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## Honda plant in Ohio town getting unfriendly welcome

MARYSVILLE, Ohio—When Japan's Honda Motor Co. announced in 1979 that it would build its first U.S. auto assembly plant on the outskirts of this little central Ohio town, the townspeople envisioned jobs and prosperity just around the corner.

But even before the first 1983 four-door Accord sedan rolls off the assembly line early next month, it's clear that Honda's move to Marysville has brought the community more problems than benefits. Sewer rates are about to double, and a fight is developing over a highway expansion project. Marysville's economy is in a bad slump, and residents fear that they're footing the bill to create jobs for nearby communities. Hanging over the entire affair is an uneasy feeling that somebody has put something over on Marysville.

"When Honda said they were coming here people thought, 'Here's a small town getting a lot of jobs,'" recalls Richard Capper, a Marysville carpenter. "Nobody knew how much trouble it was going to cause."

Adds Marysville Mayor Tom Nuckles, one of Honda's biggest advocates: "The benefits are a lot longer-range than most people thought they would be. So far we haven't seen many."

### Lots of Layoffs

Marysville desperately needs those benefits. In the past few months the town's population of 5,000 or so has been hit by one economic blow after another. First O.M. Scott & Sons Co., the big fertilizer and lawn-care subsidiary of International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., moved its headquarters outside the city limits to a fancy new building. Then the Nestle plant closed, putting more than 100 employees out of work. Shortly afterward Scott announced that the recession had finally hit lawn-care products and that the company would lay off permanently some 200 employees. The latest blow was Rockwell Corp.'s decision to close its truck axle assembly plant, a move that is putting 500 or so area residents out of work.

So far Honda has taken up little of the slack. The auto assembly plant will begin production next month, using 120 trusted employees from the adjacent motorcycle plant, which has been operating since 1979. Production will be speeded up only as Honda is assured that quality standards are being maintained. Robert Watson, the assembly plant manager, predicts it will be 1984 before employment reaches the maximum of 2,000 workers turning out 600 automobiles a day. In the meantime, he notes, Honda has some 5,000 applications from people living in a 30-mile radius of the plant.

Honda's slow hiring pace and the fact that many jobs probably will go to

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## JA population had low growth in California during 1970-1980

SAN FRANCISCO—Asian populations in California grew dramatically between 1970 and 1980, from 552,346 to 1,253,818, going from 2.8% of the state's population in 1970 to 5.3% in 1980.

The Filipinos are the largest Asian group in California, and also the fastest growing. Over the last decade, they showed phenomenal growth—often many times the average—in both urban and rural areas. Except for some few sparsely populated mountain counties—like Alpine, Amador and Calaveras, where Filipinos actually declined in number—Filipinos gained dramatically in both city and county, north and south.

Their strongest growth appeared to be in the peninsula counties of the San Francisco Bay Area—Santa Clara and San Mateo. Filipinos showed a 324% growth in San Mateo, compared to an overall 6% growth in the county, increasing in number from 5,676 in 1970 to 24,053 in 1980. In Santa Clara County, they increased by 308% from 6,728 to 27,444, despite an overall growth rate in the county of 22%.

Of all the Asian groups, the Japanese registered the lowest rates, though this rate often surpassed the general growth of the state.

The Japanese were shown to be strongest in numbers in the southern, urban counties, though they formed higher percentages of the population in the Northern California San Francisco and Santa Clara counties. In the rural counties, the relatively constant populations of the Japanese throughout the decade indicated a solid rural base does exist, as it does for the Filipinos, though apparently not for the Chinese, Koreans and Vietnamese.

The Japanese, like every other Asian group in California, were most populous in Los Angeles County. They showed their fastest rates of growth in the suburban and young urban counties, like Marin, San Diego, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Solano.

The Chinese also showed an overwhelmingly urban population, but centered in the San Francisco Bay Area rather than Southern California, though Los Angeles was their largest county in sheer numbers, the percentages of Chinese in San Francisco—12.1%—was the largest of any Asian group in California.

Alameda County showed a large net gain of Chinese, who increased by 60% in the last decade, from 20,072 in 1970 to 32,177 in 1980. Alameda increased by only 2% overall in the same decade.

In Marin County, the Chinese increased the fastest of any other Asian group, from 873 in 1970 to 1,883 in 1980, a gain of 115%. Marin gain only 8% on the whole.

Other urban and suburban counties showed similar high rates of population gain for the Chinese. In Los Angeles, the Chinese gained 129% to the county's 6%. San Diego showed a 139% gain for the Chinese, compared with an overall gain of 37%. Santa Clara showed a 193% gain for them to the county's 22%, and in San Mateo, the Chinese population grew by 203%, compared to the county's overall growth rate of 6%. The only Asian group to grow at a faster rate in each of these counties was the Filipino.

The Chinese grew more modestly in the rural counties, though like the Japanese and Filipino, they usually increased at a far greater pace than the state as a whole.

—Asian Week



Toyo Miyatake Photo  
Courtesy Rafu Shimpō  
**GROUND BREAKING** — Little Tokyo leaders gather Oct. 6 for Shinto purification and ground-breaking ceremonies of the upcoming JACCC Open Plaza, designed by renowned sculptor Isamu Noguchi. (From left): Howard Nishimura, redevelopment advisor; Les Hamasaki, Friends of Little Tokyo Arts; Rev. Isao Goto, Gardena Konkō Church; Katsuma Mukaeda, JACCC board chair; Rose Ochi, Mayor Tom Bradley's office; Frank Kuwahara, JACCC president and Koshiro Torii, Japanese Chamber of Commerce. #

## Japan's postwar, best-selling book translated into English

TOKYO—The best-selling book in Japan, and the biggest best-seller in postwar Japanese publishing history, is a work which is highly critical of Japan's educational system.

It is "Totto-chan: The Little Girl at the Window," and has since its publication in spring last year sold over five million copies. This means that well over one out of every 50 Japanese has read it.

The book was written by Tetsuko Kuroyanagi, one of Japan's best-known women—star of stage, screen and television. She now has three regular TV programs, the most popular being the daily 45-minute "Tetsuko's Room," and her appearances draw an estimated 35 million viewers.

Totto-chan is herself as a child, the name being a childish pronunciation of Tetsuko-chan. Expelled from the first grade (yes, expelled) in 1937, she was provisionally sent to the Tomoe Gakuen, a school run by Sosaku Kobayashi and one quite progressive for the Japan of that time—or the Japan now for that matter.

The book is a remembering of herself and her young friends at the school and a celebration of Kobayashi sensei and his very humane, wise and absolutely unorthodox teaching methods. As Kuroyanagi writes toward the end of her book: "I am quite sure that if there were schools now like Tomoe, there would be less of the violence we hear so much of today and fewer school dropouts."

Little Tetsuko, whose liveliness and curiosity had made her a problem in the heavily authoritarian school she first attended, found herself in this school and developed quite freely and naturally into the extraordinary person she now is.

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## Auto heads oppose local content bill

WASHINGTON—Leaders of automobile companies from both the U.S. and Japan have expressed their opposition to the so-called "domestic content" bill currently being examined by the House Ways and Means trade subcommittee.

Roger Smith, chairman of General Motors Corp., said Sept. 30 that a stronger economy is the best solution to the problems of the U.S. auto industry, not legislation stipulating that cars sold in America contain mostly U.S.-made parts.

Although he was "sympathetic to the objective" of the bill, Smith did not feel it was the best means of strengthening the American auto industry. "The difficulties of our industry will not be resolved in legislative halls, but rather in a free market place where we can earn our success by offering superior products at competitive prices," said Smith.

The day before Smith testified, representatives of the U.S. units of Nissan Motor Co. and Honda Motor Co. had also noted their opposition to the proposed bill.

Marvin T. Runyon, president of Nissan Motor Manufacturing USA, said the bill would not only discourage foreign automakers from constructing assembly plants in the U.S. but would also jeopardize their plans to do so.

Thomas Elliott, assistant vice president in charge of sales for American Honda, said the bill runs counter to foreign automakers' efforts for investment in the U.S. It would put a new burden on foreign automakers which currently have U.S. plants in operation and on those now constructing new ones in the country. #

## Judge dismisses 3 in IBM case

SAN JOSE, Ca.—A federal judge dismissed indictments Sept. 28 against three defendants in the IBM computer espionage case after government prosecutors refused to turn over documents sought by defense attorneys.

U.S. District Judge Robert Aguilar dismissed federal indictments against Raymond J. Cadet, Barry Saffaie and Tabassom Ayazi, who had been accused of receiving computer secrets allegedly stolen from International Business Machines. However, Asst. U.S. Attorney Gregory Ward said the government would appeal the dismissal.

## PC fetes 53rd anniversary

With this issue, the Pacific Citizen celebrates its 53rd anniversary, for its first edition was a six-page quarto (half tabloid) dated Oct. 15, 1929. You've probably noticed the new logo on the front page (the lettering is called avant garde medium, and it was suggested by J.D. Hokoyama). The "overlapping hemispheres" however, was submitted by the PC Board, so the Editor is not taking credit for it. #

## L.A. play may raise ire of JA community with racial slurs

By PETER IMAMURA

LOS ANGELES—A new play which opened last Friday at the prestigious Music Center may raise the ire of the Nikkei community because of the anti-Japanese racial slurs contained in its dialogue.

The Ahmanson Theater play, "A Little Family Business," is a comedy which stars actress Angela Lansbury, who plays Lillian Ridley, the wife of a manufacturing plant head. Her husband Ben, played by John McMartin, is a bullying, Archie Bunker-type, who suffers a heart spasm from the stress of labor disputes, a politician who had an affair with Lillian, and the uncertainty of whether all of his children are legitimate. As a result of his incapacitation, Lillian takes over the assembly plant—which manufactures carpet sweepers.

The manufacturing plant, however, is also suffering from economic problems—caused by "foreign competition," particularly Japanese competition. And it is these references to the Japanese where the racist lines are contained.

Ben Ridley makes a remark about how the "goddamn Jap technology" is undermining the American economy, during the first act.

In the second act, Lillian, now manager of the plant, prepares a speech which she feels will help settle the labor dispute. She asks, "Doesn't the American consumer remember Pearl Harbor?" and tells her secretary that the "Japanese are seizing and occupying American broom closets."

She adds, "I wish the rising sun would just set." She later tells her recovering husband that she has figured out a way to handle foreign competition by "not giving an inch to those pushy, buck-tooth little stinkers."

Gary Yano, chair of the JACL PSWDC Ethnic Concerns Committee, who previewed the play with this reporter Oct. 7, met the following day with officials of the play before some 25 concerned groups including the Pacific Asian American Round Table (which was formed to protest anti-Asian racism), Media Artists Against Discrimination, Association of Asian Pacific American Actors, JACCC, Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Little Tokyo Business Assn., Japan Traders Club, JACL, and Women's Network. #

## Amerasian children benefit termed a 'great success'

SAN FRANCISCO—The first major fundraiser for Amerasian children was termed a great success, having drawn about 1,200 people who each paid a minimum of \$15.

Sponsors and patrons for the benefit paid \$50 and \$100, respectively. The printed program for the evening listed 27 sponsors and 45 patrons. A spokesman for the center said that the center had not yet tallied the expenses for the benefit, and thus did not know the total amount raised.

Held at the Kabuki Theater in the Japan Center Sept. 16, the benefit was sponsored by the Center for Southeast Asian Refugee Resettlement to help raise money for a building for immigrating Amerasian children, and also to draw attention to the plight of these children.

Though estimates vary, it is generally agreed there are at least 8,000 children in Vietnam born of Vietnamese mothers and American

fathers. Since 1975 these children have been outcasts in Vietnamese society, and some have been abandoned by their mothers, according to reports. Aside from the Amerasian children of Vietnam, it is estimated that another 30,000 to 80,000 children of American soldiers remain in countries throughout Southeast Asia.

Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thac recently told Los Angeles Herald Examiner publisher Francis Dale that 63 Vietnamese children identified as Amerasians are free to come to America, and that his government wants to release all children properly identified as Amerasians.

A number of public officials appeared at the benefit, including Mrs. Sally Burton (representing Congressman Phillip Burton), Edward Nathan of the Zellerbach Family Fund, Assemblyman Art Agnos, Supervisors Richard Hongisto and others.



## Nisei named to agriculture post

GARDENA, Ca.—Thomas Shigekuni, owner of Centrose Nursery in Gardena, has been appointed by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. to the state Board of Foods and Agriculture.

A Nisei, Shigekuni is the first person of Asian heritage to be named to the position.

He will advise the governor regarding regulations for the state's agriculture, farm and nursery interests, the largest industry in California.

Shigekuni, a Republican from Palos Verdes Estates, formerly lived in Gardena. The 53-year-old attorney has a private practice in Torrance where he handles civil and corporate cases as well as estate planning.

He is also president of the Centenela chapter of the California Association of Nurserymen, which covers the Gardena area.

He believes his appointment to the state board will allow him to do on a larger scale what he has been doing as a volunteer through the nurserymen's association for the past 25 years.

His selection came about after he confronted Gov. Brown with the fact that Asians have been in the forefront of agriculture since 1895,

then asked him, "Why aren't there any Asians on the agriculture board?"

Brown replied: "That's a good question. You can do a good job. I'll appoint you."

As a board member, Shigekuni plans to strengthen agricultural inspection at the state's points of entry. Not having a rigorous check for flies and other insects can have disastrous consequences, he said.

For instance, a single snail was found in a shipment of ornamental plants leaving from Monrovia Nursery Co. for its destination in Florida. Subsequently, Shigekuni said, the state of Florida banned all shipments from that company, one of the state's largest nurseries.

He suggested that one way to keep similar incidents from occurring, thus protecting interstate trade, is to institute joint controls, thereby recruiting assistance from adjoining states.

Shigekuni also is founder of the American First Bank which will be built in Gardena on Redondo Beach Boulevard sometime in 1983.

In addition, he is past president of the Gardena Valley JACL and the current head of the JACL's South Bay Chapter.

—Gardena Valley News



**TRIBUTE FOR 'FATHER JOHN'**—Rev. Canon John H.M. Yamazaki of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Los Angeles (center) is honored for his 40 years of service as the church celebrated its 75th anniversary at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Oct. 3. Joining in the tribute are (from left): Superior Court Judge Morio L. Fukuto; Supervisor Kenneth Hahn; Rev. Yamazaki's wife Fumi, and Gardena Mayor Pro Tem Mas Fukai.

### Education

**Dr. Samson Shigetomi**, 53, was recently named the new administrative director of L.H. Bates Vocational Technical Institute in Tacoma, Wa. Shigetomi, of Hawaii, was an associate professor at California State University, Long Beach and an administrator of vocational education programs at community colleges in Hawaii and California.

### Deaths

**George T. Mita**, 68, of Payette, Id., died Sept. 2 at his home. Born April 10, 1914 in Portland, Ore., he graduated from the University of Portland in 1937, was relocated to eastern Oregon in 1942, and served in the Army from 1945-47.

He was a resident of Fruitland, Id., from 1951-1982, until he moved to Payette. He was active in the Community United Methodist Church and the Snake River Valley JACL 1000 Club.

Survivors include w Fumi (Fukige); ss Randall of Los Angeles, G. Doug of Oxnard, Ca. and Richard of Payette; d Judy of Los Angeles; bro Thomas and James of Chicago.

**Kiyoharu Yamato**, 70, Los Angeles, died Oct. 4 at St. Joseph's Hospital where the Nisei community leader had entered for heart surgery. A Nisei Week founder and insurance man, he is survived by w Kimie, s Steven, Ronald, Mark, d Elaine Asae, Carolyn Kotoe, Kathy, 3 gc and sis Tane Nakadate.

### Awards

**Joyce Takano**, gerontology clinical nurse specialist at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in San Francisco, was named the Bay Area's top Federal Employee for 1982. She was selected from 80,000 eligible Bay Area federal employees in recognition of her contributions to her field. Takano, born in San Jose, is a graduate of San Jose State University and UCSF, and received her Certificate in Gerontological Nursing from USC in 1975.

## CalJAR gets Republican charter

SAN DIEGO—The newly-organized California Japanese American Republicans (Cal-JAR) received its official charter as a Republican Club, when the California Republican Convention was held here recently.

Their request for a charter and official recognition as a Republican organization was approved at the general meeting, according to George Oki, Cal-JAR chairman, of Sacramento.

State board members, headed by Oki, include Kei Higashi, vice chairman, Monterey Park; Cherry Ishimatsu, Indio, Southern California chairman; Robert Kanagawa, Sanger, Central California; S. Stephen Nakashima, San Jose, Northern California; Agnes Arakawa, Monterey Park, secretary, and Tony Y. Takikawa, Fresno, treasurer.

All California Republicans are invited to join Cal-JAR, Oki said. Memberships are available at \$15, non-voting associate member; \$25

## Yoshikawa named to San Joaquin Assn.

STOCKTON, Ca.—Richard S. Yoshikawa, Stockton-Lathrop-Manteca area supervisor and the only Japanese American supervisor in California, has been named chairman of the Cities and County of San Joaquin Assn.

Yoshikawa, who is also 1982 chairman of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, will serve as chairman of the association until next September.

Chairman Yoshikawa has been a San Joaquin County supervisor since 1974 when he was appointed by then Gov. Ronald Reagan. Yoshikawa has since been elected two times to four-year terms.

The Cities and County of San Joaquin Assn. is an organization of

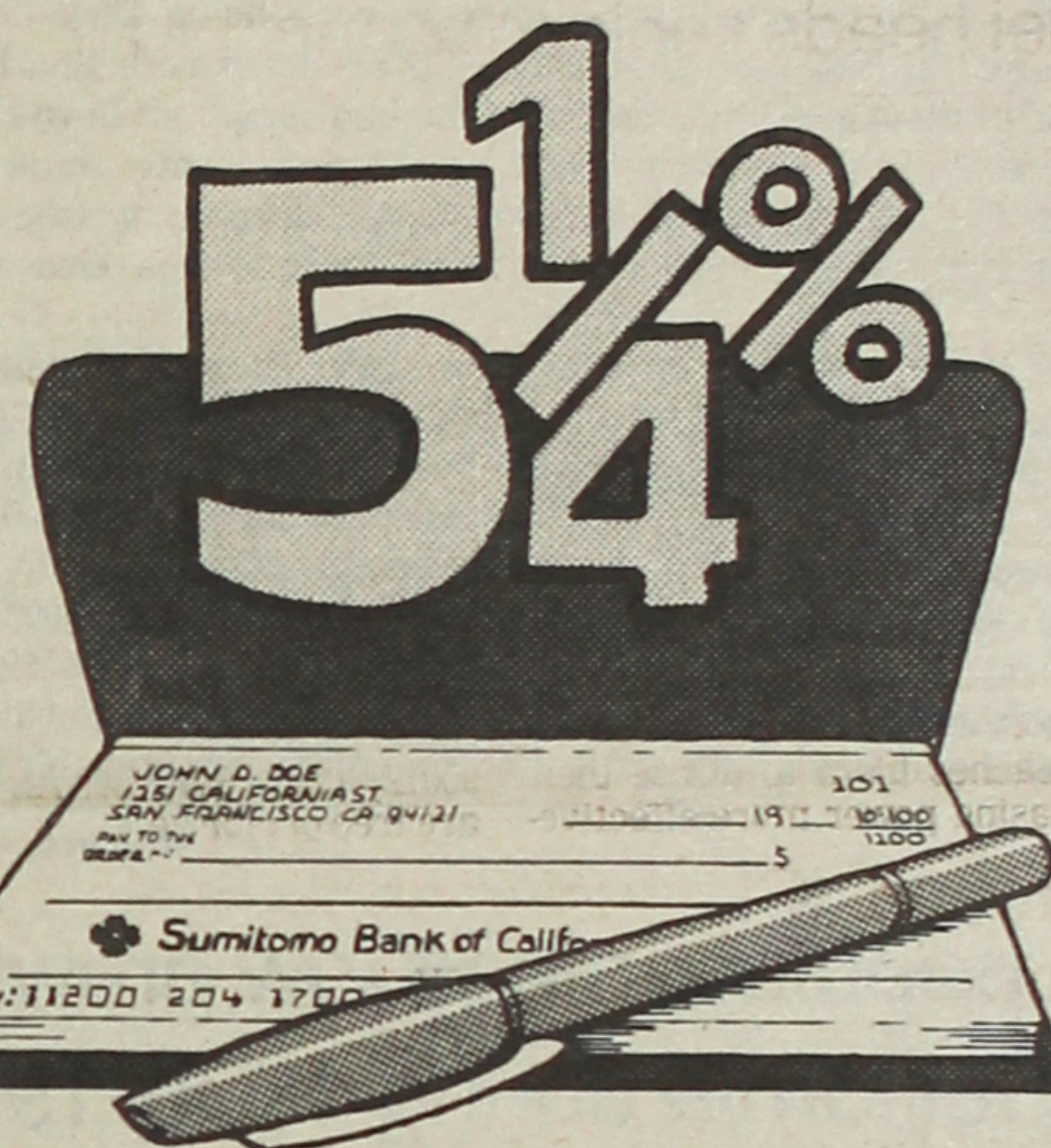
elected city councilmen and board of supervisors' members in the county. The association meets monthly during the year to consider problems of mutual interest to the county and the six cities in the county.

Yoshikawa is past president of the Professional Photographers Guild of San Joaquin County, past president of Stockton Optimist Club, past president of Stockton JACL and a member of the Stockton Rotary club. In 1970-71, he was lieutenant governor for Zone VI of the Optimist club.

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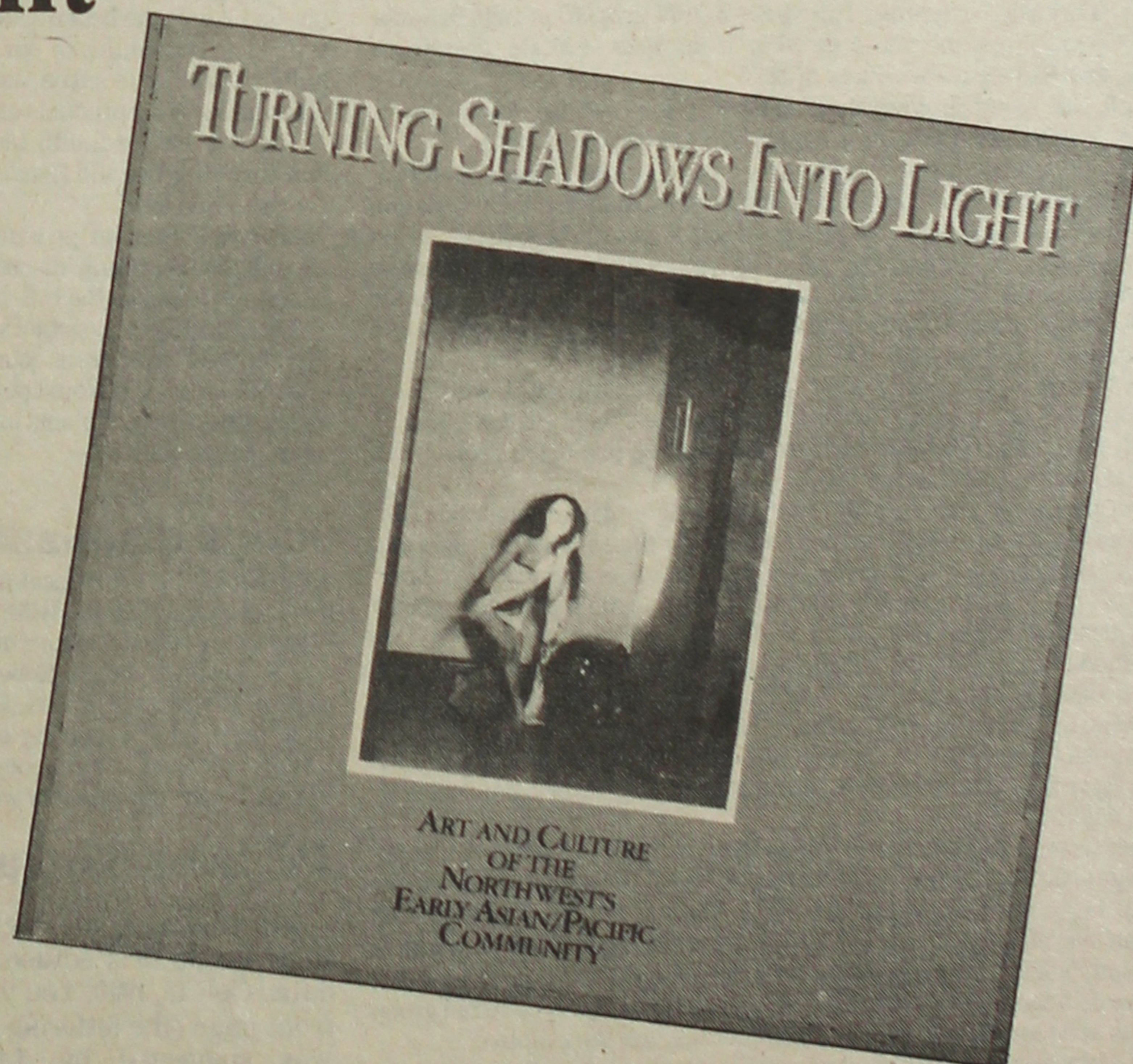
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## Donations to JACCC announced

LOS ANGELES—Contributions to the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center during the months of August and September were recently acknowledged by President Frank Kuwahara.

"The list indicates that cultural groups continue to support the JACCC, some from as far away as Japan," Kuwahara commented. The Matsuwaka Suenobu Kai of Higashi Hiroshima recently held a benefit recital for the JACCC and sent a total of \$757 from the event to the JACCC. The group is composed of students of Mme. Suenobu Matsuwaka, classical dance instructor.

Local cultural groups who added to previous contributions include the Kensho Kai, students of Mme. Kyorokusho Kineya, who donated \$500 to the Theater Fund, bringing their total donations to \$2,000; the Rafu Ningyo Sakka Kyokai, instructors in the art of Japanese doll making, who gave \$350 and the Nanka Ikebana Kyoju Kai, flower arrangement instructors headed by Mme. Shunsui Kamimura, who donated \$300, both on the occasion of the Nisei Week Japanese Festival.

Kuwahara also noted that the

Security Pacific Charitable Foundation, which has contributed \$25,000 to the building fund and \$3,000 so far for the upkeep of the James Irvine Garden, has also donated another \$1,000 for the garden maintenance.

Other donors include:

\$1,000—Akio Ujihara of Santa Monica; \$100—Lei Kuwada and Ronald Senzaki; \$50—Sachi and Ron Williams of Quebec, Canada; \$36—Anonymous from Little Tokyo Towers; \$35—Roderic H. Russell and Ginko M. Von Weyerhausen; \$33.22—Japanese Amateur Magicians Society (disbanded, and the remaining funds in the treasury donated by Seijiro Inose); \$25—Joan Deskin of Victorville; \$20—Nagoya Representative Office; \$10—Anonymous.

In addition, Mrs. Marie N. Doizaki paid in \$10,000 toward the \$100,000 pledge made by her late husband George J. Doizaki. She also contributed the \$30 sent by Taul Watanabe of Bellevue, Wash., in her husband's memory to the JACCC. Kuwahara also said quarterly payment from United Way on pledges made by persons electing to give through payroll deductions totalled \$41.97. #

## Nisei heads senior discount program

LOS ANGELES—The California Department of Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Services, has opened a local office for the Senior Discount and the Cooperative Development Programs, and local resident Sue Kunitomi Embrey has been added to the Research and Special Projects staff as consultant.

The Senior Discount Program (SDP) encourages the development and use of discounts on goods and services among the elderly and teaches them to utilize their purchasing power more effectively.

## Gardena JCI housing applications out

GARDENA, Ca.—The Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced that application forms for prospective tenants of the Japanese Cultural Institute senior housing are now available and may be received by calling Barker Management, (714) 533-3450.

Applicants must be at least 62 years of age, ambulatory and capable of living independently. To be eligible the applicant must also meet certain income criteria.

JCI Gardens, located at 2000 West 162d Street adjacent to the V.F.W. and the JCI complex, will have two three-story buildings housing 101 units, ten of which will be set aside for the handicapped.

For more info call (213) 324-6611. #

## Japan Fdn. Fellowships available

LOS ANGELES—Application forms and information for the 1983-84 Japan Foundation Fellowships, Library Support Program, and Institutional Support Program are now available from the Consulate General of Japan.

The Japan Foundation offers two types of fellowships: Professional Fellowships and Dissertation Fellowships. Professional Fellowships are intended for faculty members, writers, artists or other professionals who have substantial training and experience in some aspect of Japanese studies and who desire to carry out research in Japan or who are interested in upgrading their skills or adding a new dimension to their professional capacities. Dissertation Fellowships are intended to provide an opportunity for doctoral candidates in American universities in the social sciences, the humanities, and other professional fields to carry out dissertation research.

The Japan Foundation also funds Institutional Project Support Programs whose purpose is to assist in the study and understanding of Japanese culture and society in the United States. Any educational, cultural, or public affairs organization classified as a non-profit organization for federal income tax purpose is eligible to apply.

Completed applications must be postmarked by Nov. 15, 1982.

For application forms and further information regarding the Japan Foundation Fellowships, contact Consulate General of Japan, 250 E. 1st St., Suite 1507, Los Angeles 90012; 624-8305. #

## Family histories to be probed in lecture

SAN FRANCISCO—The Takahashi Lectures has announced that Mrs. Kei Yoshida, who specializes in Japanese family histories and crests (Kamons), will be the featured speaker on Oct. 30, 7 p.m. at the Christ United Presbyterian Church Social Hall, at Sutter and Laguna Sts. Yoshida and a team of experts from Los Angeles will share their findings on the importance of family names and show a geographical map depicting the origin and meaning of names and crests. She has been researching family histories and kamons for the last nine years. All who attend are invited to ask about their background by providing the prefecture and village of their forefathers. An ongoing exhibit will be available for those who drop in during the evening. The lecture is free to the public and is made possible by the Stanford Takahashi Fund. #

## Chinatown Library Branch gets funds

LOS ANGELES—The Friends of the Chinatown Library recently pledged over a quarter of a million dollars to the Los Angeles Unified School District for the expansion of the Chinatown Library Branch, located on the grounds of Castelar Elementary School.

Friends Vice President and Fundraising Chair Delores Wong, President Ruby Ling Louie and Treasurer Samuel Joe presented a check to LAUSD on Sept. 20.

This event marks the first time that such a sizeable private contribution has been donated for the construction costs of any city public library branch. Through the unique cooperation of the LAUSD Board and the Los Angeles Public Library Department, the Chinatown community in 1977 was able to have a rent-free, experimental public library branch on a school site. From the beginning daily usage and circulation far outdistanced the library administration's expectations. It soon became necessary to expand in order

to meet the tremendous demands by local and citywide users for the branch's special Chinese materials along with regular library and information services.

Total cost of the expansion project will be over \$867,000 with the major share of the funds provided from the Friends-secured Housing and Community Development grants of \$523,000 and from community donations of \$227,000. These private contributions came not only from immediate residents and businesses but also in large part from the extended Chinese community. The remaining costs will be borne by the School District.

By the end of the year, the remodeled facility with its new mezzanine will contain both the Chinatown Public Library Branch and the Castelar School Library and Media Center operating jointly. The 12,000 square feet area will include community and meeting rooms, a work room, study spaces and a public language resource center. #

## Noguchi supporters slate meetings

LOS ANGELES—Concerned Americans for Responsible Progress (CARP) will hold meetings to discuss the recent hearings of demoted county coroner Dr. Thomas Noguchi on Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m. at the Little Tokyo Towers, 455 E. Third St., and on Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Venice Culver Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr. For more information call John Saito (213) 626-4471 or Dr. Mitsuo Inouye 391-7281.

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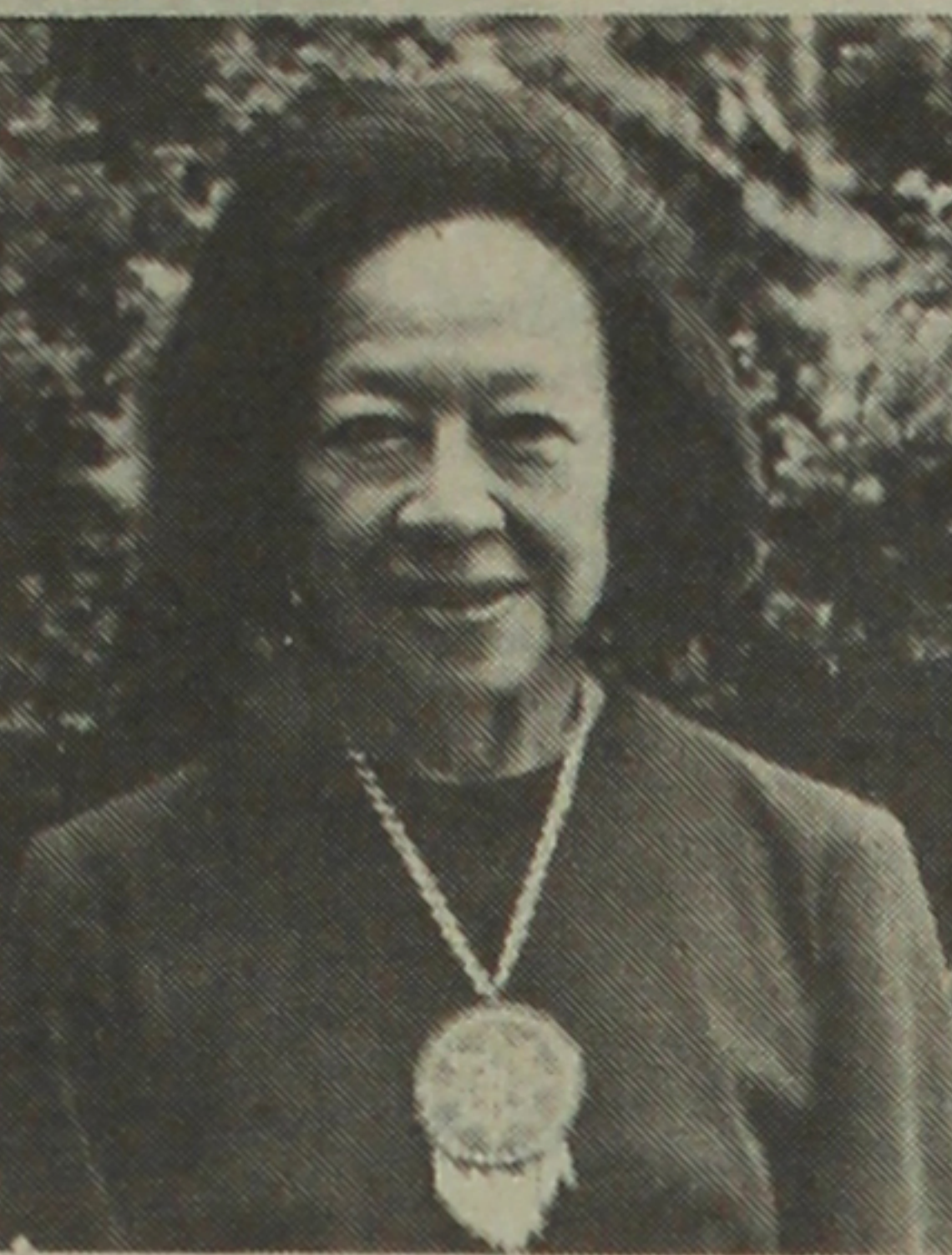
## Hiratsuka award reaches \$8,000

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL Youth Program received an additional \$2,500 towards the Aiko Tashiro Hiratsuka Memorial Scholarship for the Performing Arts, making the total endowment fund over \$8,000. The \$2,500 gift was received from Shig Hiratsuka in memory of his late wife.

Aiko Tashiro Hiratsuka was dedicated to her family and the music she loved. A professional pianist for over 40 years, Aiko had traveled and performed throughout the east coast and Japan.

Applications for the Aiko Tashiro Hiratsuka Memorial Scholarship for the Performing Arts and other scholarship available from the JACL Youth Program, will be released to the local JACL Chapters for distribution in late November of this year. Contact the National JACL Headquarters, 1765

Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115, Attention: National Youth Director for additional information. #



Aiko Tashiro Hiratsuka

## Sac'to Asian community to be feted

SACRAMENTO—A series of events will be held on Nov. 19 and 20, to celebrate the historic Portuguese-Japanese community that developed in the Freeport-Pocket-Riverside area between the early years of the 20th century and 1942. Funded, in part, by a grant from the California Council for the Humanities, the events are co-sponsored by the Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society, Sacramento JACL Chapter, Sacramento History Center and the CSU Sacramento.

The schedule of events will begin with the opening conference on Nov. 19, 11:30 in the Forest Suite, University Union, CSUS. Keynote comments will be by President Lloyd John of the University followed by the screening of "Strange and Wonderful Harvest: The development of a Portuguese-Japanese Community in Sacramento's Freeport-Pocket District, 1920-1942," a multi-image program produced by University Media Services, CSUS.

That evening, a banquet at the Grand Ballroom, Woodlake Inn, will be held at 6 p.m. to celebrate and honor the pioneer members of the historic Freeport-Pocket-Riverside community and their descendants. The dinner will feature a showing of the audio-visual program, Portuguese and Japanese entertainment and guest commentaries by local dignitaries, including Congressman Robert Matsui.

For more info contact Wataru Dubby Tsugawa, 4450 73rd Street, Sacramento, CA. 95820. #

## Mineta keynotes CCDC confab

FRESNO, Ca.—Rep. Norman Y. Mineta of San Jose will be the keynote speaker for the Sunday evening banquet of the 33rd Annual Central California District Council Convention, slated for the weekend of Nov. 13-14. The convention will be held at the Hilton Hotel in the downtown district here, and the installation of district and chapter officers is scheduled. CCDC chapter members should contact their chapter presidents for registration information. #

## Omaha JACL to host MPDC fall meeting

OMAHA, Nb.—The Omaha JACL Chapter will host the fall meeting of the Mountain Plains District Council on Nov. 5-6 at the Regency West Motel, at the junction of Interstate 680 and Pacific St. Keynote speaker for the evening banquet Nov. 5 will be Chuck Kubokawa, National Vice President for Public Affairs, who will address the issue of U.S.-Japan relations. For more information call Steve Hasegawa, chapter president, at (402) 271-4680 (o) or 895-4157 (h). #

### Art

Joel Nakamura, son of Selanoco JACLers Yoshio and Grace Nakamura, recently exhibited his works of illustration and design at the AXIS, Inc. Design Center's Gallery in Tokyo. Joel was a recipient of the JACL Fine Arts Scholarship Award in 1980 and graduated in September with honors from Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Ca. Joel was also represented in the professional category at the Society of Illustrators West Exhibit at the state Museum of Science and Industry.

Another Nakamura son, Daniel, is an origami artist whose works are represented in the permanent museum of the Paper Museum in Tokyo. He was commissioned to create two giant cranes for the Japan Expo in 1981. Other works include a "Works in Progress Exhibition" for the Los Angeles Folk and Crafts Museums and origami sky sculptures for the Los Angeles County Fair's Fine Arts Pavilion. He was also one of ten invitational artists presenting a demonstration at the fair's "California Spirit in the Arts" exhibit.

## 'Survivors' film gets high PBS ratings, good reviews

SAN FRANCISCO — 'Survivors', Steven Okazaki's recent film about Japanese American atomic bomb survivors, reached more than a million viewers when it was broadcast across the nation on August 4. According to Sara Altherr of Boston's PBS affiliate station, WGBH, "It was a great success with very big audiences in the major cities, quite high in comparison with other Public Television programs."

"The press response was tremendous," enthused Altherr who coordinated the national publicity on the film. "We were featured in regular news stories, the entertainment press, as well as on talk shows."

The film received numerous glowing reviews, including one from Jack Thomas of The Boston Globe who wrote: "'Survivors' will help us not to forget Hiroshima. It moves the nuclear game of one-upmanship beyond the statistics of the front page into a human dimension to show us that what is at stake here are lives. Human lives. Civilian lives. Ours."

Altherr gave her thoughts on the film's acceptance: "There's a major interest in this subject and people were hungry for real infor-

mation about what happened in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. 'Survivors' offered real people talking about their own experience. The film didn't preach to the audience, it didn't tell them how to think. Viewers were impressed most of all with the honesty of the survivors themselves and the poignancy of their stories."

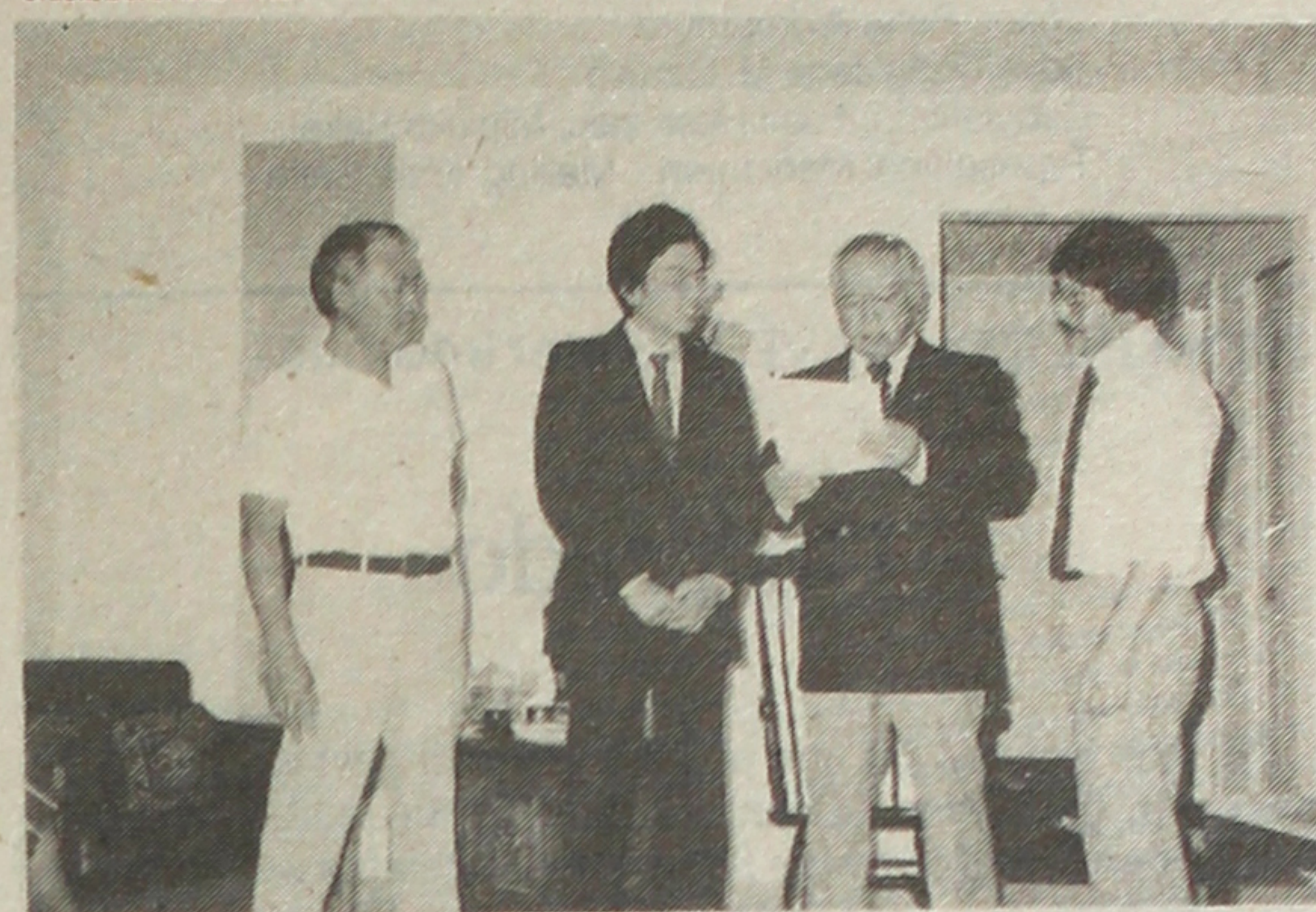
'Survivors', produced by Mouchette Films in association with the JACL, was co-presented by WGBH and KQED in San Francisco. PBS Research reported that the program was the highest rated "World Special" of the season in Chicago, Philadelphia, and San Francisco.

In Japan, the film's completion made front page news throughout the country and the film's New York premier was broadcast on Asahi Television. In Hiroshima, an effort to translate the film into Japanese has been undertaken by Hiroshima Jogakuin College.

The producers of the film are now moving into distribution, hoping to provide further public education about the plight of the survivors and stimulate support for the efforts of The Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the USA which represents some 1,000 Japanese American A-bomb vic-

tims. This project recently received major funding from the Ruth Mott Fund in Michigan, The Ploughshares Fund and Liman-tour Fund in San Francisco, and The Peach Development Fund in Massachusetts.

'Survivors' is now available to schools, churches, and organizations through: The Survivors Film Project. c/o Japanese American Citizens League, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA, 94115. Telephone: (415) 921-5225. #



**REDRESS PLEDGE**—The Washington D.C. JACL made its redress pledge of \$1,400 a year for the next three years to become the first chapter to fulfill the action taken by the National Council at the 27th Biennial Convention. K. Patrick Okura, Co-Chair of the Washington D.C. Chapter (3rd from left) presents JACL National President Floyd Shimomura (2nd from left) with a check for the first year's amount, while National Secretary/Treasurer Frank Sato (l) and National Director Ron Wakabayashi look on.

## Takei to speak before SD JACL

SAN DIEGO, Ca.—"The Role of Asians in the Media—Action Plan for the Future" will be the topic discussed by actor George Takei at the San Diego JACL's 49th Annual Installation Dinner, on Saturday, Nov. 6, 6 p.m. at the Vacation Village Convention Center in the Village Assembly on Mission Bay.

In addition to the keynote address by George Takei, installing of the 1982-83 officers and awarding of Silver Pins will be made.

Tickets at \$15 per person for this event are available from any Board Member or can be obtained by contacting Robert Ito at (714) 277-5460. #

## ELA Issei fest

The annual East Los Angeles JACL Issei Appreciation Day program will be held at the Japanese Retirement Home, 325 South Boyle Ave., Sunday Oct. 17, 1:30 p.m. Appearing on the program will be Moyoko Komori Dancers, Luana Baba's Puana Nani Polynesian Dancers, and the Kotobuki Band. For further information call Mable Yoshizaki (213) 263-8469. #

## Riverside JACL to hold Sendai festival

RIVERSIDE, Ca.—The Riverside JACL will hold its 15th Annual Sendai Festival to commemorate the Sendai-Riverside sister city relationship, on Saturday, Oct. 16, 11 a.m. at the Canyon Crest Towne Centre, Central Avenue and Canyon Crest Drive. Demonstrations, exhibits food and entertainment will be featured.

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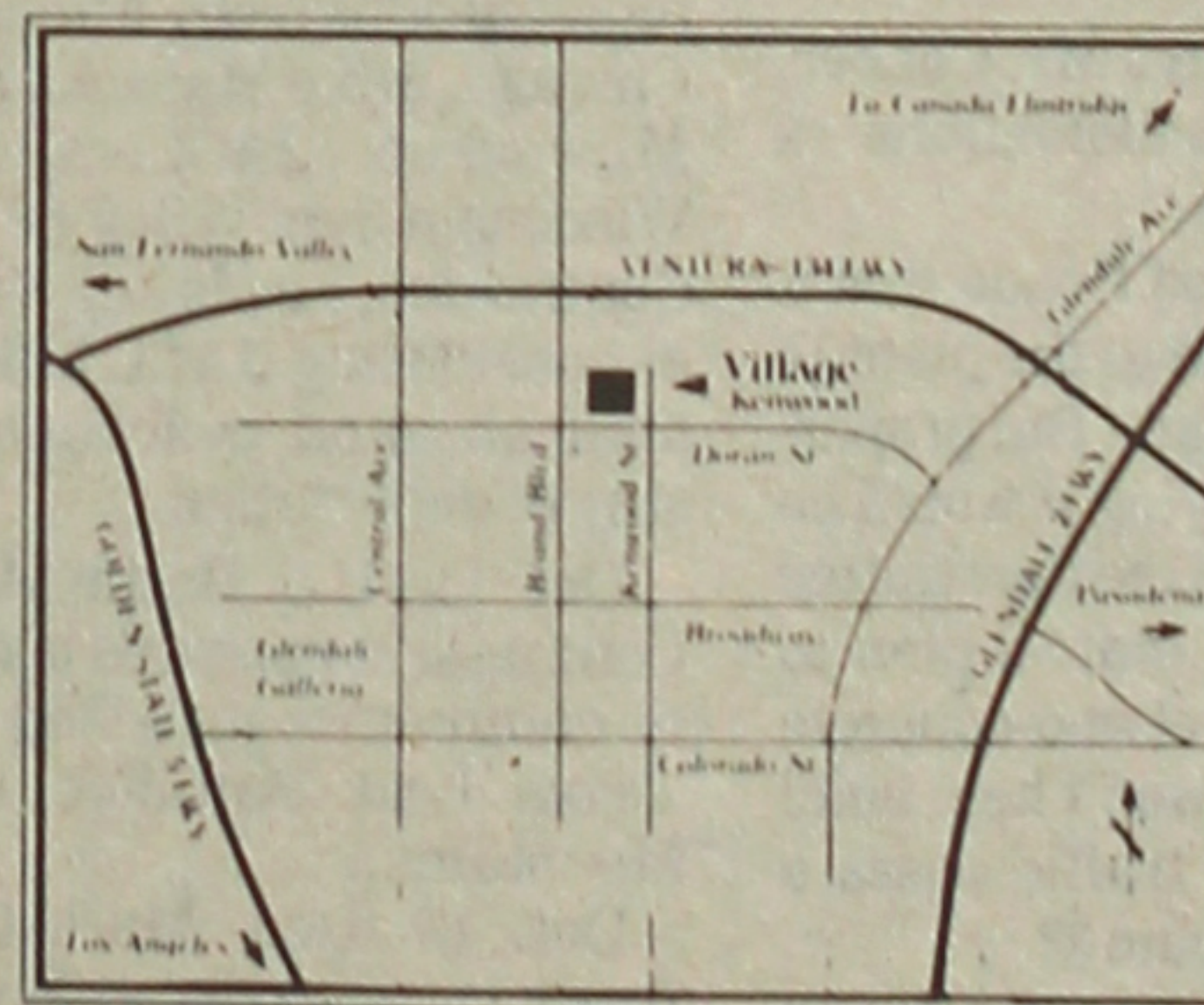
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## On Trade

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I'd like to focus on one of the resolutions which had been passed by the National Council during the Biennial Convention. It's the one authored by the International Relations Committee, concerning U.S.-Japan relations. The resolution states that "JACL establish long-range goals for improving" the partnership between the two nations, and that the National Council charge the IRC to "explore specific actions for attainment of improved American-Japanese relations." This resolution seems very nebulous, and I'm not sure what the IRC intends to do with the funds they receive (tentatively, the committee was allocated \$4,000 over the next biennium).

I bring this subject up because two California candidates for the U.S. Senate had their debate last week, and this very topic of U.S.-Japan relations came up. San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson, the Republican candidate, when asked if he would support tariffs on Japanese imports, replied: "I am not a protectionist, but I am not willing to suffer in silence. So I would not rule out the use of either tariffs or non-tariff barriers or countervailing duties or surcharges... I would suggest that we won't have to employ them, if, in fact, the administration has sufficient support in the United States Senate for the kind of impetus necessary to get the attention of the Japanese."

The Democrat, Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr., responded to the same question: "... I would make it very clear to the Japanese and the Germans that we will negotiate on the basis of fair, expanding trade. If they don't want to go along with that, then I would employ all the tools that could be, including export credits, allocated capital, or any other technique that could bring about the desired result."

I hope the IRC is paying close attention to these and other congressional candidates, as well as those already in Congress, considering the number of "protectionist" bills currently under study by the legislators. #

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other communities rankles in Marysville. "The only thing we're going to get out of this is jobs," says a resident. "And we aren't sure we're going to get many of those."

### Benefits Package

But much of Marysville's ill will toward the Honda venture is rooted in the competition among several states to attract Honda in the mid-1970s. Ohio won by offering Honda a package of government-paid benefits that included the construction of a main sewer line from the plant to Marysville's waste-water treatment plant, an expansion of a two-lane highway leading from Marysville to the assembly plant and a 15-year tax abatement.

It was clear from the outset that Marysville's waste-water treatment plant would have to be expanded to handle the 500,000 gallons of additional water that will flow each day from the Honda plant. The federal government will pick up some \$6 million of the \$8 million expansion project, but Marysville will have to pay the rest. That wasn't the way it was supposed to work, according to Mayor Nuckles and others in Marysville.

"The state indirectly gave our citizens the impression that Honda would be paying a certain amount up front to help build the expansion," says the mayor. "But it turns out some federal law prohibits that and we won't get anything from Honda but their usage fee."

That means Marysville will be going to the bond market soon. To get a decent interest rate, the city must raise its sewer rates to assure potential investors that it will meet its obligations. Last month the city council approved an 87% increase in sewer rates that will become effective next month. And because sewer rates are based on water consumption, some Marysville citizens are worried that the town may have to give up its longtime motto: "Where the grass is greener."

### Route 33 Dispute

"Nobody can afford to water their lawns anymore," says Mr. Capper, the carpenter. "There's a saying going around that Bellefontaine (a nearby town) will get all the jobs and we'll get all the bills."

Then there's the matter of Route 33. The state promised Honda that it would widen the six-mile stretch of road from Marysville to the plant to provide easier access for trucks carrying materials and cars. But property owners along the highway are fighting the project, saying it would be expensive and dangerous. A group of citizens calling itself the Committee Against Route 33 Expansion (CARE) charges that the state's plan to make the highway four lanes doesn't provide for a steel-and-concrete divider. Without it, CARE says, the federal government won't help build the highway. The group also says the increased truck traffic poses a threat to children getting on and off school buses along Route 33.

"I used to be the coroner in this county, and I know those trucks aren't toys," says Dr. Charles Bolinger, a retired Marysville physician and a member of CARE. "When they upset or get turned sideways it's a mess."

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## Letters

### Redress Pledges

Editor:

As repeatedly stated at the Biennial Convention, Redress is JACL's top priority. But, as in the past, there are chapters which shirk their responsibility to contribute funds to the Redress issue with the pretext that they are involved in important local projects. That may well be, but now that the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians is about to make its recommendations to the Congress, we are pressed for time and Redress must have the highest priority in anything the chapters do, whereas most local projects can surely be postponed a few more months without injurious effects.

There are other chapters which pay lip service to Redress, but which continue to lag in collecting funds for Redress. Are these chapters in arrears because: (1) they don't see the urgency of contributing their share? (2) they don't know how to raise the money they are to contribute to Redress? or (3) they don't understand the true implication of Redress as a Civil Rights issue? If the reason is that some of these laggard chapters need help and advice, have they ever asked National JACL or their district how to go about raising funds?

And what about the districts? Leadership at the district level means that the districts must assume more responsibility for the lack of cooperation at the chapter level, and provide the chapters with guidance and assistance instead of sitting back and waiting for the chapters to send in their contributions. If this leadership is not more energetic than it has been in the past, friction and dissension will increase within the chapters and among the chapters.

I believe it's about time we made the districts aware of our displeasure over their lack of leadership, initiative, direction, and guidance, and the lagging chapters must realize that they cannot expect a free ride on the shoulders of those chapters which have contributed, and continue to contribute, more than their share.

We of the Salinas Valley Chapter have contributed well over 100% of our assigned share, and now we will resort to new measures to meet the new quota of \$5.00 per member so that Min Yasui, John Tateishi, and Ron Ikejiri can go on with their Redress tasks without worrying about any possible lack of funds, but the question that comes to mind is this, will the chapters put their shoulders to the wheel and work for a successful conclusion of the redress effort or will they continue to shirk their responsibility?

TOM MIYANAGA  
Salinas, Ca.

## 35 Years Ago

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

OCTOBER 18, 1947

Oct. 7—Mike Masaoka wraps up 5-day stay in Minneapolis-St. Paul, conferring with state leaders, local human rights organizations and JACL, on need to remove "hurt" of 1924 Japanese exclusion law.

Oct. 8—Continuing nation-wide tour enroute from Minneapolis to Chicago, Mike Masaoka addresses Milwaukee JACLers; reminds Wisconsin Sen. Wiley of Judiciary Committee, heads key Senate panel considering JACL bills on Issei naturalization, evacuation claims, stay of deportation.

Oct. 13—U.S. Battle Monuments Commission approves JACL plaque to commemorate 442nd rescue of Texas Lost Battalion in Vosges Mountains.

Oct. 15—Gen. Mark Clark, 6th Army commander at Presidio San Francisco, tells American advertising agency convention the record of Nisei GIs in Europe as a sign U.S. capable of developing strength to incorporate nation's many ethnic, racial and religious groups.



## APAAC continues its role as 'watchdog'

By CLIFFORD UYEDA

SAN DIEGO—The Asian Pacific American Advocates of California (APAAC) Board of Directors' quarterly meeting was hosted by the San Diego regional members, Sept. 24-26. Dr. Allan Seid, president of APAAC, presided over the meeting.

The APAAC Executive Director Morris Artiaga recently testified against AB2584 before the state Senate Finance Committee where the bill was killed. The bill would have had a significant negative impact on foreign trained nurses, and prevented them from practicing their much needed skills in this country. The bill, if passed, would have required foreign trained

nurses to take an oral English language test unrelated to their professional needs. The bill was especially discriminatory to Filipino nurses who comprise one-third of the applicants who take the licensing exams. The bill had already passed the state Assembly. If it had been approved by the Senate Finance Committee its passage would have been assured. How close this bill came to actual adoption, and its defeat at the last hurdle again emphasizes the need for vigilance and advocacy for Asian concerns.

One of APAAC's most prominent volunteers, Anni Chung, Executive Director of the Self-Help for the Elderly in San Francisco, was

appointed to the Block Grant Community Service Task Force. With increasing emphasis on the state funding of many social and educational programs formerly handled by Washington, it has become essential for Asian Pacific Americans to obtain their equitable share of the Block Grant funds.

APAAC is communicating with various Congresspersons to support the Amerasian Child Act which would give special immigration status to these children. APAAC also urged for the reversal of the recent interpretation that Filipino children with American fathers are ineligible under the Act. The communication also stated the importance of keeping these children's family intact.

The Hart textbook bill, AB2561, authorizes each California district to purchase textbooks directly from the publishers, thus bypassing the Legal Compliance Review Committee set up by the State Board of Education. The review committee mandates that all state public school instructional materials contain accurate portrayals of the cultural and ethnic diversity of our society. The Hart bill sneaked through the Assembly and the Senate as a rider and had escaped the attention of the State Board of Education until it was too late. It has gone before Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. for his signature. APAAC has joined the

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## Hawaii Hochi marks 70th year

HONOLULU—Now the sole bilingual English-Japanese daily in Hawaii, the Hawaii Hochi marked its 70th anniversary with a 76-page special Sept. 11. It was founded Dec. 7, 1912, by Kinzaburo Makino. Its English section, started in 1924, was then known as "The Bee".

In 1964, the Shizuoka Shimbun purchased the paper. In 1969, its English supplement Hawaii Herald began as a weekly, then suspended for seven years due to paper shortage and resumed in 1980 as a semi-monthly.

## For the Record

In Vernon Yoshioka's "Membership Campaign" column (PC Oct. 8, pg. 8) there was an ambiguous paragraph which read:

"A secondary reason for campaigning in January is to encourage potential new members to join now at the lower 1982 dues rate. This then gives them a bargain rate 12 month membership."

According to Yoshioka, he meant to say that chapter presidents and membership chairs should encourage new members to join this year, before Jan. 1983 (when the new '83 chapter rates will go into effect) so members will get the current lower '82 rates. #

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## Slim Books about Japanese Americans

Denver, Colo.

Three slim, soft-cover books about the Japanese American experience have crossed my desk recently, and I would like to share a little of them with you.

The first is titled "Beginnings: Japanese Americans in San Jose." It was copyright in 1981 by the Japanese American Community Senior Service and was funded in part by a Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) grant. The project began with taped interviews of eight San Jose area Issei. Their recollections were transcribed, edited, and finally put into book form by a staff directed by Steven Misawa and Kathy Ichinaga.

"We do not pretend to offer this publication as a final authority on 'typical' Japanese American seniors," Misawa says in his foreword, "but rather as a brief insight into eight unique people who now have or have had close, personal ties with San Jose Japantown. We also hope these interviews will provide some candid recollections of the struggles, obstacles and perseverance of the first Japanese immigrants."

Most of the interviews were conducted in Japanese and translated. Both versions were published. The book (\$12.95) is profusely illustrated with priceless old pictures and includes a marvelous photo section from the

collections of Judge Wayne Kanemoto and Eiichi Sakai. Senior Service's address is 565 North Fifth St., San Jose, CA 95112.

The second book, "1872-1942: A Community Story," was published by the San Mateo JACL and is a somewhat more ambitious project. Yasuko Ann Ito is chairperson of the San Mateo JACL History Project, and she credits among others, Richard Nakanishi "for the extensive research and long hours that were spent writing and preparing the preliminary manuscript."

This is a thoroughly professional job of research, writing and production, complete with extensive footnotes and should be a valuable addition to the records of San Mateo County just south of San Francisco, an area with a long and distinguished history of Japanese American settlement and activity. Twenty-three Issei were interviewed on tape in 1977 and 1978, as were 30 other subjects, mostly Nisei.

The 90-page book ends with the Evacuation in 1942 and includes a message of thanks and farewell published in the San Mateo Times, evidence of the warm place the Japanese Americans had won for themselves in the county. The San Mateo JACL chapter's address is 502 Second Ave., San Mateo, CA 94401. (We suggest a \$5 contribution to the chapter for a copy.—Ed.)

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



## The Ethic of 'More for Less'

MY HUNCH IS that no matter what your particular occupational calling may be, your job experience is similar to that of this Nisei: it has to do with discharging your assignments, performing on the job. I think it has some-

thing to do with the work ethic handed down to us by our Issei parents. How many times were we reminded that the assigned task must be performed with diligence and care, that sloughing off was equivalent to stealing, that there was the matter of one's self-respect. This is not to suggest that we always adhered to these precepts, for we did not. But it is amazing how much of it did, in fact, stick. To this day.

IN ANY WORKING place, there are those who are habitually lackadaisical as to quality, performance and production; who seek to get away with as little as possible, and constantly succeed in doing so; who repeatedly cut corners, leave unpleasant chores for others; who, in short, practice the attitude of me-first-and-the-hell-with-others. These folks defy the laws of economics with a view of "more or less." You may have a few of these where you work.

IN THE COURSE of chatting over the years with Nisei in various parts of this land, I've come to the conclusion that the marketplace all-too-often exploits this dedication to accomplishment to which many Nisei subscribe. "Exploit" because for the extra-effort, there is not the concomitant monetary recognition. On the contrary, as

we've had occasion to mention before in this column, that dedicated Nisei is given the last-minute assignment that no one else wishes to handle, or works the holiday shift that everyone seeks to avoid, and so on. If it hasn't happened to you, I can say that it certainly has happened to me.

IN DISCUSSING THIS phenomenon, or predilection, with fellow Nisei, I've suggested to some that they should just refuse to do it: "Let it be; let some of the others clean it up once in a while, and if they don't, let the mess stand." This suggestion is very much rhetorical I know, for they predictably smile wanly at the thought and lamely reply, "I just can't do it." I know the feeling. (Those Issei "did quite a job" on us.) Some have said, however, that they indeed have "geared down" to the level of their co-workers since there was no point in being over-conscious; that you don't benefit anyway. And that's true, sad to say.

ON THE OTHER hand, if this country is to regain and preserve the strength and might it once possessed, if we are to restore the abundance that we once enjoyed, then the ethic of "more" for "less" work cannot be the salvation. It violates economic principles, natural laws, and plain, common sense.

AS OUR ISSEI parents cogently pointed out: If one can be a success by being average, we'd all be successes. What our parents failed to teach us, however, was how to capitalize on extra effort put forth. The answer to that they left up to us to formulate.

And formulate we must. #

test rides and attend Honda festivals. "All these measures reflect (Honda's) utmost endeavors to become a part of the community," he said.

### Unease Over Foreign Company

Still, there's a sense here that if Marysville had to have an auto plant, it would have preferred a new General Motors Corp. or Ford Motor Co. plant. "Why the hell are we doing all this for a foreign company?" asks a resident. "We're setting a hell of precedent. If Honda can't be successful here with everything we've given them, then they better go home."

The fact that Honda is a Japanese automaker unsettles some people. Two incidents, particularly, have stirred Marysville's ire. One was a photograph carried in a Columbus, Ohio, newspaper. Rising behind an aerial view of Marysville was a big Japanese flag. "That didn't sit too well around here," says a resident. "We're pretty conservative around here, and we've got people living in this town who were in the Bataan death march. That wasn't so long ago, you know."

The other was a recent Honda advertisement carried in this newspaper. It depicted the 16 states from which Honda would be buying supplies to build its cars, and it showed Marysville as the capital of "the good ol' U.S. of H," the H standing for Honda.

"They didn't need to do that," says Mayor Nuckles. "They're trying to put the American flag over Honda, and I remember something my daddy once told me: If you have to stop and tell people what you are, you probably aren't."

—Wall Street Journal

While the first two are historical records, the third book is a literary effort that also tells history. It is also multi-ethnic, covering the Chinese, Japanese and Filipino experiences, told primarily by Chinese, Japanese and Filipino writers and poets. The 99-page book, "Turning Shadows Into Light" (\$9.95). It was edited by Mayumi Tsutakawa and Alan Chong Lau, designed by Victor Kubo and published by Young Pine Press and Asian Multi-Media Center, c/o International Examiner, 318 Sixth Ave. So., Room 123, Seattle, Wash. 98104.

Poetry is an art form whose fine points over the years have managed to elude me so I am ill-qualified to comment. But I found the prose written with care and understanding. Robert D. Monroe probed through scanty records to report the story of the Seattle Camera Club, an organization of Issei photographic artists who produced some remarkably sensitive work between 1920 and 1940. I remember viewing the work of Dr. Kyo Koike in that period with more awe than understanding.

Ed and Betty Burke tell how they saved and restored Nippon Kan, the community hall which was a decrepit shell even when I lived in Seattle more than 40 years ago. But it is a place of memories—amateur theatricals, graduation rites for the Japanese language school, entertainers from Japan, Judo tournaments, even community political rallies.

I'm pleased to see these books being published. They provide a record that needs to be preserved. #

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taught, work-prone children, are beginning to wonder about the system responsible for creating them. Readers may have originally bought the book because the author is the most admired woman in Japan, but they read it and told their friends about it because it expresses a truly national concern.

It is not too much to say (though Kuroyanagi does not say it) that Japan's postwar educational system is a disaster. It, like the society which has supported it, is authoritarian to a degree unexampled in any non-totalitarian country. And the Walkman-wearing, manga-riffing, bored, uneducated, incurious and apathetic young, not to mention child-suicides, are a logical result of this system.

Sections of the book have now also become official teaching material. The Ministry of Education has approved that one chapter will be used in third-grade Japanese language studies, and another in fourth-grade ethics and manners classes. This would seem a kind of tokenism in that neither of these particular chapters contain material about the methods and worth of the Tomoe school. More encouraging is that many concerned teachers are using the book, unofficially, as a text in their classes. Teaching kiddies how to be No. 1 in industrial manufacture is not a proper end to education and more and more Japanese now seem aware of this fact.

Thus, for once, a best-seller is leading the way, not to more mediocrity, but to a more meaningful and vital way of living. Foreign readers can now read about Totto-chan, in Dorothy Britton's very sensitive and beautifully written translation, and not only enjoy the company of a delightful little girl but also learn something about how thinking Japanese really feel.

—The Japan Times

[TOTTO-CHAN: The Little Girl at the Window (Kodansha International, \$9.95 hardcover, dist. in U.S. by Harper & Row) is being released Oct. 18. Author Kuroyanagi is in the U.S. this month to promote the book, being scheduled to appear first on NBC's Oct. 15 "Tonight Show" with further appearances being planned.—Ed.]

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Dr. Bolinger says he's heard predictions of as many as one death a month if the highway is widened.

Few Marysville residents blame Honda for the highway and sewer problems, focusing their anger instead on Ohio Gov. James Rhodes. They contend that Gov. Rhodes's administration wasn't entirely candid about the price that Marysville would have to pay for the Honda plant. "Nobody from Marysville did much to encourage Honda to come here," says a resident. "The governor's office just jammed it down our throats."

Marysville may win the highway battle. James Duerk, the director of Ohio's Department of Economic and Community Development, acknowledges that the state's Transportation Department "is studying various alternatives" to meet Honda's needs without expanding Route 33. But it appears that Marysville will be stuck with the higher sewer rates. Honda's commitment to Marysville was spelled out in a contract between the company and the city, says Duerk. "Honda has to pay its fair share of the sewer plant expansion," he says, "but it's all calculated in the contract."

Through it all Honda maintains a diplomatic approach. "Honda has long placed the utmost importance in maintaining harmony with the local community," a Honda executive vice president, Hideo Sugiura, said in a recent speech in Detroit. To enhance relations with state and local residents he said, Honda has invited local families to tour the factory, take

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## Enthusiasm

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Since I was appointed to the National 1000 Club chair again, I have been receiving letters and phone calls. Thank you to all those concerned. I appreciate your suggestions and gripes because that's what makes our organization. It's when we don't communicate that our great organization will lapse into dormancy, like "dead".

I'd like to see the local 1000 Club chairmen get an immediate membership drive kicked off. Won't you please consider an October-fest or any drive to get a fund function going? Perhaps we should give those coming to these functions something like the following: for wearing a JACL pin, 10 pts; for bringing a guest, 10 pts; for signing up a JACL member 35 pts; for signing up a 1000 Club member, 50 pts; and for signing up a Century member, 100 pts. Perhaps the winner could receive a door prize, etc.

I understand that National Director Ron Wakabayashi stated that JACL will have a mid-year fundraising event, which I think is a tremendous idea. During this event, if a person contributes an amount equal to an upgrade in membership, that person will be given the option of having his or her membership status upgraded as well (i.e. from a regular membership to 1000 Club, or Century Club, etc.).

Let's get something going. This will not happen by itself. It's going to take leadership, so may I hear some suggestions from you leaders? I too will need your support.

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State Board of Education to request the governor's veto of this bill.

Asian Pacific Americans have been advocating their history in America be portrayed both accurately and factually. Therefore, there were concerns expressed over the rewriting of textbooks by the Japanese Ministry of Education. Concerns for the historical accuracy in textbooks were conveyed to the Japanese consulate offices in California. The latest report is that Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang has accepted Japan's Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki's promise and procedure for correcting the textbook errors.

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FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR: David Nakayama



## Youth Program

The JACL National Youth Program has a history that spans over two decades. The ages of "Youth" have a wide range: from the very young, not even in school yet, to those about to take their rightful place as adults in our Nikkei communities.

To define one "magic" answer that will revitalize the JACL National Youth Program, is abstract and ideological. There are various components and variables that we must take into consideration. The most important is our membership structure. Each District and Chapter possess diverse interests and needs. The age groupings of youth differ within each Chapter and District. Also, the existence of Japanese American youth programs and activities already in place are to be considered.

Many believe that youth-related programs and activities must be with the local Chapter or District. I agree completely. Many delegates and boosters at our recent National Convention approached me and asked for my assistance with their local youth programming. It is the National Youth Program's responsibility to assist the chapters and districts in the development of their respective youth programs. This can be accomplished by resource and support materials, facilitating program concepts, and obtaining funds from outside sources to

### Incense ceremony to be held at UCLA, UCB

LOS ANGELES—Soradaki, or the traditional Japanese incense ceremony, will be demonstrated at UCLA on Oct. 19 and UC Berkeley on Oct. 21 by the School of Shino-Ryu. For more info call Nippon Kodo, Inc. (213) 337-4345.

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Chinese stone anchor near Long Beach is being celebrated in Chinese communities of Southern California. A greater dissemination of information relating to this interesting finding was suggested by the Board.

Membership recruitment is being continued to raise fund for APAAC's continued activities. APAAC address is 1228 N Street, #18, Sacramento, CA 94814; (916) 443-3215. Membership dues are \$20 for regular; \$30 for couples; \$10 for students and senior citizens. Organizational membership is \$50 or more.

### What is royal jelly?

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GARDENA, Ca.—Royal Jelly Minato, a high quality health food manufactured in Japan by the prestigious Minato Pharmaceutical Co., was recently introduced to the U.S. market by Magnus Enterprises, Inc. The royal jelly content is guaranteed by the Fairness in Trade Commission in Japan, an organization that inspects, regulates, and approves the quality and content of royal jelly.

Royal jelly is a special milk which only the nursing bees from 4 to 12 days old produce from their pharyngeal gland. According to Professor E. J. Dyce of Cornell University, "in the larva (infant bee) stage, there is absolutely no difference between a queen bee and a worker bee." For the first two days, all larvae are nourished with royal jelly, however, only the larvae chosen to be the next queen bees are transferred to special cells where they continue to

be nourished with the rich royal jelly diet.

In the world-wide quest to analyze and further understand the nutritional value of royal jelly, researchers have discovered the existence of more than 40 substances working together to form it. For example, royal jelly consists of amino acids, essential amino acids, vitamins, minerals, and special nutrients, such as 10-hydroxydesen acid, a unique substance found in royal jelly.

Throughout its long life, the queen bee eats nothing but royal jelly. Hence, the queen bee is 2 to 3 times the size of worker bees, she lives 4 to 5 years as compared to the 40 to 50 day life span of the worker bees, and she lays an amazing 1,500 to 3,000 eggs daily, weighing 1½ times more than her own body weight.

Despite the best medical care available in 1954, the octogena-

rian Pope Pius XII's senility had reached critical condition, however, the papal doctor Galleazzi Lisi prescribed the Roman pontiff to consume royal jelly, and the Pope recovered and lived 9 more years. This amazing incident was reported by Dr. Lisi at the Second International Biological Science Conference, and the Pope himself attended the World Apiary Conference in 1958 and praised royal jelly as "the elixir of life."

Major universities and research centers are presently examining royal jelly in countries, such as the United States, Canada, West Germany, Czechoslovakia and Japan. The Soviet Union has been steadily increasing imports of royal jelly for medical and consumer use. In Japan alone, it has been estimated that about 100 tons of royal jelly is being consumed yearly with new users on the uprise.

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implement these ideas.

Back in 1960, when the JACL first developed a policy on the National Youth Program, the main goal was "the welfare of youth of Japanese ancestry". This was to be accomplished by establishing Nikkei youth groups "in the absence of other Japanese American organizations" and "in communities where these do not exist, the JACL must be one of many cooperating organizations working together." I believe that even today, this is the objective of the National Youth Program.

The National Youth Program hopes that its young people will eventually become members of the National JACL membership. The degree to which Japanese American youth add their enthusiasm and leadership to its strength and effectiveness toward the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the future, will be an indication of whether or not the National Youth Program will have effectively fulfilled its responsibility.

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