kurumaji, pres; George Ikuta, 1st vp; Dale Okamura, 2nd vp; Diane Kubota, rec sec; Carol Hida, cor sec; Kurtis Koga, treas; Dennis Ikuta, 1000 Club; Ken Sunamoto, insur; Sam Masumoto, pub-hist; Lilyan Kiyomoto, Alice Mori, women's active; Stan Ishii, Sam Nakagawa, dels; Stan Hirahara, memb.

SANGER JACL

Tom Moriyma, pres; Harry Adachi, 1st vp; Larry Tange, 2nd vp; Kazuo Komoto, rec sec; Ben Yamamoto, treas; Ben Nakamoto, cor sec; Larry Tange, del; Tom Nakamura, alt del.

SELMA JACL

Kiyo Yamamoto, pres; Tak Tsutsui, 1st vp; George Tokunaga, rec sec; Tak Tanimoto, cor sec; Mits Shiroyama, treas; Larry Hikiji, insur.

TULARE COUNTY JACL

Maude Ishida, pres; Kay Hada, vp; Jun Hatakedda, rec sec; Doug Yamada, treas; Kay Hada, memb; Robert Ishida, schol; Jun Hatakedda, pub-hist; Jim Nishimine, Dinuba rep; Sam Hiyama, Orosi rep; Ralph Ishida, Lindsay rep; Jack Sumida, Visalia rep.

Calendar Non-JACL Event

- NOV. 29 (Saturday) Milwaukee—Gen mtg, Folk Fair resale, Int Instit, 7:30pm.
- NOV. 29 (Saturday) *Marysville—35th NC YBL Conf, Buddhist Church; George Takei, keynote spkr.
- NOV. 30 (Sunday) Boise Valley—Family bowling party, Nampa Bowling Ctr, 1-6pm.
- DEC. 1 (Monday) Milwaukee—Bd mtg, Ed Jonokuchi's res, 7:30pm.
- DEC. 2 (Tuesday) San Francisco—Dnr mtg, House of Prime Ribs, 6:30pm.
- DEC. 4 (Thursday) Puyallup Valley—Gen mtg, Tacoma Buddhist Ch, 7:30pm.
- DEC. 5 (Friday) Cleveland—Bd mtg.
- DEC. 6 (Saturday) Contra Costa—Bd appreciation night.
- DEC. 6 (Saturday) Arizona—Christmas party.
- DEC. 6 (Saturday) Boise Valley—AAUW Holiday Fair (2da), Coll of Idaho SU Bldg, 10-5pm, fr 1pm Sun.
- DEC. 6 (Saturday) Chicago—36th anny Inaugural, Orrington Hotel, Evanston, 5:30pm; Rep Robert Matsui, spkr.
- DEC. 6 (Saturday) Contra Costa—Holiday party.
- DEC. 6 (Saturday) Dayton-Cincinnati—Inst dnr, Alex's Continental Restaurant.
- DEC. 6 (Saturday) New York—Holiday Faire, J.A. United Church, 12n-8pm.
- DEC. 6 (Saturday) Seabrook—Sr cit apprec night, Buddhist Hall, 6pm.
- DEC. 6 (Saturday) Selanoco—Annual mtg, potluck sup; Rio Hondo College fac dng rm; Mitsuye Yamada, spkr.
- DEC. 6 (Saturday) *Los Angeles—SoCal Soc of Japanese Blind Christmas party, Taix Restaurant, 11am-2pm.
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- DEC. 7 (Sunday) Milwaukee—Christmas party, Mitchell Park Pavilion, 1:30-4:30pm.
- DEC. 8 (Monday) Alameda—Bd mtg, Buena Vista United Methodist Church, 7:30pm.
- DEC. 8 (Monday) Las Vegas—Election mtg.
- DEC. 8 (Monday) West Los Angeles—Dnr mtg, old & new board.
- DEC. 9 (Tuesday) Stockton—Gen mtg, Cal First Bank, 7:30pm.
- DEC. 10 (Wednesday) *San Francisco—Parent-Youth mtg, Sumitomo-Geary Office, 7:30-9pm; "Tell It Like It Is"
- DEC. 10 (Wednesday) San Luis Obispo—Dnr mtg, John Saito, spkr.
- DEC. 12 (Friday) Watsonville—Inst dnr, Sea Scape Restaurant, Aptos.
- DEC. 12 (Friday) Tri-Valley—Christmas party, Country Club Sch, Dublin, 7:30pm.
- DEC. 12 (Friday) *Los Angeles—Conference on Asn Immigration (2da), USC's Davidson Ctr.
- DEC. 13 (Sunday) Philadelphia—Christmas party, Woodland Presbyterian Ch, 2-7pm.
- DEC. 14 (Sunday) Pocastello—Mochitsuki, 9am.
- DEC. 14 (Sunday) West Los Angeles—Auxy Christmas party, Yamato Restaurant, 8pm.
- DEC. 17 (Wednesday) San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyterian Ch, 8pm.
- DEC. 19 (Friday) Contra Costa—CARP mtg, East Bay Free Meth Ch, El Cerrito, 8 pm.

he believed other programs at the chapter-district level, such youth leadership conference being planned this summer, need to be developed.

Prospects of an early formation of JACL political action committee were doomed with JACL having recently elected under the Internal Revenue Service code to step up lobbying activities but not jeopardizing its exempt status, legal and program director Lorrie Inagaki said, responding for Dr. Jim Tsujimura, national president. (Some JACLers said the time had come for a JACL-PAC be formed at the Sacramento level in wake the defeat of Assemblymen Floyd

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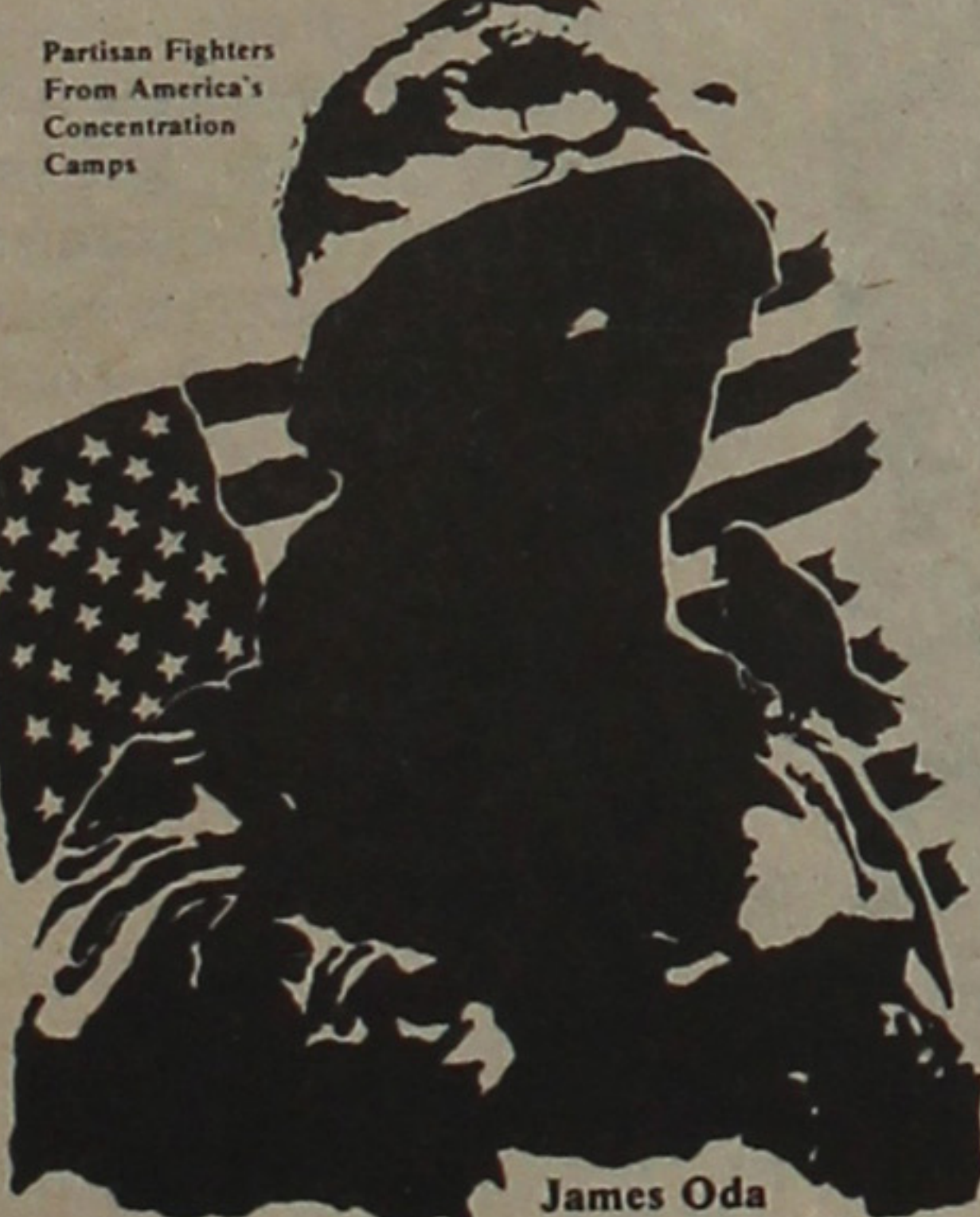
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• Honors

Posthumous award of the Fourth Order of the Rising Sun was authorized by the Japanese government for the late **Ken Kiyoto Nakaoka** of Gardena, who was 59 years old at the time of death of brain hemorrhage Aug. — The Gardena realtor and one-time Gardena mayor-councilman is the third California Nisei to be decorated posthumously, the late Sabu-

ro Kido and George Inagaki having preceded.

Yukio Sekino, 73, president of the Nichibei Kai, San Francisco, was awarded the 5th Order of the Sacred Treasure, the Japanese decoration issued on Culture Day, recognizing his efforts and leadership in the community.

• **Government**
Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Cal.), 70,

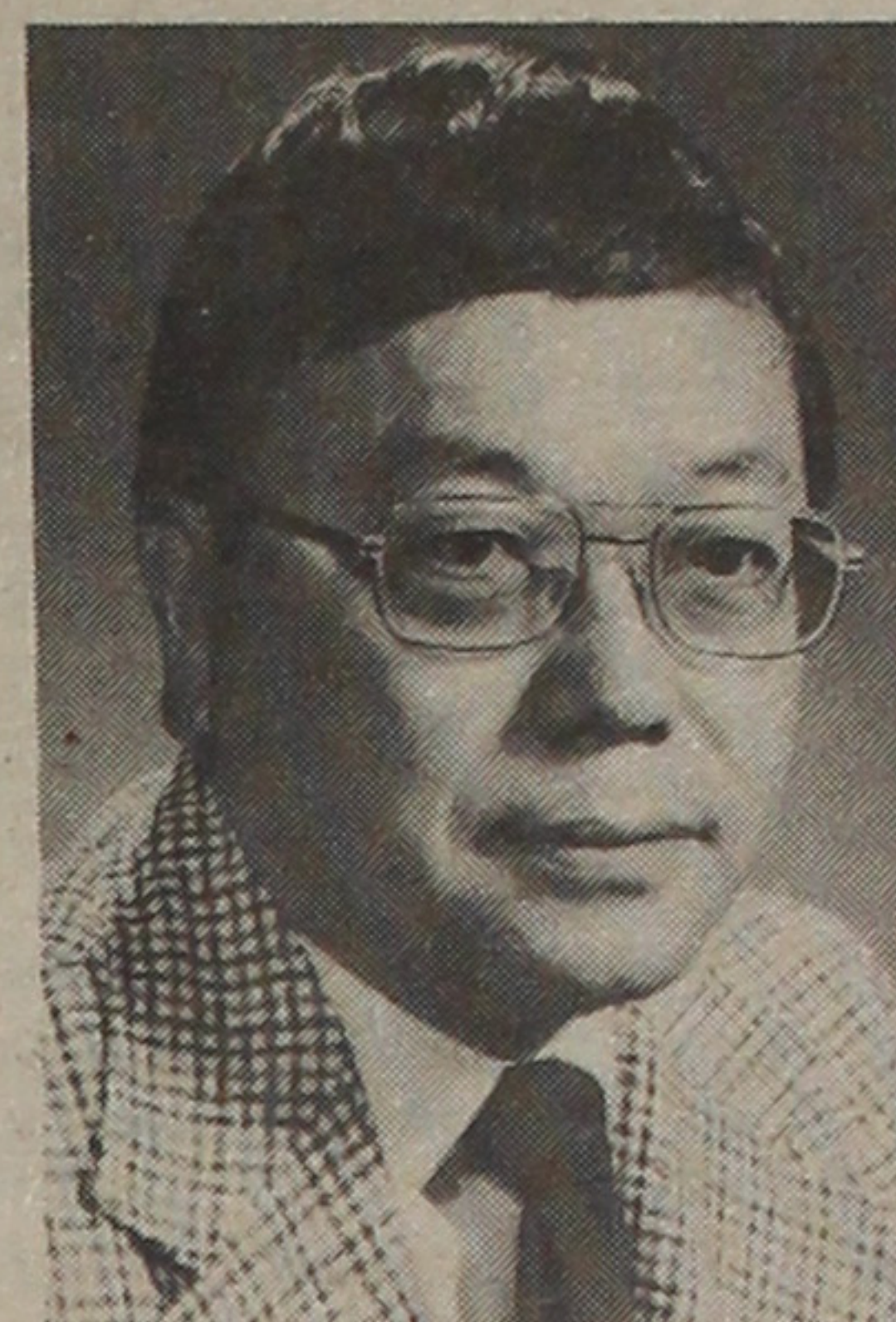
as a result of the new Republican majority in Senate, has expressed interest in chairing an Agriculture subcommittee chairmanship on nutrition, headed by Sen. McGovern (D-S.D.) who was defeated. It has policy control over food stamp legislation. Were it not for his senior ranking colleague, Sen. Jesse Helms (R-S.C.), Hayakawa could claim chairmanship of the full Agriculture Committee. The Senator accompanied his 96-year-old mother, Otoko, visiting from her home in Japan, to have her visa status changed to permanent resident at the San Francisco immigration office. She has been staying at his Mill Valley home for the past two years since the death of her husband.

• Military

MIS veteran **Hiro Mayeda** of Nisei Post 88, American Legion, Chicago, spoke to hospitalized veterans Nov. ... at the Lakeside Veterans Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. He was one of several speakers on the Veterans Day Observance Program and related the unique story of Nisei G.I. men who per-

formed a very special kind of military intelligence service throughout the Pacific and China-Burma-India theater of war in World War II, as well as in the occupation of Japan after V-J Day.

First Asian named to top Lutheran post



Dr. Charles Matsumoto

INDIANAPOLIS—Dr. Charles Matsumoto of Indianapolis, was elected to the Executive Council of the Lutheran Church in America, the highest governing body of the church. He is the first Asian-American to be elected to this council.

Born in San Jose, Ca., Matsumoto is a graduate of San Jose State University and holds a Ph.D. degree from the Univ. of Washington. He is married to the former Mary Y. Nakagawa of Seattle. They have one son, Gregg, 14.

In addition to his membership on the Executive Council, Dr. Matsumoto is also a member of the Board of Directors of Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio. He is employed as a medical research administrator by the Lilly Research Laboratories.



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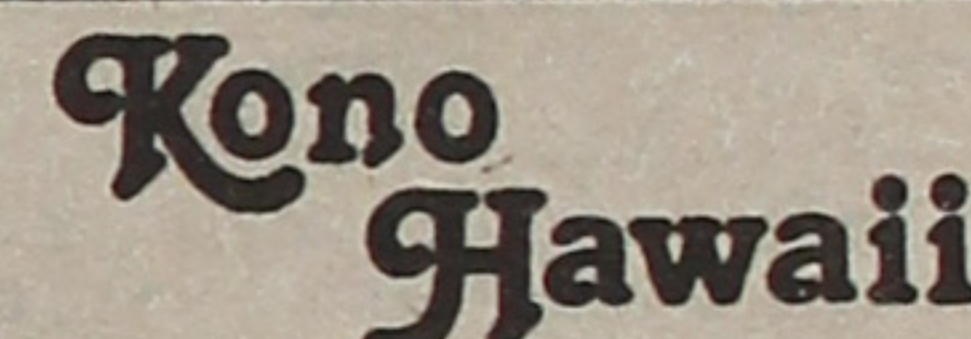
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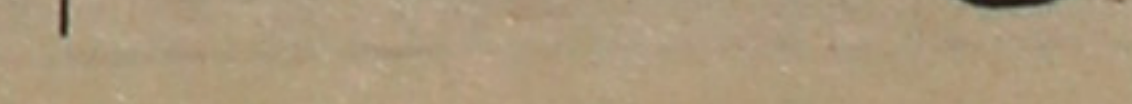
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My Father the Actor

By SOJI KASHIWAGI

San Francisco
"Hey dad, can I have your autograph?" I asked before he flew down to Los Angeles to attend the premiere of Visual Communications' *Hito Hata: Raise the Banner* in which he has a featured role.

"Sure," he said smiling. He took my pen and paper, scribbled something and handed it back. "Wow, an autograph from a REAL movie star," I said jokingly. On the paper in sloppy script, he had written, "autograph."

Hiroshi Kashiwagi: Nisei, born in Sacramento, grew up in Loomis, playwright, poet, actor, librarian, San Franciscan, and now—a movie star? He may think he's someone big, but around our house he's just plain ole "dad," subject to complaints, criticisms, and put-downs from the family.

Dad's an even-tempered man most of the time, but when he does get mad—watch out. I try to steer clear of him when this happens. Besides being a father to us, he's also a father to

his plants. Our house is like a jungle! He waters, cares for, and babies all his plants—including three in the bathroom. He also enjoys reading (along with writing) and has an interesting collection of caps and hats. He's always wearing a cap. I don't know why—maybe he's trying to cover a bald spot. No.

In *Hito Hata*, he plays an elderly Issei bachelor named Tatsumi who is a good friend of the main character, Oda, played by Mako. Through a series of flashbacks they relive their lives in America while trying to cope with their present lives in Little Tokyo.

When dad went down to Los Angeles for the first shoot, I said, "What's a Hito Hata?" All I knew was that it was a movie and he had some kind of a part. He went down three times for four shoots, a total of eight days.

He'd come home tired but enthusiastic about his new experience. This was his first movie. "I'm going to have to go down again," he said after the first trip. "They're building up my part," he said proudly.

'Hito Hata' to show Dec. 6 at S.F.'s Palace of Fine Arts

SAN FRANCISCO—*Hito Hata: Raise the Banner*, a feature length film presented by the Northern California Friends of Visual Communications will be shown on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Palace of Fine Arts Theatre. A no-host reception at 7 p.m. will precede the 8:30 showing.

"Hito hata," meaning "to raise a single banner," was a common expression used by Issei (first generation Japanese immigrants) when they first came to this country. In old Japan only samurai and the wealthy could fly flags and banners. Driven by poverty from Japan, Issei came to America hoping to make enough money to raise banners of their own. For most, these dreams were never realized and America became their home.

For various reasons, many of these early Issei pioneers were forced to remain single. Being poor and lacking families, their lives are still largely unknown and unrecognized. Though not successful in the economic sense these men helped build America and are part of the great Japanese American legacy.

Starring actor and director Mako, *Hito Hata* tells the fictional story of Oda, a bachelor Issei, living out his days in a Little Tokyo hotel in Los Angeles. Like all inner city neighborhoods, Little Tokyo is undergoing modernization and redevelopment. For an old man like Oda, such change along with old age and ill-health impel him to review his life. Using the technique of flashback, *HITO HATA* depicts Oda's life, experiences common to many Japanese Americans.

The proceeds from this San Francisco premiere will go to help offset the \$100,000 debt Visual Communications has incurred to produce the film.

As a non-profit educational, Asian American corporation based in Los Angeles, Visual Communications is continually dependent upon funding from a wide variety of sources.

For information or premiere tickets, call (415) 387-4271, or write: No. Calif. Friends of Visual Communications, 766 Spruce St., San Francisco, Ca. 94118.

Nipponjin cool on gaijin spouses

TOKYO—The most recent Prime Minister's Office survey of 2,388 Japanese found 37.6% would object to a member of their family marrying a foreigner and another 10% said it would depend on the foreigner's nationality. But 46.6% said they have no objections if a foreigner lived in their neighborhood or wished to become a naturalized citizen.

At least 80% approved foreign students, journalists and tourists coming to Japan, yet 63.6% were not interested in befriending them.

The foreign community in Japan includes 21,500 Americans—exclusive of 45,900 military personnel and their 33,000 dependents.

Entertainment

Sansei dancer, song-writer and singer (Joanne) Nobuko Miyamoto, accompanied by Benny Yee at the piano, was featured at the Cypress (Ca.) College Women's Re-entry Program recently. Highlight was the 1911 poem, "Mountain Moving Day Is Coming", which Nobuko premiered in August at the National Asian Pacific Women's Conference in Washington.

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Mori and Paul Bannai.) Gilroy delegate Lawson Sakai introduced Manabu Saito's well-known flower paintings as a chapter fund-raiser.

Several district constitutional revisions were adopted:

1—A parliamentarian to be appointed by the governor; 2—Constitution and Study/Revision to become a permanent committee; 3—conformance of district constitution to the newly adopted JACL National Constitution; 4—adding Honolulu and Japan chapters into the district and changing the district council's title; 5—that a 2/3 majority vote of chapters be required to amend by-laws.

Among district policies adopted were:

(a) Pro-rating travel expenses to Tri-District Conference official representatives attending; (b) offering \$100 prizes to chapters either showing the greatest percentage of growth or greatest number of membership increase; (c) a 50¢ chapter rebate for each new member acquired in 1981, (d) and a variety of recommendations regarding 1000 Club life memberships. One proposes that from 1982, a life member would make a one-time \$1,000 contribution, which would be placed in special trust with

One thing most people don't know about dad is that he has an enormous ego. He thrives on attention, whether it be through his writing or his acting. "I don't put it on unless it's for an audience," he says. At home, he has an audience of four—me, my two brothers, and my mom. He usually grabs center stage after dinner telling us how "great" it is to be in the movies.

When he gets out of hand (talking too much about himself) my mom has this quick but effective ploy, "Dad, go throw out the garbage." That puts him right in his place. "There seems to be a lot of garbage lately," he says.

October rolled around and by now everyone in the family knew what *Hito Hata* was, what Visual Communications had done, and who Tatsumi was. He had told us enough times. October 26th was the date of the L.A. premiere. Instead of renting a tuxedo, he bought one. He says he'll be wearing it to other gala events in the future. I think it's going to collect dust in the closet.

To make sure everything was right he tried on his new tux the night before he left. "Looks

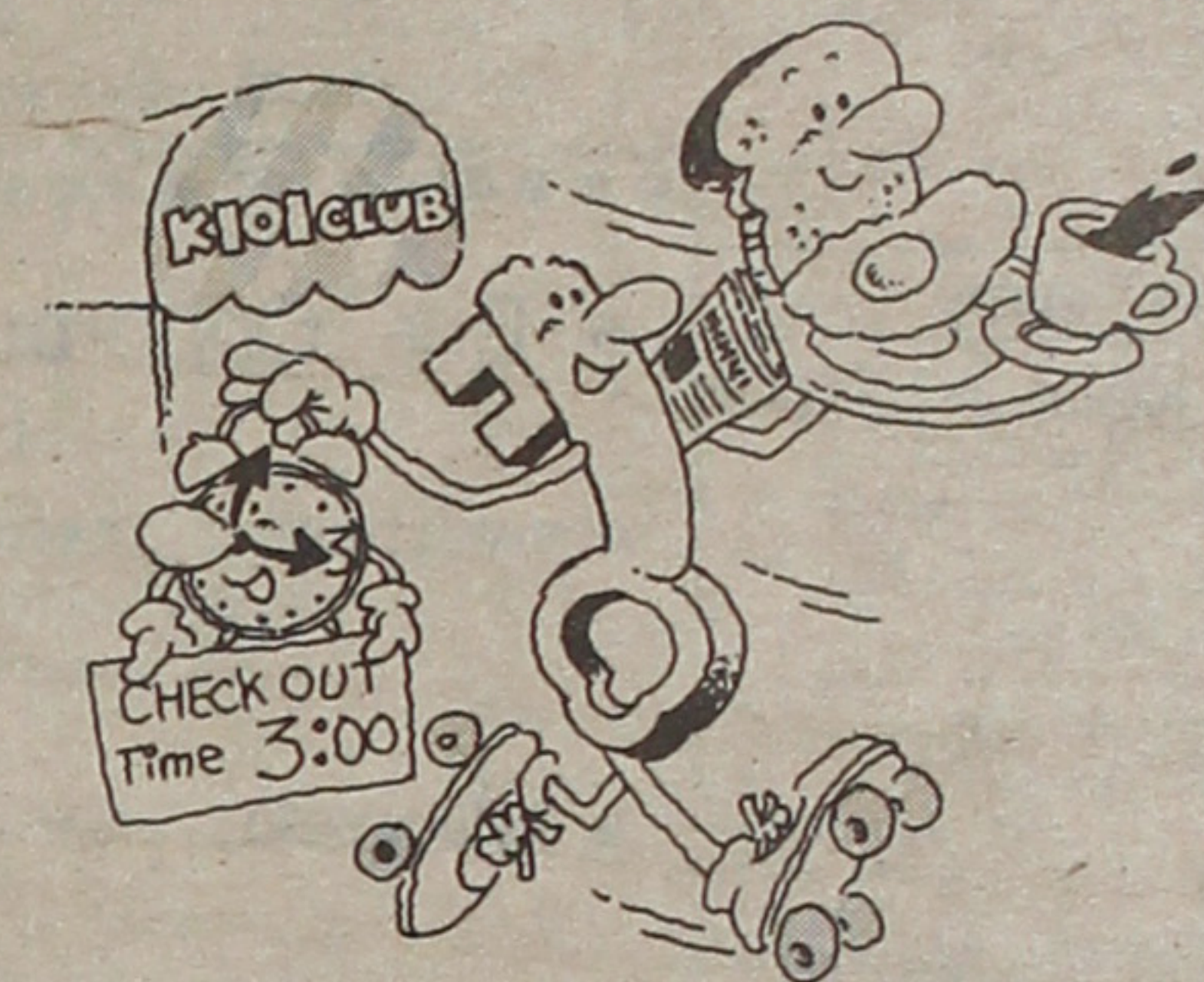
pretty sharp, huh," he said eyeing himself in the mirror. We laughed. Afraid of wrinkling his white pleated shirt he was wearing a green and yellow one under his black coat.

After the L.A. premiere we picked him up at the airport and all he could say was, "It was really great." The men were dressed in tuxedos, the women in fancy gowns—all to see a movie. Only in Hollywood.

The San Francisco premiere of *Hito Hata: Raise the Banner* will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Palace of Fine Arts Theatre. I doubt that the occasion will be as formal. "Are you still going to wear your tux?" we ask and dad says, "Sure, I don't care if no one else is wearing one—I'm wearing mine." So on Dec. 6, look for the guy in a tux—it'll be Hiroshi Kashiwagi, my father the actor.

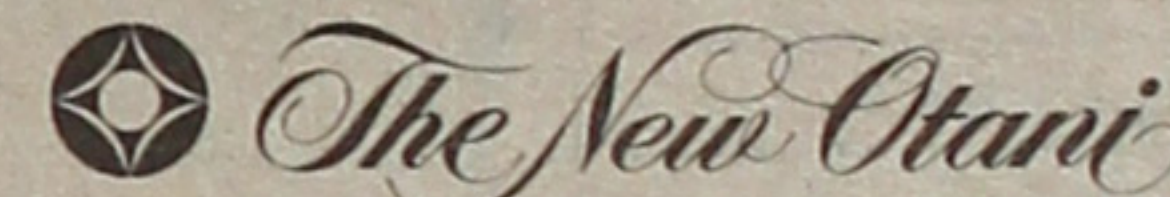
"I really like the idea of people coming to see the film," he says. "Seeing my name up there is a big ego lift. I only hope my wrist doesn't get sore from signing too many autographs."

Dad, go throw out the garbage!



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