

Reagan signs CWRIC extension bill

WASHINGTON—The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians was granted an extension of time, as President Reagan signed the bill giving them until Dec. 31, 1982 to complete their report and make recommendations.

The CWRIC, created on July 31, 1980, had originally been scheduled to expire on Dec. 31, 1981. However, the House of Representatives and the Senate had recently approved of HR 5021, which gave the Commission an additional year to submit its report and suggest remedies to Congress in regards to the World War II evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans and Aleuts.

However, the approved bill gives the CWRIC an extension of time only, and separate legislation will be required to give the commission additional funding. According to CWRIC special counsel Angus MacBeth, the CWRIC has approximately \$300,000 left (as of the end of February) from its original \$1 million appropriation.

Rose Matsui Ochi in bid for Congress

LOS ANGELES—Rose Matsui Ochi of Monterey Park, director of criminal justice planning in Mayor Tom Bradley's office, will be one of four Democrats seeking the party's nomination in the reapportioned 30th Congressional District on the June 8 primary ballot. But the incumbent, Rep. George Danielson (D), having resigned to take a state appellate court seat, Gov. Brown has set June 8 as special primary election day for the current unexpired term with a July 13 run-off.

Floyd Mori was 'fired', friends say

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Floyd S. Mori, former assemblyman who had officially resigned as director of the Office of International Trade earlier in March (PC Mar. 19), was actually asked to quit by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr., according to his friends. According to a report in the Los Angeles Times Mar. 17, the Brown Administration did not contradict the story.

Mori, a Democrat from the Alameda County community of Pleasanton, had been appointed to the OIT office after he failed to win re-election in Nov. 1980.

Asked to comment by the Times, Gerald Takehara, Sacramento JACL president, said that Mori's situation was similar to that of Jiro (Jerry) Enomoto, former director of the state Dept. of Corrections, whom Brown fired in April 1980. Takehara said that many Japanese Americans resent Brown's treatment of Mori and Enomoto, believing that Brown would not have dared to treat (former Health and Welfare Secretary) Mario Obledo, for instance, as he treated them.

"He (Obledo) has developed a

APAAC meets in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Asian Pacific American Advocates of California held its first membership annual meeting Mar. 19-21 at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

APAAC opened its office Jan. 4 in Sacramento, 1029 J St. #500, with Morris Artiga, executive director.

CORONER NOGUCHI CONTROVERSY ...

Supervisors postpone move to suspend

LOS ANGELES—Subsequent developments in the case of embattled County Coroner Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi may have contributed to the Board of Supervisors decision to postpone their vote on his 30-day suspension until this week (Mar. 25). However, board chair Pete Schabarum dismissed any speculation that the delay was a sign of the supervisors' backing away from their stance against Noguchi.

"We are not going to be spooked or going to be backed into a position but ... are going to make a decision based clearly on what we can develop and sustain," said Schabarum.

The board had called for suspension of the 55-year-old Noguchi as a result of an audit conducted early this year by Chief Administrative Officer Harry L. Hufford, who reported the coroner's office suffered from inadequate management, lack of evidence controls and insufficient personnel and equipment. The CAO report also said that Noguchi spent too much time away from his county responsibilities and used county resources and facilities for his private activities. He was also accused of making "unprofessional" speculations about the deaths of actors William Holden and Natalie Wood.

Noguchi had been asked to resign Mar. 5 by Hufford, but refused. At a meeting later with Nikkei community leaders he said he would "fight to the death" to keep his job. (PC Mar. 19)

County Grand Jury Finding Supports Noguchi

Noguchi himself received some support last week as a grand jury audit released Mar. 17 found "nothing that would warrant the action the board took". County Grand Jury foreman John G. Sonneborn Jr. criticized the board for ordering a suspension of Noguchi and said, "Had the Board of Supervisors waited for the grand jury audit, they might have had different thoughts."

Sonneborn said the six-month audit found no serious management problems in the coroner's office and added that Noguchi and his staff were doing "a pretty good job with the money they have".

"If I was boss, and the board is in this case, I would have

waited for all the facts," Sonneborn said.

The independent audit, conducted by the firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., said the coroner's office must find ways "to improve its overall level of performance and reduce instances of error and/or miscalculations" and made recommendations which included providing more money to the department.

The grand jury recommended such improvements as:

(1)—better physical facilities for records and evidence storage, (2)—an evaluation of workloads of investigators, and (3) an assignment of a training officer to develop formal programs for the "continuing education of employees". Department also needed \$85,000 in new laboratory equipment.

Professional Staff Members Support Noguchi

Additional support for Noguchi came from 13 pathologists on his staff who, according to a report in the L.A. Times Mar. 17, had drafted a letter to CAO Hufford which claimed that Assistant Coroner Richard Wilson was to blame for many of the management problems in the department.

Wilson was appointed to give administrative support to Noguchi after a highly critical audit in 1976 which turned up evidence that Noguchi was a poor administrator. According to Dr. Eugene Carpenter, one of the 13 pathologists, Wilson told the coroner's staff that he was sent by the CAO to "clean up" the department. County administrative officials, however, denied that Wilson, who previously worked in the CAO Office, in any way is their personal emissary.

Carpenter told the Times that Wilson did put the department in order, but also "botched things up atrociously".

"Dr. Noguchi tends to be very trusting and he has had bad advice all along ... they're hanging the wrong man," said Carpenter.

Although the staff coroners, according to Carpenter, felt that Noguchi is a "poor administrator", they believed that any attempt to review Noguchi's performance without examining Wilson's role is a "personal and professional injustice" to Noguchi.

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Supervisor's attitude questioned

LOS ANGELES—In an attempt to insure JACL's policy calling upon the public to be fair and impartial on the Noguchi issue was imparted upon the County Board of Supervisors, PSWDC Gov. Cary Nishimoto this past week (Mar. 18) visited with Supervisor Mike Antonovich, who oversees the chief medical examiner and county coroner's department to relate that concern.

And after a two-hour meeting Nishimoto, whose professional background and practice in law constantly finds him weighing facts and evidence as deputy city attorney, felt the mission was an eye-opener for him. "Rather than trying to find explanations and answers (at the coroner's office), the supervisors are looking for evidence to find fault (with Dr. Thomas Noguchi) to the exclusion of others in the day-to-day operation of department, including the assistant coroner and county administrative officer," Nishimoto remarked.

With Nishimoto were Dr. Linda Morimoto, Wally Ban, Irene Hirano, John J. Saito and Takeo C. Taiyoshi—business, professional and community people who told the supervisor they are not commenting on the merits of the Noguchi issue—"he must do that himself through his lawyer, Godfrey Isaac," Nishimoto explained—but were concerned that it was unfair the public was conceding the alleged wrong-doing on the basis of what had appeared in print, especially the actions of the board of supervisors precipitated by the newspaper articles.

"JACL is not defending Noguchi," Nishimoto emphasized after seeing one newspaper headline misinterpreting his statement that the county handle the Noguchi case in a fair and impartial manner. JACL's statement calls for fairness—that all the facts be in before passing judgment.

Over 800 sign in for camp reunion

LOS ANGELES—Over 800 for the Saturday dinner-dance, featuring Rep. Norman Mineta as speaker must be in by Monday, Mar. 29. For Details, call Sachi (213) 262-4992.

Reservations and money

Sansei judges face challengers

LOS ANGELES—Two Sansei jurists—Judge Ernest M. Hiroshige of the L.A. Superior Court and Judge Jon M. Mayeda of the L.A. Municipal Court—are both facing challengers for their respective benches in the June 8 primary. The two Nikkei judges and their opponents were featured in separate articles of the Metropolitan News recently.

Hiroshige, 37, sat on the South Bay Municipal Court from June, 1981 until he was elevated to the Superior Court bench Feb. 8. He will face South Bay Municipal Court Judge Thomas Foye for Superior Court Office #102.

Foye, a member of the South Bay Court since Aug. 1968, accused Hiroshige of being a "very slow" decision maker on court cases, in an interview with the News Feb. 19. Foye noted that the six-member South Bay court has an unofficial rotational system under which the post of the presiding judge goes to the senior-most judge who has not previously served in that capacity. Under the system, he explained, Hiroshige would have been presiding judge this year.

Hiroshige was given a two-week tryout last September when the 1981 presiding judge, Mark Wood, was on vacation, said Foye.

"What came out of those two weeks was mostly con-

tinuances. You can't run a court that way," remarked Foye, who commented that Hiroshige "did apparently screw things up."

But Hiroshige, upon hearing of the charges, countered by saying:

"Well, that's very interesting. I don't ever remember him watching me in court."

'Irresponsible' Charges
The Nikkei incumbent labelled the charges "irresponsible" and added:

"I don't know if I'm slow. I



IN BATTLE—Two recently appointed jurists, Judge Ernest Hiroshige (left) and Judge Jon Mayeda, face challenges for their seats in the June 8 L.A. primaries.

just put in more effort in my sentencing".

For example, noted Hiroshige, when sentencing a misdemeanor following a guilty plea, he takes the time to read police reports.

"I like to give individual sentences," he said.

Hiroshige took the offensive

and said that Foye is "affidavited by more attorneys than anyone else" on the South Bay court. (He explained this to the PC by noting that many lawyers, who discover that Foye will preside in their cases, usually request another judge to hear their actions).

"Judge Foye has never been elevated for 14 years. The fact that I got elevated is a factor, I'm sure, of some discomfort to him," said Hiroshige. "It's kind of infuriating to him that others get elevated before himself."

In an interview with the PC Feb. 22, Hiroshige said Foye has made "ridiculous" and "hearsay" charges against him. He added that the "best judges are judged by attorneys" since they are the ones who see the jurists in action the most. Foye, Hiroshige noted, is not the most favorable of judges among many lawyers, which explains the many affidavits filed against him.

Mayeda vs. Wynn

Mayeda, 52, who was appointed to the Municipal Court Office #39 last June 12, will be challenged for the bench by attorney Arthur Wynn. Although Wynn has no criticisms of Mayeda, he said in a Feb. 22 News article that he (Wynn) is seeking the judgeship because he wants to see the court system "better

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Implementing [501(c)4]



As noted in the PC, Min Yasui's request for the implementation of a 501(c)4 political arm of JACL was approved by the National Board at its February meeting in San Francisco.

Although the 501(c)4 will bear the name "JACL Legal Defense and Education Fund", its specific purpose will be for the lobbying of redress legislation. The creation of the 501(c)4 political arm for redress was deemed as necessary lest the tax-exempt status of the JACL be placed in jeopardy by the direct lobbying efforts anticipated in the foreseeable future. At Yasui's request, JACL legal counsel Frank Iwama is preparing the articles of incorporation and by-laws for 501(c)4.

Under Internal Revenue Service regulations [501(c)3 of the IRS Code], tax-exempt non-profit organizations such as JACL can participate in direct lobbying on a limited basis and are allowed up to 20% of the total revenue for this purpose. Exceeding this 20% limit would result in the loss of the organization's tax-exempt status. While the current effort of the JACL does not require the establishment of a 501(c)4 immediately, it was felt that implementation of a political arm should be initiated at this time since we will begin to move into direct lobbying sometime this year, and to do so will require the establishment of a separate arm of the JACL. The 501(c)4 will be established as a separate lobbying corporation, with its papers filed in the State of California.

The JACL employed a political arm once before, the Anti-Discrimination Committee, which was effective in the effort to gain citizenship rights for the Issei and evacuation claims in the post-World War II era. Amazingly in those days following Evacuation when the JA community had very little, the ADC was able to raise \$1,000,000 for a campaign which lasted five or six years.

The redress campaign unfortunately will probably take a number of years for its successful completion, which in turn will require continued funding for the lobbying of any kind of redress legislation. At best, lobbying is an expen-

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sive proposition, but this is precisely what will be necessary over the next few years

as we partly shift the JACL redress operation to Washington, D.C.

The most difficult part of the campaign lies ahead as we begin to coalesce our thought on

the specifics of legislation and focus our attention on convincing the members of Congress and the White House on the legitimate claims for redress. If gaining citizenship rights

for the Issei—an apple pie and motherhood kind of situation—proved to be so difficult, it's not hard to imagine the difficulties that faces us in this particular issue. #

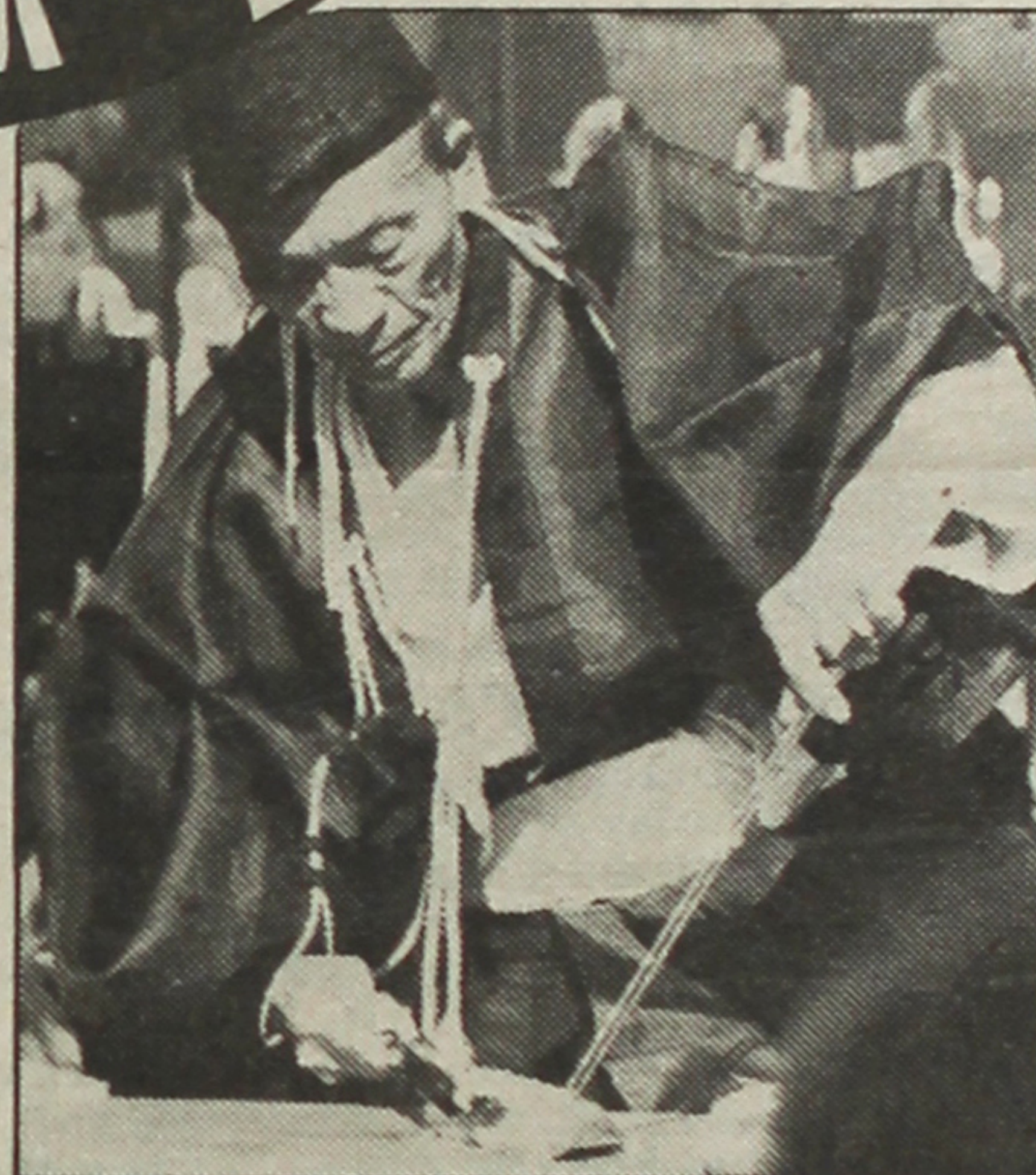
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3 JA teachers charged with grand theft in credit scandal

LOS ANGELES—Three Japanese Americans were among the 43 teachers charged with misdemeanor grand theft for receiving class credits and resultant salary increases for courses they allegedly did not attend nor performed any work.

The complaints were filed March 9 in Los Angeles Municipal Court against Betsy Emiko Marumoto, 44, Rumi-ko Ota, 32 and Jan Taeko To-gioka, 26, all with the L.A. Unified School District.

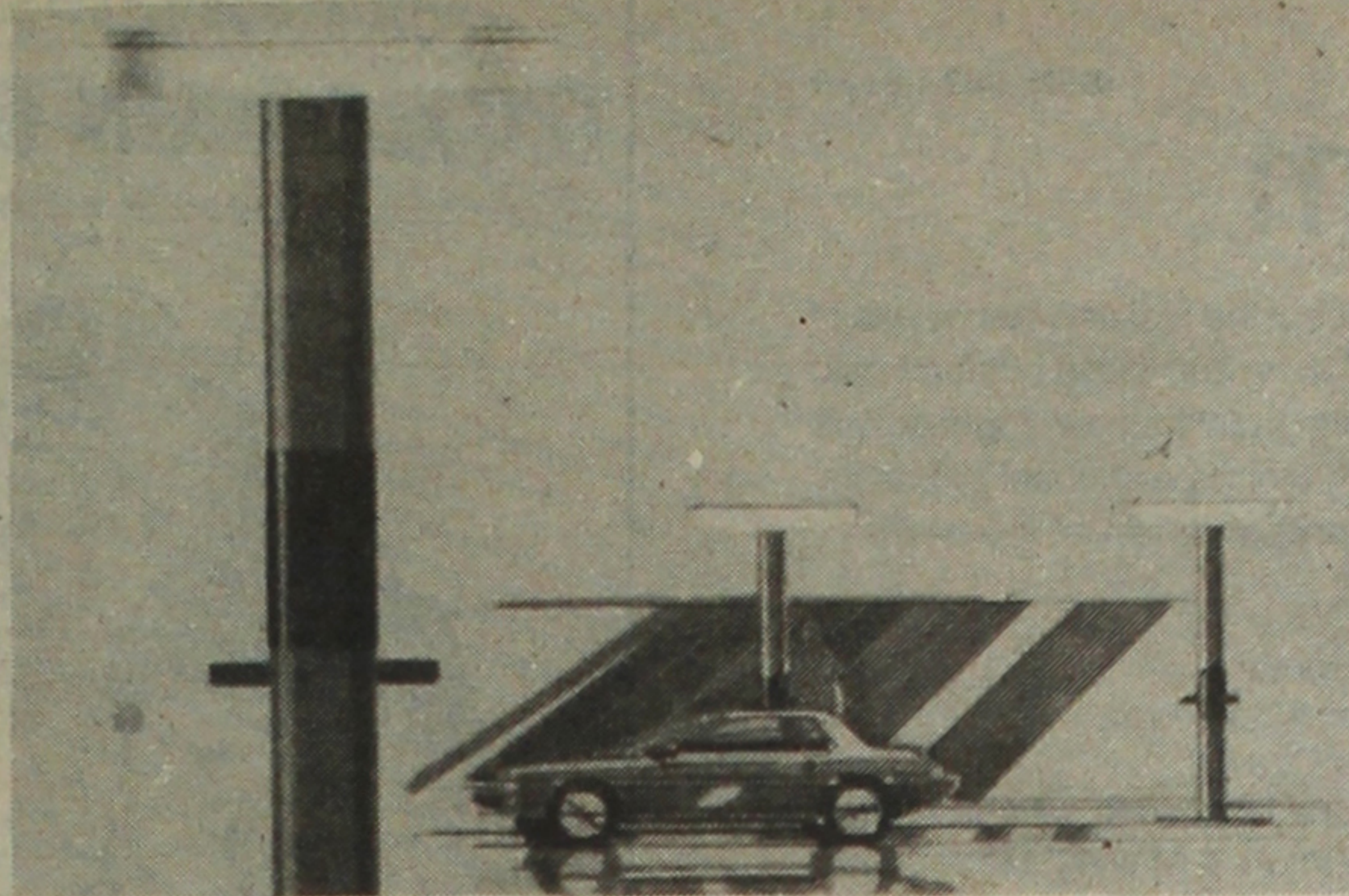
According to a report from the District Attorney's office, the 43 teachers had enrolled in extension courses at either California Lutheran College in Thousand Oaks or Ottawa (Ks.) University during the

1970s, and received grades without attending the classes. Each teacher reportedly collected an average of \$3,000 in salary increments for the fraudulent credits they obtained.

The misdemeanor grand theft charges carries a maximum sentence of one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. The DA's investigators are considering filing charges against the organizers of the course, who may have manipulated the grades of the teachers without the knowledge of the two schools' officials. #

● Press Row

Howard M. Imazeki, president of Hokubei Mainichi, announced Feb. 27 he would be retiring from the English section editorship of his paper this year.



FUTURISTIC GAS STATION—Sumiko Eguchi, an industrial design student at UCLA, created for her class project this space-age, self-service gas station which combines convenience, safety and efficiency. A credit card inserted in a slot at the pump pays for the purchase automatically.

'Dear Abby' asks if JAs were 'POWs'

Los Angeles

Syndicated columnist Abigail Van Buren recently responded to a representative of an ex-prisoner of war organization who was seeking other ex-POWs by asking him if former Japanese American internees of World War II should also be considered as "ex-prisoners of war".

In Van Buren's "Dear Abby" letters column Mar. 10, Edward Fisher, national senior vice commander for American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. (San Antonio, Tx.), said that the "Former Prisoner-of-War Benefits Act of 1981" was signed into law last Oct. 1. The new law, noted Fisher, would give benefits to Americans who were prisoners of war.

Fisher was seeking all ex-POWs to inform them of these benefits, and asked Van Buren to publish his organization's address.

Van Buren complied with his request, and responded: "I am pleased to be a part of this generous, patriotic effort. Will it include Japanese Americans who were placed in "relocation centers" (also known as "internment camps") for the duration of World War II?"

Hanamatsuri parade April 4

LOS ANGELES—The Hanamatsuri procession of Buddhist priests and members, led by a baby elephant, and the Sweet Tea ceremony will be staged on Sunday, April 4, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Japanese Village Plaza.

Large murals drawn by various Buddhist Sunday School students will be on display during the festival March 28-April 30 at the JVP Mall. At the JACCC, historic Buddhist artifacts will be on display.

Poster, essay contest for APA Heritage Wk.

LOS ANGELES—"Contributions of Asian Americans" and "Why is it important to have Asian Pacific American Heritage Week?" are the respective themes of the annual poster and essay contest being held in observance of Asian/Pacific American Heritage week, which begins May 7.

Sponsored by Mayor Tom Bradley, the Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week Committee and the Asian American Education Commission, the contest is open to all students from kindergarten to the 12th grade.

Deadline for all entries is March 31. For more information call the Mayor's office at (213) 485-4420.

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served, better economized and made more efficient."

Wynn also feels he can do "a better job in helping to improve the system," which is in "sorry shape".

Mayeda, in response, said Wynn's challenge concerns him. "Any judge who's challenged is concerned," he remarked.

Mayeda said he has heard rumors that Wynn is opposing him simply because the number of the office—39—is Wynn's lucky number.

"I plan to conduct a vigorous campaign," said Mayeda. "I'm going to base it on my record as a judge and my performance as a deputy city attorney over eight years."

Mayeda added that he has never met Wynn and knows very little about his challenger.

Nikkei Have Experience

Both Hiroshige and Mayeda have extensive legal experi-

ence in the city. Prior to his appointments to the superior and municipal courts, Hiroshige had been a deputy district attorney for approximately nine years in both the criminal and civil field. Born in Aug., 1945 at the Rohwer, Ark. relocation camp, Hiroshige is a graduate of Hastings College of Law, San Francisco.

Mayeda, before his appointment to the municipal bench, had been deputy city attorney in the civil and criminal law branches from Feb. 1973 to June 1981. He is a graduate of UCLA Law School.

Both are past presidents of the Japanese American Bar Assn. (Hiroshige—1978, Mayeda—1979) and were officers of the Minority Bar Associations of Los Angeles.

A fundraiser for both judges has been slated by the "Friends of Judges Hiroshige and Mayeda" for April 1, 5 p.m. at the Miriwa Restaurant, 750 N. Hill St. For info call Leslie Furukawa, (213) 627-7727.

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An Open Letter to the Asian Community

I would like to thank the following who helped in the transition to trusteeship: Bernie Cole, Harriet Ito, Robert Ogi, Emmett Shintani, Herb Wunar, and The Nisei Ambassadors Board of Directors.

/s/ TOM MATSUSHIMA
Chairman
Nisei Ambassadors Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc.

The Board of Directors of the Nisei Ambassadors Drum & Bugle Corps was forced to face the following alternatives:

- 1) Disband completely;
- 2) Merge with another comparative corps;
- 3) Turn over our assets as well as our Corps to another corps.

All attempts to merge with other Corps have failed, therefore, the Board decided to disband by liquidating all assets, and turning over the proceeds to a Board of Trustees.

The Trustees, selected from the community, will be entrusted with the preservation of the funds realized from the liquidation of assets and the Nisei Ambassador's State Charter. Both should be preserved in the event qualified people wish to reactivate the Corps.

The Board has overseen the liquidation of assets, and is prepared to relinquish its reins to the Pro-tem Committee consisting of Richard (Gus) Hikawa, Harriet Ito and Yukio Hashiguchi. The Pro-tem Committee shall oversee the transfer of responsibility to the Trustees. The Trustees are:

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It is impossible to thank everyone on an individual basis for their support over the years. Collectively, thank you one and all.

ASSETS — February 1, 1982

Nisei Ambassador Treasury	\$ 12,823.70
Youth Fund	654.47
Shigehira Scholarship Fund	1,735.24
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After Redress, Do We Need a No-Evacuation Law?

Denver, Colo.

Our good friends of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, who know a thing or two about discrimination, recently passed a resolution relating to Japanese Americans. ADL's national executive committee, meeting in Palm Beach, Florida, called on Congress to adopt a statute to assure that "No United States citizen shall be evacuated, relocated, detained, partially confined or otherwise deprived of civil liberties on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, color or national origin."

It relates directly to the Japanese American experience in World War II. The resolution was introduced by Harry Keaton of Los Angeles, chairman of the League's national Discriminations Committee. He noted that Congress, which appointed a commission to investigate the Evacuation, has yet to pass a law to prevent a recurrence of incarceration "based solely on group membership". He also observed that there have been no court decision that would restrain the federal government from acting again as it did in the case of Japanese Americans.

The idea of a law aimed specifically at preventing a recurrence of the sort of outrage perpetrated against Japanese Americans is also endorsed by many Nisei and Sansei. Admittedly there's a certain appeal to such

legislation.

But to this observer, who is neither an attorney nor a constitutional scholar, there seem to be plenty of safeguards already in place in the Bill of Rights if they are taken at face value. The Fifth Amendment, under the so-called "due process" provision, specifies that no person shall be "deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." And the Fourteenth Amendment, with its "equal protection" provision, guarantees that citizens will not be denied "the equal protection of the laws".

But in the Gordon Hirabayashi case, the Supreme Court found that the Army's curfew order directed specifically against Japanese Americans was not a violation of the Fifth Amendment because in a wartime situation citizens of one ethnic ancestry may be placed in a different category from other citizens in view of the danger of espionage and sabotage.

Also in the same case the Supreme Court ruled in effect that the military under special circumstances had the right to deny citizens equal protection of the laws because some of them, specifically Japanese Americans, had "attachments" to the enemy and could be of greater danger to the nation than Americans of other ancestry. We don't have to agree with that, but it's what the justices said.

The fault, then, would seem to be not with the laws that

safeguard civil rights, but in their interpretation. One must ask whether civil rights would be better protected if Congress should pass a law which says something to this effect:

"It shall be illegal for the President and any other member of the Executive Department of the United States government to violate the Bill of Rights, and it shall be illegal for Congress to enact legislation that violates the Bill of Rights, and furthermore, it shall be illegal for the Supreme Court to find in favor of any action that violates either the letter or the spirit of the Bill of Rights."

I doubt it. The safeguards are firmly in place. They will not be strengthened by more specific legislation. They failed in 1942 because the military in its zeal violated them with the approval of the President who chose to ignore them. They failed because the citizenry did not rise to protest the violation of their rights. They failed because the highest court of the land chose the course of expediency and adopted the military's doctrine of "military necessity".

Under such extraordinary circumstances there is no guarantee that any legislation will protect civil rights. Additional legislation would be a redundancy. The only sure safeguard is popular insistency on the sanctity of the Constitution. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

Getting a Foot in the Door

Philadelphia

I'M NOT QUITE sure just how the (Nisei) group happened to get on the subject, but the topic for the evening was "job interviews". Included in the group were two Nisei who conduct some of the interviews for their respective, national companies—and they readily concurred on a point: Asians give very poor interviews; they don't know how to communicate.

"You mean," a voice piped up from the back, "they don't know how to bee-ess."

"Not so," retorted the two. "It's not a matter of lying or gilding the lily; they just don't know how to express themselves or are reticent about speaking up."

"Oh," piped back the voice, "you mean Enryo?"

IT WAS CONCEDED that most of these Asian applicants probably were highly qualified, technically. But companies seek something beyond technical ability, for the long haul; they need people who can communicate with the public as well as with co-workers. (However, one of the Nisei-interviewers allowed that he was overruling a departmental view and was hiring a Chinese

American because of outstanding job performance and notwithstanding some deficiency in verbal articulation.)

A RAPID SERIES of questions. M'gosh, do Nisei—with their vaunted high education, reputation for conscientiousness and hard work—suffer from this deficiency? Isn't it good enough that one is a "performer"? And surely, Sansei do not have this deficit? (Answers: "Yes," "Not quite," and "Sorry to say, yes.") This is terrible. How'd this come about, and what can be done about it?

FOR THE NISEI it may have come about, opined one, because of the cultural, socio-economic environment in which the Nisei were nurtured. Their parents were not well-connected, and the children did not have the opportunity to be exposed to various facets of the economic world. Take a small segment of life as an example: unlike many other families in America, a Nisei at the dinner table was not encouraged to engage in topic-of-the-day conversations. Rather, the adage "children should be seen, not heard" was invoked and observed.

Okay, chalk off the Nisei; but how does this explain the purported communication deficit ascribed to Sansei? Surely, they were not burdened, either in scope or de-

near and dear has no unanimity within the organization.

The Nikkei community as reflected within our membership has varied perceptions of issues and their rank order. Obviously, our personal histories, biases, training and other factors affect our view. The geographic setting of our immediate neighborhoods, presents distinct emphasis on one issue over another. The number of Nikkei on the West Coast as opposed to the sparsity in other regions is as strong an influence over our thinking as any other factor. The Nikkei community is not homogeneous and monolithic enough to be of one mind. We are a diverse community.

In the ranks of the "leadership", the terminology of "national perspective" is often raised. Immersed in this language is some kind of understanding that there is a common element that we should be able to identify. The recent dialogue about the proper setting for the National office is an example. Many voices have articulately argued for various settings that would be the obvious and overwhelmingly appropriate site to house the JACL National Headquarters. All of them are correct, given the criteria that each is utilizing to address the issue.

Selection of the criteria will determine the answer. If JACL should maintain a compelling role in facilitating legislation and policy at a Federal level, surely, Washington, D.C. makes great sense. An economic and historical set of criteria would point to remaining in San Francisco. A demographic argument would certainly put Los Angeles with the large Nikkei population into a strong posture. It all depends upon the criteria.

Perhaps, unlike the simulation exercise, the role of JACL is multiple. JACL has multiple facets that address the needs of various Nikkei minds. Perhaps, the dialogue ought to focus upon, how do we best meet the varied needs of a varied community, rather than trying to determine who should get off the boat. #

gree, with the same denials which may have foreclosed many Nisei. So, how come?

THERE WAS NO ready answer to this query, although it was pointed out that handling a job interview is a tough task for anyone. Indeed, one of the Nisei mentioned that he was conducting a "dress rehearsal" with his daughter who was about to begin job interviews. Some questions: "Why are you applying with us? How do you think you fit in here? What advantages (disadvantages) do you see in working for us? If we hired you, where do you see yourself in five years? Ten years?" and so on.* One suggested that perhaps the Nisei should sponsor seminars for young folks: what to include in your personal summary; what preparations should be made in interviewing with a particular company; how to handle questions, and kinds of questions to expect; how to dress; et cetera.

It may be a project well considering by the chapters. There is a need, a sore need.

* Very often, there is no "correct" answer. Rather, somewhat like a Rorschach test, it is the *content* of the response that can be most revealing. The interviewer will also observe how the interviewee "fields" the questions. When this writer conducted interviews for the law firm, we posed the following questions: "Aside from legal competence, honesty, and such other obvious factors, what are the three most important things that a law firm should seek in a law associate?" Then, in the other direction: "Setting aside certain basic 'givens,' what are the three most important things that a law associate should look for in a law firm?" The answers were often very interesting.



Bill Marutani

MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi

The Lifeboat Dilemma

There is a simulation game that has participants imagine they occupy a lifeboat adrift with no help in sight. The lifeboat gathers water at the rate where every five minutes one of the participants must volunteer to go over in sacrifice, or the group must determine, who should make the sacrifice. The consequence of indecision is that the whole boat will sink and there would be no survivors. The exercise is supposed to dramatize the need for decision-making.

One of the dynamics that occurs frequently, is the development of criteria to determine, who is the logical person to depart the group. This person is deprioritized. The criteria is established through a discussion among the participants. Common elements that are discussed are based in value judgments that are carried by the participants. While the rules of the exercise force a discussion of values that support one person's life over another, there really aren't any objective criteria that can be established.

A person with family responsibilities, or a person with a special skill it might be argued, should survive over someone without affinity or an obvious talent. The construction of such criteria is always subjective.

The exercise reminds me of our budget process. Costs continue to rise, filling our JACL boat. Discussion on what should be jettisoned becomes subjective. What is near and dear to each of us is protected. The problem is that the perception of what is



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From PACIFIC NORTHWEST: by Karen Seriguchi

Young Nikkei

Seattle

One of the most enjoyable parts of my job is going to different high school and college groups to talk with Sansei and Yonsei about JACL and current issues in the community. The question-and-answer period following a presentation almost always means a lively discussion about what it means to be Japanese American today.

Most high school and college-age students probably devote a good deal of time analyzing who they are. For Sansei and Yonsei this requires, among other things, a thorough exploration of their recent history. It has become apparent to me that, while these students are hungry for personal impressions of camp, they hesitate to intrude on their parents' privacy. At the same time, they keep their own feelings about camp and the internment pretty much to themselves. This mutual silence affects family dynamics in profound ways.

Family life holds questions for the future as well as the past: "What is Nikkei culture and how can I be sure to transmit it to my Yonsei/Gosei children?" is frequently asked in discussions held on campuses.

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A new JACL-JAY chapter recently began to form in the Puget Sound area partly as a response to interest in such concerns. Drawing Sansei and Yonsei from several communities, the youth group is planning social activities and drafting the curriculum for a series of classes in family relations, community issues, ethnic awareness, and internment/redress. The group decided to hold the classes this fall in one of the cities lying on the eastern shore of Lake Washington, across from Seattle, because "Sansei over there are more isolated and don't have as many resources available to them."

Those who may have doubts about the future of Japanese Americans would be reassured by the energy and thoughtfulness of these young Nikkei. We hope that once the Puget Sound JAY chapter is off and running, other chapters in the Northwest will form and join the national JACL youth network.

San Diego scholarship dinner set May 2

SAN DIEGO, Ca.—Leslie Furukawa, PSWDC legal counsel, will be guest speaker at the 25th annual San Diego JACL scholarship awards dinner Sunday, May 2, 6 p.m. at Tom Ham's Lighthouse.

James Yamate, scholarship chair, recalled the first awards made in 1957 required splitting the single \$100 prize because the judges could not decide. This year, the chapter is presenting over \$4,000 to 17 awardees (\$500 first, \$400 second, \$300 third, and 14 at \$200 each).

Committee hopes many former recipients will purchase tickets and attend the dinner to be again recognized.

5-km Kimochi/Sakura run slated April 25

SAN FRANCISCO—A 5-km benefit run on Sunday, April 25, for Kimochi Senior Center will start 9 a.m. at the Golden Gate Park Polo Grounds and end in Japantown, it was announced by Dr. Ted Uyemoto, chair. Entry fee is \$7. Application forms are available in Japantown's Kimochi Lounge or call Steve Nakajo or Rich Eijima (931-2294).

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Four seek twin/ELA queen titles

MONTEREY PARK, Ca. — Four candidates are vying for dual honors as Miss East L.A. JACL and Miss Cherry Blossom Festival: Kerry Hirakawa, Yuri Shimamoto, Elyse Marumoto and Shari Yanagi.

Candidates will be introduced on Saturday, April 10, at Luminarias Restaurant, during the dinner starting at 7 p.m. Dancing to Val Johnson's "Good Sounds" follows from 9 p.m. The 28th annual Emerald Ball and 6th annual Cherry Blossom Festival dinner is being co-sponsored by East L.A. JACL and Nisei VFW Post 9902.

Parents of the aspirants are

Gardena JACL seeks Nisei Week candidate

GARDENA, Ca.—The Gardena Valley JACL is accepting applications for its 1982 Nisei Week candidate, who will be crowned May 1 at the Airport Hyatt Hotel. She will win various prizes, including a trip to Hawaii.

Applicants must be between 18-25 years old and have one parent of 100% Japanese descent. Interested persons should send a picture and resume to: Queen Committee, Gardena Valley JACL, P.O. Box 2361, Gardena, CA 90247.

Mssrs. and Mmes. Harry Hirakawa; Taro Marumoto; Roy Shimamoto; and Kenny Yanagi. Winner will represent East L.A. JACL at the Nisei Week Japanese Festival in August and also be Miss Cherry Blossom Queen at the

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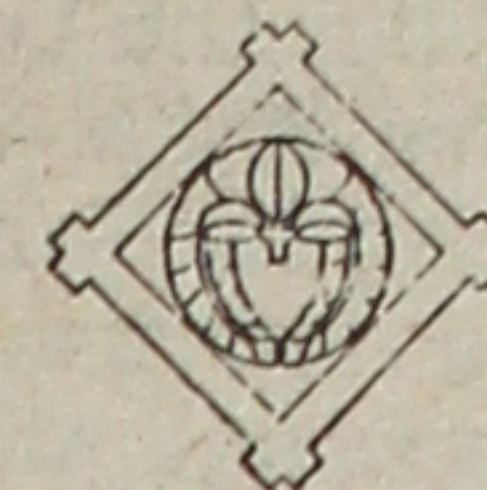
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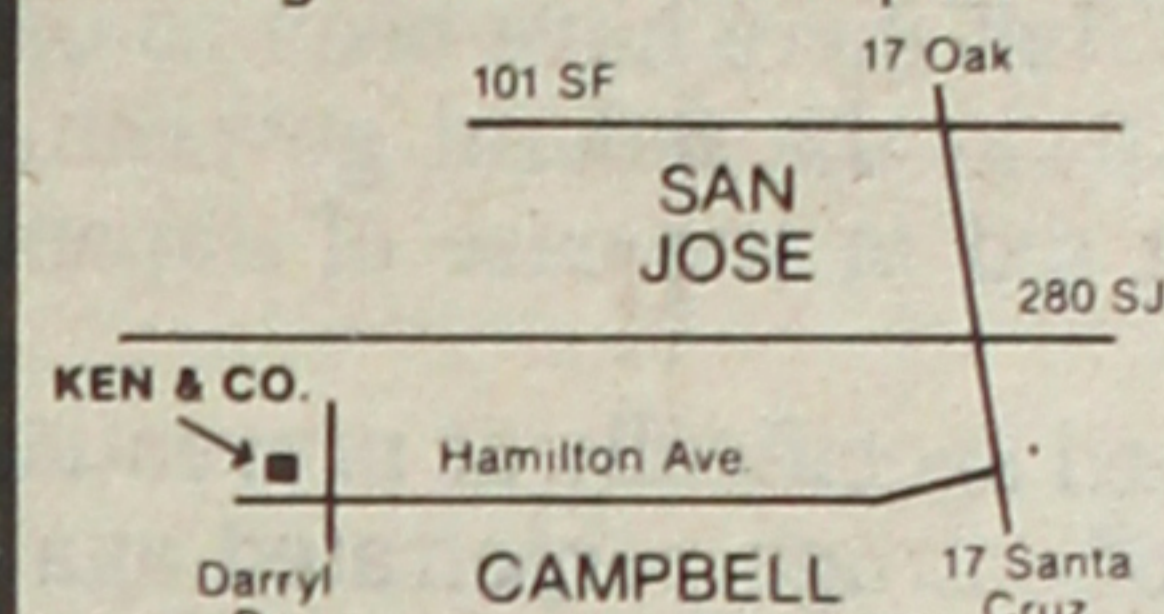
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