

Nikkei identity crisis bigger problem in Canada than alarming rate of outmarriage, seminar told

TORONTO, Ont.—Because Canadian Japanese, a small ethnic group, are out-marrying at an alarming rate, their future was the subject of a seminar last October here at Ryerson Polytechnic Institute. Initial portions of the findings and text of Dr. Toyo Fuse's summary appeared in the (Jan. 25) New Canadian.

Attendance of 80 people was below expectations, according to Edy Goto, in view of the extensive publicity, support and endorsements from many individuals and organizations, such as the Japanese Canadian Centennial Society and The Annex. The Nisei-Sansei married to non-Japanese were not in the majority, "a most disturbing and significant aspect of the seminar", Goto observed.

Some of the underlying problems facing the community touched on during the day but not discussed further were items believed to be "too painful to surface", Dr. Fuse declared. It turned out that interracial marriage itself was not the issue, according to the Japan-born, U.S.-trained sociologist at York University. Fuse urged a follow-up to take up the unanswered questions, such as the psychodynamics involved in the preference of anglicized names over given Japanese names and the communication loss of the ancestral language. "The French

Canadians can still do it; I cannot see why the Japanese Canadians cannot..."

Fuse also remembered the October 1970 Incident when the War Measures Act was invoked and armed federal troops arrested over 700 Canadians of French ancestry without search warrant or trial—reminiscent of the 1941-42 Japanese Canadian experience—and was disturbed because not one telegram of protest came from the Japanese Canadian community. Only later was he told that Japanese Canadians still have "fear imprinted in their psyche... insecure and who didn't want to rock the boat".

"How do we begin to repair this psychological damage?" Fuse asked. "I am not advocating Yellow Power, but the time has come for visible minorities in Canada to have some program to raise the consciousness level in which we can learn to affirm what we are," he continued, "something apart from our national origin or nationality."

Fuse recalled and was moved to hear Stokely Carmichael urging black students at Cornell University to first start an inner-conscious movement, to be proud of what they are (the "black is beautiful" concept). "I believe that's been long overdue in the Japanese Canadian community," Fuse concluded. #

Bannai initiates Evacuation resolution

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Assemblyman Paul Bannai (R-Gardena) announced this past week (Feb. 19) that hearings have been scheduled for Assembly Joint Resolution 56 which he introduced in the state legislature in early January.

The Bannai resolution with well over 60 co-sponsors in both the Senate and Assembly, supports the JACL-sponsored legislation on redress to establish a congressional commission to investigate the Evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans during 1942-1945.

"There has never been

another time in American history," Bannai reflected, "when citizens of this nation have been denied constitutionally guaranteed individual protections solely on the basis of ancestry."

Bannai, who was interned at Manzanar and served with the Military Intelligence Service and the 442nd RCT, stated that "in arbitrarily suspending seven of the ten articles of the Bill of Rights, the government ignored its own internal intelligence reports attesting to the exceptional loyalty demonstrated by Japanese Americans."

Significantly, the joint reso-

lution seeks the support of California, the very state from which the majority of Japanese Americans—approximately 95,000—were evacuated by the U.S. military.

Bannai summarized AJR 56 as "a measure which declares the California Legislature's concern with such a complete denial of civil rights and its support for the creation of a commission charged with the responsibility of studying the legal and constitutional aspects of such actions". #

Carter names JACLER to new council

SEATTLE, Wa.—Aki Kurose, a kindergarten teacher at Laurelhurst Elementary School here, was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the National Advisory Council on Education of Disadvantaged Children, a newly-formed program established under the Dept. of Education. Swearing-in ceremonies were held in Washington, D.C. Feb. 14, followed by a 3-day orientation for the six new members of the Advisory Council.

Active in the Seattle Chapter JACL as a board member for the past few years, Ms. Kurose served formerly as Head Start Curriculum Specialist and Multi-ethnic Curriculum Specialist for the Seattle School District. She is also an active member of the American Friends Service, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Women Act for Peace. She is a graduate of the Univ. of Washington and a member of Pi Lambda Theta, educational honorary. #

Gov. Brown signs EO 9066 reminder

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Californians observed Feb. 19 as a "Day of Remembrance" again as Gov. Brown signed the first annual proclamation reflecting upon the internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II.

The State Legislature last year observed the "Day of Remembrance" with special ceremonies attended by JACL officials.

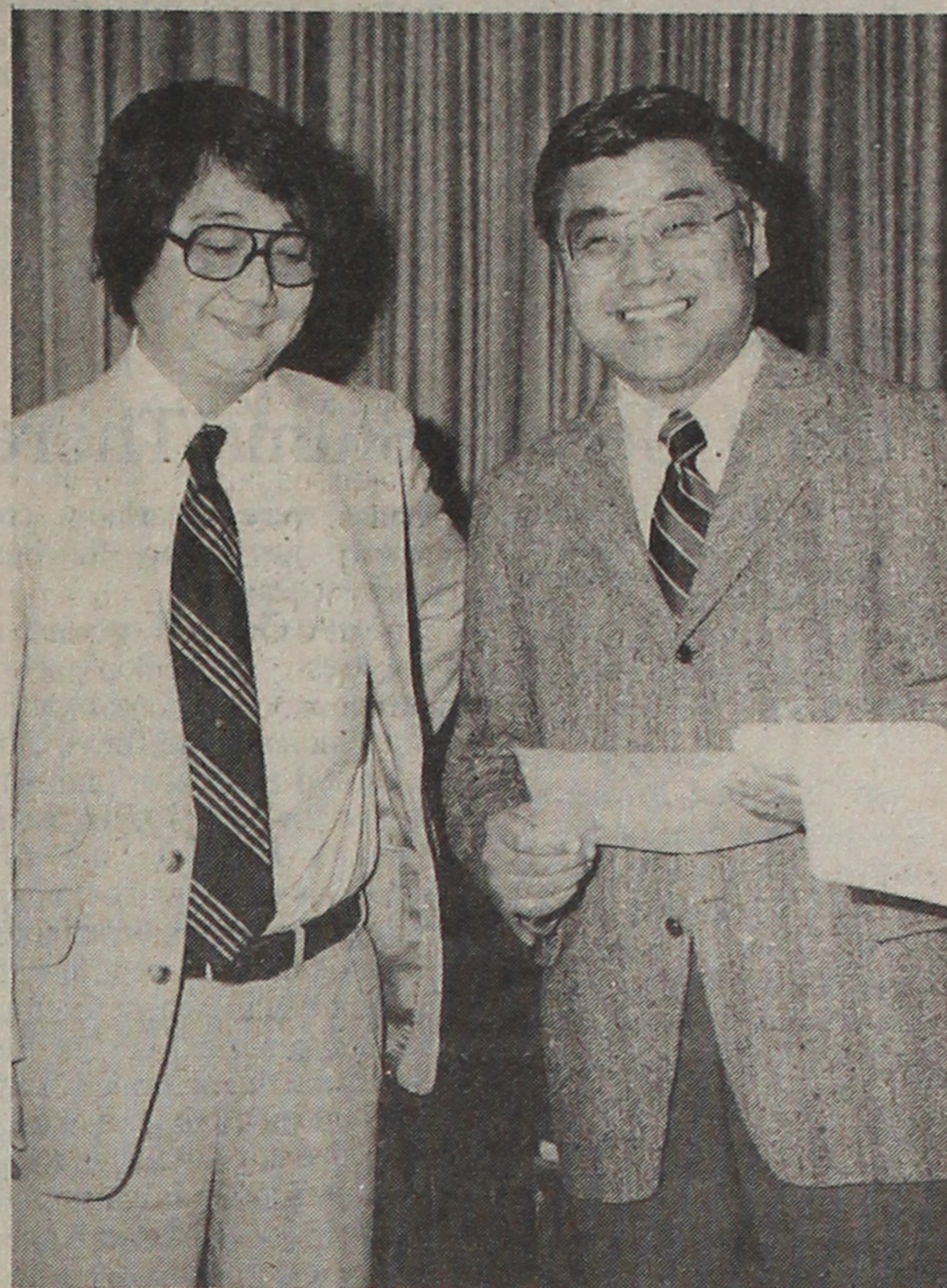
Assemblyman Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton), who was joined last year by nearly all of the 120 state legislators, authored AB 621 which directs the Governor to proclaim Feb. 19 each year as a "Day of Remembrance"—the date in 1942 when Executive Order

Fremont councilman's platform points to Jarvis II initiative

FREMONT, Ca.—Councilman Yoshio Fujiwara, 40, has filed for re-election, stressing the need for "fiscal responsibility."



Yoshio Fujiwara



Los Angeles Harbor Commission Vice President Jun Mori (right) confers with Jeffrey Matsui, executive assistant to Mayor Tom Bradley, prior to a weekly Commission meeting in San Pedro.

President Carter names Mori to new U.S. Export Council

LOS ANGELES—Local attorney Jun Mori has become a familiar face both here and in Washington during his current term as vice president of the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Last May, Mori was named as one of 27 private sector members of President Carter's newly-formed President's Export Council. The 9066 was issued to initiate the internment and its rescission in 1976. #

only Asian selected, the San Francisco-born Mori foresees his involvements with the Port of Los Angeles and the Export Council as a means of "motivating awareness and assertiveness in the policy-making processes", something he urges future generations of Japanese Americans to undertake. Such motivation, Mori continues, needs to be made in both social and political environments.

The Export Council offers recommendations to the President on export expansion, which Mori describes as in the "forefront of increased export trade." The attorney was one of four Port officials traveling to the People's Republic of China late last year to attract additional Far East trade to Los Angeles.

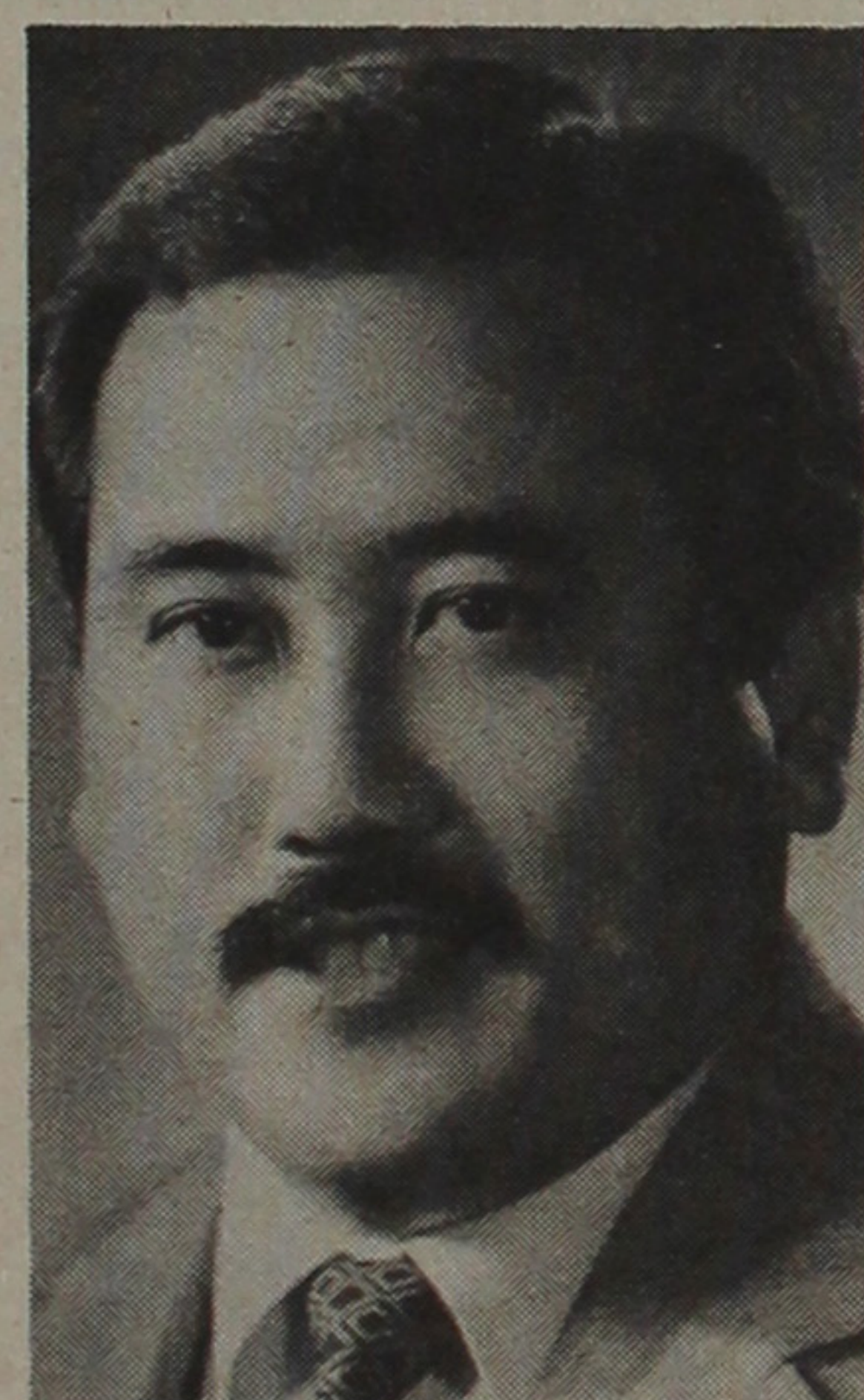
There is a definite need for emphasis on export trade because, as Mori readily points out, previously both Los Angeles and the country as a whole were more concerned with imports.

Mori chairs the Foreign Oversight Task Force of the subcommittee on General Agreements of Trade and Tariffs, which is involved in the identification of problems foreseeable in future foreign trade relations.

As senior partner of Mori and Ota, the largest Asian law firm, Mori has found that time is at a premium in his hectic schedule. In addition to obli-

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Gov. Brown appoints Marina JACLER judge



Judge Ernest Hiroshige

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Ernest M. Hiroshige, 34, was appointed by Gov. Brown Feb. 13 to fill a newly-created South Bay Municipal Court judgeship. He will be the 16th Japanese American jurist in the state.

Hiroshige was sworn into office Feb. 26 at the Torrance City Council with a reception following at Gung Hay restaurant.

A 1970 graduate in law from Hastings, San Francisco, he has been with the L.A. County District Attorney's Office since 1971. The past four years, as deputy D.A., he has been assigned to the consumer and environment protection division.

Active in various community and professional groups, the Rohwer, Ark.-born Sansei is a charter member of the Japanese American Democratic Club, and belongs to Marina JACL, Crescent Bay Optimists and the Calif. Oriental Police Officers Assn. Son of the Ted Hiroshiges, he is married to the former Carol Tomooka and lives in Culver City.

Hiroshige is a board member and legal counsel to the Marina JACL.

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ST. LOUIS JACL installs officers (from left): Yuri Sata (recently from Seattle), Mae Marshall, Betty Sakaguchi, Kimi Durham, Kim and Paul Harano (chapter president and previously from Nebraska), Yasuo Ishida, Patti Kobayashi with George Sakaguchi (at podium) administering the oath.

Tateishi addresses St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—John Tateishi, who needs no special introduction to PC readers, was guest speaker at the recent St. Louis JACL inaugural dinner, touching on many points in the redress issue that many people here had not been aware of.

Lee Durham, outgoing president, spoke on protection of Iranians in the U.S. so that the E.O. 9066-like tragedy is not repeated. Commenting on his

past two years as president, he also added the "mostest help" came from Kimi Durham. Robert Mitori was toastmaster; Joe Tanaka delivered the invocation.

MDC vice-governor George Sakaguchi swore in the 1980 officers led by Paul Harano, a computer analyst with Monsanto, who moved here from Nebraska. Presentations were made to Sam Nakano, a founding member in 1946 along with Paul Maruyama and Jim Hayashi; Misa Izumi; and Pauline Sakahara. Evening closed with rendition of Handel's Concerto on the harp by Ayako Watanabe, a member of the St. Louis Symphony.

Open house at the Sakaguchi's followed. On the dinner committee were: Mae Marshall, ch; Sachie Frazier, decor;

PC office settles in JACCC, Rm 506

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific Citizen is now ensconced in the new Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Room 506, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 90012. The telephone numbers are unchanged (626-6936).

The move was negotiated in a day, Feb. 20, in between the serious rainstorms that have soaked the area. Hope is for bringing the office into shape by this Sunday (Mar. 2) when JACCC's dedication and open house will be held.

The Pacific Southwest JACL regional office is scheduled to occupy its new quarters in the adjacent room (#507) by the end of March. #

Manzanar pilgrimage set

LOS ANGELES—April 26 has been selected for the 11th annual Manzanar Pilgrimage.

The Manzanar Committee 662-5102 or 293-6707 evenings, "decided to hold the pilgrimage each year on the last Saturday of April, as this event has become a tradition in the Asian American community".

Controversy lingers over use of pesticides in agriculture

PORTLAND, Or.—Hood River Valley orchardist Ray Yasui was packing Anjou pears for market from September—thanks to his judicious use of chemicals: the herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, fertilizers and other "tools" to maintain both quality and quantity.

Story and pictures appeared in the midst of the chemical controversy raging in the state. There is organized opposition to use of herbicides in the Douglas fir timber country.

Oregon State University Extension Service county agents say there is no other reliable method to control the variety of worms, insects, disease and crop spoilers on the farm. Pear growers, they said, need from six to 10 different sprays each year to protect their crop.

One organic orchardist went out of business after three years because of scab infection and other problems with his pears, the Hood River County extension service agent added.

At Univ. of California-Riverside, chemistry professor Roy Fukuto heads a team of scientists who are having their first comprehensive

look at impurities in a pesticide. A four-year study suggests purity levels should be established.

Malathion, which replaced DDT, is found in some 34 home-garden products. Scientists blame impurities (which may break down due to aging chemical or 100-plus summer heat) for making it impossible for the liver to render malathion non-toxic. UCR cautioned against use of malathion over a year old.

The UCR project was funded by the Environmental Protection Agency, which oversees 35,000 pesticide products, foreign and domestic. National Institutes of Health has made another three-year grant for the UCR team to continue its study of toxic impurities in pesticides. #

News Briefs

Los Angeles

City council voted 12-0 on Feb. 4 to make the Commission on the Status of Women a permanent City department. Sue K. Embrey is Commission President. The Commission is mandated to work for equal rights for women in City government and for all women in the City of Los Angeles. For further information call Vicki Smith, Acting Director, at 485-6533.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa



A Milestone Forgotten & Remembered

Denver, Colo.

It may be that as one grows older, he becomes more naive, more trusting, more believing, easier to fool. Have you noticed the number of newspaper stories about elderly people who are taken in by con men and bilked of their

life's savings?

On the other hand, it may be that my own family is more capable of deceit, plotting and connivance than I realized possible. In any event, my daughters Susan and Christie, aided and abetted by their mother Alice, perpetuated not one but two giant surprises on me recently.

The girls, who live here in Denver, persuaded their brothers Mike (who lives in Columbia, Mo.) and Pete (in Portland, Ore.) to slip into town with their wives, Betty and Cheryl. I had to be let in on the fact that Mike was coming. After all, he had to have a place to stay, and we have an extra room. He said he would drop in en route home from a business trip to San Francisco, and that sounded like a perfectly plausible situation.

But I didn't know Pete and Cheryl were within a thousand miles of Denver until we all went to Susan's place for a Saturday brunch. There they were in the living

room, as big as life, and it is hard to say whether I was more astonished or delighted.

Well, it was simply great having the whole family together for the first time in 11 years, or maybe it was 13, and I couldn't have been more pleased. Sometime during the day, as we chuckled over how the family had pulled a fast one, I remarked I wasn't accustomed to being surprised and I hoped this would last me for a long time to come. And all of them chuckled in appreciation of their own cleverness.

That night we had a wonderful dinner of chow mein and stuff at home which Alice had whopped up, and the boys, who have been away from her cooking for many a moon, made proper pigs of themselves. In fact we all did, although we all knew we were scheduled for another brunch at Christie's place the following day.

As we approached Christie's home I noticed a lot of automobiles parked along the street and observed absently that someone in the neighborhood must be having a party. Only later did it occur to me that my comment had not drawn any kind of response from the others in the car.

It now is clear that even with advancing years not all my sense of awareness has been dulled. Just as I was

about to open the front door, a feeling of great apprehension swept over me. I had a deep inner warning that something devastating was about to happen and I wanted to flee but could not.

Surprise! Lined up inside the door, arranged up the stairway, overflowing into the living room, was a horde of friends, associates and guys and gals from the office, all grinning like Cheshire cats. The three women in my life had struck again.

Finally I mustered up enough aplomb to mutter, "Judas Priest," or something to that effect, and a voice from the back of the house—Ruby Maruyama's, I learned later—piped up: "He's not here."

Okay, so he wasn't. But a lot of others were, and there was a lot of laughing and talking and almost no one lost an opportunity to ask whether I was surprised.

Of course I was. It seemed impossible that Susan and Chris and Alice could have done all this—sent out invitations, arranged the logistics, ordered the food—without the guest of honor suspecting a thing. If I had known I would have telephoned them from New York, where I had gone on business, that I was going to have to attend some meetings over the weekend and wouldn't be back until Monday. Wouldn't that have been fun!

So far I haven't told you what the excitement was all about. Well, it seems I had a birthday, a rather important milestone, and the family figured it ought to be observed properly, which indeed it was. #

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

'Someone has to forgive past debts'

Salt Lake City:

Cupboards and closets contain and conceal behind their polished wooden exteriors, not only essentials and excess, but sometimes small clues to old secrets. For over seven years, I had not opened the bulging boxes of papers and ledgers, except to periodically vacuum the dust from them.

The accumulation of information represented 24 years of operating the family business. There were pages of entries, columns of figures. Mathematical calculations perfectly balanced, precisely recorded in a hand I recognized as being mine from a period in which I subscribed to fundamental theories. Permanent black ink on white paper.

I had kept the documents past compliance with the statute of limitations for tax purposes. After the death of my parents, I became the surviving partner and sole custodian of the records. Last week, as I prepared for their disposal, I wondered why I had kept them so long.

Methodically, I ripped the pages in half, counting off the years as I placed paper in plastic sacks. Within a few hours, the labor of half a lifetime was destroyed. At the bottom of the last box, I discovered two large sealed envelopes. I had written my name across one. Private property.

As I opened the thick pouch, I remembered the contents I had enclosed several years ago. Tied with twine were uncollected bad checks. Many bore the signatures of members of good Japanese families. My mother used to call them necessary deceits for survival. Most of the checks were exchanged for cash, excepting a token purchase of a package of gum or a pack of cigarettes. Our store did not sell meat, fish or vegetables, essential for the family table. So the cash was spent elsewhere, money our business could hardly spare in those lean, early years.

When I suggested trying to recover the sums, my mother always dissuaded me. She asked, "What good would it do? You know they don't have the money. Don't press an already humiliating situation." As I arranged the uncollectibles across the counter, it occurred to me that there are sons and daughters who probably never realized the repeated small sins required to place food before them.

In the envelope, there was also a spiral notebook. On its pages were pasted cash register tapes with dates and signatures. Our business was supposed to have been strictly cash, no charge accounts. But it didn't work out that way. More uncollectible evidence.

The last item was a book common to most Japanese families. The record of monetary and other gifts given for weddings, illness, funerals, graduations, babies. And contributions to churches and charities. I was about to deposit the envelope and its contents into the file cabinet, when I remembered the time my great-aunt died.

My mother discovered among her effects, the family book with its concise entries. Great-aunt was known for her fastidious habits. She and her husband were pioneer Utah Issei. During the depression, they were considered financially comfortable because he had a good job as a railroad section foreman and she was a careful wife.

Some of their money was lent to Nisei male students who sought college educations. The money was usually borrowed by the students' parents, without interest, only the promise that the loans would be repaid. But upon the death of Great-aunt, her book revealed outstanding debts owing by some who achieved considerable success. The sum amounted to a small fortune even in those days.

I was appalled when my mother took Great-aunt's family book to the incinerator and burned it. I tried to restrain her, saying that beyond legality, a matter of honor was involved. It was during my fundamental period when I believed that honor was a peculiarly Japanese characteristic. As flames licked the ledger, my mother said, "Someone has to forgive past debts. Everything has to end sometime." I thought of this as my hand hesitated on the envelope of old secrets.

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FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: John J. Saito

Perils of Karl

Karl Nobuyuki was scheduled to be the guest speaker, I the installing officer and my secretary, a guest, at the Santa Barbara chapter installation dinner. It had been raining quite heavily all week and the rain was not letting up. We decided to leave for Santa Barbara earlier than usual because of the heavy downpour. Once on the freeway, traffic appeared normal.

About one half hour out on the road we started to slow down because of heavy traffic. Cars were backed up as far as we could see and I thought that there must be a bad accident ahead, as we crept along on the freeway we noticed that there wasn't any inbound traffic.

About an hour later, where the freeway is divided by concrete divider, the other side was like a river of mud. Dozens of cars were abandoned and covered with water and mud. One of the cars had water just below its roof top.

The concrete divider was acting as a wall and retaining the water on the other side of the freeway, but like an overfilled dam, the water was gushing over and under the wall to our side of the freeway, causing traffic to narrow to one lane and made us traverse the riverlike condition with caution because of the current and holes in the road.

Once we got past the road problem, we regrouped our thoughts and with "Yamato Damashi" spirit we decided to go on to Santa Barbara rather than turn back. (We couldn't go back anyways.)

We were listening to the news while we travelled north and heard that the Las Posas Road, which was ahead, was flooded. Sure enough, all traffic was diverted off at Las Posas Road and we were stranded half ways to Santa Barbara. I called Jane Uyesaka at the country club (where the dinner was being held) to let her know that we couldn't make it for the installation while Karl went to get motel accommodations.

Because people were stranded at the Las Posas cutoff, the motel next to the freeway was rapidly filling up. It must have been filling up because Karl ended up with no other choice than to take a so-called executive suite that had a Jacuzzi and a wet bar. My secretary and I ended up with a room with two king size beds. (We used only one).

The following morning I tried to get the highway patrol, but the lines were busy.

The traffic on the freeway seemed to be moving well in both directions and so we decided to head back home. Karl's car wouldn't start and he had to call the auto club to get the car started. Once the car was started we got on the freeway and headed towards Los Angeles. When we reached that portion of the freeway that was like a river the previous day, we had an hour delay because Caltrans crews were clearing the mud and debris.

We finally reached Los Angeles tired and somewhat disappointed that we didn't make it to the Santa Barbara installation and were too late to attend the district council meeting in Anaheim. God willing, maybe next time won't be as disastrous.

Incidentally, for those of you who might think I am a lascivious old man, my wife is my secretary.



Photo by Tom Hashimoto

SELANOCO'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY—Gathered for after-installation dinner picture are the 1980 Selanoco JACL officers and guests. They are (from left): front—Wiley Higuchi (PSW gov.), Sumako Harper, Mary Karasawa, Karen Sakata, John Saito (PSW reg. dir.), Aiko Abe; second row—Gene Takamine, Hiroshi Kamei (chapter pres.), Jun Fukushima, Hideki Hamamoto, Charles Ida, Jim Okazaki; third row—Gary Sakata, DrSam Kawanami (dnr chr), Asao Kusano, Ted Shimizu, Jim Seippel, Henry Kumada; fourth row—Richard Matsuoka, Clarence Nishizu, Nelson Harper. Over 125 were present. Municipal Judge Barbara Tam Thompson of Santa Ana was guest speaker.

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Calendar

- MAR. 7 (Friday)
Cleveland—Bd mtg.
Tulare County—Reno fun trip (3da).
- MAR. 8 (Saturday)
PSWDC/Nisei Relays—Jog-a-thon
Cerritos High School, Orange County.
Sacramento—Camellia Festiv lunch,
Woodlake Inn, 1pm.
Los Angeles—Pac Asn Amer Women
Writers West readings, Amerasia Book-
store (680-2888).
- MAR. 9 (Sunday)
Los Angeles—Jpns variety show, Be-
tsuin Kaikan, 1pm.
- Reunions
The Rohwer high school reunion
for students who attended during
1943-46 will be held over the Mem-
orial Day weekend May 24, 1980,
in Stockton, with many expected
to attend the Stockton JACL com-
munity picnic the following day at
Mickey Grove. Reunion informa-
tion may be obtained by Mas Ma-
tsuo, registration, 1618 Country
Club Dr., Stockton, Ca 95204, (209)
464-0914. George Tabuchi of
Stockton and Hiiry Oga of Lodi
are co-chairing the reunion week-
end.
- Arizona—Las Vegas Night.
- MAR. 14 (Friday)
Philadelphia—Bd mtg, Hiro Uyeha-
ra's res, 8pm.
Contra Costa—CARP mtg, East Bay
Free Methodist Church, 8 pm.
New York—Asn-Pac Conf on Wo-
men (3da), CCNY Graduate Ctr, call
Angie Cruz, coord, 790-HJ35.
Los Angeles—Naturalization rites
for about 200 Issei, New Japanese Union
Church, 12n, US Dist Judge Robert Ta-
kasugi presiding.
Sacramento—38th Western Young
Buddhist League conf (3da), Woodlake
Inn.
- MAR. 19 (Wednesday)
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presby-
terian Church, 8pm.
- MAR. 21 (Friday)
San Francisco—SF Ctr for JA Stud-
ies mtg, Pine United Methodist Church,
8pm.
- MAR. 22 (Saturday)
Natl JACL / PSWDC—An American
Festival '80, Bonaventure Hotel,
Los Angeles, 9:00pm; Setsu Inouye, Ma-
tsunaga, Hayakawa, Reys Mineta, Ma-
tsui, honorees.
Riverside—Potluck supper, Meiji
Univ. baseball tm guests.
Stockton—Sumiza Chor concert.
- MAR. 23 (Sunday)
Tri-Valley—Bridg bowling.
Berkeley—EBHII crao-spagnetti feed,
Numano Sake Co., 8pm.

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