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Coroner Noguchi's case due final oral arguments

LOS ANGELES—Between late July and September, the predominantly Nikkei support for Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi, now defending his professional record as county coroner and chief medical officer for a second time, continuously appealed for stronger personal attendance and community interest at his County Civil Service Commission hearings.

With final oral arguments scheduled next Friday, Nov. 5, before hearing officer Sara Adler, the commission hearing room accommodating about 40 people (the last two rows are reserved for the media) is expected to be overflowing.

The support group (CARP: Concerned Americans for Responsible Progress) may find their fears of sparse attendance assuaged under the circumstances.

When the hearings ended Sept. 20, county attorneys William A. Masterson and John A. Karacynski had three weeks to summarize their evidence. It was submitted Oct. 19 in a 109-page closing brief.

Noguchi's attorney, Godfrey Isaac, has until Nov. 3 to file a response to the county brief. Final oral arguments follow Nov. 5. Adler is expected to submit her findings and recommendations by mid-December to the county civil service commission.

CARP Meeting Nov. 1 in Gardena

CARP has been conducting community meetings to summarize and update the Noguchi case. Next one is scheduled Monday, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m., at Merit Savings, 18501 S. Western Ave., Gardena/Torrance. Dr. Joseph Choi, deputy chief of forensic medicine who testified at the hearing, will be featured speaker.

At the first community meeting Oct. 20 in Little Tokyo, Choi discussed the problem in the coroner's office due to lack of funds and how the office functioned then. After Noguchi was demoted, the County Board of Supervisors allocated additional funds and resources to confront the problems, Choi added.

"It is ironic that while the Board of Supervisors continues its unfair attack on Dr. Noguchi, the National Assn. of Medical Examiners will be installing Dr. Noguchi as its president on Nov. 12 at Newport Beach," CARP committee chair Dr. Mitsuo Inouye observed. "He deserves the support of the Japanese American community. He has been made the scapegoat of the Board of Supervisor's past failure to address the funding problem of the coroner's office." #



Margaret Inouye Lyons

TORONTO, Ont.—For a time, she was unofficially called the Dragon Lady in some CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) circles. Born Keiko Inouye on a fruit farm near Mission, B.C., in 1923, she is Mrs. Margaret Lyons today and one of the ranking female executives in world radio as managing director of CBC's English Services Division. She is now regarded as Canada's "Mme. Radio".

Eldest of six children, whose family was uprooted as "enemy aliens" during WW2, young Margaret had to put herself through McMaster University later by cooking for wealthy Americans on their country estate in Ontario.

"I now realize that when I was a senior producer, on my way to this

B.C. Nisei completes first year as Canada's 'Mme. Radio'

job, I was probably quite arrogant. I hope I'm not arrogant anymore. I've always been a fighter and I still enjoy a good healthy argument, but I really don't believe in needlessly pushing people around."

Canada's "Madame Radio" has short-cropped black hair, a round and enigmatic face and prominent glasses. She looks steely-eyed when she's saying something important, but her laugh is quick and merry. She chooses her words with precision, though there's nothing pompous in her speech patterns. In fact, she is a deadly foe of gentry whose mode of talking makes the average person feel inferior.

"Intimidating voices," she said crisply, "rub me the wrong way. Language is a living thing and belongs to the people. It should never become a barrier."

Married in 1949 to Ed Lyons, vice president of a Toronto market-research firm, they have two grown-up children, Ruth, 31, and Erskine, 22.

CBC-Radio's boss lady discussed some of her daily pleasures and displeasures in her cheery office on the corporation's top-brass premises near Bay and Bloor.

Vast Resources

"My job itself, of course, is a stimulating challenge," she said. "I've never worked for a newspaper except at the university, but I always considered myself a journalist. When I was a program director I felt that I was sort of ma-

Ariyoshi running on own terms and record

HONOLULU—Three men are running for governor of Hawaii on Nov. 2: George Ariyoshi, Democratic incumbent; Republican challenger D.G. "Andy" Anderson; and Independent Democrat Frank Fasi, the former mayor of Honolulu.

The press has noted Ariyoshi spent nearly \$1.5 million during the course of his primary campaign (about \$3.85 per potential voter), putting him among the major campaign spenders nationwide in a gubernatorial race. Most of it is being spent for newspaper, radio and TV commercials and computer-generated direct mail effort.

(In the California primaries battle between George Deukmejian and Mike Curb, the winner spent between \$5-\$6 per vote; New York's Ed Koch spent \$5 for every vote he received in his losing primary effort.)

In recent weeks since defeating Lt. Gov. Jean King in the September primaries for the Democratic nomination, Ariyoshi has all but disappeared from public view, Advertiser politics editor Jerry Burris observed recently (Oct. 13).

Ariyoshi's campaign strategy from the start has been on his own terms and on his record. The 56-year-old Nisei became acting governor in 1973 when his predecessor, Gov. John Burns, fell ill. He won re-election in his own right a year later after a tough, four-way Democratic primary. He defeated Fasi in the primary four years ago and coasted to his general election victory. This year, Ariyoshi's competition includes Fasi who's running as an Independent to avoid a primary battle.

The governor has been defending his brochure statement that crime statistics are down dramatically around 13%, having

Dr. Geokas removed from UC-Davis vice-chair post

DAVIS, Ca. —Dr. Michael Geokas, found guilty of racially discriminatory acts against a Chinese American doctor, was not reappointed to his post as vice chairman of UC Davis' internal medicine department.

Geokas, chief of medicine at Martinez VA hospital, was accused by Dr. Edmund Jung

in 1975 of racially discriminatory acts. After years of appeals, the Civil Service Commission Appeals Board in 1981 ruled in Jung's favor, finding Geokas guilty of harassment and racial discrimination.

In addition, UC regent Yori Wada asked for an investigation of Geokas, amidst reports

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pushed for tougher laws and funding county career criminal programs and battling organized crime.

Of his nine-year incumbency, his critics charged the governor has become stuck in his ways and his administration defensive and new blood is needed. But counters Ariyoshi: "Look at the three people who are running..." Fasi, he said, served three terms as Honolulu mayor and "there's nothing new he is saying". Anderson has been in the Legislature for 20 years and "I haven't heard anything new...What are they going to change?"

Ariyoshi repeatedly states he has kept the state budget under control, has not raised taxes and generated a surplus that made possible a tax rebate. #

S.F. Asians in election bid

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca.—Candidate Ben Tom is confident of a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in the Nov. 2 elections.

A transportation analyst for the Public Utilities Commission and a prominent member of the Chinese community, Tom has served on the San Francisco board of education since 1977. He was unsuccessful in his bid for a board seat in 1980.

Also on the slate is Martin Lee Eng, 29, former state auditor and a certified public accountant currently pursuing a master's degree at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

A teacher who emigrated from the Philippines in 1968, Moy Velazquez is a write-in candidate in the San Francisco board of education race this year. Two years ago when four Filipino Americans sought positions on the board, he garnered some 18,000 votes.

Alan Wong, executive director of Chinatown YMCA, is a candidate for the San Francisco Community College board, currently serving by appointment as successor to Lillian Sing who was named to the municipal court. Wong is one of nine bidding for the seat he has.

Polls show Spark due big re-election win

HONOLULU—Recent polls show Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D) is headed for a landslide victory and his second six-year term in the U.S. Senate against his Republican challenger, Clarence Brown, a retired foreign service employee, and Independent Spunky Bernier-Nachtwey.

Brown, who has lived in Hawaii about two years failed to raise campaign funds necessary to unseat the incumbent. #

Gary Locke defeats incumbent in bid for seat at Olympia

By RON CHEW
(Editor, International Examiner)
SEATTLE, Wa.—Gary Locke, attorney and former president of Asian Americans for Political Action, defeated incumbent Peggy Maxie in the 37th Legislative District primary race last month, and appears headed for victory in the November 2 general election.

If elected, Locke will be the only Asian lawmaker representing Seattle in either the State Senate or Legislature. John Eng, long-time Representative of the 37th District before the area was redistricted, decided not to run for re-election.

Art Wang (D) is currently the only other Asian legislator from the 27th District which includes

Old letter fuels 'Dec 7' puzzle

SAN DIEGO, Ca.—A letter which claims that President Franklin D. Roosevelt and top Navy brass knew of Japan's plan to attack the United States but said nothing to the admiral in charge at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, has brought \$1,500 at the Antiquarian Book Fair in San Diego.

Retired Navy Vice Admiral David C. Richardson, a veteran of 36 years of service this past week (Oct. 17) bought the letter written by Adm. Husband E. Kimmel to actress Corinne Griffith. The letter, found a month ago in Griffith's estate, offered no documentation of Kimmel's expressed belief that Roosevelt took part in a subterfuge that delayed a warning of the imminent attack until after it had begun.

Kimmel, who was in charge that day, retired from the Navy after World War II and died in 1963. #

vocation and added swiftly, "I've often suspected that a lot of women felt I wasn't 'militant' enough... My own way of recognizing the rights of women has been to treat them exactly the same as I treat men. And I can easily trace this to parental influence."

"My mother was conservative and old-fashioned. She wanted her daughters to become proper young ladies. But my father treated his boys and girls exactly alike. We shared all the household chores. I thrived on this and by the time I was 17 I felt completely self-sufficient."

Equal opportunities and fair play don't mean favoritism, she continued, at CBC.

Other Hobbies Told

As an amateur collector, she dabbles in Japanese antique prints, and is interested in original contemporary Indian and Inuit art.

Movies are often a delight, she added, but admitted, "I haven't time to go as often as I'd like."

The CBC's No. 1 woman said she genuinely enjoys sewing and cooking, though once again her career reduces her time for both.

"For years I made all my own clothes. I'm so short that I'm not easy to shop for." Her height is 4 feet, 10½ inches.

Music is one of her deepest satisfactions. She and her husband became cheap-seat opera buffs at Covent Garden while Margaret

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parts of Tacoma, Fife and Milton. Wang rolled up 74.9% of the votes of his primary race against a Republican opponent and is expected to easily win his second term in November.

Locke solidly defeated Peggy Maxie in the Democratic contest for 37th District Position No. 2, outpolling Maxie 6,485 to 3,766. Democrats Joanna Boatman and Michael Nelson lagged far behind, receiving 995 and 376 votes, respectively.

Ruth Healy ran unopposed for the Republican nomination, but only received 995 votes in the heavily Democratic District. Healy is expected to mount only token opposition to Locke in the general election.

Locke's campaign, headed by two Asian campaign managers and an army of Asian volunteers, attracted the most visible Asian support of the various races in the Sept. 14 primary.

Rep. Lowry Strong

U.S. Congressional Representative Mike Lowry, outpolling all three of his Republican opponents combined, also received considerable Asian support in his bid for re-election, attracting over 100 supporters to the Bush-Asia Center for a reception sponsored by Nikkei for Lowry. Lowry, who carries a consistently liberal voting record, introduced a bill calling for direct individual reparations for Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II and last year received the Seattle Japanese American Citizens League outstanding citizenship award.

The other Asian candidate in the September primary was Jesse Chiang, a political science profes-

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Calif. Florists honor Art Ito

SAN JOSE, Ca.—The California State Florist Convention here honored Arthur T. Ito, president of Flower View Gardens, Los Angeles, as the "Retailer of the Year" award for meritorious service to the Association in the promotion of floriculture.

While in the floral industry since 1935, in 1946 Art began Flower View Gardens with his family, wife Alice, sons Art Jr. and Jim and sister-in-law Corrine, the main store on Western Ave. near Franklin Ave. with a branch in the New Otani Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

The longtime Hollywood JACLer is past president of Calif. State Florist Ass'n, the Southern Calif. Floral Ass'n. charter member and two time president of American Institute of Floral Designers. He has been two term chairman of the American Academy of Florists and active in FTD affairs. #

Nisei balloonist eyes world trip again

BILLINGS, Mont.—Maxie Anderson and Don Ida, a Colorado Nisei, announced Oct. 12 they are ready for another try in their 20-story balloon, "Jules Verne", to be launched east of here for a trip around the world. Exact date was unknown, but they were prepared to wait six weeks for the right atmospheric condition. It is their third attempt. Previous flights last year, starting from India, failed because of leaks in the balloon.

The trip will carry them to altitudes of 35,000 feet in an unpressurized gondola with temperatures dropping to 60-below. The pair will rely on oxygen masks and warm clothing. #

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son at Seattle Pacific University, who ran unsuccessfully as an independent candidate for the U.S. Senate seat of Henry Jackson. Although he qualified for the general election with 1.9% of the vote, his poor showing indicates that he has virtually no chance of unseating Jackson, who received nearly two-thirds of all the votes cast in the U.S. Senate race. Chiang, a long-time advocate of nuclear disarmament, had hoped to attract peace movement supporters.

Gary Locke, after pulling far ahead of Maxie in preliminary election returns, told an election watch gathering of his supporters that credit for his victory belongs to his two campaign managers

Gwen Lee and Terry Mark, who came into the campaign with no previous political experience; Ruth Woo, "the guru and advisor to the campaign who holds the campaign together"; and his mother and father who "have done anything and everything," including constructing approximately 300 yard signs.

Large Margin in Victory

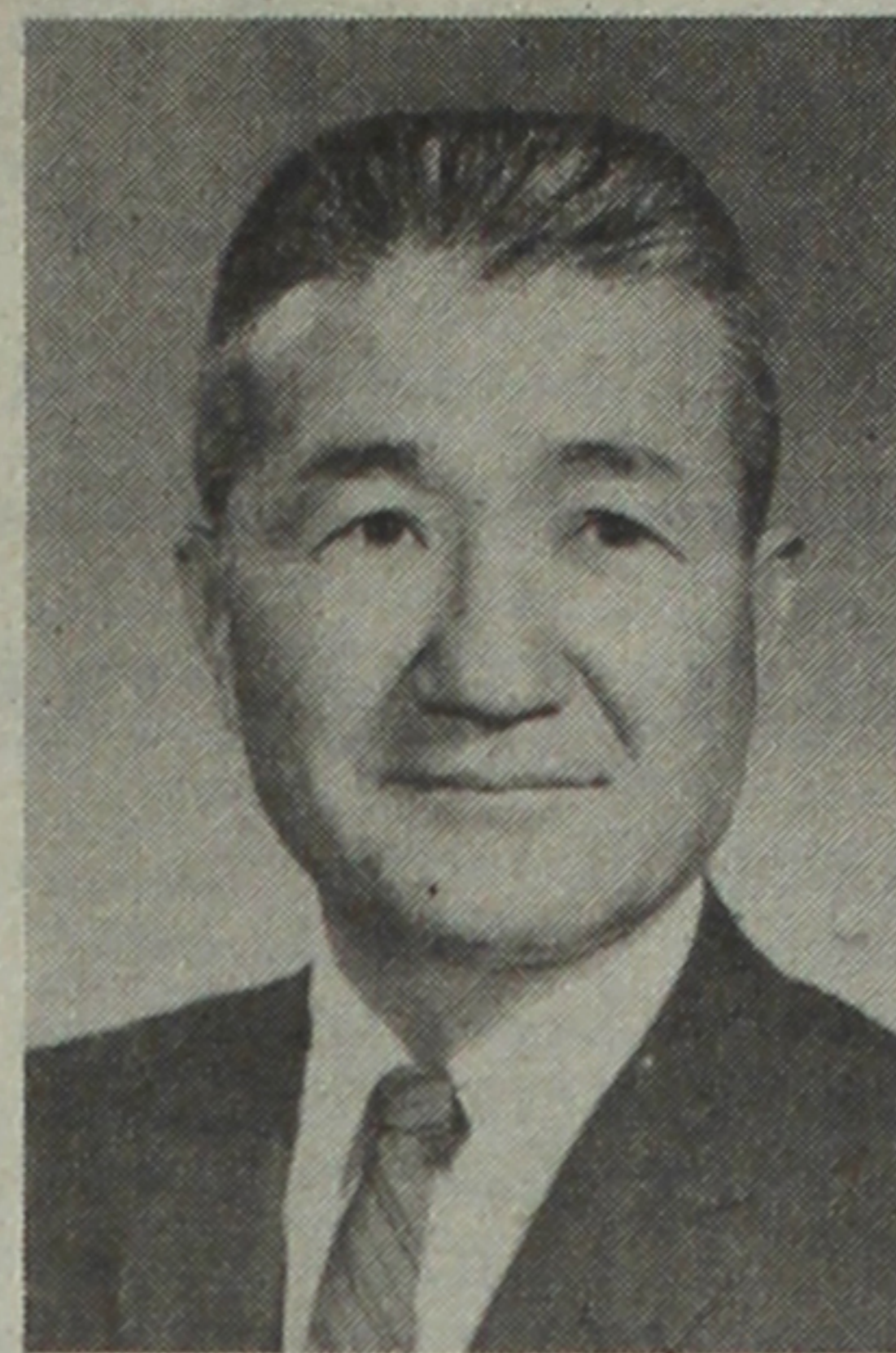
Locke said his campaign, facing the "awesome task" of challenging the name familiarity of six-term incumbent Maxie, used billboard advertising and yard signs to establish Locke's name.

Locke said he was confident that he would defeat Maxie, but was surprised by the large margin of victory. #

Kajikawa named into ASU's Sports Hall of Fame

TEMPE, Az. — Now retired Coach Bill Kajikawa was inducted this past week (Oct. 8) into Arizona State University's Hall of Distinction, started this year to honor past coaches and administrators in ASU's Sports Hall of Fame.

An Oxnard (Ca.)-born Nisei who grew up in Los Angeles and attended Maryknoll School, Kajikawa graduated from Phoenix Union High where he starred as quarterback on three state championship football teams and lettered in baseball as a second baseman. Continuing on at Arizona State at Tempe, where he played football and baseball and graduated in 1937, he began his long coaching career the following year. He was assistant football coach under nine ASU head coaches, coached baseball, was head basketball coach from 1949-57, and retired in 1978. He returned the follow-



Coach Bill Kajikawa

ing year to coach freshman football.

During WW2, he served with the 442nd RCT in Europe as corporal with the 522nd Field Artillery. He is married to the former Margaret Akimoto. Both are longtime Arizona JACLers.

To commemorate Kajika-

● Courtroom

Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown appointed Dr. Joon Hee Rho, 60, associate professor in biology at USC, to succeed Henry Der of San Francisco to the board of governors of the State Bar of California. A Korean immigrant-scientist, Rho has directed such NASA projects as sending the first monkey into outer space.

● Education

State Center Community College District trustee Harry E. Hiraoaka of Fowler, Ca., was honored recently upon completing 16 years on the State Center board and 30 years in other service to schools.

Nancy K. Takahashi, 22, of Rockville, Md., and recent graduate in urban studies at Stanford, was assigned by the Coro Foundation where she is a fellow in public affairs to the Anna Eshoo campaign. Very active on campus, she was one of four student body co-presidents, edited the Asian American Bulletin, and was co-founder of the Asian American Theater Project.

● Music

Two Nikkei violinists, Mariko Smiley and Yasuko Hattori, are new members of the San Francisco Symphony for the 1982-83 season, it was announced by music director Edo de Waart. #

79, were:

Track coach and athletic director Donn Kizle, archery coach Margaret Klann, football coach Frank Kush, baseball coach Bobby Winkles (Sal Bando, Rick Monday and Reggie Jackson played under him), and basketball coach Ned Wulk. #

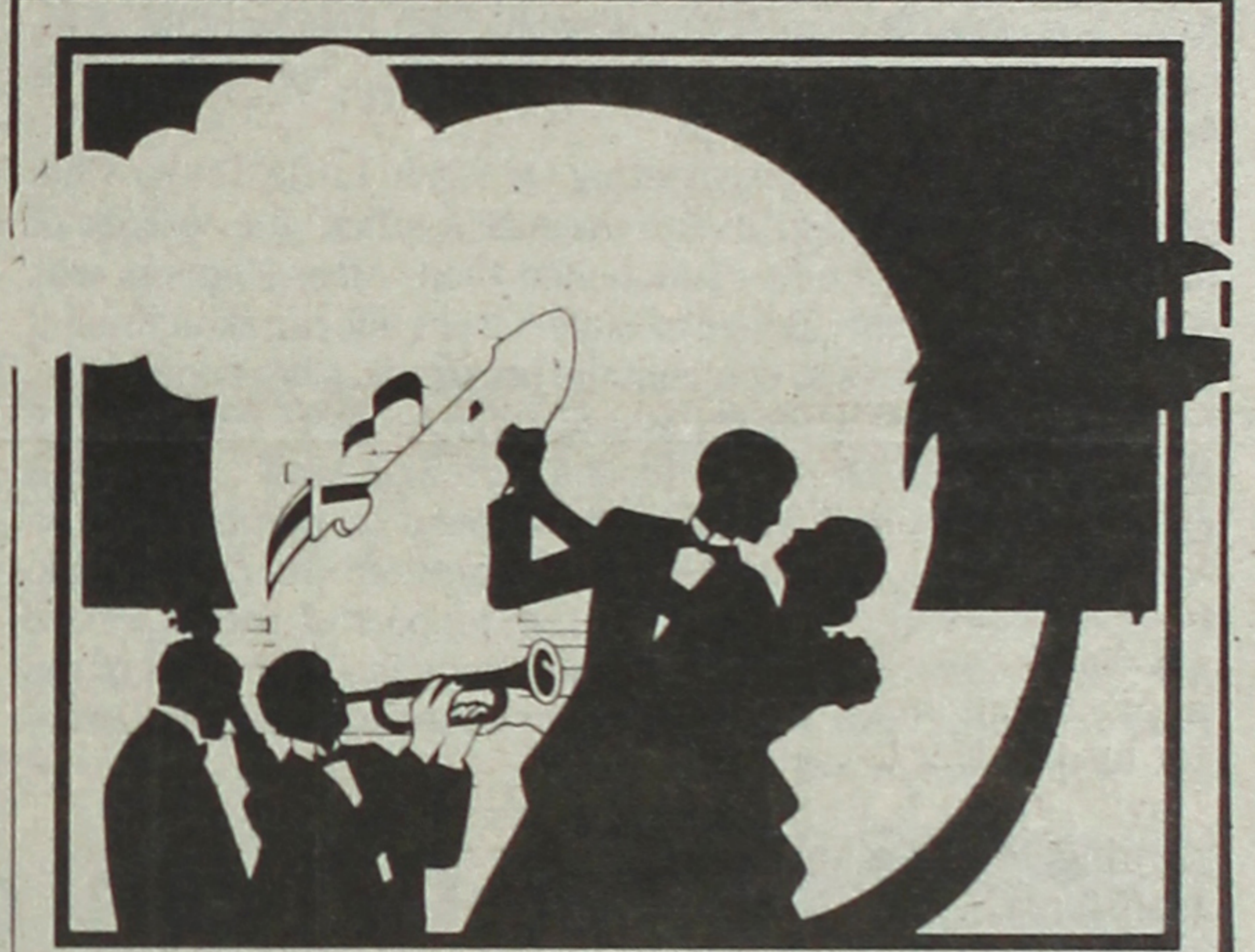
Deaths

Julius Fujihira, active Milwaukee JACLer (chapter president, 1947; 1000er, redress chair), died Oct. 4. Surviving are w Betty, s Steve, d Ann and Linda.

Terumitsu Kano, 70, former editor-in-chief of the North American Post, Seattle, died in Japan Oct. 4. Memorial services were held Oct. 16 at the Seattle Buddhist Church. A veteran journalist (1930-1960) who became a PR representative for Japan Air Lines in 1960, retiring in 1975, he is survived by w Masuko, s Eugene (Anaheim, Ca.), Arthur, d Julie Kubota, Pearl Yamamoto, and in Japan br Nobi, Fumiyoshi, Kimiyoshi and sis Kazue Maruyama. #

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LOS ANGELES—Registration is now open for an eight-unit course in elementary Japanese (#100AB) to be offered by CSU-LOS Angeles department of foreign languages and literatures from Jan. 3-Mar. 19, 1983.

This semi-intensive course is for students who want to cover material in one quarter that usually takes a half year to master, notes Dr. Kazumitsu Kato, the instruc-

tor. The class will meet daily from 9:50 to 11:30 a.m.

Cal State L.A. also offers summer courses in intensive Japanese at both the elementary and intermediate levels. Students taking these courses earn 12 quarter units and learn in seven weeks material normally covered in three quarters (nine months).

For course information, call (213) 224-3716. #

Radio Li'l Tokyo to fete its 30th year

LOS ANGELES—Radio Li'l Tokyo, now in its 30th year, will feature special entertainment and dancing to Manny Harmon's band at a gala anniversary dinner Nov. 27 at Biltmore Bowl, it was announced by Matao Uwate, host of the popular Sunday morning radio show. Pianist Eiko Matsui, ex-Columbia recording star Bernice Kajiki, vocalists Yumi Uono, Renzo Shibata and Nichigeki star Yasuko Fukumoto will entertain. Reservations for the \$30 dinner-dance are being accepted by Radio Li'l Tokyo, 110 N. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 628-4688. #

Historical Society to hear ex-PC editor

LOS ANGELES—Harry Honda, who edited the Pacific Citizen for 30 years, will reflect on his experiences at the first general meeting of the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California

tonight (Oct. 29) at the Union Church of Los Angeles. Short business meeting precedes from 7:30 p.m. #

100-442-MIS Museum Foundation meet set

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca.—A national meeting of the 100-442-MIS Museum Foundation has been called for Saturday, Nov. 20, in San Francisco, according to Tom Kawaguchi, executive director. Those who attended the July 21 meeting are being invited and meeting details are to be announced. For information, call Kawaguchi (415) 222-0518 or Tad Hirota (415) 526.8626. #

GEOKAS

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that he continued to harass his staff and make racial comments. Doctors at the VA hospital have charged Geokas with continued harassment and have urged his removal.

Transfer to Livermore

Geokas was informed Oct. 8 of his pending transfer as chief of medicine at the smaller Livermore VA hospital in December, VA Chief Medical Director Dr. Donald Custis announced.

Geokas may lose his faculty appointment at UC Davis after his transfer to the non-UC Davis affiliated facility. According to his attorney, the transfer is being appealed.

Dr. Hibbard Williams, dean of the UC Davis medical school, said that the failure to reappoint Geokas to his post had nothing to do with the controversy surrounding Geokas, but rather had to do with reorganization of the department last month.

In San Francisco, the Chinese for Affirmative Action, however, was unconcerned with Williams' reasons for not reappointing Geokas.

"As far as Chinese Americans are concerned, we don't care what excuses or rationale Hibbard Williams uses in not renewing the vice chairmanship position for Dr. Geokas. The fact is, he is out as vice chair." CAA has consistently opposed Geokas, and in 1977 successfully blocked Geokas' appointment to the state Board of Medical Quality Assurance. —East/West

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Portuguese-Japanese festa-matsuri slated Nov. 19-20

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—A special cultural and historic events are being planned for the Nov. 19-20 weekend to celebrate the "Strange and Wonderful Harvest: a Story of Portuguese and Japanese Immigrant Neighbors", reflecting the prewar experiences of the two groups which lived and farmed south of here at Freeport, Riverside and Pocket.

A multi-image program depicting the story, as titled above and produced by CSU-Sacramento's University Media Services headlines the event with its premiere showing Friday, Nov. 19, 11:30 a.m. at the University Union with commentators Isami Waugh, Center for the Study of Race, Crime and Social Policy of Oakland, and Prof. Eduardo Dias, UCLA.

Banquet in the evening at Woodlake Inn, honoring the pioneer members of the historic community, follows at 6 p.m. with KCRA-TV's Stan Atkinson as emcee. Among the speakers expected include Rep. Robert Matsui and other civic dignitaries. The multi-image program will be rescreened.

Dubby Tsugawa, longtime Sacramento JACLer, and Delores Silva Greenslate, co-chair the Saturday reunion of Sutter/Lisbon School students and teachers at Cabrillo Clubhouse, 4605 Karbet Way, which was originally the Sutter Union School. There will be Japanese and Portuguese food-tasting, entertainment and reshooting of "Strange and Wonderful Harvest", funded in part by a grant from the California Council for the Humanities.

The project, co-sponsored by the Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society, Sacramento JACL, Sacramento History Center and CSU-Sacramento, was chaired by Gregg Campbell, assisted by Joseph D'Alessandro and Gerald Takehara.

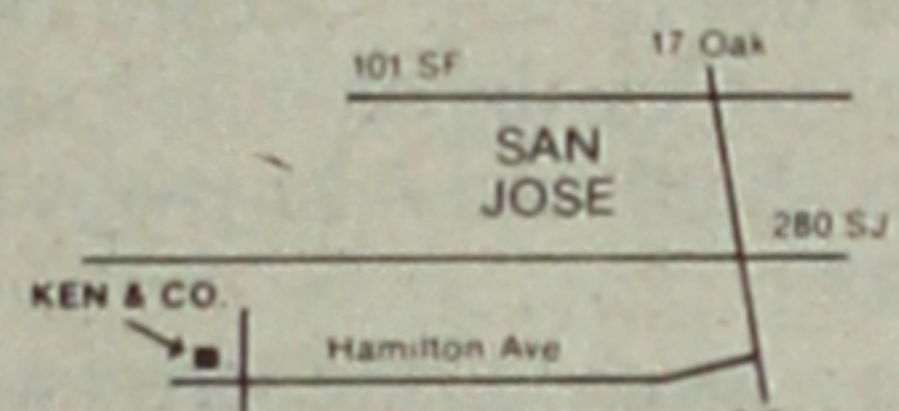
'Strange and Wonderful Harvest' (A Story of Portuguese and Japanese Immigrant Neighbors)

"Strange and Wonderful Harvest" reflects the development and experiences of an inter-ethnic Portuguese-Japanese community in Sacramento's Freeport-Riverside-Pocket District during the period of 1920-1942.

Two such "alien" peoples—Azorean Portuguese and Issei Japanese—had settled in an area commonly known as "Freeport-Pocket District". Working long hours on small family operated farms, these two ethnically distinct peoples created a community where Japanese and Portuguese children went to school together, Japanese and Portuguese farmers

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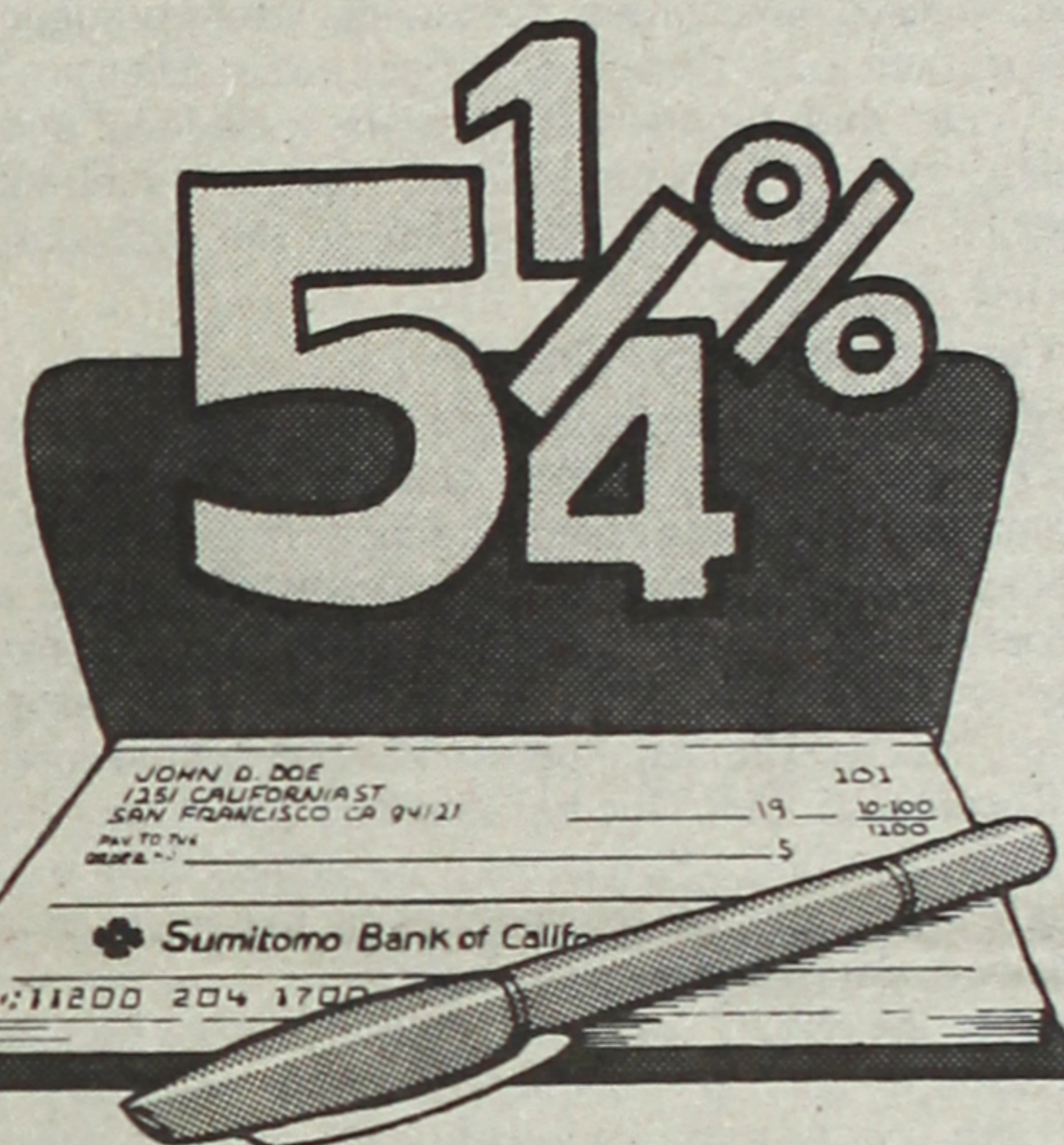
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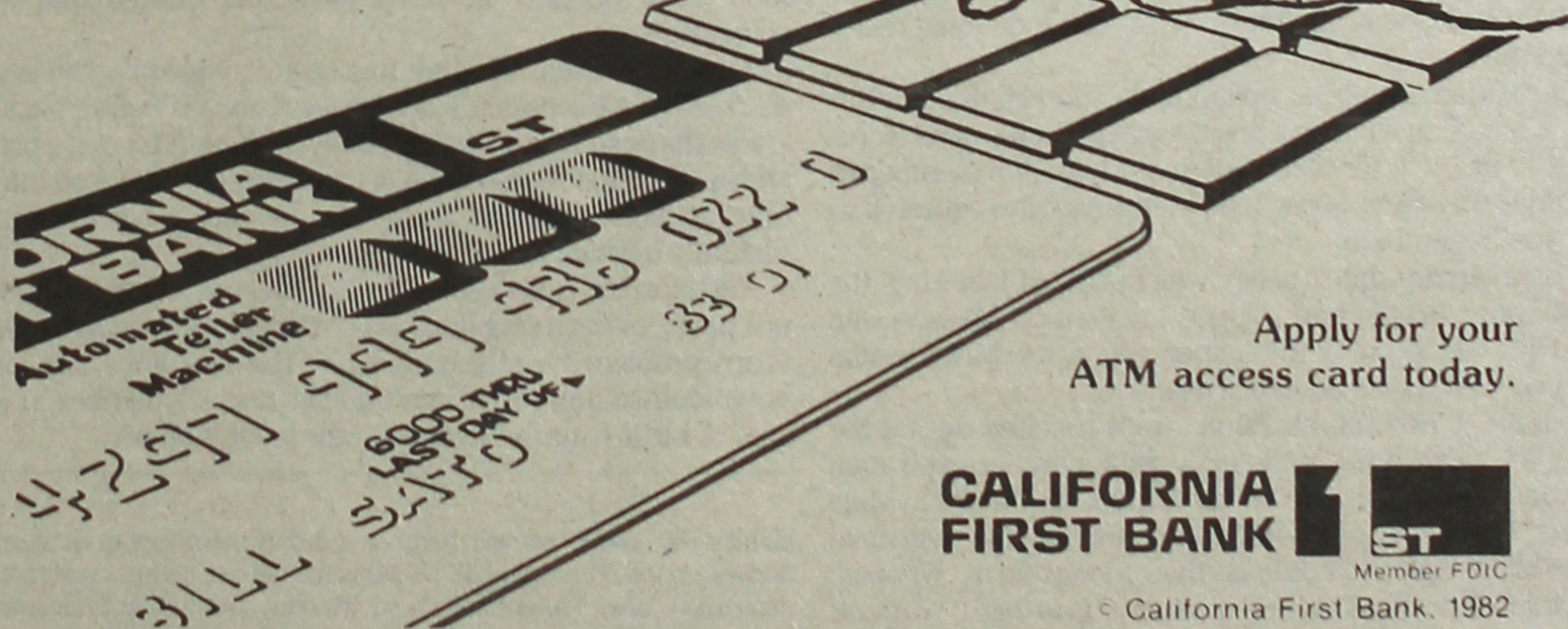


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During World War II certain Japanese Americans chose to resist as unconstitutional the curfew, evacuation and detention as a matter of conscience. They paid the price of criminal conviction. Their convictions were upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in the cases of Hirabayashi, Yasui, and Korematsu. Although the cases are over, their conviction and the stigma of such conviction remain. It is still on their records today in 1982.

The government justified the curfew, evacuation and detention on the factual ground of military necessity. In recent years, newly uncovered government documents strongly suggest that the government knew that some of their own studies proved the contrary, i.e., that Japanese Americans were loyal and posed no security risk to the United States. However, such information—which would have been critical to the defendant's defense—was suppressed.

'Error Coram Nobis'—Its Principle ...

Coram nobis is an ancient legal proceedings to set aside criminal conviction which were based on erroneous factual determination due to suppressed evidence. There is no statute of limitations. It may be brought after sentence has been served. This is because the law since ancient times has recognized that the stigma of conviction is in and of itself a continuing "punishment", which an innocent person has the right to correct.

Mr. Korematsu, Mr. Hirabayashi and Mr. Yasui have retained counsel to file coram nobis proceedings in their individual behalf. Obviously, these cases belong to each such individual and not to any group or organization.

However, the JAACL National Council has recognized that "implication of such proceedings are enormous, and if successful, will rectify a major injustice to Japanese Americans and will serve to protect the fundamental rights of all Americans". Accordingly, JAACL, at its 27th biennial national convention in August, 1982, passed a resolution to "go officially on record as supporting the proposed coram nobis effort, and in urging JAACL members, as well as all Americans, to support this legal effort to eliminate the inherent threat these cases pose to American democracy".

How We Can Help ...

I urge all JAACLers to support these individuals in their fight to clear their names. Their fight is our fight. Persons who desire to support their legal action may contribute funds to the Committee to Reverse the Wartime Cases, c/o Asian Law Caucus, Inc., 1322 Webster, Oakland, CA 94612. #

New Membership Forms

Traditionally, the four-part JAACL membership forms would have been in the hands of the Chapters by this time. But the delay may be worth the wait—especially by those chapters which have 200 or more members to solicit for renewals, because of the steps underway to computerize the entire renewal process with new forms and printing the names of regular, family, student, youth or senior citizen members on each form with each individual member expiration date.

The Pacific Citizen has been updating its subscription file this past month to insert all who have been "no PC" people heretofore: the member #2 in JAACL families, spouses of 1000 Club members if they are regular members, some Issei members who requested no PC and our youth members.

Till the "anniversary date" policy was instituted last May, the JAACL-PC Member Profile had skipped the item on Membership Expiration Date except for 1000 Clubbers. Now, the Membership Expiration Dates are being added throughout.

Since the bulk of 1982 memberships were solicited during the early part of the year, most of the individual member expiration dates will either read 01/83, 02/83 or 03/83 (Jan. '83; Feb. '83; Mar. '83). However, those who joined last month, for instance, will have an 09/83 member expiration date on the renewal form. Whether Chapters want to send these out now or later is up to them. We think it should be mailed early—while any curiosity over the new form is there, the form is not misplaced or the address becomes useless if the member moves in the meantime.

About the New Form ...

The new form is being made for regular memberships. (The 1000 Clubbers will continue to be reminded by letter from Headquarters.) Name of the

Letters

● An offensive title

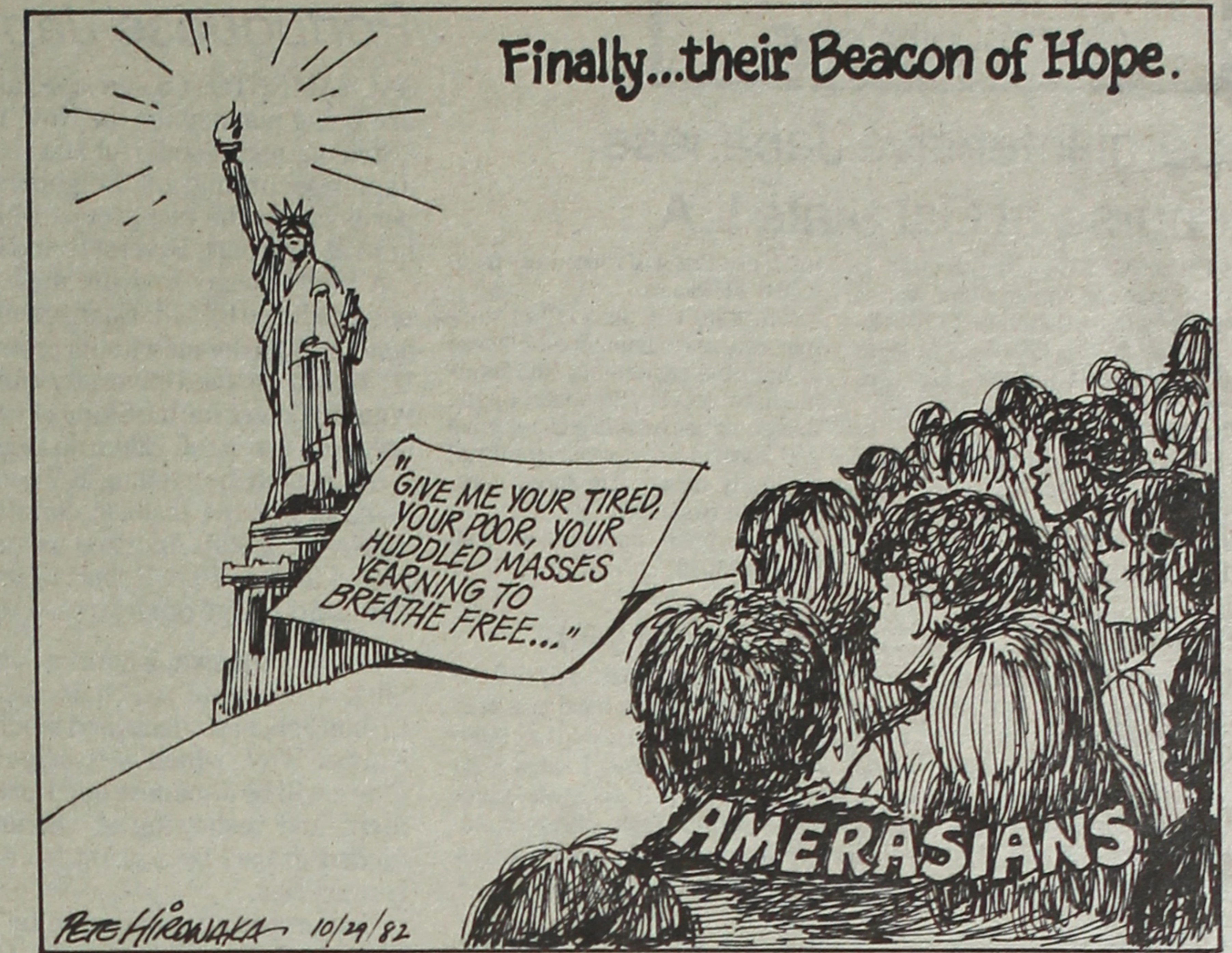
Editor:
"The Official J.A.P. Handbook" is out, and it is worse than expected (PC, Aug. 20). The periods appear only in the title: "JAP" without periods permeates the text. Nearly every sentence contains the hated epithet "JAP"—enough to make the most callous Japanese American sick.

As Sharon Kato mentioned, the book is a parody on Jewish lifestyles and has nothing to do with Japanese Americans. "JAP" is short for Jewish American Princess" and it originated as a trendy, esoteric term used within Jewish circles. But when the acronym is transplanted outside of the Jewish community, it inherits a historical meaning which is offensive to Japanese Americans.

Since the general public has not heretofore identified "JAP" with Jews, the publisher obviously is trying to exploit a racial slur for commercial gain—much like dress designer Kenzo Takeda. "JAP" is eye-catching and provocative; whereas, "JAPP" (The right abbreviation for the "Jewish American Princesses and Princes" in the sub-title) has no promotional value.

Unless we can prevent the book from becoming a best-seller, we will soon be deluged with "JAP" fashions, "JAP" dolls, and countless other spin-off products. Our past conflicts with Kenzo will be piddling in comparison.

I suggest protest letters be sent



to the following: (1) Plume Books, New American Library, 1633 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10019, (2) Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017, and (3) newspapers printing advertisement or bookstores promoting the book.

RAYMOND OKAMURA
Berkeley, Ca.

A LITTLE FAMILY BUSINESS :

The Empire Strikes Back

By CRAIG KUSABA

BEVERLY HILLS, Ca.—Jay Presson Allen, the playwright responsible for "A Little Family Business," defended her use of racial slurs against the Japanese here Oct. 14, during the seventh annual Marvin Borosky Memorial Lecture in Writing for the Screen, at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. If you are not already aware, "A Little Family Business," is a contemporary comedy about the ups and downs of a vacuum cleaner company, whose main competitors are the Japan-made vacuum cleaners. The play stars Angela Lansbury, and is currently at the Ahmanson Theatre, through Nov. 20th.

Who is Jay Presson Allen? She is a tough talking screenwriter/playwright, whose remarkable list of screen credits include, "Marnie," "Funny Lady," "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie," "Cabaret," "Prince of the City," and "Death Trap."

Regarding the uproar caused by the racism of her play, Allen said that a group had come to her and demanded either she remove the offensive language or create a sympathetic Japanese character to counterbalance it. This made her laugh. She replied that she has no intention of doing either. In her opinion, any sophisticated Japanese person would enjoy the play, and not be insulted in the slightest. Those who complain have no sense of humor, she insisted.

One Line Deleted Upon Star's Request

Allen did concede that one line has been deleted. A line Angela Lansbury requested be erased. Allen said Lansbury likes to be popular onstage. If her character says something that evokes a negative impression of her, she is very hurt. She cannot go on, knowing people in the audience are offended by what her character says. So, a line was deleted in deference to Lansbury. However, Allen continued to say should Angela Lansbury become disassociated with the play at some point, the deleted line would be reinstated.

Allen confessed her play has been ravaged by the critics, but discounted their effect. Each performance is before packed audiences that find it enormously funny. If there has been a problem, it stems from the firing of the original director. Locked into a schedule at the Ahmanson, there was no choice but to continue on, virtually directorless.

Perhaps, the real problem is Jay Presson Allen's attitude. When is a problem not a problem? She refuses to acknowledge that there is any problem over the language of the play. Japs, Jap jokes, and buck toothed Jap jokes, don't bother her. Remember, if you ever see "A Little Family Business," the laugh's on her. #

chapter, ID number of each member or family membership and surname will appear on top. The right half contains the names, address and membership expiration dates. The left half shows the dues structure and has space for the chapter to rubber-stamp in the name/address of the membership chair and the new single and couple dues. (Next year, we will have this information in the computer to print on renewal forms.)

Addresses on the form come from the PC circulation files and should be the latest. It is PC policy to change addresses when notified either by the Postal Service or individual. However, if there are obvious errors, PC will appreciate a correction from the Chapter as it double-checks the renewal forms.—HH

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GUEST EDITORIALS:

Japan's sudden change

(Editorials in the Honolulu dailies with respect to Japan appear to be more enlightening than what we find in the mainland press. As the news that Prime Minister Suzuki was bowing out commanded more attention across the U.S. than usual in mid-October, the Advertiser's comment pretty much summarizes the turn of political events in Tokyo and what might be expected.—HH.)

(The Honolulu Advertiser, Oct. 13, 1982)

Years from now history may remember Zenko Suzuki's tenure as prime minister of Japan chiefly for its two surprises:

His selection as a compromise candidate after the death of Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira in 1980 was so unexpected that even the Japanese press referred to him as "Zenko Who?"

And his decision yesterday to depart the premiership, even though he had the votes to at least start another two-year term, came as a complete shock to everyone from Liberal-Democratic Party (LDP) insiders to the Japanese people and press.

UNLIKE leadership changes in other industrial nations aligned with the U.S., a new premier in Japan does not portend drastic shifts in policy—domestic or foreign. The majority LDP remains fiscally conservative, business-oriented, pro-West, pro-American and dedicated to keeping Japan's international posture pacifistic and low in every area except foreign trade.

But since Japan is this country's most important ally and trading partner in Asia, and among our most steadfast allies in the world, national politics there remain an area of interest and friendly concern.

Suzuki, whose strength was mostly at conciliation within the LDP, was an admitted amateur at national leadership and foreign affairs. He learned the premiership on the job—through trial and more than a few errors—and was often considered a lame duck.

His main problem was with Japan's economy. Although not severely hurt by Western standards, Japan is plagued by budget deficits, higher-than-usual unemployment and an economic slowdown reflecting the world recession. Exports are expected to decline for the first time in 30 years, a serious matter in Japan.

It is typical of Japanese politics, when things go badly, for someone to take the blame and resign in the name of "harmony." This is part of the story behind Suzuki's sudden action.

BUT LDP party politics play a part. Although Suzuki was a compromise choice between the factions of two former premiers—Kakuei Tanaka and Takeo Fukuda—he was more closely aligned with Tanaka. Fukuda led the pressure on Suzuki to step aside.

Suzuki's decision not to seek another term has come so suddenly that it is too soon to tell whether party leaders will find another compromise successor or whether a true contest for power will ensue.

Almost everyone who was a contender two years ago is still a possible candidate, including perhaps Fukuda himself. (Tanaka is still awaiting a verdict for his role in the Lockheed bribery scandal.) If more than four formally seek the office it means a "primary" vote by the million LDP members before party leaders make a final choice.

In short, it could be quite a fight. But the Japanese democratic system is durable, and uniquely Japanese, so long-standing policies are not expected to suffer either way. #

35 Years Ago

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

NOVEMBER 1, 1947

Oct. 25—Most of "summer marriages" between U.S. GIs and Japan brides not faring well as Army policy restricting such weddings announced in Tokyo; 221 white, 597 Nisei and 15 black GIs (823) authorized by PL 213 (GI-Brides Act) to marry.

Oct. 26—Wisconsin State Journal cites Dr. Otto Ueyehara's research for better aircraft fuel.

Oct. 27—Wartime law against foreign language schools in Hawaii held unconstitutional by federal appellate court; law primarily aimed against Japanese schools challenged by Chinese language schools affected by ban.

Oct. 29—Pres. Truman Committee on Civil Rights issues publication, "To Secure These Rights", describes Evacuation as "most striking mass interference since slavery with the right to physical freedom", urges removal of racial bars to naturalization, and repeal of alien land laws. Committee of 35 members headed by Charles Wilson, president of General Electric.

Oct. 30—JAACL memorial plaque in French & English dedicated at Bruyeres, France (near site of 442nd's rescue of Lost Battalion during WW2); evidence of battle still visible around monument.

Nov. 1—Nisei gardeners in San Mateo-Redwood City area meet to form union to standardize and maintain rates.

The Rites of October—Whiff of Matsutake

Denver, Colo.

The boys in the back room at Frank Torizawa's Granada Supermarket were filling large shipping boxes with carefully selected mushrooms. It was a recent Monday morning and the mushroom hunters had brought in their weekend haul a short while earlier. Torizawa's buyers had examined the mushrooms for quality, tossed out the soft and wormy ones, weighed the good ones and approved payment on the spot.

Each of the shipping boxes holds about 50 pounds, which is a lot of mushrooms. Imagine lugging 50 pounds of anything out of the woods. Newspapers were spread over the top, bags of chemical ice spread out across the papers, and the box covers strapped on. Before long the mushrooms would be on their way by air freight to wait-

ing customers. This latest batch was destined for New York, but other shipments had been sent off to Los Angeles and San Francisco—all places where numerous Japanese restaurants cater to free-spending employees of the big Japanese trading companies.

It used to be that searching for "matsutake" mushrooms in the Rockies was a sport. It still is, for some, but for others it's become business. There's such a demand for mushrooms that many folks can't resist the profit.

So they slip away to secret areas where the mushrooms are plentiful, secrets as closely guarded as the hiding places of diamonds, and bring back their take for the market. Back before OPEC became a household word and gasoline was cheap, the mushroom hunters would drive for three hours to get to the Red Feather Lakes area, and to the Snowy Range of southern Wyoming. Three hours going and three hours back. It took a lot of time and a lot of gasoline.

So the experts began to look closer to Denver, in areas that people swore never grew mushrooms, and lo, they began to find productive forests only an hour and a half from Denver.

* * *

There is a certain ethic surrounding mushrooms. It is considered bad manners to ask a direct question about where one found mushrooms. But if this etiquette is violated, it is perfectly proper for the one who is asked the question to smile vaguely and answer in the most general terms. Like: "Well, near Boulder." There are something like 10,000 square miles of forests near Boulder. Everyone understands that such an imprecise answer makes it unnecessary to tell an outright lie, no one is embarrassed and no one's feelings are hurt.

"Matsutake" is considered a delicacy no less desirable than herring roe by Japanese epicures, and why and how it grows is something of a mystery. Some so-called experts will assure you that these mushrooms will not grow on the south slopes of the forests. Others say they grow where there are red-barked pine on any kind of slope. Rainfall seems to have a great deal to do with the size of the crop. A moist July seems to be assurance of a productive August and September.

Summer a couple of years ago was unusually dry. No mushrooms that fall. Last year, by some freak circumstances, people began to find mushrooms in mid-July. This summer some eager types burned a lot of gas to go comb the mountains in June, but the mushrooms didn't show up until the normal mid-August. And thanks to some timely rains, they were plentiful.

The tail end of this year's mushroom season coincided with the NFL football strike. That was a pity. If the mushrooms lasted longer, or the strike started earlier, the circumstances would have relieved tensions among fellows who were torn by the twin necessities of choosing between watching the Broncos game or hunting mushrooms.

What makes mushroom hunting such an attractive—you might even call it addictive—sport? It's hard to say. Part of the answer, I think, is in having a Japanese heritage, but you'll have to try it yourself. Maybe next year, unless you happen to be in the Pacific Northwest. Their season is probably just getting underway and they lie about where to find mushrooms up there, just like we do in Colorado.

* * *

(Thanks to Pacific Northwest Governor Homer Yasui and his wife Mickey of Portland, the PC office this past week was blessed with matsutake from Oregon. Homer said it was "a bumper crop" this fall. And those who supped at the JAACL Board weekend meeting in San Francisco also were treated likewise.—GM/O.)



EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

Some Enchanted Evening

Philadelphia

THE EVENING BANQUET gets started 20 minutes (or more) late, and you have the uneasy feeling that it's going to be one of "those evenings." Your uneasiness turns to downright discomfort when you observe the members of the head table straggle up in disarray, then wander about the dais trying to determine where to sit. Someone forgot to check the microphone so a person with a master's degree in electrical engineering is conscripted from the audience to fiddle with the microphone switch, then the dials of the amplifier—without result. Until someone else suggests that the power cord be plugged in. The toastmaster for the evening then proceeds to rap on the mike, followed by a few short blasts of breath into same—all the while oblivious to the fact that the rapping resounded like a few bombs exploding in the room and that the breath blasts recreated the flight of a jet taking off. Inside the room. Not being convinced, however, our tester then enunciates some brilliant prose, thusly: "Testing... one, two, three, four." Then for good measure, he again taps the mike a few times more.

If there were any dreamily drowsy folks in the room, they are now alert. Nervously so.

THE TOASTMASTER OPENS with the hopeful declaration that since the dinner got started late, he's going to make up the lost time by economy. To make sure we understand this complex message, he spends the next 15 minutes telling us how.

INSTEAD OF SIMPLY addressing the gathering with an all-encompassing "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen," our toastmaster takes a deep breath and begins: "Mr. Governor, Mr. Mayor, County Commissioners, Reverend Clergy, honored guests at the head table, honored guests in the audience, distinguished fellow members, ladies and gentlemen... and friends." I've puzzled over this ponderous pontificating, especially that "friend" part. The speaker, I thought, had covered everybody beforehand; so when he concludes with "friends," it must mean one of two things: (a) none of the preceding named are his friends, including any "ladies" and "gentlemen," or (b) he has mighty few left who can be called "friends." Come to think of it, there's a third possibility: (c) neither.

ON THESE OCCASIONS, if you see me sneaking another peek at the evening's program, it means I'm resigning myself to one of those long dreary evenings. If the event happens to be a JAACL affair, I know that the label "Quiet Americans" is about to be exposed as a complete misnomer: introductions will be long-winded, rivalling,—nay, at times exceeding,—in length the principal address; numerous awards coupled to equally numerous "introductory remarks" followed by an equal number of responses; and even a few who are not listed on the program manager to get to the mike for a few "short" remarks. People get carried away,—unfortunately rather than "out."

HOURS LATER, preceded by another extended introduction, the featured speaker of the evening is presented—be it the governor of the state, a cabinet officer, or the executive secretary of some national civil rights organization. The guest speaker is now handed a bleary-eyed audience, suffering from T.B. from sitting so long, superimposed upon bloated bladders plus shoes that now feel three sizes too small. (The more fortunate ones have mercifully lost all sensation in their lower extremities.)

THE EVENING IS invariably capped off with a piece-de-resistance: announcements. The occasion of this formal dinner is concluded with a stirring message such as: "Lottery tickets for the grand prize to Disneyland are yet available in the lobby. For tickets, see Yoshiko Yakimochi. Would 'Yo' please stand up? Yoshiko? Yoshiko, where are you?"

Yoshiko, who obviously knew something that we didn't know, went home "before" the dinner started. #



Warren and the Newspapers

By M. M. SUMIDA
(Continued from the Aug. 13 PC)
Concluding Chapter III

After the military had Americans of Japanese ancestry evacuated and detained in 1942, the "power bloc" of California big business and newspapers which determined what was good for the community let it be known that return of the Japanese to the west coast was also to be strongly opposed. The power bloc had the attorney general initiate escheat cases under the old alien land law, using this and other means to discourage the return of Japanese. Vigilantes who carried out their threats of violence were given big play in the press; the authorities failed to prosecute the crimes for lack of evidence.

Warren Changes

In late 1944 when the U.S. Supreme Court held in *Ex Parte Endo* that Japanese could return to the Pacific Coast and the federal government lifted the wartime exclusion policy, Earl Warren, now governor, personally urged the acceptance of returning Japanese Americans and moved to protect them from hoodlum and vigilante groups. Hakujuin veterans who personally fought alongside Nisei GIs of the 100/442 in Europe and the MIS in the Pacific and knew the magnificent war record were sent to California to counter-veil the work of racists and bigots. And in one of his last acts of governor before leaving in 1953 to assume the role of chief justice of the Supreme Court in Washington, Warren appointed Lt. Col. John Aiso, wartime director of the Military Intelligence Service Language School, as the first mainland Nisei judge at Los Angeles.

Aiso has often said Warren's recognition that a Nisei was worthy of serving in the California judicial system was an admission that he had been in error about the Evacuation.

It is ironic that the politician who had advocated unconstitutional measures to have Japanese Americans evacuated and detained had become chief justice of the U.S. supreme court. It was a remarkable transition. He said:

"I am one who believes firmly that the Court must be vigilant against neglect of the requirement of our Bill of Rights and the peren-

nial rights that document was intended to guarantee for all time."

Recants in His Own Way

Earl Warren could never bring himself to recant and admit publicly he had erred in 1942. The harsh actions he advocated for internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry during WW2 troubled him deeply in later years. Hints of regret began to appear as early as 1947. His memoirs published after his death in 1974, however, expresses his regrets thusly:

"...I have since deeply regretted the removal order and my own testimony advocating it, because it was not in keeping with our American concept of freedom and the rights of citizens. Whenever I thought of the innocent little children who were torn from home, school friends, and congenial surroundings, I was conscience stricken. It was wrong to react so impulsively, without evidence of disloyalty, even though we felt we had a good motive in the security of our state. It demonstrates the cruelty of war when fear, get-rough military psychology, propaganda and racial antagonism combine with one's responsibility for public security to produce such acts."

Some observers believe Warren's reservations concerning the injustice inflicted on Japanese Americans had much to do with the strong liberal stance in defense of human rights that characterized the Warren court. In that sense, one journalist has suggested the Nisei paid the ransom that finally liberated the blacks.

But it is one thing for a man to change his opinions for political expediency and another for him to change his basic principles for his own peace of mind. As a politician, Warren made many compromises and unquestionably altered his position for expediency. Politicians can rationalize and justify actions. People can change their looks but still remain essentially the same. What kind of man was Earl Warren? History will render its own evaluation.

Nikkei Evaluation

How do Japanese Americans view Earl Warren—40 years later? No longer beholden to the power bloc and finally able to be true to himself and his beliefs, Warren as chief justice interpreted legal principles according to the letter and

intent of the law—not politics. While attorney general in California, Warren was the pragmatic politician. As chief justice, he was searching his soul for answers to his actions.

In closing this series on "Warren and the Newspapers", several key issues should be weighed.

(1) For advocating the Evacuation to serve their own power and greed, the courts should hold all such persons accountable including the kingmakers, lobbyists, big business and newspapers for "conspiracy" in violation of the U.S. Constitution. Voters can bring about the demise of power-politics that places private interest above public interest.

(2) If the courts fail to enforce the "check and balance" system of government, the media can (in the Watergate style) investigate the

sordid side of government and expose groups and individuals that look out for their private interests at the expense of public interest.

(3) Hopefully, after such an investigation, the media can assume an important role as ombudsman and guardian of civil rights. People need to know in order to have the final say on how their lives should be governed. Acquiescing to the follies of "leadership" using mob rule to carry out dirty tricks and sanctioning violations of the Constitution can do irreparable harm to the concepts of Democracy and these United States.

—END

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some kind of action, he declared that action might be in creating a committee "to begin taking steps to split our District into two or even three" or drop the subject at this time.

Pro and Con

Those in favor of splitting have pointed out:

1. A smaller District will mean a better span of attention by the respective Governors.

2. Two or more Districts formed from our current one District will mean more representation at our National Board meetings which

West L.A. JACL installation Nov. 13

LOS ANGELES—West Los Angeles JACL will hold its annual installation dinner Nov. 13, 6 p.m., at the Airport Travelodge Hotel, 9750 Airport Blvd., it was announced by Bill Sakurai, chapter president. Dr. Akemi Kikumura, anthropologist and author, will be guest speaker.

San Mateo seniors trip to museums set

SAN MATEO, Ca.—JACL Community Center is sponsoring a senior citizens bus tour to visit the Asian Art Museum and California Palace of the Legion of Honor on Thursday, Nov. 4, it was announced by program coordinator Roz Enomoto. Conducting the tours will be Ami Doi and John Enomoto. There is no charge for transportation, but reservations are a must. Call the Center, 343-2793.

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CANADA

Continued from Front Page

was working for the BBC in London for eight years. That was before she joined the CBC in 1960. Italian and Russian operas are her specialties. The deep basses in Russian choruses are a thrill to her.

Is the efficient Margaret Lyons, an economics major at the university, highly organized in all aspects of her existence?

The ready chuckle exploded into a ringing laugh. "I'm afraid not," she said. "In fact I often say to myself that if I handled my public budgets in the way I handle my private finances, I'd promptly fire me, and I'd deserve it."

What about her own future? Is she secretly hoping for a big-pay job offer from the private sector? Something really pricey, say at Bell Canada or Xerox?

"Most emphatically not," said Margaret Lyons. "The CBC is my home and my work here is a joy. I can't think of anything else anywhere in the world that I'd rather be doing." —Toronto Star.

are made up of National Officers and the Governors from each District. As it is now, our District Governor represents over 10,000 members and yet has only one vote, just the same as Districts that have less membership in their Districts, such as: PNW—1,489; CC—1,679; PSW—8,081; IDC—978; MPDC—450; MDC—1,810; EDC—834. The National Board meets at least three times a year whereas the National Council meets only once every two years. This means that most of the decisions that affect JACL and its members are made at the National Board meetings where our Governor gets only one vote. This year, we happen to have three officers from our District. However, the National Officers have to be careful and consider the views and opinions of all the mem-

Reno JACL to elect 1983 officers

RENO, Nev.—With a potluck supper as the attraction this Sunday, the Reno JACL will meet from 2 p.m. at Center for Religion and Life, 1101 N. Virginia, to hold its election and plan for the installation dinner to be held Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn. National JACL President Floyd Shimomura will be keynote speaker.

bers in JACL and so may be unable to consider the views of the NCWNPDC members all the time.

3. A new District will mean a new District Governor and a new District Executive Committee, which in turn will mean more participation by local Chapter members and leaders in District affairs.

4. Our current Regional Director, George Kondo, feels that he can handle the affairs of the two Districts without any unforeseen problems.

5. Chapter delegates will have to travel less to get to District meetings.

While the "status quo" reasons are few, the disadvantages cited included:

Midwest JACL cites highway admnstr.

HOMEWOOD, Ill.—London Kennedy, Federal Highway Administration's region 5 civil rights director, was commended Sept. 29 by the Midwest JACL for "expert direction and dedicated services for establishment of the Asian American Supportive Services Program during a festive retirement party for the honoree here. Present were John Y. Yoshino of Washington, FHWA equal opportunity specialist; and Dr. S. Michael Yasutake, past MDC human rights committee chair, of Chicago.

1. Although our District is the largest in terms of local chapters and membership, it has been a very cohesive and very active Dis-

trict. The split could reduce this cohesiveness and cause some chapters to become less active, unless the District leaders take steps to prevent this.

2. The budget of the District will have to be split up which means that each Budget will have less monies to run Districtwide programs.



ROBERT T. MATSUI
3RD DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

October, 1982

Dear Friends in the Japanese American Community:

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the many members of our community who have contributed to the success of my third campaign for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Looking forward to victory on November 2nd, Doris, Brian and I are appreciative of the tremendous expressions of encouragement that so many of you have given us during my first four years in the Congress.

I am particularly grateful for the fine working relationship I have enjoyed with the membership and leadership of the JACL. I am eager to pursue the matters of importance to our community when the new Congress convenes in 1983.

Thanks again, and best wishes to you all.

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Incidentally, there was 10 lb sack of wild rice which was donated by Atty. Charles Tatsuda from Minneapolis. I asked him to be the judge for the evenings contest and he promptly arranged for a jury! The jury highlighted the decisions and awarded the Philadelphia group first place with their happi coats (specially made with the JACL emblem on the back). According to "Judge" Tatsuda, one of the outstanding performers from the group was Grayce Uyehara, it is alleged that she only had on her happi coat! Their encore was unique but more than that was their Japanese version of "Kita Yo Kita Yo" (We Have Arrived) to the tune of "When the Caissons Go Rolling Along". You could readily see why they received a standing ovation and encore call. This group included Tom and Marian Tamaki, Jack Ozawa, Grayce and Hiro Uyehara, Chiyo Koiwai, and Susie and Bill Sasagawa.

The Washington, D.C. contingent was headed by Pat and Lily Okura along with Mary Lou and John Yoshino, Claire Minami, Ira Shimasaki, Tsugi Shiroishi. The men came dressed in kerchiefs and Western attire while the women came dressed in kimonos. The men sang "I Wonder if My Picture Bride Is as Pretty as Her Picture?" In response to this song the ladies came up with their own version bringing the house down! They entitled this as "Kadao-san & Hanako-san". John Yoshino could be readily associated with Ruby Schaar of N.Y., (who is a talented voice coach and music major) and we noticed the same technique in John's delivery.

The judges had a hair-raising decision to make!! Next came the Chicago group who sang the famous "Minyo song". Dr. Tak Inouye from San Jose led the group sing-along with "She Will be Eating Ochazuke" to the tune of "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain". There were a couple of great voices from Gardena who sang "Koko-ni Sachi Ari", which brought the gaiety to heights of stomping feet.

Also, Wilson Makabe, Mayor Pro-tem of Reno donated two nights and three days at the Sahara-Tahoe for a door prize. But when Mrs. Marian Tamaki drew for the door prize number—there was a winning duplicate number! So Wilson promptly slipped me a silver dollar to flip and the winner would get the two days and three nights and the other person would get the silver dollar. Well, Helen Kawagoe won the flip of the dollar and Susie Sasagawa won the silver dollar.

I heard from the 1000 Club Committee that the evening was a huge success monetarily but more importantly, FUN-WISE!!

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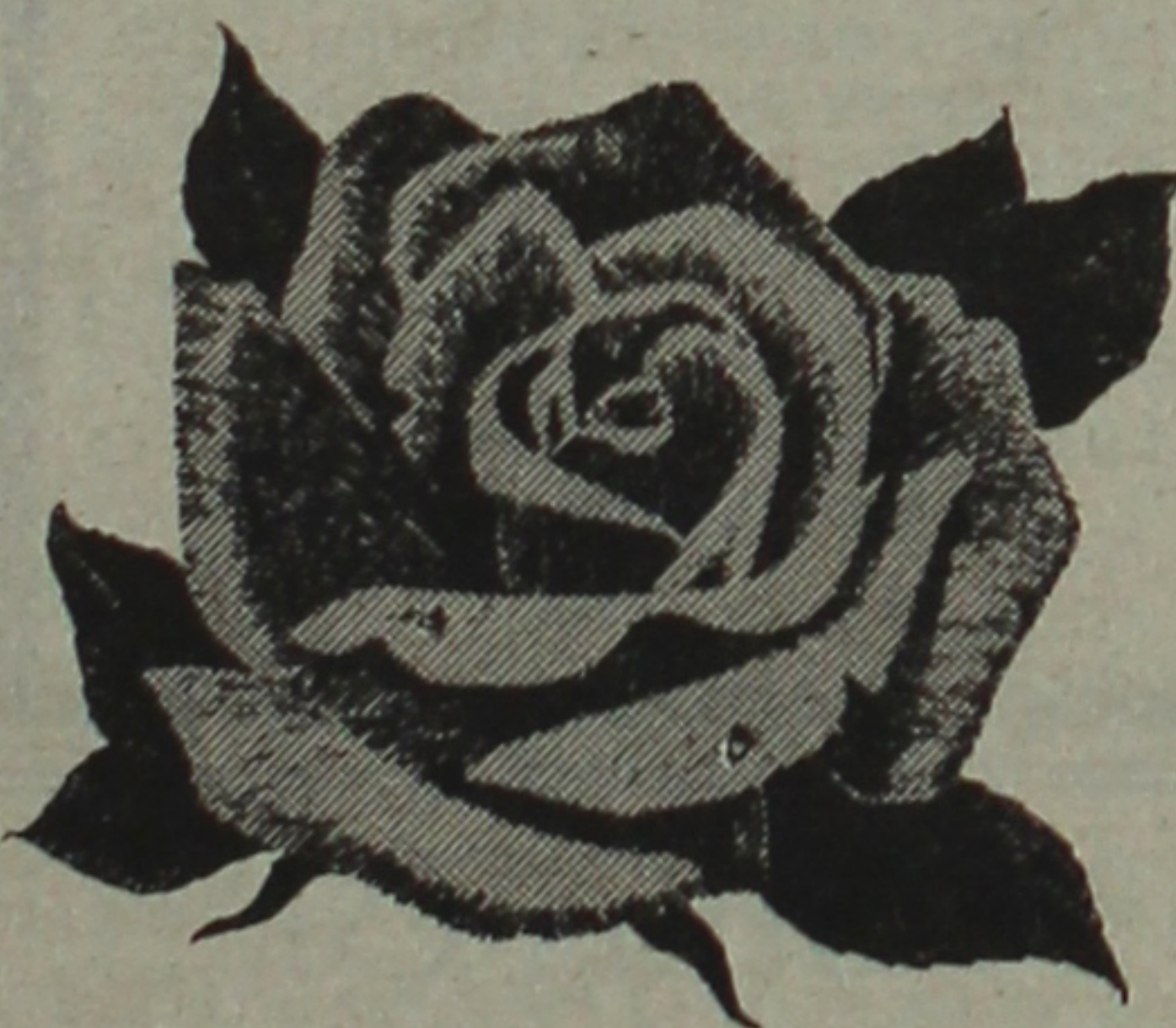
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FAIRFIELD, Ca. — A full agenda including the election to fill five vacancies on the board faces the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific JACL District Council chapters on Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Holiday Inn here, it was announced by George Kondo, NCWNP regional director.

Solano County JACL is hosting the one-day session starting at 9 a.m. with Dr. Yosh Nakashima presiding. Leo Hosoda, host chapter president, will extend greetings. Committee reports are scheduled from:

Steve Okamoto, health; Ted Inouye, scholarship; Chuck Kubokawa and Ben Takeshita, redress; Roy Takai, employment practices; Kubokawa, Arigato Award; Frances Morodomi, Mike Otani, Kelly Sato, youth.

New business items on the agenda concern the 1984 National Convention in Honolulu, redress commitment follow-up, Memorial Day Services at Golden Gate Cemetery, and

splitting the district into north and south.

Splitting the District

As only a suggestion for consideration (the subject has been aired at previous meetings this year), it is now proposed that the north-south split consider neighboring Chapter relationships, historical ties and traditions with about the same number of actual members.

The membership & chapter development committee, chaired by Takeshita, proposed the following division:

- DISTRICT A**
- 1. Alameda286
 - 2. Berkeley317
 - 3. Contra Costa465
 - 4. Diablo Valley148
 - 5. Eden Township303
 - 6. Florin97
 - 7. Fremont180
 - 8. Golden Gate29
 - 9. Honolulu37
 - 10. Japan74
 - 11. Marin82
 - 12. Marysville212
 - 13. Placer263
 - 14. Oakland111

- 15. Reno71
 - 16. Sacramento919
 - 17. San Francisco1,424
 - 18. Solano43
 - 19. Sonoma448
 - 20. Tri-Valley80
 - TOTAL 5,589
- DISTRICT B**
- 1. Cortez191
 - 2. French Camp152
 - 3. Gilroy140
 - 4. Liv/Merced191
 - 5. Lodi320
 - 6. Monterey435

- 7. Salinas Valley362
- 8. San Benito75
- 9. San Jose1,058
- 10. San Mateo659
- 11. Sequoia703
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While Takeshita felt it would be a waste of delegate's time to further discuss the proposed split without taking

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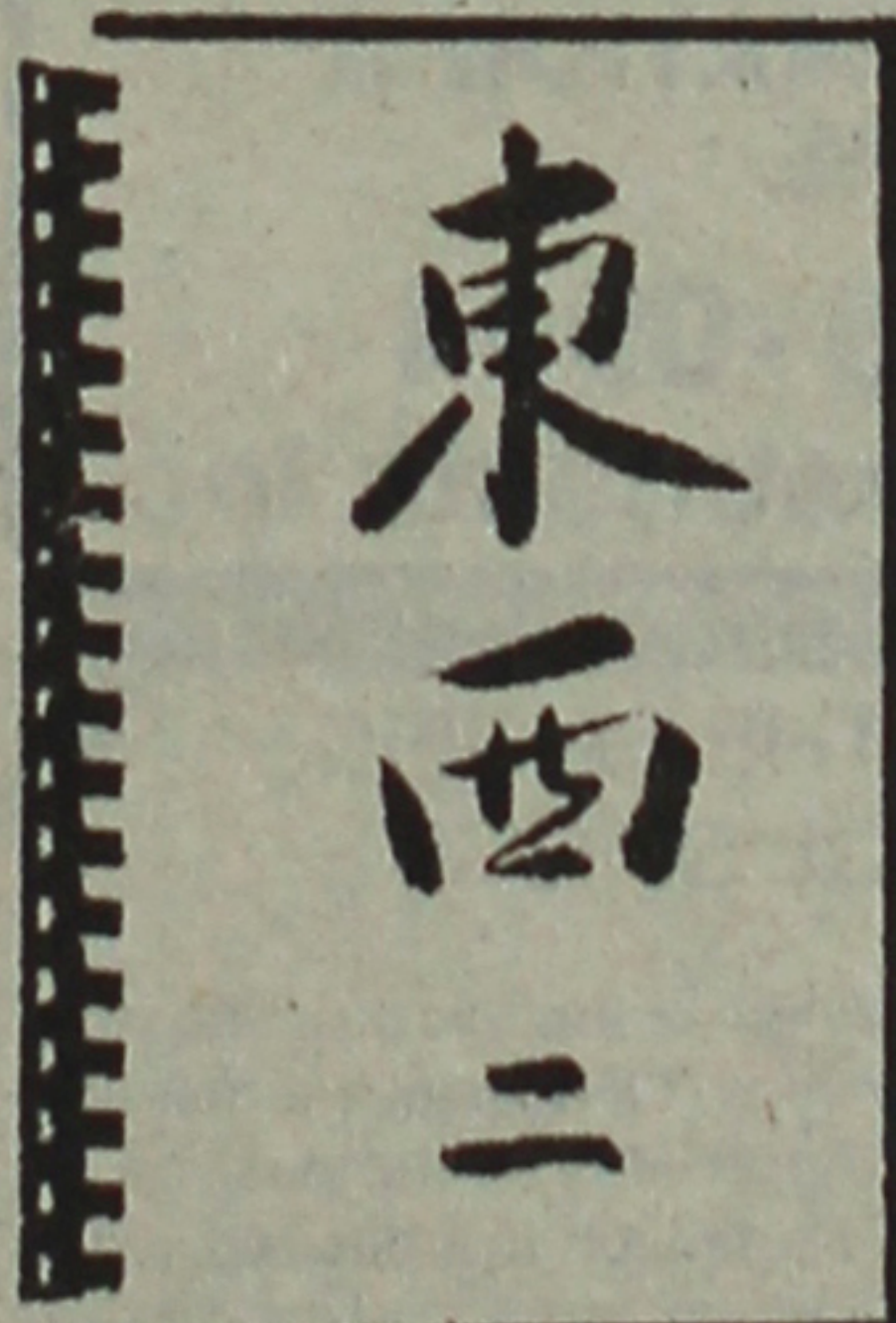
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