

CWRIC

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chic health and well-being would require more money.

"We cannot undertake the studies of economic losses and long-term impairment of psychic health and well-being... which a full account should include," Bernstein said.

"These require the hiring of a variety of experts and the collection of data and information which are beyond the Commission's present budgetary ability. Review and analysis of land assessment records on the West Coast, the information and records compiled through the operation of the Japanese American Evacuation Claims Act, and a professional review of the literature on the sociological and psychological impact of the evacuation and detention are among the basic items which would have to be undertaken in order to complete this job. In addition, we are unlikely to have the funds which would allow a mass printing of the hearing record," she explained.

The CWRIC was created in July 1980 to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding President Franklin D. Roosevelt's E.O. 9066 and the impact of that order on Japanese Americans and resident aliens. The commission was also authorized to recommend appropriate remedies, an issue which has reportedly divided members of the CWRIC. The commissioners have been undecided on what the appropriate form of redress should be.

The CWRIC held a series of hearings last year in 10 cities across the nation, and over 750 persons—many of them former internees—offered their testimony to the commission.

In March, President Reagan signed a bill extending the time allowed the CWRIC from June 1982 to Dec. 1982.

Nikkei pianist found slain in apt.

NEW YORK—Hawaiian-born concert pianist Raymond Shigeoka, 34, was found slain July 19 in his living room apartment on W. 56th St. after a friend became concerned he failed to show up for a 10:45 a.m. appointment at the Turtle Bay Music School, where he taught.

Detectives speculated the murder may have been committed by someone Shigeoka knew or had admitted to his midtown apartment. According to a flyer found in the apartment, Shigeoka began his music studies at age 10, attended the Univ. of Hawaii where he was a soloist with the university orchestra and received his master's degree from Juilliard in 1976. #

Unnamed Japan bank inclined to aid U.S. 'Kay Sugahara style'

TOKYO—A major Japanese bank is reported to be considering the possibility of extending low-interest loans to job-creating programs in the United States—an idea proposed earlier this year by Japanese American millionaire Kay Sugahara, a Japanese parliamentarian said last month.

Motoo Shiina, a Liberal Democratic Party member of the Diet, told a U.S. wire service that Sugahara's financing plan just got off the mark... a Japanese bank is interested in channeling money into the United States to help its economic recovery.

Shiina, a key figure in promoting the plan called "Partners in Progress," declined to identify the bank, but said it probably would form a bank syndicate to support the loan project.

"There are so many technical problems involved in the scheme, such as cross currency or foreign exchange risk, that it is still too

Letterbox

● NCJAR's initiative

Editor:

John Tateishi's column entitled "A Misconception" is a decorous, indirect, "high road" attack on the legal initiative of the National Council for Japanese Americans. The blustering, "low road" attacks are made by his appointed counterpart, counselor Minoru Yasui, who recently characterized us as "hot-shots out of Chicago, Illinois." While your readers may be assured that these characterizations will not deter us from seeking justice through the courts, they need to be disabused of Tateishi's misconceived misconception.

Tateishi and Yasui, who may count among these "constitutional experts," seem not to understand that it is up to the injured party to initiate the remedy by filing a com-

plaint and it is up to the government to respond, first by a vigorous defense by government counsel, then by a fair deliberation and an impartial adjudication by the courts. It is NCJAR's will to initiate a remedy for the many violations of the law and Constitution, most of which were not addressed in the Korematsu, Hirabayashi, Yasui, and Endo decisions. We are footing the bill for this out of our pockets. True, there is no "obligation" on the government's part to provide redress through the courts. But we can be assured that once our suit is filed the government will mount a vigorous defense and that the courts will have to ponder, once again, all the arguments presented and will have to render a decision.

Tateishi rather skillfully misleads the reader in believing that he is supported in his argument by constitutional attorneys and experts. But, on careful reading, these attorneys do not see the likelihood of a reversal of these landmark decisions and these experts merely recognize the ineptitude of the decisions themselves. *Neither the constitutional attorneys nor the experts, by Tateishi's own words, state that to seek redress through the courts is misconceived.* Quite the contrary. Of the many attorneys and law professors who testified before the CWRIC, not one stated that a legal initiative such as ours would be misconceived. The NCJAR initiative has been discussed with Justice Goldberg, Father Robert Drinan, and Judge William Marutani of the CWRIC and each expressed positive support. In a recent article in the Pacific Citizen, attorney Joseph Rauh indicated his positive support for a legal initiative such as ours.

So to what purpose, we must speculate, is the misconception put forth? There is a strong sense of *deja vu* to '42 when the JACL took the position of being "unalterably opposed to the test cases to determine the constitutionality of military regulations at this time." It

also characterized the organization of a legal defense fund for Minoru Yasui—yes, the same—as a stab in the back. (Was it Santayana who wrote about repeating our mistakes when we ignore our history?) Partisanship may be the purpose. But why tromp on us? We have around 600 supporters. The JACL is some 25,000 members. We have deliberately remained a non-membership organization to avoid threatening the JACL and others. Certainly, there is no intent to threaten.

NCJAR has already tried the legislative route in 1980 and found great difficulty with it. Things have become much worse. Even the CWRIC may fall short of its mandated time through a shortfall of a few hundred thousand dollars. We moved towards the legal initiative at the urging of friends, some

of whom are prominent in the JACL. The initiative is high-risk. We are fully aware of the legal obstacles that must be overcome, even though Tateishi seems not to be.

It is quite possible that we will fail. None of the constitutional test cases succeeded. (The Endo case succeeded in a sense, but 2½ years on a writ of habeas corpus appeal stretches the spirit of that constitutional requirement to the extreme.) If most of us would not resist the exclusion order, why could we not at least have supported the brave few who did resist? I suppose we could give the usual excuses. You know, we were too young and inexperienced. But what's our excuse today?

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premature to disclose who is involved in the negotiations," he said. "It is a highly sensitive matter."

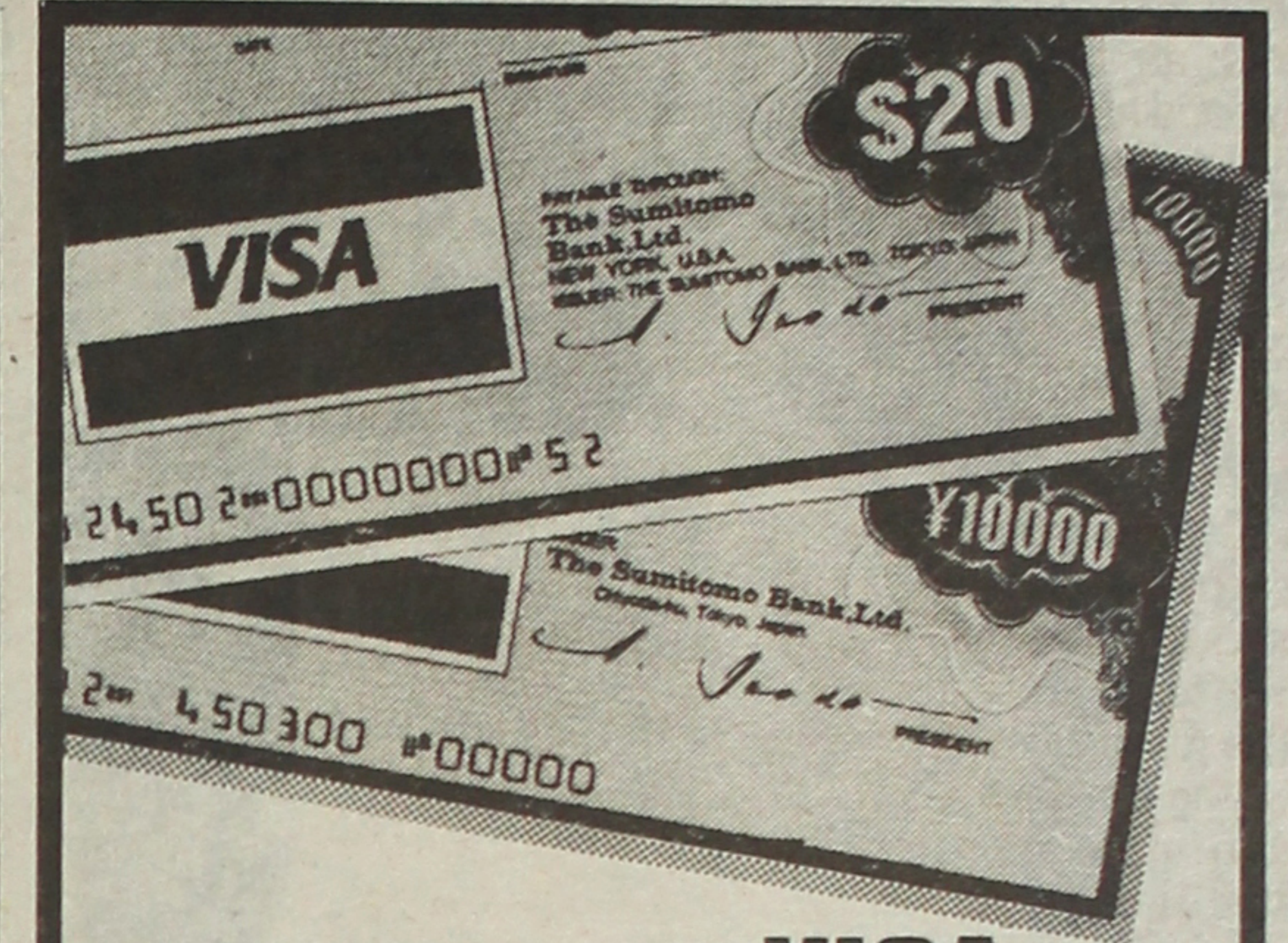
The plan under consideration is an outgrowth of a proposal by Sugahara, a Nisei shipping magnate, to have private Japanese investors jointly finance job-creating projects in the United States, he said.

Sugahara, chairman of Fairfield-Maxwell, a New York-based

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Watchdog group on rights formed

WASHINGTON—Arthur S. Flemming, former chairman of the Commission on Civil Rights, heads a privately financed panel to monitor the civil rights records of Congress and the administration. The 16-member group includes Judge William Marutani of Philadelphia. It first met July 19.



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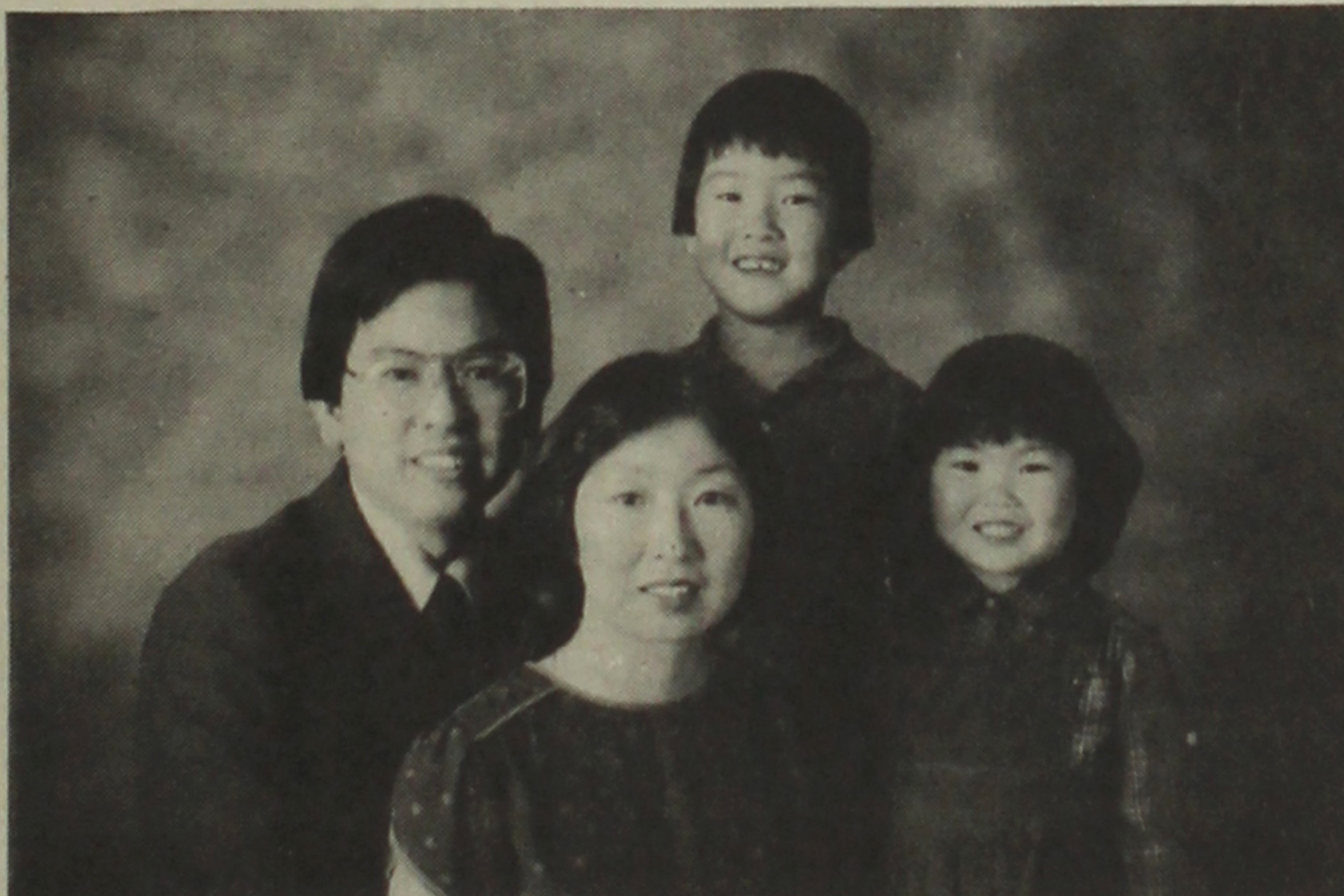
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- Speaker, Pan American Nikkei Conference, Mexico City
- JACL Constitutional Revision Committee
- Program Chair, Tule Lake Dedication
- Secretary, NC-WN District Council
- Sacramento Chapter President (2 terms)

PROFESSIONAL

- Professor of Law, U.C. Davis
- Calif. Deputy Attorney General (1973-1981)
- Eight cases - California Supreme Court

EDUCATION

- 1973: U.C. Davis Law School
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'Missing' Stereotypes

Los Angeles

There's a new Asian American film out that's winning praise from critics around the country. And with good reason—despite its low budget (\$20,000) it is a very well-crafted film, offering a thought-provoking and non-stereotypical view of Chinese Americans.

"Chan is Missing" was produced, directed and written in part by filmmaker Wayne Wang, who made the film with grants from the American Film Institute and the National Endowment for the Arts. Wang was assisted by an entirely all-Asian American cast and crew, and he demonstrates through "Chan" that cinematic talent can overcome economic limitations, especially in this era of big-budget moviemaking.

On the surface, the story is a mystery with humorous moments: a middle-aged Chinatown cab driver named Jo (Wood Moy) and his streetwise nephew Steve (Marc Hayashi) entrust their savings of \$4,000 to a man named Chan Hung in order to obtain their own taxi medallion. But Chan, an enigmatic businessman who is never seen in the film (except in a dark, out of focus photo), suddenly disappears—with Jo and Steve's loot.

The two cabbies then proceed to search for Chan, and along the way they come across a variety of characters: a cook wearing a "Samurai Night Fever" T-shirt who sings "Fry me to the Moon" while stir-frying; Chan's estranged wife, a liberal lawyer who talks of "cross-cultural misunderstandings" and dismisses Chan as "too Chinese"; and Chan's daughter, who, like Steve, tends to identify more with Blacks than Asians.

The more Jo and Steve are told about Chan by these characters, the less they know—for each new clue draws a different picture of the same man. These twists and turns in the plot turn "Chan" into an engrossing entertainment piece.

But the strength of this gritty, black-and-white film lies not in its story, but rather in what it says about being Chinese in America—there are references to "FOBs" ("fresh off the boat"), "ABCs" (American-born Chinese) and "pro-PRCs" (sympathizers of the People's Republic of China). The film also manages to make statements, albeit subtly, about such matters as identity and assimilation.

And most importantly, the film offers portrayals of Asians as ordinary people, with everyday problems and even moments of humor (hence the title, which in a way, refers to "missing" stereotypes). San Francisco's Chinatown is not portrayed as a den of mystery; nor is it seen through tourist's eyes as Hollywood has treated it in the past. Rather, it is a community which is, despite its problems, a place where people live, work—and survive.

"Chan is Missing" has been well received by film critics in San Francisco, and was recently featured at the Asian American International Film Festival in New York. Critics from The New York Times, Newsweek and Newsday have also praised the film as well. (It opens at the Westland Twin Theatre in Los Angeles on Aug. 11.)

Hopefully, the 31-year-old Wang will be the first of a new wave of filmmakers who can finally portray Asian Americans in a way that has been long overdue—quite simply, as identifiable, everyday people.



Photo by Nancy Wong

BREAKING STEREOTYPES—Filmmaker Wayne Wang (center) chats with actors Marc Hayashi (left) and Wood Moy on the set of "Chan is Missing", opening Aug. 11 at Westland Twin Theater, L.A. Written, produced and directed by Wang, film has been highly acclaimed by critics.

Over 20 Asian Pacific women groups plan national network

LA JOLLA, Ca.—Representatives from 20 Asian Pacific women's organizations from across the country gathered here on the weekend of June 25-27 to elect leadership, identify and discuss issues and strategies for a national network.

Billed as the First Biennial Convention of the National Network of Asian Pacific Women (NNAPW), the theme of the convention was "Unity in Leadership".

The convention was attended by 20 organizations: Asian Women United, New York; New York Asian American Professional Women; New York Asian Pacific Women's Political Caucus; California Asian Pacific Women's Network; Central Valley Asian Pacific Women's Organization; Asian Pacific Women's Network, Los Angeles; Sacramento Asian Pacific Women's Network; Pacific and Asian American Women's Bay Area Coalition; Asian Pacific Women of San Diego County; Organization of Pan Asian Women of Washington D.C.; National Island Women's Association. (NIWA), California;

NIWA of Hawaii; NIWA of Los Angeles; Asian Sisters in Action, Boston; Asian Pacific Women's Network of Chicago; Hawaii Council of Asian Pacific Island Women; Samoan Women for Change; Famaalaoan; Tongan American Society of the Asian Pacific Women's Caucus of Washington State. The Tongan American Society was formed at the convention itself as the Tongan women united.

Irene Hirano, chairperson of the state Commission on the Status of Women, was elected co-chairperson of the NNAPW with Pat Luce, who was named Pacific chair.

The issues discussed at the convention centered around the impact of the Reagan Administration's cutbacks and the recession on Asian Pacific communities. Refugee problems and the protection of civil rights were also identified as critical, and the NNAPW board recommended the formation of political action committees in various regions across the country to help plan lobbying strategies. #

Hawaii's Ariyoshi seeks re-election

HONOLULU—Gov. George Ariyoshi filed nomination papers July 20 and will seek re-election in the state's upcoming primary on Sept. 18. The 56-year-old Nisei Democrat has been governor since 1973, when as lieutenant governor he took over as acting governor for the ailing John Burns, who died in 1975. Ariyoshi then won election in 1974 and again in 1978.

Ariyoshi's major challengers in the primary will be Lt. Gov. Jean King, Democratic Party; former Honolulu mayor Frank F. Fasi, Independent Democratic Party; and D.G. "Andy" Anderson, Republican Party.

EWP slates 1st major fundraiser

LOS ANGELES—East West Players will present its first major fundraising event, "Light Up the Sky! We're Comin' Home! 'Cuz Nobody Does It Better!" on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The proceeds for the gala dinner will go towards a special fund to purchase EWP's theater complex at 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. near Virgil St.

Theater luminaries Gordon Davidson, Joseph Papp and Peg Yorkin, renowned motion picture director Robert Wise and actress Beulah Quo are the honorary co-chairpersons for the event. For tickets (\$150 per person) call (213) 660-0366.

Bay Area seniors to hold picnic

HAYWARD, Ca.—The annual Bay Area Japanese American Senior Centers picnic will be held at the Shibata's Mt. Eden Nursery's Japanese gardens on Sept. 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info, call Yu-Ai Kai (415) 294-2505.

Sansei bands highlight summer event

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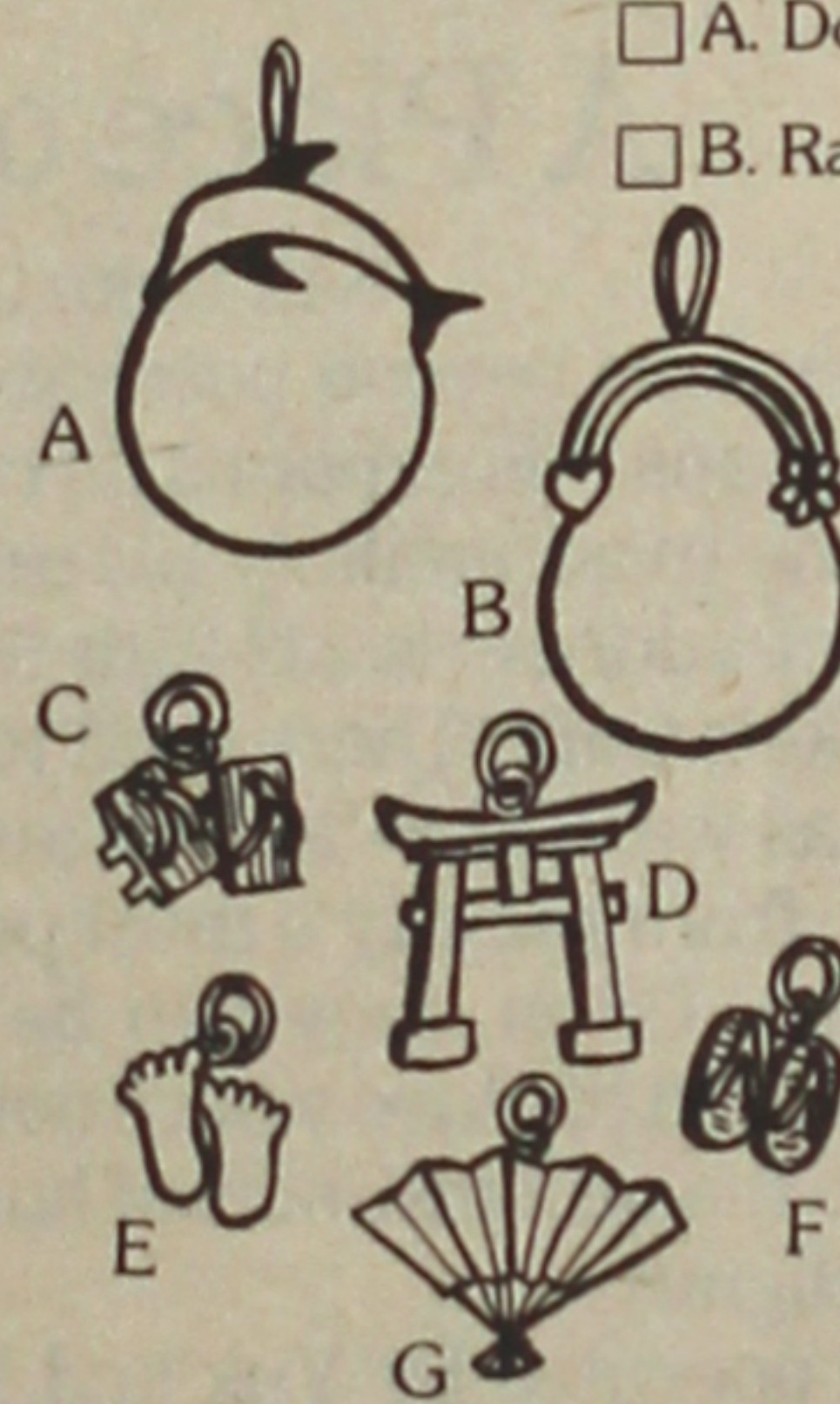
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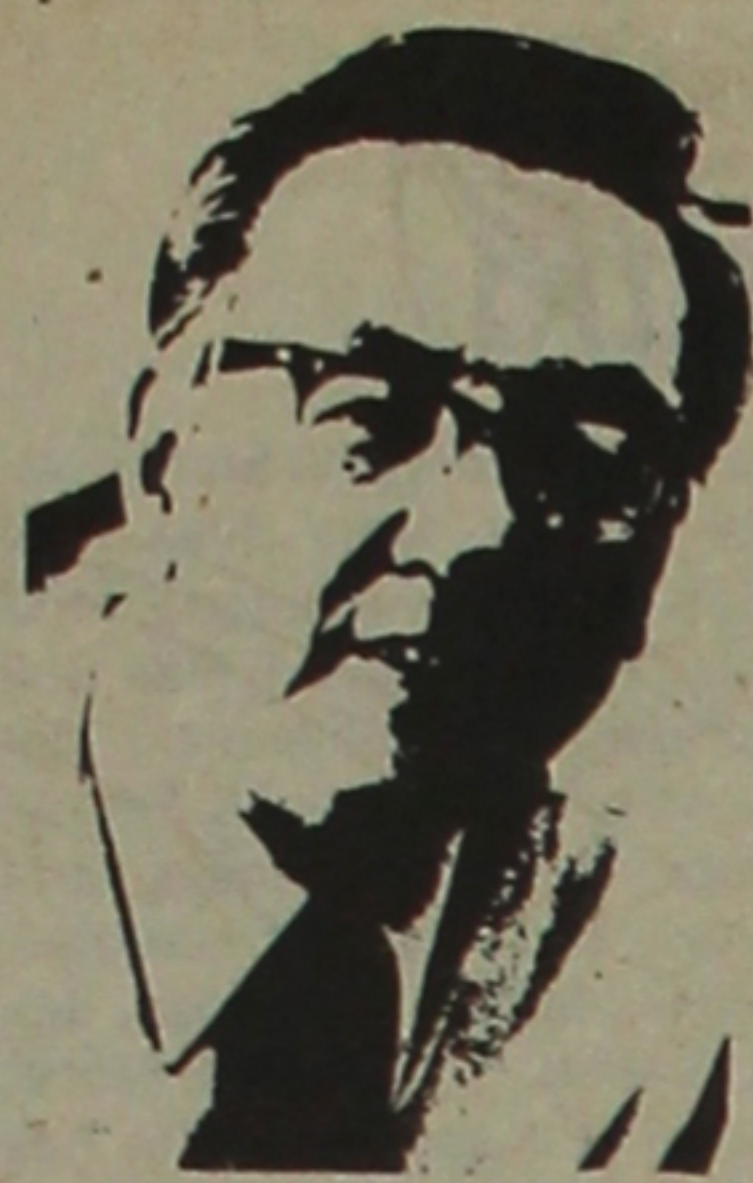
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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Time to Bury the 'Secrecy Myth' of MIS

Denver, Colo.

There's not much doubt that of the two Nisei outfits in World War II, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team attracted more notice than the men who served with such distinction in the Pacific with the Allied Translator and Interpreter Section (ATIS). Even today it would seem that when WWII Nisei GIs are mentioned, the 442 comes to the mind of Americans who know anything about Nisei history.

Some of this is inevitable. There's more excitement value in a combat outfit that crosses rivers and takes enemy strongpoints under fire, rescues the Lost Battalion, charges up the Italian peninsula. This is not to overlook the fact that ATIS soldiers were infantrymen, too. But as the War Department pointed out when it decided on a segregated unit like the 442nd, a regiment of Nisei serving together would attract much more attention and dramatize the sacrifice of this minority than a few thousand of them scattered among millions of Americans in uniform.

But it isn't true, as some sources have asserted, that

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



Advice: to JACL Delegates

Philadelphia

I REMEMBER QUITE vividly my first JACL National Convention. Somewhat unexpectedly, I had been asked by my chapter to be a delegate and so on short notice I packed and departed. Upon arrival, Mas Satow, the National Director, approached me and asked if I would serve as the parliamentarian for the National Council sessions. Not knowing any better, I assented. I borrowed a copy of "Robert's Rules of Order" and spent some time "boning up" on the intricacies of various motions, the priorities, what was debatable and non-debatable, what motions needed a second and which ones did not, and so forth. Notwithstanding this last-minute crash course, it was not without some trepidation that I arrived the following morning to the first National Council session.

AMONG THE DELEGATES and individuals who were to speak, were many of the "big guns" of the organization, most of whom I did not know and had never met, but of whom I had read much in the past: George Inagaki, Shig Wakamatsu, Mike Masaoka, Frank Chuman, Kango Kunitsugu, Dave Miura—just to name a few. My personal briefing of "Robert's" was not without justification. I received quite a workout. Mr. Masaoka, alone, gave this neophyte a bit of a test. In retrospect, Mike (as I later learned to call him) was humorously tolerant with that obstreperous parliamentarian who persisted in invoking the Rules of Order during some of the vigorous debate.

SINCE THAT FIRST national convention, it turned out that I was to attend a number of following conventions. My initial timidity and reticence were slowly overcome and I found less hesitation in taking the floor and, setting aside the early admonitions of my parents—"Kuchi to saifu wa tojiru koto"—I dared to speak at the risk of saying something foolish. (I undoubtedly succeeded in this risk far more than I wished.)

THE LAST CONVENTION I attended was several bienniums ago. In the interim, I might add, I developed (again, somewhat unsuccessfully, many would say) a deliberate effort not to take to the floor, and then only if I felt that I absolutely had to do so. And so, getting back to that last convention, as I sat back listening and saying nothing, I realized that a parliamentary maneuver was in progress whereby certain voices were sought to be shut off. I felt that I "absolutely had to do so" and go up to challenge the ruling, whereupon the individual who had assumed the role of parliamentarian proceeded to rule me "out of order," a ruling that I felt itself was very much out of order as an effort to muzzle a challenge from me. I felt particularly strong about the situation because I had been sent as the representative of the committee from my district council, had gone at my own expense, travelling across some 2,600 miles. And this district representative was about to be cut off with an arbitrary (or, at least so I thought) out-of-order ruling. Following my challenge, we worked it out; after all, a meeting is not an exercise in parliamentary display.

WE MENTION THIS because in this year of 1982, there will be delegates to the National Convention in Los Angeles who may be attending one of their first, if not the very first, convention. To you, may we proffer this advice: Be not afraid to speak up, and don't worry about whether what you have to say may appear foolish. (You'll hear a lot of foolish debate anyway, so why not join in.) And take along that little book of "Robert's Rules of Order" so that someone cannot shut you down should there be such an effort.

You have a right to be heard. #

the story of the Nisei Military Intelligence Service interpreters and translators in the Pacific was kept a deep, dark secret until a few years ago. This seems to be a widely held point of view, encouraged by some who should know better. A recent issue of Pacific Citizen, for instance, observed that the story of the Nisei in the Pacific war "no longer can be ignored when historians comment on the Nisei. Since 1972 the MIS story began to unfold."

The facts are that Nisei MIS servicemen were kept under security wraps during the war, but every once in a while stories of individual Nisei heroism would be filed by correspondents, would get through censorship, and be published in U.S. papers. Pacific Citizen reprinted many of those stories.

The official announcement of the Nisei role was released by General MacArthur's headquarters about six weeks after the formal end of the war. The Associated Press distributed the story and noted that the Nisei operated so skillfully on Pacific battlefields "that they often knew the telephone numbers of Japanese billets."

Not long afterward, sometime in 1946, an album not unlike a high school album was published to record the

CONVENTION

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Session No. 2 Wednesday morning with vice president Lily Okura presiding will cover the Youth, JACL Staff, NC-RR, Aging & Retirement, Long-range Planning and the National Director's "Program for Action".

Session No. 3 Wednesday afternoon (3 p.m.) with v.p. Mits Kawamoto chairing will feature reports from the Pacific Citizen, JARP, Endowment Fund and those resolutions with fiscal impact.

Session No. 4 Thursday morning with v.p. Floyd Shimomura as chair calls for reports on Ways and Means, International Relations and Redress.

Session No. 5 Friday morning with v.p. Vernon Yoshioka as chair will cover Constitutional Amendments, 1000 Club, Legislative Action and Budget.

Session No. 6 Friday afternoon will be a continuation of Session No. 5, climaxing with the national elections, at which time Tsujimura will assume the chair. Bids for the 1986 National Convention are also in order. The 1984 convention is being hosted by the Hawaii chapter.

Convention ends Saturday morning with a new National Board and staff meeting.

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: by Ron Ikejiri



Results

Washington

In a recent Wall Street Journal article, Congressman Richard Bollings, who is retiring from the House of Representatives, after 34 years in Congress, and the Chair of the powerful House Rules Committee talked of the lessons of Power in Washington, D.C.

Question: You've said that you want to write a book on power that's "comparable to Machiavelli's". What have you learned about power?

Answer: It took me 32 years to realize that it's sometimes more important to have the trappings of power than power itself. If you've got a good-looking room with a nice chandelier, your colleagues may think you've got power. Actually, all you've got is a chandelier and a room. Washington is full of illusions like that. But I define power as the ability to affect outcomes.... So I've tried to concentrate on results—legislation.

Results is what JACL is all about.

Certainly, the JACL would not be holding its 27th Biennial Convention this coming week in Los Angeles, if the organization was not oriented toward gaining results on human and civil rights issues, legislation and promoting Japanese American issues and causes over the past 53 years.

As the JACL prepares for its final assault on Capitol Hill regarding the Redress issue, the lessons of power which the JACL has learned over the years will be tested.

Because the JACL has always sought results, the real issue before the National Council regarding Redress is "How less than 1/2 of 1% of the total population of the United States will be able to create the favorable public opinion toward the Redress issue", or "How less than 30,000 JACLers can convince 235 million fellow Americans that Redress is an American issue."

In the end, the results from JACL's public opinion Redress efforts will be measured in very simple terms....votes. We either have them or we do not.

The challenge of the next Biennium is to make sure that we have them. #

Editor's note: This ends the six part series by the JACL Washington Representative. Starting in the Aug. 19 issue, the Washington Representative will start another series on "Washington Profiles"

history of MISLS. It traced in some considerable detail the origins of the school at the Presidio in San Francisco just weeks before the outbreak of the Pacific war. The album told how two Nisei servicemen, John F. Aiso and Arthur Kaneko, and two Nisei civilians, Akira Oshida and Shig Kihara, were earmarked for the teaching staff and how they feverishly prepared a crash course that would equip American soldiers for dealing with the intricacies of the Japanese language.

Of course the album did not have a mass circulation. But a story based largely on information in the MISLS Album was published in 1964 by the American Legion Magazine which was distributed to hundreds of thousands of Legionnaires. The book "Nisei" also chronicled the story of the MISLS in considerable detail, giving that service "equal time" with the 442nd.

Be that as it may, PC Editor Harry Honda observes that the story of Nisei GIs in the Pacific "is woefully lacking" in the literature available to academicians and historians and textbooks in schools.

It's a shame that this is so. The material published so far doesn't do full justice to the dramatic story of the Nisei intelligence operatives. But the basic facts are available now and there is no excuse for ignoring them or passing off the neglect on the myth that official secrecy has inhibited the telling of their story. #

(While the next issue is dated Aug. 13, our production schedule prevents any Convention reportage until the Aug. 20 issue.—Ed.)

Confab Notes

The 1000 Club Whing Ding for all JACLers starts at 8 p.m. (not 10 p.m. as reported) Aug. 10 at the Airport Hyatt's Grand Ballroom. Admission at the door will be \$20 but tickets may be purchased by delegates for \$15 at the registration desk. On tap: hors d'oeuvres, entertainment a la 1000 Club, instrumentalists, Kinnara Taiko, and John Sherri's combo for dancing till 1 a.m.

The July 9 PC is being included as part of the delegate's convention packet upon request of National Treasurer Henry Sakai, who reports on the JACL Budget proposal for 1983-84. Budget is also printed in the same issue, just in case the delegate forgot to bring the proposal which consists of 10 pages typewritten.

PC's cartoonist Pete Hironaka of Dayton JACL will be honored during the Awards luncheon for his 25-year contribution to JACL/PC... The PC Board is paying special recognition to Jane M. Ozawa of East Los Angeles JACL, who has

completed a 20-year stint on the PC staff. She is currently the PC administrative assistant, advertising dept., bookkeeper, bilingual office receptionist, mail clerk, book dept., personnel secretary, stand-by subscription manager and occasional cookie jar filler-upper.

Many from UCLA who contributed to the JACL-JARP program have been invited to attend the Shig Wakamatsu Convention Testimonial at the Wednesday Awards luncheon. Speaking for them will be Dr. Gene Levine, principal investigator of the major Issei-Nisei-Sansei survey, whose findings are in his book, "The Japanese American Community" (\$18.95 postpaid from PC).

A number of Resolutions have been circulated for consideration. Those which have impact budget-wise will come up on Wednesday. Others will be handled on Friday, convention resolutions chair Tony Ishii of Fresno was advised by Headquarters AFTER July 15 are subject to endorsement by at least five other chapters. Who can sign for a chapter may be subject for discussion when the Rules of Order are up for adoption as the first order of business. #

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IDAHO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION—As a result of the hearing for Sheriff Mike Shiozaki of Bingham County who was charged with sexual harassment, the Pocatello/Blackfoot Chapter adopted a resolution on June 17, requesting a reorganization of the Idaho Human Rights Commission employee staff structure in the executive, administrative and advisory positions. The resolution was presented at the IDC meeting on June 19 and adopted by the Council.

The resolution was then forwarded to the Governor of Idaho, the State Attorney General, the President of the Idaho Human Rights Commission as well as its director.

WHETHER PARITY?—At the June 19 meeting, much time was involved with the proposed National Budget for 1983 and 1984, especially the inequity of funds returned to the District. The needs, programs and distance between chapters in the particular districts are the priorities in establishing the regional offices and allocations. However, the following figures show that there are inequities.

Since 76% of National Budget is income from memberships and that 1982 budget is \$661, and providing the 1982 membership stays at the same level, the income by the districts is as follows, calculated in percentages:

PNW - 6%, NCWNP - 42%, CCDC - 6%, PSW - 30%, IDC - 4%, MPDC - 2%, MDC - 7%, EDC - 3%.

Dollar value returned to districts including regional offices allocation is: PNW—\$10.28, NC-WNPDC—\$2.17, CCDC—\$13.08, PSW—\$5.07, IDC—\$3.91, MPDC—\$4.28, MDC—\$16.50, EDC—\$6.69.

Percentage of each district's membership income returned to that particular district works out thusly:

PNW—39%, NCWNPDC—8%, CCDC—52%, PSW—20%, IDC—14%, MPDC—15%, MDC—60%, EDC—23%.

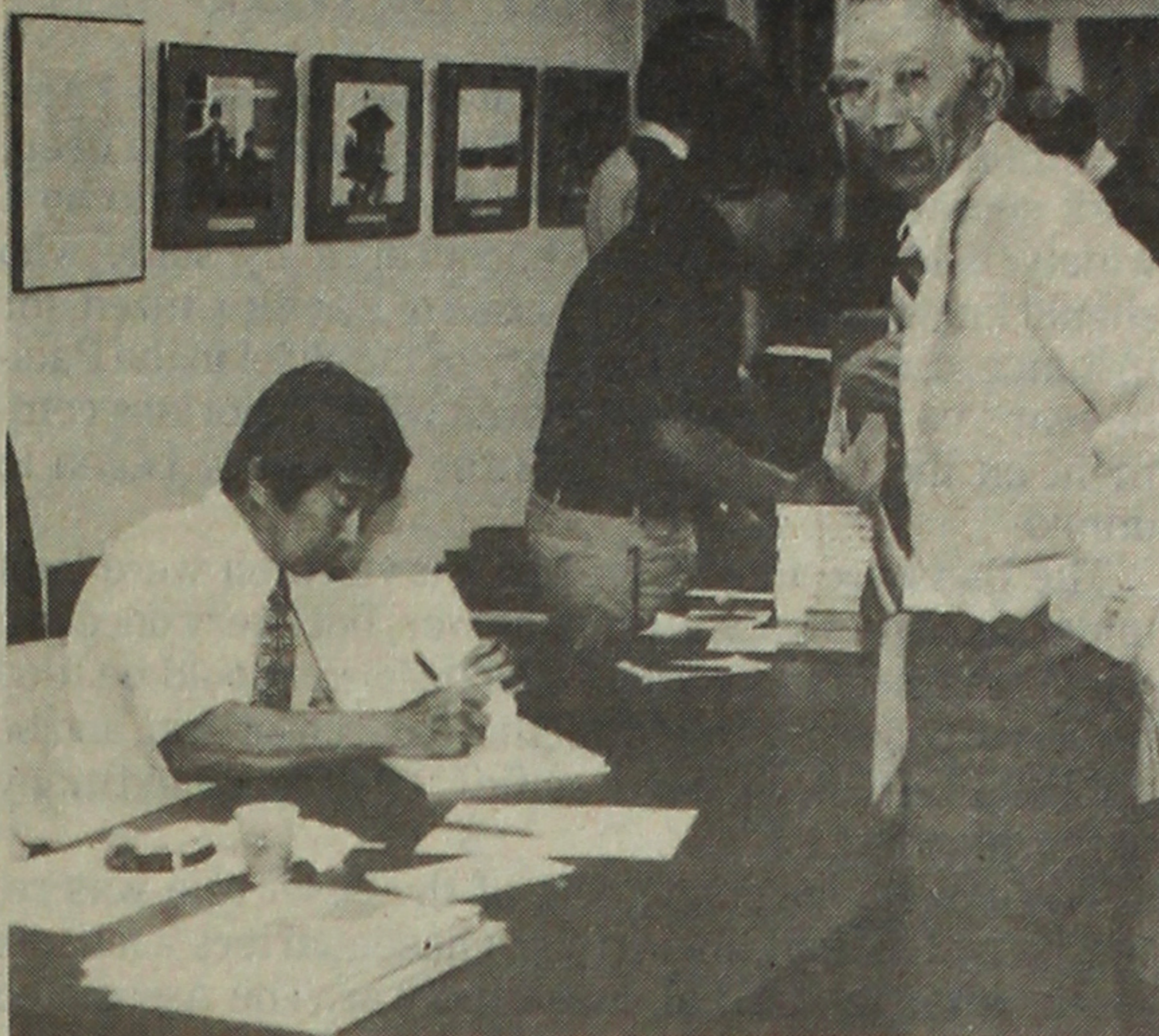
IDC is opposed to increase in membership dues! #

Fresno JACLeR Ruth Wakida dies

FRESNO, Ca.—Funeral services for Ruth Wakida, 73, who was attacked July 9 as she was returning home from work as a hot lunch server at the Nikkei Service Center, were held July 17.

Wakida was knocked down and kicked by a youth. She was hospitalized and died on July 13.

The Fowler-born Fresno JACLeR was a member of United Methodist Women. She is survived by d Deanna Kimura (Fresno), s Harrison (Los Angeles), sis Eugeneanne Kawasaki, Ann Morishige (L.A.), br Ray (L.A.), Fred (Pasadena), Sam Umade (Hawaii) and two gc.



MEET AUTHOR CHET TANAKA—Autographing a pictorial history of the 100th Infantry/442nd RCT, "Go For Broke", is Chester Tanaka (seated), author and book designer, for past national JACL president Jim Murakami (right), of Sonoma County JACL at a recent book party at JACL Headquarters.

HISTORY Continued from Front Page

Suzuki for government officials to work out measures to explain the "true motive" and win understanding for the alterations of history textbooks.

Suzuki is due to visit China in September and does not want his talks there to be dominated by accusations that he is ignoring the spirit of the 1972 joint declaration normalizing relations (in which Japan expressed "deep repentance" for what it did before and during World War II).

Chief Cabinet Secretary (government spokesman) Kiichi Miyazawa told reporters the government remained unchanged in its "basic" stance for expressing its profound regrets for the past aggression against China. He expressed confidence China would show full understanding once the reasons for the textbook changes were fully explained.

Government officials are equally worried about the impact on difficult negotiations with South Korea over a five-year multibillion-dollar Japanese aid package. The negotiations have been dragging on for almost a year.

Diplomatic relations between Seoul and Tokyo were resumed only in 1965, and they remain extremely touchy due to the extreme national sensitivity of the one-time Japanese colony.

The general Korean reaction has been strong. One Seoul newspaper July 27 devoted its lead story and nine other front-page articles to the controversy. #

Acknowledgement

Wakamatsu Fund

CHICAGO—According to Jack Nakagawa, nearly 500 individual and chapter contributions have been received by the JACL Tribute to Shig Wakamatsu Committee. JACL chapters recently contributing to the Wakamatsu fund include Chicago, Pasadena, Spokane, and Tulare County. Nakagawa also noted that the West Los Angeles JACL has donated a round trip airfare from the West coast to Japan for Wakamatsu. Contributions received from June 7 - July 22, 1982 follow:

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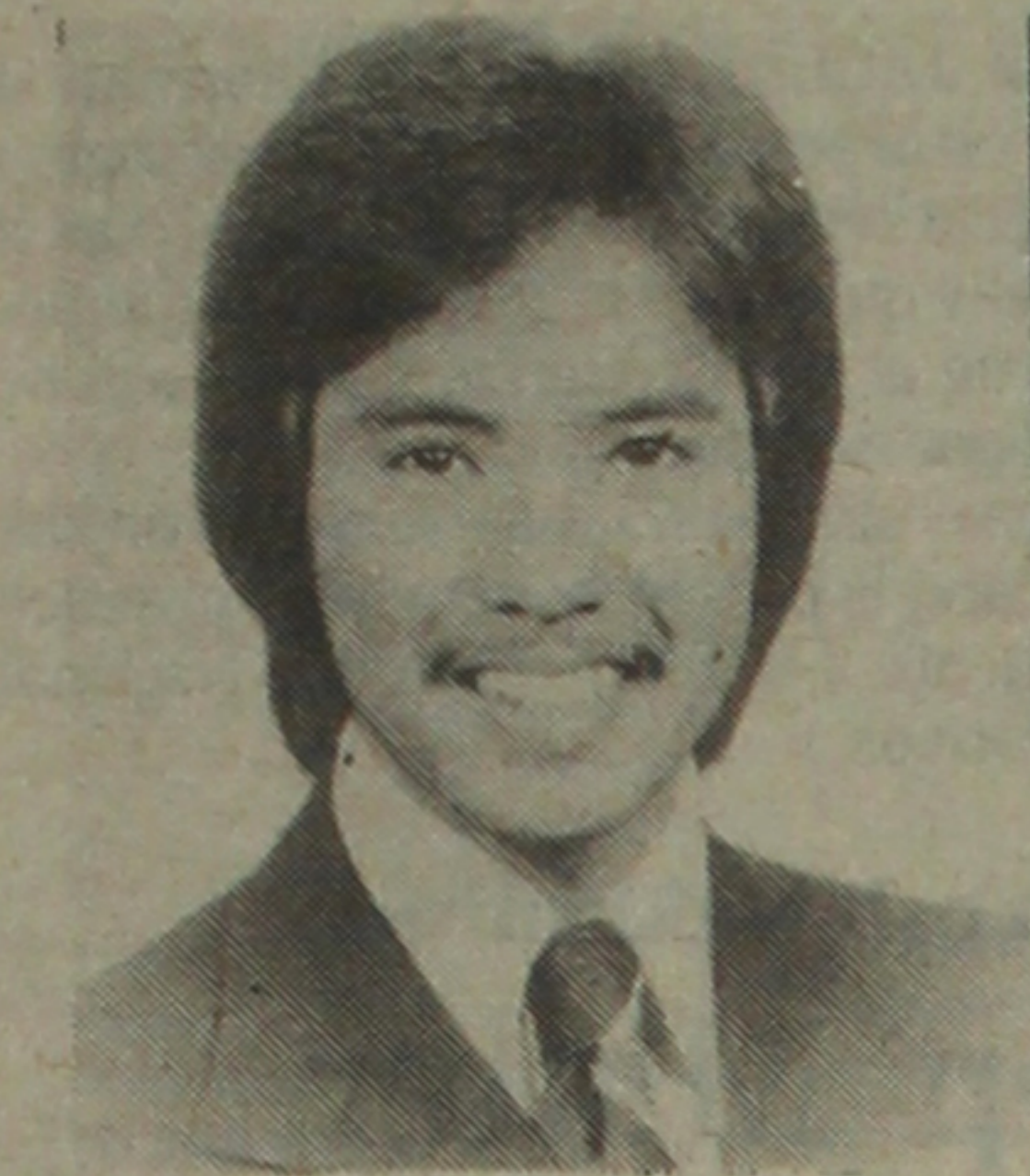
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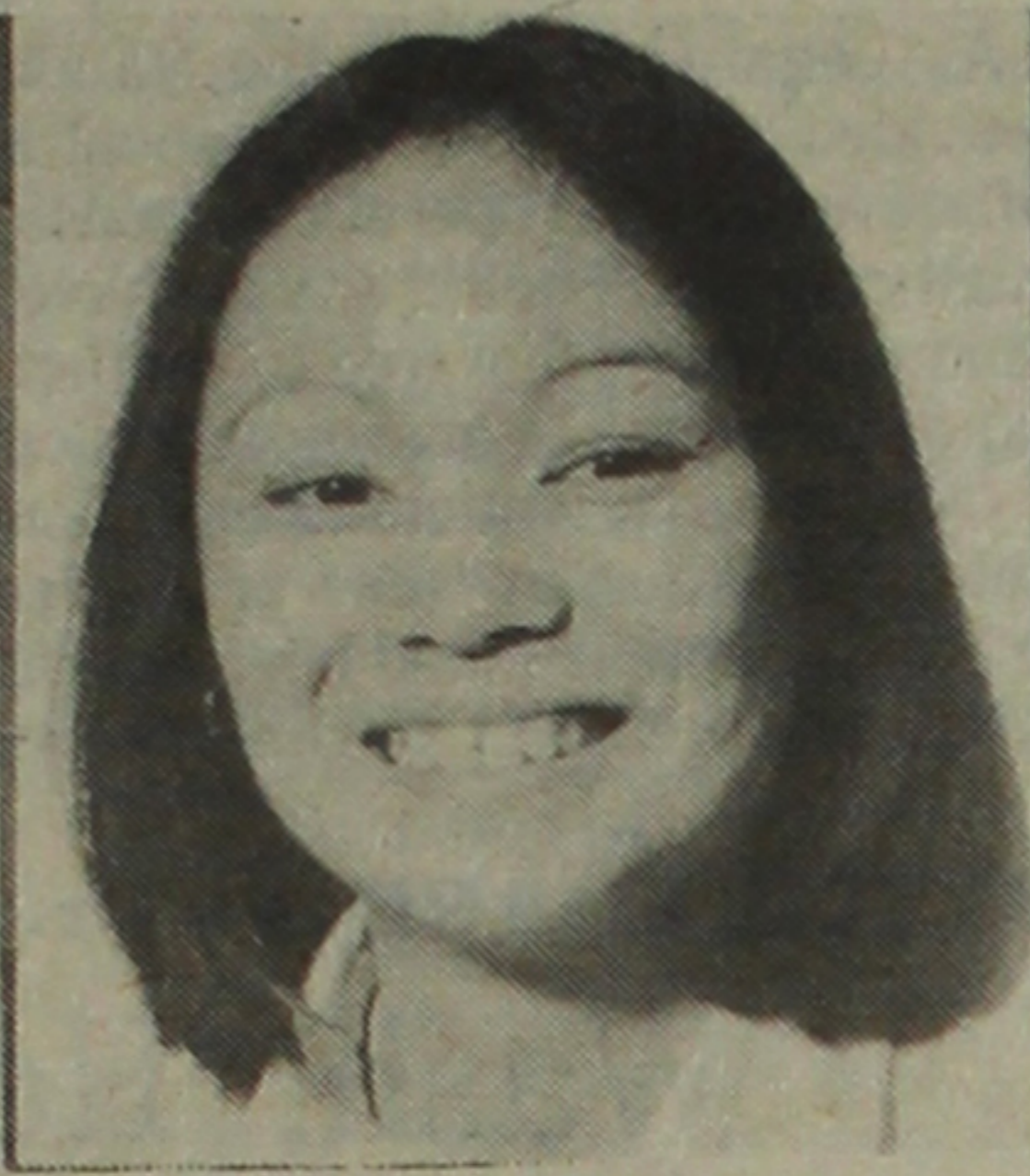
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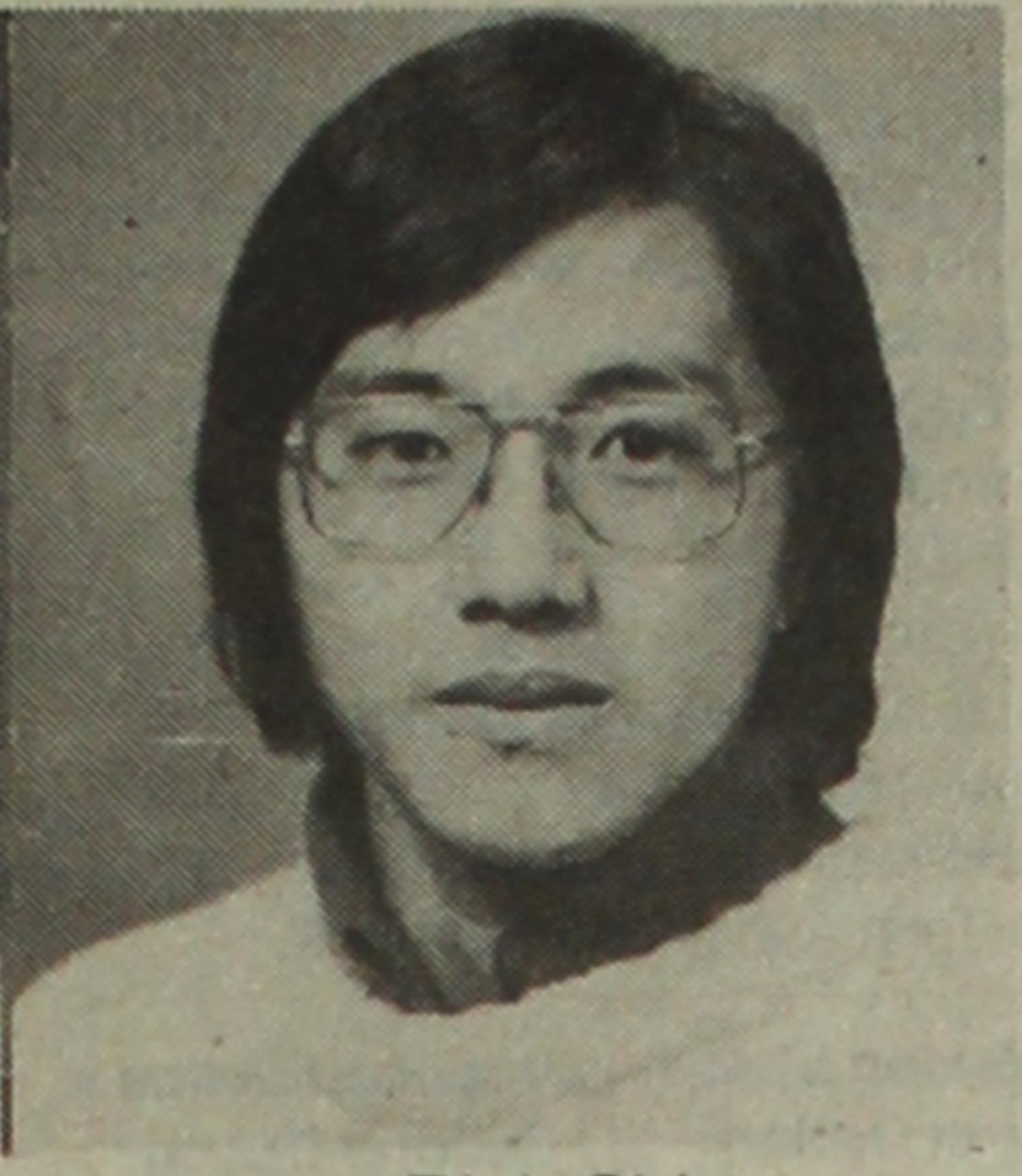
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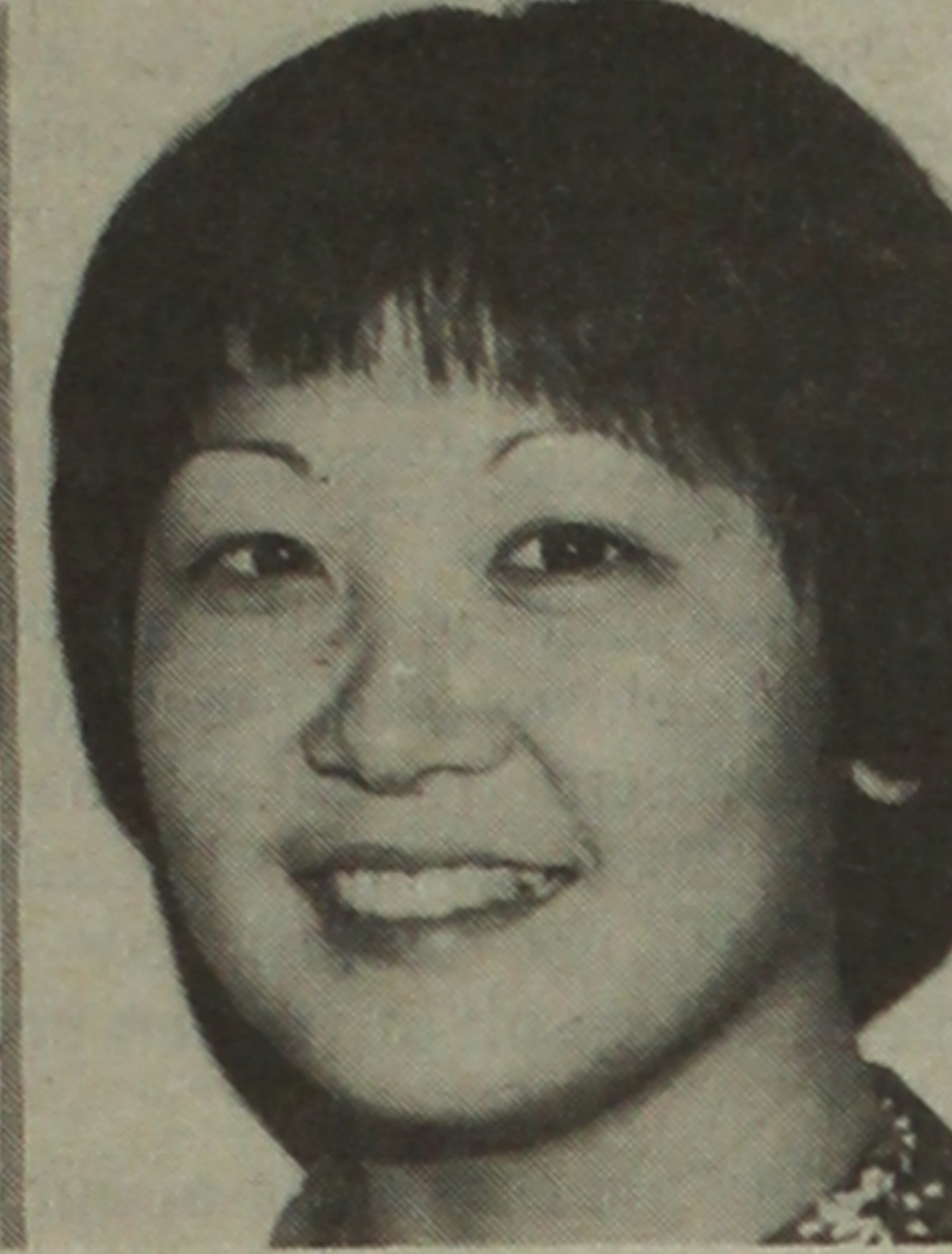
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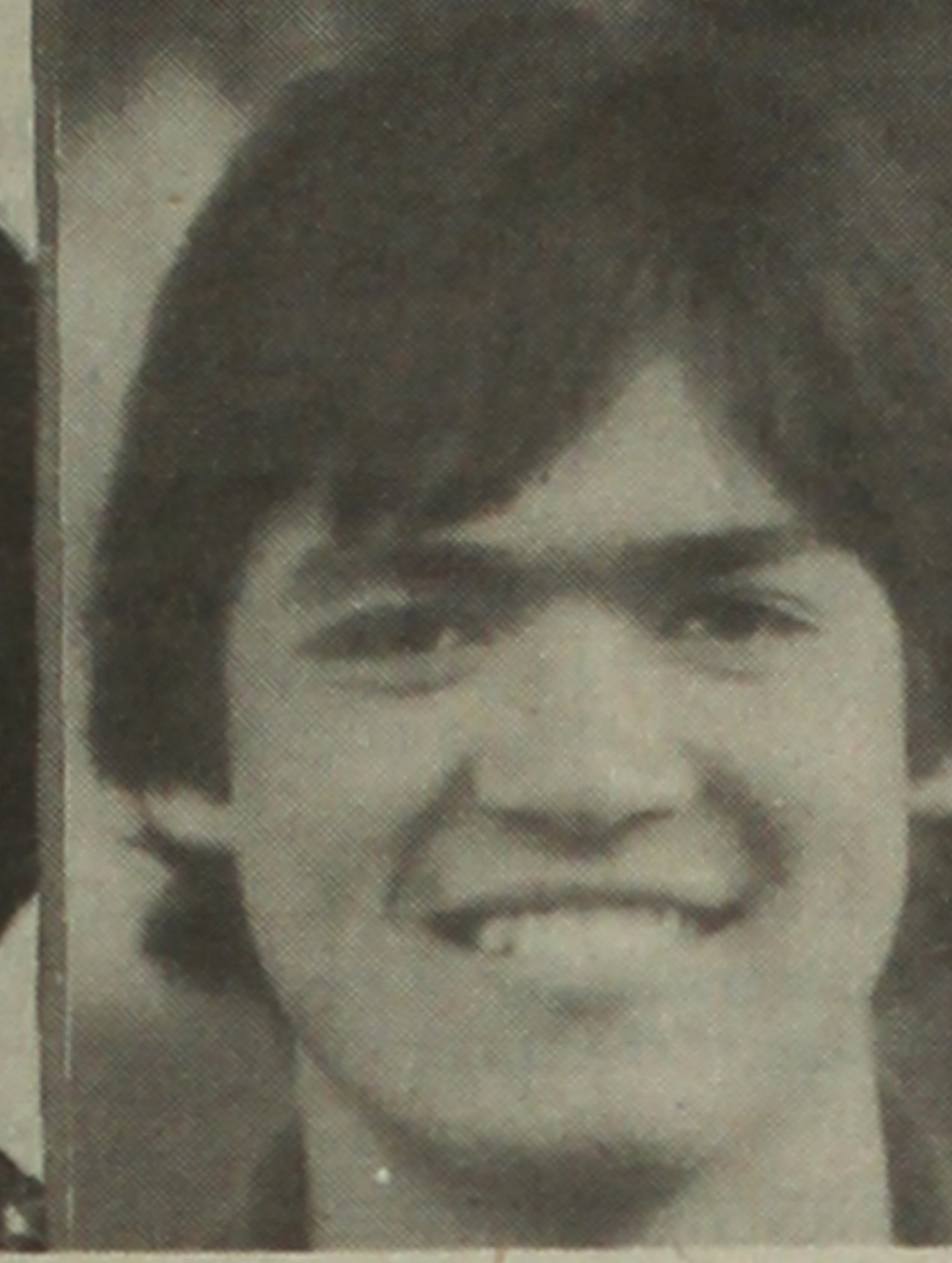
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PAULA FUJIWARA, of Sacramento, is attending UC Davis Medical School. She is also the recipient of the Joseph Collins Foundation Award, showing interest in both creative arts and medicine. Paula is also producer of the weekly radio show "Women In Music" and was a Disc Jockey for radio KDVS in Sacramento. A Dean's Honor Student, she plans to continue her studies in medicine and her interest in the arts.

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FREDERICK KATAYAMA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hid Katayama, of Monterey Park, Ca. is studying Journalism at Columbia University. He is the recipient of the Columbia University Alumni Association Award and the Media Institute for Minorities National Journalism Scholarship. Frederick has also contributed numerous articles for the Rafu Shimpo, New York Nichibei, Chicago Shimpo and the Hokubei Mainichi.

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ELNA MASUDA of Wahiawa, Hi. is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society at the School of Medicine, UCLA. Elna was last year's recipient of the Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship award. She is also listed in the "College Register" National Year Book of Prominent College Students and Graduates and has been published in the Journal of Cancer Abstracts based on her research.

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GARY OHARA of San Diego, is the 1982 recipient of the Nisaburo Aibara Memorial Scholarship, established by the Turlock Social Club. Gary is a graduate of UC at San Diego and will be attending the George Washington University School of Medicine. Active in intercollegiate baseball and golf, he was awarded the Scholar-Athlete Award and is a member of the Dean's Honor Roll. In addition Gary has won numerous awards in music as a pianist.

HENRY & CHIYO KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—\$5000

RICK SHIOMI is a playwright living in San Francisco, and is currently preparing a dramatic production of the life and history of Gordon Hirabayashi, sociology professor at the University of Alberta, Canada. Hirabayashi, as a senior at Washington State University, wrote, "Over and above any man-made creed of law is the natural law of life, the right of individuals to live and to creatively express themselves. No man was born with the right to limit that law. Nor, do I believe, can anyone justifiably work himself to such a position..."

JACL converts membership to anniversary system

SAN DIEGO, Ca.—JACL chapters were encouraged in the mid-year to recruit new members in wake of the National JACL Board decision in May to convert membership period from the calendar to the anniversary system.

Vernon T. Yoshioka of San Diego, national JACL vice president for membership and services, explained that whenever a person joins JACL now, in the mid-year for instance, the membership is valid for a full 12-months. In the past, all memberships expired on Dec. 31 each year.

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Legal definitions clarify set-up proposed for Washington 'rep'

As JACL national legal counsel, Frank A. Iwama was asked by the JACL Finance Committee, consisting of the National President (Dr. James Tsujimura), Secretary/Treasurer (Henry Sakai) and the National Director (Ron K. Wakabayashi), to provide the National Council with a summary of the proposed Second Option regarding the Washington Office budget to be considered at the National Convention with background on the distinctions involved in the employee and independent contractor status proposed in the 1982-84 Budget.

By FRANK A. IWAMA, National JACL Legal Counsel
(July 15, 1982)

The major question posed before the National Council, is to decide, whether it would prefer to have an employer-employee relationship, or an independent contractor arrangement with the Washington Representative.

Employee defined: California Labor Code Section 2750 defines an employee as one who is engaged to do something for the benefit of the employer or a third person. California case law further defines an employee as "one who is subject to the absolute control and direction of his employer in regard to any act, labor or work to be done in the course and scope of his employment." (*Crooks v. Glen Falls Indem. Co.* [1954] 124 Cal. App. 2d 113)

Independent contractor defined: Under California law, "an independent contractor is one who, in rendering services, exercises an independent occupation and represents his employer only as to the results of his work, not as to the means by which it is to be accomplished. The chief consideration which determines one to be an independent contractor is the fact that the employer has no right of control as to the mode of doing the work contracted for" (*Green v. Soule* [1904] 145 Cal. 96)

At the May 1982 National Board meeting in San Francisco, I advised the National Board, that under proper circumstances, the JACL could be better served in the Washington Office, with an independent contractor arrangement, rather than an employee relationship.

The basis for this opinion is based upon the following rationale:

1. The effectiveness of the Washington Office operations is measured by the results of the Washington Representative in obtaining the kinds of actions the JACL desires. From 1972-82, the JACL had an employer-employee relationship with our Washington Representatives, but in essence, the Washington Representative, who was 3,000 miles away from the JACL Headquarters, and National Director, was not subject to the absolute control and direction in regard to any acts, labor, or work to be done. Instead, the JACL relied on their trust in the Washington Representative, and help from the Washington Office Advisory Board to seek the results which the JACL desired.

Thus, given the actual circumstances of JACL's Washington operations, an independent contractor arrangement would more accurately and legally define the kind of relationship that the National Board and National Director has with the Washington Representative.

2. The second basis for the independent contractor arrangement is that it allows the JACL to negotiate and place the burden of the increased operational expenses for the Washington Office on the independent contractor, thereby saving the JACL funds, which it can use for other JACL programs and operations. Because the independent contractor agreement will require the maintenance of a full time Washington Office, the JACL will not suffer any significant or substantial reduction in Wash-

ington representation or presence.

Conflict of Interest Issue. The National Board at the May 1982 meeting asked the question whether or not an independent contractor agreement can be written to insure that the independent contractor can be prevented from representing other persons or organizations that may have interests that are in conflict with the JACL. As Legal Counsel, I assured the National Board that such a clause can and would be included in any independent contractor agreement that the JACL is a party to.

I have prepared a chart of the Options, which the National Council will consider at the convention. In order to assist the delegates in their understanding of the Options, I have included information regarding the previous status of the Washington office, the current status of the office, and the proposed status of the Office, under the first and second options.

Previous Status	Current Status	Proposed Status First Option	Proposed Status Second Option
June 78-March 82	March 82-Aug. 82	Sept. 82-Sept. 84	Sept. 82-Sept. 84
Washington Staff are Employees of JACL	Washington Staff are independent contractors	Washington Staff are Employees of JACL	Washington Staff are independent contractors
Full time office	Full time office	Full time office	Full time office
Budget: Annual \$60-70,000	Budget: Annual \$70,897	Budget: Annual \$77,657-'83 \$81,551-'84	Budget: Annual \$50,000-'83 \$52,500-'84
Remarks: Expenses paid by JACL	Salary, payroll, insur. expenses paid by independ. contr. All other expenses by JACL	Expenses paid by JACL	Expenses paid by independent contractor

In order to assist the delegates with their understanding of the Washington Office operations, the following is a Listing of the Major Functions of the JACL Washington Office:

MAJOR FUNCTIONS OF THE WASHINGTON OFFICE

The functions of the JACL Washington Office can be divided into ten main subject areas. They are:

- Function 1—Official registered lobbyist for the Japanese American Citizens League.
- Function 2—Information and data gathering.
- Function 3—Analysis and interpretation of governmental action to JACL.
- Function 4—Advise and counsel the National Director on JACL policies and its effect on governmental actions in Washington.
- Function 5—Advise and interpret JACL's actions to the respective government body (e.g. White House, Congress, administrative agencies).
- Function 6—Advocate the JACL position in all matters related to JACL's interests.
- Function 7—Act as the spokesman for the JACL with news media.
- Function 8—Act as the JACL's official representative to government, quasi-governmental, foreign governmental representatives, and other national organizations.
- Function 9—Provide and assist the JACL Legal Counsel, and National Board with legal advice and counsel on matters relating to the JACL operations, programs and activities.

Function 10—Act as the Regional Office for the Eastern District Council, the local Washington, D.C. Chapter Office, and administrator of the Thomas T. Hayashi Law Scholarship applications.

As Legal Counsel for the National JACL, I believe the information provided above, will bring about a clearer picture of the Washington Office budget and operational considerations, which the National Council must consider. Should anyone have any questions regarding this memorandum, please feel free to contact me at the Convention, and I will be happy to discuss or answer any questions for you.

(Mr. Iwama, National Legal Counsel since 1975, has served with the California Attorney General's Office and is presently in private practice in Sacramento. He had been Sacramento JACL president and National JACL vice president for general operations.)

BY THE BOARD: by Dr. Yosh Nakashima

Wash. 'Rep' Matter

San Francisco

Does an independent contractor meet JACL's needs?

The proposal to make the Washington Representative an independent contractor is not new to JACL. This concept was in place for many years with great success and many positive results. There is every reason to believe this positive situation of maximum result can continue. Ron Ikejiri has shown to be an effective spokesperson for issues relevant to JACL and Japanese Americans.

As the political and legislative process is a complex one, JACL should not direct the day-to-day activities of the Washington Representative but set goals and ask for necessary effort to achieve those goals and results. The independent contractor status will not diminish our Washington presence but in all likelihood, result in a higher profile and wider contact basis for JACL.

Within the constraint of our present financial situation, the independent contractor status will ensure optimum Washington representation. The Washington "rep" will continue to be guided and advised by an advisory committee composed of several Washington JACLers experienced in the intricacies of the political decision-making processes. As a member of the National Board from the NCWNPDC and as a longtime interested member of JACL, I have been impressed with Ron Ikejiri's capabilities and efforts for JACL. I believe that he can best serve JACL's needs as an independent contractor. His experience and contacts are invaluable and should be primary in our consideration of the proper status for the Washington Office.

As a final thought, we are fully assured that there will be no work or effort for other groups or individuals that will represent positions that would be in direct conflict with the goals and purposes of JACL.

Our decision should be clear without further doubt. #

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His Excellency, Yoshio Okawara, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the United States will be the keynote speaker at the Sayonara Ball dinner dance.

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company registers several hundred million dollars in annual sales for Noryl, a plastic used in automobile instrument panels, in housing for televisions and computers, and in household appliances. He said it was the first time G.E. has used litigation in an attempt to protect a plastics patent.

Sony Corp. of America said it will consider how to cope with the suit after its parent company in Japan investigates the charge.

The suits came when Japanese companies' practices in the United States have become a controversial topic due to the indictment of two Japanese computer manufacturers and one giant trading house on industrial espionage and steel dumping charges, respectively.

Japanese trading sources here said they hope the G.E. suits would not develop into a trade problem.

Asahi-Dow representatives said July 23 that the suit causes no problem, and more detailed information on the suit was being sought by them.

SF State Univ. offers Bilingual teacher prog.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Bilingual/Cross Cultural Teacher Training Program at San Francisco State University has been recently funded with stipend and tuition grants by the Department of Education and the university's School of Education is currently seeking applicants for its Elementary Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential and Bilingual/Cross Cultural Specialist Credential. For more info contact: Bilingual/Cross Cultural Teacher Training Program, School of Education, San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF 94132 or call (415) 469-1792.

Seattle mother, daughter found slain

SEATTLE—Two members of a restaurateur family were found murdered in their Beacon Hill home July 16.

The bodies of the victims were identified by neighbors as the wife and mother-in-law of Yo Young (Howard) Lau, owner of the New Red Lotus restaurant in Snohomish. His extended family was said to operate about a dozen Chinese restaurants from Blaine to Puyallup.

Lt. Robert Holter of the Seattle Police homicide unit said the Lau home had been ransacked, and both women had apparently been strangled.

PC's Calendar of Events

- **AUGUST 6 (Friday)**
Los Angeles—Nisei Vets Reunion (thru Mon), Hyatt Regency; Fri—Welcome dnr (sold out), Sat—Golf, Chapter Nights, Sun—Memorial Sv, Sayonara dnr (sold out).
Los Angeles—'Go For Broke' exhibit (one-yr), L.A. County Museum of Natural History, 10am-5pm daily exc Mon, first Tue free.
- **AUGUST 7 (Saturday)**
Little Tokyo—Nisei Wk coronation, Century Plaza Hotel, 6pm; Mini-Performance Showcase, JACCC, 12n-4pm.
Los Angeles—Pan Amer Nikkei Assn bd mtg (3da), JACCC Rm 411, 1-5pm.
- **AUGUST 8 (Sunday)**
Little Tokyo—Nisei Week Grand Parade, 3-5:30pm; Hershey Miyamura, grand marshal.
- **AUGUST 9 (Monday)**
Nat'l JACL—17th biennial Conv (thru Fri), Hyatt Airport Hotel, Los Angeles. Mon 7:30pm: Mixers.
Little Tokyo—Nisei Wk Awd dnr, New Otani Hotel, 6pm.
- **AUGUST 10 (Tuesday)**
Nat'l JACL—Conv bus sess (8am each day Tu, Wed, Th & Fri); Candidates forum, 12n; Workshops (six topics) 1-4 pm; Redress workshop 4-9pm; Jr JACL Reunion, 5:30pm; 1000 Whing ding, 9:30pm.
- **AUGUST 11 (Wednesday)**
Nat'l JACL—Conv Awd lunchn, 12n, Bill Hosokawa, spkr; Wakamatsu Testim, 12-3pm; Masaoka Distingshd Pub Sv Awd banq, 6-10pm.
Little Tokyo—Nisei Wk Pioneer Inchn, New Otani Hotel, 12n.
- **AUGUST 12 (Thursday)**
Nat'l JACL—Conv Trib to Mas/Chiz Satow, Satow County Library, 12-2:30pm, Kenny Hahn, spkr; Luau, Gardena JCL, 6pm.
- **AUGUST 13 (Friday)**
Nat'l Conv—Conv fashn show lunchn, 11:30-1pm; Golf tourn, Calif Country Club; Conv electrs, 1-5:30pm; Sayonara dnr-dance, 6pm, Japan Amb Yoshio Okawara, spkr.
- **AUGUST 14 (Saturday)**
Nat'l JACL—New bd mtg, 9am, Hyatt Airport.
Little Tokyo—Nisei Wk carnival (2da), State pkg lot; cultural displays at JACCC, Nishi Hongwanji, Higashi Honganji, Union Church, Zenshujii, Weller Court.
- **AUGUST 17 (Tuesday)**
Salinas Valley—Bd mtg, Cal First Bank Mtg Rm, 7pm (3d Tue).
- **AUGUST 18 (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).

Issei painter Kenzo Okada dies

TOKYO—Kenzo Okada, a Japanese American modernist painter whose delicate, highly praised abstractions have been exhibited around the world, died of a heart ailment July 25 here, where a major retrospective exhibition of his work was recently on display at the Seibu Museum of Art. He was 79 years old and lived in Tokyo and Manhattan.

Okada's work, reflecting both his Japanese origins and the influence of his adopted homeland, made him one of the leading figures in the contemporary art scene. He won many awards and represented both the United States and Japan in international exhibitions.

Okada was born in Yokohama on Sept. 28, 1902. He studied art in Tokyo from 1922 until 1924 and then in Paris until 1927, where he first came under the influence of the Western modernists. After settling in Tokyo, he soon established himself as an esteemed and influential painter.

He went to the United States in 1950 and became an American citizen in 1960. And with the move, cri-

tics found that his paintings began to modify the straight abstraction of his earlier work and to bring semi-abstract elements into his paintings, in which images reflecting his Japanese background could be recognized.

Okada's paintings have been shown at, among other of the great art festivals, the São Paulo Biennial in 1955, where he represented the United States, and the Venice Biennale in 1958, where he represented Japan.

He also has done murals and paintings under commission from the Chase Manhattan Bank, the Hilton Hotel in Tokyo, the Ford Foundation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organizations.

Okada is survived by his wife, Kimiko, a former dress designer.

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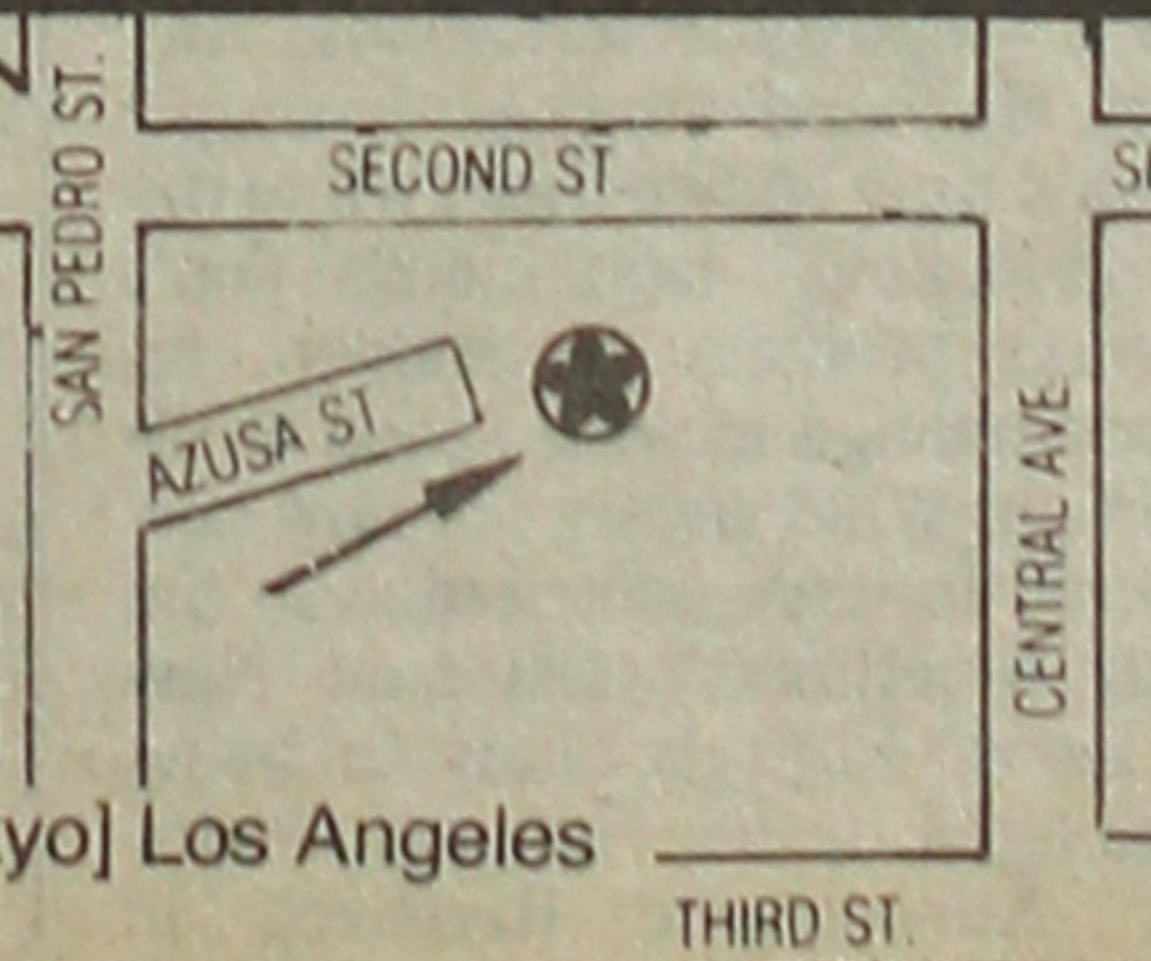
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