

House Judiciary Committee votes to retain 5th preference

WASHINGTON—Continuing its session marking up the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill, the full House Judiciary Committee last week (Sept. 16) voted 15-12 to retain the second and fifth visa preference categories of alien admissions.

The fifth preference had been of concern to Asian American organizations, since this eligibility category is used frequently by Asian immigrants (70% of the backlog of fifth preference applicants are from Asian Pacific countries).

The fifth preference allows a U.S. citizen, 21 years of age or older, to petition for his or her brother or sister from any country. The maximum limitation in this category is 24% of the total number of visas allowed, plus any unused allocations from the first four preference categories. This procedure had not been available during the period from 1976 for Western Hemisphere countries.

The second preference is for spouses and unmarried sons and daughters of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, making it another of the "family reunification" admissions categories.

The current proposed legislation, introduced by Sen. Alan K. Simpson (R-Wyo.) and Rep. Romano L. Mazzoli (D-Ky.) had originally called for the elimination of the fifth preference, which caused the Organization of Chinese Americans, the JACL and other Asian American organizations to lobby for its retention.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Ca.) congratulated the Asian American groups which worked to press for existing laws (P.C. Sept. 17). "The fifth and second visa preferences are an integral part to the U.S. policy of family reunification," declared Mineta. "It would have been a tragedy to wipe out these important preferences."

The motion to retain the two existing preferences was made by Rep. Peter Rodino (D-N.J.) judiciary committee chair. Had the two preferences been removed, Mineta said he was prepared to introduce legislation to reinstate them. #

Trade hearings open; U.S. warns Japan to ease curbs

WASHINGTON—Leaders of Congress, the Reagan Administration and American agriculture warned Sept. 14 that Japan may face protectionist barriers from the United States unless curbs on imports are eased.

"If there is no other way to get the point across... then we are going to have to go the route that many of my colleagues are advocating and just put the lid down," said Sen. Charles H. Percy, (R-Ill.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

David R. MacDonald, deputy U.S. trade representative, said the United States remains committed to resisting pressures for protectionism but added, "We must convince Japan of the strength of those pressures, and of the necessity to take the kinds of actions that will obviate or diminish them."

Robert B. Delano, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said that on recent visits to Japan he cautioned Japanese business leaders and legislators "about the pressures that are building in our country to limit the sale of their automobiles, their motorcycles, their radios and their television sets—just as they have restricted what we are allowed to sell to them."

Percy, MacDonald and Delano spoke as the Foreign Relations Committee opened hearings on U.S.-Japanese trade, in which the United States ran a \$16-billion deficit last year. Percy said that deficit might rise to \$20 billion this year.

Witnesses said recent steps by Japan to ease import restrictions, most recently in May, have been welcome, but have not gone far enough.

The action in May reduced tariffs on 102 industrial and 17 agricultural products and eliminated tariffs on 96 industrial products. It

also called for relaxation of import testing and customs procedures.

The United States has been sending monthly missions to Japan to encourage the Japanese to follow up on the May announcement.

James F. Bere, chairman of Borg-Warner Corp. in Chicago and chairman of the Advisory Council on Japan-U.S. Economic Relations, said the results of the first mission in August were "disappointing."

MacDonald said negotiations were bringing about "slow but steady results," but "the momentum for open markets... must reach down from the verbal commitments of top leaders into the practical actions of customs officials, standards inspectors and others."

"While the Japanese are moving in the right direction, they are not moving far enough, fast enough," MacDonald said.

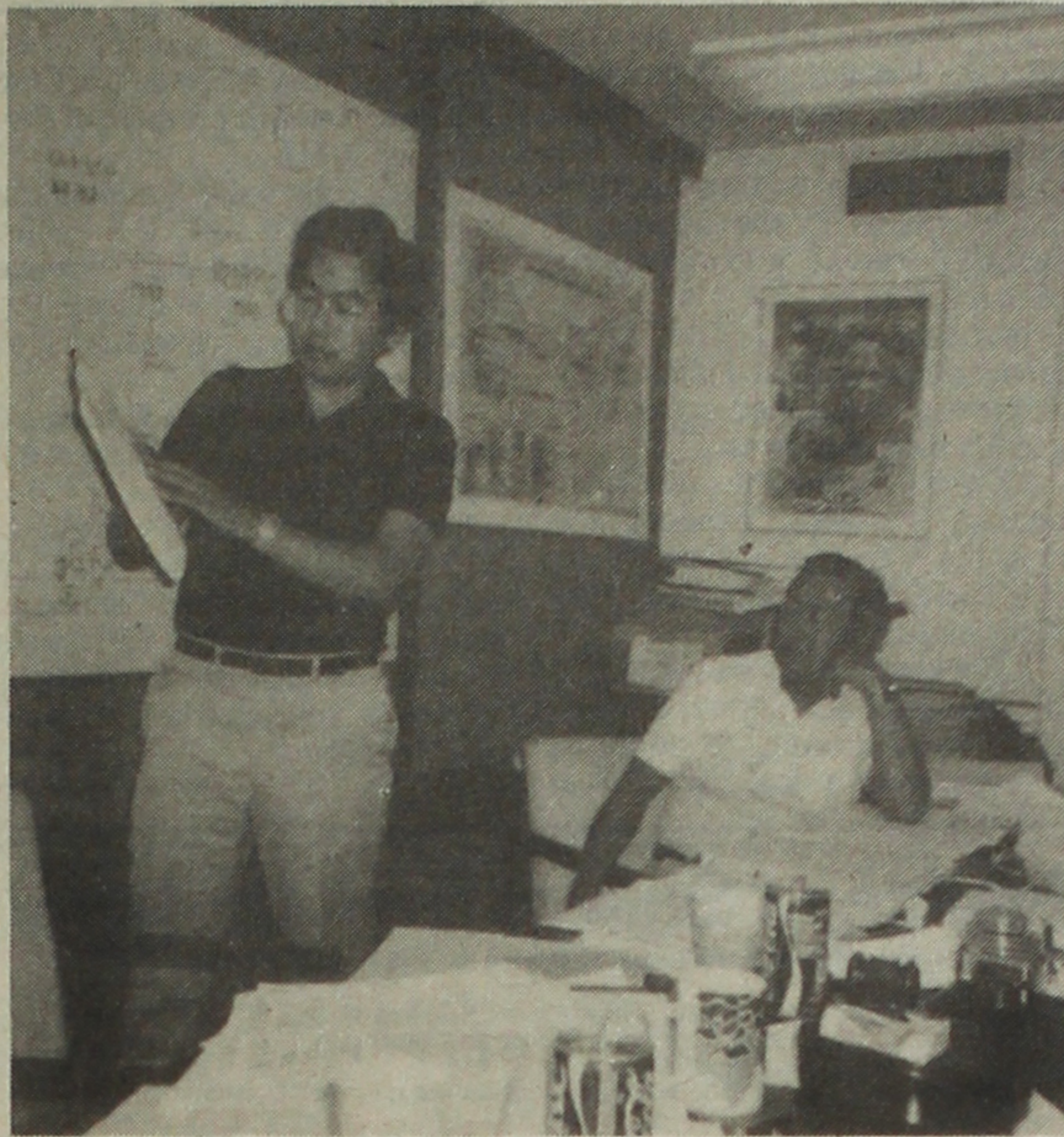
Seattle Sansei dies in three-car crash

SEATTLE—A three-car collision on Interstate 90 Aug. 4 resulted in the death of Thomas A. Egashira, 21, of Seattle. Several other persons were also injured in the crash.

The head-on collision, which snarled rush-hour traffic, occurred on a curve a half-mile east of the Mercer Island bridge and just west of the Seattle business district.

Egashira's car collided in a transition lane with a car driven by Dale D. Myrick, 56, of Carnation, Wash. Myrick's car was then rammed by a third vehicle driven by Kenneth Keese, 47, of Redmond.

Two passengers in Egashira's car, Mona L. Kogita, 23, and Daniel Kogita, 4, were taken to Overlake Hospital. Myrick suffered head and chest injuries. #



NATIONAL OFFICERS MEET—JACL National President Floyd Shimomura discusses organizational strategy for redress while Secretary-Treasurer Frank Sato listens during the national officers meeting held Sept. 11 at JACL Nat'l HQ.

JACCC Library names director

LOS ANGELES—Victor E. Okim, former head of the Library Science Library at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., was named director of the Franklin D. Murphy Library at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, it was announced Sept. 15 by JACCC Executive Director Gerald D. Yoshitomi.

Yoshitomi also announced that Prof. Yukio Fujino, of the University of Library and Information Science at Tsukuba, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan and former librarian of the International House in Tokyo, has been sent as consultant to the JACCC Library for three months on a grant from the Japan Foundation.

Okim, a native of Okinawa, has master's degrees in linguistics and library science from the University of Indiana and is currently engaged in research for his doctoral thesis, "Japanese Managerial Systems as Applied to Library Administration." He received his B.A. in political science from the Uni-

versity of Hawaii in 1964 and studied there on the Prince Fushimi Scholarship. His many research papers concern library management and the application of modern management techniques to library science. He is currently a candidate for membership in Phi Beta Mu, the international scholastic honor society in library science.

Professor Fujino is a graduate of the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, where he majored in Russian. After receiving training at the International University of Library and Information Science where he now teaches, he was appointed to the library at International House.

He was a Fulbright Scholar at UCLA in 1961 and 1962. He has also studied for various lengths of time in London, the University of Leningrad and the University of Frankfurt in West Germany. While at International House, he was also a lecturer in the Graduate School of Education at Tokyo University.

Wash. Post against local content bill

WASHINGTON—The Washington Post Sept. 9 came out against a local content bill requiring a high percentage of U.S.-made components on imported vehicles, particularly Japanese vehicles, terming it unfair.

The paper said in its editorial: "Protectionist legislation can shift jobs from one country to another and from one line of work to another. But it can't increase the total number of jobs."

"A local content rule can certainly keep foreign cars out of this country and it can probably create at least temporarily some additional jobs in the American automobile plants. But it would create those jobs at the expense of other Americans' jobs in the export industries," it said. #

Japanese Canadians to seek redress for WW2 relocation

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Canadians of Japanese ancestry plan to seek redress from their government for the forced removal of thousands of families from the coastal areas of British Columbia during World War II.

Leaders of the 45,000-member Japanese Canadian community are considering asking Parliament for financial compensation, or at least an official acknowledgement of wrongdoing for the mass relocation of persons and confiscation of property.

Community leaders are hoping to reach a consensus of Japanese Canadian organizers in 16 centers across the country this fall before approaching the Canadian govern-

ment with a plan for restitution.

The Japanese Canadians are considering a variety of proposals, including direct compensation payments to individuals, federal financing for an education program to counteract racism or a proclamation by Parliament condemning the government's decision 40 years ago that led to the forced relocation of 21,000 Japanese Canadians.

"There has never been an official statement by Parliament that the relocation was unjust, that it was wrong to deprive Canadian citizens of their basic rights," said Gordon Kadota, president of the

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Chinese protest in Li'l Tokyo against Japan history books

LOS ANGELES—Chinese and Korean American groups protested "distortions" in new Japanese textbook histories of World War II by staging a peaceful march in the streets of Little Tokyo Sept. 18. Hundreds of protesters, chanting "down with Japanese imperialism," marched from a City Hall rally to the Japanese consulate two blocks away.

Their demonstration stemmed from the Japanese government's disclosure last July that it would revise the history textbooks used in Japanese schools (PC Aug. 6). The new books play down Japan's aggression toward other Asian countries—for example, the Japanese invasion of China in 1931 is described as an "advance" and the deportation of Koreans by Japan into forced wartime labor is toned down as well.

Earlier this month, the Chinese Foreign Ministry and the South Korean government had both given conditional approval to Japan's commitment to revise the books by 1985 and, in the meantime, direct its teachers to correct the books which had already been issued.

But the protesters in Little Tokyo demanded that the textbooks be changed immediately rather than by 1985. Organizers of the march threatened a boycott of Japanese goods if the changes are not made right away.

The demonstration, held on the 51st anniversary of the Japanese invasion of Manchuria, was planned by six Chinese organizations who formed the Southern California Alliance Against Japanese Distortion of History. The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association and the West Coast Chinese Professionals Society were among them, and Korean American groups had been expected to participate as well.

The organizers of the march stressed that the protest was not aimed at the Japanese people, but rather the Japanese government and the issue of changing the textbooks. However, some marchers had carried placards urging people not to eat Japanese food or purchase Japanese-made automobiles.

Other protestors carried a banner saying "No More Pearl Harbors" and the demonstrators marched around the New Otani Hotel before dispersing at noon.

The Los Angeles Times noted that the protest drew little attention from Japanese shopkeepers and restaurateurs nearby, and Tsuneo Tanaka, the Japanese consul general here, was out of town that day. But the

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101-yr.-old Issei survives ordeal in forest

DENVER—A 101-year old man who wandered away from a family mushroom gathering trip was found in good shape Sept. 1, after spending the night in mountainous, heavily-wooded terrain near Beaver Lake, just west of Boulder.

Charles Nagahiko Mizunaga of Henderson was located by searchers in a box canyon about 1½ miles northeast from where he was last seen, Sgt. J.D. Smith of the Boulder County Sheriff's Department said.

Smith said the old man was found sitting on the side of a ravine, about 20 feet above its floor. He had been in the forest for more than 15 hours. About 100 persons scoured the pine forest off County Road 96 looking for him.

"When searchers found him, they asked him if he was all right, and he just kind of nodded and smiled at them," Smith said. "He indicated he was happy he was found."

"He was conscious, but he appeared rather tired," Smith said. "His only real injuries were along

his forearms, where he was cut and bruised up. He was lucid. His condition was surprisingly good for a person of his age who had spent the night out without any protection."

After he was found Mizunaga was treated at Boulder Community Hospital and released in good condition, a hospital spokesperson said.

At suppertime that day, Charles Mizunaga, Jr., the man's son, said: "He's doing fine. He's up and he's eating now. He's walking around."

Mizunaga, a dyemaker at the U.S. Mint in Denver, said his father, who speaks Japanese but little English, told him that he had walked five miles in the mountains, trying to get out of the forest.

The elder Mizunaga was born June 5, 1881, in Kumamoto-ken. He left his homeland at the age of 19.

"He has a good sense of direction," said the son, "but not this time. He wasn't scared. He said he has spent the night in the woods before."

The son added, "He did comment that he didn't see any bears."

Smith of the sheriff's department said the elder Mizunaga wore a short-sleeved shirt, bib overalls and hiking boots. He is about five feet tall and weighs about 115 pounds, Smith said.

Mizunaga had ridden in a car with family members to a spot on County Road 96, just west of Ward, where they often have gathered mushrooms in past years, Smith said. He was seen last around 6:30 p.m. Aug. 31 by his family by the car as they left to hunt for mushrooms.

Family members called authorities when the old man did not return to the car, however. The search started around 8 p.m. and was suspended from 4:30 a.m. to sunrise to give searchers a rest. He was found around 11:50 a.m. the next day.

In addition to rescue workers from several areas, squads, search dogs and helicopters were used to find Mizunaga.

—Denver Post

Noguchi hearings draw to close but coroner does not testify

LOS ANGELES—Former county coroner Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi decided not to testify on his own behalf in the Civil Service Commission hearings at which he is appealing his demotion. Noguchi's attorney, Godfrey Isaac, made the announcement after the eighth week of hearings which heard more testimony defending the ousted coroner.

County attorney William Masterson was expected this week (Sept. 20) to present a "brief rebuttal" of the defense testimony as the hearings were to be scheduled to conclude.

Noguchi was demoted last April from his post as Chief Medical-Examiner Coroner by the county Board of Supervisors on charges of mismanaging and misusing his department.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, the lone board member who voted against Noguchi's demotion (against the other four), released figures from the County Auditor Controller showing that as of Sept. 10, the Noguchi hearings have cost county taxpayers \$174,728 in legal and logistical fees. Hahn had predicted last July that "Dr. Noguchi will win this case," adding that it was "regrettable that the money being spent on attorneys (for the county) is not instead being spent on meaningful improvements in the coroner's office as recommended by Dr. Noguchi."

During last week's civil service hearings, Dr. Cyril H. Wecht, a former coroner and now a Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate in Pennsylvania, praised Noguchi for having earned a "well-deserved reputation as top leader in forensic pathology." He added that under Noguchi's guidance, the Los Angeles Coroner's Department had become the best known in the world.

"He is a leader as opposed to being a practitioner or student in the field," said Wecht. He also challenged critics who claimed Noguchi sensationalized reports on the deaths of celebrities, contending the cases handled locally were the "most exciting and dramatic cases of the century" and the coroner's findings were public record.

Dr. George Genter, coroner for the city and county of St. Louis, testified that he and Noguchi helped put together a proposal in 1970 for an electronic data processing system here. Genter, whose own office is one of the few in the nation that is totally computerized, added that the new system would have improved the conditions for which Noguchi's office has been criticized. But the study was "put on hold" because of lack of funding.

Nathan Dembin, a New York attorney and former assistant district attorney for the Bronx, told of a 1974 murder case in which he called upon Noguchi to perform an innovative test to determine the sex of a person from blood samples.

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demonstrators planned to present him with a letter and their demands.

Prior to the march, Kyo R. Jhin, Korean American co-chair of the alliance, told the Rafu Shimpo that Japan is trying to whitewash the "Asian Holocaust," and he claimed that 18 million Asians and Americans were killed by the Japanese between 1910 and 1945.

He added that the Seoul and Beijing governments may have accepted the Japanese proposals to revise the controversial books by 1985 for economic and diplomatic reasons, but Asian Americans will not be stopped from expressing their misgivings.

Richard Hu, another rally organizer, said the Japanese are trying to "brainwash their kids" and the textbook issue "portends a revival of militarism in Japan."

Jane Hu, another co-chair of the group, said the purpose of the alliance is the preserve history for future generations of Japanese.

"Millions of Japanese also died because of their aggression," she said, "and we don't want that to happen again. We want peace and prosperity for everyone."

Similar protest demonstrations had been planned for the Japanese consular offices that weekend in Boston, San Francisco, New York and Chicago.

CANADIANS

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National Association of Japanese Canadians.

"We're hoping such a statement would promote an understanding of what this country is made of and ensure it will never happen again."

In June 1941 there were 17,225 Canadian citizens among the 23,149 Japanese living in Canada—of whom 22,096 were in British Columbia.

In February 1942, two months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the Canadian government ordered Japanese Canadians living on the coast to move to relocation camps in the interior of British Columbia or to other parts of Canada.

In many cases, homes, farmland, fishing boats and other property were confiscated and sold at greatly reduced prices.

Kadota said the backlash against Japanese Canadians during the war was engineered by B.C. members of the Mackenzie King government.

"Mackenzie King badly needed the support of liberals in B.C., so he gave in. But even he admitted there was not a single act of trea-

son committed by Japanese Canadians.

"The Japanese community has waited so long to seek redress because that's how long it has taken for society to recognize that an injustice was committed," Kadota said.

"It's only in recent years that our society, through multiculturalism, has become a little more understanding. Many people have changed their views," he added.

Leaders of the NAJC, an umbrella group of community organizations, attended hearings last fall of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in the U.S.

Kadota reported to the Japanese Canadians that the U.S. commission was provided a reference point of \$25,000 per internee by Japanese Americans testifying at those hearings.

"I suppose it's as good a figure as any," Kadota said. "At least it's a starting point."

Kadota has already canvassed three major Japanese Canadian communities in British Columbia, and he plans to travel to Toronto this fall to discuss the various options for redress with communities in Ontario.

—New Canadian

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Minimum Bid:	\$846,000 (Eight-hundred Forty-six Thousand Dollars)
Assessors Parcel:	024-080-02 AREA: Approx. 1.15 acres
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Former Nisei queen responds to rift over 'mixed ancestry'

LOS ANGELES—In response to the recent controversy stirred up in the Rafu Shimpō newspaper over the topic of "Eurasian" or "mixed ancestry" Nisei Week queens and candidates (PC Sept. 10), Hedy Posey, a former queen, penned her feelings in a letter to the Rafu's editor.

Posey, the 1980 queen and Gardena Valley JACL candidate, wrote Aug. 10 that it was "about time that one of the subjects of this controversy voiced her side" on the issue.

"First of all, I may be only 50 percent Japanese, but I'm as proud of that 50 percent as I would be if I were 100 percent. Of course I'm proud of my Caucasian half as well, but I don't feel that anyone has a limited amount of pride," she noted.

"Who's to say that I'm not as 'Japanese' as any other Nisei, Sansei or Yonsei? What is the definition of a Japanese American anyway? I know a lot of full-blooded Japanese Americans who know a lot less about their heritage than some of my Eurasian friends," said Posey.

She added that she grew up in a Japanese neighborhood here, with Japanese food, culture and language in her home and she also attended Japanese school for 11 years. Posey said she attended Nisei Week activities and danced on-dos since her elementary school years as well.

"Still, some prejudiced Nisei and Sansei think I'm not 'Japa-

nese' enough to represent them," noted Posey.

"There's a long-running joke about a lot of Japanese being referred to as 'Bananas'—yellow on the outside, but white on the inside. During my Nisei Week reign, I was often referred to by my court as an 'Egg'—white on the outside, yellow on the inside. Just because I have some Caucasian features doesn't mean I don't have Japanese blood," commented Posey.

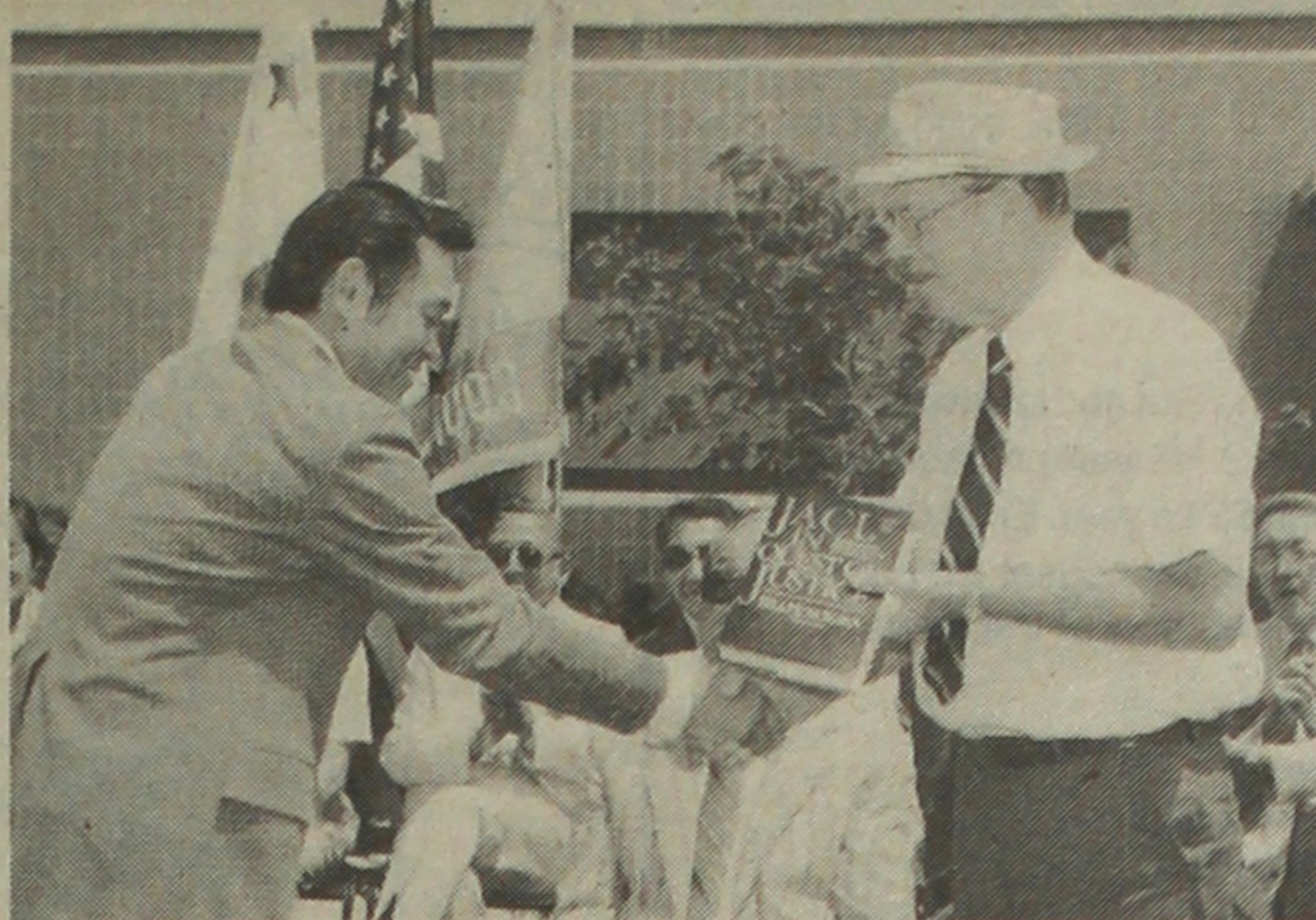
"I don't find it necessary for me to apologize for the fact that my mother and father fell in love and got married without taking into consideration their blood origins. I thought America was supposed to be the 'melting pot' of the world," she noted.

"I guess that it's a fantasy because although I have Japanese blood, instead of 'melting' into the Japanese community, I sometimes feel more like a drop of oil in a glass of water," added Posey.

The daughter of Calvert and Akiko Posey then noted, "During World War II, Nisei fought to be accepted as 'Americans.' Isn't it ironic that in this day and age, that I have to fight to be accepted as a Japanese American?"

Pointing out that she had represented the Los Angeles Japanese American community in such places as Hawaii, San Francisco, Japan and Brazil, Posey concluded:

"It breaks my heart to think that the very people that I have been so proud to represent aren't proud that I'm representing them." #



Hahn Gets JACL Story—Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn is presented a copy of Bill Hosokawa's "JACL In Quest of Justice" from past National President Jim Tsujimura during dedication ceremonies at the Mas Satow Library in Gardena in August. Seated in background (from left) are Dr. Tom Tamaki, Philadelphia; Shig Wakamatsu, Chicago; Kenny Uyeda, Gardena; and Bill Hosokawa, Denver.

Pictorial on Tule Lake published

SAN FRANCISCO—A book on the Tule Lake Internment Camp, entitled, "Kinenhi" (tower of memories) has been recently published by the Tule Lake Committee.

Based upon interviews with former internees and others, the 86-page book covers many aspects of the Tule experience: the incarceration; first impressions of Tule Lake; the loyalty questionnaire; everyday life in the concentration camp; renunciation; repatriation; war's end and the return home from camp.

Illustrated with more than 75 photographs and drawings, "Kinenhi" also contains important and moving testimony of perseverance in the face of severe hardships.

The book (\$10 each for Calif. residents, \$9.45 outside of Calif.) can be ordered from The Tule Lake Committee, 1716 Ocean Ave, Box 209, San Francisco, CA 94112. #

Acquitted Chol Soo Lee thanks Asian American support groups

SAN FRANCISCO—Chol Soo Lee, the Korean immigrant who was acquitted in his retrial Sept. 3 for the 1973 Chinatown murder of Yip Yee Tak, offered his praise to the Asian American groups who supported him, reported Asian Week (AW) recently.

"It was tremendous. Every day I would go to court and feel strong and very refreshed that I was not on trial alone. People were coming from all across the country, Hawaii, Korea, Japan, taking an interest in my case. They all made it like it was their struggle," Lee told the San Francisco Examiner.

A member of the Committee to Free Chol Soo Lee said the acquittal raises the possibility Lee can post bail to get out of prison while awaiting trial on his appeal of his conviction for the 1977 murder of a fellow inmate at the Deuel Vocational Institute in Tracy, which he claimed was self-defense. Bail had previously been set at a prohibitive \$1 million. The hearing is expected to be held within a few weeks.

In a recent interview with AW,

Lee said he still loves San Francisco and would want to live in the City if he is ever released.

"If I ever do get out, I'd like to work in the Asian community. I'd like to use my experience of these years in jail to tell youths what it's like, try to help them with their problems.

"I'm realistic—I wouldn't expect to be able to get a full-time paying job right away. I'd like to get a job, though, be self-sufficient. I'd like to be able to take care of my mother. My mother's been to the trial almost daily."

Berkeley after school program scheduled

BERKELEY—The Berkeley Asian Youth Center has slated its Fifth Annual Asian American After School Program from Sept. 28, 1982-June 3, 1983. English as a Second Language classes, Asian writers' workshops, and general subject tutorials will be available; for more info call the BAYC at (415) 849-4898.

S.F. Aki Matsuri slated Sept. 25-26

SAN FRANCISCO—Aki Matsuri (Fall Festival) will be held at the city's Nihonmachi on the weekend of Sept. 25 and 26, featuring exhibits, demonstrations, entertainment and food. For a schedule of events, call Kintetsu Enterprises Co. (415) 922-6776.

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Entertainment industry bias probed

LOS ANGELES—Hearings on the state of minority employment in the entertainment industry were held last week in City Hall here, conducted by the Human Relations Commission. The sessions were held at the urging of an organization known as Media Artists Against Discrimination, which seeks to reform the affirmative action policies of television and motion picture corporations.

The commissioners heard testimony from representatives of various industry guilds, unions and companies. Among them was Sumi Haru, National Recording Secretary and Ethnic Equal Opportunities Committee chair of the Screen Actors Guild, who commented on minorities in the media: "One need only watch a week of television to realize we are not represented well." She added that the problem lies with executives in the television, motion picture and advertising industries,

as well as such rating services as the Nielsens and the Arbitrons.

"What exists today is a static and unsatisfactory level of employment for women and minorities," said Chester Midgen of the Association of Talent Agents. "A certain amount of backsliding has occurred."

Among the Asian Pacific American artists endorsing the hearings were: Momo Yashima Brannen, Jesse Dizon, John Fujioka, Ernest Harada, David Hirokane, James Ishida, Akemi Kikumura, Lloyd Kino, Denice Kumagai, Clyde Kusatsu, Mako, Nobu McCarthy, Judy Momii, Pat Morita, Betty Muramoto, Kelly Nakahara, Bennet Ohta, Bill Ryusaki, Ellen Saki, James Saito, Don Sato, James Shigeta, Bill Shinkai, Diane Takei, George Takei, Victor Tanaka, Koko Tani, Marilyn Tokuda, and Johnny Yune. #

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YE EDITOR'S DESK: by Harry Honda



For 30 Years

This shall be our finale under this title, "Ye Editor's Desk", which first appeared as a column head in the Nov. 7, 1958 PC—as we were starting our sixth year, sitting literally over millions of dollars (the new Sumitomo Bank occupied the ground level of the Miyako Hotel where the JACL and PC had offices). But PC was pinching pennies in those days as we had asked our regular contributors—Bill Hosokawa, the late Larry Tajiri (PC editor: 1942-1952), Henry Mori covering Southern California, and the late Elmer Ogawa who kept the Pacific Northwest in the PC pages with his photos and columns—to write every other week so as to make room for "Official Notices", which consisted of communiques from Headquarters and JACL officers and the remaining space below to be occupied by JACL-related commentary by "Ye Editor's Desk".

Our first PC column, titled "Very Truly Yours" (a title given to me by Togo Tanaka prewar when we wrote once a week for The Rafu Shimpō), appeared in the first PC printed at Los Angeles 30 years ago—Oct. 4, 1952. We then stressed the PC would push the "Nisei angle" as well as serve as the JACL voice. We also hoped there would be a bigger paper. The PC columns of the '50s and '60s (Washington Newsletter, From the Frying Pan, Los Angeles Newsletter, Honolulu Newsletter, Northwest Scene, Vagaries, Chicago Corner, Tamotsu Murayama's Tokyo Topics, etc.) were intended to interpret the action of the Nisei to the U.S. and of the U.S. to the Nisei. A plethora of JACL types also filled the pages. Do you remember: the National Director's Report, President's Corner (most had individualized titles, such as Jerry Enomoto's Perspectives), pithy pieces from the regional directors and the Sansei Slant by Jr. JACLers? No wonder the comment that PC had too many columns...

As the single nationally circulated publication with a Japanese American thrust, the Pacific Citizen this coming week assumes a hard-nosed editor in Peter Imamura, who covered the recent JACL Convention sessions and most of the CWRIC hearings—a kind of crash course for a Sansei entering the national Nikkei newspaper game. We also promised some time ago that his picture would appear in the PC. He knows of the request, but we're not bugging him either to sit for a portrait. The PC waited till mid-'58 for ours.

With Imamura handling editorial reins, we shall concentrate our efforts with other phases of PC operation, get JACL Headquarters on-line (as it were) with our subscriber-membership list, and develop the PC Index and library. And when space permits, "Very Truly Yours" will return.

CLIFF'S CORNER: by Dr. Clifford Uyeda



War, Not Peace

There is only one true definition of war: A license to kill innocent people. Whatever other goals are accomplished militarily, ultimately the victims are the innocent people.

History has not wandered far from this truth. From the days the Crusaders rode eastward into Jerusalem and Genghis Khan rode westward into Asia Minor, through two World Wars and the bloody skirmishes in Vietnam, it was always the innocent people who lost the most.

History also shows that the more "advanced" nations were the perpetrators of the severest atrocities. The ultimate atrocity of all, the nuclear holocaust, may be the product of two superpowers—the United States and the Soviet Union.

We are extremely slow to learn from history. Or, if we learn anything at all it seems to be the reaffirmation of human intolerance, national arrogance and a thirst for revenge—all in the name of survival. We have seen it again in Beirut, by a people who throughout the period of written history had suffered as few other race had ever endured.

If we spend as much time and resources on programs for prevention as in the preparation for war we may be rid of the anxieties which plague the world. The military, in spite of their pronouncements, has not been known to be the best friend for peace. Their primary preoccupation and promotions thrive best in war, not in peace.

Letterbox

Canadian Nisei Vets

Editor:
In reviewing Prof. Roger Daniels' book (PC, 7/2/82), you stated that Canadian Japanese were not accepted by the military when war came to Canada in 1939. Whereas the U.S. military (not the Navy) was open to the Nisei except for a time in 1942.

Your statement is basically correct except for the fact that some 200 Canadian Japanese were later accepted for linguistic intelligence work.

These proud Canadian Japanese formed a veterans group and sent a delegation to the Nisei Veterans reunion held in Hawaii in 1979.

They again sent a delegation of 18 headed by Roy Ito to the Nisei Veterans reunion recently held here. (Aug. 4-8, 82). They were cordially welcomed by the MIS groups here and in San Francisco.

JAMES ODA
Fontana, Ca.

'East Wind'

Editor:
Congratulations to your staff of writers. "East Wind" by Bill Marutani (Sept. 10 PC), honestly told the readers and membership of JACL, exactly what we wanted to hear. His very informative and interesting article stands in my mind—"res ipsa loquitur" as well as "res judicata" then becoming "res nova" with each new administration elected to National Office of JACL and chapters for years now. Mr. Marutani's a good writer!

As only one member, believe me I do appreciate PC's efforts to inform all of us what is going on in JACL to the best of your know-

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PETE HIRONAKA 9/21/82

ledge and information given to you, as readers we know what is going on in the 114 chapters, internationally as well.

PEGGY TANAKA
Lakewood, Ca.

Masaoka Videotape

Editor:
Enclosed is a check for postage to obtain a videotape recording of Mike Masaoka's address at the Gardena convention (PC, Aug. 20, Hosokawa's Column).

G.I.
Hillsboro, Ore.

As far as we know, the videotapes of the Convention and Mike Masaoka's address are still in the process of duplication. More information will be published as soon as possible. Our understanding is that a copy will circulate among the chapters. Individuals wanting a copy should make arrangements with some local individual who has the capability of copying videotapes. There should be no problem recording the voice-only when the videotape is being shown, provided the TV set emits no hum.—Ed.

'Eurasian' Queens

Editor:
I do not much care for beauty contests, but the disgusting ethnocentrism expounded by Linden Ni-

shinaga of Monterey Park (PC, Sept. 10) needs to be condemned. Nishinaga has misdirected his ethnic pride into an ugly racism. I thought we had buried that sort of race purity/supremacy doctrine with the Nazis and Japanese militarists in 1945, and the so-called "miscegenation" laws in 1967.

As far as I am concerned, a Nikkeijin is anyone of Japanese ancestry, regardless of percentage. Any person who has enough self-esteem in his or her heritage to identify as a Japanese American is a Japanese American, especially if that person becomes involved in Nikkei activities by joining the JACL, entering the Nisei Queen contest, or whatever suits his or her interests.

What does Nishinaga think a "full Japanese" is anyway? The people of Japan are descended from a multitude of races, including migrants from Korea, China, Manchuria, Mongolia, Okinawa, Taiwan, Philippines, Indochina, Polynesia, plus the indigenous Ainu, Jomon, and Yayoi whose origins are still being debated. The Japanese people are bound together by a common nationality, language, culture, and history—not biological descent (the "Sun Goddess" myth notwithstanding).

In the United States, the Nikkeijin are bound together by a common nationality (American), lan-

guage (English), culture (Japanese American), and history (the concentration camps). During World War II, all persons of Japanese ancestry—no matter how small—were incarcerated. Today, the majority of Nikkei children probably are biracial or bicultural due to the high proportion of interracial or intercultural marriages. In the future, nearly everyone in the expanded Japanese American community will have several heritages.

I think we should be inclusive rather than exclusive in our concept of who belongs; and we should accept (or reject) people on the basis of individual merit—not genealogy.

RAYMOND OKAMURA
Berkeley, Ca.

For the Record

Due to an oversight by the News Editor, the Sept. 10 PC incorrectly identified Pacific Northwest District Regional Secretary Karen Seriguchi as the "Seattle JACL Regional Secretary" in the pg. 1 article entitled "Seattle JAs riled by column espousing anti-Japan ideas." Also, Stan Shikuma is a part-time staffer in the PNWDC office. To Karen and Stan, the PC offers its apology.

Chiaroscuro:

Takahashi Case: A Statement

Editor's Note: The following statement by Livingston-Merced JACL President Paul Okuye was circulated throughout the floor of the JACL National Convention, in an effort to persuade the delegates to "table" the resolution calling for National JACL's support of fired Livingston Intermediate School teacher Mitsue Takahashi. The resolution passed the National Council Aug. 13 (PC Sept. 3), and basically requests that the National organization "support" Takahashi by monitoring the case and informing the membership of the facts.

The Livingston-Merced JACL, however, has not been in full support of Takahashi, even though she is a member of that chapter. To shed some light on why the chapter does not support her, the PC has reprinted the chapter's statement in full.

By PAUL OKUYE
President, Livingston-Merced JACL

Livingston, Ca.

Members of the Livingston-Merced JACL are actively involved in all phases of our communities. Members are employed in public agencies and in the private sector. The Nisei are recognized as leaders in Lions and Rotary Clubs, League of Women Voters, Chamber of Commerce, churches, political parties as well as in elected office of elementary, high school and college boards of trustees. The Nikkeis are indeed in a very good position to know what is going on in our communities and are always on the alert to take issue with any discriminatory practice.

Two Livingston-Merced JACLers were Livingston School Board members when the decision was made to initiate dismissal proceedings against Ms. Takahashi. The board chairperson was a Nisei and the decision was unanimous. The board is committed and seriously assumes the responsibility to provide good education for all children of the Livingston community.

Members of the local chapter have monitored the administrative hearing proceedings and the Superior Court hearing. We accepted the decision as being fair and no action was taken by our chapter in her behalf. Currently the case is pending in the Court of Appeals and in the state Fair Employment Commission. The chapter will continue monitoring activities relating to the case.

As for the content of the resolution we wish to make the following comments:

(1) The school district's dismissal proceedings were not arbitrary. Senate Bill 777 which established the Stull Act sets guidelines for teacher evaluation process and the dismissal procedure. The Stull Act was enacted in Sept. 1972 to help school districts (taxpayers) provide quality education for their children by defining evaluation procedures which would upgrade teacher performance and to protect teachers from unfair employment practices.

(2) We have no questions regarding Ms. Takahashi's character and knowledge of subject matter. She has many strengths but unfortunately was unable to remediate her inability to establish good classroom environment essential for learning. This became more evident as the community population became more mobile, less middle-classed and families less oriented to academic achievement.

The school district could be charged for "reverse" discrimination for permitting a situation whereby children were denied appropriate learning opportunity, but the district hesitated to take action fearful of community reaction.

(3) The National Education Assn. and Calif. Teachers Assn. backing does not in any way reflect the merit of the case. These organizations are obligated to protect their members with legal service and financial aid.

The Livingston-Merced Chapter of the JACL recommends that all aspects of Takahashi vs. Livingston Union School District case be carefully assessed by the National JACL Council before taking any action. We urge, therefore, that the resolution be tabled.

From Bitter Words to Better Words

Denver, Colo.

Newspapers, like the people who write for them and set their policies, make mistakes. They can be inconsistent and change their positions. They can grow, mature, gain wisdom, and go on to regret the follies of an earlier time. And some newspapers which were most intemperate, most strident, most reckless with the truth regarding Japanese Americans during the war years, are among the most responsible today.



Fred Hirasuna of Fresno came up with some clippings recently to underscore these points. During the war, Hirasuna continued to subscribe to the Fresno Bee, which he had read most of his life, when the U.S. Army packed him off into the interior. And systematically he kept a scrapbook of clippings regarding Japanese Americans.

There are some bitter reading. On June 8, 1943, the Bee published a letter from Berniece Lawrence. She told about the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play to refute the newspaper's contention that the West was solidly opposed to the return of Japanese

Americans.

Adjoining the letter to the editor was the newspaper's editorial response. The Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, the editorial commented "apparently assumes the attitude that the evacuation of Japanese was an unconstitutional attack upon a minority." It also noted that Berniece Lawrence was challenging contentions about the West's solidarity. The paper then went on to say:

"The facts do not support either premise. For proof the people of the West are dead set against the return of the Japanese so long as this nation is at war with Japan, one need look no further than the uncompromising opposition of organizations and agencies which have made a thorough, factual study of the Japanese problem from the cold approach of national security.

"Only a day or so ago, for example, the Pacific Coast International Association of Law Enforcement Officials adopted a resolution demanding cessation of the agitation for release of the Japanese from relocation centers. The resolution declared a substantial portion of these Japanese would fight for Japan if given the opportunity and predicted 'riots, mob violence and sabotage' would

follow if they were turned loose to roam at will among the vital military establishments and war industries of the West Coast."

And so on in pious and sincere rhetoric for many more paragraphs.

Nearly 40 years later, on August 17, 1982, the Fresno Bee published an editorial titled "To pay an old debt." It discussed the Redress movement and said:

"Congress should at long last do something—whether it be symbolic or tangible—to establish for all time that a great injustice was done to a large number of citizens and alien residents of this country, that this country deeply regrets and abhors what happened, and that we as a nation rededicate ourselves to the living principle of equal treatment before the law.

"Such atonement could take the form of a suitable memorial, probably in California where most of the victims lived, and a number of scholarships to enable young Americans who remember nothing of the camps to learn what every generation learn—that freedom and justice do not happen automatically even in a democratic society, and that their preservation is always in peril, especially at times of great stress..."

This is the same newspaper speaking. But in a different time, a far different time. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

A Glimpse Behind 'East Wind'

Philadelphia

OVER THE YEARS of writing the East Wind column, readers, either in person when we meet them or by letters, comment on the contents. Most readers are generously forgiving with kind comments; others may be critical (but not mean); some urge that the prose be more direct and frank ("Tell it like it is"). One reader quizzically asked, "You really don't mean what you write, do you?" Others have asked, "How do you find time to write the columns? How long does it take you to write one?" And so it goes.



THERE WAS A stretch of years when we contributed sporadically to this column. Editor Harry Honda suggested that we try writing weekly. "You'll find that it's actually easier that way," he advised; "You'll develop a rhythm." While I didn't verbalize my doubts over such an evaluation, at one point we gave the editor's suggestion a try. While we've not come to any definitive conclusion as to whether it's easier to contribute weekly, it's not as difficult as we first thought.

THERE HAVE BEEN a number of columns written which we wished to withdraw but which were published anyway, (a wish perhaps not a few readers out there joined in). There are still others that ended up in the wastebasket, and yet a few others that languish in my desk drawer where they are doomed to remain. Yes, there have been a few tell-it-like-it-is columns (well, not quite; there were restraints imposed in the writing) which, upon reflection, ended up as torn manuscripts in the trash. Perhaps some of those might have been "interesting reading". Maybe.

WE ARE NOT unaware of the distinct possibility that we may have trod on some toes in writing on some subjects or by the way we ineptly phrased some thoughts. If so, we apologize; it is not our intent, and never has been,

to provoke others. At the same time, however, there are matters that must be addressed, hopefully with understanding and some degree of openness. We recognize that we do not possess the skill of a raconteur, regaling readers with clever and witty passages. But then again, hopefully neither will we be glum and cynical, or take ourselves seriously. It's a bit of a balancing act.

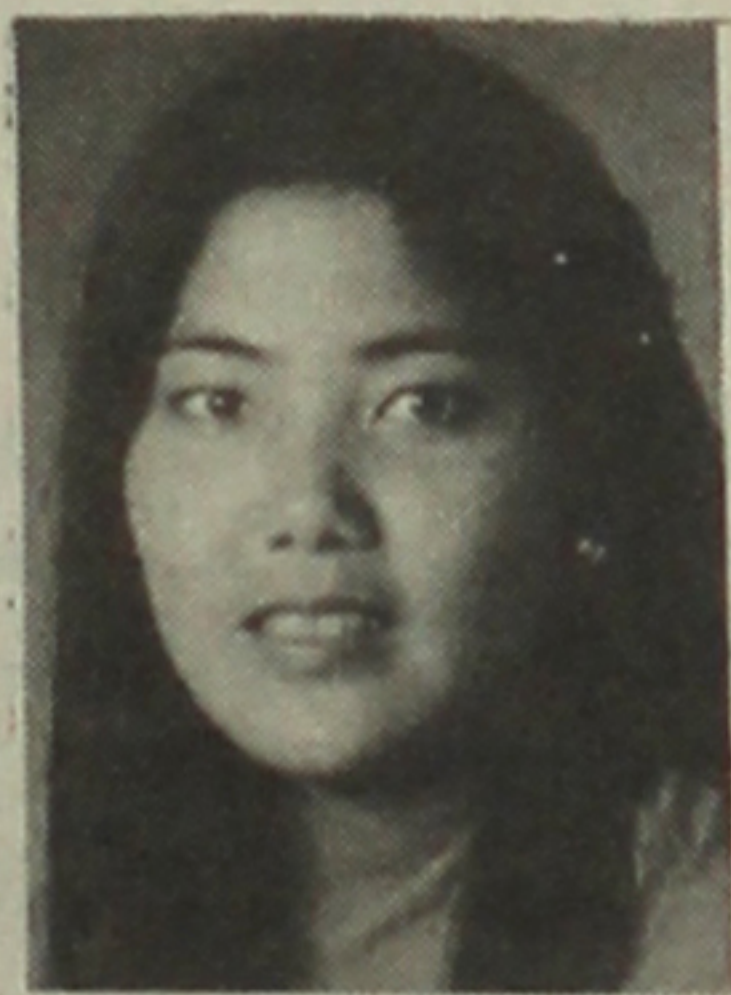
THIS COLUMN MUST realize, or try to realize, that the readership represents a broad spectrum—economically, socially, philosophically, politically, etc.; that there are varied views out there, each of which is entitled to respect, including those with which we may strongly disagree. But here again, were we to seek to please all readers at all times, these columns would indeed be more effete than they already tend to be. And so, at times, we must "take some risks" that we may offend some. Inadvertently.

THERE REMAIN a number of themes and issues as to which we feel deeply and which periodically are addressed in this column: most to no avail, or at least to no perceptible avail. But we continue in our advocacy, hoping.

And at times, that's the way it goes. #

From the Program Director: by Lia Shigemura

Mitsue Takahashi



The case of fired Livingston Intermediate School teacher Mitsue Takahashi (PC Sept. 3) is a much more complex issue than it appears at first glance.

My personal feeling is that this case is very important, and one with which the JAACL membership should be concerned. The National Council has recognized the importance and significance of this case by passing a resolution in "support" of Ms. Takahashi. Because it was the Fresno chapter, and not Takahashi's chapter (Livingston-Merced), that introduced this resolution, a shroud of controversy surrounds this issue. The Livingston-Merced chapter circulated a statement on the convention floor urging that the Takahashi resolution be tabled.

The resolution passed by the National Council states (among other things) that JAACL will inform its members of the facts of the case. I not only believe that this case is important, but my personal feeling is that Ms. Takahashi is/was an intentional victim of the system she once served. However, this is my personal belief based on some fact and some difficult-to-substantiate rumor.

Many parties are directly or indirectly involved in this issue. The Fresno chapter, the Livingston-Merced chapter, Norm Ishimoto, JAACL Employment Practice Committee Chair, Asian Pacific Women's Network, California Teachers Association, the Pacific Citizen, along with others, can all help to shed some much needed light on this issue. Let's use the PC as the forum for an open and public discussion. #

35 Years Ago IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

SEPTEMBER 27, 1947

Sept. 10—Army Reserve reactivates 442nd's 3d battalion in Honolulu; Maj Lloyd Kaapans commanding.

Sept. 15—Committee Against Restrictive Covenants formed in Los Angeles to aid Negro, Japanese, Chinese, Korean and American Indian facing court battle to live in own home; Tsuneo Shigekuni (2350 W 37th Pl.) being challenged.

Sept. 15—Even though Canadian government hostel at Moose Jaw, Sask., was closed since Aug. 13, 58 evacuees staying put until given right to return to their prewar homes in British Columbia.

Sept. 23—Oregon's anti-alien barber rule declared invalid by supreme court; Filipino national (Sam Quisor) called certification for only citizens against 14th Amendment.

Sept. 24—Fifteen Nikkei groups

(JAACL, churches, service and two newspapers) endorse Denver proposal on human rights, outlawing race discrimination in jobs, housing, schools and public accommodations.

Sept. 24—First two Japanese brides arrive in U.S. from Shanghai with Nisei husbands at San Francisco; ex-GIs Katsumi Nishimoto and George Yoshisato were among first Allied troops to enter Shanghai after V-J day.

Sept. 24—Attorney Wayne Collins denies U.S. State Dept. report 295 Peruvian Japanese held in U.S. will be deported to Japan unless Peru decides to their return.

Sept. 27—Honolulu-born Koji Ariyoshi, who was studying journalism at Univ. of Georgia at outbreak of war, starts PC series on Nisei MIS activities in China-Burma-India theater; exploits of Ken-ny Yasui, the "Nisei Sgt. York", featured.

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Oliver Sportsmanship award winner named

MONTEREY PARK, Ca.—Jon Ricki Yamada, a June graduate from Downey High School, was named the winner of the 1982 Oliver Sportsmanship Award at a banquet held Sept. 11 in Paul's Kitchen.

Yamada, a swimmer, was the recipient of over 100 other awards and trophies and holds the school's 100-yd. butterfly record.

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LOS ANGELES—Tickets for the play, "The Music Lessons" on Oct. 9, 8 p.m. are available through Downtown JACL L.A. Chapter members.

"Lessons", written by Wakako Yamaguchi, directed by Saburo Shimono with guest star Nobu McCarthy, is being presented at Cal State L.A.'s Music Hall by the University's Theatre Arts Department and Asian-American Theatre Arts Association.

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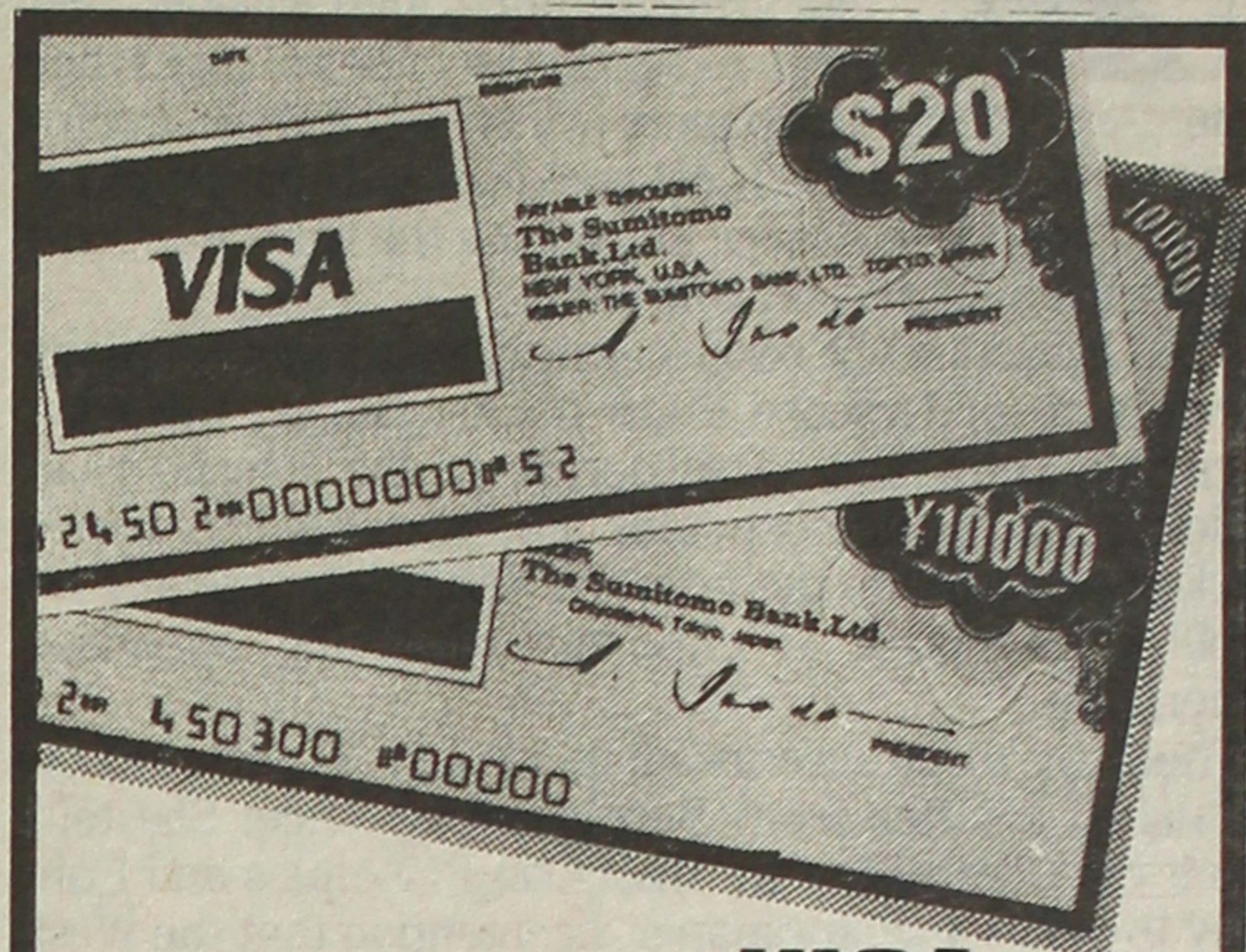
WASHINGTON—A check of \$1,220 to National JACL was authorized by the Washington, D.C. JACL chapter board Sept. 15 to meet its initial pledge based on its 1981 membership total toward the JACL Redress Campaign, it was announced by K. Patrick Okura, chapter president.

Obituary

Margaret E.B. Fleming, 91, of Pasadena, died Sept. 3. Actively pursuing racial integration here since the 1930s, she pressed for integration of swimming pools and dances in Pasadena through Eugene Carson Blake's Pasadena Interracial Commission, minority hirings in department stores and served on boards and supported the NAACP, JACL, Hadassah and also helped abolish sweatshops and passing child labor laws in her native Pittsburgh, Pa., in the 1920s. She had joined JACL in 1945 when the JACL opened its regional office and later became a 1000 Clubber in Downtown L.A. #

U.S.-Japan communication lecture set

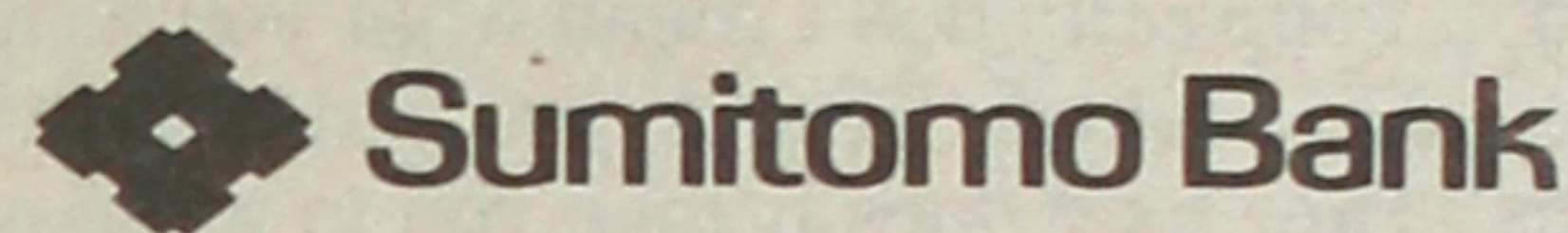
LOS ANGELES—The Japan America Society of Southern California will present a lecture by author Jack Seward on "More Rewarding Communication between Americans and Japanese" on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 7:15 p.m. at the Security Pacific Bank Auditorium, 333 S. Hope St. For tickets (\$3 adults, \$2 students) call (213) 687-3275. Seward is the author of numerous books on Japan, including "Japanese in Action" which focuses on the Japanese language, and "America and Japan: The Twain Meet" which examines fundamental American attitudes toward the Japanese and how these views came about. #



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Mary Matsumoto of Indianapolis was elected to the Commission on the New Lutheran Church by the Lutheran Church in America at its biennial convention held in Louisville, Ky. She was a delegate to the convention representing the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. Matsumoto is one of 31 persons elected from the LCA, which has 2.9 million members. She is the daughter of Mrs. S. Nakagawa of Seattle and her husband, Charles, is a member of the Executive Council of the Church.

UCLA names Furutani head of Asian center

LOS ANGELES—After a thorough search and careful review of all applications, the Asian American Studies Center has offered the position of Student/Community Projects Coordinator to long-time activist, Warren Furutani. He has been an active part of the Asian Pacific American community since the 1960's, working with Seinan Senior Citizens Center, Services for Asian American Youth, and the JACL's Community Action Program. Furutani's recent community involvement included working with the Manzanar Committee and the Committee to Free Chol Soo Lee.

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SEWARD, Alaska—Kushiro City delegates and representatives of the City of Seward met recently to witness the signing of the official sister-port agreement between the two cities. The agreement was the culmination of a proposal earlier this year when several Seward people made a trade mission to Japan.

Mayor Wanibuchi of Kushiro and Seward Mayor Don Cripps exchanged words of encouragement and praise, signed the sister-port documents, and gifts were exchanged. Seward presented Kushiro with a wooden clock in the shape of the State of Alaska, and Kushiro presented Seward with a glass-boxed "key of friendship".

Both mayors expressed hope the agreement would herald many years of "mutual prosperity, strengthening of friendship, development of business, mutual respect and understanding."

Seward businessman Albert Kawabe, who organized the February trade mission, continued in his helpful role as translator and was appointed by City Manager Johnny Johnson as Seward's "official ambassador to Japan" with many thanks for being the "communication link". Referring to the agreement, Johnson said, "It is the icing on the cake that helps Seward take its rightful place as the port of Alaska."

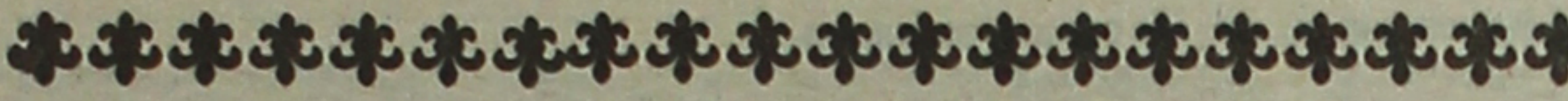
U.S. Senator Frank Murkowski's special assistant from Anchorage, Meredith Sykes, conveyed his "congratulations and wishes for a long and friendly relationship." She cited historical examples of other Alaskan-Japanese agreements which have benefited Alaska. The first was in 1951 with the Alaska Pulp Co. in Sitka which employs over 1,200 Alaskans and exports 70% of its product to Japan. In 1964 the fisheries industry began realizing trade potential in the utilization of roe, and as of next year, Japan has agreed to buy 120,000 metric tons of bottomfish from Alaska.

Recognition was given to Kanai and Kitano, who both have done business in Seward over the past 10 years. Several of the 18-member Kushiro delegation took the opportunity to praise their host families here

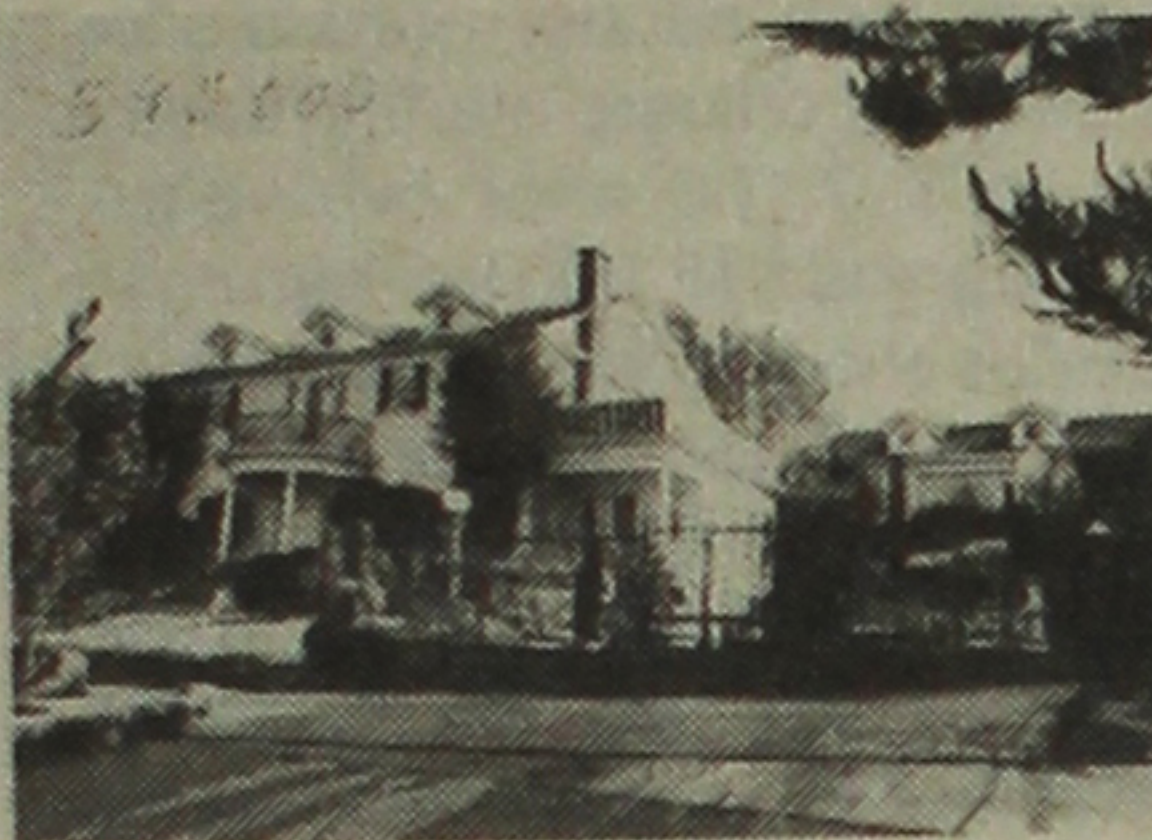
and expressed appreciation for the "warm people of Seward". Other remarks from members of the delegation included: "I have just witnessed the signature of the Seward-Kushiro port agreement and I am so moved my eye is very, very warm," and, "I don't speak none whatsoever English but I sure enjoyed it. I learned that language isn't everything."

Kushiro is the homeport for most of the Japanese fishing vessels that come to Seward for supplies and rest and recreation for the crews. Members of the Kushiro delegation speculate that Japan will be importing grain and coal from Alaska someday, and that Seward is the ideal Alaskan port to utilize for such projects.

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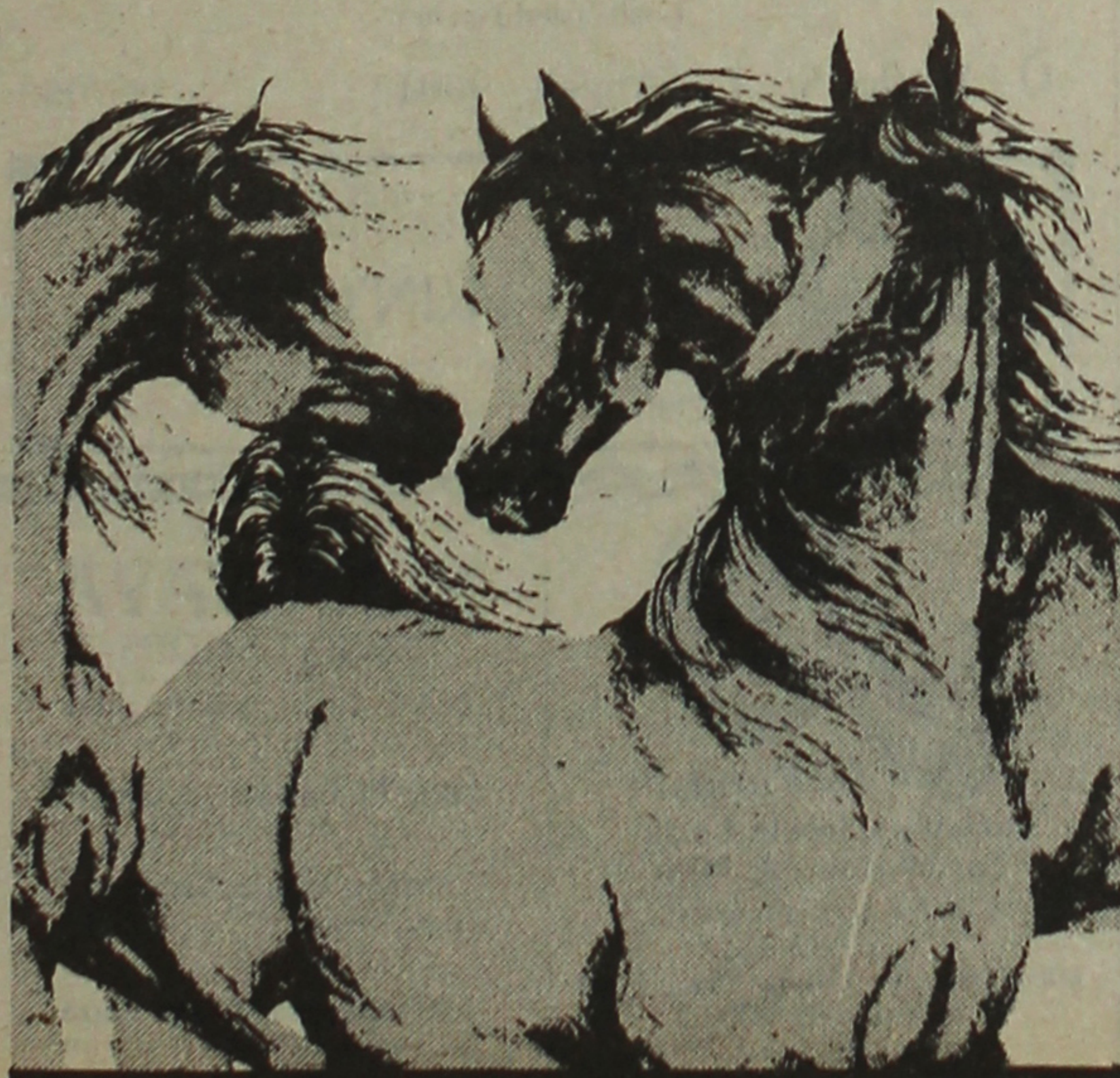
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