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Platform & Profile of Candidates for National JACL Office:

Eyes on Presidency: Kodama, Lily Okura, Shimomura

For the second biennium in a row, JACL delegates will have three choices for National President. Last year, it will be recalled Dr. Jim Tsujimura won in a runoff election over Lillian Kimura, after they tied at 34 votes each with Tom Shimasaki eight votes back. First three-way race in 1970 found now Judge Raymond Uno, youngest of the group, winning.

This prestigious JACL position is often occupied by men who have risen through the ranks from the chapter level. And for three terms, it was the president-elect chosen the prior biennium being acclaimed to office. There were occasional challenges to an incumbent seeking a second term or two candidates making a race for the coveted position. Since 1940, rec-

ords show ten contested elections (including this year's) for the presidency.

The position offers, besides reams of correspondence and reports, an opportunity to visit most of the 112 chapters around the nation, Honolulu (which is hosting the 1984 convention), and Tokyo. Prospect of representing JACL at the Pan American Nikkei Conference in Peru in 1983 also exists. But no national president is on record as having made the rounds of all the active chapters during his administration.

The obvious roles for the president go unmentioned at this time since the work of this office is amply reported during a JACL year.

(PC Focus)

For 1982, JACL is on the threshold of electing to its presidency either its first woman in Lily Okura, its first Sansei in Floyd Shimomura or its first certified public accountant in George Kodama.

Lily Okura of Washington, D.C., who has served on the National Board for eight bienniums (three as secretary to the board in the 1950s, three as Mountain Plains governor in the 1960s, and the past two as vice president for general operations), seeks to carry through and complete the goals and objectives set forth in 1978. Cited as "unfinished business" are membership, redress, aging and retirement, youth program, long-range planning and international affairs.

Her JACL service portfolio is the thickest among the three candidates, having been involved since 1943 when she helped organize the Omaha chapter where she was active until 1972. The Okuras, Pat and Lily, then moved to Washington where the couple continued in JACL leadership roles.

Lily's community work has been marked by top roles with the National Secretaries Assn. International, Altrusa Clubs, Nebraska Welfare Assn. as state president, the YWCA boards in Omaha and National Capital Area. She has been an executive with Corp. for Public Broadcasting since 1973, the most recent post as director of personnel. She and Pat were married in late 1941 at Long Beach, Ca., and she is an ordained elder of the Presbyterian Church.

Marina JACL charter member and former national treasurer Y. George Kodama, 56, of Los Angel-

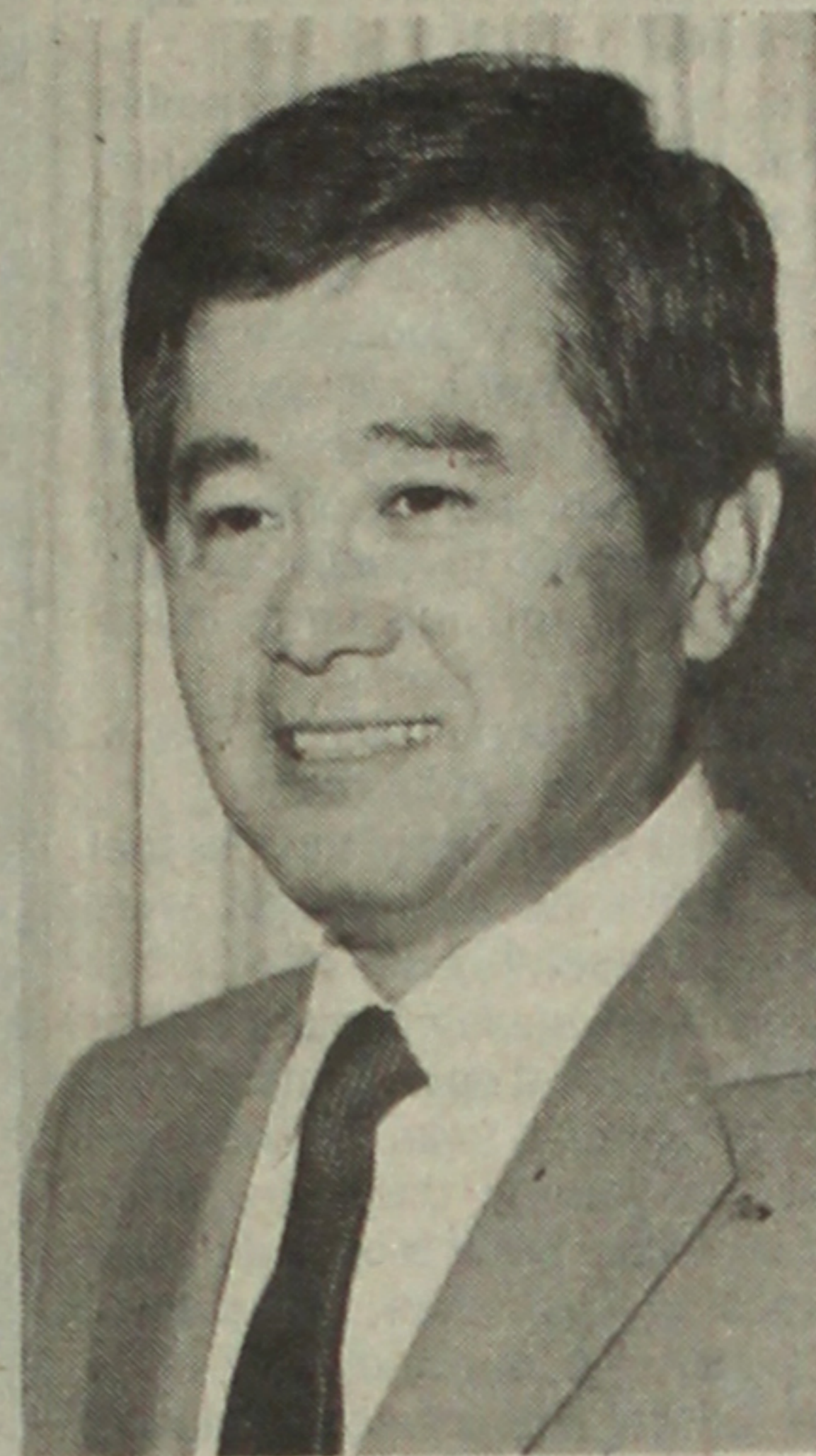
NC-WN honor roll deadline moved

SAN FRANCISCO—Due to a small number of responses to the call for nominees, the NCWNP-DC scholarship committee extended its deadline to July 31 for scholastic achievement awards of outstanding high school graduates whose parents are JACLers.

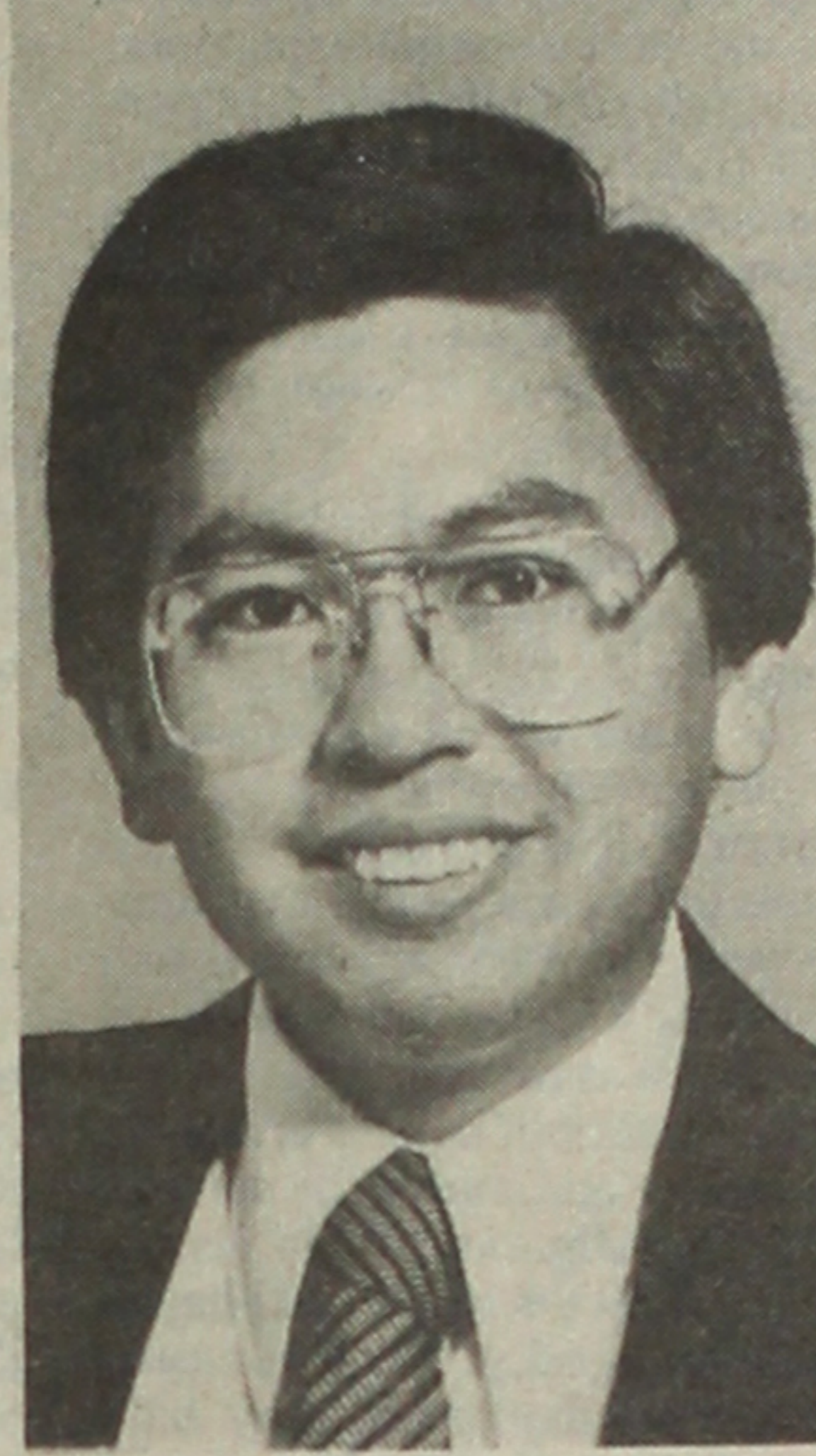
Issues of continued education or financial need are not pertinent, since the district honors continued good work and citizenship as fostered by the Issei, reminded chairperson Ted Inouye, 37985 Ballard Dr., Fremont, CA 94536. #



Lily A. Okura



Y. George Kodama



Floyd Shimomura

es views the coming biennium as critical to JACL's future. He points out JACL must embrace the entire Nikkei community as its constituency, take the lead on all issues affecting the Nikkei and seek new methods to achieve the traditional goals.

That he means "business" can be appreciated from his discipline as a CPA and translating that know-how to raising \$42,000 net while he was treasurer, saving \$20,000 in insurance costs each year that he was in office and opening up national finances to the membership.

A Manzanar High graduate who finished with honors in business and history at Temple University followed by a two-year stint in the military, he has been self-employed since 1956, belongs to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, ACLU, Americans for Democratic Action, and local Democratic clubs.

His JACL roots stretch from 1977 when he chaired the PSWDC ethnic concerns committee to the recent six-year appointment to the Nat'l JACL Endowment Fund Committee. He is married to the former Akimi Nakaguchi, lives in Marina del Rey and has one daughter, Linda Ann.

Sacramento JACLer Floyd Shimomura, 34, is a UC Davis law graduate with honors who is back at his alma mater teaching law after nearly nine years as state dep-

uty attorney general. Well aware of the current state of JACL's national program and despite its many problems, he regards JACL with optimism and seeks the chance to make the organization "a continued force on the national and international level".

As vice president for public affairs the past four years, he became involved with redress (testifying before the CWRIC in Washington on legal remedies), U.S.-Japan affairs and Pan-American Nikkei convention. He also chaired JACL's first constitutional revision

Rotarians ban race restrictions

DALLAS, Tex.—Reacting to the rule allowing whites only to join the Birmingham Rotary, delegates to the annual Rotary International convention here June 9 overwhelming voted to prohibit racial restrictions on membership. Hiroji Mukasa of Japan, incoming president, had called for immediate action "to remove any doubt that Rotary believes in the equality of all mankind".

"No club may limit membership... on the basis of race, color, creed or national origin," the Rotary bylaws now read.

But when one asked for the additional ban against restriction because of sex, Rotary President Stanley McCaffrey ruled the effort out of order. #

sion convention and now believes professional marketing methods are required to build up membership.

Shimomura's JACL leadership roles started as chapter president (1976-77), being elected to the district executive board and heading the JACL Committee Against Defamation (1977-78).

At the community level, he is currently on the Woodland city planning commission, was a Yolo County affirmative action advisory committee and served as treasurer for the Sac'to Nisei War Memorial Hall.

He was admitted to the State

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Hitachi, Mitsubishi apologize for IBM scandal

TOKYO—Executives of Hitachi Ltd. and Mitsubishi Electric Corp. apologized to their respective stockholders for the troubles caused by the recent IBM computer "sting" case, in which employees of both companies allegedly bought computer secrets stolen from the U.S. firm.

Katsushige Mita, president of Hitachi, told 414 stockholders at a meeting June 28 that "although details of the case are still being studied, we deeply regret having caused a situation which could raise suspicions about our behavior."

Officials said Mita added that the giant electronics firm would give serious thought to the scandal and see that it does not happen again.

The next day, Nichichiro Katayama, chairman of Mitsubishi, said at the company's annual stockholders meeting, "I apologize for all the concern caused to our stockholders."

The two firms were accused by U.S. investigators June 22-23 of paying a total of \$640,000 to buy stolen IBM computer designs from a California firm, which was actually a front for the FBI.

A total of 21 persons have been

Calif. employee compensation bill passes state senate panel

SACRAMENTO—The measure that would compensate Nikkei state government employees who were fired in 1942 passed the state Senate's Governmental Organizational Committee on June 29.

The bill, authored by Assemblyman Patrick Johnston (D-Stockton), had been approved by the Assembly by a 49-12 vote on June 7.

Priscilla Ouchida, Johnston's legislative aide, said that AB 2710 calls for a \$5,000 payment to those Japanese Americans who were fired because of their ancestry by the state. The settlement would be disbursed over a four-year period, added Ouchida.

In the early days of World War II, the state Personnel Department first administered a "loyalty questionnaire" to the 314 Nikkei then working for the state in various capacities. Later, the board simply dismissed all of the Japanese Americans, without granting hearings or appeals.

Even if all 314 fired 40 years ago filed applications for the compensation provided by the bill, the total appropriation necessary to fund the settlement would fall between \$400,000 to \$500,000, said Ouchida. The \$5,000 settlement, she said, falls \$2,000 short of the \$7,000

that would have been lost in wages by the lowest-paid state worker of that era.

Principal co-author of the bill in the state Senate is Sen. Ralph Dills (D-Gardena), who also chairs the governmental organization committee. To expedite action on the bill, Dills reportedly placed AB 2710, which had been 21st on the committee's agenda, at the head of the unit's calendar and called for a roll call vote on the matter.

All six members of the committee present voted in favor of the bill under the watchful eye of Dills.

The bill now goes to the Senate Finance Committee, which is chaired by Sen. Alfred Alquist, who, as a member of the GOC, cast an approving vote for AB 2710. It is expected that the bill will be heard by the finance unit sometime early in August.

Ouchida, a Sansei, said the bill should be heard by the full state Senate by Aug. 30, when the Legislature recesses.

Persons fired by the State Personnel Board in 1942, or those knowing the whereabouts of such persons, should contact: Priscilla Ouchida, c/o Assemblyman Patrick Johnston, State Capitol, Room 4143, Sacramento 95814. #

Nisei Aging Project nearing completion, hit by funding cuts

SEATTLE—While most Nisei hope not to be a burden to their children, are they secretly expecting their Sansei offspring to assume the same responsibilities for parental care that their Issei parents expected of them?

How do the Nisei view dying and death? Are they more apt to deny death by not taking any special steps to organize their affairs, hoping for miraculous cures; or do they accept death as an eventuality and make preparations to spare their families the added burden?

From the rich data which have been gathered in the federally funded Nisei Aging Project, begun in 1980 by the late Dr. Minoru Masuda of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington, insight may be gained into these kinds of questions being raised about the retirement problems of the Nisei.

However, because of the federal budgetary cutbacks which have devastated the final third year phase by an amount of over \$30,000, the most critical stage of the study—the compilation, analysis and reporting of findings—may be cut short, unless additional funds are found. The loss of the wealth of data, "among the richest ever collected by any aging research project," would be disastrous, says the project director, Donna

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WEEKS UNTIL THE ... 27th Biennial National JACL Convention

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A Misconception

I often hear the comment at public forums on Redress that the United States government has a legal obligation to provide redress to the victims of the Evacuation because what happened to us in 1942 was unconstitutional. It's a popular misconception that is incorrect and misleading.

This is not to say that what happened to us wasn't wrong and that it wasn't unjust. There's no question that it was wrong. And there's no question that our basic constitutional rights as citizens and legal alien residents were violated. What are considered to be some of the most inviolate principles of American democracy—enumerated in the Bill of Rights—were consciously abridged in the government's actions in the Evacuation.

But this fact is complicated by the United States Supreme Court decisions in *Korematsu*, *Hirabayashi* and *Yasui*, by which the military and federal government imposition on Japanese Americans (as an inclusive group) was declared justified and within the legal powers of the government, and therefore constitutional.

Since in essence the Evacuation—i.e., the curfew, the exclusion, and the incarceration—were declared constitutional, we don't technically have a "legal" basis for seeking redress. Or to put it another way, the United States government doesn't have a legal obligation to provide redress.

Unless the Supreme Court reverses the decisions on the Nisei cases, which is unlikely to constitutional attorneys with whom we've conferred, we don't really have a legal basis for seeking redress. But we are supported by the fact that constitutional experts since 1944 have recognized the Supreme Court decisions as some of the worst handed down by the Court.

Our basic premise is that there is a "moral" obligation on the part of the government to rectify the injustice of the Evacuation, that we were singled out for discriminatory action and victimized in an unconscionable manner by a government and a nation that prides itself on equality and individual freedom.

While we may not technically have a legal basis for seeking redress, it's quite clear that there was a grave injustice committed against us and that we are wholly justified in our course of action. #

Reagan signs Voting Rights Act

WASHINGTON—President Reagan signed into law June 29 a bill renewing the 1965 Voting Rights Act, saying, "The right to vote is the crown jewel of American liberties, and we will not see its luster diminished."

The bill, designed to guarantee free access to the polls for millions of minority voters, most directly affects nine states and portions of 13 others that are required to obtain federal approval when amending their election laws.

Civil Rights and congressional leaders were in attendance at the brief ceremony in the White House East Room. Representatives of the JACL included Lily A. Okura, nat'l vice president for general operations; K. Patrick Okura, past National President; David T. Nikaido, chair of the Select Committee on Foreign Affairs; Etsu Mineta Masaoka, wife of former Washington Representative Mike Masaoka; and Ronald K. Ikejiri, current Washington Representative. #

Nisei woman slain in parking bldg.

LOS ANGELES—The body of a Nisei librarian was found June 27 in a downtown public parking garage. She was an apparent victim of rape, robbery and murder.

Mrs. Eiko Nakashima, 53, had been an employee of the L.A. City Public Library at the Wilshire branch and was visiting the Main Library downtown the day before to pick up some books. Her husband, Moritaka, became concerned when she did not return home that evening and called the police.

After her body was discovered, police said she appeared to have been sexually assaulted and murdered, but the exact cause of death is unknown pending an autopsy. The victim's empty purse was also found near her body.

Mrs. Nakashima has been with the city library for 25 years and had conducted all of the branch's programs for children. Her husband is a controller with the L.A. Baptist Mission Society. #

Noguchi hearing postponed to July 19

LOS ANGELES—The hearing for former county Coroner Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi before the Civil Service Commission has been postponed from July 6 to July 19. Noguchi, 55, is appealing his demotion to "physician specialist" and subsequent transfer to County-USC Medical Center.

The postponement came at the request of Noguchi's lawyer, Godfrey Isaac, who said he was tied up on another case in superior court here.

In a related story reported June 25 in the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn released figures which showed that more than 3,500 Los Angeles County employees moonlight by holding outside jobs. A survey of county employees who filled out conflict-of-interest disclosure forms showed 3,684 workers with outside jobs ranging from substitute teaching and private consulting to door-to-door sales.

Noguchi had been suspended and then demoted last April by the Board of Supervisors partly because he allegedly neglected his duties to earn some \$20,000 a year in outside consultation and lectures.

Framework of Kimochi Home up

SAN FRANCISCO—Kimochi Senior Citizens Organization will commemorate the completion of the framework for the Kimochi Home Project, Sutter and Octavia Sts., today (July 9). The traditional Shinto ritual, Joto Shiki—a purification service blessing the area and praying for success of the process, will commence at 1 p.m.

The project is a \$1.3 million construction for a combination residential care/adult day care/senior center facility.

Hitachi to pay damages for hiring bias against non-Asians

LOS ANGELES—Hitachi Consumer Products of America, accused of violating U.S. equal opportunity laws, has promised to pay damages to 1,500 non-Asians who applied unsuccessfully for jobs in its Compton television manufacturing plant last year.

The California Department of Fair Employment and Housing announced June 30 that Hitachi made two other key promises in settling charges that it had discriminated against non-Asians:

(1)—For the next 14 months, the same pool of 1,500 applicants will get first chance at jobs that become available. It is believed that most of the 1,500 are black.

(2)—For the next two years the state agency will monitor Hitachi's personnel practices statewide, even though the rest of the agreement affects only the Compton plant.

The agency would not say how much money Hitachi agreed to pay the unsuccessful applicants. The agreement forbids either party to make that figure public, a spokesman said.

However, the Los Angeles Times reported that Hitachi would distribute about \$250,000 to the 1,500 applicants.

The formal discrimination charges filed last September grew out of complaints to the state agency by six individuals.

Fair employment investigators set out to determine if a "broad pattern of discrimination" existed at the plant, where the 300-member work force was about 50% Asian and 25% black, but that determination was never made.

"Hitachi's willingness to resolve the matter eliminated the need for a full investigation," said Joanne Lewis, director of the anti-discrimination agency. "The company recognized that there may have been problems in their hiring practices and agreed to take corrective action."

"Obviously we had reason to be certain there was preferential treatment," said Carol Schiller, the agency's deputy director.

"...I do not think they were knowingly trying to circumvent the law," she said. "I think they were careless. I think they didn't stop to look at the implications of what they were doing. As soon as the complaint was served, they appeared to halt the practices that were being complained of."

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled June 15 that foreign-owned businesses incorporated in the United States—as Hitachi Consumer Products of America is—are generally subject to American civil rights laws.

The court rejected the claims of another Japanese-owned firm, Sumitomo Shoji America Inc., that a 1953 treaty gave it the right to exclude Americans from management jobs.

The settlement also may resolve some difficulties in Compton, where city officials—faced with unemployment problems much worse than the national average—have been grumbling for years about the hiring practices of Hitachi and a number of other companies, not all of them foreign-owned, in Compton's large industrial park.

Compton's population is 75% to 80% black and 1.7% Asian.

Schiller said most of the jobs that the 1,500 applicants sought were low-skill assembly line jobs.

The state agency has not looked at other Hitachi operations in California, Schiller said, but believes that "in general there are problems with foreign-owned companies in California; in general they are not familiar with state and federal requirements relating to nondiscrimination."

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Leonetti, Ph.D., Department of Anthropology, UW, who worked with Dr. Masuda from the outset of the study.

Joseph Okimoto, M.D., now heads the project as principal investigator. Dr. Leonetti, whose continuing commitment assures continuity of the study, has regularly consulted with the project's Community Advisory and Resource Committee, a group comprised of 20 representatives from the major Nikkei community organizations in the Seattle area. Don Kazama, Seattle JACL, chairs the Advisory Committee, with Hana Masuda as honorary chair.

Under a National Institute of Mental Health grant of over \$200,000 obtained by Dr. Masuda, who served as principal investigator of the project before his tragic death in June 1980, the in-depth study covers a true cross-section of Nisei residents of Seattle and King County. The abundant data have been painstakingly gathered in seven-hour interviewing sessions with a representative sample of 222 subjects over the past two years.

As a cohort unique in historical perspectives, cultural characteristics, attitudes, behaviors and resources, the Nisei, whose average age has reached 60 years, now faces a retirement transition with all its attendant problems and stress. The findings of the study which covers areas such as intergenerational relationships, living arrangements, social and leisure activities, life satisfaction, and physical and psychological health status, will provide essential information to help community and service organizations, as well as individuals, respond to the aging and retirement issues based on scientifically valid data.

"The Seattle Keiro Nursing Home has already used the study data," Dr. Leonetti stated, "to aid in their decision to go ahead with expansion plans." What the study will reveal about the long range effects of the wartime internment on the present socioeconomic resources and the physical and emotional health of the Nisei will help document the need for federal funding support of retirement programs, she added.

Since almost all aging and retirement information in the U.S. concerns the white majority population with very scarce data on the Nisei and other minorities, Dr. Michael Ego, chair of the National JACL Aging and Retirement Committee, has included the study as a component of the JACL aging and retirement educational program. Both Dr. Okimoto and Dr. Leonetti are technical advisers to the national committee. The study may have international impact as well, judging by the keen interest expressed by Dr. Nobuo Maeda, head of the Section of Social Security in Japan, who has inquired about the possibility of future collaborative research.

To help complete the important project, which is expected to receive national recognition, the Kawabe Memorial Trust donated a generous gift of \$15,000. Mrs. Masuda, widow of Dr. Masuda, individually donated a substantial sum in memory of her husband. Other donors have included the participants of the project themselves.

To raise the remaining shortage of almost \$10,000, a nation-wide appeal is being issued. With small donations from a large number of supporters, it is hoped that the full funding can be restored to assure quality completion of the project.

In appreciation for the support and interest expressed, a copy of the completed summary report of findings will be sent as a gift to all contributors of \$10 or more. The donor's name and address should be clearly indicated to assure receipt of the complimentary copy sometime after the first of next year. Tax deductible checks should be made payable to Nisei Aging Project and sent to: Nisei Aging Project, Mail Drop RP-10, University of Washington, Seattle, Wa. 98195 #

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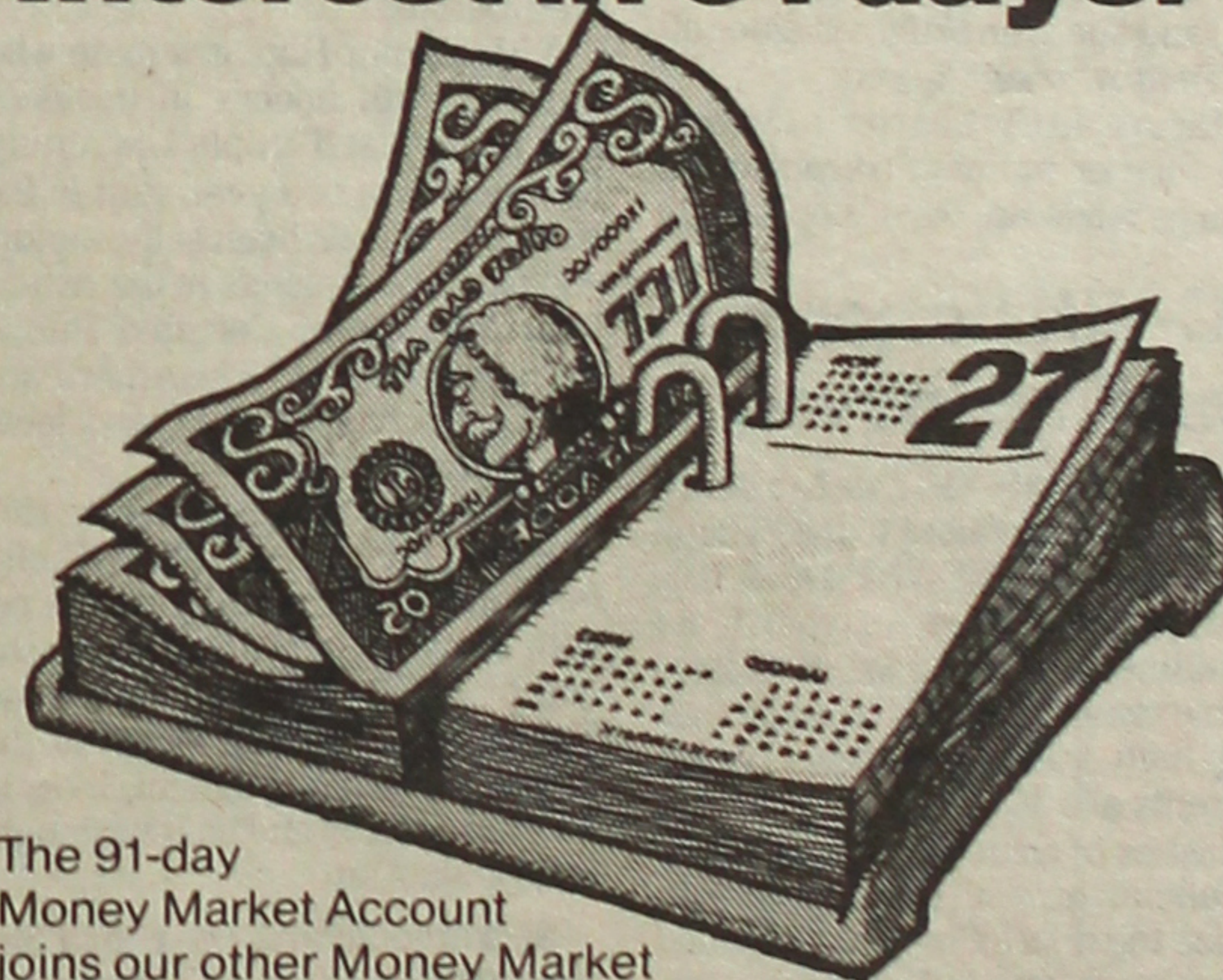
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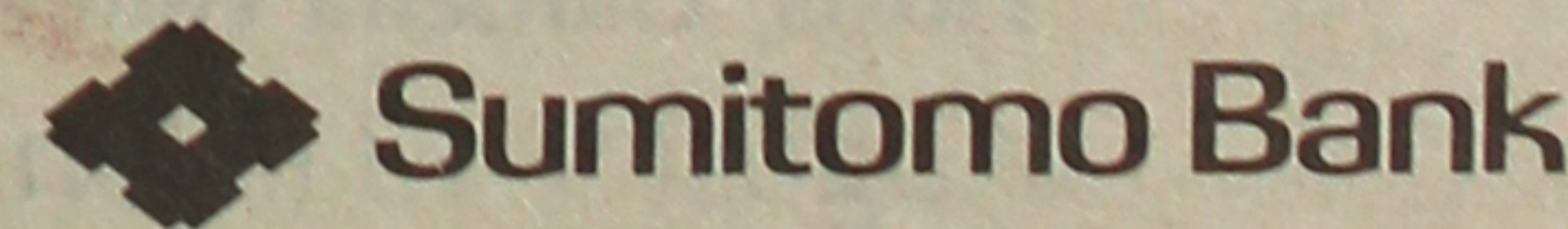
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15 candidates to appear in Miss Sansei California Pageant

LOS ANGELES—Three Northern California contestants representing San Francisco, San Jose and Sacramento will be among the 15 who will vie for the title of Miss Sansei California. The pageant will be held July 17, 6 p.m., at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Reigning Miss Sansei, Joyce Horiuchi of Monterey Park, will crown this year's winner and dancing with a live band will be featured. For ticket info, call (213) 294-7159.



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Gardena Valley JCI; d. of Wilfred and Katherine Honda of Gardena.



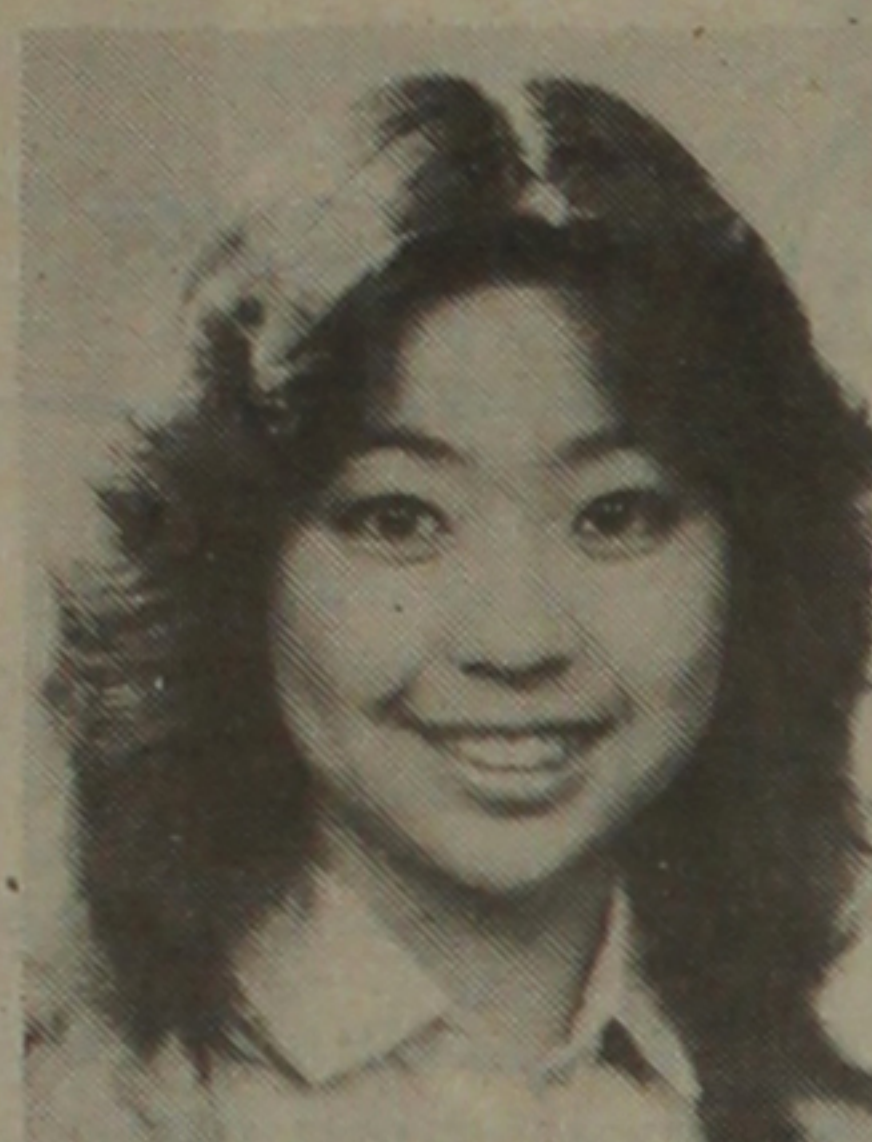
Rhonda M. Yoshioka
Sadao Munemori Post 321; d. of Frederick and Mildred Yoshioka of La Palma.



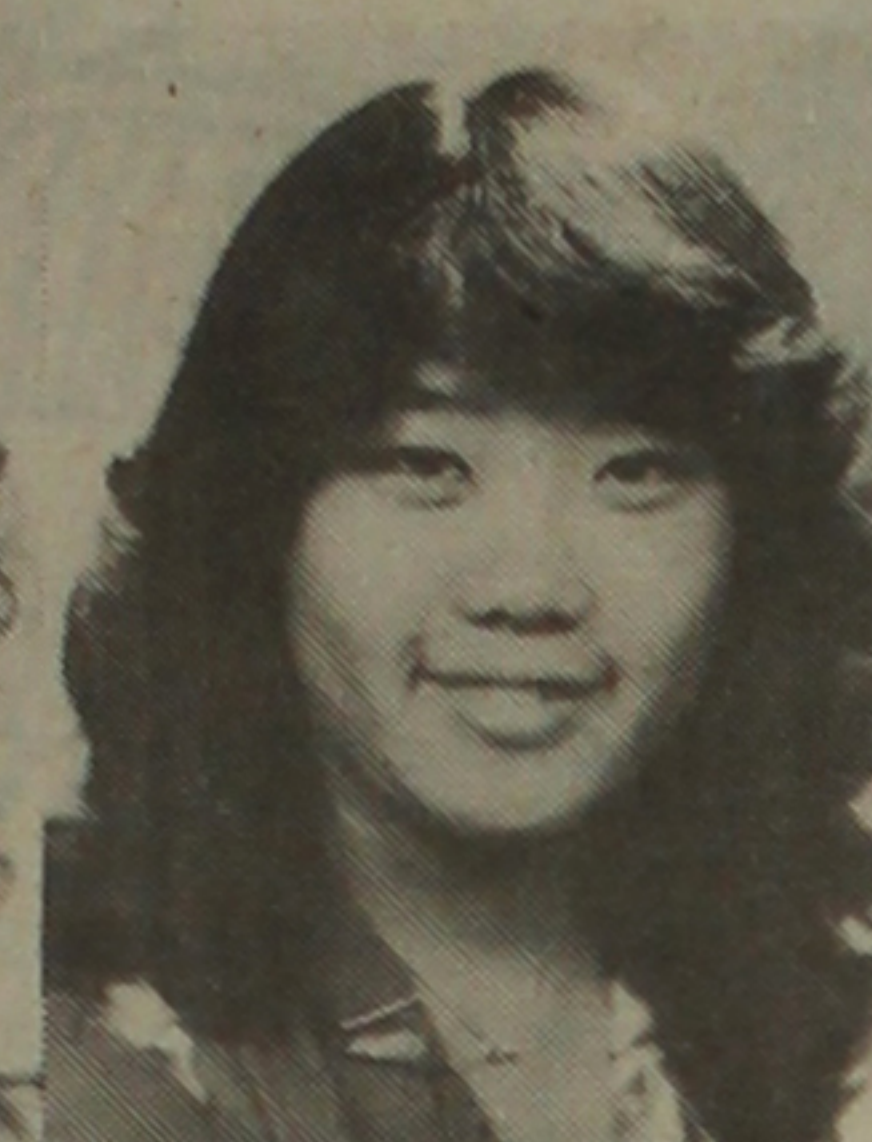
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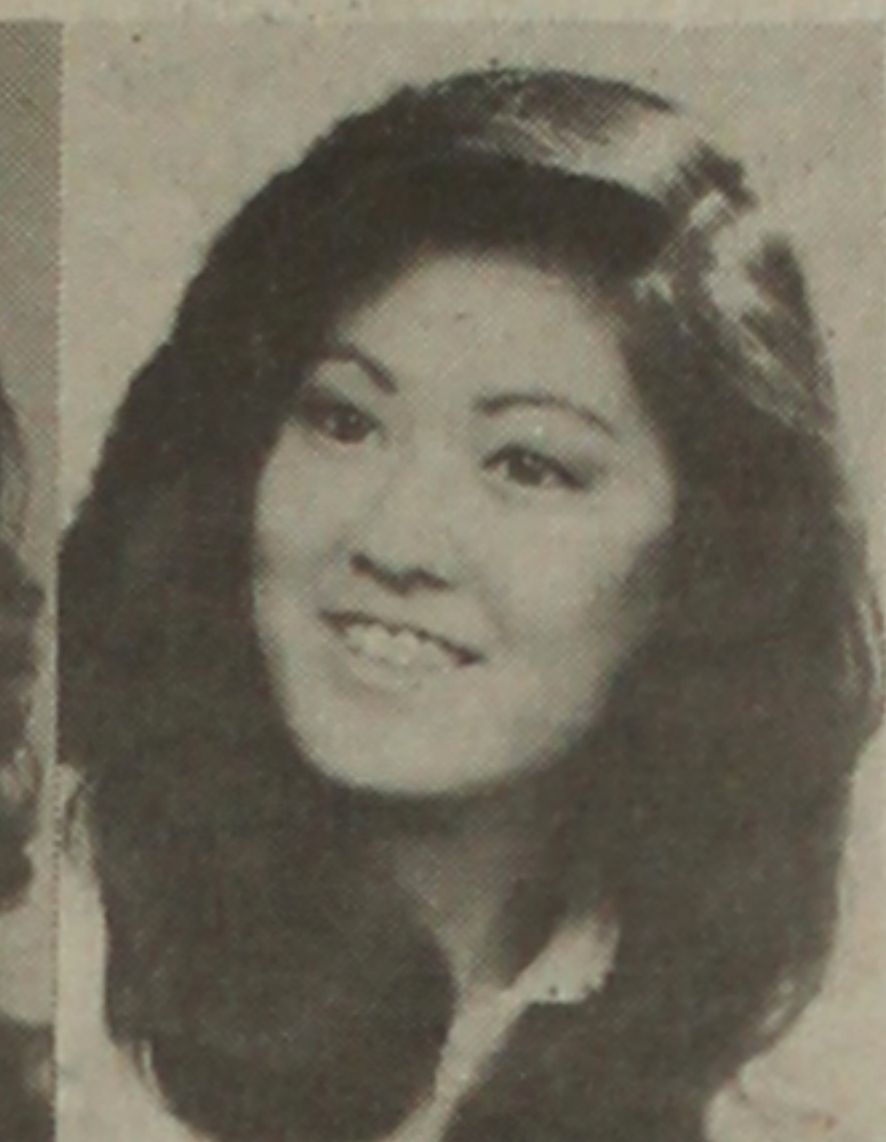
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San Jose Post 9970; d. of William and Eiko Wada, San Jose.



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Westside Optimists; d. of Howard and Nancy Akiyoshi Lim, L.A.



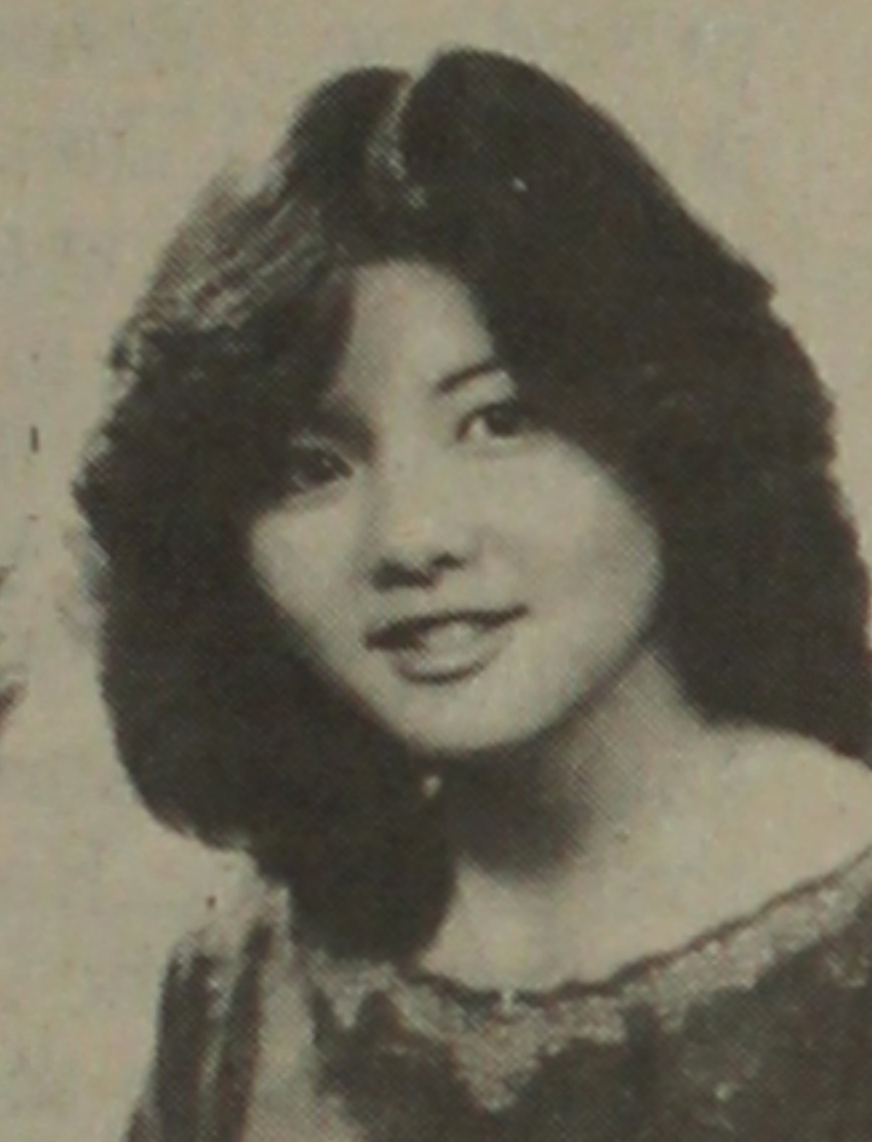
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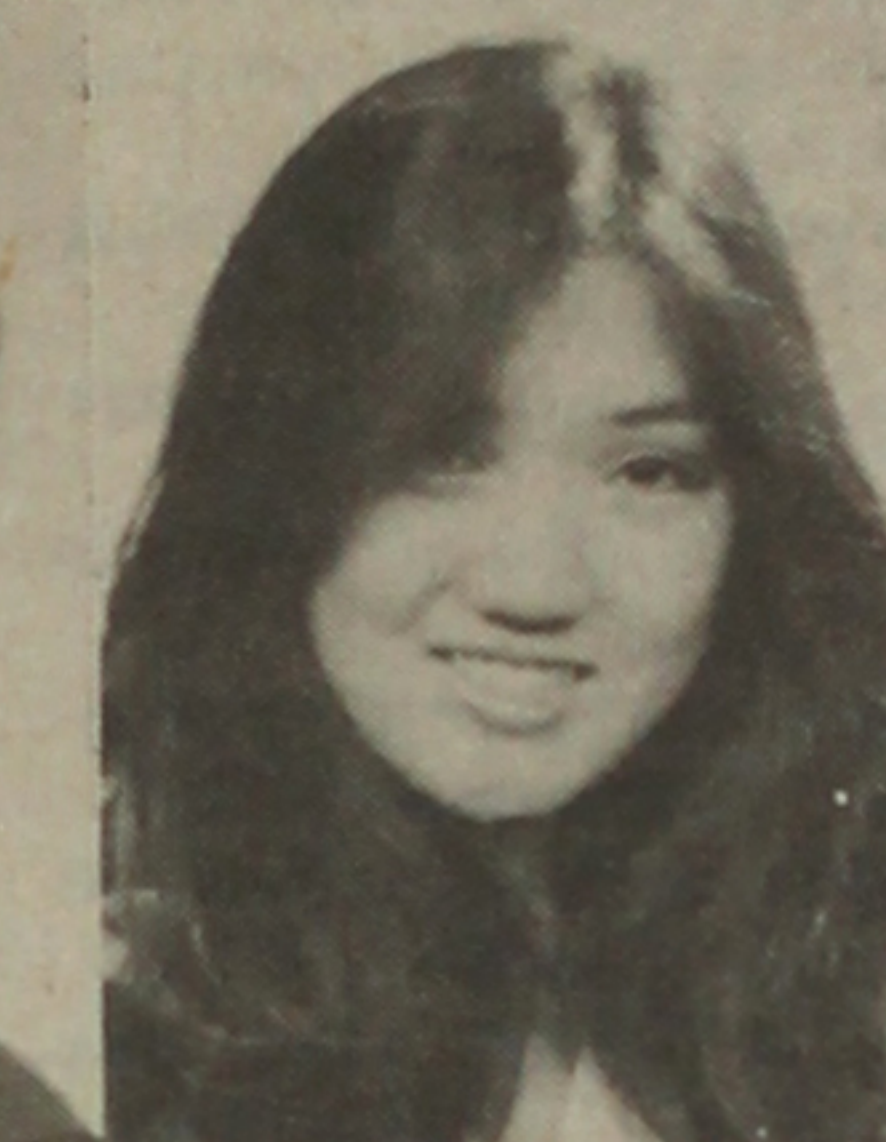
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Gardena VFW Post 1961; d. of Jim and Diane Iwai, Gardena.



Sharon Sato
Beta Omega Phi (CSULA); d. of Henry and Sato, Gardena.



Julie Kim Saito
Commodore Perry Post 525, d. of Henry and Ann Saito, Los Angeles



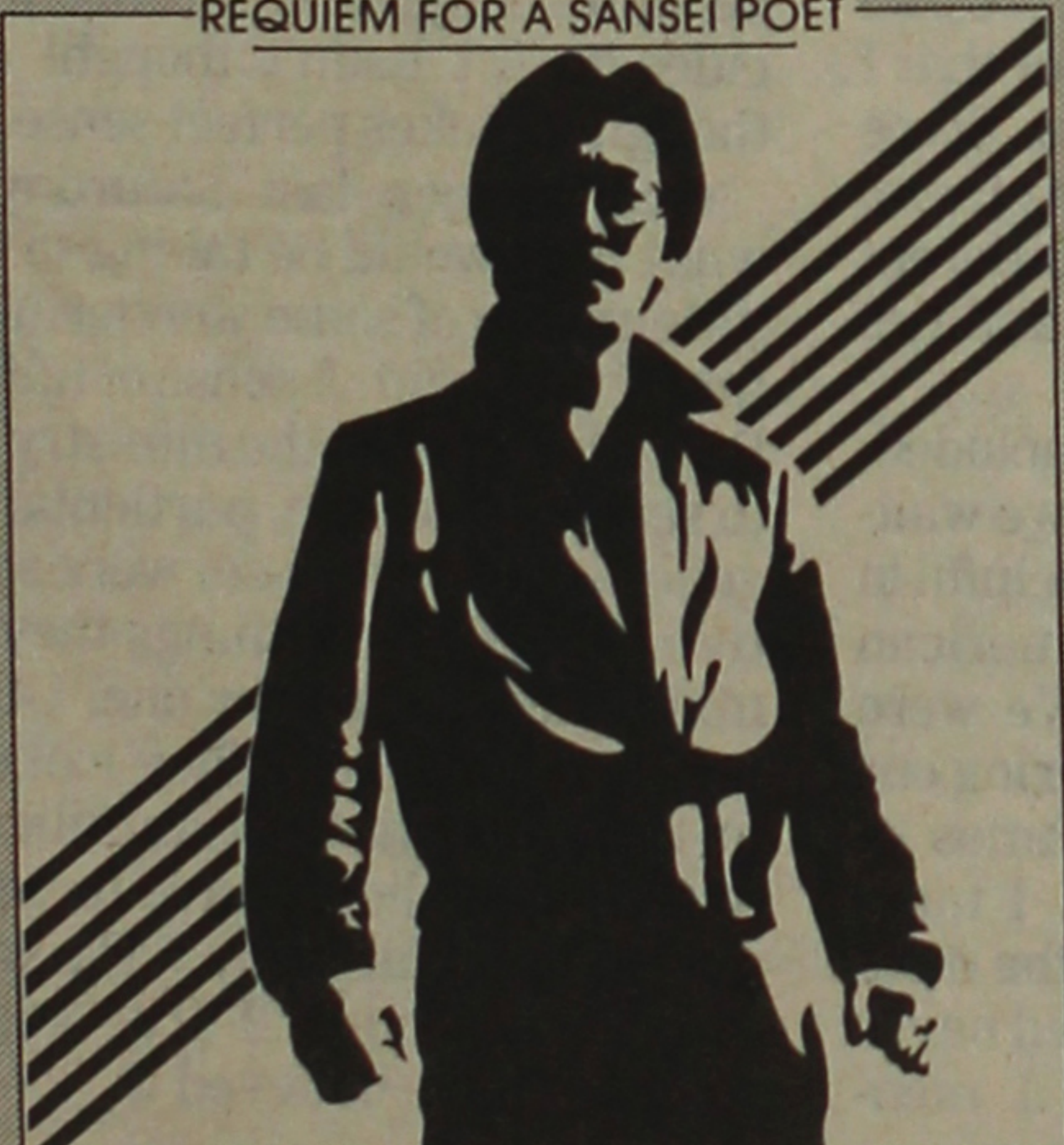
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Vegas trip slated by New Age JACL July 17

LOS ANGELES—The New Age JACL Chapter will hold its second annual Las Vegas Fun Trip, set for the weekend of July 17-18. Cost is \$50 per person; funds raised will be donated to the South Bay Keiro Nursing Home in Gardena. For info call Gerald Tanaka (213) 284-3371 or Jonathan Kaji 324-3661. #

UCLA Asian center seeks coordinator

LOS ANGELES—The Asian American Studies Center at UCLA is currently accepting applications for the position of Coordinator for the Student/Community Projects unit, which serves as a liaison with both Asian Pacific students and community programs. Application deadline is July 30. For info call (213) 825-1006.

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Torrance harrasment ceases

TORRANCE, Ca.—The harrasment of three Asian immigrant families here by local teenagers has ceased, due to the efforts of a concerned neighbor.

As reported the Daily Breeze May 24 (and reprinted in the PC June 11), three Torrance residents—Mrs. Masako Jibiki, Suzy Chi and Chris Mata—had been the targets of pranks and name-calling by local youths on a residential block of 225th St.

However, through the efforts of Violet Irvine, a long-time resident of the block, the incidents were publicized in the Breeze and neighbors became aware of the problem. Parents of the teenagers, after reading of the pranks, sat their children down and gave them stern lectures. The residents also formed a neighborhood watch group and the Torrance Police offered their advice to the Asian families.

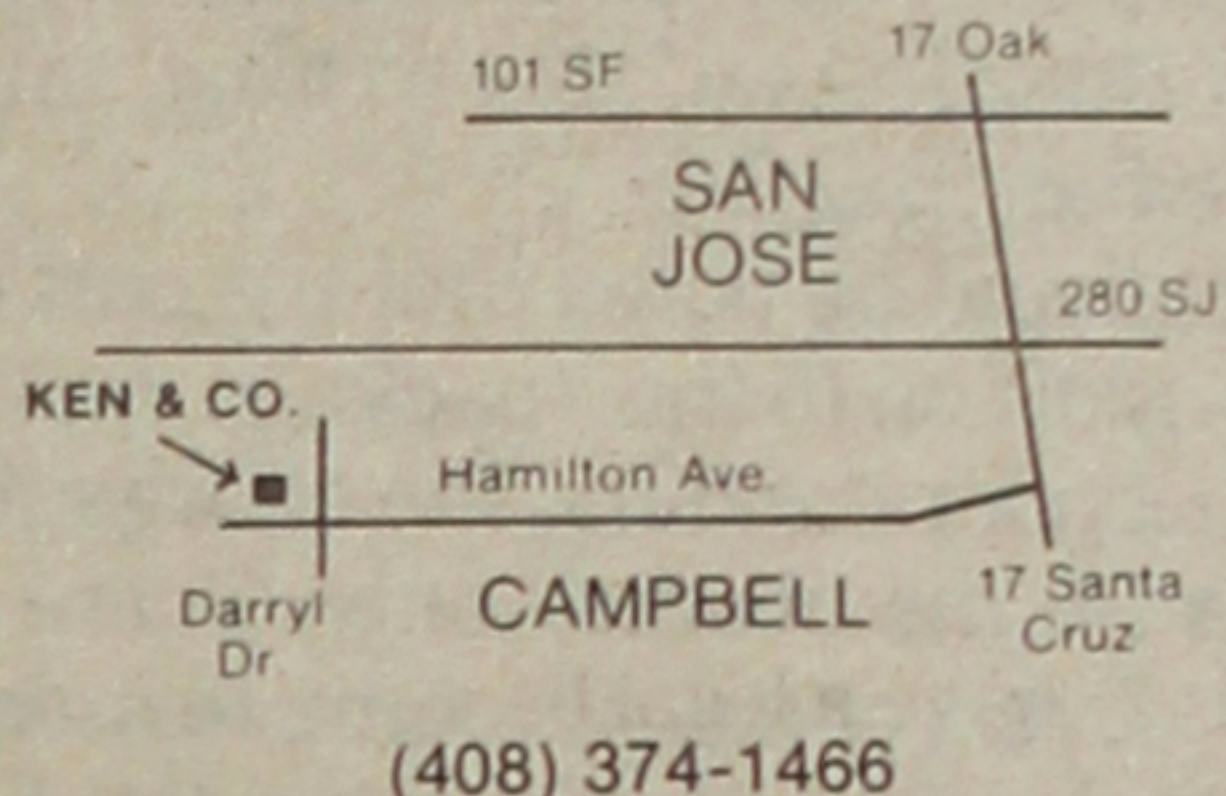
South Bay JACL board member Mary Ogawa expressed her concern over the matter, and Irvine informed her that the neighborhood was now at peace, with a sense of closeness pervading. Irvine added that she had received many phone calls commending her for her actions. #

Korean American art exhibit opens in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Artworks of more than 50 prominent Korean Americans will be featured in an exhibit being co-sponsored by the Korean Cultural Service and Korean Artist Assn. July 10-24 with a preview reception July 9, 6:30 p.m., at the KCS Gallery, 5505 Wilshire Blvd. For more info, call (213) 936-7141. #

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The 'Big One'

The 27th Biennial National Convention in the City of Angels is said to be the one, according to General Chairman Lou Tomita, Co-Chairman Chester Sugimoto, Executive Administrator and Gardena Chapter President Karl Nobuyuki along with other dedicated members who serve on the Convention Board. As of this writing, only five weeks remain before the "Big One."

To lessen confusion, it should be noted that the cost of certain programs are in addition to the "package deal." And in order to avoid misunderstanding, the charge for the Candidates Forum is for the "bento" only. There is no charge for admission. Everyone is welcome to meet, listen and ask questions of the presidential candidates.

The convention, shortened by one day, by action and recommendation of the National Board in an attempt to lower the overall cost to the attendees, will be overflowing with activities. All in all, it promises to be a very, very busy and exciting week.

We cannot begin to appreciate the time, efforts and sacrifices being made by those involved in hosting this biennial event. But from the bottom of our "Kokoro," we thank you, Gardena Valley Chapter. #

ELECTION

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Bar: '73; graduated from UC Davis in economics and Oriental languages with honors, earning the Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi keys in '70 and studied his junior year ('69) at International

Christian University in Japan.

Floyd is married to the former Ruth Ann Aoki, has two young children, Mark and Lisa. His parents, Ben and Lois Shimomura, grow apricots and almonds at nearby Winters.

Platforms of the three presidential candidates follow:

Expected Goals of Y. George Kodama and Implementation in the 27th Biennium

I hesitate to use the word "Platform" here since, by design, I have omitted specificity. I prefer to present my platform before the delegates at the National Council meeting.

I view the next two years as a crucial period in which positive change must occur if the JACL is to survive the decade and continue beyond in a meaningful way. The JACL must revitalize itself and do so soon. There is a compelling need to seek new methods to achieve traditional goals. We must examine the traditional decision-making criteria of the organization which unwittingly may not be serving our best interests. Most of all, it is imperative that we come up with new ideas on how to deal with dwindling membership, inability to obtain money from non-membership sources, and of supreme importance, how to attract a new breed of leadership that will continue the work of the JACL into the 21st century.

I am a true believer in people. Only people can translate abstract goals and programs into action. Hence, overriding all considerations is the need for strong and fearless leadership that is impervious to criticism with a single-mindedness to get the job done, coupled with the ability to motivate others to perform optimally at all times and under all conditions. This applies not only to the president but to all elected national officers, other members of the national board, and key staff persons as well.

We must broaden the operational framework of JACL. By words and deeds, we must embrace the entire Japanese American community as our constituency—no longer just the membership. Not only must we shed our traditional insularity, we must start taking the lead on all issues that adversely affect our well being—aggressively and without equivocation. In short, we must regain our pre-eminence of leadership for all Japanese Americans.

We are looking at the bottom-line which in essence says that the credibility of the JACL is in need of renovation. Strong and effective leadership is required to restore and enhance that credibility. I feel further that the next JACL national president should be that person who can act as the bridge over which will

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Letterbox

● 'Techscam'

Editor:

The potential business of the computer industry all over the world can total trillions of dollars in gross sales and billions of dollars in profits. Economic and profit motives underlie the whole episode.

Conceding industrial espionage is a prevalent practice within the industry and that principals involved are trying to get information to stay competitive within the industry, the adverse publicity (in the IBM case, PC-July 2) has done irreparable harm to Hitachi, Mitsubishi Electric, and Japan's trade position in the eyes of the public. The news media exploited an alleged crime into an international incident. Its impact on the economic differences between the U.S. and Japan is amplified out of proportion to what is known that industrial espionage is thriving within the industry.

What was the motivation behind it?

Stop all industrial espionage activity?

Allegedly to stop a crime in progress?

Prosecution of the principals involved (or) embarrass the Japanese business competitive position in the computer field?

Grand Jury should investigate the allegation of "entrapment" and the methods used in the media exploitation of the incident. If it was an ordinary investigation why did it become an international incident with the media alerted?

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35 Years Ago

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

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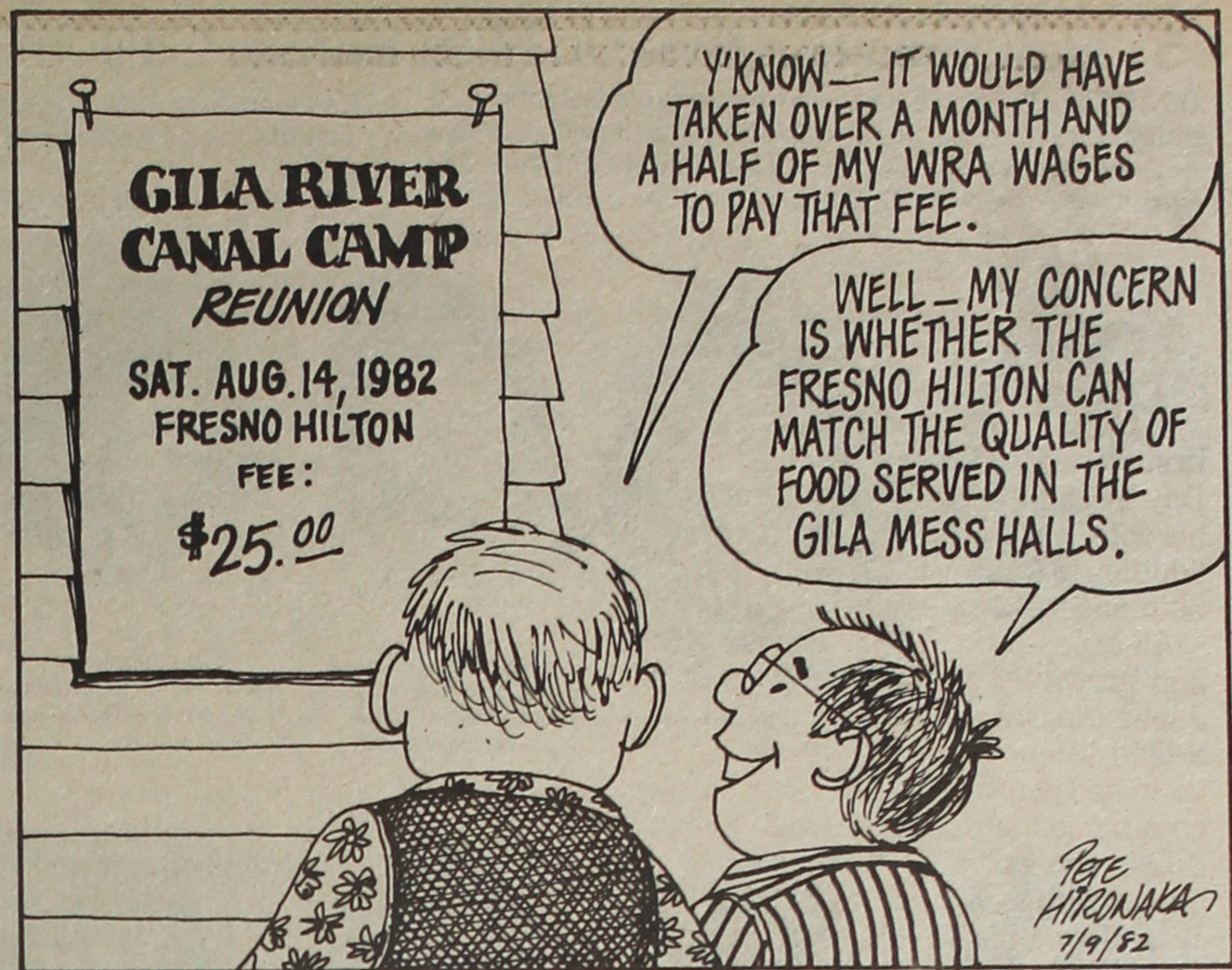
June 27—Canada House of Commons establishes commission to investigate Japanese evacuation losses.

July 2—Prewar Japanese film, "Shina no Yoru", shares spotlight with JACL-ADC pep talk at New York community meeting.

July 4—Ex-MIS Sgt. Kenji Kato, 27, of San Mateo dies of complications of war-contracted illness; had survived air crash on Leyte, headed local JACL chapter and American Veterans Committee upon return.

July 7—U.S. House passes two of three bills affecting persons of Japanese ancestry: (1) HR3566 passed, permits stay of deportation of 2,000 aliens ineligible to citizenship by granting Attorney General discretionary powers to cancel deportation of aliens regardless of race or inadmissibility into U.S.; (2) HR3555 passed, grants naturalization rights to parents of Purple Heart veterans, a proposal by Rep. Francis Walter; (3) Evacuation Claims Commission bill HR 3999 passed over without prejudice (or it can be placed on next consent calendar).

July 7—ADC learns President Truman signs HR1318, naturalization bill for Mrs. Fuku Kurokawa Thurn of Philadelphia; first private bill to pass for person of Japanese ancestry. (She was a Japanese national who had married an American engineer in 1905, entering the U.S. in 1937 on a visitor's visa so that her son might complete his engineering training; was subject to deportation after the war.)



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

And Rev. Bill Decided to Retire

Salt Lake City

I can remember the morning I met Bill Nishimura, who recently retired as the minister of the Ogden Japanese Christian Church. First impressions are important. Future relationships are generally determined in that initial encounter between two individuals. It goes against the grain of all rationale, being an act of impulsive intuition. Yet something clicks or it doesn't. Rarely is that first opinion reversed. And when it is, most times, in a negative fashion.

We spent an hour together, that February morning nine years ago. I had called to request the meeting, although I did not know him by face or reputation. Nor did he know me. This was the reason I chose him. At the time, I required impartial advice, not of a religious nature. There were a few within this city I could have turned to, among them our family doctor, a straight-talking woman of acknowledged integrity. There was one hitch. My errand required an exceptional proficiency in written Japanese. Bill assured me he could fulfill that requirement.

We met at his office, located in the church. I remember we proceeded directly to the reason of my visit. With astonishing efficiency, he resolved my problem. I think I was even more impressed because he was a clergyman. Not that I have anything against ministers. Some are simply better organized than others, men of the cloth not being any different from the rest of us sinners in our abilities and deficiencies.

With the official business concluded, we engaged in small talk, while we waited for my husband. Ethnicity is helpful in such situations, the Japanese American world being relatively small. We were also both native Californians. During our conversation, we exchanged names of possible mutual acquaintances. I mentioned one family in particular, the most pious I had known. Actually, I had never been intimate with them, but I men-

tioned them hoping to make Bill feel more comfortable with me. I thought ministers liked to hear about nice people, although nice people are generally somewhat boring. I said this family was immersed in religion, to the exclusion of everything else. Bill's response surprised me. "Something must be wrong with them." Then he smiled. That was our first meeting and I left liking him.

We have kept in touch. He helped bury my parents. On the morning my father died, I reached Bill in Idaho. His first question was, "Are you all right?" He said he was planning to leave for Ogden that afternoon. Because of the lateness of the hour and the long drive, I asked him not to come to the house that night. He would be tired, so it wasn't necessary. I wasted my breath, for late as it was Bill and his wife, Flo, came by that night. We usually managed to see each other once a year, except last year. And then the note at Christmas, about Bill's approaching retirement. I recall my reaction, "He can't do that." Of course, mine was a conviction rooted in childhood discrimination. For that is exactly what it was. The idea that religious professionals should not only exceed but should be denied ordinary human expectations. When I teased Bill about his retirement, he said, "Anyone can retire when he decides to." I hadn't thought of that although it makes perfect sense.

Over dinner last Saturday, I asked what they would be taking to California. "Memories of some wonderful people we met," they said. A sense of fulfillment for Bill, who entered the ministry in mid-life to serve the people, particularly the first generation. "The Issei were so appreciative." There were things they would not miss, the weather for one. Utah winters are cold and cruel. They looked forward to returning to their families. I said I wished they didn't have to go. "California isn't that far away," Flo said. I guess it isn't anymore. Forty years ago, I wouldn't have believed it. #

July 7—Many families in Los Angeles, San Jose, Salt Lake City stricken with food poisoning during June; health inspectors suspect Los Angeles manufacture of soy sauce; Calif. state food inspectors cite traces of arsenic in original soy sauce base shipped from Illinois, quarantine Hanamurasaki brand.

July 8—U.S. Justice Dept. seeks reconsideration of Judge Goodman decision preventing deporta-

tion of 325 Tule Lake renunciants; government feels judge erred since renunciants had dual citizenship. Goodman had ruled June 30 the government renunciant procedure was unconstitutional.

July 8—JACL-ADC discusses with Army its policy on GI marriages with Japanese at request of Nisei GIs in Occupied Japan; story of House passage June 16 of JACL-initiated HR 3149 extending Soldier Brides Act with 30-day clause

raises their concern: only soldiers married prior to within 30 days of enactment to be eligible to bring home brides (Japanese otherwise inadmissible), but theater directive bans GI marriages to Japanese girls.

July 10—Army plans to reactivate 442nd Infantry as Organized Reserve unit in Hawaii; unit was deactivated in August 1946.

July 11—Over \$30,000 raised in Hawaii for JACL-ADC. #



A Quick Catch-up with Old Friends

Tokyo

My time in Tokyo on this trip was so limited that Kay Tateishi, the veteran Associated Press news editor, rounded up some old (in terms of both time and age) friends for a couple of dinner meetings at the Press Club. At the first were Mas Ogawa, John Fujii, George Somekawa, Day Inoshita, Welly Shibata, Shin Higashi, Lee Chia and his wife Topaz, and of course Tateishi. At the second in addition to Ogawa and Tateishi, were Henry and George Shimanouchi and George Ogishima.

All except Lee and his wife are Nisei, or fellows who had grown up in the U.S. like Nisei although born in Japan. And largely because of their facility in English in a land where English skills are in critical need, all of them had done well in professions linked in some way to communications, the media and public relations.

Lee, the exception, is a Chinese who was a liaison officer with the British army in India during World War II, and who has been a newspaperman in Japan ever since. His son, Victor, incidentally, is a news executive

with station KRON-TV in San Francisco.

Since all of us are old friends, the dinners Tateishi set up were a time of reminiscing about Nisei experiences, war stories, and warm recollections about fellows we had known and who now were deceased or simply had faded from view.

The swift passage of the years was no more evident than in what we chose to do after eating. What we did was sit around and talk. In an earlier time the meal would have been nothing more than the prelude to a round of bar-hopping and night-clubbing, but there was no urge for that sort of recreation any more. We talked. And at a decent hour they went home and I went back to the hotel and to bed.

Some of my friends are retired or semi-retired, and the others will be before long. But their English abilities are such that they are in demand for specialized work. A great many young Japanese, just starting their careers or in middle management, have had an opportunity to study in the United States through the Fulbright, American Field Service, Rotary or other programs and they speak English very well. But there is still a need for people who can write idiomatic English as well as Japanese.

The first part of the requirement is being met, in a

limited way, by a few Sansei and Yonsei. Tateishi arranged for me to meet some of them in a brief late-afternoon meeting at the Sanno Hotel, still operated by the U.S. military. These were members of the Tokyo JAACL chapter, some of them in Japan semi-permanently and others who had come to study for advanced degrees.

The conversation revealed that their liking for Japan and degree of adjustment varied widely, but something made them want to associate with Japanese Americans. Here is a sampling of the kinds of things they're doing over here:

Estella Hoshimiya is a Nisei in the international operations department of Takenaka Komuten, an architectural and building firm. Anne Miyashiro is a visiting research fellow at the Institute of Developing Economies. Charlie Harada is a senior officer in the international relations department of the Japan Broadcasting Corp. Len Kaihara came to Japan on a Coca Cola contract and stayed to open up his own advertising and graphics firm. Richard Kenmotsu is a C.P.A. with the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

From them I learned a new expression in the same league with Oreo cookies (black outside, white inside) and bananas (yellow outside, white inside). That would be hard boiled egg, which refers to Caucasians who are white outside but yellow inside in reference to their intense interest and familiarity with things Japanese. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

REIGI-SAHO

Philadelphia

EVERY SO OFTEN over the years, I've thought about attending a course on Japanese etiquette. The problem has been that I know of no course that is available to me. As a second choice, whenever I'm in a *sho-ten* I browse

among the books for a short piece on the fundamentals of etiquette in Japan but invariably none meets the need: precisely in what order to make introductions, who is introduced to whom, what to say under what circumstances when being introduced, and the general principles of proper social behavior. Perhaps some reader out there can come to the rescue by suggesting just such a book.

THE PROBLEM COMES about from my failure to alertly observe the refinements of the amenities practiced among our Issei parents. Truth to tell, at times their manners during their relaxed moments were not always the best to emulate; so there was the additional problem for a *kozo* to be able to distinguish what was "proper" from what was "relaxing". Finally, even if the *kozo* had been alert and absorbed through a fine screen the proper procedures, such *Meiji-jidai* manners would be quaintly humorous in today's Japan.

THERE MIGHT BE a tendency among some Nisei to think this is not important, that it is much-ado-about-nothing. Well, perhaps so. But if you've ever seen a foreigner who seemed oriented to our culture, such as by appropriate attire, but then makes grossly inappropriate responses upon being introduced—well, I think you get the point. Imagine that same foreigner as the Nisei in Japan, racially indistinguishable from the denizens and thus expected to observe cultural amenities. (And make no mistake about it: when you passed through customs at Narita, you went through the gate marked "*gai-jin*".) That Nisei then proceeds to act like a buffoon—albeit innocently—unknowingly committing faux pas and gaffes. Such would be excused by the denizens if the foreigner were white, but not if you're of the same racial stock.

I KNOW ONE Nisei who goes quite regularly to Japan on behalf of a national chemical firm. As Nisei go, he's quite cultured and would, in my opinion, handle himself quite appropriately among the Japanese. But he tells me that he conducts all of his transactions in English, notwithstanding at least some appreciable ability to communicate in *Nihongo*. In all other aspects I'm sure he complies with the cultural mores of the Japanese, including non-colorful suits and ties.

WE MENTIONED THIS once before, briefly: whenever there is a Nisei *kanko-dan* to Japan, the tour organizers should distribute to all participants a brochure outlining some do's and don't's while in Japan. And there ought to be some passages included in the brochure covering certain basic social amenities.

AFTER ALL, WE don't wish to degrade the image of Nikkei in the eyes of the Japanese: we're too proud to have it otherwise. And rightfully so I might add. #



MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi

Jr. JAACL Reunion/Aug. 10

One of the events at the National Convention that holds a special interest for me is the Junior JAACL Reunion that is scheduled for Tuesday evening, August 10. Having been one of a line of Youth Directors for the

JAACL, there is an informal evaluation of the work that has gone on in this event.

Alan Kumamoto, now of the Center for Non-Profit Management, is one of the central Youth Director figures. Although he has physically changed since his Youth Director days, he maintains a genuine and continued interest in the young people (now older) that were the recipients of his efforts in the late 1960's. As I recall he had people such as David Takashima, recently a Sacramento Chapter president, and Don Hayashi, a former JAACL National staff member, among his interns. They

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: by Ron Ikejiri

Part Two of a Six-Part Series

Public Opinion

Washington

"Public opinion is everything. With public sentiment nothing can fail; without it, nothing can succeed. Consequently, he who molds public opinion goes deeper than he who enacts statutes or pronounces decision." These words by Abraham Lincoln are as relevant today, as they were over 100 years ago.

Today, the political decision making process is inundated with massive doses of information... and with the communication capability of the electronic and printed media today... public opinion can be reported throughout the nation, instantaneously. The speed, accuracy, and timeliness of today's news reporting systems have a dramatic effect on the formulation of public opinion, and ultimately public policy.

In Washington, the focus of public opinion is directed toward the molders of public policy, the Congress and the President.

Soon, we will embark on the Redress legislation campaign, and right from the start, we must keep the public opinion moving toward our position on the Redress issue.

Learning from our experiences during the past years on the Redress issue, and most recently, during the Commission hearings held throughout the major cities in the country, it became evident to the JAACL that the Redress campaign was being perceived by many Americans as a Japanese or a Japanese American issue, and not an American issue.

The challenge ahead for the JAACL and the Japanese American community is to mold public opinion, and support for the American Redress issue.

With favorable public sentiment, all of us will win. Without it, all of us will lose. #

Slide show on Chinese history made

LOS ANGELES—UCLA's Asian American Studies Graduate Student's Association and the Center's Speaker's Bureau has produced a seven-minute multimedia presentation commemorating the centennial of the Chinese Exclusion Act. Organizations interested in this presentation should call the Asian American Studies Center, (213) 825-1006.

had constructed a National Youth Program notebook that, although outdated in many ways, remains as an instrument that guides youth activities in many areas.

Alan and one of our first National Youth Coordinating Council Chairpersons, Patti Dohzen, are putting a great deal of effort into bringing together the former youth of the organization.

I was skimming through some of our earlier convention booklets with our current National Youth Director, David Nakayama. It was an interesting experience to be in touch with the past by viewing some of the pictures. David commented that everyone had funny haircuts, including the young women.

I am looking forward to the reunion. I hope that I get to see many of the people that I worked with 10 years ago. We probably all look a lot different. I don't think the differences will be as great as those JAACLers, who will be celebrating next door. The 1000 Club Whing Ding is going on concurrently.

Former JAYS ought to try to make the event. If circumstances dictate that they cannot attend, I would welcome letters from them. I will take them to the reunion and share them with the folks. #

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The Asian American Female: Discarding Old Images

By Akemi Kikumura

EDITOR'S NOTE: Akemi Kikumura received her Ph.D. in anthropology at UCLA, and has taught Asian American Studies at UCLA and USC. She appeared in the film "Farewell to Manzanar" and has published several works, including a book on the life of her mother, entitled "Through Harsh Winters: The Life of a Japanese Immigrant Woman."

When I was first asked to speak at USC's Roundtable Discussion (entitled: "Towards the Year 2000: 'Diverse Perspectives'" on April 19—Ed.), I was initially apprehensive knowing that I would be the sole representative speaking on behalf of all Asian American women. For although the larger society may think that "WE ALL LOOK ALIKE," we represent a myriad of different languages, histories and cultures that make us as unique as all the colors in the rainbow. Not only is there a wide range of inter-ethnic differences among the Asian Americans, but also a diversity of intra-cultural distinctions that exists within each group between the multiple generations and the various regions of this country.

But I believe a common bond that links us together as Asian Americans is a past rife with racism, sexism and exploitation, whose by-products have served as obstacles to achieving positive individual and group identity. Perhaps many of you will agree with me that the Asian American female has stood out as one of the least understood and most stereotyped of all minorities, branded by a society that has selectively chosen to see her as the passive, submissive, obedient and ready-to-please "Lotus Blossom of the Orient." But today, while these stereotypes continue to persist, dramatic changes are emerging from within ourselves. We are no longer accepting those one-dimensional labels that society has ascribed to us, but instead, Asian American women are now actively reasserting, redefining and reshaping their own images based on their own realities.

In an open letter written to her mother, author Merle Woo (1981) tells us about her process of self-realization. She writes:

"In the last few years, I have realized the value of Homework: I have studied the history of our people in this country. I cannot tell you how proud I am to be a Chinese/Korean American Woman. We have such a proud heritage, such a courageous tradition. I want to tell everyone about that, all the particulars that are left out in the schools. And the full awareness of being a woman makes me want to sing. And I do sing with other Asian Americans and women, Ma, anyone who will sing with me."

The elation and pride that Woo sings about is a difficult harmony to capture for many of us who are of Asian ancestry because too often we have been accused of as "The People Who Brought You Pearl Harbor," and who now invade the land and take away jobs with their Datsuns, Toyotas and Sony television sets: Pejoratives such as "Gook", "Chink" and "Jap" have become like Muzak to our ears.

We have seen our fathers humiliated before our eyes, like Woo who claims that at age six, she never held her father's hand again after seeing him mocked and ridiculed by two white cops for his "broken English". And when our fathers came home after experiencing these humiliating incidents, we listened to him unleash his pent-up anger upon our mothers. And while we watched as our mothers quietly absorbed the brunt of his frustrations, and waited as she served our brothers to the first bowls of rice, we were convinced by our white-washed beliefs, that her silence and selflessness were signs of weakness, her humility and perseverance marks of timidity.

But through our own parturition, self-reflection and education, we have come to realize that our mothers were the strength, the backbone and the support of the entire family. Jeannie Wakatsuki Houston, author of the best-seller *Farewell to Manzanar*, makes this discovery



Japanese mother gives her young daughter some maternal attention.

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about her mother after the death of her father. She reflects:

"As they grew older and inevitable thoughts of their passing entered my mind, I worried that she would be lost if he died before her. When that sad day arrived I learned what is meant by the Asian philosophical truism 'softness is strength'. I had taken my gravely ill father, along with my mother, to see his doctor. The doctor informed me privately that we should take him to the hospital where he would be comfortable, as he could not live more than 10 days.

"It was raining. I numbly drove the car toward the hospital, straining to see through the blurred windshields and my own tears. My mother was not crying. 'Riku,' he said weakly. He never called her Riku... always, 'Mama' 'Don't leave me. Stay with me at the hospital. They won't know how to cook for me... or how to care for me.' She patted his hand. 'You've been a good wife. You've always been the strong one.'

"Not wanting him to tire, I tried to quiet him. He sat up bolt-like and roared like a lion. 'Shut up!' I quaked at his forcefulness, but felt some comfort in knowing he could

still 'save face' and be the final authority to his children, even at death's door. My mother's quiet strength filled the car as she gently stroked his forehead. Without tears or panic she assured him she would stay with him until the end.

"He died that afternoon a few hours after he entered the hospital. For the 10 years afterward that my mother lived, she never once appeared lost or rudderless, as I feared she would be with him gone. Hadn't he been the center of her life? Hadn't the forms in their relationship, the rituals of their roles all affirmed his power over her? No. She had been the strong one. The structure had been created for him; but it was her essence that had sustained it."

When I was growing up, I, too, had underestimated my mother's strength. I thought that since my father was taller in stature (almost six feet tall), domineering, glib, demanding, assertive—"MORE AMERICAN," that he was the stronger one of the two. And since my mother was smaller in stature (barely five feet), easy to please, patient, forgiving, humble—"MORE FOREIGN," she was weaker, the one to be pitied.

There were times, when I was young, that her foreignness would fill me with embarrassment. Although I knew that her tenderness would melt glaciers and her fearlessness could frighten even the most spiteful gods, she still looked and acted foreign to others. My mother didn't glide through crowded rooms in high-heeled shoes, but instead she wore leather work boots that were more practical for laboring in the fields. My mother didn't wear bright red nail polish, full gathered skirts and flowered hats, but instead she donned homemade bonnets that shaded her face from the hot, northern California sun, and she wore loose fitting trousers that would give her room to bend when she harvested the seasonal crops. And she always kept her nails cropped short, to the quick, so that the itchy red peat dirt of the Sacramento Delta wouldn't have a chance to cling to her skin.

There were times that I had witnessed her courage and determination, and yet the stronger emotion that I felt inside of me was shame. I clearly remember one hot summer vacation, when I was about eight years old, my mother tightly held my hand and we walked ten miles in the 110-degree sun to buy me a new pair of shoes.

She had just had a blistering argument with my father because he had gambled away the family's summer savings. I don't know where my mother found the extra money to buy me those shoes; probably in one of the tin cans that she had buried around the yard to keep hidden from my father, but she was determined that I wouldn't return to school with holes in my shoes.

I remember those new shoes, impractical, shiny, black patent leather, the kind that little girls with golden tresses wore on Easter Sunday, not like the ones that I usually got that had soles resembling tractor tires and lasted me a whole year.

My mother gingerly peeled each dollar bill out from her cloth bag...the money was crumpled, sweat-stained, precious, yet she was determined to save me from the ridicule and heckling of laughing children. I knew that...but all I could think about at that time was,

"Oh, I hope none of my friends see me with my mother, then they'll realize I'm Japanese."

It took me many years to come to grips with my ethnicity, my womanhood, but by placing the Asian American experience within a larger social and political context, I have come to know myself and to appreciate and have pride in my parents and my people. Educator and poet Mitsuye Yamada does not stand alone when she says: "...I, a second generation Asian American woman who grew up believing in the American Dream, have come to know who I am through understanding the nature of my mother's experience; I have come to see connections in our lives as well as the lives of many women like us, and through her I have become more sensitive to the needs of Third World Women throughout the world. We need not repeat our past histories; my daughters and I need not merely survive with strength and determination. We can, through collective struggle, live fuller and richer lives. My politics as a woman are deeply rooted in my immigrant parents' and my own past.

Collective struggle is a very familiar concept to the Asian American woman because within the Asian American families, the women are the organizers, the mediators, the emotional providers and protectors who have always understood the meaning of cooperation, unity, and support.

Today, we stand together in our collective struggle as we have with Carole Fujita, a pharmacy supervisor, who won her case against race and sex discrimination in her job at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

Today, we demand our equal rights as American citizens in our fight for redress and reparations for the 110,000 people of Japanese ancestry, both citizens and aliens alike, who were illegally incarcerated during World War II.

Today, we are actively and vocally speaking out and shattering old stereotypes as we reinterpret our own experiences, our own histories, our own realities, to our

children, to ourselves, and to the world, instead of accepting those interpretations that society has made about us.

I would like to conclude with a poem written by Karen Ishizuka (1981), educator, poet and playwright. The poem expresses the legacy that we, Asian American women, inherit from our mothers, share with our daughters, and strengthen with our future generations:

GENERATIONS TO TRIUMPH

Beloved roots nourish the earth strengthen the soil grow flowers from rocks. This our inheritance of generations Emerging shadows gaze steadily across time imprinting the land carving deep valleys, Veins of the earth.	and we are his children, Generations to triumph. And us see how our shadows lengthen theirs To trust in me is to trust in yourself. Our shared inheritance of generations. Together we will labor for generations if necessary through our daughters whom we name Thai Binh aspirations dreams. Stretching the past into the future. Generations to triumph.
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Is There a Need for an Asian Men's Movement?

By Roy Nakano

I have often wondered why there hasn't been much in the way of developing an Asian American men's movement in this country. Countless articles have been written about the plight of Asian women in America. Numerous organizations dealing with specific concerns of women have developed over the course of the last ten years. Not so for Asian men. Yet, I believe the idea not all that absurd. Most men would probably write-off the idea as one of low need and priority. However, I believe there is plenty of evidence that indicates otherwise.

The most recent example concerns a survey conducted by the Asian American Studies Center on the UCLA campus.* The survey asked various students—both Asian and non-Asian—to comment on Asian American men and women. The objective was to survey the sentiment of Asian Americans at this particular campus, and to see if any trends have developed in recent times. The responses revealed a disturbing degree of anti-Asian sentiment. A typical comment received from a white male was as follows:

"I don't like them at all. ...I'm pretty much of an American person for American people, and I am not real high on immigration of any sorts."

Interestingly, the response to the same question about Asian American women elicited an answer distinctly less hostile (albeit for the most sexist reason):

"If they are really cute...exceptions can always be made."
There was a definite pattern to the responses given, particularly when the respondents were white males. It would be easy to surmise the reasons for the hostility generated toward Asian American males.

Perhaps it is because Asian men are perceived to be a threat to the dominant white male society of this country. Or, perhaps it is because Asian women on the whole are not perceived as having any power. Whatever the reason, the conclusion was obvious: the majority of the hostility expressed towards Asian Americans was directed at men.

One of the most graphic examples of this hostility occurred last year, when three Vietnamese men were convicted of raping a white woman in Orange County—a county heavily populated with recent immigrants from Vietnam. Although the crime committed should by no means be taken lightly, the sentences placed on the three Vietnamese men were unusually severe:

* Higashida, Terri, et. al., "What Do You Think Of Asian American Men And Women?" A survey conducted by the Asian American Studies Center, University of California, Los Angeles, 1982.

two were sentenced to 118 years each and the third was sentenced to 100 years in prison. The judge stated that he wanted to set an example. The prosecutor stated, "There was no more terror in any Vietnamese jungle than there was in the orange groves of Orange County."

This hostility has also been allegedly responsible for the difficulty of many first-generation Asian American men to acquire entry-level occupations. As a result, many immigrant families have had to rely on the women of the household to provide the main source of income. In this situation, it has ironically been the stereotype of Asian women being passive, hardworking, but easily exploitable that has allowed her the blue collar job opportunities not always open to Asian men.

The plight of Asian American men also presents itself in other forms. Caucasian men and women as well as Asian women in the aforementioned campus, described Asian men as "wimpy," intense, emasculated, technically-minded, and unsophisticated "dead nuggets." Although treated in similar one-dimensional stereotypes, Asian women nevertheless fared better.

The question arises: are Asian men deserving of such adjectives? Or are they the victims of societal and cultural norms? Given the track record of sexism on the part of Asian men, it would be easy to argue the former.

Women have said time and time again that Asian (and other minority) men, due to their own frustrations with society, often feel a need to display a great deal of "machismo." This manifests itself in different forms: the need to succeed through accumulation of material items (e.g., cars, homes, occupations, etc.) violence against women, and exhibiting a relatively high degree of male chauvinism. Some Asian American survey respondents pointed to the frequent educational and occupational pressures as a contributing factor.

Interestingly, the hostility directed towards Asian men in the survey was not exclusively generated from non-Asians. Asian American women were often the most vocal critics of Asian men. As one Asian American woman in the survey commented:

"I really get frustrated with them because they don't really try to understand you. Sometimes they can be very egotistical and very narrow-minded. They won't listen to you, and then they don't want to change along with the society or with the times. They have this narrow-minded view of how Asian American women should be. They always want to be the dominant person."

The negative image of Asian American men is also reflected in the mass media. The news and public information area, for instance, has been one field where Asian American women have gained some degree of visibility. Asian men on the other hand have been forced to remain behind the camera, their participation limited to "technical" positions. Similarly, the motion picture industry has reinforced this image in its portrayal of Asian males. Hollywood has produced few Asian

American heroes. Yet, Hollywood has given us an abundant number of Asian houseboys, enemy soldiers with Asian faces, and several reincarnations of "Charlie Chan."

Another example of the Asian male's unpopularity is reflected in dating and marriage patterns. Several white males in the survey commented on this situation. One white male commented:

"I think Asian American men on the whole are pretty lame. Did you ever notice how many Asian women date white men? You never see many Asian men dating white women, though."

A study by Professor James Okutsu of San Francisco State University gave indication that a good percentage of Japanese American males do not date. Many conclusions could be drawn from this, but very few would be positive for Asian American men.

The picture painted here is not very pretty. To say the least, the position of Asian American men in this society leaves much to be desired. Yet, despite all the evidence placing the blame on Asian men themselves, I can't help but think that we as Asian Americans are also victimized by our societal norms. The norms tell us that women should be petite and soft-spoken, while men should be tall, dark, and vociferous. The same qualities that may flatter Asian women can be a disparagement for Asian men. I am reminded of a conversation that took place a few years ago with an Asian woman in Gardena, Calif. When asked to give two adjectives that would describe Asian men, she answered, "Short and passive." When asked to do the same for Asian women, she suggested, "Petite and soft-spoken."

I have given several illustrations comparing Asian American men to Asian American women. However, my intention is not to suggest that Asian men face a greater degree of oppression than Asian women. On the contrary, I am merely pointing out some of the complexities facing Asian American men today. Some of these complexities are shared by non-Asian men (e.g., role model limitations, early death rates, difficulty of sharing personal feelings with other males, etc.), and are the result of the cultural norms placed on all of us.

This is not to make any excuses for Asian American men, however. Our own chauvinism is a fact that cannot be excused. I do believe that there is a need for Asian men to understand their position. Many of us will want to hold onto our perceived power over Asian women. But, as long as we do hold onto this chauvinism, our status (i.e., image) relative to Asian women and others will not change. The responsibility lies not only with society in its adherence to certain norms, but with Asian men as well in dealing with sexism.

I believe there is a need for an Asian men's movement. It would not be a movement that advocates solely for the rights of Asian men. Rather, I believe it fits into a larger context that some refer to as the general women's movement. I believe it is also an integral part of what Nikkei as well as other minorities need to address in order to make this society a better place to live in. In the end, we will all gain from it.

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ASIAN IMAGES

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(As for) defense probably entrapment—by FBI Operation—defendants cannot be convicted if they are judged to have been coerced into illicit acts by undercover law enforcement officials.

What Federal Statutes were violated?

Who initiated the proposal (to steal or involve) IBM information?

Was a crime committed, if the information was not stolen from IBM, but was given to FBI men by IBM to entrap?

If no information was stolen is there a crime committed?

Why are not the persons who "stole" information investigated and prosecuted for the stealing of information?

All consulting firms should be investigated for industrial espionage for possible illegal pirating of technical information and acting as a "fence" to sell information to all foreign companies on the open market.

The FBI agents and Justice Department officials may have gained a few brownie points for themselves to enhance their career. They deserve a big bonus from the domestic computer industry for trying to eliminate the competition.

In the process they have caused irreparable harm to U.S.-Japan trade relations. Not to mention the irreparable damage done to the individual lives of many businessmen trying to do a job—perhaps a little indiscreetly and overzealously.

If industrial espionage is a crime, let's have the FBI clean out the whole industry from top to bottom. Don't single out the Japanese only. "Dirty Tricks" on the part of federal agencies seemingly to help one industry in the process to destroy trade relations contributing to all types of employment in both U.S. and Japan is counterproductive.

M. SUMIDA
San Francisco

Pacific Square to stage Tanabata fete

GARDENA, Ca.—The traditional Tanabata Matsuri will be celebrated this month at Pacific Square Shopping Center, 1600 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. On July 10, a koto concert, ondo dancing and aikido demonstrations are slated from 2 p.m. On July 17, a taiko concert, karate demonstrations and folk dancing begin from 1 p.m. For more info, call (213) 321-3441. #

'Go For Broke' book-signing set

SAN FRANCISCO—To celebrate the publication of "Go For Broke," the pictorial history of the 100th Infantry and the 442nd RCT, a book-signing party with author Chester Tanaka will be held at the JACL Mas Satow Bldg. on Saturday, July 17, 1-5 p.m. Advance order customers can pick up their copy and have it autographed. Tanaka, a book/magazine designer by profession, is a 442nd veteran living in Oakland.

CCYBA sets carnival dance for July 9-10

FRESNO, Ca.—The Central California Young Buddhist Association (CCYBA) will hold a weekend of dancing and festivities, beginning with its "Midnight Magic" dance on Friday, July 9, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the Fresno Hilton Ballroom. For ticket info call (209) 222-4396.

The CCYBA will then hold its 37th Annual Carnival on July 10, 6 p.m. to 12 m, at the Fresno Buddhist Church, 1340 Kern St. Food and game booths, music, dancing and prizes are slated. #

Six win San Mateo awards

SAN MATEO, Ca.—A scroll and a \$100 cash award were presented to six winners of the 1982 San Mateo JACL scholarship at their respective high school awards ceremonies, according to Ernie Takahashi, scholarship chair. The recipients are:

Kevin Mukai, San Mateo High (p) M/M Jiro Mukai; William Ohara, Hillsdale (p) M/M Shigetoshi Ohara; Gizelle Takaha, Hillsdale (p) M/M Sanzui Takaha; Gail Daikoku, Aragon (p) M/M Tom Daikoku; Linda Kajisa, Hillsdale (p) M/M Kunio Kajisa; and Nancy Ogami, Aragon (p) M/M Sam Ogami.

Normally four awards are made, but the committee in April requested two more be made and the chapter board concurred. #

WSU Asian Studies wins grant

PULLMAN, Wa.—The Washington State University Foundation recently granted one of its first General Program Awards to the WSU Asian American Studies Program for a year-long series of programs entitled, "Living Treasures of Asian American Culture". Grant amounted to \$7,000, one of the largest of 19 awards given.

"Living Treasures" will bring to campus and this region outstanding Asian American writers, artists and scholars to participate in speaking programs and classroom lectures.

The foundation also presented a Faculty Summer Enrichment Award to Gail Nomura, Asian American Studies history professor, who is doing research on the development of agriculture on the Yakima reservation.

Spokane JACL is an original advocate for the program. Stephen Pocatello-Blackfoot holds honor banquet

BLACKFOOT, Id. — The Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL held its annual Honor Night Banquet May 7 at Stan's Grill here. Chapter scholarships were presented to Jennifer Endo and Karen Ugaki, and Ms. Endo presented the attending Issei with a gift provided by her and other Sansei.

Hid Hasegawa, IDC chairman, presented a sapphire pin to Bob Endo for his many years of service to the JACL on the local and district levels. Marianne Endo presented a Silver Pin to Sanaye Okamura for her many years of dedicated work to the JACL. George Shiozawa presented two "Certificates of Appreciation"—one to Seiji and Masako Endo, and one to Will and Joanne Kawamura for their continued support of the JACL. #

'Calif. People' TV
LOS ANGELES—"California People", a local show featuring different ethnic communities, will focus on the Japanese community in a 30-minute program airing on KTTV (11) July 10, 7:30 a.m., and repeated July 11, 6:30 a.m. George Takei co-hosts the show with actress Judy Jernudd with Kats Kunitsugu, executive secretary of JACCC, assisting in the production. #

Sumida, WSU-AAS literature professor who holds a Univ. of Washington Lockwood Dissertation Fel-

lowship, expressed his gratitude to the chapter for its help through the years. #

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pass a new generation of leadership. By breadth of experience, maturity, motivation and a clear sense of direction, I believe I can fill that most critical role.

The Lily A. Okura Platform

Introduction—Having served the past two bienniums as Vice President for General Operations, I would like to complete the goals and objectives established in 1978. The personnel policies and procedures have been reviewed and portions have been updated. Salary levels, job descriptions and classifications have also been reviewed and streamlined. This should be an on-going management project at headquarters.

Now, as a candidate for the office of the President, I feel that continuity and knowledge of past history are very essential to this office. There are many issues and concerns which are "unfinished businesses" and must be carried through to completion. Membership, Redress, Aged and Retirement, Youth Program, Long-Range Planning and International Affairs are vital concerns of the organization, and it is my desire to innovate and create new methods to strengthen JACL in its progress.

Membership—Since 75% to 80% of our National income is based on membership, I will work to increase membership during the next biennium. If elected, I plan to take a leave of absence from my employment and concentrate on membership increase through personal meetings with chapters and/or district committees. We must also concentrate on extension of new chapters. The potential is high in Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Montana and elsewhere. To do this, we need an Extension chairman or the Executive Director or President must visit these areas to interest people in forming chapters. I heartily support anniversary date memberships. This will assist headquarters in keeping a certain flow of money all year.

Redress—As a resident of the National Capital Area, I can better oversee the work of the Commission. This will also enable me to work in close harmony with our National Redress Chairman and Director, who will be here in Washington, D.C., during the coming biennium. Moreover, I will be able to keep in daily contact with the Redress Office and the Washington Advisory Committee on Redress. I pledge to continue to work to

Mid-Columbia JACL honors area graduates

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—High school and college graduates whose parents are affiliated with Mid-Columbia JACL were honored June 12 during the chapter banquet held for the first time at the American Legion Hall. Eileen Rose, director of admissions at Portland State University, was guest speaker. The honorees were:

HIGH SCHOOL—Raymond Ishizaka, Gordon Kiyokawa, Dan Nakamura, Cheryl Wandling, Neil Watanabe, all of Hood River Valley; Bill Nelson, Chris Lee, Baptist Christian; Kenneth Loftus, Marshfield (Coos Bay).

COLLEGE—James Akiyama, Grant Nakamura, Eric Tamiyasu, Oreg State; Wesley Akiyama, Univ of Portland; Colleen Fowler, Mt Hood Comm Coll; Marianne Kinoshita, Brigham Young; and Jerry Sumoge, Sou Oreg State.

Chapter scholarships were presented to Kenneth Loftus, Neil Watanabe, JACL awards; and Karen Tyrell, Diana Anderson. George Tamura chaired the scholarship committee.

Philadelphia JACL picnic set July 31

PHILADELPHIA—The Philadelphia JACL will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, July 31, 2-7 p.m. at the home of Tak and Yuri Moriuchi. For more info call Martha Nakamura (King of Prussia, Pa.) at (215) 265-2351 or Kuni or Cissy Mihara (Mt. Laurel, NJ) at (609) 234-6254.

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ward the goals set forth at the 1978 and 1980 convention by our members and strive for legislation that will benefit all Japanese Americans.

Aging & Retirement—Through close association with the Aging & Retirement Conference held in 1976, I feel very strongly that this should be one of our top priorities in the next biennium. Our recent Ways & Means financial drive resulted in an overwhelming support for our National Aging and Retirement Program. The goals set forth by the late Dr. Min Masuda, who was our First National Committee Chairman and currently headed by young Dr. Michael Ego, will be carried through under my administration. Dr. Michael Ego has demonstrated his leadership qualities, and he will be asked to continue as chairman.

Youth Program—The National Convention must include youth activities in their future plans. Youth and adults must meet together to discuss problems. We need to open up lines of communications, and begin to prepare and educate the youth on the full purpose of the JACL. The youth is our future promise for progress.

Long-Range Planning—"Plan Ahead" has always been my philosophy and motto, which I practice in my work and daily life. I shall fully support a realistic and relevant planning effort. We must not lose sight of our goals and the need to increase our important planning efforts. I plan to bring together the best minds we have in JACL to this effort. We must move ahead!

International Affairs—We must extend our hand of friendship to our international friends in Japan, Mexico, South America and Canada, and give serious thoughts to our own leadership role as a National organization in this area. With current tensions with Japan and other countries growing, we must outline the role the JACL will play. I feel that the JACL should take a more prominent role.

Cleveland JACL seeks ideas to raise funds

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Ideas were being sought by Tom Nakao Jr., chapter president, to raise at least \$5,000 for programs and activities. Some of the ideas discussed at a recent board meeting included rummage sale, booths at the All Nations Festival, rib burn-off, ticket sales, etc.

For the June 19 scholarship dinner, Cynthia Ikuta Watson, a graduate of Harvard Divinity School and a Cleveland JACL scholarship winner, was guest speaker.

Meanwhile, chapter is raising funds for the Hank Tanaka for National Vice President for Public Affairs campaign.

ELA JACL scholarships awarded to 7 students

LOS ANGELES—The East L.A. JACL presented scholarships to seven graduating high school seniors, it was announced June 22 by scholarship chair Miki Hime-no. The recipients were:

Stella Daita, Mark Keppel HS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shoji Daita; Laurie Kishimoto, Schurr HS, d of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Kishimoto; Kenneth Sakurai, Woodrow Wilson HS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sadao Sakurai; Tracy Lee Tanioka, Montebello HS, d of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Tanioka; Mark Yamamoto, Theodore Roosevelt HS, s of Mr. and Mrs. Atsuko Yamamoto; Patti Yasuda, Alhambra HS, d of Mr. and Mrs. Roy N. Yasuda and (at large) Lillian Noborio, Reseda HS, d of Mr. and Mrs. Goro Noborio.

CCDC award goes to Selma graduate

SELMA, Ca.—The JACL Central California District Council awarded its Citizenship Achievement Award to Jane Iwamura, recent graduate of Immanuel High School in Reedley. She is the daughter of Cecil and Mitzi Iwamura of Selma, a 4.0 GPA student and life member of the California Scholastic Federation.

Jane was co-valedictorian of her class and received a Univ. of California scholarship, the Distinguished Christian High School award, Marlin Thiessen scholarship and a Bank of America Achievement Award certificate in science.

Latin America JACL holds fund drive

LOS ANGELES—The newest PSWDC chapter, Latin America JACL, has extended its fund drive for chapter programs from July 4 to Oct. 15, it was announced by Consuelo Betty Morinaga (213) 626-4393.

My agenda, in brief, is GROWTH of membership; active OVERSIGHT of the Commission; CONCERN with the aging and for youth; PLANNING for our future role that must include a broader national role and international PARTICIPATION. #

The Floyd Shimomura Platform

Introduction—Having spent the last four years on the National Board as the Vice-President for Public Affairs, I am well aware of the current state of our national program. Despite our many problems, I am optimistic that we can make JACL a continued force on the national and international level. To do this, we must tread a balanced path between vigorous involvement in external affairs and careful attention to our internal organizational needs.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

With regard to external affairs, let me summarize my view on the following pertinent issues:

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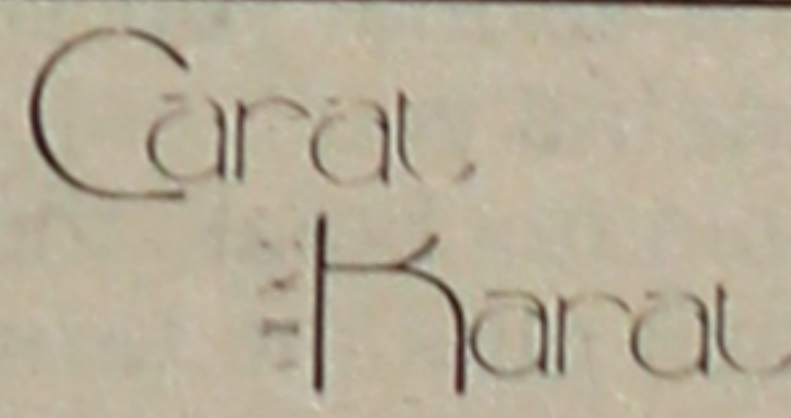


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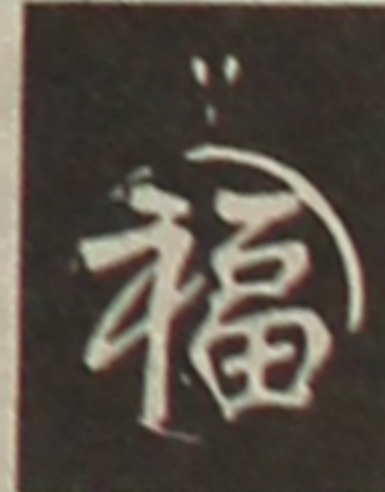
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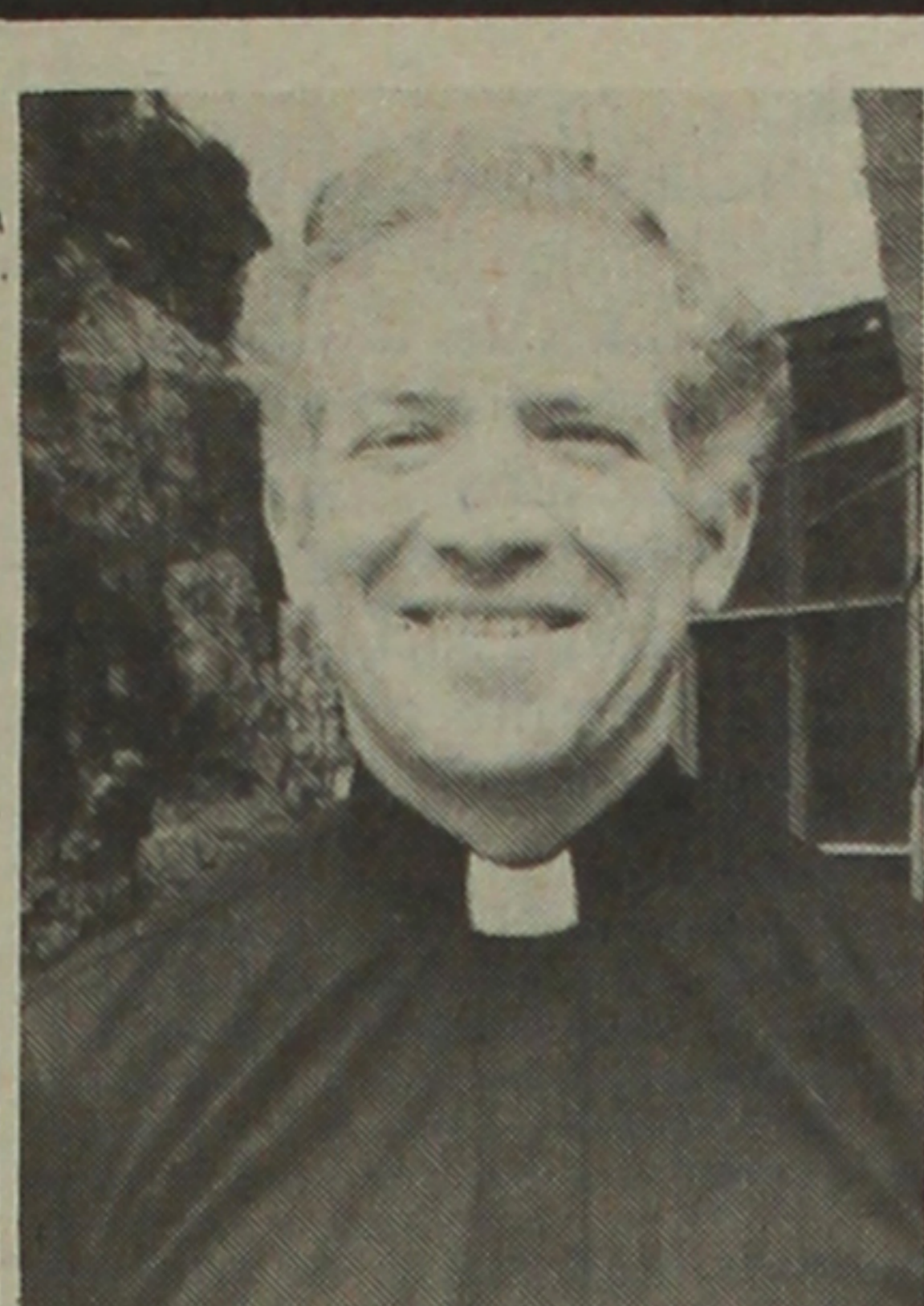
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PC PEOPLE

● Awards
 The University of Hawaii Foundation, a private fund-raising organization that secures private gifts for the university, recently granted its Trustees' Award for Distinguished Leadership to Hisaji Onoye and Mackay Yanagisawa. Onoye, chairman of Shimaya Shoten (a wholesale grocery company), was honored for his generous contributions to health care in Hawaii. Yanagisawa has been associated with sports in Hawaii for over 50 years and recently retired as manager of Aloha Stadium.

Koh Watanabe, a student at West Torrance High School, was recently named a recipient of the 1982 United States National Award from the U.S. Achievement Academy. Koh, the son of Tosh and Hiroko Watanabe of Torrance, won the award in the band category, after being recommended for the honor by his band director.

● Courtroom
 Los Angeles Deputy Dist. Atty. **Lance Ito** was a key member of the prosecuting team which helped convict in Superior Court two teenagers of first-degree murder. Perry Lee Jackson and Norris LaRue Reece, both 18, were found guilty on three counts of murder and Reece was also convicted on one count of involuntary manslaughter. Convictions stemmed from a 1980 crime spree which took place in the Pico-Robertson neighborhood.

● Organization
Ruth Kodani, was elected vice chairman of United Way's corporate board in Los Angeles. Kodani, of Pacific Palisades, is founder and past president of Los Angeles Community Concerts Association. She also serves on the board of directors, Automobile Club of Southern California; L.A. Child Guidance Clinic; Board of Counsellors, Gerontology Center, USC; member of the executive committee, National Safety Council, greater L.A. Chapter. She has also held appointments on several city and county commissions concerned with minorities and social welfare.

Dr. Bruce Tamanaha of Torrance was recently elected secretary of the Los Angeles Southwest Chiropractic Society for 1982-83. The group is one of 10 component chapters of Los Angeles County Chiropractic Society, leading and largest organizations representing the area's more than 1500 doctors of chiropractic.

● Stage
 Canadian dancer **David Toguri**, a veteran of the original Broadway production of "Flower Drum Song", was in Los Angeles choreographing the Los Angeles Philharmonic production, "Falstaff", this season. He is considered one of the most respected choreographers in Europe, based in London where his latest "Guys and Dolls" sequences received rave reviews.

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fairs, I testified in Washington, D.C. before the CWRIC and submitted a 25-page paper on "Legal Remedies" as a part of JACL's written testimony. My paper concluded with the following paragraph:

"In considering 'appropriate remedies', the Commission must address the injuries suffered by (1) individuals, (2) the affected communities, and (3) the nation as a whole. When considered in this light, it appears self-evident that true redress must include (1) individual monetary payments, (2) federal assistance to the affected communities, and (3) a statute prohibiting such an act from ever happening again. All three of these elements are necessary for true redress."

I strongly support individual monetary payments as the most viable and meaningful form of redress. I believe that this is not only the overwhelming preference of the Japanese American community but that most would find anything less unacceptable.

2. U.S.-Japan Relations: In 1981, Japan amassed an \$18 billion trade surplus with the U.S. As the economic rivalry between the two countries becomes more heated and the U.S. economy continues to weaken, mutual hostility bred by ignorance and cultural differences is on the increase. In an effort to help ease the areas of misunderstanding, National JACL President Jim Tsujimura embarked on a month long trip to Japan (as a guest of the Japan Foundation) in the spring of 1982. He met with top leaders. The JACL has also created a special study group centered in Washington, D.C. to monitor the situation. I strongly support such efforts. Having studied a year in Tokyo in 1969, I have some understanding of the differing perspectives

PC's Calendar of Events

- **JULY 9 (Friday)**
Little Tokyo—LTSC Comm Sv awd dnr, Hyatt Regency Hotel.
French Camp—Mtg, Comm Hall, 7:30pm (2d Fri).
Fresno—CCYBA dance, Hilton Hotel, 9pm.
- **JULY 10 (Saturday)**
PSWDC/Little Tokyo—Pre-conv rally, chapter workshop, Little Tokyo Towers, 9am.
Los Angeles—Obon festival (2da), Nishi Hongwanji.
Gardena—Tanabata Matsuri, Pacific Square.
Seabrook—Obon odori, Buddhist Ch.
Fresno—CCYBA Carnival, Buddhist Ch, 6pm.
- **JULY 11 (Sunday)**
Contra Costa—Picnic, Plsnt Hill Pk.
East Los Angeles—Steak-fry, Barnes Pk, Mont'y Park, 11am-2pm.
Los Angeles—100/442/MIS Museum Foundation benefit luncheon, Hyatt Regency, 1pm; Sen. Daniel Inouye, spkr.
- **JULY 14 (Wednesday)**
Gardena Valley—Mtg, Union Fed S/L, 7pm (2nd Wed).
Hoosier—Bd mtg, Sue Hannel's, 7:30pm (2d Wed).
- **JULY 17 (Saturday)**
New Age—Las Vegas fun trip.
San Francisco—"Go For Broke" book party, Mas Satow Rld, 1-5nm
- Los Angeles—Miss Sansei Calif Pageant, Bev Hilton Hotel, 7pm (Clavell Writing Prize).
Salt Lake City—Obon Festiv (2da), Buddhist Temple.
- **JULY 18 (Sunday)**
NC-WNPDC/Eden Township—Pre-conv dist sess, Blue Dolphin, 9am.
Sacramento—Bazaar, Parkview Presby Ch.
- **JULY 20 (Tuesday)**
Salinas Valley—Bd mtg, Cal First Bank Mtg Rm, 7pm (3d Tue).
- **JULY 21 (Wednesday)**
San Jose—Bd mtg, Calif 1st Bnk, 1st & Younger, 7:30pm (3d Wed).
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyt'n Ch, 8pm (3d Weds).
- **JULY 23 (Friday)**
Contra Costa—CARP mtg, EB Free Methodist Ch, 8-10pm (4th Fri).
Sacramento—Rev. Hei/Gloria Takarabe apprec dnr, Wong's Islander. (Info: 443-4464).
- **JULY 24 (Saturday)**
Pasadena—Tanabata Matsuri, Pac Asia Museum, 5:30pm.
- **JULY 28 (Wednesday)**
Gardena Valley—Conv Bd mtg, Union Fed S/L, 7pm. (4th Wed).
Monterey Peninsula—Bd mtg, JACL Hall, 7pm (4th Wed).
- **JULY 31 (Saturday)**
Sacramento—Beat the Heat benefit, Buddhist Church, 8pm.

and the importance of the issues at stake.

3. Pan American Nikkei Association: In the summer of 1981, I joined over a hundred other JACLers who attended the first Pan American Nikkei Conference. Chuck Kubokawa did a wonderful job in organizing JACL's involvement. Nikkei from the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Peru, Argentina, Bolivia, and other Pan American countries attended. Out of the fellowship and exchange of information, a decision was made to form some sort of loose network organization that would help to plan other periodic conferences. I have helped the steering committee achieve this goal by drafting the initial articles of organization for this new Pan American Nikkei Organization. I believe that JACL's involvement in this area will help broaden our membership's perspectives and encourage international friendship.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

With regard to internal affairs, I believe there are some very pressing issues we must face:

1. Constitutional Revision: At the San Francisco Convention, JACL modernized its constitution and adopted a strong National Board to govern its affairs. Although it is still too early for any final judgment, I believe that most feel the change has helped to involve the district governors more directly in the national decision-making process and has facilitated "two-way" communication between the National and districts. This was sorely lacking in the recent past when the Executive Committee, rather than the full Board, made most of the decisions. Having participated deeply in the constitutional revision process, I feel a real sense of gratification for the benefits that have resulted.

2. Dues Reform: Now that we have modernized our organizational structure, I feel that it is time to reform our "crazy quilt" dues structure. The present system of each chapter charging its own dues rate and the national dues rate being determined in the context of "budget balancing" rather than membership acceptance must be re-examined. Also, our present development and renewal must be studied from an efficiency standpoint. Certainly, there are many good historical reasons why we do things as we do. But a national organization our size should seriously consider:

- (1) A uniform dues structure;
- (2) A dues structure with numerous classes of memberships that are priced (based on a study) to fit what our membership can afford to pay;
- (3) A centralized system of membership renewal complete with automatic follow-up and the option of annual, semi-annual, or quarterly billings;
- (4) An annual, rather than calendar year, system; and
- (5) A professional marketing campaign designed to attract new members.

To accomplish this major reform, a special national committee should be created to put together a comprehensive reform package that can be considered as a whole.

CONCLUSION

I have great faith in the continued viability of JACL in the coming years. But to realize its destiny, JACL must not be afraid to reach out to new worlds nor be too set in its ways to restructure itself to meet the challenge of a new age. #



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