



Wendy Tokuda.

## Wendy Tokuda shows & tells how news hits your TV tube

By ROY YOSHIDA  
(Placer County JACL)

LOOMIS Ca.—A very enlightening primer on television news program gathering, sorting, packaging and airing the finished product on a very tight schedule was interestingly presented to about 200 persons attending Placer County Japanese American Citizens League's (JACL) 40th annual Goodwill Dinner held on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Placer Buddhist Church hall in Penryn.

Frank Kageta ably handled the dinner program as the master of ceremonies.

Guest speaker Wendy Tokuda, KPIX-TV Channel 5/San Francisco Eye-witness Evening News anchorwoman, took the audience behind the scenes of what she described as an hectic, high-pressure operation where time is measured in seconds. Where up to 30 news items must be worked into a 30-minute program in concerts with commercials; where truly time is of the essence. Where if the schedule says 6 P.M., it's 6 P.M.—ready or not.

Oftentimes, said the speaker, it's touch and go with little time for second guessing. Articles to be read by anchor persons, taped reports and live news from remote camera teams and field reporters, sports and weather news all needing to be placed in proper sequence. Thus coordination becomes a very complex juggling act.

TV newscasting, an integral part of a very powerful (and expensive) media, Tokuda added, is definitely a young people's domain. Citing as an example the average age of the 90-member KPIX news staff as being in the early 30's.

Tokuda showed some interesting color slides depicting the various aspects of TV news programming, an array of costly sophisticated electronic equipment, and the personnel involved, many who are not seen by the viewing public, which gave visual dimension to her well received address.

The petite guest speaker with a pleasing mien was introduced by Regional Director George Kondo of the JACL Northern California-Western Nevada Pacific District Council.

The evening's festivities opened with a Pledge of Allegiance by the assemblage led by Judge Cosma

Sakamoto, which was followed by an invocation delivered by Rev. Ensei Nekoda of Placer Buddhist Church.

Chapter President Alfred Nitta in his words of welcome assured the group that JACL will continue to play a viable part in community affairs and hold its stance on fair and equal opportunity for all. He thanked the members of various dinner committees headed by Chairman Gary Imamoto and Co-chairman Hugo Nishimoto for their superb handling of the general arrangement.

Placer Supervisors Chairperson Terry Cook of Auburn commended the Nikkei for making countless contributions to the area's development and well being, adding that the county is "blessed to have the heritage of the Japanese."

Heading the VIP guest list were Congressman Harold T. "Bizz" Johnson (D-Roseville), State Sen. Ray Johnson (R-Chico), Assemblyman Eugene Chappie (R-Roseville) and their wives.

Among the county officials were Supervisor and Mrs. Alex Ferreira, Sheriff and Mrs. Donald Nunes, District Attorney and Mrs. Daniel Higgins, Auditor-Controller and Mrs. Kimbuck Williams, County Clerk Gay Trombley and her husband Public Defender Robert Trombley, and Placer County Water Agency Board Chairman Ed Horton.

Placer's four Superior Court Justices Wayne Wylie, Keith Sparks, J. Richard Couzens and Richard Sims and their wives

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## Fuji Towers names new mgr.

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Fuji Towers has a new general manager, Luther Ogawa of San Jose, the Towers board of directors said. He succeeds the late Sam I. Tashima, the first manager who passed away recently.

A career Army civilian, Ogawa served in Tokyo with the Army garrison command, first in family housing at Camp Zama as billeting officer, then transferred to the central command in Tokyo where he managed an Army hotel and later was an accounting officer in the billeting section.

Fuji Towers, a 140-unit apartment complex sponsored by the San Jose Buddhist Church Housing, Inc., was constructed in 1976.

## Task force proposed to spot textbooks for racism

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Material used in public schools should continued to be examined to make sure it isn't racist or sexist, the State Board of Education was told at its Nov. 13 board meeting. Over 90 representatives, including JACL's acting national director J.D. Hokoyama, attended the meeting to discuss the agenda item which, board member Dr. Allan Seid of Palo Alto said, "portends change in the screening process resulting in random sampling" of school textbooks.

But the Board rejected the proposed random sampling method for "legal compliance" screening.

Process to review new textbooks, while a continuing effort, is costly and the board has been considering changing the review requirement. A subcommittee has been proposed to form a task force to determine the most economic way of screening textbooks and supplementary materials.

Edward Kawazoe of AACI, first speaker, said that although California was recognized as a leader in the battle against racism and sexism in published school materials, there was a

"dismal persistence of racist and sexist distortions and omissions in our literature, popular culture and textbooks".

Under recent board action, Kawazoe added, supplementary classroom materials were exempt from the same screening process used for textbooks, thus inviting publishers "to be less motivated to take sufficient steps to assure that there are no racial or ethnic stereotypes portrayed in these materials".

While 70 persons had been invited and signed the witness list to address the board, only five spoke, much to the consternation of those who were not called. San Jose JACL president Judy Niizawa Ellwanger, Vernon Yoshioka (nat'l JACL v.p.) for Union of Pan Asian Communities, San Diego, had signed in. "We feel very sorry about those representatives who came on their own time and money," Hokoyama observed. Isao Kobashi of Santa Clara County's Asian Americans for Community Involvement was dismayed by the board's lack of sensitivity and responsiveness to public participation and "it must not be tolerated".

## Final immigration panel decides to meet privately

WASHINGTON—The 16-member Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy is scheduled to meet Dec. 5-7 at a secluded Virginia resort in private for its final sessions, of which 3½ hours would be open to public, a notice in the Federal Register indicated Nov. 22.

Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, president of Univ. of Notre Dame and commission chairman, said it was necessary because "ticklish questions of national security" being on the agenda of the final meeting. The decision disturbed groups interested in possible changes in policy.

Zero Population spokesman was "incensed" at the commission's decision to meet in private: "They are public commissioners operating on public money." American Bar Assn.'s chairman on immigration, David Carliner, also complained as did a spokesman for Secretary Patricia Harris of Health & Human Services, a member of the commission, who added Harris knew of "no national security considerations" on the agenda.

The commissioners (Rose Matsui Ochi of Los Angeles is a member) will try to develop recommendations on such issues as

national identity card, numerical limits on immigration, amnesty for illegal aliens already in the U.S., penalties for employers who hire illegal aliens, selection criteria for new immigrants, deportation procedures and admission of temporary workers from Mexico.

Commission held public hearings in 12 cities and met with 25 public experts over the past year. It must submit its recommendations to the President by March 1.

(Tom Surh of Oakland, Ca., lone Asian American staff member on the commission, who was forced to quit Oct. 15 told Koreatown it was on grounds that his work was finished, but the Korean American community lawyer charged Lawrence Fuchs, executive director of the commission, all but eliminated minority staff from writing and editing its final report.

Surh doubted the final report would reflect the views of minority groups at past public hearings. Instead, he expressed fear Fuchs would tend to portray Asian American communities as prosperous, rapidly developing and a model for other minorities.)

## Yoshino wins Loyola-Chicago Alumni award

CHICAGO—John Y. Yoshino, director, external youth opportunity program, U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, received the Founders' Day Alumni Award from Loyola University of Chicago for exemplifying his country's ideals and for defending the civil rights of all Americans.

At a convocation held in the Drake Hotel on Oct. 30, Yoshino was singled out as one who epitomizes the spirit of determination to succeed against any odds, as well as the achievement when one takes this ideal seriously.

Born and raised in Alameda, Calif., where he attended both elementary and high schools, Yoshino, after Pearl Harbor was, along with 110,000 other Japanese-Americans, sent to a relocation center. Yoshino went to Central Utah.

He served for two years in the U.S. Army Intelligence Services as a Japanese language specialist during WW2. Among the many honors, he was awarded the "Nisei of the Biennium" Silver Medallion by the Japanese American Citizens League.

"My life and work," he says, "have been greatly influenced by the words and example of Father Ralph A. Gallagher of Loyola who stressed that we should always use our knowledge and talents to help others—especially the poor and the oppressed. I have never forgotten that." Yoshino received a master's degree in 1953 from Loyola's Institute of Industrial Relations.

For almost 25 years, Yoshino has had a distinguished career in government service. Since 1967, he has been a civil rights specialist. He and his wife, Mary Louise, live in Kensington, Maryland.

In recent years, his major involvement focused on the development and implementation of the external youth opportunity program as its director. In the Federal Highway Administration, he participated in organizing and establishing civil rights and equal opportunity components and related activities. He was also responsible for the department's special emphasis in the supportive services dealing with American Indians and Asian Americans.

He directed the federal government's successful program in persuading restaurants along route 40 to serve African diplomats and American blacks.

## 1st Asian named to L.A. School Board

LOS ANGELES—The L.A. Board of Education Nov. 24 appointed Anthony A. Trias, 48, a Philippine-born businessman, to fill the position vacated by Kathleen Brown Sauter, representing an ethnically diverse mid-city 3rd District. The first Asian American school board member said his priorities will be to relieve overcrowding of schools in his district and improve bilingual education. He was president of the Asian American Education Commission (1974-77). His appointment was opposed by the two pro-busing board members because of his previous effort with anti-busing campaigns.



John Y. Yoshino

### Law studies

NEW YORK—Japan's Fuyo Group (which includes Canon, Datsun, Fuji Bank and two dozen other major corporations) donated \$1.5 million to Columbia University to set up a professorship in Japanese law. Columbia is the first major U.S. school offering a course in Japanese law since the 1930s.

### Rare Hawaiian stamps

NEW YORK—Japanese collector Ryohei Ishikawa picked up world record prices for his 2-cent Hawaiian "Missionary" stamps, \$230,000 and \$210,000, at an auction here Nov. 18. His entire collection of Hawaiian stamps went for \$2,175,000. Previous record price for a single U.S. stamp was \$135,000 for a copy of the 1918 upside-down 2¢ airmail stamp.

## Canadians recall Evacuation in debate of Constitution

OTTAWA—The uprooting and placement of all Canadians of Japanese origin into concentration camps during World War Two was one of the examples given of the persecution of minorities in Canadian history—to prove the need for entrenching a charter of fundamental rights in the constitution, a Cabinet minister told the Commons recently.

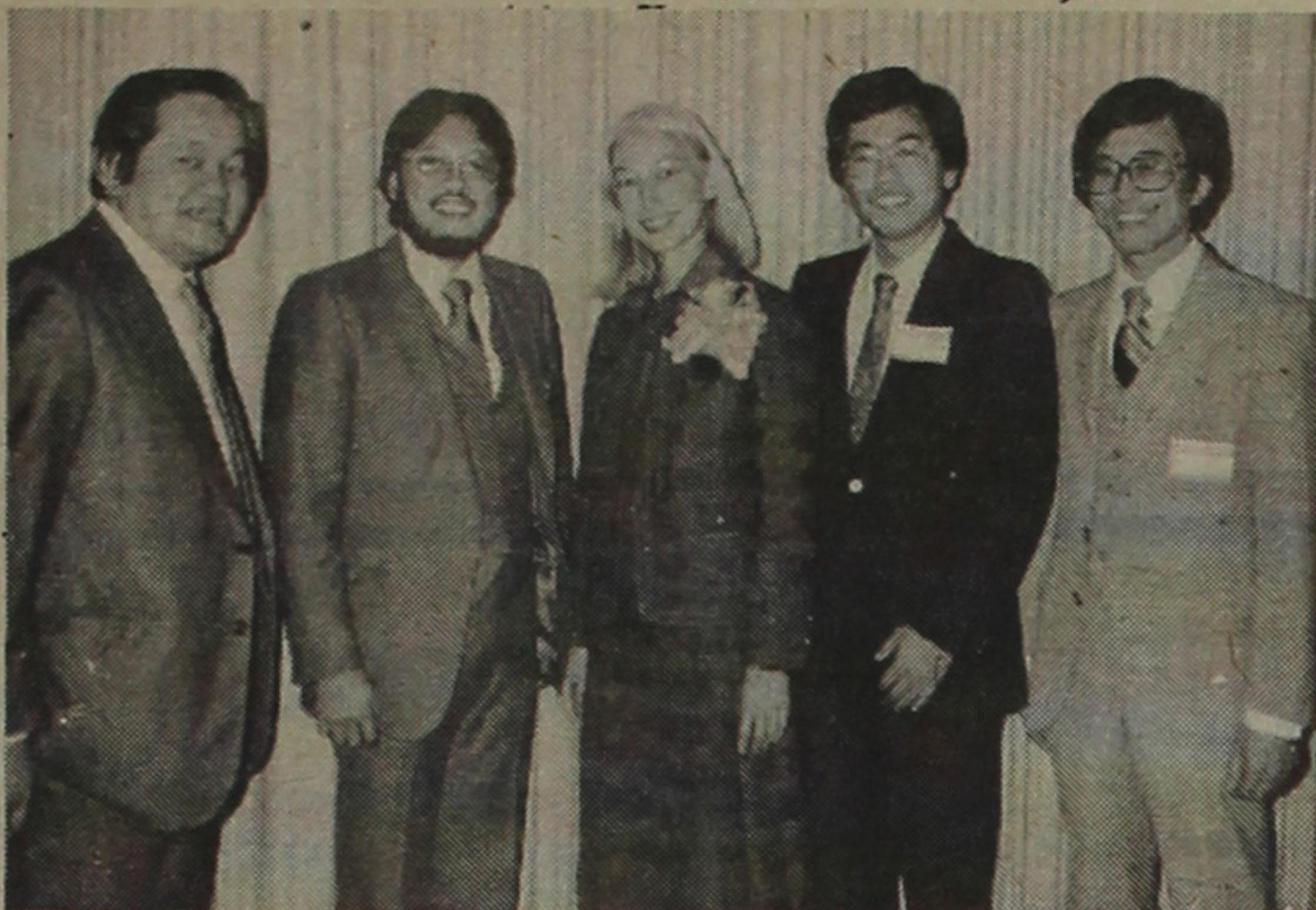
Only entrenched rights can guarantee "the reality of our cultural pluralism," Multiculturalism Minister James Fleming said during the third day of debate on the Government's proposed constitutional reform.

As Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau did at the September constitutional conference, Fleming made a passionate appeal for a charter of rights entrenched beyond the reach of politicians.

He recited a litany of violations of rights by Canadian governments in the past, from uprooting of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War to the persecution of Jehovah's Witnesses in Quebec. More recently, he said, have come racial attacks against East Indians in Toronto and the burning of crosses on lawns of West Indians and Asians in the West.

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JACL Photo by Bruce Shimizu

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.

## SLC senior center ready for occupants

SALT LAKE CITY—Carl Inoway, chairman of the Multi-Ethnic Housing Corp., announced the appointment of Danville Development Corp. as management agent for the Multi-Ethnic Senior Citizens Center, 120 S. 200 West.

The project is scheduled to begin occupancy in January, 1981. The 15-story structure consists of 127 one-bedroom units and 14 one-bedroom units equipped for the handicapped.

As a part of federal Housing and Urban Development program, the center provides two elevators, a lounge, activities rooms, coin-operated laundry facility and free parking.

Qualified Japanese Americans are urged to apply for the facilities.

## CANADA

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"In a country like ours, with so many different racial and ethnic groups, rights that depend on public sentiment alone are far from safe."

The minister, MP for York West, warned that rights of minorities must be protected against the whims of majorities, because majorities are never in danger. "A constitutional bill would place minority and individual rights beyond the reach of majority opinion, beyond the reach of political expediency."

—Japanese Canadian

## Matsunaga, Hayakawa want election reports equalized

WASHINGTON—The next 97th Congress will see many bills seeking to equalize the reporting of election results during a Presidential election year.

Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) will propose no tallying of votes until all polling places are closed, 6 p.m. Hawaiian time or 1 a.m. EST. "Under my proposal, there would be no possibility of leaks because there would be no counting of ballots until all polling places have been closed," he said.

Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Cal.) introduced four measures during this 96th Congress Nov. 18:

(1) Calls for polls on the East Coast and West Coast to open and close at the same time (9 a.m.-9 p.m. EST/6 a.m.-6 p.m. PST) while Alaska-Hawaii would be given extra voting hours on the preceding Monday evening. None of the results would be released prior to 9 p.m. EST.

(2) Similar to the above, except simultaneous closing time is set for 8 p.m. EST and allowing Western states the option of opening a few hours on Monday evening.

(3) Suggested by Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-N.Y.), moving election to Sunday following the first Monday in November. All polls nationwide would be open 12n.-9 p.m. EST. Hours are shorter since this would not be a normal working day.

(4) Requiring the results of the Presidential race be embargoed until all polls in the country have closed. Polling places would remain open as at present. Local and state election results could be released as usual.

Flurry of such bills stems from President Carter's concession speech being made before the polls in the Western states closed Nov. 4. "A great many of those potential voters turned around and went home (upon hearing the election had been conceded)," Hayakawa declared.

## Neighbors pitch in to clean up graffiti off Buddhist temple

CHICAGO—Latin Kings and Simon City Royals—names of rival street gangs in the northside—were scribbled one September night on the roof and red-brick walls of the Chicago Buddhist Temple in the heart of Uptown Square at 1151 W. Leland.

The Rev. Gyoko T. Saito, head minister, told Chicago Tribune's religion editor Bruce Buursma the incident sent a wave of anger and fear through the congregation. "It was really terrible to see what these boys had done to our temple. Our members were so discouraged," Saito said. "We had not had something like this happen ever before. Many have raised the question of moving to a new location. We had thought the neighborhood would improve. Now, we do not know anymore."

Then, a coalition of neighborhood groups, including a flock from the nearby Jesus People Sect, provided materials and volunteers to remove the paint.

Saito announced the temple would stay. "Our members were so touched by them. Leader of the neighborhood clean-up crew was Arnie Owens, 41-year-old com-

munity activist and secretary of the Uptown Square Neighborhood Club, who got the residents of Leland Hotel across the street to donate material (paint remover, plasticizer and sandblasting sand), rounded up other volunteers to scrub off all the graffiti.

Said Owens: "The point is those Buddhists are good neighbors, and the last thing in the world we need is to lose a good neighbor. We just wanted to let them know we wanted them in our community and that we did care."

Saito added one juvenile confessed to taking part of the vandalism who didn't realize it was a church but a karate college (because judo classes are held weekly there) and Saito doesn't believe the lad but that he was pleased the incident has faded away, comforted by the response of his neighbors and was reminded of an old Buddhist proverb to "overcome anger by love ... overcome evil by good."

Micronesian state  
WASHINGTON—The republic of Palau in the western Pacific, held in U.S. trust since 1945, initiated an agreement here Nov. 17 to be as semi-independent as two other Micronesian states, the Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia, in a new political relationship with the U.S. known as "free association". The fourth trust territory, Northern Mariana Islands, will assume commonwealth status—similar to Puerto Rico's relationship with the U.S.



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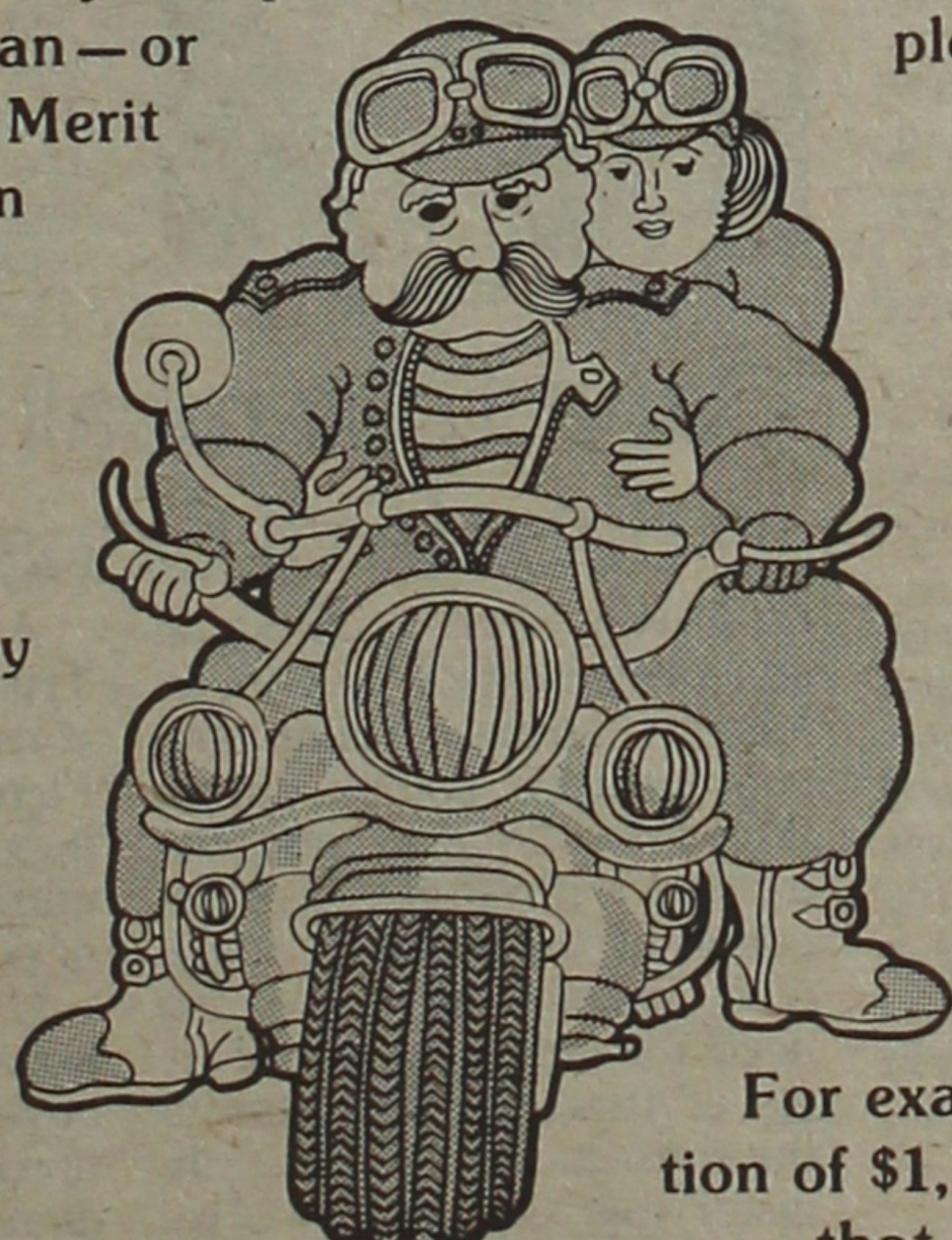
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## Zen Buddhist approach to basketball, Coach Yagi's tea

**HILLO**—Univ. of Hawaii-Hilo's basketball coach Jimmy Yagi is gaining the distinction of being the country's most cool-headed exponent in what can be the most frenzied—for one thing: he has not gotten a technical foul at home or on the road in the seven years as head coach.



Coach Jimmy Yagi

His players have received just a few. Coach Yagi and Joe Estrella, acting athletic director, count only five such calls going against the Vulcans in the same stretch of time. And one of them blushing belongs to Estrella, then Yagi's assistant.

Yagi's special philosophy and attitude about some coaches looking for technicals just to fire-up their legions is seen as an act of dishonesty. "This is not a game for emotions running out of control," Yagi was telling Advertiser reporter Hugh Clark recently. "I believe in a calm approach—you should never get excited; you should always be under control. If you are, you can handle stress better."

Hawaii's sports writers aren't the only ones who have viewed the Nisei mentor as an anomaly. Bill Richardson, Kansas City sports writer who has covered NAIA tournaments for decades, was so amazed at Yagi's cool that he wrote a feature piece on him in 1978—the day after the Vulcans had been eliminated from the national tournament.

"He is an island of calm in a sea of basketball hysteria. He's a symbol, yet an antithesis, of the native pride and mania surrounding his Hawaii-Hilo team," Richardson wrote.

Yagi said some of his players initially make light of his drive for what he calls "mind control—a Zen Buddhist approach to basketball".

But they generally agree that his emphasis on mind extension, rhythm and mind-body coordination helps. Players here have found they actually do jump higher and shoot better when they put their mind to their task.

"I have always been an advocate of the martial arts approach to mental concentration," Yagi explained.

He believes that when players do everything mentally before trying it physically they achieve better. Yagi wants his players to visualize the free throw dropping through the net before releasing the ball, for instance.

He has tried various ways to impart his meditation approach to the game.

He has taken the Vulcans on weekend retreats to the interior

mountains of the Big Island to concentrate on controlling the mind.

"Nervous players tend to get tight. They get mad at themselves. These type of players, of course, profit more from mind control. But every player can do better when he lets harmony take precedence," Yagi says.

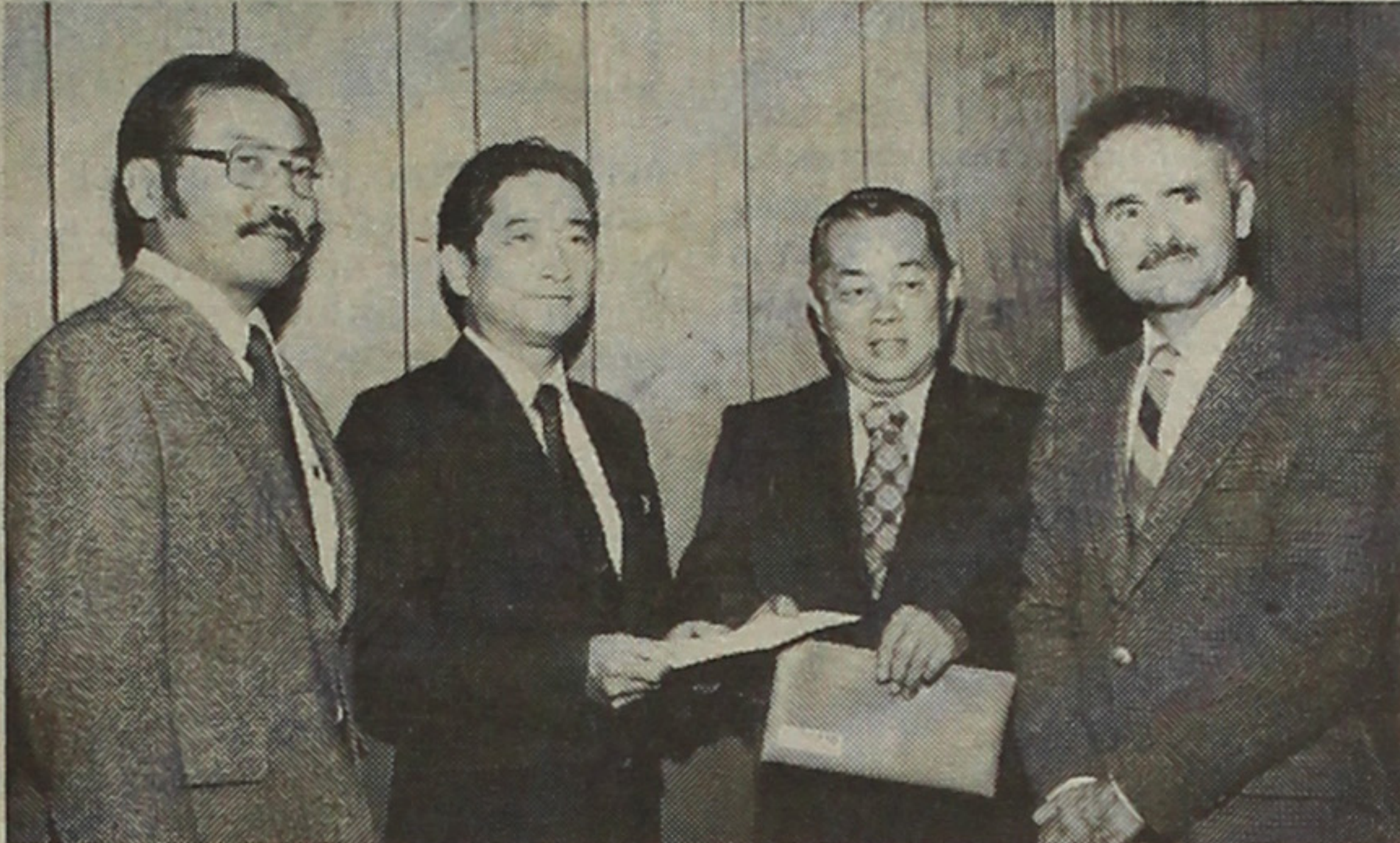
Yagi never bawls out a player before a crowd. He seems incapable of dressing down a laggard in front of the squad. But he can be deadly serious in one-on-one sessions. Those who cannot play under control and who won't subvert their own ego to help the team can expect a sorry-you-don't-fit-in-our-program speech and a polite sayonara.

The popular Hilo coach has won most of his important games, including overtime triumphs such as the extra period win in the NAIA district 2 finals last March against Oregon College.

"We have won down the stretch because of Jimmy's philosophy," said Estrella. "You don't see our kids freeze up. They have confidence in themselves. They care for each other because they have learned to control themselves and their emotions." #

### ● For the Record

(This rectifies the inadvertent switch in the last issue.)



From left: John Saito, PSW-JACL regional director; Hiroshi Miyake, California First Bank, sr. v.p., Los Angeles Regional Administrative Office; Bill Nakasaki, Terminal Island Project; and Trevor Greenwood, USC professor of cinema.

## \$12,000 more needed to earn \$25,000 in matching funds

**LOS ANGELES**—California First Bank recently donated \$1,000 to "The Terminal Island Story," a film project, thus becoming the first corporation to contribute funds for the documentary.

Terminal Island was a Japanese

fishing community until 1942 when its residents were imprisoned as "dangerous enemy aliens".

The 45-minute documentary film will be produced and directed by Trevor Greenwood, Academy Award-winning documentary filmmaker and Professor of Cinema at the Univ. of Southern California.

Greenwood has spent the past 18 months conducting research for the film with Nikkei historians and Terminal Islanders.

The JACL, the Terminal Islanders and Greenwood now have until Dec. 31 to raise \$12,000 more to match a grant of \$25,000 awarded by the California Council for the Humanities in Public Policy. Contributions are tax deductible and accepted by:

PSWDC-JACL Terminal Island Film Project, 241 S. San Pedro St. Los Angeles, Ca 90012.

### 'Holiday Treats'

**SACRAMENTO**—Asian State Employees Assn. hosts Holiday Treats at the Buddhist Church here Dec. 13 to raise program funds. Sansei Sounds will play at the dance.

### 'Quorum' developers

**DALLAS, Tex.**—The St. Louis-based architectural firm of Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum has unveiled its master plan for "Quorum", a major 167-acre business park development in North Dallas. It is an expansion of a 7.2-acre plan for Electronic Data Systems commissioned in 1979.

### Sunkist float

**PASADENA**—Sunkist Growers' float, "Festivals of Japan", for the Rose Parade will feature members of Kansuma Kai dancing in front of the float while its distinguished teacher, Fujima Kansuma, will be riding with three drummers.

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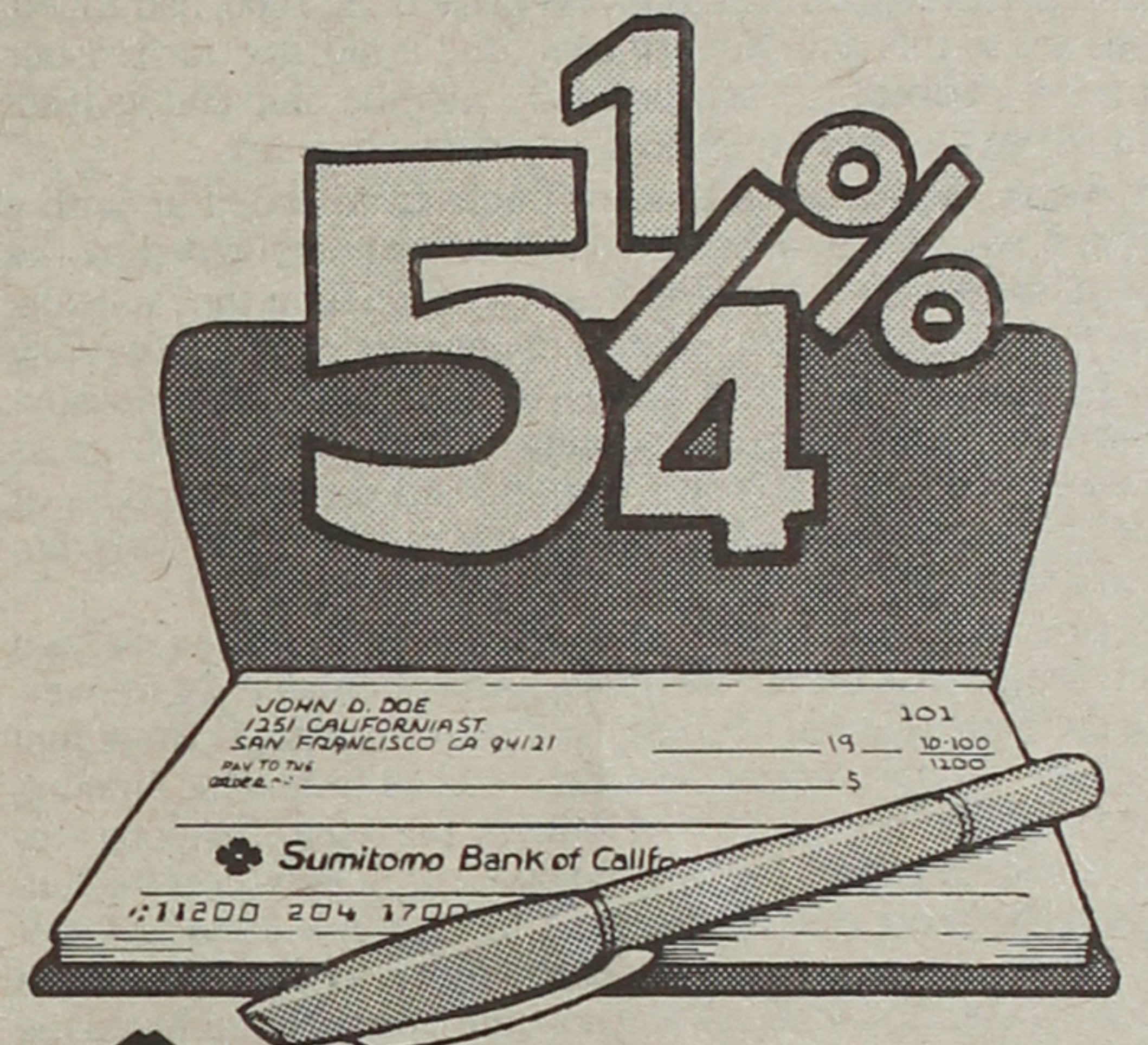
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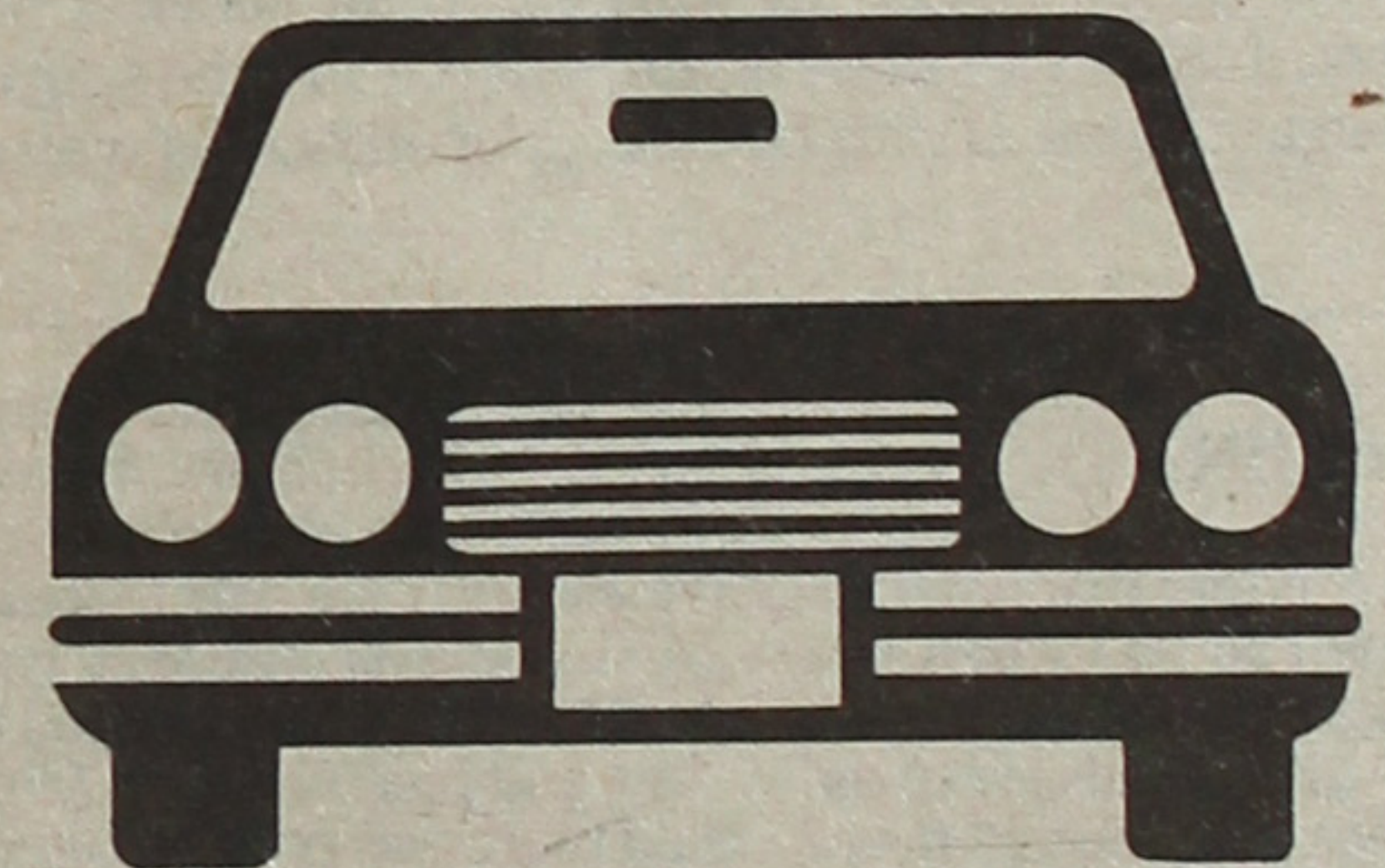
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## 1980 JACL Sweepstakes

Los Angeles

Kicked off in the Summer of 1979, the 1980 JACL Sweepstakes Program with the goal of raising \$250,000 by selling 5,000 tickets at \$50 apiece by the last day of the recently held national convention fell way short.

That a simple concept, one that would have significantly contributed to JACL's financial health with a built-in lure of \$40,000 in cash prizes topped with a grand prize of \$25,000, had failed, eludes me to this day. Nevertheless, fail it did, and for reasons that tell a lot about the organization's membership and its leadership from the very top clear down to the chapters.

However, in the sense that we might have ended up with a deficit, it wasn't a total failure. As it turned out, helped by the surge of sales in the month before convention time, the final tally came to 1,623 tickets for a gross dollar take of \$81,150. Along with general donations of \$388 and \$682 in savings account interest earned during the holding period, the overall gross proceeds were \$82,220. After printing and postage expense of \$7,107 plus, of course, \$40,000 in prize money, the program netted \$35,113.

By any standard, certainly for JACL, this is still a tidy sum which would not otherwise have been attainable. Moreover, since the expenses had been paid out some time back, the actual net addition to the national treasury was \$42,220. This amount, put against the perspective of JACL's perennial financial travails, has already paid for two and one-half months cost (including payroll) to operate the Pacific Citizen, almost one and one-half months of aggregate national payroll and related costs (including Pacific Citizen's), and not unimportantly, deferred the day bank borrowing becomes necessary to tide us over our annual cash flow problem.

Precedent having been set, I've been told by many members that we should do much better the next time around. Perhaps so, but, and incredibly, what about those few members who have also come to me and in the most solemn of tones say that this is not the way for JACL to raise money, like some immoral act was committed for all the world to witness. Total success of any similar effort, if in fact it's done again, will require the support of the entire organization - from both its pocketbook as well as its lips.

### ● JACL of 1942

Editor:

The recent letters that have appeared in the Pacific Citizen and other Japanese vernacular papers attacking JACL reminds me of the stories my grandfather told me of his early JACL days. Back in the 1940's it was JACL's position in regard to the evacuation that stimulated some very harsh criticisms.

In the first months of World War 2, leaders of the Japanese community had already been taken in for questioning by the FBI and many Issei had been placed in detention camps in desolate areas far away from the west coast. Rumors ran rampant and the fate of the Japanese community was uncertain. Under these difficult circumstances, my grandfather joined members of JACL to meet with military and government officials to discuss the proposed evacuation.

He went to this meeting fully intent to oppose the evacuation orders, because he knew that it wasn't constitutional. His family and friends in Sonoma County had not suffered the forms of racism and prejudice that other Japanese Americans elsewhere in California had. He did not want to leave all he had worked so hard and long for, but stories from the valley soon changed his mind. The representatives reported of the harassment of Japanese and that the mounting racial tensions could erupt into violence.

He spoke on and the grim reality of the times became clearer. "They were frightened, they asked us not to fight the evacuation and to let the Army protect us." These, he said, were people like himself with families and businesses. "But what could we

do? The decision had been made for us." The military, he said had already made plans to move all Japanese off the west coast; and JACL could do little to stop it. With no weapons, inexperienced leadership, and fearful for his family, he said there was no other alternative but to help make the evacuation as peaceful and orderly as possible. "Sure we could have fought it, but what could unarmed men do against guns and bayonets?" A violent confrontation, he felt, would have done far greater harm than good. Although it was difficult to accept, he agreed that this would be the way to proceed, to trust the government.

He returned home and sold his chicken business. He said, "I had to or else who would listen to me and sell their life's work, if I hadn't done it myself?" Encouraging others to sell their businesses, store their belongings with friends, and prepare for the evacuation, he spent his days before camp helping others. For this he was called an FBI informant, treated like a traitor. Shunned by people who once called him friend, his actions and those of JACL were interpreted as having sold out the Japanese community.

In camp he remained active in JACL and became involved in camp government, but the hard feelings toward JACL still persisted. Although he tried to explain the reasons behind JACL's position on the evacuation, he was confronted on more than one occasion by angry internees and narrowly escaped being beaten. Today, remarkably he holds no grudges, he realizes that everyone was under a tremendous amount of stress, and often did not think rationally. A sad and tragic note is that even now with so much known about

## Letterbox

### ● 'Years of Infamy'

Dear Editor:

Your charge of my "political play for publicity" (11/14/80) certainly must be puzzling to readers—i.e. your taking me to task for sending out photocopied memos "for 12 people with prestige to read." Indeed, I readily admit to 1) their prestige and 2) my sending the memos. What puzzles me is: Why didn't you reprint my memo in full? Why didn't you come right out and name the twelve individuals? Could it be that by so doing, it would have spoiled your somewhat unkind charge of a "political play?" For my memo, asking "when is proclaimed policy going to be implemented?" was sent, as you may recall, to Dr. Tsujimura (JACL President), John Tateishi (Redress Chairman), Dr. Uyeda (P.C. Board Chairman) and yourself.

The eight other names of prestige? These happen to be persons who have been sympathetic and supportive in my private ordeal (including a few who have also been subjected to JACL shenanigans): Dr. Bob Suzuki, Raymond Okamura, Yuji Ichioka, Wakako Yamauchi, Momoko Iko, Emma Gee, Mrs. Bradley Stafford, and Howard Cady.

If the truth be known (and I think the general membership is entitled to it), the wrenching shock of an initial attempt at whitewashing the extent of the YEARS OF INFAMY plagiarism—what seemed like P.C. betrayal—came first. For there's no denying that Dr. Suzuki's letter in its entirety. And how in the world can you fault the cooperation, which has been exemplary, of other vernaculars in their printing letters sent them, in full. Do you presume the right to censor what goes into other papers?

But back to the plagiarism issue: You knew that the so-called "front-page treatment" was not what I wanted even before you went to press; that the mere excerpting of a phrase here, a line there, from Dr. Suzuki's letter of censure, followed by a meaningless apology so weak that it explained nothing, was totally unacceptable to me. After issuing a protest via mailgram, I waited for the implementation of John Tateishi's promise that "the Suzuki letter et al" would be printed "in full." For weeks I waited. Had it not been for my use of the "political play," as you call it, I suppose I would still be waiting. Patience and long-suffering, I've learned way back, doesn't pay. That brought us to the brink of destruction in 1942. Remember? After putting up with the stonewalling for a while, I was psychically lacerated enough to challenge, to bite, to give vent to my frustration. Sorry if it hurt. What mattered was: it worked.

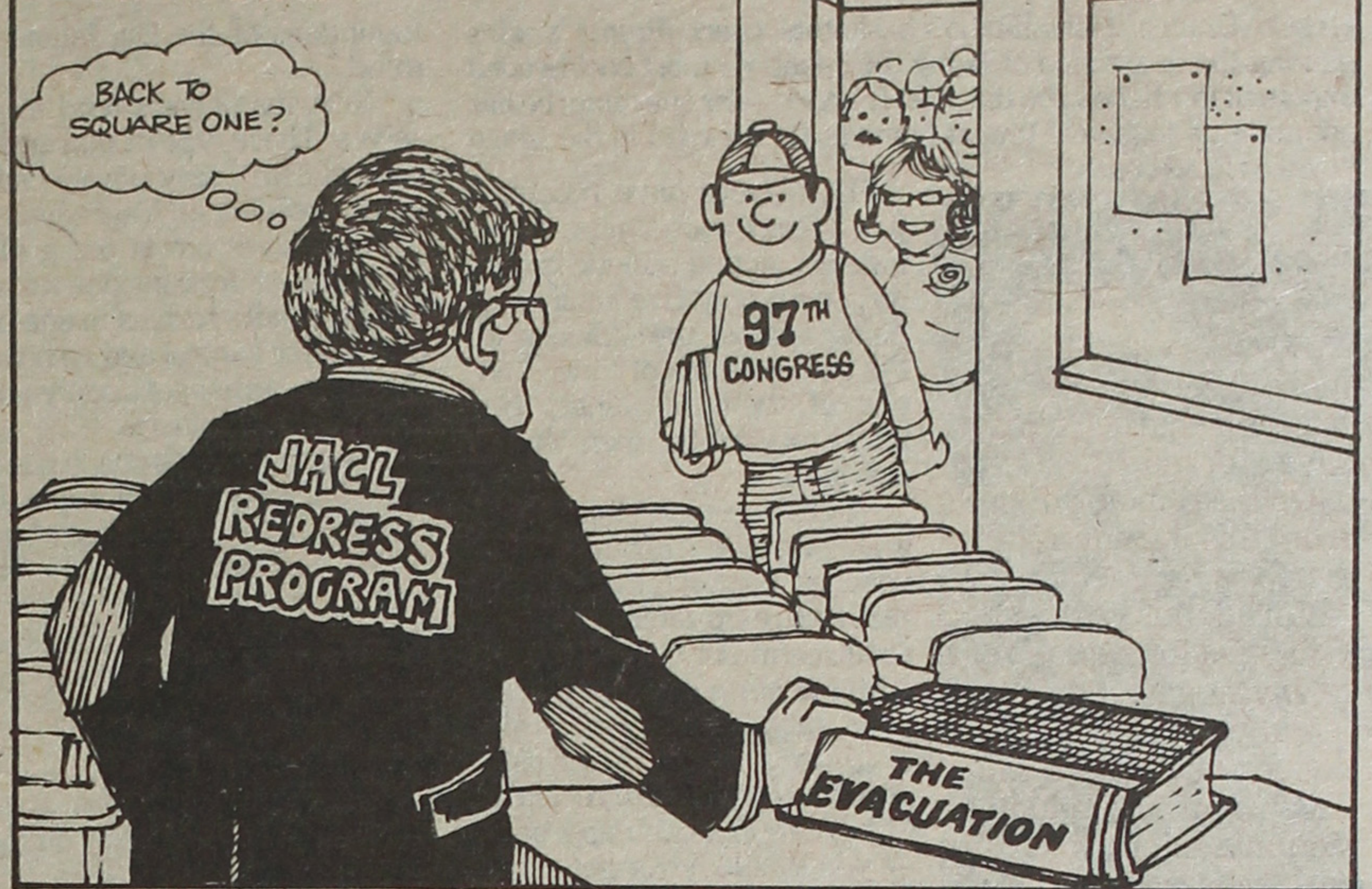
"I hope all of us who have heretofore kept quiet (quietly fuming) will rise up and protest," Wakako Yamauchi has just written me in an explosive burst of zeal. I am glad to see that she too has broken her anguished silence; for members should know what manner of things are being done (by a few in positions of responsibility) in their name. The pain, the despair, the ignominy and insults that this enormously talented playwright and her equally creative colleague, Momoko Iko, have had to endure is a tale that is capable of

the evacuation and relocation, some people still feel that he is a traitor and that JACL was to blame for the incarceration.

It's a shame that we still have people attacking JACL for its positions. We must not have learned much since the war. It is wrong to accuse someone or somebody without first having full knowledge of the facts. There may be those rare occasions when JACL errors in a decision or a judgment, but it isn't done with malicious intent. JACL is an organization made up of good people who are earnestly trying to better their communities. As a reader of this paper I am growing tired of reading negative things about JACL and its members. Have we forgotten all of the positive aspects of JACL, or are the negative points the only important ones?

BRUCE K. SHIMIZU  
San Rafael, CA

## THE PROF AND THE NEW CLASS



making one weep, it is so cruel.

So I think the time has come—before further talk of redress for WW II wrongs—for a resolution of these grievances. If there is an ounce of kindness of heart, of concern for justice, left in JACL power-wielders, who may have momentarily forgotten the ethical imperative of our parent generation to whom the Meiji concept of giri was of paramount importance in their day-to-day dealings, a good part of what's left of the \$35,000 grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities, received largely by virtue of JACL's exploitation of the esteemed reputation of these two preeminent playwrights, should revert to them as token restitution. It'll take guts to admit so egregious a wrong, to acknowledge the severe mental anguish inflicted, but I feel an honest accounting is called for.

After all, what good is so small a grant in these inflationary times in terms of a pilot film, which is doomed to lead to nothing. From my own long experience in televi-

sion, \$35,000 wouldn't even suffice as budget for costuming. So the announcement that production would be "completed later next year" (N.Y. Nichibei 11/15/79) is a financial, physical impossibility, a sham, and JACL should admit it. The money should go instead towards helping to redeem JACL's reputation as an organization of heart, with concern for its own, and pride in its integrity.

MICHI WEGLYN  
New York

P.S. Jack Vaughn's letter (11/14/

80) succeeded in only revealing his own unbecoming erosion of ethical values. It may interest Mr. Vaughn to know that Morrow's Senior Editor Howard Cady, tops in the field of publishing, was ecstatic in his praise of the probing precision with which Dr. Bob Suzuki had covered the many complex questions of ethics and legality in the matter of lifting pages verbatim from my book without permission, which only Dr. Suzuki had the concern, and even more the courage, to make public.—MW

### FALLEN 600 - YAMATO DAMASHII

At sea be my body water-soaked,  
on land be it with grass overgrown  
let me die by the side of my sovereign!  
never will I look back.

—Verse from Poem (718-785)  
Otomo no Yakamochi

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

## Nicholas, Our 'Little Brother'

Salt Lake City

Women should not have menopausal babies. "You are a huge mistake," I often say to Nicholas, who is now two and a half. Yet, I remember that in a burst of pride, we added his name to our Christmas cards the year of his arrival. A short note of explanation conveyed information about the date of his birth, his adoption date and a general physical description. At eight months, he already weighed approximately 80 pounds. He was big for his age.

There were mixed responses to our announcement. Some of our friends were elated that we had finally increased the size of our family. They said we shouldn't have waited so long. Our son was then 24, so I suppose it seemed an unreasonably long interval had passed. Some of our friends expressed indignation that we had contained our secret for so long, waiting until the yuletide to share the good news. One friend wrote an eloquent, congratulatory letter, commending our charity and nobility of spirit.

The praise was somewhat embarrassing, since I was then on the verge of returning Nicholas. Or worse, of giving him away. When I told my sister of my intention, she asked, "Did you tell Nicholas you were going to give him to the garbage man? You used to threaten Alan that way."

My sister thought I lacked originality. I didn't dare tell her of my more ingenious threat. Sometimes, in frustration, I would inform Nicholas he was going to be put in the oven and baked. He seemed intrigued with the idea, since the oven is a friendly place to him. However, at the risk of appearing unoriginal, I could never be so indelicate as to reveal this to my sister. Her husband is Jewish.

There were times during the first year with Nicholas that I regretted his adoption. I was sorry I listened to the persuasive arguments of my son, who after being an only child for 24 years, decided he required, "a little brother". He made me feel guilty for having deprived him of siblings. I forgot this was the same son who often flaunted the advantages of being a

sole heir. Further, he dispelled my reservations by assuring me he would accept his share of the responsibility. "I'll take care of him."

My husband, who took a dark view of the entire situation, cast an ignored but negative vote, against the adoption. He also warned, "When has your son ever been responsible?"

I had cause to remember his warning many times. As he predicted, Nicholas depended on me for his care. Early on, our son began registering complaints. Apparently, Nicholas wouldn't eat, sleep or behave for him. All this was vaguely familiar from an old scenario with a different cast of characters. As I sat up nights, when Nicholas was sick or injured, my husband said, "You didn't need these complications." Or, as he observed me stripping Superman sheets and dusting Snoopy decorations, "You asked for this extra work." Some evenings, when we excused ourselves early from parties, he complained, "Why do we always have to hurry home for Nicholas?"

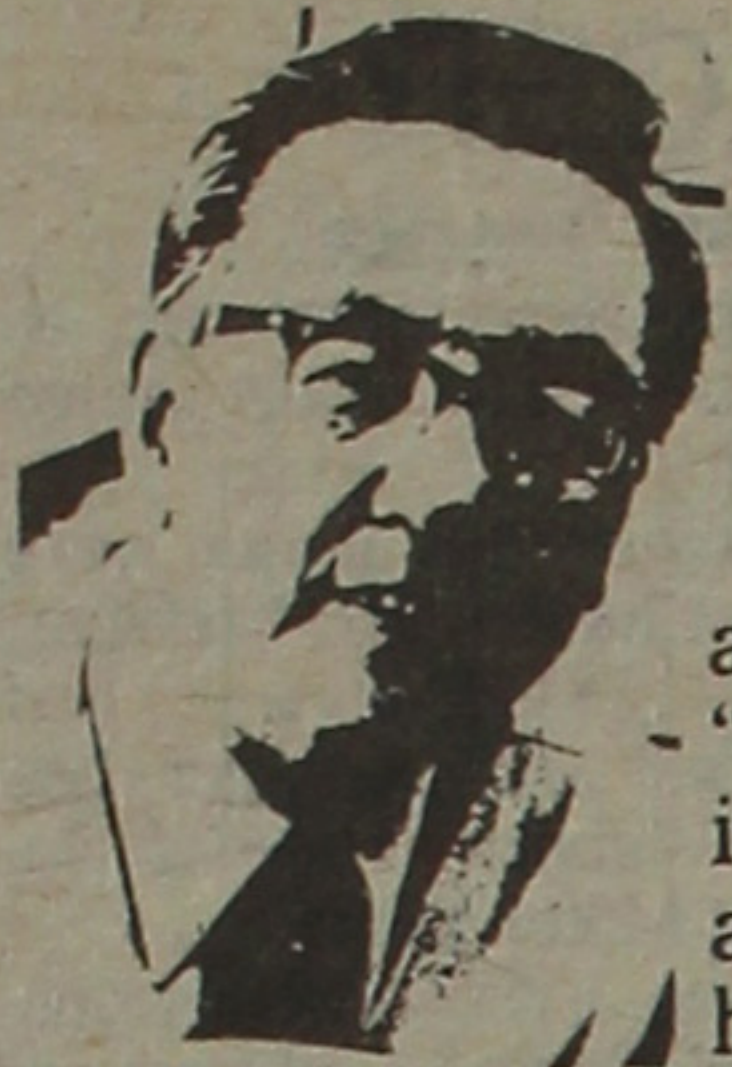
Yet, last Sunday, at an art reception, he was the one who nudged me, saying, "Nicholas is waiting."

As we pulled into the driveway, we could see his shadow through the glass, moving toward the garage entry door. Every homecoming is a celebration for him. He leaps with joy, his bark strangled in emotional squeals. The length of absence does not matter. Even a return after an hour is met with undeserved and constant reward.

My husband and son now say he is a nice dog. They mean he is maturing. I am the one who observes lingering traces of puppy in him, a certain posture, an occasional break in his graceful gait, mischief in his eyes. Perhaps I notice because I am reluctant to watch the departure of his youth. It is peculiar to women, that no matter how aged their children grow, they want them to remain children forever. This morning, I saw the first grey hairs in his velvet, black muzzle. And I was surprised by the feeling of uncommon melancholy as I stroked his magnificent head. He isn't a baby, anymore. Puppies grow old, too. How very sad.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



## 'Seppuku' or 25,000 copies

Denver, Colo.

I hope that by the time this column appears in print, the astonishing "Years of Infamy" furor will have run its course and, having been duly noted and the lesson therefrom taken to heart, we can go on to other matters more deserving of both our attention and our spleen. The magnificent rhetoric developed over this issue should be saved for more deserving issues.

On the remote possibility that you have been sheltered from this intramural melodrama, let me provide a brief synopsis.

Earlier this year, at the time JACL was pushing hard in Congress for passage of the bill setting up a commission to investigate the 1942 Evacuation, JACL compiled a lengthy statement. It was put together hastily—the Evacuation took place only 38 years ago—apparently by JACL staff and volunteers and placed before the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. The JACL statement was made part of the committee's published report.

Sometime later it was found that a substantial passage had been lifted verbatim out of Michi Weglyn's book, "Years of Infamy," and included in the JACL testimony

without indicating the source in any way.

This was a dumb thing to do, and obviously the result of ignorance, carelessness and naivete, all of which are characteristics not unknown among our well-intentioned but inexperienced leaders. In thus plagiarizing, there certainly could not have been any intent to damage either the book or its author. It was just a dumb mistake not to acknowledge the source.

At this point there was nothing for JACL to do but remove its hat, bow low and apologize humbly, which it did, and promise to make every effort to correct the record and credit the proper sources.

Those who brought JACL's mistake forcefully to its attention did not accept the fact that plagiarism in any form demonstrates high regard for the original author's work. The apology apparently failed to satisfy those who were outraged by what one of them described as "the legal and moral transgressions committed against Mrs. Weglyn," and "the insult inflicted on a most gracious and dedicated individual who certainly does not deserve the shoddy treatment she has been accorded."

A number of letters expressing unhappiness in similarly strong terms were directed to the press. They pur-

ported to see sinister intent in stupidity which, of course, is nonsense. The Pacific Citizen, while an organ of the embarrassed JACL, recognized its obligation to let the public have its say and published several of them. The unfortunate consequence was that, correctly or no, publication of the letters gave those who rushed to Michi Weglyn's support the image of being like the guy who continues to whip the contrite pup groveling in an unmistakable plea for forgiveness after piddling on the rug.

One must wonder whether all this chivalrous overkill isn't a bit embarrassing to the gracious Ms. Weglyn whose achievements as researcher and author are beyond injury by simple oversight.

But perhaps there is a way to satisfy those who demand retribution for error and wish to see "the person or persons responsible" brought to account like an airline pilot drunk in the cockpit. As we all know, there was an ancient Japanese custom—brought to America's attention by the recent *Shōgun* television drama—which required the guilty person to atone for a wrong committed either intentionally or unintentionally.

How would it be if the plagiarist or plagiarists slit their bellies in ritual *seppuku* in front of television cameras? Somehow, it seems *hara-kiri* would make the point more dramatically than distributing 25,000 copies of the off-fended volume to show that they're really, truly, cross-my-heart sorry, and they'll never do it again. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



## From the Bleachers

Philadelphia

WE ONCE WROTE, somewhat facetiously, that one had to be slightly insane to be willing to assume the presidency of the National JACL. While it may be a fulfilling experience (without specifying some things that go into that "filling"), at times it is a thankless task. It is all-too-easy for those of us setting in the bleachers, so to speak, to hoot 'n holler as to how the game should proceed on the field; it is quite another thing to be down on the playing field, in the thick of things, and making the fielding plays.

FOR ONE THING, there are as many "bleacher umpires" as there are members, and everyone of us has viewpoints that we believe should be adopted by JACL. I must admit to being among such, at times somewhat vehemently. But let it be said that in so doing, at no time have I harbored any personal animosity toward those with whom I may have disagreed. For there is absolutely no question that each of the national presidents, bar none, has put forth his best and conscientious efforts. (One of these days, we hope to be able to add "her" to the possessive pronoun "his" but I'm afraid I'll just have to wait. Hopefully not too much longer.)

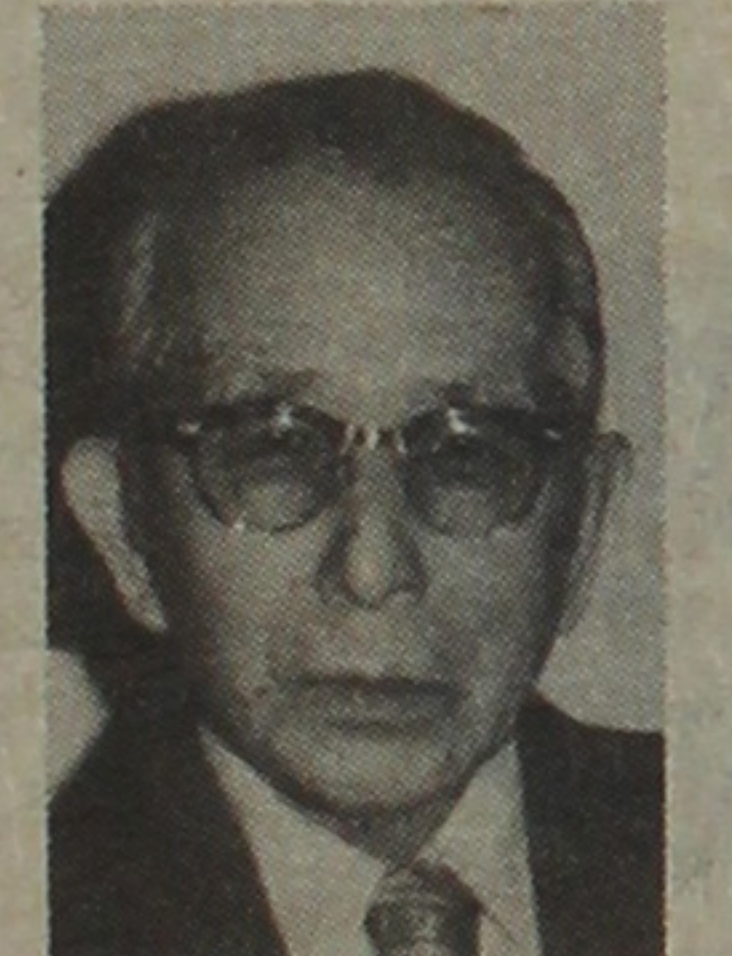
THIS IS NOT to say, however, that a member should not come forth with constructive suggestions and, whenever warranted,

even a reprimand every so often. After all, if the leadership does not receive and take into consideration the so-called "feedback" from the membership, its views will be isolated, narrow and out of touch. And that's not conducive to a healthy, vigorous organization. So whenever a member does communicate a concern to the leadership, it is hoped that the leadership will accept it as a demonstration of keen interest on the part of that member, and not simply react defensively. (We must acknowledge, however, that the *manner* in which a member may advance a suggestion or criticism may have a bearing as to how it is accepted by the leadership. Since we elected human beings, it is not unreasonable that they react as humans, like the rest of us.)

ANY LEADERSHIP THAT decides to be imaginative, to act decisively, will undoubtedly make mistakes. In such a case, it behooves those of us in the bleachers to be tolerant. If the intentions and the direction are well-meaning, we cannot be too quick to criticize for missteps, is far better than stagnation—for the latter can only mean drifting. Backwards.

THE CURRENT PRESIDENCY of Dr. Jim Tsujimura has picked up from the immediate past administration of Dr. Clifford I. Uyeda and seems to be moving ahead. Already President Jim has come up with new concepts, and we look ahead to others as well as his administration continues. Ex-President Cliff provided renewed impetus and his successor is building thereon. The future is beginning to look good again. #

MOSHI—MOSHI: by Jin Konomi



## Hebon Sensei and Hebon Shiki

Part VI

James Curtis Hepburn's *Waei Gorin Shu-sei* was the first Japanese-English dictionary. With only 20,000 entries it was a modest work as dictionaries go (most of today's paperback bilingual dictionaries list about 30,000). Nevertheless it was an important landmark in the history of the modernization of Japan. It was the first comprehensive book of reference for the students of English, created entirely from scratch where there had been no prior work to base it on. And it was the first book in which Japanese terms were spelled in Latin script in a consistent system later to become known as the *Hebon shiki*.

Corruption of Hepburn to Hebon was due—if my guess is correct—to no fault of the students of English. Dr. Hepburn was a Presbyterian missionary to Japan, 1859 - 1892. A skilled physician-surgeon and great humanitarian, he conducted a clinic in Yokohama which became something like a Japanese Lourdes where he healed and gave comfort to tens of thousands of the sick, for whom there had never existed any medical facilities before. Gratefully called *Hebon Sensei*, his fame spread over the realm, and the name stuck. The students of English no doubt felt that Hebon was more euphonious than Hepburn, and decided to let well enough alone.

In a dramatic episode of his medical ministry he saved the life of Sawamura Tanosuke III by amputating his gangrened leg. Fifty years before the great Sarah Bernhardt, Tanosuke went the Bernhardt three limbs better. After he lost the other leg, and both arms, again to gangrene, he refused to give up. He continued to perform on the stage till his death—in madness, it is said—at the age of 37.

*Hebon shiki* is the preferred system of Romaji orthography probably because it has been the longest in use. But the other important reason is its close fidelity to Japanese word sounds. But to use the hackneyed journalistic paradox, as a phoneticist Dr. Hepburn was a greater humanitarian. (This aspect of the man deserves to be better known). Although its acceptance is

almost universal, the *Hebon shiki* is not a complete system. It never explored the area beyond the old *iroha* syllabary (consisting of 48 sound-characters) and so ignored consonants. And because he did not go outside the Yedo-Yokohama area, he was not aware of the presence of the "l" sounds in Japanese. By a false inference the lack of kana characters for pure consonants has come to be taken for the lack of consonants in the Japanese language. And because of the wide acceptance of the *Hebon shiki*, this notion has become an article of faith with practically all students of the language, and even with native teachers themselves.

Even such an authority on practical Japanese as Jack Seward, from whose *Japanese in Action* I have learned quite a few things, falls into the error.

So foreign terms and names transliterated from their kana spellings have become almost a regular feature of dispatches and articles on Japanese subjects. I often wonder if I am the only one to get my back up at such absurdities as *Roozuberuto*, *Makudonarudo*, *basukettobooru*, *oiru shokku*, and so on ad nauseam. It is obvious that their perpetrators were not transcribing what they heard with their own ears, but were merely transliterating what were spelled in kana. And I even suspect that they were doing so with an eye to their comical effect. They could just well have used the original spelling.

In their prejudice they—students and teachers and correspondents, foreign and native alike—have been missing, or deliberately ignoring, an important fact. As 26 letters of English alphabet are *made do* for the 37 (45 according to Shaw) sounds in English, so the Japanese have been making some kana do for consonants in certain words and situations.

I will try to deal with this aspect of the Japanese language, in the next, and I hope, concluding article of this series.

In the meanwhile I ask the readers to please listen carefully when you have the chance. You will see that most Japanese, and especially those who are well educated, pronounce Roosevelt, MacDonald, basketball and oil shock very like you and I do. #

## 35 Years Ago

in the Pacific Citizen

DECEMBER 8, 1945

Nov. 21—Canadian government plans to deport alien Issei repatriates; 10,347 of 23,500 Nikkei in Canada had applied for repatriation in spring of 1945 (about 40% minors, notes Labor Minister Mitchell) ... First group of 900 single men to be shipped out mid-January, Vancouver paper says.

Nov. 30—Japan occupation "ineffective without Nisei GIs," says top Army officer (Lt Col Wallace Moore of Gen Eichelberger's staff) in Commonwealth Club speech at San Francisco.

Dec. 1—Marine Corps spokesman in Washington says Nisei still banned in corps, despite Navy's new policy opening enlistment to Japanese Americans. (Nisei did serve with Marines as combat G-2 personnel in Pacific campaign.)

Dec. 1—Chicago Nisei officer (Lt Harry Fukuhara, 33d Div Hq, Kobe) finds mother and brother alive in atom-bombed Hiroshima; Nisei GIs with Hq X Corps (Kure) reunited with kin in Japan.

Dec. 4—Students of Stockton Jr College and College of Pacific meet 200 returning evacuees from Rohrer camp at Buddhist church hostel.

Dec. 7—L.A. Teamsters produce drivers union drops anti-Nisei ban, enforced during war; wholesale produce terminals open employment to Japanese Americans (over 2,000 Nisei were employed prior to 1941).

Dec. 8—Gen 'Vinegar Joe' Stilwell flies in from Washington to bestow Distinguished Service Cross for Sgt. Kazuo Masuda posthumously to his sister (Mary) in front of her farm home near Talbert, Santa Ana. (Last May 1, she withstood barroom vigilantes upon her return home from Gila River.)

Dec. 8—State of California files 40 cases under Alien Land Law to escheat property of Japanese Americans: JACL sees action as "legal intimidation" against evacuee farmers.

## HI Boxscore

1979 TOTALS

Display Ads ..... 6,211  
One-Line Greetings ..... 832  
JACL-HI Project ..... 16

1980 DISPLAY ADS

Alameda	168	Reedley	196
Arkansas Vly	3	Reno	12
Berkeley	396	Sacramento	168
Carson	15	Salinas Valley	420
Chicago	84	Salt Lake City	120
Cortez	12	San Diego	336
Dayton	2	San Fern Vly	336
Delano	16	San Francisco	336
Downtown LA	168	San Jose	168
East LA	252	San Mateo	6
Eden Township	56	Seattle	196
Florin	4	Selamoco	84
Fowler	6	Solano City	6
Fremont	6	Sonoma County	12
French Camp	9	South Bay	2
Fresno	252	Stockton	168
Gardena Vly	252	Tri Vly	5
Hoosier	6	Tulare City	16
Liv Merc	168	Watsonville	180
Marysville	84	West LA	168
Mile-Hi	2		
Monterey	168	Central Cal DC	6
New York	84	Eastern DC	6
Orange City	84	NC-WNP DC	20
Pasadena	22	PSW DC	20
Portland	27	Ad Dept	461 2
Puyallup Vly	84	PC Office	161

Nov. 29 Totals: 6,041 2 (97%)

ONE-LINERS

53 Boise Vly	22 Pasadena
17 Cortez	65 Portland
19 Dayton	28 San Benito City
16 Delano	24 Sonoma City
79 Gresh-Tr	10 Tulare City
1 Marysville	Total: 334 (40%)

JACL-HI PROJECT

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DECEMBER 15, 1945

Dec. 4—WRA reports about 10,000 Japanese now residing in Los Angeles, as compared with 36,000 prior to 1942 Evacuation; many not returning to farms because of inability to rent land.

Dec. 4—Carey McWilliams urges Issei citizenship, prompt federal action to indemnify evacuees in speech before American Council on Race Relations, Chicago.

Dec. 8—Gen. Stilwell pins DSC on sister of 42nd's S/Sgt Kazuo Masuda in ceremony in front of house on family farm in Santa Ana. (After ordering his men back, Masuda advanced through heavy fire, packed dirt into a helmet, then braced a mortar and poured round after round into the Nazis for 12 hours. Masuda, in a similar lone advance at Cassino, was killed a few weeks later.)

... Hollywood stars (including Army Capt. Ronald Reagan who spoke), church, veteran and civic leaders participate at Santa Ana Bowl rally celebrating United American Day to honor Gen. Stilwell and Sgt. Masuda. (Reagan represented the American Veterans Committee, a WW2 group which had much to do with Navy's decision to drop its anti-Nisei policy.)

Dec. 6—CRDU (Civil Rights Defense Union) formed by No. Calif. Issei meeting in Stockton to petition Congress for naturalization.

Dec. 10—Hunger, filth, cold greets first group of Tule Lake repatriates and expatriates upon arrival in Japan (near Yokosuka). Renunciary Satoshi Yoshiyama asks AP correspondent Duane Hennessey to tell people at Tule Lake "not to come to Japan" ... Another 1,500 volunteer repatriates to leave Tule Lake Dec. 18 for Japan aboard Army transport from Seattle.

Dec. 11—War-time restrictions on enemy alien travel, contraband abolished by Justice Dept.; Issei may recover radios, cameras, weapons surrendered to government at outbreak of war.

Dec. 11—No evidence of arson found in burning of home of Cosma Sakamoto in Loomis, Placer County.

Dec. 12—Calif. Board of Equalization denies beer & wine license to June Tuguri, "because she is sister of Tokyo Rose".

## Community directory

LOS ANGELES—An Asian/Pacific community directory of greater Los Angeles with over 200 entries was published by UCLA's Asian American Studies Center (\$3.36; payable to Regents, Univ. of Calif.). Also listed are Asian American studies programs and student groups.

**Crime prevention**  
SAN FRANCISCO—A community meeting to address rising crime in Japantown here (bounded by Geary, Fillmore, Pine and Gough Sts.) will be held on Friday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. at the Christ United Presbyterian Church. Kimochi-kai and the church are co-sponsors.

**'Invisible Victims'**  
SAN FRANCISCO—Stan Kadani and Barbara Noguchi co-produced "Invisible Victims: Japanese American Survivors of Hiroshima", a 30-minute radio documentary for National Public Radio's "Horizon" series.

**Support the JACL-Satow Fund**  
c/o Sumitomo Bank of Calif.  
Attn: Hiro Akahoshi  
365 California St.  
San Francisco, Ca. 94104



## Yamada-Okubo Fund closed

By **LORRIE K. INAGAKI**  
JACL Legal Program Director

San Francisco  
In 1976, the JACL, under the committee chairmanship of George Baba of Stockton and the late Frank Oda of Sonoma County, initiated a fund raiser to assist the Yamada and Okubo families in filing a wrongful death and negligence action against Hilton Hotels. The action stemmed from an incident which had occurred in the Palmer House during the 1970 National JACL Convention in Chicago.

In November 1979, the case was finally settled with an award of \$115,000 to the families. Nearly half of this amount went to attorneys' fees.

During the nine years it took to resolve the case, the Yamada-Okubo Committee collected \$11,488 to help with the costs. Total expenses, however, amounted to \$15,555. The balance of \$4,067 was paid by National JACL.

The following is a detailed accounting of the expenses and income of the Yamada-Okubo Fund:

DONATIONS	EXPENDITURES
Legal:	
Cost of appeal	\$6,792
Reply brief costs	373
Trial costs	4,615
Other	335
Advertising	1,453
Postage, photocopying	28
Printing costs	359
Travel and lodging for families to attend trial	1,600
Total Expenditures	\$15,555
Excess of Expenditures over Monies Received	\$ 4,067

In closing the account on the Yamada-Okubo Fund, the JACL would like to thank all those who contributed and assisted us. A special thanks to George Baba and Frank Oda (Mr. Oda passed away earlier this year) for their assistance and dedicated efforts toward fulfilling the goals of the fund raiser.

The JACL would also like to thank both the Yamada and Okubo families for their generous contribution of \$5,000 to the JACL to assist in our work.

## JACL Director candidates

Seven candidates are applying for National Board appointment as national director, according to Jim Murakami, past national president and chairperson of the search & evaluation committee. They are, in alphabetical order: J. D. Hokoyama, Ron Shibata, Anne H. Takemoto, John Tani, John Tateishi, Ron Wakabayashi and Stanley Yamamoto.

One committee is to rank the resumes as submitted and a second committee will consider the rankings and interview selected applicants and submit its recommendation to the National Board prior to its scheduled meeting in late January or early February.

## Chapter Charters

Under the new JACL Bylaws adopted on July 31, 1980 at the National Convention (Bylaws Article II, Section 1), new Chapters may be chartered by the National Board without having to go through the National Council. This change was instituted to facilitate the granting of charters by eliminating the requirement that Chapters go through the cumbersome and long process of waiting for the convening of the National Council.

District governors were advised this past week, if there are any Chapters in their respective District which need to be officially chartered by the organization, the names of such Chapter(s) should be presented for consideration at the next Board meeting, scheduled for January 23-25, 1981.

New Chapter(s) must be approved by their Districts as well as meeting all the criteria set forth in the Bylaws Article II, Section 1. All relevant and supporting papers must be presented to the Board at the time of request for charter.

## Calendar

- Non-JACL event**
- DEC. 5 (Friday)  
Cleveland—Bd mtg.  
Contra Costa—Bd appreciation night.
  - DEC. 6 (Saturday)  
PNWDC/Seattle—Qtrly sess (2da), Kawa-be House, Sat: 7:30pm, Sun: 9am.  
Arizona—Christmas party.  
Boise Valley—AAUW Holiday Fair (2da), Coll of Idaho SU Bldg, 10-5pm, fr 1pm Sun.  
Chicago—36th anny Inaugural, Orrington Hotel, Evanston, 5:30pm; Rep. Robert Matsui, spkr.
  - Contra Costa—Holiday party.  
Dayton-Cincinnati—Inst dnr, Alex's Continental Restaurant.  
New York—Holiday Faire, J.A. United Church, 12n-8pm.  
Seabrook—Sr cit apprec night, Buddhist Hall, 6pm.  
Selanoco—Annual mtg, potluck sup; Rio Hondo College fac dng rm; Mitsuye Yamada, spkr.  
Los Angeles—SoCal Soc of Japanese Blind Christmas party, Taix Restaurant, 11am-2pm.

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## Chapter Pulse

### Contra Costa

The 1981 Contra Costa JACL chapter officers will be installed at a dinner to be held Saturday, Jan. 31, 7 p.m. at Spenger's Fish Grotto in Berkeley, it was announced by John Shinagawa, chapter president.

Reservation for the dinner at \$12.50 per person for either broiled baby lobster or New York steak may be made with Richard Tokiwa at 2859 Loyola Ave., Richmond 94806 (223-5463).

### Diablo Valley

The Diablo Valley JACL 1981 Installation Dinner will be held Sunday, Jan. 11, at the Concord Inn, 1401 Willow Pass Road, Concord. UC Regent Yori Wada will be guest speaker. Installing the new board will be J.D. Hokoyama from National Headquarters. Dr. John Kikuchi will preside as mc.

The cost per person is \$11, cocktails at 5, dinner at 6. Reservation deadline is Jan. 5. Please mail check with preference (veal scallopini or roast sirloin) to:

Bill Suzuki, 4255 Chaban Dr, Concord, 94521.

### Houston

A complete barbecue meal will be served at the Houston JACL Christmas party at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery Guest House on Thursday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m. Children (under age 15) & JACL families will be guests of the chapter. Election of 1981 officers, door prizes and games are on tap.

## Stockton JACL gearing for 50th

STOCKTON—JACL announced its gala 50th anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21. Details are to be announced, chapter president Ruby T. Dobana added.

Meanwhile, the annual Christmas party and Keiro-Kai will be held Dec. 20, 4:30 p.m. at the Buddhist Temple social hall. For the potluck dinner, a main dish for the family and enough for four more people is being requested. Children and parents are invited for an evening of fun: bingo and games.

### Mochitsuki

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Proceeds from the Japanese American Community Senior Service Mochitsuki on Dec. 20-21 at the Buddhist Church parking lot, will be used for senior citizen's programs. Orders may be placed at the CSS office, 565 N. 5th St. (294-2505).

- \*San Jose—Nikkei Sgl Club Christmas potluck dnr.
- DEC. 7 (Sunday)  
Milwaukee—Christmas party, Mitchell Park Pavilion, 1:30-4:30pm.  
Monterey Peninsula—Issei Kai Bonenkai, JACL Hall.
- DEC. 8 (Monday)  
Alameda—Bd mtg, Buena Vista United Methodist Church, 7:30pm.  
Las Vegas—Election mtg.  
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".  
San Luis Obispo—Dnr mtg, John Saito, spkr.
- DEC. 11 (Thursday)  
Houston—Christmas barbecue party, Brewery Guest House, 7pm.
- DEC. 12 (Friday)  
Watsonville—Inst dnr, Sea Scape Restaurant, Aptos.
- Tri-Valley—Christmas party, Country Club Sch, Dublin, 7:30pm.  
Los Angeles—Conference on Asn Immigration (2da), USC's Davidson Ctr.
- DEC. 13 (Sunday)  
Philadelphia—Christmas party, Woodland Presbyterian Ch, 2-7pm.  
Sacramento—ASEA Holiday Treats, Buddhist Church, 8pm-1am.
- DEC. 14 (Sunday)  
Contra Costa—Christmas potluck dnr, El Cerrito Sycamore Church, 5-8pm.  
Pocatello—Mochitsuki, 9am.
- West Los Angeles—Aux Christmas party, Yamato Restaurant, 8pm.
- DEC. 17 (Wednesday)  
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyterian Ch, 8pm.
- Monterey Peninsula—Bd mtg.
- DEC. 20 (Saturday)  
Stockton—Christmas party-Keirokai, Buddhist Church, 4:30pm.
- DEC. 27 (Saturday)  
Puyallup Valley—Mochitsuki, Tacoma Buddhist Church, 9am.  
Seabrook—Mochitsuki (2da), Buddhist Church.
- DEC. 28 (Sunday)  
Las Vegas—IMochitsuki, Heritage Sq.
- DEC. 31 (Wednesday)  
Contra Costa / Berkeley / Oakland / Alameda—New Year's Eve party, El Cerrito Comm Ctr, 9pm.

### Lake Washington

Dr. James Tsujimura, national JACL president, officiated at the installation dinner for the new Lake Washington JACL chapter on Dec. 6 at the Bush Garden Restaurant, Seattle. This chapter was officially organized on Oct. 21 when 27 members signed the charter application. Dinner arrangements were coordinated by Reiko Sato and Shox Tokita.

### Monterey Peninsula

The annual Monterey Peninsula Issei Kai year-end party (bonenkai) will be held at the JACL Hall on Sunday, Dec. 7 with JACL board members as guests.

The recent meeting on wills, estate planning and living trusts, presented by attorney Doug Tsuchiya, attracted 50 people.

### Selanoco

The Selanoco Chapter will hold its 16th annual installation dinner dance on Saturday evening, Jan. 17, at Griswald's, 1500 S. Raymond Ave, Fullerton.

Guest speaker will be Brian Tsuchi, a young Sansei actor who has appeared in numerous TV and films. He will speak on his experience that relates to theme "Youth of The 80's".

### Sequoia

Lodi Express and San Francisco Enchantees went home champions from the Nov. 15-16 Palo Alto Youth Service basketball tournament for youth of high school age at Cubberly High School, Palo Alto. The tourney sponsors, PAYS,

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are a Sequoia JACL-supported local youth group.

Lodi bested the host Palo Alto boys 53-40 in the championship tilt while Enchantees defended their title in a close 26-23 game over the S.F. Ardenettes. Steffo Terluin, PA, won the boys' MVP award. All-star trophies went to Alton Yasunaka (San Mateo), Gary Kikumoto (Sac'to Stars), Mike Sonobe (Berk Meth), Craig Tamura (LO), Mark Tamura (L), Dean Kuamagai (PA), Mike Nakanashi (PA).

Lynn Fujimoto, Ench, was given the girl's MVP honors. Named all-stars were Elaine Miyasaki (SJ), Gayle Ouchida (Sac), Kris Hamamoto (PA), Michelle Sasaki (L), Cathy Ozaki (Ard), Jeannie Kimura (Ad).

### Watsonville

The Watsonville Chapter Installation Dinner Dance will be held on Dec. 12 at the Aptos Seascap Lodge. No host cocktail will be from 6 and dinner will be at 7 p.m.

John Tateishi, chairman of the JACL National Committee for Redress, will be the speaker for the evening. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from any of the Board members or Paul Hiura, ticket chairman. General chairman for the event is Shig Hirano.

### West Los Angeles

The West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary recently held a dinner-election at Mr. "H" in Beverly Hilton. Veronica Ohara was elected to lead the Auxiliary for 1981.

The annual Christmas Party will be held in the Japanese Room at the Yamato Restaurant in Century City on December 14, 1980 from 6:00 p.m.

The many philanthropic activities conducted throughout the many years by the Auxiliary are financed by the sale of their popular East West Flavor I & II cookbooks. Delicious recipes for the coming holiday festivities are abundant in these cookbooks. Mail orders will be handled at WLA JACL Auxiliary, 1432 Armacost Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025.

### Nippon Kan

SEATTLE—The Nippon Kan Hall celebration planned for Dec. 5-6 has been postponed to sometime in spring, the JACL was informed.

## PLACER

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were among those attending, as was Loomis Justice Court Judge Bob Young.

Also enjoying the dinner were JACL 1000 Clubber Bob Metzker, head of local PG&E division, and Mrs. Metzker and Manager Lee Holmes of Auburn office of Department of Motor Vehicle.

Among the JACL officials present were National Legal Counsel and Mrs. Frank Iwama of Sacramento, Florin Chapter President Mrs. William Kashiwagi, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Oki representing Reno Chapter and Mr. and Mrs. Ard Kozono representing Sacramento Chapter.

Also attending were special surprise guests, Mr. and Mrs. Susumu Aoki of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Aoki, an electronic design engineer, is chapter prexy Nitta's cousin, meeting for the first time.

Furuta Royal Florist of Sacramento presented Vanda orchid corsages to all the ladies present and the colorful program covers were made available by California First Bank/Sacramento through courtesy of Toko Fujii.

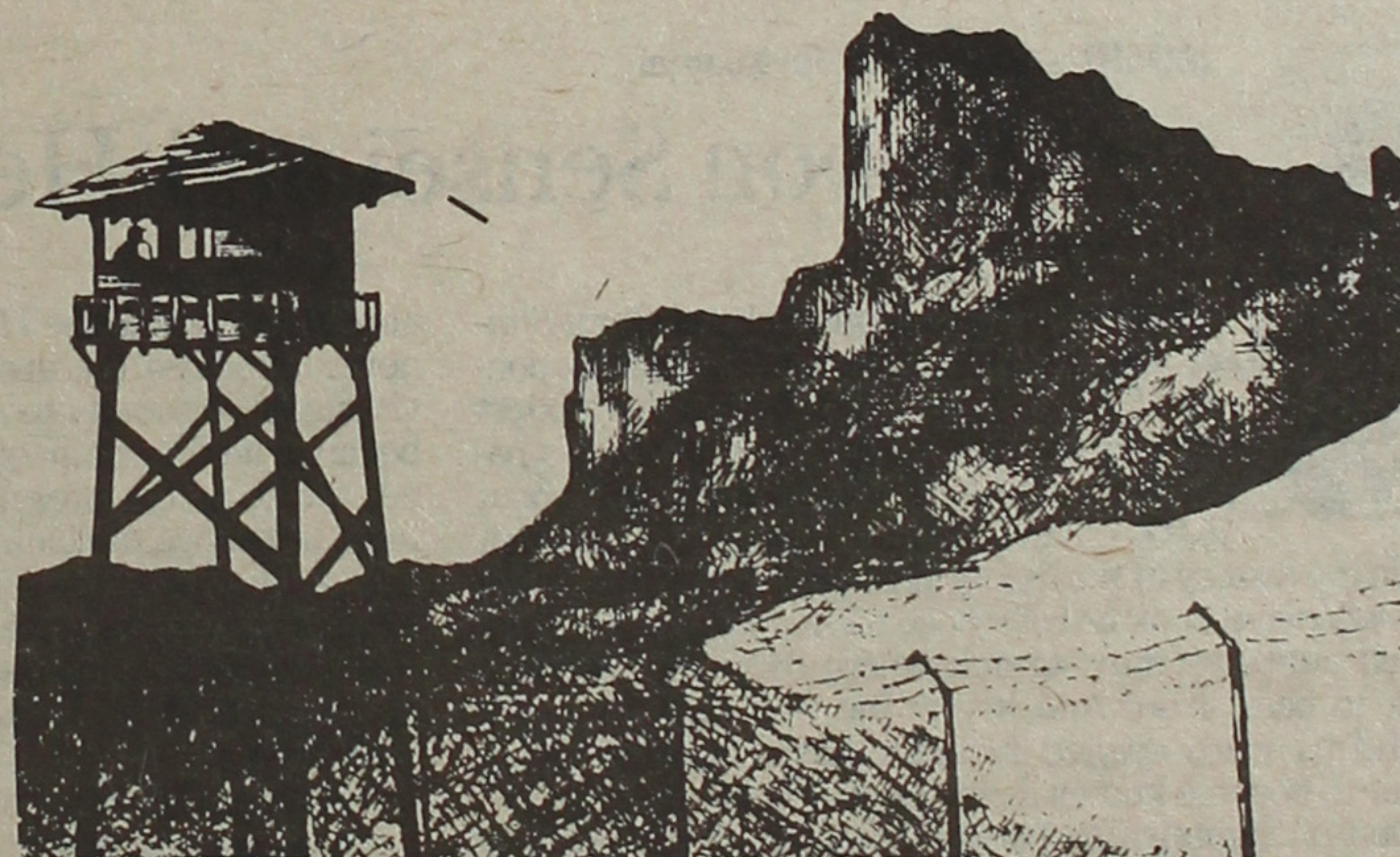
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### Education

Professor **Ken Hashimoto** in dermatology at Wright State U., Dayton, Ohio was promoted department chairman in dermatology at WSU... Home from a study tour of Japan, Calif. Supt. of Education **Wilson Riles** said the average school child in Japan spends four hours a night doing homework and little time watching TV. He also cited a recent survey that California children who were fluent in English with Japanese, Chinese or Korean as a second language made the highest scores in the 6th and 12th grade statewide monitoring tests in 1979-80.

**George E. Kawamura**, associate director for program of the Colorado Dept. of Social Services, and

a 1966 graduate of the Denver University Graduate School of Social Work, was among 10 alumni recognized during the graduate school's 50th anniversary celebration.

**Saddie Nishitani** is school superintendent-principal of the K-8 Knightsen Union School District in Contra Costa County, the second woman school superintendent in the county and among 66 applicants to be picked Aug. 18. She was formerly superintendent of the Happy Valley School District near Redding.

### Honors

**Wesley Sasaki**, a division budget operations chief with the U.S. Dept. of Interior, was among the top 50 in the department recently honored with performance bonuses by Secretary Cecil Andrus.

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Eugene, Ore.

Now that we are on the subject of Japanese Americanism, I would like to develop the idea further and share a few more thoughts. I mentioned that the cornerstone of Japanese Americanism is affirmation and reaffirmation of the principles that have made this country great.

Just exactly what does this mean? To my mind, this means none other than what we have been practicing as inhabitants and citizens of this country replete with potential. We are called upon by social, political and economic circumstances to affirm and reaffirm our beliefs in the potential of this society. This calls for a belief in our ability to make *home* a better place for everyone to live in. I believe that whether we realize it or not this process of affirmation and reaffirmation occurs in our lives constantly.

In many different ways this country has been called the land of promise. I feel that as a people we believe this to the depths of our being, in spite of setbacks, tendencies to counter this belief, and an erstwhile sense of impotence now prevalent in this country to be the primary force in the world to heal its wounds and solve its problems.

We try in a thousand different ways to live up to the premises of the Constitution, the greatest document and touchstone that would preserve human dignity and human rights that the civilized world has ever known. Behind the attempt are hope, chari-

ty and faith. The feeling of collective greatness that we have as a people is not an illusory thing. It is very real. It lives on in the hearts and minds of all of us, despite the often worrisome and wearying details of resolving the anomalies of the promise this society offers contrasted to the grosser realities of the evident disparities.

**Affirmation and reaffirmation.** To elevate ourselves and transcend the diurnal doldrums of coping with the complexity of existence in our society and the world, we have to affirm and reaffirm the tenets of our beliefs that would perpetuate human dignity and human rights. The battle goes on daily. Sometimes with telling results. A case in point is the redress movement. Without rancor and vindictiveness, we have patiently pursued a rational course of rectification that will hopefully have good reverberations throughout this society. I believe there is every hope that our message will come across to the American people and that this nation will be the greater for having confronted the issues.

Being the inmates of the concentration camps who had to bear the brunt of unjust incarceration called for and continues to call for a kind of psychic surgery. We have had to take a sharp scalpel to ourselves to ascertain where we stood, what our beliefs are, and how we regard ourselves as individuals. The task continues for many of us.

The historical happenstance of the concentration camps is

loans to interested Stateside chapters.

Early November brought a phone call from Sam Uchiumi of Berkeley and from Frank Kasama. Had lunch with Sam and his wife at a Tsukiji sushi shop. A few days later, I had a pleasant lunch with Jack Hirose of S.F. and Kay and Terry Yamaguchi of Stockton at the Foreign Correspondent's Club.

While everyone thought that prices in Japan were high, they were strongly impressed by the scenic and modernity of Japan. Some encountered difficulties with the language, but their fondness for Japanese food helped to cut down expenses because they found reasonably priced, palatable foods in hundreds of small Japanese restaurants and eateries.

Though I've been living in this giant metropolis for quite a while, the small town sentiments which still remain basically important to me would be pleased if you should call me while you're passing through Tokyo. Forget the "enryo" syndrome.

NISEI IN JAPAN: by Barry Saiki

## Passing through Japan

and Ft. Lauderdale.

Early October the phone brought me into contact with Bill and Esther Oda and John and Pat Yamauchi. Originally from Portland, Bill retired as an Army Lt. Col. and worked for the civil service until his recent retirement in San Jose. John, a retired major, is still working for Sumitomo Bank of San Francisco. With VP Harry and Terry Fukuhara as hosts, we had dinner.

Tats Kishida of Los Angeles arrived in early October and during a mid-October lunch, we discussed Japanese philately (he being a stamp addict like Editor Honda). He agreed to attend our late October JACL meeting.

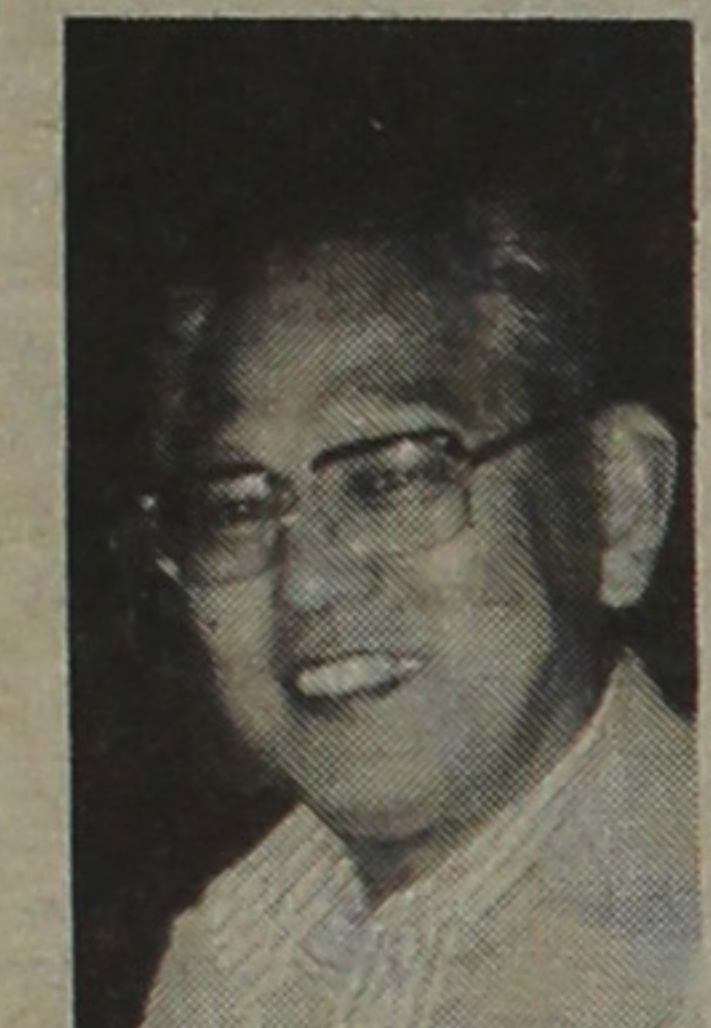
Frank Yanari from Minnesota called in mid-October. Formerly of Denver and Stockton, he has been living in Minneapolis since the war. An active leader of the MI group there, he said that contributions by the graduates of the MI language school at Ft. Snelling largely funded the Japanese garden emplaced on the Normandale College grounds. Additional funds are being solicited to finish the garden facilities. His brother James, known as James Yagi in his Hollywood days, hosted a luncheon at the American Club.

A 72-member delegation from Chicago stopped overnight on October 17, after attending the Buddhist Convention at Kyoto. Heading the group was Dr. Ben Chikaraishi and his wife, along with Mrs. Grayce Kono (wife of the late Rev. Gyodo Kono) and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Morimoto. Rev. Kono started the Midwest Buddhist Church in 1944, convinced that a church was

essential in order to encourage more Issei to leave the relocation centers.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Utsumi of San Francisco kindly called in mid-October, enabling me to have lunch with them and Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Hanyu at The New Otani. Noboru was celebrating his retirement from civil service with his wife Yaeko (Sakai), ex-Stockton girl, who was the Bussei Queen during the San Francisco Exposition of 1939, when more than 300 kimono-clad Nisei took part in the mammoth bon odori at Treasure Island.

October's JACL meeting featured the first panel session, with a group of panelists discussing why they came to Japan before the war. Participating were Sen Nishiyama, now of Sony; Kei Tateishi, editor of AP; Roy Otake, formerly of Kyodo News and Reader's Digest; and Sam Yamada of Radiopress. Copy of the taped sessions will be sent to SF headquarters for



TOKYO—The unique pleasure of being in Japan is that it provides opportunities to meet friends as they pass through Tokyo. By prior knowledge or via the grapevine, many learn my phone number. Thus, often, my phone brings me reminiscent voices, as the parties identify themselves, and like instant recall, the memories of the past come flooding back.

Somehow, we manage to arrange our schedules for a lunch or a dinner, to talk over old times, which, like the brew of good coffee, mellows the atmosphere.

In September, a Chicago Sansei Len Kaihara, a graphic artist working independently in Tokyo, let me know that Noby Yamakoshi was in town. We had helped in the formation of the Midwest Buddhist Church in 1944. Noby was now the president of Nobart, a graphic design firm with 350 employees, with offices in Chicago and New York. He also has a chain of Japanese fast foods called Takee Outee, in Chicago, New Orleans

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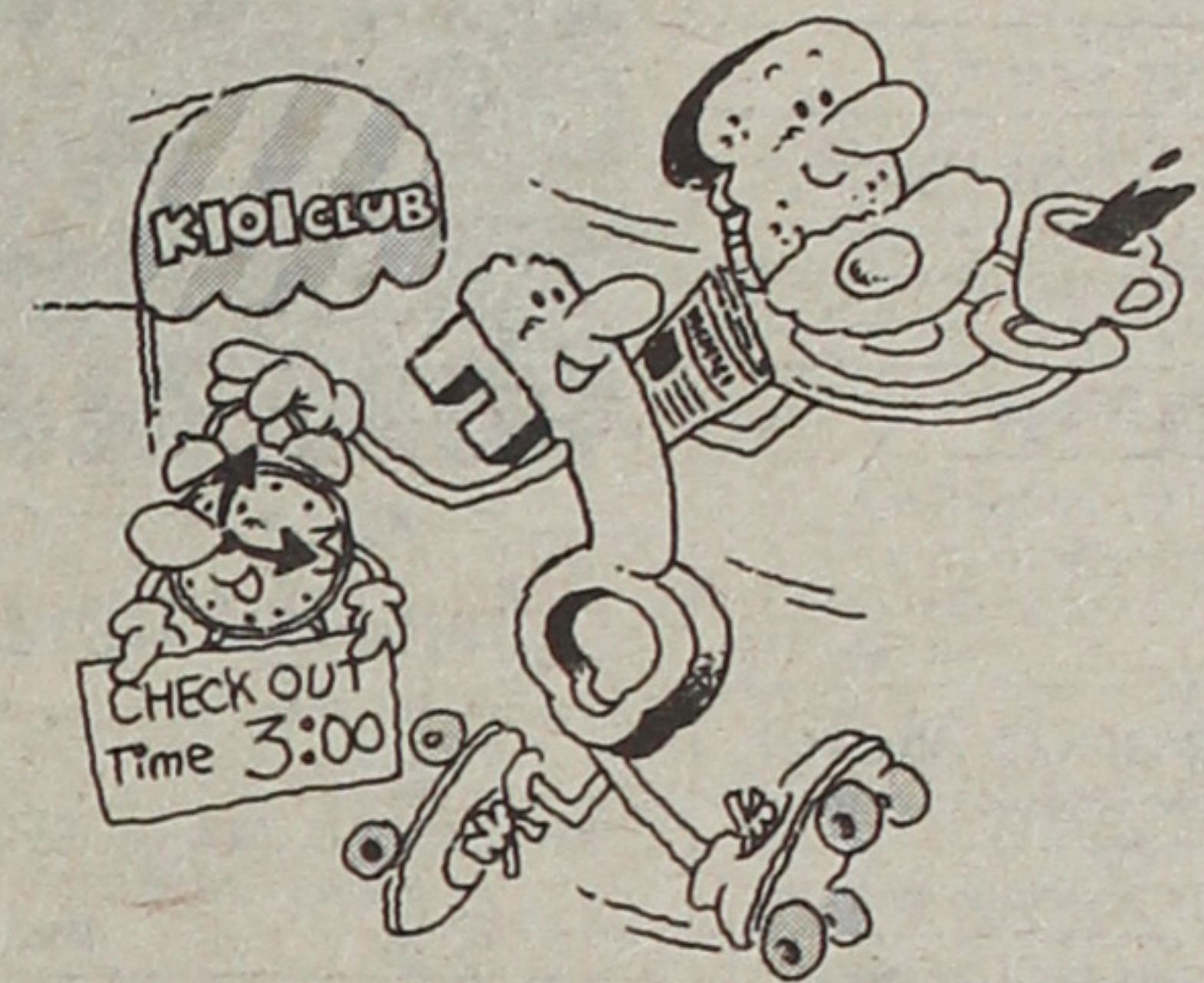
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unconscionable in this society. Especially in America. It is like a psychic wound that has festered for many years. Such wounds may heal in time with proper treatment. It may call for lancing to drain the poison from a basically healthy constitution. I don't expect a great catharsis to occur from such a measure, merely the laying to final rest of an ugly chapter in American history. One thing is tied to another, however, and it will require patience and more patience from us before we are completely out of the woods.

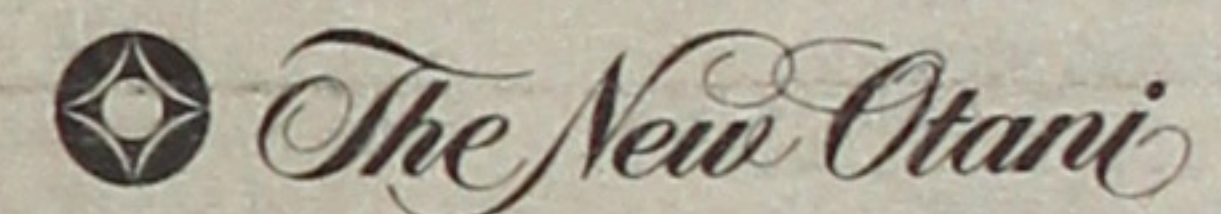
This brings us back to the idea of Japanese Americanism. Patience. We have been patient, and I know we will continue to be patient. Patience has characterized the mental makeup of the Issei and Nisei as well as the Sansei. It is a trait that has stood us in good stead. The options were there, however. To rebel and revolt. But by and large we as a subgroup chose the rational course, and I would say that rationality is another trait that has consistently characterized our outlook.

A certain degree of discomfort can attend self-scrutiny, but I think that is what is required of us to know ourselves and mature as enlightened individuals. Whether we realize it or not, our experience in this society has all the ingredients, if I can put it that way, of the building of strong individualism as well as cohesive subgroups. Together the combination is unbeatable. #



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