

JACL seeks whereabouts of 314 'fired Calif. employees'

SAN FRANCISCO — The JACL National Committee for Redress, as principal community co-sponsor of California State Assembly Bill 2710, is seeking to locate the former state civil service employees of Japanese ancestry unfairly fired in 1942. AB 271 would authorize the filing of claims for salary losses.

Assemblyman Patrick Johnston (D-Stockton) introduced his legislation and presented the JACL with a resolution of a "Day of Remembrance" on Feb. 19, 1982. Johnston stated that as President Roosevelt issued EO 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942, the State Personnel Board distributed a loyalty questionnaire to all 314 state civil service employees of Japanese ancestry. Ironically, the opinion of the State Attorney General held similar action questioning the loyalty or dismissal of employees of German and Italian ancestry would violate their civil liberties. Subsequently the State Personnel Board dismissed only state civil service employees of Japanese ancestry without hearings or cause.

In 1947, the State offered to reinstate 88 permanent employees. They were requested to report to work within ten days, but only a few were notified of the Board's offer of employment.

The JACL National Committee for Redress announced its unanimous support for AB 2710 in March.

The JACL first expressed its concerns in 1976 for those Japanese American state employees unjustly fired. Since that time, discussions have taken place between representatives of the JACL and vari-

ous California State legislators. It has been through Stockton Assemblyman Johnston, who participated in the redress workshop at the 1980 JACL National Convention, that remedial legislation has been drafted and introduced.

The bill had its initial hearing before the Public Employees and Retirement Committee on April 24 and was approved 6-0 with amendments. It is to be heard before the Assembly Ways and Means Committee on May 12, when JACL will testify in support of the bill.

The JACL National Committee for Redress is involved in a search to identify those individuals who were directly involved and affected by the

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U.S.-Japan trade friction easing

TOKYO—United States and Japan are moving toward "head-on decisions" rather than "head-on collisions" over trade, the Foreign Correspondents' Club was told April 24 by Vice President George Bush who was starting his five-nation Pacific tour.

Bush had met earlier with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, his foreign and international trade-industry ministers and was briefed on measures which Japan will announce May 7 to further liberalize import quotas. He was also told Japan would like to hold talks on five agricultural-food items (beef, peanuts, oranges, fruit puree and fish) before a scheduled June meeting in Paris among leaders of seven industrialized nations.

Buddhists appeal for nuclear ban

SAN FRANCISCO—In session here coincidentally during Ground Zero Week, the Buddhist Churches of America national board and the BCA Ministerial Assn. jointly endorsed the appeal for world peace and total ban on nuclear weapons as pronounced by their spiritual leader, Monshu Koshin Ohtani of Honpa Hongwanji-ha, Kyoto in his Hiroshima message of Mar. 6.

The BCA is currently collecting signatures to accompany its resolution for the second U.N. special session on nuclear disarmament scheduled June 7-July 9.

His Eminence Ohtani's appeal for peace endorsed the total ban on nuclear weapons because of "the oneness of all life" and the need for "mutual trust among all peoples and nations".



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CHANGING LITTLE TOKYO—Little remains of the old L.A. Mercantile Co. (foreground) on So. San Pedro St. as it gives way to the JACCC plaza. Coming up is Mitsui Manufacturers Bank at E. 2nd St. (r) scheduled for completion in December.

Justice Tamura, 70, succumbs

SANTA ANA, Ca.—Funeral services were held last Friday for Stephen Kosaku Tamura, retired justice of the Calif. Court of Appeal, 4th District. He was the first Japanese American on the mainland named to an appellate court. He died Apr. 25 of an apparent heart attack in Corona while enroute to a meeting.

Tamura, 70, retired last year after a long and distinguished career as lawyer and judge. Several hundred members of the Asian American legal community had honored him at a testimonial dinner in March.

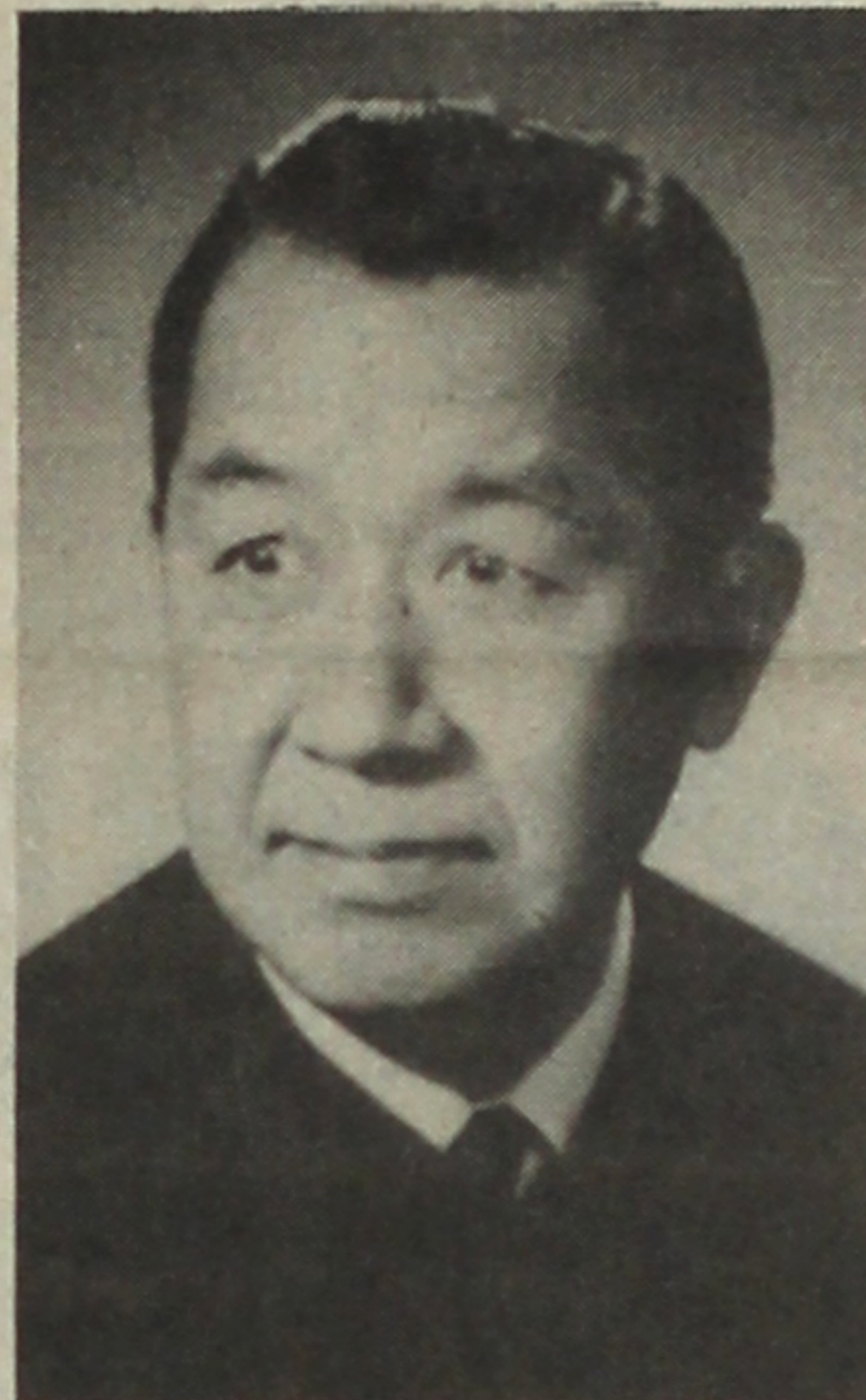
Retired presiding justice Robert Gardner, who served with Tamura, told the Los Angeles Daily Journal, a legal publication, it was a great tragedy for California that three governors had passed up the chance to appoint the life-long Orange County Nisei to the state supreme court. "He had an awesome command of the law," Gardner said. "He knew it right off his fingertips."

Considered a moderate-to-liberal justice, the Daily Journal recalled Tamura held in *Allen v. Jones* that damages could be won for negligent infliction of emotional distress even without any physical injury to the plaintiff.

Between his law degree in 1936 from UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall and the LL.M. in 1943 from Harvard, Tamura had a

private practice in Orange County before Evacuation.

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Justice Stephen Tamura

Noguchi transferred to new position

LOS ANGELES—Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi was transferred last week (Apr. 29) from the coroner's office to a similar job performing autopsies in the Health Services Department. The action had been expected to take effect May 3.

Just two days after Noguchi had been officially demoted to "physician specialist" by the Board of Supervisors (on Apr. 27), acting coroner Dr. Ronald Kornblum persuaded Chief Administrative Officer Harry L. Hufford to approve a transfer of the 55-year-old coroner.

Hufford said the decision was made after meeting with Kornblum and health services director Robert W. White. He noted the department heads agreed to the transfer after Kornblum had "indicated that the normal working relationship between the doctors were being disrupted" and Noguchi should be removed for the "good of the office". Noguchi's presence had also created an "awkward situation" and was contributing to a staff morale problem since the demoted coroner

was working in the department which he headed for 15 years.

A spokesperson for Supervisor Mike Antonovich said Noguchi might work at either County-USC Medical Center or Harbor-UCLA Hospital.

A day before the transfer was disclosed, Noguchi had returned to work and was greeted with applause by 30 of his fellow workers. The demotion had called for a \$1,600 cut in his \$69,341 annual salary (contrary to previous reports that said he would possibly get a raise).

He said that he would pursue "every legal avenue" and would appeal to the Civil Service Commission to win back his old job.

Formal Board Action

The Supervisors had formally removed Noguchi from the position of Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner by a final 4-0 vote April 27. After a three-hour closed session, Supervisors Pete Schabarum, Deane Dana, Ed Edelman and Antonovich, unanimously agreed to make the demotion official. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn,

the only member who voted against the move to demote Noguchi two weeks earlier, was out of town.

The coroner was then dealt another blow the next day as one of his attorneys, Rosalind Marks, unsuccessfully tried to have Noguchi reinstated in Superior Court here. Marks argued that Noguchi's demotion irreparably harmed his reputation.

But Judge John L. Cole denied the motion, as well as a request to block the board from appointing a replacement. Cole said there was no evidence that the board acted improperly in demoting Noguchi, adding that the board's

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Justice Dept.'s rights division criticized for racial policies

WASHINGTON—William Bradford Reynolds, head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, was accused in a congressional hearing Apr. 5 of contributing to a climate of increased racism in the U.S.

"There is new and increasing racism in this country," said Rep. Harold Washington (D-Ill.), "... manifested in the way some now feel they can treat blacks and minorities. You have pursued a policy of active reversal. The signals you have sent to the country make you somewhat accountable for what's going on. It suggests to racists that they can return to business as usual without fear of government retribution."

Rep. Don Edwards (D-Cal.), chairman of the Judiciary subcommittee on civil and constitutional rights, said Reynolds believes he has "superior knowledge" on civil rights issues. But Edwards told Reynolds: "The steps you are taking may prove to be disastrous to the people whose rights you are charged with protecting."

Edwards added that Reynolds has "very little experience in civil rights" and because of this, Reynolds is "prepared to do away with remedies that were achieved by civil rights groups only after great sacrifice and suffering."

However, Reynolds defended the administration's record as the subcommittee considers the fiscal 1983 budget authorization for the Civil Rights Division. He acknowledged the criticisms, but said, "This administration is understandably proud of its record enforcing the civil rights laws during its first year."

Reynolds conceded that the division opposes mandatory quotas and forced busing as remedies for job discrimination and school segregation, respectively, and added that he is looking for new and better ways to desegregate schools, ensure voting rights and ease employment discrimination.

Instead of busing, the division will file suits or seek improvements in school districts that place inadequate resources in mostly minority schools, he said. The money to upgrade the education in these schools,

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Hayakawa introduces English proficiency bill for schools

WASHINGTON—Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Cal.) introduced a bill Apr. 21 he said would give local officials more flexibility in running bilingual education programs, but a critic said it was part of President Reagan's move to end federal aid for non-English speaking students.

"What they call bilingual education in many places has become monolingual education in the immigrant's language," said the Canadian-born Hayakawa. "I want it to be truly bilingual with emphasis on rapidly making the student proficient in English."

Hayakawa's legislation, which he called the "Bilingual Education Improvement Act" would give local school districts the power to choose "the most effective method" of teaching English to their non-English speaking populations.

At the same time, the proposed measure would seek to prevent federally funded bilingual instruction for students who have enough skills in English to function in normal classes.

"I agree wholeheartedly that we need to do all we can to teach the

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JACL '42 Leadership



As we all know by now, the Redress issue, which the JACL is responsible for promoting into a public issue, has provoked some very harsh criticism of this organization's leadership role in 1942. That criticism has been there ever since the tragic days of the Evacuation, but we have seen it emerge in print in some vernacular papers of late.

Very pointedly, the criticism—voiced primarily from within the Japanese American community and even from within the ranks of JACL—states that the leaders of this organization in 1942 urged cooperation with the government in the Evacuation and turned against those who didn't acquiesce with obedience to the government's demands. It is a criticism that says that decisions made consciously by the JACL leadership in 1942 were responsible for putting us into camp.

Whatever else that criticism might say, it is grossly misconceived when it states that the JACL led the Japanese American community blindly into the deserts in 1942. It should be understood clearly by now that there was absolutely nothing anyone from our community could have done to stop the Evacuation. It was a *fait accompli* well before the first restrictions were placed on the West Coast communities. If in fact, as government documents show explicitly, the Attorney General of the United States could not prevent the exclusion and incarceration of American citizens, what could a persona non-grata (in the eyes of the government) leadership of a small and inconsequential West Coast based organization (again, in the government's eyes) possibly do to stop the machinery of the United States government? The JACL was helpless in 1942—just as the entire West Coast Japanese American population was—and the most it could do was to attempt to ease a process which was clearly inevitable.

There may have been some decisions made by the JACL leadership in 1942 that are still questioned today, but considering the confusion and stresses of the times, this isn't entirely surprising. These were young men who were untested and untried in politics, young men who were trying to make the best decisions they possibly could under very trying and adverse conditions. They had never had to deal with hardline politics, and suddenly they found themselves having to negotiate with federal agents and with politicians who worked and lived at the

national level of government. Anyone who has had the experience of dealing with Washington hardball (if even on the very fringes) understands how difficult and complex that can be for the uninitiated. Today we are much more politically aware than those young Japanese Americans were in 1942.

They were working from a base of naivete and trust, from a belief in the righteousness of American justice and the morality of good faith. Obviously, they were at a tremendous disadvantage. They hadn't been initiated into the chiaroscuro of what must have been for them a Machiavellian world.

We, on the other hand, have learned from the experiences of McCarthyism, of political assassinations in our times, of riots in the streets and burning cities, of Watergate, and of Vietnam. For more than a decade, we have been bred on a kind of political awareness which, for better or worse, has brought with it some degree, perhaps even a concomitant degree, of political and social cynicism—which is not necessarily to say political sophistication.

It seems to me that it is too easy to forget the political climate of 1942 when there were no organizations of any political power supporting us, when even the national ACLU would not defend our rights, when just about every political voice in the West lashed out against us, when we were put out in the cold to fend for ourselves. As one of this organization's past leaders once observed so acutely, we were, in 1942, just big enough to kick around but we weren't big enough to kick back. Little wonder, when you have no one coming to your aid, when you're completely vulnerable and easily manipulated, when you really trust that the government lives up to its words. It's easy to criticize in retrospect, but armchair quarterbacks too often get fat on their own smugness.

But look at it from the other side. What about some of the good that came out of some of the decisions made by those idealistic and naive leaders? Certainly, they may have made mistakes and I think they would be the first to admit to that—but surely some monumental good came from some of their decisions. When the Treasury Department froze Japanese held bank accounts in this country, for example, it left the community without funds on which to survive until the JACL negotiated a partial lifting of the freeze; contrary to the plans to separate the men from the women and children by putting them in separate camps, the JACL negotiated to keep families together; in the

government's callous disregard, it ignored medical provisions in the WCCA camps, something which the JACL organized and provided for; and of course, the reinstatement of the draft, despite all its controversy, resulted ultimately in the 442nd—and who would argue the accomplishments of the 442nd and the good that has resulted for Japanese Americans as a consequence of that unit's achievements? The list goes on to scores of other negotiated items.

And as for the JACL as an organization—as long as the critics are taking pot shots at the JACL—what about its incredible legislative record and stances on important human rights issues? What about the Evacuation Claims, albeit muddled by legislative manipulation (but remember this was still only 1948)—and as an adjunct, the repeal of the 1924 Exclusion Act, which many historians say contributed to the Pacific War by undercutting the moderate forces in Japan and giving power to the military? What about the naturalization rights for the Issei, which was ultimately gotten over a congressional over-ride of a presidential veto (for which JACL played an instrumental role)? What about the hard fought battles to change miscegenation laws which the JACL successfully undertook? What about Title II? What about the rescinding of EO 9066? What about JACL's instrumental role in the creation of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights? What about... the list goes on...

And since even most JACLers aren't aware of the scores of other legislative battles fought by this organization, it's no wonder that critics outside of JACL but from within the Japanese American community have no idea of what the organization has accomplished on behalf of Japanese Americans. Their research seeks out information that attempts to refute the JACL and disregards the good it has done, seemingly forgetting that it was the government that put us in the camps. It's perhaps more convenient.

And what have these critics done to better the welfare of Japanese American in this country, something the JACL has struggled to accomplish for over four decades? We have yet to hear of anyone providing a viable and reasonable alternative to the JACL leadership decisions of 1942, in view of the inevitability of the Evacuation period. But to turn the criticism around on the critics isn't the point of this column. Nor is it to be the JACL's apologist for whatever it did or didn't do in 1942 (anyone who knows me—especially the "Old Guard"—I think would realize this). It's perhaps just to say, sure, maybe some decisions should have been made differently in 1942 by the JACL, but there are always going to be decisions that can be questioned later when your back is up against the wall.

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CRA bares plan for northside Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES—A ten-year redevelopment plan for the north side of East First Street in Little Tokyo was announced Apr. 22 by John Spaulding, director of the Community Redevelopment Agency's urban design department.

Spaulding presented the proposal during a meeting of the Little Tokyo Development Community Advisory Committee and he told the gathering at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center that the first draft for the ambitious project will be "built by private firms where possible".

The plan calls for the complete development in the area bordered by San Pedro Street on the west, Temple Street on the north, Alameda Street on the east and E. First Street on the south.

It will include three commercial buildings of 200,000 square feet and 500 private housing units.

Several landmark structures,

such as the Nishi Hongwanji (where the JACL/PC offices were located) and Union Church buildings, will not be demolished and retained as historical sites, said Spaulding.

The present parking structure on No. San Pedro St. will also remain with the housing units being built around the structure.

Central Avenue will be rebuilt to circle through the housing area and extend to San Pedro Street. The major structure will be an office tower at the northeast corner of First and San Pedro Sts.

The project will be built in four phases covering the ten year period with phase one being the demolishing of the old brick (Union Hardware) building at First and Alameda Streets.

Spaulding said that there were no immediate plans to widen East First Street, but existing storefronts will remain intact for remodeling.



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NEWS ANCHOR HONORED—KNBC-TV News anchor Tritia Toyota holds her Person of the Year Award, presented by the Los Angeles County Asian American Employees Assn. at a Chinatown dinner April 24. Standing with her are Phillip Ow (left), Assn. president, and Edward Lee, board chairman.

UCLA's 'Project TEACH' launched

LOS ANGELES—UCLA's Asian American Studies Center has launched "Project TEACH (Teach Ethnic Awareness and Cultural Heritage)" in the elementary and secondary classrooms in the greater L.A. area. The project was set for Asian Pacific Heritage Week, which begins today (May 7) and continues through May 14.

TEACH, an extension of the speaker's bureau at the center, sends students and staff from the center to area schools to discuss such topics as identity, historical contributions, women's and men's roles and community and cultural awareness.

For more info on the project call the Asian American Studies Center (213) 825-1006.

Over 300 attend Manzanar service

MANZANAR, Ca.—Over three hundred Nikkei attended the 13th annual pilgrimage to the site which once served as a relocation center for 10,000 evacuees during World War II.

The participants, many of them younger Nikkei, began the program Apr. 24 with a memorial service at the entrance of the camp. Students from CSU Long Beach, East L.A. College, and members of the Asian Rehabilitation Service and the Asian American Drug Abuse Program joined with Manzanar Committee organizers for the day's activities.

Father Bryce Nishimura of Maryknoll Church, a former Manzanar internee, led the service after a brief luncheon. The day closed with an ondo dance performed by all participants.

'Sleeping Sam' tales hurt, says solon

RIVERSIDE, Ca.—U.S. Sen. S.I. Hayakawa recently charged that "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson helped kill Hayakawa's public image by cracking "sleeping Sam" jokes on the late-night talk show.

The senator, who dropped his re-election bid last January after polls showed him trailing a distant fourth place, said Carson caused him "real damage" by making jokes about him sleeping in public.

Hayakawa contended that his image—which gave him such derisive nicknames as "Sleeping Sam" and the "Sominex Kid"—began with an incident when he and other freshman lawmakers attended a seminar at Harvard University on congressional issues and procedures.

"I was not used to controlled heating," Hayakawa explained. He added that he was "dead tired" and that "they were spending hours answering questions I hadn't asked." He said after that, reporters "started looking for it." The "Tonight Show" reacted to the charges with a terse "no comment." Hayakawa's views were reported in the Riverside Press-Enterprise Apr. 23.

Nisei heart disease focus of PBS show

LOS ANGELES—A documentary focusing on heart disease among the Nisei will be aired on KCET (28) on Wednesday, May 12, 8:30 p.m. Other PBS stations will show the film June 23 (check local listings).

The film, "Nisei Legacy", delves into the high rate of heart disease among the Nisei. In Japan, it is uncommon for a Japanese to die of heart disease, but Japanese Americans—particularly the second generation—have a death rate from heart problems which approaches the rate of white Americans.

The program, narrated by actor Robert Ito, is part of Synthesis Project, produced by KPBS-15 (San Diego) and will be presented as part of KCET's observance of Asian/Pacific Heritage Week.

Other shows slated on KCET include "Japan Inc.", on May 14, 9:30 p.m., which looks at Japanese business and industry; and an encore of "American Chinatown", on May 15, 11 p.m. which profiles Locke, Ca.

Summer carnival at Gardena JCI slated

GARDENA, Ca.—The Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute will hold its Summer Carnival on the June 26-27, announced JCI President Robert S. Horii. Some community members had thought that the festival would be cancelled because of construction of JCI Gardens, the Institute's senior housing project.

But Horii and JCI executive director William Hiroto said that most of the food booths, games and displays will once again be featured this year. For info call JCI office (213) 324-6611 or 770-2878.

Dentist donates books to ELA school library

MONTEREY PARK, Ca.—Dr. Thomas T. Okuno, a practicing East Los Angeles dentist, recently decided to share a part of his book collection which consists of over 25,000 editions. He donated a complete encyclopedia set, 15 volumes of a family health series and several social study/history books to the Ramona High School library here.

Okuno, 80, has been collecting books for over 60 years. One of his prized collections is National Geographic Magazines, dating back to 1915.

Pioneer insurance firm transfers accounts to J. Morey Company

LOS ANGELES—Misao Hirohata, proprietor of the Hirohata Insurance Agency, announced her retirement after 53 years except for the war years of continuous insurance service to her clients.

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Asian trade seminar slated at USC

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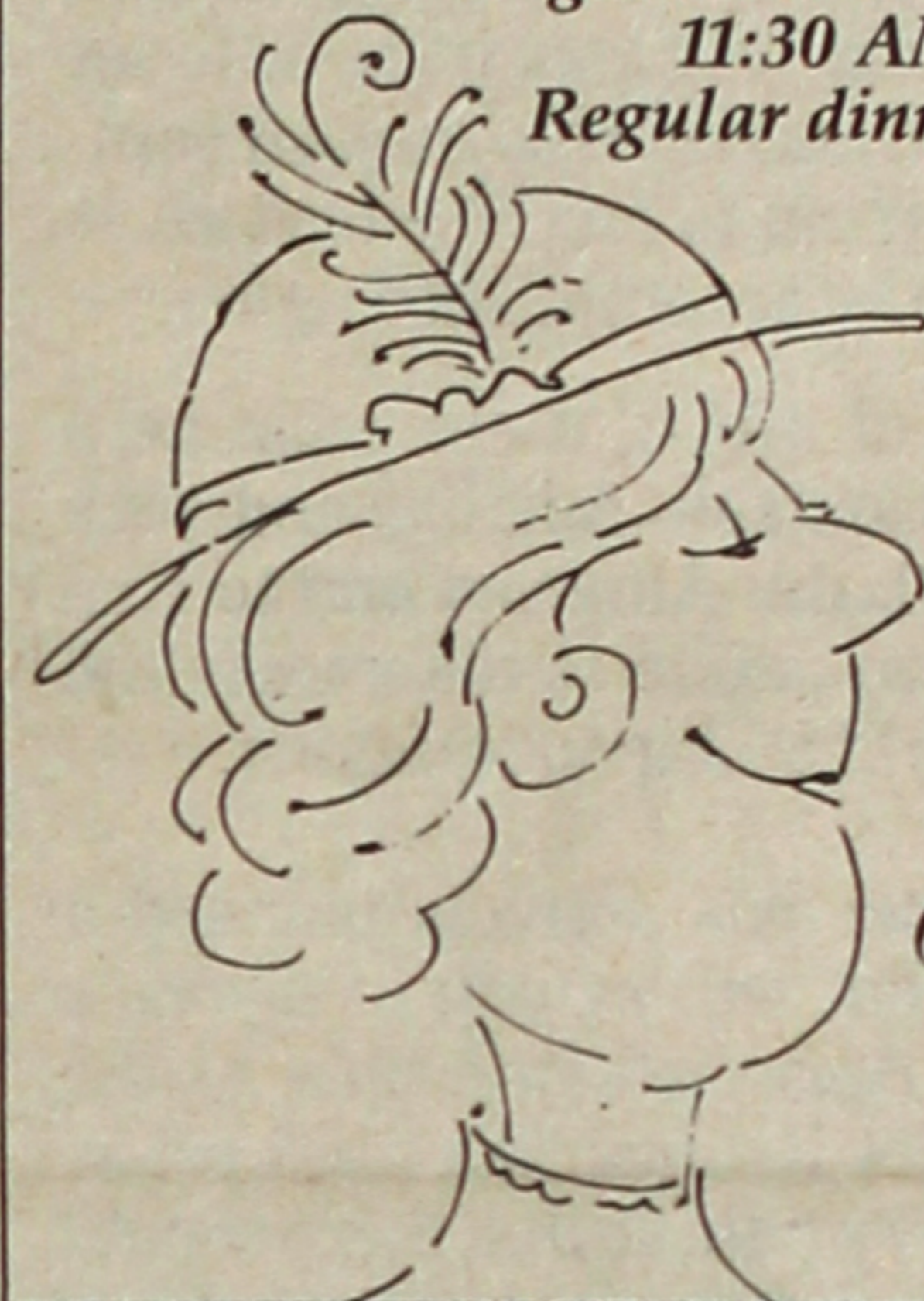
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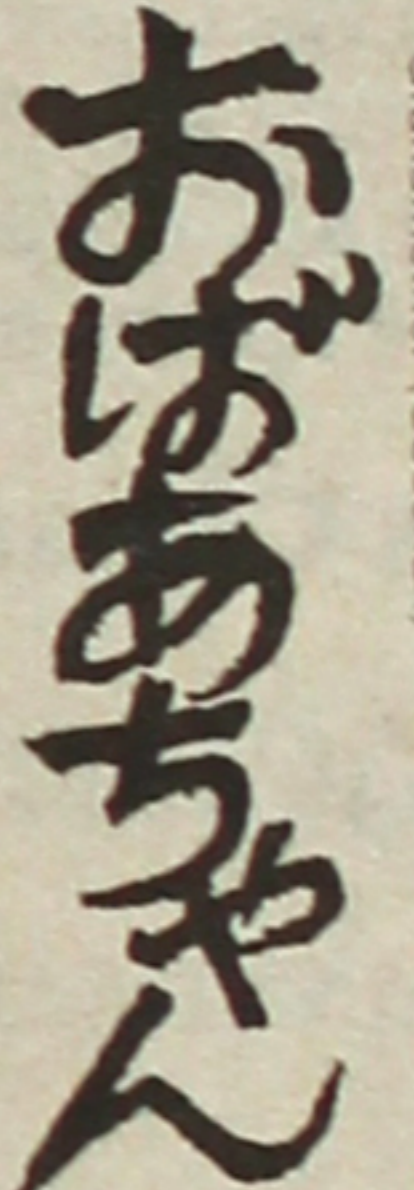


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Shig Wakamatsu: the Alpha-Omega of JARP



Denver, Colo.

In the long view of history, it is likely that passage of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952 will be considered JACL's most significant accomplishment. When Congress passed that law over President Truman's veto (for reasons not linked to the Japanese), race was eliminated as a consideration in U.S. immigration and naturalization policy.

The racially discriminatory bar against Japanese immigration, a galling insult that had a part in the rise of Japan's militarists, was wiped out. And Issei were extended the right of citizenship, destroying the basis for hundreds of discriminatory laws directed against "persons ineligible for citizenship".

But high among JACL's other accomplishments must be the Japanese American Research Project (JARP), which recorded Issei and Nisei history just in time before the swift flight of the years obliterated all the primary sources of information. JARP was responsible for the publication of a number of books on Japanese American history, the writing of numerous articles and disserta-

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

Playing the House Organ

Philadelphia

FOR A GREAT many Nikkei who do not reside in the Golden State of California, the Pacific Citizen is our main, and often only, source of news relating to Asian Americans in general and Nikkei in particular. And as to

what is happening within the JACL organization, this newspaper is our only source of information. Seemingly, these two focuses—one, Asian American news in general, the other JACL activities—appear to present conflicts, depending on one's perspective. If a reader of this newspaper happens to reside in a region where a vernacular or ethnic publication is regularly available, then perhaps such a reader may wish to have the "P.C." emphasize JACL activities.

IN YEARS PAST, there have been ruminations to reshape this newspaper in the mold cherished by whatever coterie that happened to then be occupying the seats of power in the organization. The syllogistic contention went something like this: the "P.C." is financed by the membership (not completely true); the membership is JACL (not always true); therefore, the P.C. should be a "house organ". Every time I hear this term "house organ", I shudder at the thought of a sanitized, neutered assemblage of stilted words announcing the date for the next meeting date or promoting, without hearing or opposition voices, the programs or pronouncements of the leadership who are in power no more than two years before fading into the background. This is not to suggest that national programs should not be supported; this is to suggest, however, that opportunities to examine, question and challenge proposals should be made freely available. And a "controlled" or sanitized press would discourage healthy debate and exchange of ideas.

NONETHELESS, THERE MAY be a tendency within some quarters, perhaps unconsciously, to delete or "play down" unpleasant or controversial news from these pages. This reticence may, in the case of the Nisei, be rooted in the *enryo*, "don't-rock-the-boat" approach passed on to us by our parents. I certainly do not relish seeing a Nikkei name associated with criminality, but I'm not at all sure that shielding me from the realities that Nikkei are not immune, is doing me, or others, a favor. The P.C. can hardly be accused of sensationalism or tabloid journalism. And yet, as we say, periodically there will be those who would seek to emasculate what we have and render these pages into an organizational bulletin-board.

IN ASSESSING THE thrust of this newspaper, we trust that the decision-makers will rise above a provincial perspective and remember that the readership is national. And, quite frankly, that not all the readers are necessarily avid JACLers who eagerly await the latest report on the decisions of the organization—important as such are to many of us. And so, for our money, rather than a "house organ", we would rather see encouragement and support be given to the newspaper staff to innovative ideas and moving ahead into new directions.

tions and countless term papers, and a massive collection of taped oral histories, documents, photographs, diaries and memorabilia catalogued and preserved at the University of California at Los Angeles.

An important part of American history that was in danger of being lost beyond recovery was saved by JARP. And Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago, as first and only chairman of JACL's JARP committee, kept the project on track. Wakamatsu took the assignment in 1960 immediately after completion of a two-year term as national JACL president.

Wakamatsu and his committee traveled a lonely and often troubled road. First, the scope of the JARP project had to be defined. Under urging of academicians, it grew from a simple narrative history to a vastly more complex and valuable sociological and historical study. The slow, thorough pace of academia frustrated a public that had been led to believe that their history could be produced without delay.

Wakamatsu, too, was frustrated. There were periods of near-despair when the project appeared to be totally bogged down. Wakamatsu took the heat while struggling to get the project back on track. He spent much more time than was wise, in view of his growing responsi-



MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi

JACL Youth Program support encouraged

The JACL Youth Program occupies a marginal status in the organization. The 1980 National Convention adopted a revised National Constitution, that incorporated youth as regular members in the JACL. They have the same status as adults within the chapter. At the same time, each District Youth Chairperson has a vote on the National Council, giving them more votes than three Districts and only one vote less than two other Districts. They have two representatives on the National Board. Theoretically, they should have a substantial voting voice in the organization.

Our membership records for 1982 at the end of April showed 17 youth members and 53 student members. They are a powerful voting minority in the organization for their numbers.

Budget for youth related activities account for over 3% of the total National Budget, but that represents about 25% of what is labeled as our program budget.

The recent history of the Youth program is not particularly a positive picture. The Youth Conference that was planned last summer was cancelled. The follow up from a National Youth Coordinating Council meeting is non-existent.

For most of last year, we didn't have a Youth Director on board. David Nakayama has only recently been employed in this position. But a member comparison with last year's totals does not show any appreciable change in numbers.

The Youth Program comes under scrutiny in these kinds of circumstances. With the reduction in dollars available in program areas, the competition for funding in important areas of organizational work may further impact youth work by the JACL.

There is ample evidence to criticize many of the youth in the organization. There is clearly a lack of direction. There is, concurrently, erratic leadership that is caused by the transience of youth population and the prioritization of other interests such as school and vacation.

The Youth Program is a vulnerable entity in the organization. David has big shoulders, but can't be expect-

CALIF. Continued from Front Page

State Personnel Board's actions. The names and addresses of those former state employees should be forwarded to the JACL National Committee for Redress, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

(PC reader Kitty C. Kawakami in Kansas City, Mo., having read the Apr. 2 story about paying "fired state workers" has requested on where to get whatever is due.)

As amended, claims up to \$1,250 each year for up to four years

(1946) to only those persons who suffered a loss of salary because of SCR 15 which, in 1942, terminated all state employees of Japanese ancestry. Rather than a lump sum, claimants (their eligibility will have been confirmed by the State Dept. of Personnel Administration) are to file each year by May 15 for loss of incurred salary. The state is not obligated to notify persons eligible for salary losses pursuant to this proposed law. Survivors of claimants are not eligible to file or receive the warrant as death of a claimant prior to a claim terminates the claim. Payment is to be authorized upon effective date of the 1983 Budget. #

lities as the chemist in charge of compliance with environmental protection regulations at the Lever Brothers plant, on JARP business. He sacrificed personal and family interests to devote time to JARP.

JARP is winding down now after more than two decades. And some of his friends in Chicago, who were aware of Wakamatsu's selfless dedication, felt that he had never been given the recognition he deserved. They set out to do something about it.

Last January the Chicago JACL chapter board passed a resolution asking that the National JACL Board present Wakamatsu with the Ruby Pin Award at the national convention in Gardena this summer in tribute to his JARP leadership as well as 35 years of distinguished service to JACL.

But the Chicagoans also felt it wasn't enough to give Wakamatsu a pin and pat him on the back. What the Chicago board would like to do is raise enough money nationally to give Shig and his wife, Toshi, a trip to Japan, which he's never visited. Jack Nakagawa, chairman of the committee to honor Wakamatsu, recently announced a fund drive. And I can't think of a more deserving project, or a more deserving man to be honored by the organization. #

ed to singlehandedly carry the effort. We can note outstanding efforts by young people like Alysa Watanabe in MDC and Patty Honda in PSW. But, much more is needed.

Recently, Floyd Mori, the former California Assemblyman, called the membership within the Tri-Valley Chapter and invited them to send the young people of the area to his home for pizza. The response was such that the Tri-Valley Chapter has a youth group operating. It's going to take this kind of support to get the program moving.

In PSW, Patty Honda and company have received a budget from their District and some hands on support to sponsor career workshops. Governor Nakashima in Northern California is coaxing the youth in that area to participate in the National Convention and assume greater leadership in the District. MDC recently hosted a successful workshop in Twin Cities.

There really is a substantial basis upon which a coherent and meaningful Youth Program can and should be developed. As the former Youth Director for this organization, I think that we should try to provide whatever support that we can. Sometimes this means providing support. Sometimes this means providing challenges. #

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From PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: by John Saito



No Time Limit

Los Angeles

The other day when I got a phone call from the So. Calif. Broadcasters Assn. to be one of the guest speakers at their meeting, I became a little nervous. Public speaking and I go hand-in-hand like ice cream and beer.

When the appointed day arrived and the hour was fast approaching, I drove towards Hollywood where the broadcasters were meeting. I parked and went into the building. There must have been at least 40 people in the room. I was able to recognize some of the faces from my TV viewing. I started to talk and since my voice did not crack I felt a little more at ease.

Since the topic of my presentation had to do with the concerns of the Japanese American community, I started with employment, stating that there was not an equitable representation of Asian Americans in top management. If the American adage that says education and level of employment are related, then that proverb is non-operational for the Asian American. I backed that statement with the recent job losses of two Asian American department heads in Los Angeles county government. I covered other areas, such as the inability of the public to make a distinction between Japan and Japanese Americans and my WW2 experiences.

Surprising to me was the question-&-answer period. There were very few questions relative to employment or identification. Majority of the questions related to what happened 42 years ago. They wanted me to recall what happened on Dec. 7, 1941, and the days immediately thereafter. They wanted to know how my classmates reacted towards me and my perceptions of community reaction. They were full of questions and would have continued had it not been for the next speaker waiting to give her presentation.

It would appear that something that has importance has no time constraints and that people want to know even if that event occurred 42 years ago.

Hibakusha film on tap at Sebastopol May 8

SEBASTOPOL, Ca.—"Survivors", a documentary on A-Bomb survivors in the U.S., will be shown May 8, 7:30 p.m. at Enmanji Hall, 1200 Gravenstein Hwy South. Film producers Steve Okazaki and Frances Politeo will attend. For info: Mei Nakano (707) 829-0854.

New York CBS-TV to spotlight internment

NEW YORK—Impact of WW2 and internment of Japanese Americans on the East Coast will be discussed on "Channel 2: The People", May 8, 6 p.m. by CWRIC executive director Angus MacBeth and government officials of that period. John J. McCloy and Ed Ennis are listed to appear.

Deaths

Jack Tsutomu Kaya, 68, Omaha restaurateur, died Apr. 16. Born in Watsonville, he and his wife owned and operated the Mt. Fuji Inn in Omaha. Surviving are w Alice, s Wayne, d Carolyn Lewis, Marilyn Wycoff, Jackie Shindo, 5 gc.

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Ethnic minorities more challengeable

LOS ANGELES—Of the judges on the L.A. county June 8 ballot (and only those who are being challenged are listed in this county), 60% of jurists being contested are of an ethnic minority, pointed out Cary Nishimoto, deputy city attorney and PSWDC governor, this past week, which drew the concern of JACL.

Two Asian American jurists are being challenged: Superior Court Judge Ernest Hiroshige and Superior Court Judge Kenneth Chang.

Salinas JACL meets to review redress

SALINAS, Ca.—Questions posed by the JACL national redress committee were reviewed by Salinas JACL members meeting April 26 at the John Steinbeck Library. Considered were such matters as the options on who are eligible for redress, remedies and type of legislation, it was announced by Mrs. Violet K. de Cristoforo, chapter redress chair.

Mits Kawamoto hospitalized

OMAHA, Neb.—Mits Kawamoto, nat'l JACL vice president for planning and development, was hospitalized Apr. 24 after a heart attack. He was placed in intensive care at Immanuel Medical Center, 6901 N. 72nd St., Omaha 68122.

JACL PERSONALS

Perhaps the oldest JACLer today, Satoru Kodama, 93, of Yuba City renewed his membership with Marysville JACL. He has been a member since 1962.

JAYS '80 yearbook refund due

SAN FRANCISCO—Due to losses that were incurred during the 1980 JAYS Sacramento Youth Convention, the JAYS Yearbook was never produced. David Nakayama, National Youth Director, will coordinate the refund program.

Letters will go to those who ordered a yearbook and paid a \$5 deposit. They will have the option for a refund or credit towards their 1982 membership.

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Author says U.S. knew Japan planned attack on Pearl

WASHINGTON — Historian John Toland, in a new book, says new evidence indicates the U.S. Navy discovered Japanese aircraft carriers steaming toward Hawaii five days before the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

He concludes that President Franklin D. Roosevelt, convinced that U.S. participation was necessary for an Allied victory in WW2, withheld the information to ensure a surprise attack, which would trigger public demand for a U.S. declaration of war.

In "Infamy: Pearl Harbor and its Aftermath", the 69-year-old author says naval intelligence used radio surveillance to find the Japanese carriers in the northern Pacific Dec. 2. But no hint of the carrier force ever reached U.S. commanders in the Pacific. He theorizes that Roosevelt, believing warning might cause Japan to cancel their plans, gambled that the Hawaiian defenses were strong enough to defeat any surprise attack.

Among those informed, Toland

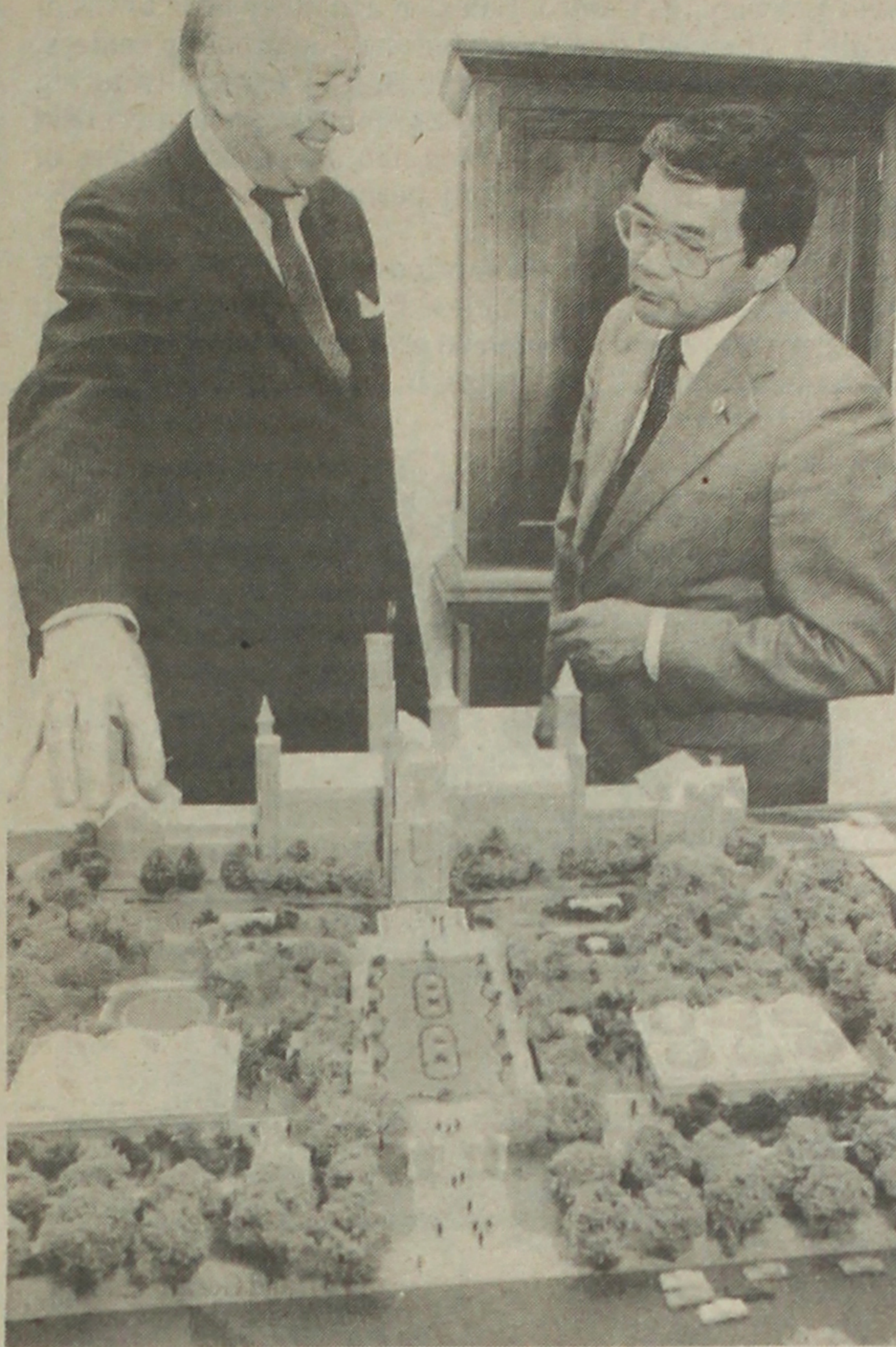
states, were Navy Secretary Frank Knox, Army Secretary Henry L. Stimson, Army Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Harold R. Stark.

The Japanese carriers, Toland says, were discovered by U.S. naval intelligence officer Lt. Ellsworth A. Hosner and a civilian communications expert identified only as "Seaman Z".

In Tokyo, two former Japanese naval officers challenged Toland's claim that U.S. intelligence had intercepted radio signals from the Japanese fleet before its surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

Chuichi Yoshioka, 73, a communications staff officer aboard the flagship carrier Akagi, said, "Radio silence was imposed even before the ships assembled in a small bay at Iturup Island (in the Kuriles) on Nov. 24."

Minoru Genda, 77, on the strategy staff mapping out the details of the attack, said the task force communicated by "flag and light signals" for about two weeks prior to Dec. 7.



SMITHSONIAN ADDITION—Rep. Norman Mineta (r) and Smithsonian's secretary S. Dillon Ripley discuss plans for the Near and Far Eastern Art Gallery, a part of a museum complex project for the institution, in front of the architect's model.

Smithsonian plans museum of Asian and African cultures

WASHINGTON—A museum featuring exhibitions of Asian, Near Eastern and African cultures has been planned by the Smithsonian Institution and its Board of Regents, which includes Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.).

The project will involve converting the four-acre garden behind the Smithsonian Castle into an entrance for the museum complex. Two small pavilions will be added to the garden and the asphalt parking lot which now occupies a portion of the garden will be removed.

The complex, called the Quadrangle, will include a gallery of Near and Far Eastern Art, an adjunct to Freer Gallery of Art and Museum of African Art.

The Quadrangle will be built at a cost of \$75 million with half the financing provided by private contributions and foreign governments and the other half from the U.S. government. People of the Republic of Korea and the Japanese government have each given a \$1 million to the project, noted Smithsonian secretary S. Dillon Ripley.

Congressional hearings on the government's contributions have been underway and Mineta, member of the House Public Works Committee, has been actively involved. Ripley said the Smithsonian has raised about \$24 million of the needed \$37 million and that fund raising is continuing.

In addition to his own legislation on bilingual education, Hayakawa is co-sponsoring a measure by Sen. Walter Huddleston (D-Ky.) which would restrict federal funding for bilingual education programs to a one-year instructional program for most students. Hayakawa said the 1978 revision of the federal Bilingual Education Act "deprived local schools of their flexibility to determine the best method of instruction for their particular immigrant group."

HAYAKAWA

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English language to non-English speaking students," the 75-year-old Hayakawa said in announcing his new bill. "However, I cannot support a rigid mandate prescribing a single method of instruction."

But Arnoldo S. Torres, executive director of the League of United Latin American Citizens, a national Hispanic organization, said Hayakawa's bill is actually a Reagan administration proposal intended to "justify the reduction of funding for bilingual education in prepara-

tion for eliminating it." Maxine Jefferies, Hayakawa's press aide, said the bill "probably is basically an administration bill, but one the senator wholeheartedly endorses."

An expert in semantics before his election in the Senate, Hayakawa is sponsoring a constitutional amendment declaring English as the official language of the United States and a bill that would ban the use of bilingual ballots and

JA history exhibits slated by EBJCC

OAKLAND, Calif.—The Japanese Community Center of East Bay will sponsor a series of activities with the theme, "Intergenerational Legacy of the Japanese American Community", in the coming months with various media presentations showing nearly 100 years of Japanese American history.

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In 1946, after having volunteered from Amache WRA Center and having served three years in our Armed Services in the South Pacific, I finally come home. As I boarded a bus in Los Angeles, a woman sitting in front snored, "Damned Jap." I stood still momentarily shocked and embarrassed. The bus driver stopped the bus and said, "Lady, apologize to this American soldier, or get off my bus." ... She got off the bus. I thanked him, and for the first time in my life I felt that we really have a chance in America.

Reading James Oda's book, I realize all the more that we paid a terrific price to secure our place in America. Sansei and Yonsei must never forget our struggles. Nothing was given to us free; we had to fight for it with blood and sweat.

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Yoshiko Uchida to autograph 'Desert Exile' at S.F. book event

SAN FRANCISCO—On Saturday, May 15, from 2 - 4 p.m., Kinokuniya Book Store in Japan Center, will hold an autograph party to celebrate publication of Yoshiko Uchida's new book, "Desert Exile: The Uprooting of a Japanese American Family," published by the Univ. of Washington Press.

Although Uchida has written *Magazine focuses on Asian politics, life*

SAN FRANCISCO—A new Asian American magazine, "East Wind—Politics and Culture of Asians in the U.S." will be released in May featuring articles on the 100th anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act. The premier Spring/Summer issue is available for \$3 plus \$1 for postage and handling from: East Wind, P.O. Box 26229, San Francisco, CA 94126.

ten over 20 books for young people, many of them award-winners, this is the first book she has written for adults. It gives a moving and intimate look at her family during their prewar years in Berkeley and during their WW2 incarceration in Tanforan and Topaz concentration camps.

Sen. Daniel Inouye has called it "an important book for all Americans" and adds, "We should all take pride in the triumph of the human spirit which is reflected in this book."

Some of her books for young people, "A Jar of Dreams", "Journey Home" just released in paperback, and "The Rooster Who Understood Japanese", will also be available for autographing.

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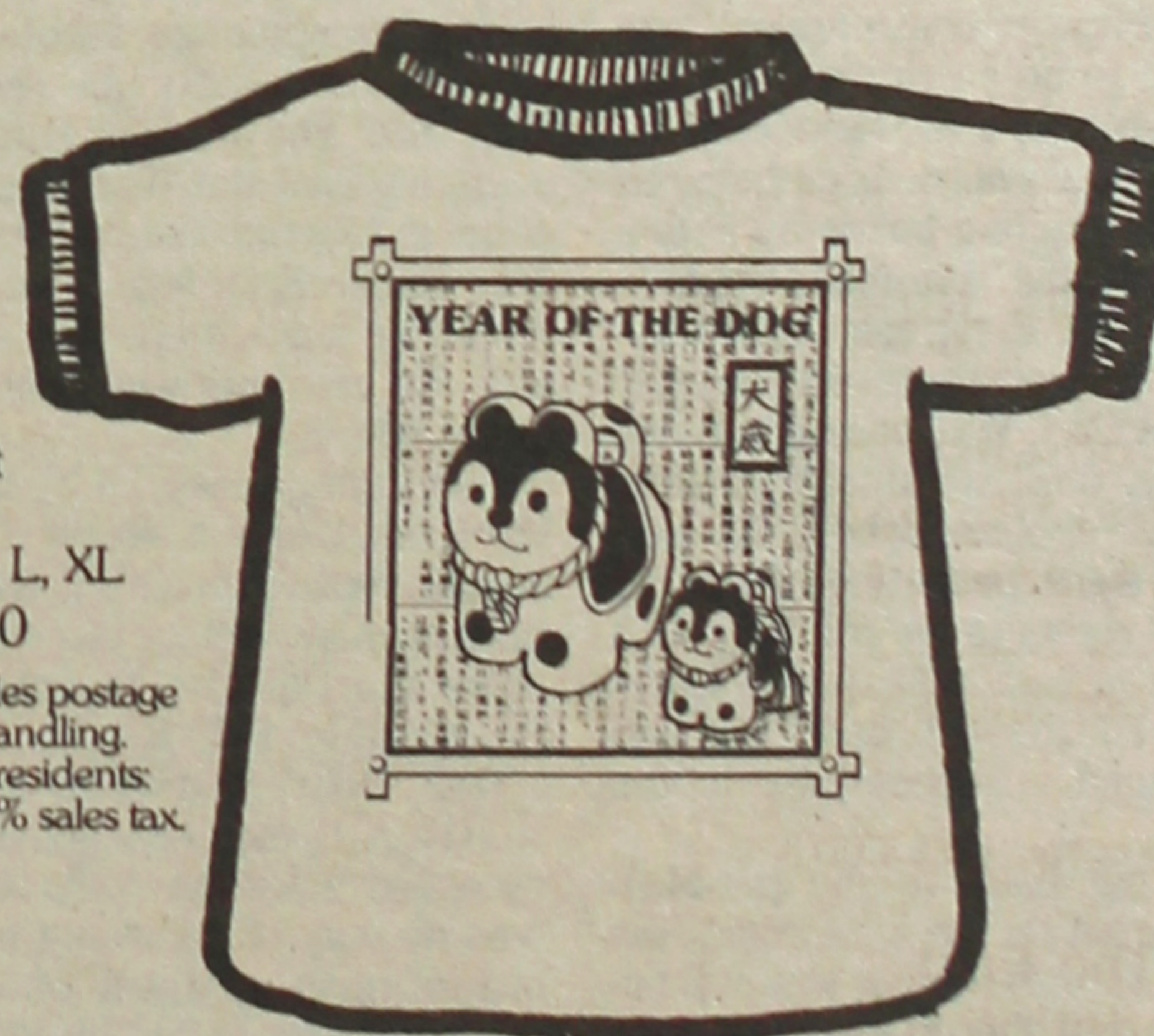


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WINE-TASTING TIME—West Los Angeles JACL and Auxiliary's 11th annual wine-tasting benefit will be held at Yamato Restaurant at Century Plaza Hotel May 16, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Proceeds go toward scholarships this year. In front of Yamato are (from left) Eiko Iwata, co-chair with Mary Yanokawa; wine coordinator Joseph F. Minervini, and Stella Kishi, representing the restaurant.

Riverside JACL awards 8 scholarships

RIVERSIDE, Ca.—Recipients of the 1982 Riverside JACL scholarships were announced by the chapter board for its graduation potluck dinner to be held May 15, 6 p.m., at the First Christian Church. They are:
June Owada, Redlands High (\$500 Dr. Hideo Inaba Schlrshp); Anne Kaneko, Chino High (\$500 Dr. Mary Oda Schlrshp); Janet Leach, Deborah Nakaguma, and Linda Petropolous, all of San Geronio High (each \$200 Sannosuke

Madokoro Schlrshp); Mike Cuesta, Redlands High, and Gerald Takano, LaSierra High, (each \$150 JACL Award), and Gerald Takano (\$100 Riv Japanese Union Church Awd).

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Big Whing-Ding

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Comments I have been receiving are that JACL conventions are not fun anymore... So after hearing these comments from many 1000 Clubbers, I have asked Ron Shiozaki to immediately pick a National 1000 Club Whing-Ding chairperson. I have personally contacted Helen and Tak Kawagoe, Sue Jio Okabe, Betty Yumori, names which are familiar to many of the readers and they have stated that they will give the utmost attention to thinking up a unique, hilarious and entertaining skit.

Theme for the National Whing-Ding is "A NITE IN TOKYO". Our national representative in the PSW, Aki Ohno, states that he will do his utmost to take care of whatever backing we need to put on a National Whing-Ding. Incidentally, Ohno was instrumental in putting on an International Whing-Ding in Tokyo in 1971.

This year with the Nisei Week, Nisei Vets and the JACL Convention, we will have a full house at the National JACL 1000 Club Whing-Ding.

Let me hear from you if you have any good ideas about entertainment, skits, etc., for "A Nite in Tokyo".

1000 Club Roll

SUMMARY (Since Dec. 31, 1981)
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Total this report 43
Current total 1,107

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Arizona: 9-Benjamin Ehara, 23-Merry Masunaga, 1-Gary Tadano.
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Chicago: 9-Keiko Noma.
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Detroit: 14-Frank Kuwahara.
East Los Angeles: 1-Masao Dobashi.
French Camp: 19-John T Fujiki.
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Newsprint increase

Newsprint costs went up April 1 to \$525 per metric ton. Midway Press, printers of the Pacific Citizen announced as of May 15 its running charges will increase 3%. "It looks like this might be the last paper increase for a while—a long while," the PC was informed. Presswork cost to PC through the past year was \$37,400 for an average press run of 23,468 copies per week and a total of 552 pages.

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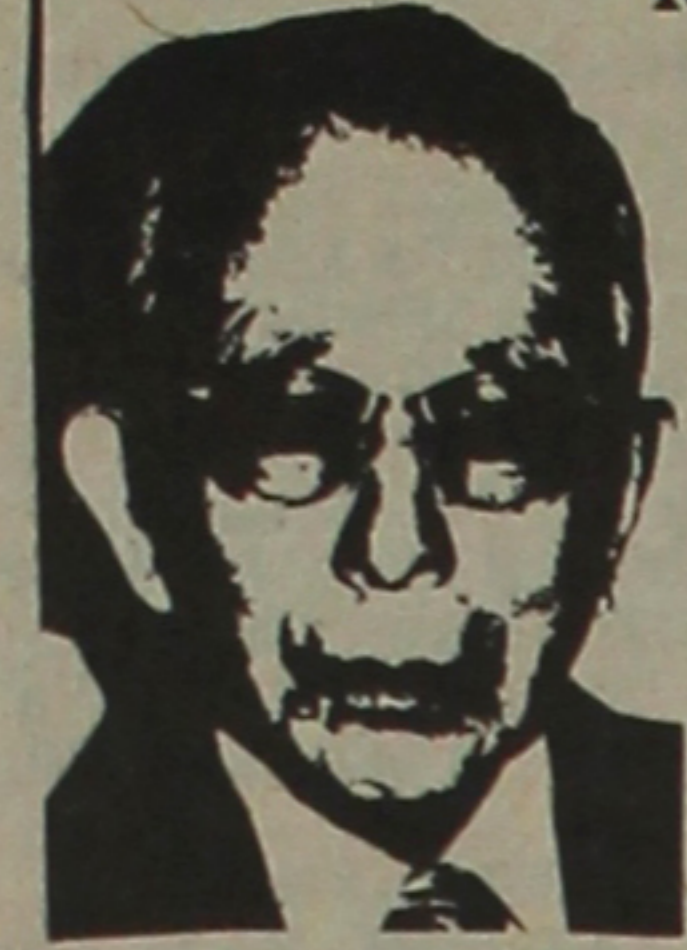
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Too fantastic to be true? Remembering as you do how easily the military leaders were able to drive the Japanese people, sheep like, from one military misadventure to another, culminating in the disaster of WW2, you are understandably skeptical. But such a document did exist. Viewed against the political background of the times in which it was produced, there really was nothing too extraordinary or startling about it.

The years between 1880s to 1890 were a period of unprecedented political turbulence. Agitation for civil rights, overthrow of the government of the Satsuma and Choshu cliques, and the opening of the national parliament, was at white heat, and the government met it with savage repression. Political rallies were often scenes of bloody clashes between the supporters of the speakers and the police.

The period was also one of political enlightenment the like of which has seldom occurred in world history. The demand for civil rights had a nationwide support at the grass roots. In the rural towns and villages throughout the country there had grown up hundreds of political associations, study groups and speech drill teams. The nuclei of these groups were usually sons of well to do families with impressive collections of books on political and social philosophy which they opened to the members. They, and leading members, were steeped in the thoughts of such writers as Rousseau, Mill, Bentham, Spencer, and others. They drilled themselves constantly in speech making, wrote voluminous papers on political subjects and commen-

Japan retains restrictions on produce from 'medfly' area

WASHINGTON—The Japanese government said it will not ease its restrictions on produce shipments from California, despite efforts by U.S. agricultural officials to demonstrate that the Mediterranean fruit fly problem has been licked.

U.S. Agriculture Dept. officials, who announced the Japanese decision Apr. 12, said they were frustrated and disappointed that the Japanese refuse to budge from their position, especially with a new shipping season in sight for California growers.

The Japanese decision means that the ban will continue on exports of all produce within a seven-county quarantine area in California (San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Alameda, and parts of San Benito, Stanislaus and Los Angeles). Fruits and vegetables from outside that area will have to be treated chemically or by cold temperatures before shipment.

However, under a policy agreed last January, lemons will remain the only exception to the restrictions. Japan permitted the citrus fruit from outside the 4,000-sq. mile quarantine zone to enter without undergoing any treatment.

Seattle CETA funds hit by cutbacks

SEATTLE—Further cuts in federal job training program and CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) projects forced the closure of three local in-take offices here which screen and refer low-income applicants. The southeast Seattle office, which received much attention from the Asian Pacific community, was among those shut in March, reported the Asian Family Affair.

Original plan of the Washington State Employment Securities and the Consortium (a CETA funding agency) called for five offices. However, the final allocations were less than planned and as a result only two offices will be maintained—in Auburn and downtown Seattle. The downtown office will have bilingual counselors for Chinese, Spanish, Filipino and Indochinese-speaking persons.

Pacific Heritage Bank due in Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES—Nisei-controlled Pacific Heritage Bank, after only 13 months of operation, has been granted approval to open its initial branch office in the Little Tokyo area by the California State Superintendent of Banks and the Federal Reserve Bank.

The Torrance-based institution plans to open its new branch in temporary headquarters by late summer. PHB has rapidly grown from its original capitalization of \$3.5 million to over \$13 million in total assets.

Among the PHB board of directors are: chairman Vincent H. Okamoto, Kenji Ishizaki, Edwin C. Hiroto, Fumiko Wasserman, Masao Awakuni and Kenneth Hayashi.

Asian skiers plan for '84 activities

ASPEN, Colo.—The second Asian Ski Week was held here Feb. 6 and 95 skiers from across the country participated in various downhill races, parties, and evenings of dining and entertainment.

Asian Ski Week is planning for its next event in 1984 at Vail, Colo. Persons interested in the group should contact David Y. Yamada, director, P.O. Box 32706, San Jose, CA 95152-2706; (408) 280-1294.

Rose pageant at Rose Hill May 8-9

WHITTIER, Ca.—A record turnout is expected May 8-9 for the 23rd annual Mother's Day Rose and Rose Arrangement Show at Rose Hills Memorial Park here. Amateur rose growers or arrangers in competition must enter between 7 and 10 a.m. May 8.

taries on their readings. And they wrote many mock constitutions.

Kenpo Soko Hyorin (Symposium of Critical Commentary on the Draft Constitution) is the document mentioned above. Discovered in 1968 among some 1,100 items in a collection of papers—journals, letters, drafts of speeches, book reviews, etc.—by the civil rights advocates of Iwate Prefecture, it was only recently that its true significance has come to be recognized: probably the most revolutionary political writing in the history of Japan.

A slim hand-written pamphlet of 34 pages of Japanese paper, its contents are: the complete text of the Third Draft Constitution of 1880; article by article critical commentary by an unidentified civil libertarian A; critical commentary on the draft and on A's commentary by B, another libertarian, written in cinnabar ink between lines and in the margins.

Prepared in 1880, the Draft Constitution had been a closely guarded secret. But the two authors apparently had a secret pipeline to the inner workings of the government. Because of the often brutal persecution, they dared not publish the Hyorin. It apparently was passed around from hand to hand among the members of the group, or groups, of which A and B must have been leaders.

What distinguishes the Hyorin from all other mock constitutions is its treatment of the question of what to do with the Emperor. Where others gave the subject a wide berth, Hyorin confronted it head on. It treated the emperor with treasonous audacity (by the standard of the times, that is), not as the sacrosanct and inviolable being as defined in the Draft Constitution, but as just another human being.



Photo by Jan Inouye

EASTER BUNNY—Mr. Bunny passes out special treat to children attending the annual Berkeley JACL family Easter Egg Hunt party held Apr. 3 at the Berkeley Methodist United Church.

Cleveland JACL to host 'Family Day'

CLEVELAND—The Cleveland JACL Chapter will hold a Family Day Get-Together and pot luck on Sunday, May 9, 1:30 p.m. at the Euclid Square Mall Party Center. Program includes an honoring of Issei, Sho Jo Ji Dancers, Viola Scholin School of Dance group, violin solo by Paul Baker and vocal solo by Mrs. Yoko Ogui.

The chapter also participates today (May 7) in an observance of Asian/Pacific Heritage Week, joining such groups as the Asian Cultural Society, Chinese Assn. of Greater Cleveland, Korean Assn. of Greater Cleveland, and other Asian organizations. Mayor George V. Voinovich was scheduled to make an official proclamation, followed by a short ceremony in the City Hall Rotunda starting at 11 a.m.



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