

Friction builds in U.S.-Japan trade

An increasing number of Japanese are expressing alarm and resentment towards what they view as an explosion of anti-Japanese sentiment in the U.S., according to a report in the Los Angeles Times Mar. 19.

Susumu Nikaido, secretary general of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, brought the issue out into the open during a recent visit by David R. Macdonald, deputy U.S. trade representative.

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"Opinions expressed about Japan in the United States are anti-Japanese," Nikaido told Macdonald. "They give us the impression of the prewar (World War II) days."

Chief Cabinet Secretary Kiichi Miyazawa has expressed alarm at what he called a growing tendency among Americans, including congressmen, to use the word "unfair" in reference to Japan.

Sony Corp. chairman Akio Morita, in a local newspaper interview, said he had not seen the United States get so emotional about Japan since World War II.

As Bad as Pre-WW2

"Americans," he said, "are trying to impose their own laws and their own ways of life on the rest of the world... Things appear to have gotten as bad as they were on the eve of World War II. I myself am repulsed by it."

Resentment is also found among the common people here. "What has happened to the United States?" a taxi driver asked.

A Japanese woman married to an American businessman living in Saudi Arabia wrote to a friend in Tokyo that arguments with Americans have become part of her daily life.

"About 10% of the American people are very intelligent," she wrote. "The rest are enough to make you want to start a fight."

Japanese Press Wary

The cause of the alarm has hardly been noticed in the United States. Hearings in Congress on Japan, testimony and public comments by Reagan Administration officials, and election-year rhetoric by congressmen—all of which have had a devastating effect here—have been largely ignored by the American news media.

Japanese newspapers, however, have reported it all in detail. American criticism of Japan—focused on Japan's trade practices and with sideswipes at the relatively low level of Japan's defense spending—is not new. But the extent of it is new, as is the emotional nature of it.

U.S. Ambassador Mike Mansfield is reported to have warned the Japanese that U.S. opinion has become "emotional and political."

Japan a Scapegoat

Most Japanese agree with that assessment. Many feel they are being made the scapegoat for U.S. problems. And some are beginning to suspect that racism is involved.

Rep. John D. Dingell (D-Mich.) was quoted in Coal Outlook, an industry newsletter, as having referred to the Japanese as "little yellow people" on Feb. 26 in a closed meeting of House Democrats. In Washington, Dingell's press secretary told The Times that Dingell did not use that phrase in arguing in favor of amending the U.S. Clean Air Act, which the Michigan congressman charged had created unemployment in the U.S. auto industry, making it vulnerable to Japanese imports. But a congressman who asked not to be identified said he had heard Dingell make the remark.

House Speaker Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill Jr. has called for an embargo on all Japanese auto imports. On March 8 in Detroit, O'Neill said, "If I were President... I'd fix the Japanese like they've never been fixed."

Members of the Reagan Administration have also caused outright rage. Lionel H. Olmer, undersecretary of commerce, testified Mar. 4 to a Senate subcommittee on international finance and monetary policy. He summed up U.S. demands to Japan by declaring, "We, indeed, are asking for some funda-

mental changes... (of) part of the Japanese way of life." Such comments as these stirred protest from the Foreign Ministry and other Japanese officials.



Susumu Nikaido

The Japanese also complain that American criticism of their country has been founded on misunderstanding. In addition, they contend that there is no acknowledgement that the problems between the two countries can be attributed in part to American shortcomings—such as sluggish productivity, poor quality control, high interest rates that have driven up the value of the dollar and made U.S. exports even less competitive in Japan, and lack of effort to sell them in Japan.

There have also been conflicting reports from U.S. officials on the estimated value of U.S. goods being kept out of Japan—which range from \$5 billion to \$15 billion. Failure to admit American shortcomings and contradictory estimates of U.S. goods being kept out of Japanese markets has created an impression here that the Reagan Administration believes the entire \$18-billion trade deficit the U.S. had with Japan last year was a Japanese creation.

Informed Americans, including officials at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, insist this is not so, and no Japanese believes that Japanese obstacles account for even a major portion of the U.S. deficit with Japan.

On the other hand, American and many Japanese agree that Japan does maintain a host of obstacles to imports and foreign business activity.

Japan Benefits the Most

Especially irritating is the Japanese penchant for using examples of "worst case" trade practices in the United States or Europe as excuses for retaining similar barriers here, and insisting that Japan's market is as open as that of the United States or Europe.

With its \$18-billion surplus with the United States and its \$13-billion surplus with the European Economic Community, it might seem that Japan ought to be not equally but more open to imports than either the United States or Europe. For the record shows that it is Japan that is the principal beneficiary of the free-trade system it says it wishes to maintain.

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Nomination open for JACLER of Biennium, Inagaki Prize

PORTLAND, Ore.—Nominations are now open for both the JACLER of the Biennium and the George J. Inagaki Citizenship Chapter awards, it was announced recently by Homer Yasui, recognitions committee chair.

The JACLER Award, in memory of Randolph M. Sakada (1950-52 National JACL President), will go to the JACL member who has done the most for the strength and growth of the National organization during the immediate biennium. Recipient will receive an inscribed gold JACL medallion and a scroll.

Recommendation for awarding the JACLER of Biennium is made by the National JACL Recognitions Committee and final selection is determined by the National JACL Executive Board. The EXECOM, with the exceptions below, is not precluded from nominating a choice of its own. Length of service within JACL is a consideration but not a major factor in the selection.

Deadline for both the Biennium Award nominations and Inagaki Prize application is July 12, 1982. Both should be sent to Homer Yasui, JACL Recognitions, 227 SE 52nd Ave., Portland, OR 97215.

RULES & REGULATIONS (1982)

1—All nominations shall be submitted on a JACL form, together with a supporting JACL sponsoring chapter recommendation, photograph, etc., to your District Governor or District Council recognitions chairperson, thence to the National JACL Recognitions Committee.

2—Nominees shall have made outstanding contributions to the strength and growth of the JACL organization during the present biennium.

3—Such contributions at National, District and Chapter levels are to be consistent with the purposes of JACL.

4—Any JACL chapter may submit more than one nominee at the District level. Each District Council may submit up to three (3) nominees together with their recommendations, if it so desires, as to ranking to the National JACL Recognitions Committee for final judging by the National JACL Executive Committee four calendar weeks before the National Council.

The Inagaki prize was established at the 20th biennial National-JACL Convention (1968) as testimony to his dedication to the Japanese American community, especially during his four years as national JACL president (1952-56). The prize recognizes the chapter promoting better citizenship, through social, civic, educational, environmental and/or legislative programs which result in the betterment of society as a whole.

Four prizes are awarded: \$500 to the winning chapter, \$100 to the district council of the winning chapter; and two \$100 honorable mentions. Inagaki's home chapter, Venice-Culver, raises and administers the fund, but selection has been delegated to the National JACL Recognitions Committee with concurrence and approval of the National Board.

The application form is quite comprehensive, perhaps intimidating at first glance because it does ask very pointed questions, Yasui noted. "Nevertheless, there must be a dozen or more chapters in our National organization which can be serious contenders for this distinct honor."

Charges against L.A. coroner Noguchi revealed

LOS ANGELES — Formal charges on which the County Board of Supervisors based their suspension of Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi were revealed Mar. 26 by the Rafu Shimpō.

Noguchi had been first informed of the charges in a Mar. 12 letter of intent to suspend, but the board allowed the coroner and his attorney, Godfrey Issac, to respond to the charges by Mar. 17. The board had then postponed their decision to issue a 30-day suspension to Noguchi until Mar. 25, when board chair Peter Schabarum announced, that the coroner did not "ade-

quately respond" to the charges. The suspension went into effect Mar. 29.

The allegations listed in the Mar. 12 letter from Chief Administrative Officer Harry L. Hufford were as follows:

(1) "The operations of the Department of Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner have been found to be seriously deficient... As department head, you are responsible for these deficiencies and the failure of the department to meet accepted standards of service delivery. Many of these deficiencies were pointed out to you in management reviews dating back to 1976, and you did not take or sustain action to correct them. You have not provided adequate central management and control of department operations.

(2) "You have failed to carry out a fundamental management function as a department head by not informing the Board of Supervisors in a timely, accurate and complete manner of the critical problems in your department.

(3) "Your involvement in activities outside of the management of your department has deprived the department of the necessary top-level leadership. Your detachment from department management has been particularly detrimental in the light of the department's many performance problems, lack of high-level professionally qualified managers and wide-

spread public criticism of the department.

(4) "You have inappropriately delegated authority for medical and scientific organizational functions to a professionally unqualified manager, leaving the department without adequate overall management of these functions.

(5) "You have provided, during and after normal business hours, professional services on a fee basis to private legal firms and other governmental agencies, and have made speeches and lectures to private organizations for honorariums, expenses and gifts. These outside activities have interfered with the performance of your County responsibilities.

(6) "You have demonstrated poor judgement and unprofessional speculation in your public statements regarding the recent local deaths of two movie celebrities, and it has required a Board Order to inhibit premature announcements on your part pertaining to cause of death. Subsequently you have misrepresented the Board Order in public statements."

Noguchi said Mar. 26 that he would appeal the board's action to the Civil Service Commission. During the month-long suspension, Noguchi will forfeit \$5,800 of his \$69,341 annual paycheck.

Dismissal Possible

Hufford has put together a

massive report detailing Noguchi's alleged shortcomings and several supervisors predict problems will be uncovered during Noguchi's suspension—which may possibly lead to his dismissal.

The appeal will be presented to a panel of citizen commissioners appointed by the board, but the number has been expanded from three to five as part of a Civil Service reform package approved by voters in 1978.

Noguchi is one of the few county department heads covered by Civil Service status. In 1976, voters approved a

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Mike Shiosaki fair trial fund started

BLACKFOOT, Idaho—A fair trial fund for Bingham County Sheriff Mike Shiosaki (D), defendant in two cases, one for sexual harassment and the other with the county for firing seven employees, was started here with Masa Tsukamoto spearheading the effort, the Pacific Citizen was informed this week (Apr. 5).

The only Democratic officeholder at the county courthouse (county officials are elected on a partisan basis in Idaho), the fair

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A Major Move

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The implementation of a 501(c)4 lobbying arm is a major move for the JACL insofar as the redress issue is concerned for it signifies the seriousness and determination with which this organization is prepared to deal

with the issue.

For many years, we have attempted to move the issue from within the Japanese American community to the American public and the U.S. Congress. Thankfully, and by the good graces of a few friends in Congress, we have witnessed a degree of success which many did not believe possible—given the recent past mood of the nation.

But we are facing a difficult struggle! It would be naive to think that all we need to do is to draft legislation, find a friendly member in Congress to introduce it, lend little effort and, as if by magic, see the successful passage of redress appropriation.

It is equally naive to think that any kind of redress legislation can be successfully lobbied with little more than a letter-writing effort from the West Coast, regardless of a supportive West Coast congressional delegation in the past. It simply can't!

What's required is a careful legislative program through a concerted lobbying effort directly with members of Congress. What's required is a presence in Washington, D.C.

Obviously, we already have that presence through our Washington Office but the lobbying of this issue will require more. Consequently, what we see as necessary is to place a part of the JACL redress operation in D.C., specifically to handle the issue. And this will be done through implementation of a 501(c)4.

It's a significant step because what it really expresses is a serious commitment of JACL to see this issue through. We have moved beyond the simple rhetoric of talking about the dogma of justice and are willing to do something about it. The redress issue has been the priority of JACL for a number of years, and it's therefore fitting we are making this commitment at a time when it's so crucial.

When it really comes down to it, when the bill is before the Congress and requires lobbying, it will be the JACL that will be there to carry out the effort. The responsibility has been foisted upon us—but we have always known that from the beginning. #

Tateishi was in St. Paul participating in the Midwest District Council session, hosted by the Twin Cities JACL.

Mineta, Matsui question INS on raids in Li'l Tokyo

WASHINGTON—In a recent letter to Commissioner Allan C. Nelson of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Reps. Norman Y. Mineta (D-Ca, San Jose) and Robert T. Matsui (D-Ca, Sacramento) expressed concern over recent INS raids in the Little Tokyo area of Los Angeles.

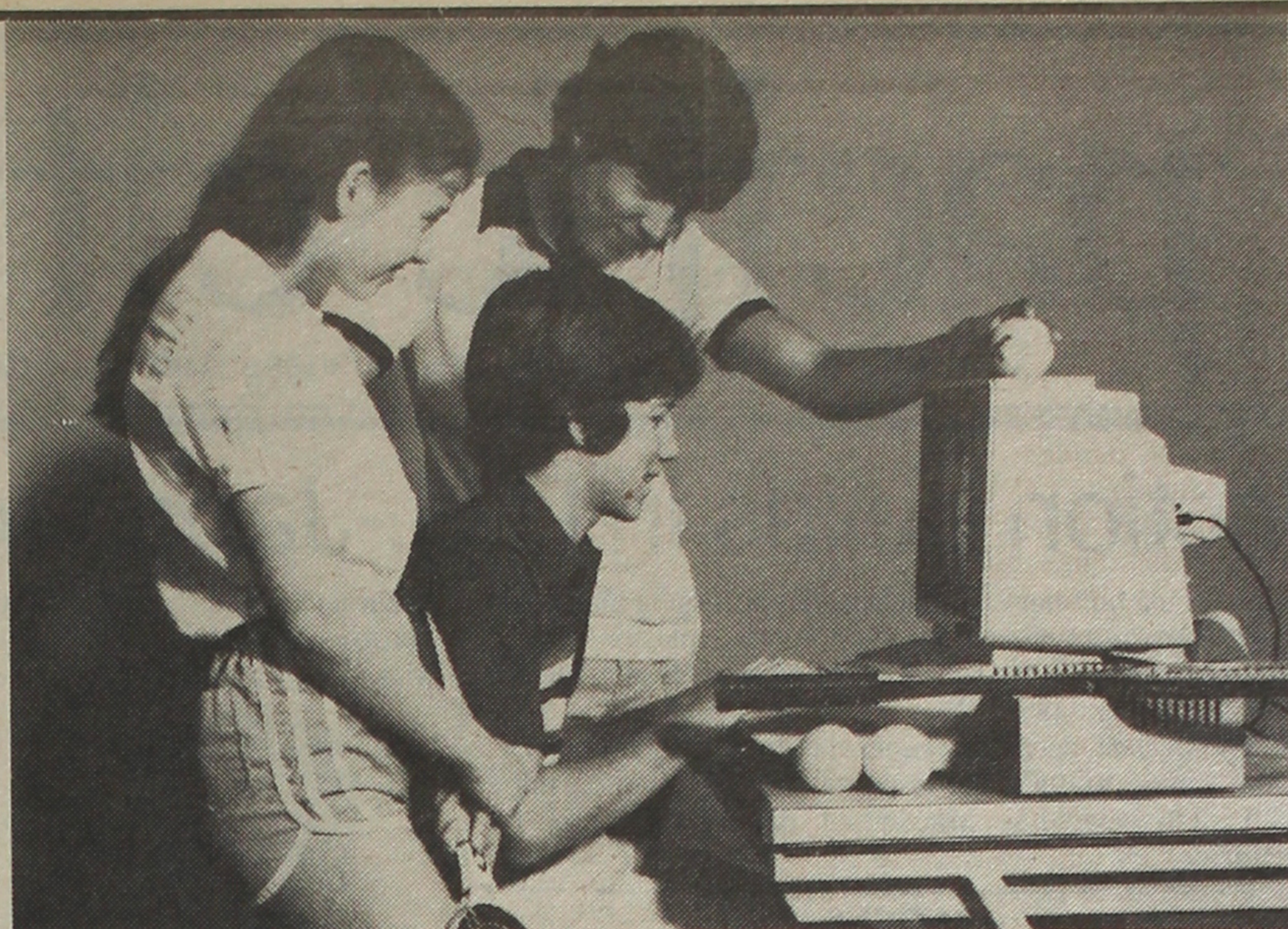
"We have heard with great distress of recent activities by Immigration and Naturalization agents in the Los Angeles area," Mineta and Matsui noted. "According to many reports from residents and community leaders within the Japanese community, your agents have conducted a series of sweeping raids of a highly questionable nature. We are told these raids have included activities such as warrantless stopping of individuals on both public and private property."

Telling Nelson that they failed "to understand why such irresponsible and unjustified actions are being tolerated", the two congressmen asked "if these raids were actually conducted with INS approval, and if they conform to existing policies and guidelines."

Mineta and Matsui closed by telling Nelson, "Your agents have created a great deal of fear and concern within the Japanese community of Los Angeles. We hope that there is a reasonable explanation for the actions of these agents."

The congressmen took their action in response to widespread complaints from the Los Angeles Japanese American community, voiced in a resolution adopted by the Pacific Southwest District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League.

INS spokeswoman Janet Graham said the agents followed normal procedure and needed only the district director's approval for the raids.



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JACCC to sponsor photo show on Japanese American families

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American Cultural and Community Center will sponsor "The Japanese American Family Album Project", a photo documentary depicting three Nikkei families from the Los Angeles, Colorado, New Mexico and San Joaquin Valley areas. The project, which will use photographs and interview material, is scheduled to tour major cities across the nation.

For participating families, the project will provide a way for different generations to learn about their family's evolution from 1900 to 1980 and a systematic documentation of family photographs that is otherwise an expensive and time-consuming task.

The bulk of the research and planning for the traveling exhibit is being provided by a \$15,000 National Endowment for the Humanities planning



The Masahachi Nakata family of Seattle, (c. 1924).

grant matched by JACCC with input from participating scholars such as Lloyd Inui, Jim and Lane Hirabayashi, Claire Farrer and Marilyn Salvador.

The exhibition is projected for early 1984, but a small pilot

exhibit representing the Los Angeles family is being planned for installation in one of the smaller JACCC galleries in November, 1982. This will be funded by a \$7,500 grant from the California Council for the Humanities

which still needs to be matched by approximately \$9,000.

The project is seeking interested families in the Los Angeles area to participate, and the selection of the family will be made, with the input of consultants, on the basis of quantity and quality of photographic material and availability of family members. For information, contact project coordinator Lynne Horiuchi at JACCC (213) 628-2725, 9 a.m.-12 n weekdays.

Hokoyama named USC APASSO head

LOS ANGELES—Former JACL acting National Director John D. Hokoyama has been appointed director of the Asian Pacific American Student Services office at USC, it was announced Mar. 22.

He was the League's acting director from 1980 to Feb. 1981, and was previously associate director from 1978. From 1975 to 1977, he taught English in several local high schools and was principal at Maryknoll School.

Hokoyama received a bachelor's degree in English in 1967 and a master's degree in educational administration in 1975, both from Loyola University.

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100/442/MIS luncheon date changed

LOS ANGELES—Previously announced plans to stage a gala luncheon benefit to raise transfer funds for the 100th/442nd/MIS Museum Foundation at Century City June 20 have been changed to Sunday, July 11, 1 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel here, it was announced by Col. Young O. Kim (ret.), director of fund-raising for the Foundation.

Funds will help transfer the much-acclaimed "Go For Broke/MIS" exhibit which opened last year at the Army Museum at the Presidio of San Francisco for con-

tinued display, starting Aug. 6, at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History in Exposition Park.

The luncheon, chaired by Harry Yamamoto, is expected to include a slide preview of the exhibit, a speaker to be named and entertainment. Tickets at \$60 per person or \$600 per table may be obtained through treasurer Bruce Kaji, Merit Savings; or the 100th/442nd/MIS Museum Foundation, P.O. Box 3007, Gardena, CA 90247. Reservations must be accompanied with check.

Miss Sansei Calif. Pageant slated

LOS ANGELES—The 18th annual Miss Sansei California Pageant will be held July 17 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, with the theme of "America" dedicated to the Issei.

The affair, which will be choreographed by actress/dancer Helen Funai and co-produced by comedian Johnny Yune, will feature performances by 15 selected finalists seeking the title currently being held by Monterey Park's Joyce Horiuchi.

Nikkei (16-18 years old) throughout California are eligible to compete for the title, which includes a \$1,000 scholarship and a trip to Japan. For info contact: Miss Sansei California Pageant, P.O. Box 777, 3870 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles 90008; (213) 294-7159, 324-3979, 321-2232 or 826-0420.

Task force to focus on alcoholism

LOS ANGELES—An informational workshop by the Pacific Asian Alcoholism Task Force will focus on the problems of alcohol use and abuse in the Asian American community Wednesday, Apr. 14, at the Union Church, 401 E. Third St. in Little Tokyo. Guest speakers include Dr. Harry Kitano, UCLA, professor of Social Welfare, and Dr. Herb Hatanaka, director, Pacific Asian Alcohol Research Project. For info call the Pacific Asian Alcoholism Commission (213) 385-1474.

'Asian Week' slated at UC Irvine

IRVINE, Ca.—Asian students at UC Irvine will celebrate their cultures with music, art, traditional cooking and more during Asian Week, April 12-17. For info, call UCI Cross Cultural Center (714) 833-5276.

Renew JACL Membership

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County Charter amendment ending Civil Service protection for department heads hired in the future.

The Los Angeles Herald Examiner noted that some county managers view the Noguchi case as a "warning" to the several dozen department heads still covered by Civil Service that the board—particularly its new budget-conscious conservative majority—is not afraid to go through the long, complex hearing process to fire someone.

Nursing school to hold alumni day

LOS ANGELES—Lily Tomita, RN, director of L.A. County USC Medical Center School of Nursing, announced Alumni Day activities are planned April 23 at the Medical Center as part of the countywide tribute to the nursing profession. "County grads" may register at 8 a.m., and attend the buffet luncheon, which requires reservations by April 9. For information, call 226-4911.

Heart Assn. slates confab in Gardena

GARDENA, Ca.—The American Heart Association will hold a free symposium on reducing the risk of heart disease Apr. 17, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Gardena Community Services Center, 1700 W. 162nd St.

Six Asian judges unopposed June 8

LOS ANGELES—While Sansei Judges Ernest M. Hiroshige of the L.A. Superior Court and Jon M. Mayeda of the L.A. Municipal Court face challengers for their benches in the upcoming June 8 primary (PC Mar. 26), six other Asian American judges will be unopposed on the ballot.

The six include Superior Court Judges Hiroshi Fujisaki (Incumbent, Office #6); Edward Kakita (#22); Robert J. Higa (#44); Madge S. Watai (#45); Jack B. Tso (#67) and Kathryn Doi Todd (#90).

Hiroshige, who was elevated to the Superior Court Feb. 8, is challenged by Judge Thomas P. Foye of the South Bay Municipal Court, while Mayeda must run against attorney Arthur Wynn. In addition to the two Sansei jurists, another Asian American judge, Kenneth Byung-Cho Chang, is being opposed by Burton Bach for Superior Court Office #48.

Mondale to be guest at brunch for Mineta

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Former Vice President Walter Mondale was invited to address the Apr. 18 Sunday brunch for Rep. Norman Mineta at LeBaron Hotel, according to the Mineta for Congress Committee, 724 N. 1st St., San Jose 95112. Tickets are \$20.

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WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: by Ron Ikejiri

Voting Rights Act

Washington Despite recent gains in civil rights, Americans are still subjected to limitations on their right to vote—based on racial discrimination and attitudes of various states and local governments.

However, there are many people fighting to make changes. Among those demonstrating their leadership are Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Spark M. Matsunaga, Congressmen Norman Y. Mineta and Robert T. Matsui.

On October 5, 1981, the House of Representatives decisively passed, an extension to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, by a margin of 389-24. Soon the Senate will be put to the test and asked to vote on a similar measure, S. 1992.

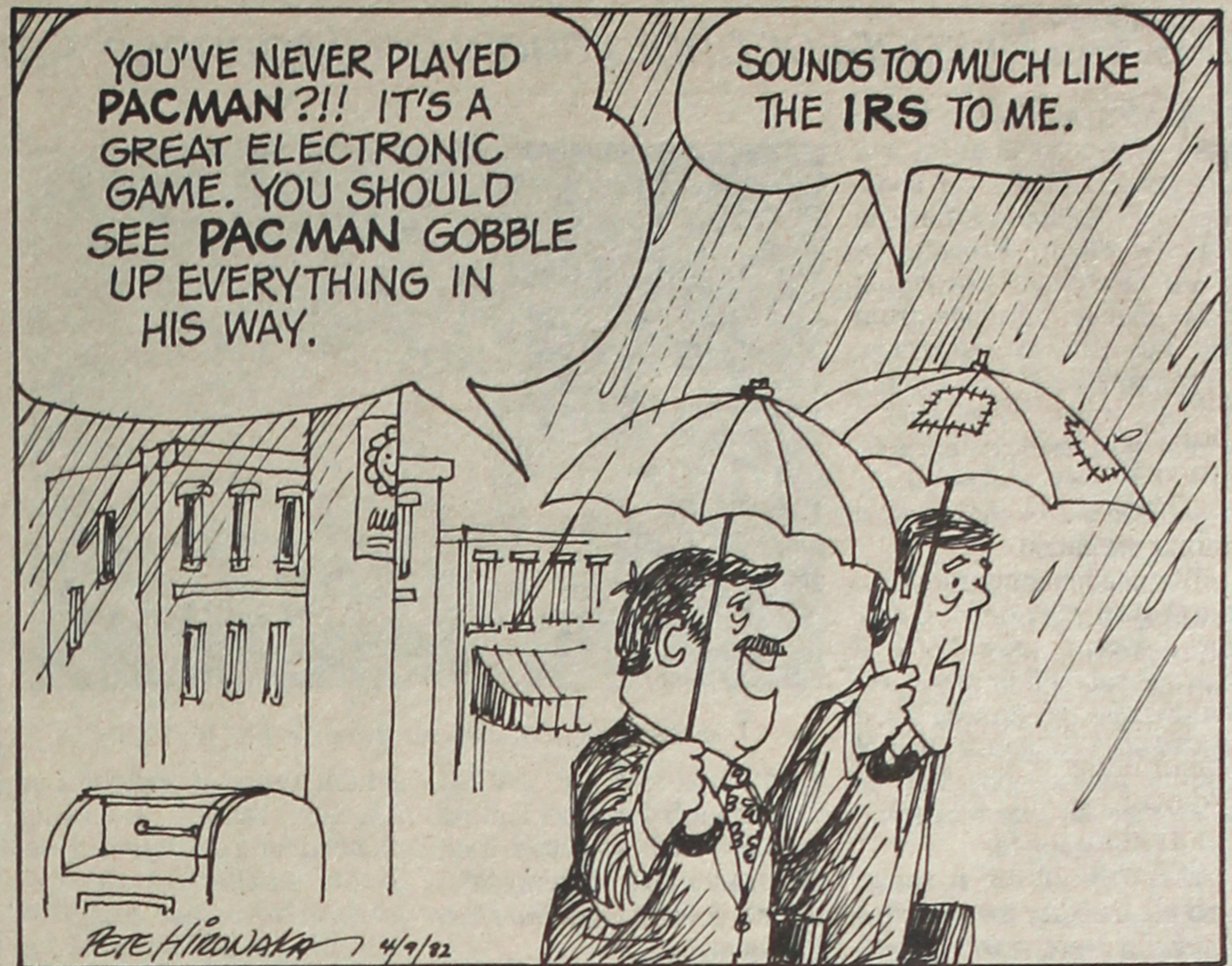
The Voting Rights bill reaffirms two permanent provisions that ban racial discrimination and literacy testing na-

tion-wide. In addition, it will extend the life of the provisions that require state and local governments to be accountable for any changes in their voting or election procedures. It requires that such changes must be "pre-cleared" with either the Department of Justice or the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. A third major point is that it extends the bilingual election provision until 1992. The intent is to insure for language minority citizens their constitutional right to vote.

The JACL supports the passage of this bill and urges its members to work hard to see that this is done. Keep in mind that even though the need for such a bill has been apparent to the House of Representatives, and to 65 Senators who co-sponsored the bill, including 10 Republican Committee

Chairmen, there is strong opposition to this bill. Leading the opposition is President Reagan, Attorney General Smith, and Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah).

You may ask what you can do? National JACL asks you to write to your Senator, and seek his SUPPORT FOR S. 1992, the Voting Rights Act extension bill by April 19. #



1980 Asian/Pacific Population of California by County

Figures from the Asian Week, San Francisco, CA.: March 18, 1982

SOURCE: State Census Data Center, Population Research Unit, Dept. of Finance; U.S. Census Bureau

Total	COUNTY	Japanese	Chinese	Filipino	Korean	Asian Indian	Vietnamese	Hawaiian	Guam-anian	Samoa	TOTAL
1,105,379	Alameda	11,531	32,177	26,287	3,641	4,433	3,373	2,104	1,734	619	85,899
1,097	Alpine	2	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	5
19,314	Amador	16	20	21	1	5	3	5	—	1	72
143,851	Butte	321	316	167	48	239	107	68	12	9	1,287
20,710	Calaveras	12	19	18	6	5	—	9	3	1	73
12,791	Colusa	36	46	9	27	111	2	1	1	—	233
656,380	Contra Costa	5,779	9,883	9,122	1,446	2,194	1,110	577	335	117	30,563
18,217	Del Norte	20	10	12	10	13	5	11	2	—	83
85,812	El Dorado	149	116	542	59	58	12	58	7	10	1,011
514,621	Fresno	6,471	3,124	2,319	427	1,586	590	169	38	53	14,737
21,350	Glenn	20	77	17	12	15	1	8	1	4	155
108,514	Humboldt	242	170	194	86	85	57	73	29	8	944
92,110	Imperial	155	538	850	23	165	17	12	11	3	1,774
17,895	Inyo	19	16	23	2	1	4	6	—	1	72
403,089	Kern	735	1,268	4,226	368	392	363	204	96	71	7,723
73,738	Kings	343	190	1,439	33	54	40	58	25	7	2,189
36,366	Lake	34	35	68	10	7	6	29	1	1	191
21,661	Lassen	38	6	22	23	3	12	8	1	8	121
7,477,503	Los Angeles	116,543	93,747	99,043	60,618	18,562	28,696	6,232	3,360	8,049	434,850
63,116	Madera	204	148	209	11	26	4	23	—	—	625
222,568	Marin	1,437	1,883	667	412	381	373	191	50	32	5,426
11,108	Mariposa	19	6	10	3	4	9	4	—	—	55
66,738	Mendocino	83	148	103	31	38	7	31	11	3	445
134,560	Merced	686	321	737	150	650	134	141	67	5	1,891
8,610	Modoc	6	8	4	1	3	—	2	—	—	24
8,577	Mono	6	13	6	6	3	—	8	—	1	43
290,444	Monterey	3,828	1,590	8,568	2,574	314	1,061	510	892	359	19,696
99,199	Napa	479	444	600	162	113	48	126	111	12	2,095
51,645	Nevada	59	86	34	20	16	9	18	3	—	245
1,932,709	Orange	20,886	14,210	10,934	11,339	4,972	19,333	2,248	963	2,008	86,893
117,247	Placer	987	261	166	51	76	91	50	18	21	1,721
17,340	Plumas	14	12	5	6	10	1	5	—	—	53
663,166	Riverside	2,092	1,191	2,624	739	713	862	425	393	171	9,210
783,381	Sacramento	11,637	13,640	6,916	1,532	1,580	2,587	707	451	106	39,156
25,005	San Benito	142	33	251	17	5	9	6	—	7	470
895,016	San Bernardino	2,795	2,530	4,162	1,671	1,060	1,341	749	326	295	14,929
1,861,846	San Diego	12,410	7,800	48,658	2,394	1,831	7,307	2,464	4,190	2,807	89,861
678,974	San Francisco	12,046	82,480	38,265	3,763	2,317	5,583	894	279	1,799	147,426
347,342	San Joaquin	3,802	4,091	9,267	275	1,012	1,028	202	108	103	19,888
155,435	San Luis Obispo	854	523	1,273	183	124	95	91	44	17	3,204
587,329	San Mateo	7,845	16,147	24,053	1,988	2,503	817	921	359	1,672	56,305
298,694	Santa Barbara	2,380	1,100	3,029	508	343	499	254	168	63	8,344
1,295,071	Santa Clara	21,907	22,891	27,444	6,109	5,659	11,717	1,608	1,563	1,037	99,836
188,141	Santa Cruz	1,830	830	1,669	182	184	101	117	29	43	4,895
115,715	Shasta	121	147	87	30	44	19	44	24	—	516
3,073	Sierra	3	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	1	10
39,732	Siskiyou	46	39	13	15	12	14	11	2	3	155
235,203	Solano	1,865	1,360	10,716	580	489	361	521	1,422	63	17,377
299,681	Sonoma	1,322	1,055	1,037	258	286	244	287	69	78	4,636
265,900	Stanislaus	534	931	851	202	1,024	371	123	62	8	4,006
52,246	Sutter	563	201	172	40	2,585	15	18	3	—	3,597
38,888	Tehama	24	49	44	23	7	17	15	11	1	191
11,858	Trinity	12	5	15	7	2	2	6	1	—	50
245,738	Tulare	923	604	2,946	155	221	105	69	26	17	2,066
33,928	Tuolumne	46	29	50	7	7	25	23	—	2	189
529,174	Ventura	3,665	2,037	6,517	1,220	667	821	417	284	366	15,994
113,374	Yolo	1,536	1,447	618	203	511	158	72	31	21	4,597
49,733	Yuba	262	258	392	138	179	35	50	57	6	1,377
23,668,562	California	261,822	322,309	357,492	103,845	57,901	89,601	23,086	17,673	20,089	1,253,818

Letterbox

Membership

Recently there have been several articles in the Pacific Citizen about the decline in JACL membership over the past several years and the need for more vigorous efforts to recruit members.

I have been a JACL member for several years and am ready and willing to pay my dues for 1982. However, I have not received any membership renewal information from the chapter to which I belong, nor have I yet to receive a reply to a letter which I wrote at least a month ago to National Headquarters regarding a specific question I had about JACL membership.

If my experience is typical, then it is no wonder that JACL is losing members. I, for one, am not about to shell out a not unsubstantial amount of money for an organization that is either so disorganized or uncaring that it neglects basic services to its members.

BARBARA YASUI
Tacoma, Wa.

That's a good reason for JACL gearing up for unified renewal program this coming year since the Pacific Citizen is converting its subscription data into a computer. Membership computerization will be a by-product.—Ed.

Floyd Mori

I urge you and the JACL hierarchy to rethink the position you took in the article on Floyd Mori on March 26 and in other articles in the past. The article bemoans the fact that Japanese Americans haven't enough political clout to keep a member of their race from being fired. Please ask yourselves if this is a position in which each of you personally believes and which you want to be publicly identified. In your personal lives, do you enjoy dealing with employees or officials who are kept on their jobs because of their race and regardless

of their job performance? Do you like to see someone retained or promoted where you work because political pressure forced it and not because he or she was the most qualified? Do you really feel it is in the best interests of you, your family, and your country to follow in the footsteps of other races who pioneered these techniques?

I feel strongly that to pressure someone to retain an employee because of race is as wrong as to pressure them to dismiss someone because of race.

In your article on Mori, I see no discussion of his qualifications but only of his race. I frankly do not believe that anti-Japanese prejudice has anything to do with his removal and I don't think you really believe that either.

Please consider how much it would redound to your credit to take the position that qualifications are what count and not race.

My final point is this: how would you feel if you heard about a Caucasian group organizing to urge that all Caucasians be kept on the job by means of political pressure? What if every time a Caucasian got fired, you read that it was racial prejudice. You would snort in disbelief, wouldn't you? People are now doing the same when they read the JACL papers.

PATRICIA BERGLUND
El Cerrito, Ca.

Editor's Note: The article on Floyd Mori (PC Mar. 26) originally appeared in the Los Angeles Times Mar. 17.

Nikkei history

I wrote to the PC Circulation director long ago asking for a huge number of back copies that I had not gotten... Your response was immediate. I got all the issues and have been enjoying subsequent issues since. The Pacific Citizen, I tell you, is such a marvelous newspaper of record of Nikkei history. We couldn't do without it.

MITSU Y. CARL
Falls Church, Va.



An Encouraging Development on Nikkei History

Denver, Colo.

In many Japanese American communities all over the country, earnest volunteers are working diligently these days to record their history. This worthy activity is the result of belated recognition that there is a story to be preserved, and the original sources have all but disappeared before we became aware of their importance.

These efforts range from indiscriminating taping sessions with old-timers to scholarly research in the archives. The easiest road for the untrained is taping individual stories. These oral histories have a great value in providing personal recollections and the flavor of the times, but they are tainted by the treachery of memory. It is inevitable that people forget names and dates. They labor under misconceptions that have come to be accepted over the years as fact. Reminiscences are colored by individual biases that are great for personalized stories but unreliable as history. How much do you remember about the day you were evacuated, your wedding, your first day on the job, your mother's funeral?

But no matter how vague memory may be, it is important to preserve every possible bit of information. Once it is on tape or paper, it is preserved for later review, analysis and evaluation. If it isn't captured when avail-

able, it's gone for all time.

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One encouraging development is the number of non-Japanese, professional historians who are taking an interest in the Japanese American story. For instance, Thomas J. Noel, assistant professor of history at the University of Colorado in Denver. His latest book, "Denver's Larimer Street", is a nostalgic stroll through this city's skid row of which the Japanese community was an important part before Urban Renewal took over. The book has several chapters, unfortunately sparse of detail, about the modest businesses that once lined the street—Toyo Dry Goods, Tokyo Tailoring, Nakayama Jewelry, Nippon Mercantile, Yamakishi Photographic Studios, Nakamura's pool hall, Miyamoto's candy store, Harry Kojima's fish market, Frank Takahashi's restaurant, and others.

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For another, there's Donald Estes of San Diego City College who has written some important papers on the Issei in the California and Mexican fishing industries. His latest, which has been submitted to the San Diego Journal of History, is about Tokunosuke Abe and the tuna industry.

Probably the Chinese and Italians were the first to

recognize the vast potential of California's coastal fish resources, but Estes reports not a great deal happened until about 1910 when Japanese immigrants began to move into the industry. "By 1919," he writes, "the Japanese with their superior technique had become the dominant force in the growing industry. They represented over 50 percent of California's tuna fishermen, and accounted for 85 percent of the total catch. ... As tuna fishing grew in importance other San Diego fishermen quickly recognized the advantage of adopting the Japanese methods, and within a few years the long, slender, amazingly strong bamboo pole equipped with a barbless hook known as a 'squid' was in use throughout the fleet."

But success provoked rivalry and resentment. Between 1919 and 1933, seven bills were introduced in the California Legislature to bar Japanese fishermen by requiring citizenship as the basic qualification for obtaining a commercial fishing license. Caucasian cannery operators joined with local Japanese community organizations to block these efforts.

In the later 1930s, the national security issue was injected into the fishing controversy. Immigrant Japanese fishermen were pictured as Imperial Japanese naval reservists who would convert their boats into mine-layers and torpedo boats when war broke out. Estes credits Nisei attorney Walter Tsukamoto for the campaign that won that battle. The Nisei era was dawning. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



Being Mistaken for a Tourist

JUST ABOUT EVERY society is infested with brigands, the muggers and robbers. From what we've been reading, it would appear that Japanese *ryoko-sha's*, tourist, are favorite targets for these leeches that prey upon decent folks. We read of incidents in cities on the West Coast as well as on the East Coast and in Hawaii. Recently, we read of Japanese travelers on a train in Russia. Undoubtedly, these peripatetic *ryoko-sha's* are victimized wherever they go, be it England, France, Italy, West Germany, etc.

And all of this gives this Nisei a bit of personal concern.

THIS NISEI'S CONCERN is that he might be mistaken for a *ryoko-sha* and be subjected to an attack. I'm not paranoid about it: in my travels I wander down deserted streets, traverse through unsavory neighborhoods and so on. The closest that I ever came to getting mugged was in Tokyo a few years ago. Late one evening, I was walking down a dimly-lit street in the Roppongi district when I heard footsteps behind me and a voice (in English) muttering: "You go in front and I'll get 'im from the back." At that, I wheeled around and growled, "What 'n hell do you think you're gonna try to pull?" At that, two startled tow-headed youths split in two directions and ran off.

I DON'T KNOW by what tell-tale signs these brigands detect a tourist as being a *ryoko-sha*. Is it attire, gait, packaging (*furo-shiki*), speaking *Nihongo*? But I have seen with my own eyes some very foolish conduct by these tourists, foolish for anyone: flashing bills, including 100's; unloosening clothing to retrieve a pouch (*hara-maki*) from whence currency would be extracted; carrying many packages including obviously expensive photographic equipment. And judging from some of the news accounts on these victims, they are given to carrying sizeable amount of *gen-kin* on their person. No doubt this statistic spreads very quickly within the underground, thereby increasing the danger for others who may be viewed as being tourists from Japan.

THIS PROBLEM OF becoming a potential victim to a mugging or robbery, is not one confined to any race, class, or society. Unfortunately, the problem is all-too-pervasive and can strike any one of us. So far, I've been lucky. But I do get uneasy when I consider that my exposure may be increased by reason of being mistaken for a *ryoko-sha*.

IT WOULD BE risky to fight back; but I cannot help but hope to read in some account where an intended victim deals a particularly effective karate chop, or a disabling *koshi-nage*, to his attacker. A few of those might serve to offset the present reputation and restore a bit of respect and peace.

Final countdown starts for 27th biennial Convention

By LOU TOMITA, Convention Planning Board Chair

Gardena, Ca.

Final countdown has begun as the Gardena Convention Planning Board gears for a big festive week beginning Monday, Aug. 9, through and including Saturday, Aug. 14. (The JACL national board meets one day prior National Council meeting and after.)

Besides the many business sessions in care of the National Board, there will be fabulous banquets with nationally acclaimed personalities in guest speaker spots that would give discourses of interest to everyone! Well known dignitaries will participate to give confab the excitement and flavor that have enhanced JACL conventions in the past.

To those who are interested in the vital issues of the organization, Tuesday will be a full day devoted to workshops. Topics will include the Atomic Bomb Survivors, Youth, Retirement & Aging, The Pacific Citizen, International Relations, etc.—all of great concern to every Japanese American. Youth of all ages are encouraged to attend!

Wednesday will be filled with numerous activities to honor those who have contributed so much towards the ideals of JACL. The second and third business sessions will be held on this day, with the JACLer of the Biennium Awards Luncheon and the Shig Wakamatsu Testimonial Program in between. The evening will culminate with the Mike Masaoka Distinguished Service Award Dinner that always is a tremendous draw.

Thursday, August 12th, will be of exceptional interest to all South Bay Nikkei residents. This special day is set aside for "A Day In Gardena". Delegates will be bused from the Hyatt Airport Hotel to participate in ceremonies at Gardena's Masao Satow Memorial Library. The keynote speaker is Kenneth Hahn, Chief Supervisor of the county, with Gardena City Councilman Mas Fukai extending the welcome. Obento

35 Years Ago IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

APRIL 12, 1947

Apr. 4—Little hope seen for continuation after June 30 of temporary housing (Winona Trailer Project in Burbank) for 1,000 evacuees returned from camp and unable to find housing; trailer may be sold to tenants.

Apr. 4—MISLS at Presidio of Monterey graduates 25th class of 28 Nisei, bringing total to 6,817.

Apr. 4—Calif. Assemblymen Gus Hawkins and Glenn Anderson bill, AB 1375 (to repeal state education code permitting local school boards to establish separate schools for children of Japanese, Chinese, Indian or Mongolian parentage), clears first committee.

Apr. 4—First all-Nisei veterans group (Regular Veterans Assn.) formed in Ogden; Yoshio Yokomizo, Silver Star awardee of 442nd RCT, installed commander.

Apr. 5—Chicago JACL aids double amputee veteran (Takiji Goto) to obtain automobile insurance; some companies found to discriminate against Japanese Americans.

Apr. 7—U.S. Supreme Court agrees to hear Oyama alien land

law case; Calif. supreme court had ruled in Oct. 1946 that the alien land law was a constitutional exercise of state power. Appeal made by JACL Legal Defense Fund and (Issei) Civil Rights Defense Union.

Apr. 7—No delays encountered at U.S. immigration at San Francisco by returning 26 Nisei stranded aboard Marine Lynx from Japan; estimate 2,000 cleared by U.S. consulate in Yokohama for return.

Apr. 8—Nat'l JACL to support Helen Emile Bouiss, part-Japanese wife of U.S. serviceman who had been detained by immigration officials at Seattle because of her ancestry and released July 25, 1946, by federal judge Paul McCormick on writ of habeas corpus. Justice Dept. intends to appeal decision.

Demographics

Of the 145,000 from India admitted for permanent residency in this country, approximately 45% were classified as "professional, technical or kindred workers".

—Dorothy L. Cordova.

lunches will be served, followed by an introduction of the book, "JACL in Quest of Justice", by Bill Hosokawa who will personally autograph each copy. Immediately thereafter, the JACLers and friends will be taken to the Ken Nakaoka Community Center in the heart of Gardena where the Mayor and city officials will be offering their welcome. At the Gardena Japanese Cultural Institute, a fantastic Hawaiian LUAU will be awaiting them to top off the evening with lots of food, and lots of excitement! Sound good? You bet!

Then as the Golf Tournament gets underway on Friday with the SELANOCO Chapter going all-out to make it an unforgettable experience for golfers, the Fashion Show will be in progress in all its splendor! Beautiful gowns of many descriptions will be introduced by top designers, and everyone attending will have the opportunity to glimpse the imaginative creations of our Japanese American boutiques! The ladies, and men too, are in for a special treat at the hotel!

Karl Nobuyuki, administrator of the 1982 Convention, as well as Chester Sugimoto, Co-Chair and also in charge of Fund Raising; Ron Shiozaki, Program & Activities; Stuart Tsujimoto, Booklet chair; May Doi, Gardena City Clerk, in charge of Housing & Registration; Karen Mizusaki, Convention Executive Secretary, with Pam Shimada, co-chairs of the Sayonara Banquet and many, many others are unselfishly giving their time and effort. Much credit is due them!!

This is an all-out production that needs total involvement by all of Gardena! Everyone's aid will be gratefully accepted. #

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MILE-HI INAUGURAL—National Director Ron Wakabayashi installs the 1982 Mile-Hi JACL officers (from left) Dr. William Takahashi, re-elected president; Sachiko Kaneko, treas; Min Yasui, 2d vp; Wakabayashi; and Tom Masamori, 3rd vp. At right is KOA-TV producer Dalton Tanonaka, who presented his "Return to Amache" videotape, which highlights JACL's redress effort. (Kiyoto Futa is 1st vp.)

Mile-Hi JACL installs new officers

DENVER—The Mile-Hi JACL Chapter held its annual installation dinner Mar. 13. The 50 members in attendance at the Cathay Post #185 listened to keynote speaker Ron Wakabayashi, National JACL Director, who emphasized the need for organizational planning for the League and the renewal of a national network concerned with Nikkei issues of the present and future.

Wakabayashi installed the following officers:
Dr. William Takahashi, pres; Kiyoto Futa, 1st vp; Minoru Yasui, 2nd vp; Tom Masamori, 3rd vp; Sachi Kaneko, treas.
Also featured during the evening was a videotape of "Return to Amache" produced by Dalton Tanonaka of KOA-TV (4), which focused on National JACL redress efforts, interviews with local Nikkei and the pilgrimage by the Central Optimists Club to Amache.

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trial fund drive began in mid-March when insurers informed the county that its public liability coverage on the latter charge for the sheriff would not be covered because of the earlier complaint, which is expected to go on trial April 13, though that has been postponed before.

"We recall the support given the fair trial funds for Dr. Tom Noguchi and Wendy Yoshimura, and hope friends will help us here," Tsukamoto said. "We don't know what happened in the first case of last year, but when the girl filed the complaint with the county commission, Mike was out of town. The commission turned the complaint over to TV, which was played up. The newspapers also."

Tsukamoto said nothing specific with respect sexual harassment has ever been released. But public clamor followed for him to be relieved. Shiosaki sought help from the Idaho Human Rights Commission, but it bowed out after the second complaint filed several weeks later found the sheriff was told to show cause, according to Tsukamoto. The sheriff was told by the county counsel he could hire and fire, Tsukamoto said.

"We believe in the right to a fair trial, but it will be very expensive (for Mike Shiosaki). Our (Pocatello-Blackfoot) chapter and the Intermountain (JACL) District Council are supporting the campaign and we've asked National

for support, too."
Contributions may be sent to the Mike Shiosaki Fair Trial Fund, c/o M Tsukamoto, Rt 1 Box 248, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221. #

PSW Nisei Relays entry forms out

LOS ANGELES—Entry forms for the 31st annual Pacific Southwest JACL Nisei Relays to be held Sunday, June 6, at Santa Ana College, are now being distributed to JACL chapters, it was announced by Carrie Okamura, co-chair. Forms, also available at the JACL office, must be turned in by May 22 with the \$5 fee to the team representative or Relays registrar Jim Mita of Gardena.

Chapters sponsoring teams last year included Orange County ('81 champions), Gardena Valley, Pasadena, Venice-Culver, East Los Angeles, West Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley and Las Vegas.

Hollywood & Wilshire to fete 1000ers

LOS ANGELES—To show appreciation of the special support to JACL by 1000 Club members, the Hollywood and Wilshire JACL will host a noon champagne brunch in their honor Sunday, Apr. 18, at the Sheraton Town House, 2961 Wilshire Blvd., dining in the garden if the weather cooperates. Reservations should be made by Apr. 12 with Toshiko Ogita (665-8723). To be honored are:

HOLLYWOOD—Judge John Aiso, Raymond Chee, Arthur Emi, Wiley Higuchi, Arthur and Alice Ito, Paul Kawakami, Yuki Kamayatsu, Robert Kato, Aiko King, Dr. Harry Kitano, Hideo Konda, Sumiko Kozawa, Shig Masuoka, Muriel Merrell, Tomoo Ogita, Shizuko Sumi, Bill Teragawa and Miwako Yanamoto.

WILSHIRE—Dr Roy M Nishikawa, Fred K and Mable T Ota, George Takei and Tut Yata.

Brazil's 'Gaijin' to debut in Chicago

CHICAGO—Chicago JACL affirmative action committee hosts the local premiere of Tizuka Yamasaki's "Gaijin", the award-winning film about Japanese immigrants in Brazil, on Thursday, Apr. 15, 8 p.m., at Facets Multimedia Center. A wine & cheese reception precedes the Thursday schedule.

The film will also be shown at 7 and 9 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday with proceeds from all performances going to the committee, which assists Asian Americans facing discrimination in employment.

Tickets (\$15 premiere, \$6 other shows) are available at the JACL Office (728-7170) or at the door. Seating at Facets, 1517 W. Fullerton, is limited to 175. #

Hawaiian music on tap Sunday on EWP stage

LOS ANGELES—Traditional and contemporary Hawaiian music will be featured as the East West Players present "Komo mai e lohe ke kani" (Come in and listen to the music) Apr. 11, 2 p.m. at the East West Players theater. Four accomplished performers, Greg and Maybelle Librando, Elena Maloney and Mike McClellan, will present concerts using the slack key, autoharp and ukulele as well as movements of the hula. For tickets, call (213) 660-0366.

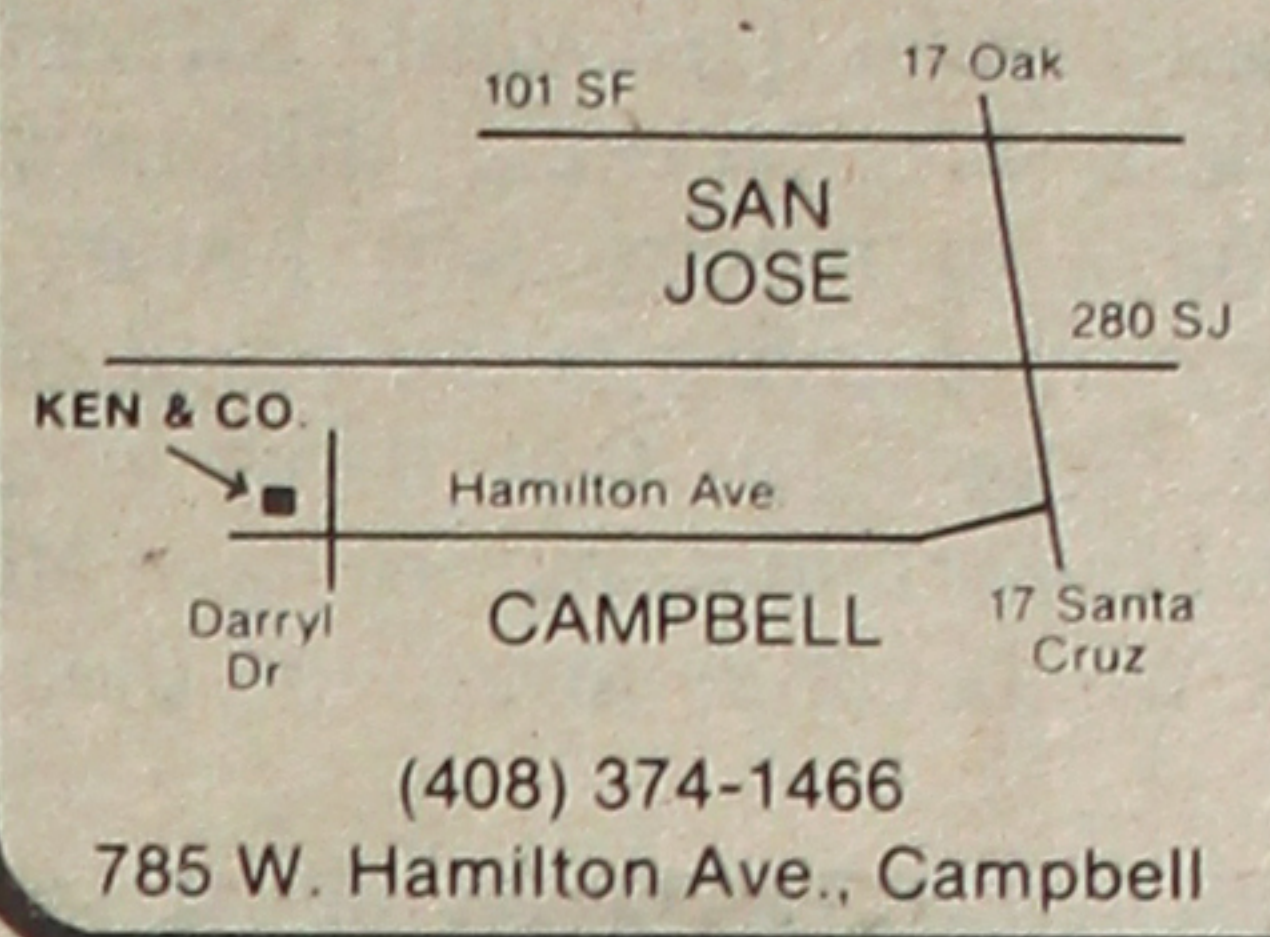
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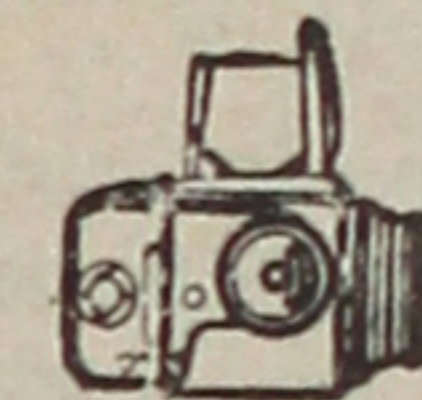
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Wendy Matsuda recently received the Youth Citizenship Award of the Soroptimist International of Gardena. The 17-year-old Gardena High School senior was recognized for her service to school and community, talent in the performing arts (speech and drama) and involvement in her church. Matsuda was selected from seven applicants to receive the \$200 award.

Entertainment

Genny Lim's new play, "Paper Angels" about Chinese immigrants detained at Angel Island and staged at the Henry St. Settlement's New Federal Theater in New York, drew a sensitive review from Mel Gussow in the New York Times Mar. 26. Miss Lim "offers an enlightening group portrait of sojourners trapped in limbo", the reviewer concluded. "In the old man's word (played by Victor Wong), they have sailed on a 'ship full of dreams' and landed in a 'cage full of lies'." The brief, vivid work shows Miss Lim is a poet as well as playwright, Gussow noted.

Medicine

The California Board of Dental Examiners announced Mar. 18 the election of Dr. Ernest Nagamatsu of Los Angeles as president, following a board meeting in San Francisco. Nagamatsu, the first Japanese American to serve on the dental board, was appointed by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. in 1978. A graduate of the USC School of Dentistry, Nagamatsu developed new examinations in dental hygiene, restorative techniques and periodontics. He currently practices in West L.A.

Religion

Ruth M. Tabrah, 61, author of the Bicentennial history on Hawaii, is writing a biography of St. Shinran (1173-1262), founder of the Jodo Shinshu sect of Buddhism. A Univ. of Washington graduate student who has published over 20 books, she encountered Buddhism after moving to Hawaii in the mid-1950s and joined the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii in 1960. She visited Kyoto last year where Shinran was raised, returned last month to further her research at Nishi Hongwanji International Center. There are a number of biographies on Shinran in Japanese but none by a foreign author, the Center added.

Sports

Vanne Akagi, a senior at Leilehua High School, won the girl's singles title in the Hawaii High School Athletic Assn.'s tennis championships Mar. 24. Akagi, top seeded in the tournament, defeated Lahainaluna's Chris Ng 6-3, 6-2.

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While Dow retains control of two plants producing Styrofoam, Asahi will take over all other Asahi-Dow facilities. By keeping the Styrofoam factories, Lundeen said Dow will have a higher market penetration per capita than in the U.S.

The move reflects the fact that "American chemical companies have no problems in Japan" despite a rising tide of complaints against Japan from other U.S. businessmen, Lundeen said. "The American chemical industry is still the most cost-effective producer of plastics and chemicals in the world. That's why we can compete in Japan. We have the same advantage here that Toyota has in selling against General Motors in the United States."

TRADE

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So Reagan Administration officials will argue that Congress is correct in threatening protectionist legislation (such as reciprocity laws) against Japan—because threats and pressure from the outside are the only catalyst for change in Japan. On the other hand, the emotional atmosphere that has been created may cause more anti-American feeling in Japan resulting in additional problems in the easing of the friction caused by the trade imbalance.

Others Express Resentment
Other critics in Japan have indeed voiced their anger and their feelings of umbrage. Yasushi Hara, international economic editor for Asahi Shimbun, criticized the U.S. and other Western nations in his speech before the College Women's Association of Japan Feb. 15 in Tokyo.

"If Western nations continue to make a scapegoat of Japan, who knows what dangerous paths they will set themselves upon?" it was noted in the Japan Times.

Using U.S.-Japan relations as an example, Hara condemned Western demands for trade restraints and chided the Japanese government for giving in to them. Japan jeopardizes public welfare in order to bow to foreign demands, Hara claimed. Two recent examples are exemptions from Japan's tough

exhaust controls for foreign cars and lifting of the ban on fruit from California during the Mediterranean fruitfly infestation.

"Foreign countries do not appreciate these concessions," said Hara. "It leaves a taste of interventionism when our government is so easily controlled by the U.S. and Europe." Hara added that frictions with other countries arise from cultural as well as economic misunderstanding.

'Out of Control'
In San Francisco, Naohiro Amaya of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Japan spoke before the prestigious Commonwealth Club Mar. 12 and said that the emotional U.S.-Japan trade issue was "out of control."

"We Japanese are not without sin on this subject," said Amaya, "but we are your whipping boy."

Amaya, who has been in government service for 33 years, said he has never seen emotions between the two countries this strained. "In the past," Amaya said, "American administrators have been free traders, balancing what protectionist sentiment exists on Capitol Hill, but these Reagan Administration officials are actually fanning the flames with irresponsible attacks. The situation on the Hill is very precarious."

In his speech before the business organization, Amaya said that the

Japanese were "guilty" of protectionism in three areas, but he emphasized that the major causes for last year's \$15 billion U.S. trade deficit with Japan are more closely linked with American policies and weaknesses, such as:

1—High interest rates which have undervalued the yen and undercut the price competitiveness of U.S. products abroad;

2—The "laggard restructuring of U.S. industry"—i.e. the U.S. auto industry failed to learn lessons from the oil crises of the 1970s;

3—Inflated labor wages as they relate to productivity;

4—U.S. ban on sales of Alaskan oil to Japan.

Japan Overly Protectionist
However, Amaya pointed out Japan is overly protectionist in three areas: import quotas on 22 categories of farm products; red tape which makes customs clearance and other inspection procedures time-consuming; and over-regulation of service industries, which makes it costly to do business in Japan.

Amaya suggested ways to cope with the problems, which included international agreements to combat agricultural protectionism and deregulation of service industries.

He also reminded his audience the Japanese government recently moved to abolish or simplify im-

port procedures on 67 items, and the establishment of a trade ombudsman to handle complaints about imports or investments in Japan.

Officials in other nations also feel that using Japan as a scapegoat does more harm than good. In Hamburg, Germany, the Jiji Press reported Secretary General Arthur Dunkel of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade said Mar. 12 that Japan, as a scapegoat, is now under heavy fire in various fields, and these moves are disturbing the development of free trade.

BCA elects first Oregonian as head

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Herb Osaki of Portland, Ore., was installed as president of the Buddhist Churches of America at its national council meeting here Feb. 25. He is the first Oregonian to head the group of 100,000 adherents of the Jodo Shinshu faith.

A longtime Portland JACLER and a biology teacher at Madison High School here, he hails from Kauai and is a graduate of Pacific University. He served on the Oregon Buddhist Church board for many years, had chaired the BCA's Northwest District Council and had been national vice president.

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added that Western nations must accept the "challenge."

Amaya, too, feels that the U.S. must take the initial step.

"In the 1930s, Japan and the United States had a terrible collision over trade. Nobody wants that to happen again, but there must be a restructuring of the international economic framework," said Amaya, who added that the job should begin in the U.S.

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FT. LUPTON, Colo.—Mountain Plains District Council will meet here Apr. 16-17 at Ft. Lupton High School Commons with DC governor Ron Shibata of Albuquerque presiding. Dr. Michael Ego, a Sansei professor at Cal State Northridge in leisure and recreation and JACL national chair of aging and retirement, will address the Saturday banquet at Mr. Z's. Mits Kawamoto of Omaha, nat'l JACL vice president for planning & development, will also speak.

Delegates will be welcomed at the Commons by the host Fort Lupton JACL at a dinner Friday prepared by the chapter followed by a program and social hour. Business opens at 9:30 a.m. Saturday with two workshops in the afternoon on aging & retirement and ways & means.

PC Calendar of Events

- APR. 9 (Friday)
Seattle—Youth career day (till Sun), Central Comm College, Rm2130-D, 10am.
Los Angeles—Historic Buddhist Art (till Apr 25), JACCC Gallery.
- APR. 10 (Saturday)
Contra Costa—Issei appr dnr.
Chicago—JAY String Quartet Concert, Pick Straiger Hall.
East Los Angeles—Emerald Ball, Luminarias Res't, Monterey Park, 6pm; dance 9pm; selection of Miss East L.A.
Orange County—Issei outing-Easter egg hunt.
- APR. 11 (Sunday)
Los Angeles—Oldtime Hawaiian Music/Dance Concert, East West Players, 2pm.
- APR. 12 (Monday)
UC Irvine—Asian Week (till Apr 16) on campus.
Arizona—Heritage class: vegetable sculpture, JACL Hall, 7pm.
- APR. 13 (Tuesday)
Stockton—Mtg, Cal First Bank, 7:30pm (every 2d Tue)
Chicago—Seminar on stress, Heiwa Terrace, 7:30-8:30pm; Dr Dick Rogers, spkr.
- APR. 14 (Wednesday)
Gardena Valley—Mtg, Union Fed S/L, 7pm (2nd Weds).
Hoosier—Bd mtg, Elinor Hanasono's,

- 7:30pm (every 2d Wed)
- APR. 15 (Thursday)
Chicago—Ballroom-disco dance lessons, JASC Bldg, 7:30-9pm, Brian Matayoshi, instr (also Apr 23).
- APR. 16 (Friday)
JACL Nat'l Scholarship deadline
MPDC/Ft Lupton—DC sess (2da), Ft Lupton HS Commons; Sat: 9am—regis, 9:30—bus sess, 2:45—workshops, 6:30—dnr, Mr. Z's, Dr Michael Ego, spkr, JACL Aging & Retirement Comm chmn.
San Francisco—SFCJAS open forum, JAA Bldg, 8pm.
West Los Angeles—"Hito Hata", Nora Sterry School, 7:30pm.
- APR. 17 (Saturday)
Chicago—JAY's mtg, JASC Bldg.
West Valley—Bridge/Bowl Night, 6pm dnr at Clubhouse.
- APR. 18 (Sunday)
Hollywood/Wilshire—1000er Appr brunch, Sheraton Town House, 12n.
Hoosier—Samurai film.
- APR. 19 (Monday)
Carson—Bd mtg, Helen Kamimoto's res.
Gardena—JA Family workshop, Nakaoka Ctr, 7-9pm; Laura Shiozaki, mod, "On divorce".
- APR. 21 (Wednesday)
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyt'n Ch, 8pm (3d Weds).

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