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Japanese tourist shot in L.A. robbery dies a year later

TOKYO—A Japanese woman who was shot in the head while sightseeing in Los Angeles last year died Nov. 30 in a hospital in Isehara, Japan.

Kazumi Miura, 29, had been in a coma since Nov. 18, 1981, when she was shot by two robbers near the downtown area of Los Angeles.

Her husband, Kazuyoshi Miura, 35, who was wounded in the leg, was taking his wife's photograph near the city's Music Center when they were suddenly shot by two young men who robbed them of \$1,200.

Mrs. Miura was rushed to County-USC Medical Center, but never regained consciousness. She was then flown back to Japan on Jan. 18 by a U.S. Air Force medical evacuation plane and was taken to Tokai University Hospital in Isehara, 24 miles west of Tokyo, where she died without ever reviving from a coma.

Mother of Two-Year Old

Mrs. Miura was the mother of a two-year old daughter and had been on her first visit to the U.S. Mr. Miura, an importer, said through an interpreter that immediately after the nighttime incident, he had called out for help but no one

would come to their aid and passerbys were "just walking by, going away."

The two robbers were never caught.

Mr. Miura has been making pleas through the Japanese mass media to his fellow countrymen not to visit the U.S., according to Mrs. Miura's physician, Professor Osamu Sato.

In Los Angeles, the police department's Asian Task Force, in response to the shooting, had planned an educational program for tourists visiting the city, which included a movie that was to be shown on flights from Japan. The film was to be unveiled this year.

However, higher authorities within the LAPD in April ordered a cancellation of the film, because the program would have "an adverse affect on tourism" in Los Angeles, where the 1984 Olympics are scheduled.

However, the LAPD brass, according to Central Division Officer Jim Slater, said the program "did merit consideration, but on a citywide basis," since tourists flock to various parts of the city, such as Hollywood and West Los Angeles.

Bill to halt anti-racial crimes is signed by Illinois governor

CHICAGO—Governor James R. Thompson signed legislation that provides penalties against those who take criminal action against another person for reasons of race, color, creed, religion or national origin.

The measure also provides prison sentences for those who commit institutional vandalism for those same reasons.

"This bill will send a message to those who hate—if they commit certain criminal acts against another person because of race, creed, religion or national origin, they will go to jail."

"Those who defile churches, synagogues, cemetery property, schools and the property nearby because of these same reasons also will be dealt with strongly under this measure," the governor said.

Under the measure, the crime of ethnic intimidation is created and covers assault, criminal trespass

to land or mob action against another person by reason of race, color, creed, religion or national origin. The penalty in that case would be a Class A misdemeanor, which could mean up to a year in jail.

However, if the act involves the participation of the defendant in a mob action that results in violent infliction of injury to a person or the property of another, the penalty is a Class 3 felony, which carries a penalty of up to five years in prison.

Institutional vandalism involves the destruction of property totaling more than \$300 for by reason of race, color, creed, religion or national origin. It carries a penalty of up to five years in prison.

House Bill 2391, which passed with no opposition in the General Assembly, was sponsored by Representative Arthur Telcser and Senator William Marovitz, both of Chicago. It is effective January 1, 1983.

Rights chair says affirmative action leads to 'racial spoils' system

SAN DIEGO—Affirmative action programs have led to "A kind of racial spoils system in America," said Clarence Pendleton, the chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

Pendleton said Nov. 22 he has told President Reagan that he agrees with "A policy of color-blind racial neutrality."

But Pendleton told law students at the University of San Diego he has recommended that "A firm administration civil rights policy be established so that non-white Americans would not perish on the route from color consciousness to color blindness."

At the same time, Pendleton criticized affirmative action programs that give minorities a preference in education and hiring.

He said Reagan's economic policies would "get government out of people's lives and get the free enterprise system to flourish again, which was what made this country great in the first place... if you don't broaden the economy, what do you do?"



Photo by Harlan Hayakawa

FOR KIMOCHI HOME—Sam Sato, committee treasurer of the First Annual Kimochi Home Golf Tournament (left) presents Kimochi, Inc. executive director Steve Nakajo with a check for \$5,000, which was raised through the golf tournament held Nov. 12 at the Peacock Gap Golf Course and Country Club in San Rafael, Ca.

Final testimony is presented in 6-year old Lockheed bribery trial

TOKYO—The Tokyo District Court trying former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka in the Lockheed payoff scandal heard testimony from the last five witnesses in the case Nov. 24, nearly six years after the trial started.

With the completion of the witnesses' testimony, only supplementary questioning of some of Tanaka's co-defendants in the Marubeni route trial of the Lockheed affair remains before the prosecution demands a sentence against Tanaka, charged with accepting \$2 million in payoffs from Lockheed Corp. through a Marubeni Corp. executive.

The Marubeni route trial, in which Tanaka, his former secretary Toshio Enomoto and executives of Marubeni were indicted started in January 1977.

During court hearings which lasted five years and 10 months, a total of 101 witnesses, including the five who appeared at this recent session, were summoned to testify. The prosecution called 54 witnesses; the defense counsel, 47.

In an attempt to establish an alibi for Tanaka's former secretary Enomoto, 56, the defense mobilized 17 witnesses including eight influential politicians. Among the witnesses was Masaharu Gotoda, a former home affairs minister and strong-man inside the Liberal-Democratic Party faction led by Tanaka.

The five persons who testified Nov. 24 were defense witnesses who served as houseboys at Tanaka's private residence in 1973 and 1974, when the \$2 million in bribes was allegedly carried into the house.

IBM denies conspiracy in Hitachi case

WASHINGTON—Charges that International Business Machines Corp. teamed up with the FBI to entrap Japanese businessmen are "ridiculous," IBM Chairman Frank T. Cary said here Nov. 9.

For the first time publicly, Cary rebutted claims in Japanese newspapers that IBM and the FBI engineered a scheme against Hitachi Ltd. to bring political and economic pressure on Japan.

"All of these charges are ridiculous, as the evidence presented in court will show," Cary told members of the Computer and Business Equipment Manufacturers Association.

After an undercover "sting" operation last spring, the FBI ar-

The five witnesses, including Norio Kataoka, 28, now a newspaper reporter, testified to the effect that they had never seen Enomoto carry cardboard boxes into Tanaka's private house in Tokyo's Mejiro-dai.

Before the trial started, Enomoto allegedly told district public prosecutors that he had instructed houseboys to carry cardboard boxes containing cash. Enomoto reserved his statement after the trial started.

Alibi Questioned

Enomoto is charged with receiving \$2 million in bribes in four installments from Marubeni on Tanaka's behalf in 1973 and 1974. The question of his alibi for the time of his alleged receipt of the bribes was one of the most hotly-disputed issues of the trial.

The prosecution called 15 persons to testify on this particular subject, including Enomoto's ex-wife, whose appearance before the court shocked not only Enomoto but also the defense counsel.

Since many defendants and witnesses have retracted their pre-trial statements in the course of court hearings, the prosecution called the prosecutors who had questioned them, to appear before the court as witnesses.

Another big question was whether a prime minister is in a position to influence the selection of aircraft on the part of private airlines.

Both the prosecution and the defense sought testimony from incumbent and retired high-ranking bureaucrats as witnesses to determine this issue.

—Japan Times

Japan's new prime minister stresses self-defense needs

TOKYO—New Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, in an unusually frank expression of his personal views, stated in a "political resume" sent to foreign governments that Japan should revise its American-inspired anti-war constitution and rely on its own military for defense.

"I believe that true independence is impossible as long as a nation chooses to depend in large measure on the military power of another country for its own territorial security," Nakasone writes in a paper titled, "My Life in Politics," reported by the Associated Press Nov. 29.

A government spokesman stressed that the contents are Nakasone's personal views as a private individual and are not his official remarks as Japan's 16th postwar prime minister.

Since assuming office Nov. 27, Nakasone, a former Defense Agency chief who has been outspoken on defense in the past, has refuted opposition party claims that he is a right-wing proponent of a military buildup.

In his first press conference as prime minister, Nakasone said Japan must "try harder to carry its load" in defense, and denied that Japan is being pressured by Washington to increase military spending. But he also said he would "do my utmost to respect" the current defense spending ceiling of one per cent of the gross national product.

He also took a cautious stance on constitutional revision, praising the 1947 document—which contains an article renouncing "war as a sovereign right"—for guaranteeing social welfare and human rights.

But in the English language position paper, he says "I have long contended that a constitution that leaves room for doubt about the possession of one's own self-defense capability must be revised."

The 82-page statement of political philosophy was distributed to foreign governments through their Tokyo embassies after Nakasone's election, a spokesman for his office said.

The head of the conservative Liberal Democratic Party, Japan's ruling party since 1955, succeeded

outgoing Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki in the nation's top post.

In the paper Nakasone calls for a revision of the 1951 Japan-U.S. Security Treaty in which Japan agreed to the long-term deployment of U.S. troops on Japanese soil in exchange for protection under the American defense umbrella. Currently there are 45,000 U.S. troops stationed in Japan.

"A people that have become used to the protection of another country soon loses the will to defend themselves. They degenerate into weak and selfish materialists who put the pursuit of economic prosperity above all else," he writes.

Nakasone calls on his country to "change the present, protective treaty to a military alliance between equal partners, and to enable the withdrawal of American soldiers gradually from Japan, as our power of self-defense increases." In the news conference Nov. 27, however, he denied any intentions to alter U.S.-Japan security arrangements.

Nakasone to visit Washington in '83

TOKYO—Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, Dec. 1, accepted an invitation from U.S. President Ronald Reagan to visit Washington on Jan. 18, 1983, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

The invitation was given to the newly-installed prime minister by Reagan's Special Emissary, former U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

Meanwhile, former prime minister Zenko Suzuki accepted the request of Nakasone to take the post of supreme adviser of the ruling Liberal-Democratic Party.

The request was made at Suzuki's private residence here on the morning of Nov. 29.

Suzuki is the sixth supreme adviser of the LDP after former prime ministers Nobusuke Kishi, Takeo Miki and Takeo Fukuda, and former speaker Hirokichi Nadao of the House of Representatives and former president Ken Yasui of the House of Councilors.

Harassment of Washington state's Asian refugees on rise

SEATTLE—Overt racial harassment of Asians in Washington has grown to "very serious" proportions due to the belief of whites and blacks that the growing Asian population in the state is getting preferential treatment and is taking away jobs, it was revealed in a public hearing here Nov. 20.

At a hearing on the issues impacting Asian Pacific Americans sponsored by the Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs, a representative of the state Human Rights Commission testified of "a very serious trend of physical harassment against Asian Pacific Americans, which is particularly acute in the case of ethnic Chinese refugees," said Ray Corpuz, chairman of the commission.

Corpuz said the hearing also revealed that many of the refugee families in Washington are being forced to split up in order to qualify for federal relief programs for single-parent families.

State Representative Art Wang, himself the son of Chinese immi-

grants, said the present rules for federal relief programs favor the single-parent family and that in many instances "a two-parent family with children cannot qualify for aid." He said the incidence of family separation among refugees had increased "noticeably."

Corpuz said the commission heard 18 separate pieces of testimony at the hearing, covering such areas as immigration laws, labor, mental health, the status of APA women, education, affirmative action, unemployment and the shortage of affordable housing. The hearing lasted eight hours.

Washington's unemployment is among the highest three or four of all the states in the Union, said Corpuz, which he blames for much of the problem. Also, he said, the state has relied on the federal government to provide relief for incoming refugees and other new immigrants.

"Our state has not taken an aggressive approach toward going beyond what the federal govern-

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L.A. medical pioneers honored

LOS ANGELES—Pioneers of the Japanese American medical community were honored at the Japanese American Medical Association's Recognition Dinner at the Bel Air Country Club Nov. 12.

Setting the stage for the tribute to the trail blazing Nikkei medical men was a historical overview of the contributions of Nikkei medical professionals by Dr. Tom Watanabe, who detailed the founding of the first Japanese hospital more than 80 years ago and then formation of the Japanese American Medical Association just five years afterward.

JAMA president Dr. Henry Noguchi introduced the honorees and gave a brief biography of each. Those receiving special recognition for long years of dedicated service to the Japanese American community of Southern California were: Dr. Denis Adler, Dr. James Goto, Dr. Richard Iwata, Dr. Sakaye Shigekawa, Dr. Chisu Nesu, Dr. Tom Watanabe, Dr. Mitsuya Yamaguchi, Dr. Paul Yamauchi and Dr. James Yamazaki. Honorees unable to attend the function were Dr. Tadashi Fujimoto, Dr. Wallace Nagata and Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi.

A posthumous award was bestowed upon Dr. Thomas Nakao who passed away Nov. 10.

Dr. Ronald Matsunaga served as master of ceremonies for the event. Entertainment was provided by soprano Hiroko Kitano, flutist Masami Katano and pianist Harue Sumikawa.

Marlene Okada, president of the JAMA Auxiliary, thanked Hiroko Kitano, Akiko Maeda, members of the banquet committee. Co-chairwomen were Helen Matsunaga and Sandra Tokita. They were assisted by Sakaye Hayashida, Tomiko Hirabayashi, Dorothy Inaba, Agnes Nagamoto, Reiko Nagaya, Valena Noguchi, Mitsuye Yamaguchi, Flora Yamanaka and Haruko Yoshida. Barbara Yamaguchi and Flora Yamanaka for the auxiliary.

● Awards

In Pasadena, Ca., Yoshirō Befu, a landscape architect and a principal in the firm of Peterson and Befu, was honored Nov. 6 by the California Council of Landscape Architects with an award for outstanding service to the profession at the CCLA's annual conference in Oakland.

Befu received his bachelor of science degree in landscape architecture from Massachusetts State College in 1946 and also received a BLA from the University of Massachusetts in 1947. He became a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects in 1955 and has been a major contributor to society activities holding many offices and awards and contributing greatly to the progress of landscape architecture. He was named a fellow by the ASLA in 1977. He played an important role in the unification of ASLA and AILA this year.

Nikkei's dance company gets grant

SAN FRANCISCO—The June Watanabe Dance Company (a modern dance company), created last spring by the Marin County choreographer, has received a \$10,000 grant from the Buck Trust of the San Francisco Foundation. The grant was given for a twofold purpose—to enable the Company to become the first California based company to present Paul Taylor's "3 Epitaphs", which will highlight their spring season, and to support the work of Ms. Watanabe in developing dance in Marin County.

The Company has just completed performances at DeAnza College, Pt. Reyes, and the University of California, Berkeley. The spring

season will include numerous performances in Marin, Sacramento and several in Los Angeles.

Of particular interest to the Japanese community is her statement on the relocation experience—a work entitled "Herd", based on Executive Order 9066, which is an excerpt from "Internments." "Internments" deals with the universality of prisons, whether it be of a political, personal, or environmental nature.

Ms. Watanabe, originally from L.A., resides in Marin County with her husband Akira, and their three children, Brett, Whitney, and Colin. She is a graduate of UCLA and trained extensively in modern dance and ballet.

Ex-Lions Int'l president dies

KYOTO—Kaoru Murakami, immediate past president of Lions International, died of a liver ailment at the Kyoto Katsura hospital in Nishikyoku, Kyoto, on Nov. 7. He was 64.

He was vice director-general of the Uransenke's Tankokai and executive director of Lions International before he died.

He graduated from Ritsumeikan University in 1944 and became a journalist serving with the Miyako Shimbun.

He later worked for the Kyoto Municipal Office where he served as chief of the public relations section.

In 1978, he became vice director-general of the Tankokai.

He served for one year as the first Japanese and Asian to be elected as president of Lions International in July 1981.

Murakami received the U.N. Prize for Peace after he retired from the Lions presidency in July of this year.

He was a frequent visitor to San Francisco, the most memorable of which was on Nov. 6, 1981 when he attended a dedication ceremony of San Francisco Lions clubs' International Day by planting a Japanese pine tree in a grove at McLaren Park.

Nikkei teen-ager dies in boat mishap

MARYSVILLE, Ca.—The body of a Live Oak teen-ager who was reported missing when he did not return from a Thanksgiving Day duck hunting outing was recovered from the Feather River about 10 a.m. Nov. 26, reported the Appeal-Democrat.

Sutter County Boat Patrol Sgt. Don Rambo said the body of Jerry T. Marumoto, 18, was recovered in shallow water about two miles north of Live Oak.

It appears, Rambo said, that Marumoto drowned after he was hurtled from his 10-foot aluminum boat Nov. 25.

"It looks like the boat hit some-

thing, knocking the (10 horsepower) motor off and he was ejected," Rambo said. The portion of the river where Marumoto went into the water is noted for gravel bars, stumps and logs, Rambo said.

Sutter County Sheriff's deputies began their search for Marumoto when his father, George Marumoto, said he didn't return from an early-morning duck hunting trip.

After finding Marumoto's car parked at the Live Oak Recreation Park, the county's boat patrol began a search along the Feather River and reported finding his boat floating on the river about 10:30 p.m.

Japanese nationals in N.Y. prefer to keep to themselves

By TAKESHI HIKINO
Mainichi Daily News

NEW YORK—Nobody knows exactly how many Japanese live in New York City and its suburbs. Modest estimates put the number at about 50,000 or even at 60,000.

New York's Japanese communities are almost 10 times bigger than that of Dusseldorf, West Germany, which is the biggest Japanese community in Europe, nicknamed "Japan's business capital in Europe" or "Tokyo on the Rhine," with about 6,000 Japanese.

Yet the Japanese in New York are not so visible as those in Dusseldorf, apparently because the Big Apple's ethnic melting pot submerges them.

New York has never been dubbed the "Japanese business capital of the U.S." nor "Tokyo on Manhattan Island," although some Americans ironically call the city "J.J. town"—the town of Jews and Japanese. This is probably because they are exceptionally active and stick to their own lifestyles.

Three Communities

A close look at this gigantic town of about eight million people reveals the existence of two tight-knit Japanese communities and one loose-knit one, and they seem to stick to Japan and work around Japan.

By their nature the three communities do not socialize with each other. They, of course, are not antagonistic toward each other either.

"A cherry blossom festival held in May this year might have been the first occasion that people from the three different communities got together," said a business executive who has lived in New York for nearly eight years.

The biggest community of all is that of business people and is mainly made up of salaried workers sent by Japanese corporations. It is a community of over 20,000 Japanese; about 2,000 Japanese companies, including almost all major corporations, based in New York to direct their U.S. operations.

The other two communities are made up of Japanese Americans (pop. about 20,000) and a very loose community of artists, scholars, students and those who are not known for what they are doing in New York.

Take Japan Along

Fortune Magazine, referring to the Japanese in Dusseldorf, once wrote that "When Japanese travel, they take a lot of Japan with them."

This is the case in New York, too.

"It's hard to find anything Japanese that is not available in New York," says Ken Shimba, a Matsushita Electric public relations representative in the U.S. "New York has everything and Japanese New Yorkers can live just like they lived in Japan."

"You don't feel like you are in the United States as long as you work here and live here," said Shimba.

Japanese restaurants—offering everything from top-quality "sushi" that are more fresh and less expensive than in Japan to cheap "ramen" noodle—numbers somewhere between 250 and 300. Scores of grocery shops specializing in Japanese food offer any kind of material Japanese housewives wish to buy to fix Japanese dinners.

Services Available

The services of Japanese physicians, lawyers and real estate agents are also available. Japanese hair stylists and barbers are in business. Even a drivers' school run by a Japanese for Japanese offers lessons in the Japanese language. A hefty yellow page lists all sorts of Japanese shops and services in Japanese. Six or seven Japanese bookstores sell Japanese-language books and magazines. Japanese-language newspapers are also printed. Japanese radio and TV stations broadcast Japanese programs, some brought from Japan.

What might be most characteristically Japanese in Manhattan are "piano bars" and mahjong parlors that number about 10 each.

The "piano bar" may be a Japanese-style hostess bar or a "Karaoke bar." Instead of "karaoke" music machines, they have pianos and Japanese pianists who play music at the request of customers. Music-loving Japanese sing "kayokyoku," popular Japanese songs, while flanked by Japanese hostesses.

The prices of drinks are also "Japanese version." A Scotch on the

rocks, a favorite of Japanese, usually costs \$2.50-\$3.50 at most in American bars in New York. But sipping a couple of Chivas Regals on the rocks, that usually comes with some "tsukidashi" snacks such as chocolate or cheese, and chatting with hostesses, will cost about \$70 or \$75 on the average.

The prices occasionally drive American customers mad when they happen to drop in without knowing what a Japanese "piano bar" is.

Said Yoshisuke Kono, a sushi restaurant operator in New York: "The prices at New York's piano bars are not so expensive as those on Tokyo's Ginza and Osaka's Kita Shinchi."

For golf lovers, a "Japanese golf course" is located in New Jersey. "In New York, there is a saying among Japanese: 'People who don't play golf are not humans,'" said a business executive who stayed in New York for four years.


On weekends, many Japanese business people drive to the exclusive Haworth Golf Club that was reported by the New York Times as "Tora, Tora, Tora" when a Japanese company purchased it last year. After the management was shifted to Japanese, many Japanese companies in New York bought memberships.

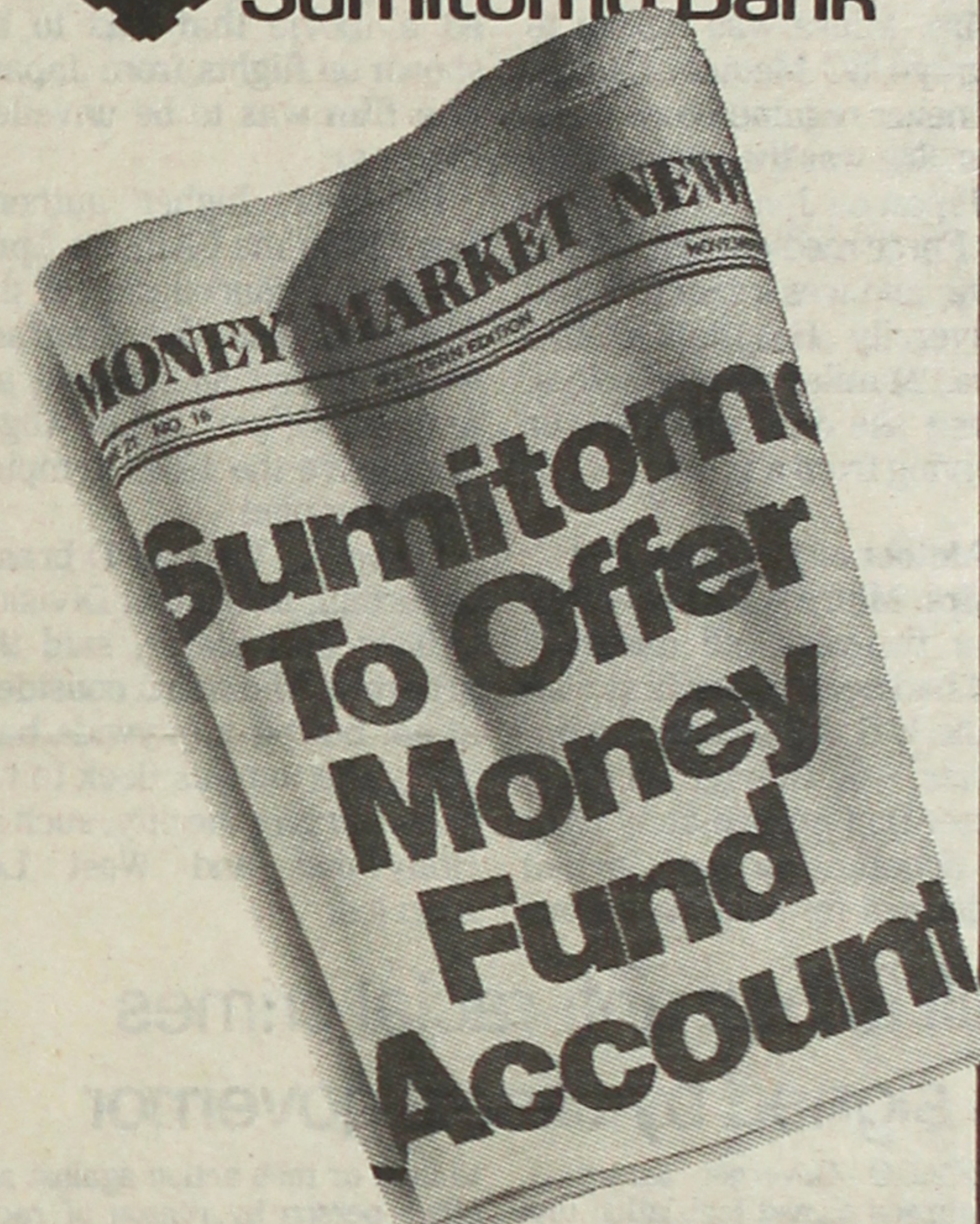
The club was remodeled to meet Japanese tastes; an "ofuro" bath and snack restaurant with a Japanese menu were added, for example. It is

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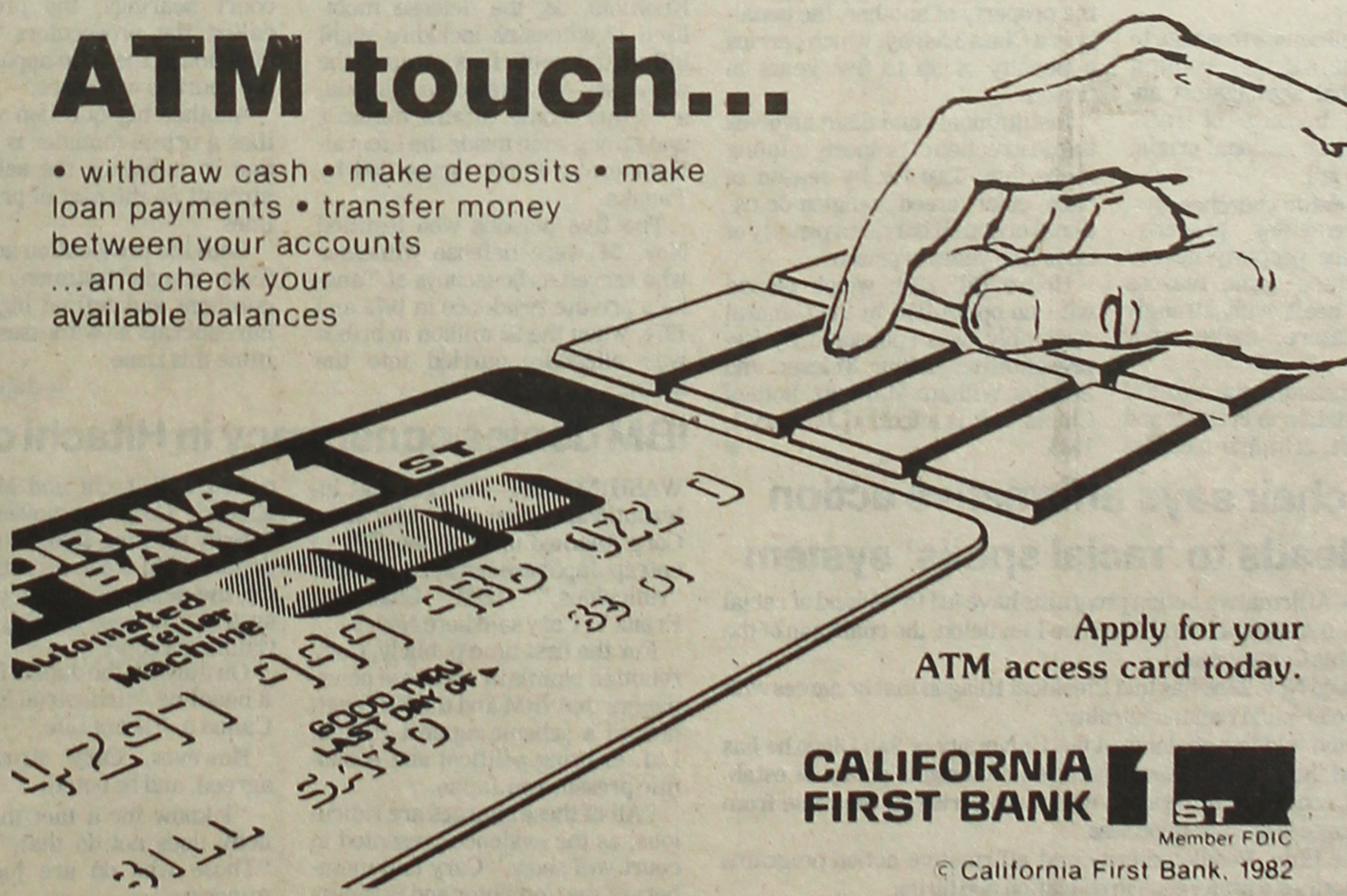
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JACCC begins fund drive to dedicate seats in its theater

LOS ANGELES—With the imminent completion of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center (Nichibei Gekijo), the JACCC is embarking on a major capital fund drive by means of dedicating seats in the theater to donors.

Carl M. Tamaki, campaign chairman, and Frank Kuwahara, JACCC president, jointly stated that for the first time in the 100-year history of the Japanese in Southern California, a well-equipped theater which can present a variety of programs is being built.

"Early in 1983, the JACCC will be hosting two historic events—the prestigious exhibition of the works by the Living National Treasures of Japan and the grand opening of the JACCC Theater with a performance of the Kabuki from the National Theater of Japan," they said. "The hopes and dreams of our pioneers were to bring the best of our cultural heritage from Japan. We believe this is an excellent opportunity for us to contribute our share toward the Theater and to remember the hardships endured by our pioneer immigrant generation who actually laid the foundation for a center such as the JACCC."

The first five rows of 172 seats, designated the Golden Circle, will be dedicated to contributors of \$5,000; the remainder of the 841 permanent seats in the theater will be named in honor of donors of \$1,500.

Golden Circle donors will have first priority in purchasing tickets to the grand opening performances of the Theater. They will also receive an invitation to a special VIP reception, as well as four tickets to a VIP tour of the Living National Treasures Exhibit, free parking for all JACCC events for one year and all regular membership benefits.

The Silver Circle donors of \$1,500 will receive the next priority in purchasing tickets to the grand opening performances of the theater. They will also receive an invitation to a special VIP reception, two tickets

to a VIP tour of the Living National Treasures Exhibit and all regular membership benefits.

Donors' names, or the names of those they wish to memorialize, will be inscribed on suitable metal name plates on the back of the theater seats. Their names will also be listed in a donors' plaque in the lobby.

Contributors are encouraged to give the total amount all at once, but arrangements can be made for installment payment on a one-third down at the time of the pledge and the remainder payable in 1983 and 1984.

A total of \$4,250,000 (including interest) was raised for the construction of the theater from Japan, with the help of the Japan Koenkai, organized by former Japanese ambassador to the United States, Nobuhiko Ushiba. Some 245 Japanese firms and individuals contributed to the drive. Another \$750,000 was granted by the Economic Development Administration of the federal government. Total cost of the JACCC Theater will be about \$6,250,000, which means that another \$1.25 million still needs to be raised.

"Many board members, staff members and early supporters of the JACCC in the community who gave generously toward the Center Building are planning to donate a seat in honor of their parents. Brothers and sisters, whole families are pooling their donations to dedicate a seat to the memory of their parents and grandparents," Tamaki said.

"The campaign volunteers are quite aware that times could be better, but we also note that many Nisei and Sansei have now attained enough stature in their lives to care about honoring our past and ensuring that a facility like the JACCC will continue to exist for the community in the

Japanese-Canadian war dead honored

HAMILTON, Ontario—A minute silence was observed to honor Japanese-Canadian war dead of World War I and World War II at the annual dinner meeting of the S-20 and Nisei Veterans Association held on November 6 at the New Hamilton Convention Centre. Also remembered were comrades and members of the Association who passed on.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morimitsu of Chicago were special visitors. Association chairman, Masao Hyodo, thanked Art Morimitsu for inviting Canadian Nisei veterans to the American Nisei Veterans' Reunion held in 1979 (Hawaii) and 1982 (Los Angeles). Art Morimitsu served in Burma with U.S. Military Intelligence Service.

Attending the reunion were members from Toronto, Ottawa, London and Edmonton.

An interesting account of the trip to California and meeting with American Nisei veterans was given by Tsutomu Shimizu. The choir of the Hamilton Japanese United Church led by the Rev. Hiraku Iwai entertained with singing of Japanese songs.

future. It will help to remind the coming generations of their proud heritage," Tamaki concluded.

For more info on the seat dedication fund drive, call (213) 628-2725 #

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Kozasa named to L.A. Aging Council

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles City Council on Aging elected Nisei community activist Betty Kozasa as its president at its general membership meeting Nov. 13 at City Hall.

Kozasa is an appointee of Mayor Tom Bradley to the council and has served 1½ years as president, filling the unexpired term of Herbert Maltinsky. Under her leadership the City Council voted unani-

mously on Sept. 29 to separate the City Area Agency on Aging from the Community Development Department. This was the result of constant advocacy for more than two years in an effort to better serve the more than 400,000 aged persons living within the boundaries of the city, Council on Aging spokespersons said.

Set to assist Kozasa on the council is first vice president Milton Tepper, 2nd vice president Walter Hunt and secretary Lois Hamer. #

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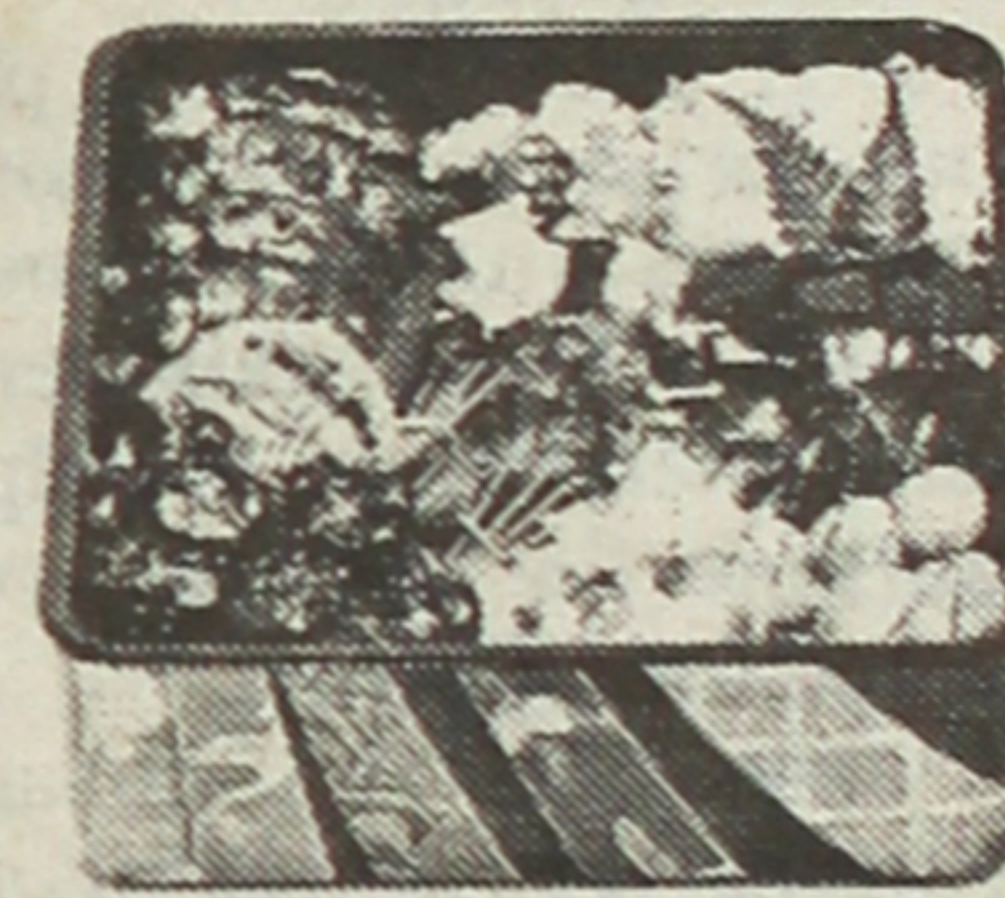
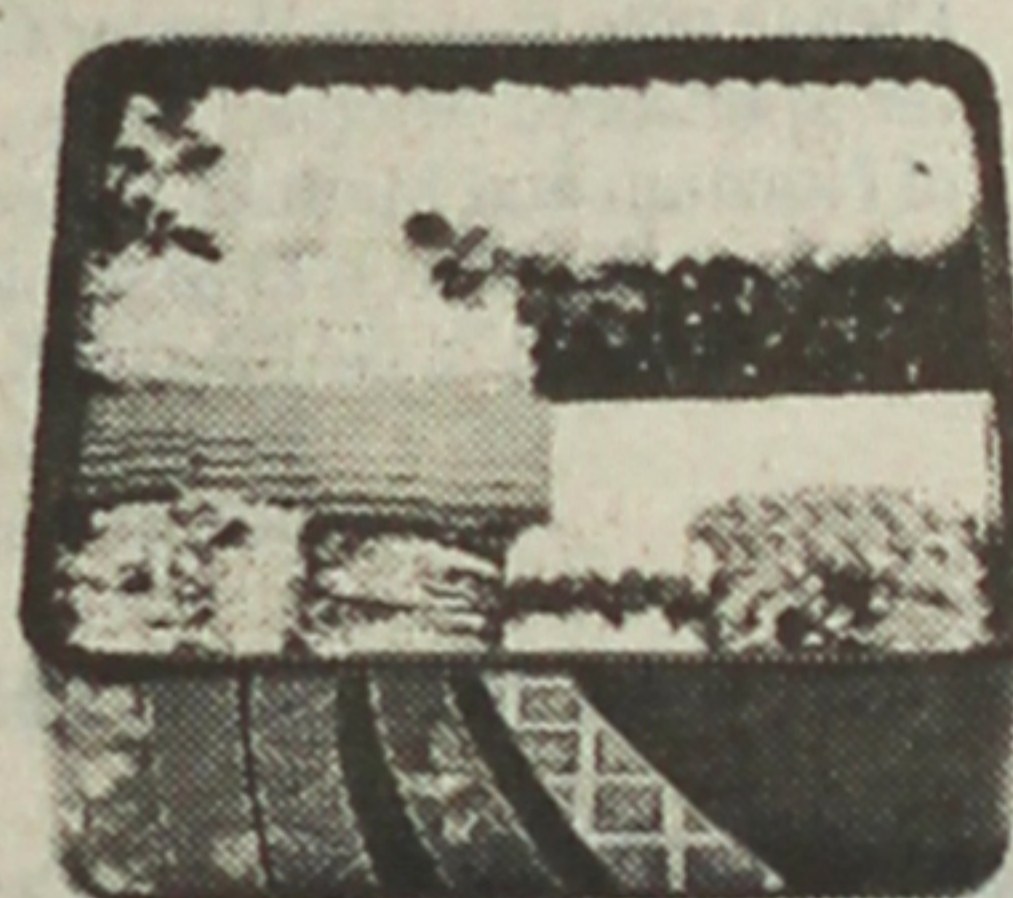
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Full Speed Ahead

Woodland, Ca.

In his Nov. 19 PC column, Bill Marutani asked whether JACL was "dead in the waters" for lack of any apparent long range planning. If there was a plan, Bill indicated "...we, the members, are largely unaware of its existence and certainly unaware of its contents." Bill's questions are good ones. The answer is that JACL does have a long range plan and that it is being used as a guide in present decision making.

Long Range Planning Report. Pursuant to a request by immediate past National President James Tsujimura, Lillian Kimura, as chair, organized a committee which submitted a "long range planning report" to the National Council at the Gardena Convention (Aug. 1982). Under Lillian's able leadership, her committee devised a survey which was run in the PC and distributed to the chapters. District workshops and interviews were also conducted. A draft report was prepared and criticized before submission.

The National Council adopted the report which outlined the "following goals for the decade":

- (1) A membership of 50,000 individuals mobilized as an effective force for positive social change;
- (2) An active program which addresses JACL's concern for a just society and equal opportunity for all people;
- (3) A diversified financial base to support our efforts;
- (4) Utilization of current technologies for efficiency and better communication;
- (5) A public relations program which enhances JACL's image as a membership movement dedicated to being "Better Americans in a Greater America"

Each of these goals were in turn supported by specific recommendations to help achieve the stated goal. For example, the last goal—relating to JACL's image—suggested the following:

National JACL will embark on a concerted public relations campaign to accomplish its aims;

National JACL will utilize greater sophistication in promoting the organization and its issues to new members and the public at-large by use of relevant materials and media access.

Biennium Plan. On Sept. 11, 1982, the elected officers met in San Francisco to plan the agenda for this biennium. The JACL budget, National Council resolutions, the Long Range Planning Report, and other documents were consulted in the task of establishing our JACL committees and priorities.

For the first time, each committee was given a written "mission statement" and a list of specific "biennial goals" against which its performance could be judged. The statements were prepared by the vice-president in charge of each committee. The statements are brief and to the point.

However, the committee listings run approximately 18 pages. Each district governor was given a complete set at the Oct. 8-10, 1982, National Board meeting where each committee was reviewed and adopted. While implementation (as well as planning) is an ongoing process, I believe that the present national leadership has not neglected nor ignored the importance of planning in establishing its biennium plan.

Information to Membership. Copies of both the "Long Range Planning Report" and the complete list of committees and their specific goals can be obtained by writing the National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, Ca. 94115.

I have talked to the Pacific Citizen about printing the "Long Range Planning Report" in full for membership information and discussion (see pg. 6—Ed.). A review of the report will reveal a JACL that is moving "Full Speed Ahead."

Thank you, Bill, for raising the right question at the right time.

Letters

On WW2 Reparations

Editor:
On the matter of reparations, one aftermath of WWII is not well known. Germany has paid and is still paying individual Jews substantial reparations. Each month, many Jews in New York receive money from the Germans. In fact, in New York, due to prudent investment of the reparation funds, many Jews are now wealthy, just as probably many Japanese Americans would have become, were reparations to have been paid after WWII.

To accept moral responsibility for an immoral error, should not the U.S. government do no less than have the Germans, who have been portrayed as being less than human?

But, let us not expect miracles. Can a society which deifies the man (Roosevelt) responsible for the immoral act of placing us in concentration camps, now accept moral responsibility for the error committed by that man, without reducing his deity status, and without reducing regard for his deified policies? It is an impossible task. Germany is consistent: it accepted moral responsibility for an immoral error, paid reparations, and put into the trash bin of history the man (Hitler) who committed that error.

That is the dilemma faced by the government. Justice Earl Warren, who faced this dilemma, but could not resolve it, stood silent until death.

MOONRAY KOJIMA
New York, N.Y.

PCYA Correction

Editor:
The article on Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in 1982 (PC Nov. 12) indicated that 21 JACL chapters sponsored 28 students for the sessions in Washington D.C.

The list of those sponsored by JACL chapters was incomplete. Please note that the Hoosier Chapter sponsored Michael Selby, son of Norman and Michiko Selby. He attended the March 13-20 session.

SHIRLEY NAKATSUKASA
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From PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: by John Saito



Legal Defense and Education Fund

Los Angeles

Several years ago the PSW district and other community-based organizations were involved in the support of Dr. Carole Fujita in her discrimination complaint against the Department of Health Services, County of Los Angeles. She won her case. At one of the wrap-up meetings someone suggested that the support group should not be disbanded but remain together because of the possibility of similar complaints.

The outgrowth of the Friends of Carole Fujita Committee has been the Asian Pacific Legal Defense and Education Fund, a 501 (c) 3 corporation.

Business has been brisk, which means that things aren't that good in the community.

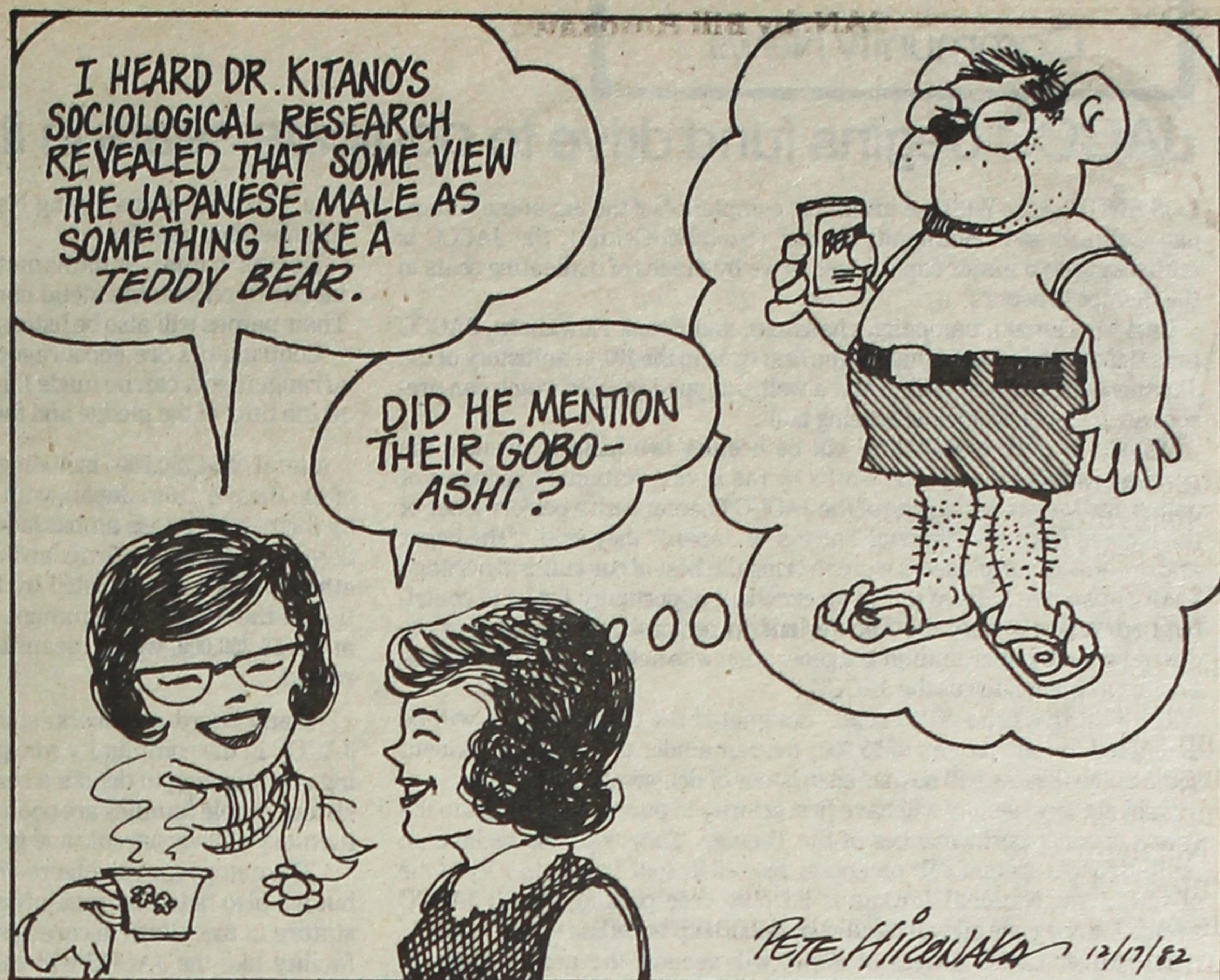
The organization is still being developed and many things need ironing out.

We are using the PSWDC regional office as a phone contact number and mailing address for the organization. Our present intake format is to receive the complaint and set up a screening committee to interview the complainant. The screening committee will give their report and recommendation at the Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting and take whatever action, within the resources of the organization, is agreed upon to give support.

We hope to build up the number of workers and supporters since it appears that with the number of discrimination complaints that have been coming in we will not have enough people to do the screening and necessary follow-up work.

We have had requests for assistance from other parts of this state and out-of-state but we do not yet have, nor possibly will ever have, the facility to give direct assistance to those individuals. Perhaps other regions should develop an APLDEF type organization for their area, if one is not in existence.

Maybe our plea should read something like "Previous experience desirable but not necessary—just a desire to help someone who could be you."



35 Years Ago REFUGEES

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

NOVEMBER 29, 1947

Nov. 20—House Judiciary subcommittee favors three Issei for "permanent residency": two (Hayato Ozawa, Tsuyoshi Matsumoto) who aided in U.S. war effort and one subject to deportation (Mitsu Kobayashi), mother of four and wife of citizen.

Nov. 21—Sixteen Sansei preschoolers escape serious injury when their bus collides with Seattle transit coach at 24th Ave. South and Charles St.

Nov. 22—Job, housing bias against Nisei cited in report of Denver Mayor's Committee on Human Relations; many hotels, restaurants and places of recreation still post "Keep Out" signs for minorities; special days set aside at public bath (20th & Curtis) for Negroes, Spanish, Japanese and "whites".

Nov. 23—San Francisco has virtually reached its prewar Nikkei population of 5,000, estimates Y. W. Abiko of Nichi-Bei Times.

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ment provides for," he said.

Asians number about 131,000 in the state now and constitute the second largest racial group after whites. About 32,000 refugees have settled in the state.

"There is a real crisis in housing. They have no money. Families are being split up because they can qualify for aid if there is only one parent," Corpuz said.

Regarding bilingual education, Corpuz said the federal government's switch from direct funding of programs to giving block grants for states to administer has created "a tendency to not focus on bilingual education and English as a Second Language."

Corpuz noted that the education system in Washington has shown poor progress in affirmative action. "In kindergarten through 12th grade Asians are the largest minority, making up around 4.3% of the children in the classroom. But Asians make up only about

one-half of 1% of the positions in mid-management and higher in the school systems."

—Asian Week

For the Record

A couple of errors in the Nov. 19 PC were pointed out to us by two of our readers.

In the column, "Another Relocation" (Part I) by Dr. Clifford Uyeda (pg. 4), Dr. Uyeda informed the PC that the last sentence in the second paragraph should read:

"...The cost of the evacuation program to the taxpayers is a quarter of billion (not million, as previously published—Ed.) dollars, which is ironically the same as that spent by the U.S. Army in the removal and imprisonment of Japanese Americans from 1942-1946."

George Wakiji of Arlington, Va. noted that on page one, bottom left hand column, the headline should read "Japan to export (not import) 'sushi robots'" because, after all, it would be impossible for Japan to import anything to the U.S.—P.I.

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because Japanese golfers love to take a bath and sip beer after the game, unlike American golfers who drive straight home after playing.

The Japanese usually live together in middle-class or upper-middle-class neighborhoods like the Fort Lee area of New Jersey, Flushing of Queens or Westchester at the border of Connecticut.

Higher Rent

"Japanese are welcomed anywhere, because they are willing to pay higher rent and they keep the properties nice and clean," said a Japanese in Fort Lee.

"But there is a criticism toward us and Japanese real estate agents who mainly work with Japanese customers. They are accused of pushing the rent higher," he added.

"Most of the Japanese expatriate staff and their families lead quite similar lives," said Shigeru Yamakawa, executive director of the Japan Trade Center in New York.

What he meant was that the life of an average Japanese business person revolves around Japan and around things Japanese in New York in their daily lives.

Nobuki Toyama, 34-year-old manager of Matsushita Electric who has been in New York for four years shares Yamakawa's view.

He even says that it is very important for Japanese business executives in New York to associate with other Japanese business people.

New York's Japanese population swells as hundreds of travelers, mostly business travelers, are added everyday from Tokyo, Osaka and other parts of Japan.

Those business people also move around Japan in New York. They find themselves feeling comfortable and relaxing as long as they are in a Japanese atmosphere.

Japan Air Lines knows it quite well and provides special Japanese cuisine aboard its Tokyo-New York route where most of the passengers, unlike passengers of its other U.S. routes, are business travelers.

The airline knows Japanese can hardly live anywhere in the world without Japan, so that they offer a Japanese atmosphere before travelers arrive in a foreign land.

Every Japanese expatriate, without exception, says that "attending" to those business travelers from head offices and customers' companies is one of the most important tasks for them.

The places that Japanese New Yorkers take their important customers and bosses from Japan are more or less the same: lunch at a Japanese restaurant, dinner at a "sushi" bar and drinking at "piano bars," and weekend golfing at a Japanese golf course.

Analyzes Tadao Fujimatsu, director of Japan Air Line New York: "I suppose the reason that the Japanese huddle together is the problem of language."

Unfortunately, salaried people sent from Japan are the least capable of adapting themselves to the American society. And they would not like to do it either, because they have to think of their future, Fujimatsu added.



Probing the Issue of U.S.-Japan Relations

Denver, Colo.

Takehiko Nishiyama, who late last summer took over his new assignment as consul general of Japan in San Francisco, a few weeks ago made a thought-provoking speech at his welcome luncheon that failed to get the attention it deserved.

Nishiyama said that by the time he leaves for his next post a few years hence, he hopes to have answers to two questions:

"What will become of the United States by the end of this century?"

"What should be the nature of the bilateral relationship between the United States and Japan, and in the larger context, what should be the nature of that relationship within the Pacific Basin?"

Nishiyama explained: "The future of the United States will be extremely important, not only for the people of this country, but for us Japanese. The direction American society takes will have a tremendous impact on what happens to Japan, and in Japan."

Nishiyama said that as a student he had an idealistic image of the United States. "I saw America not only as

the world's strongest democracy, but also as the world leader in moral values, as a nation which reached out to those in need all over the world, as a nation of honest, hard-working, and righteous people."

But in his last post, Paris, he was exposed to the hostile view of America held by many French intellectuals. He cited the contention of one French writer that since the United States no longer has a new frontier, "the economic, social, and even moral condition that assured the success of the American model have vanished" and the traditional moral system based on individual liberty and the pursuit of happiness is proving counter-productive.

Nishiyama hastened to add that he didn't accept these views completely. "I believe in the fundamental resilience of American society," he said. "I am sure that American people will find solutions to their problems and continue to be the most powerful bulwark of the principles of democracy and western values."

The two questions that Nishiyama asked could very well have been asked by thoughtful Nisei and Sansei. The first is of utmost concern to all Americans. The second has direct pertinence to Japanese Americans as well as to the Japanese. In his search for answers, we hope he will continue the close association with Japanese Americans that characterized the administration of his predecessor, Consul General Hiroshi Kitayama.

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

From the Program Director: by Lia Shigemura



Racism in the '80s

San Francisco

I recently saw the movie, "They Call Me Bruce?" starring Johnny Yune, a Korean-American comedian. The movie satirizes, and in effect, denigrates Bruce, an Asian immigrant (Johnny Yune). Bruce is never identified with one specific Asian group, consequently he comes to represent all Asians, regardless of generation.

The movie was exhaustive in touching upon every Asian stereotype and other ethnic stereotypes. From the more unusual such as eating dog meat, to reinforcing the more common asexual/neutered Asian male role, the movie was successful in "poking fun" not only at Asians, but at all people of color in a very divisive way, pitting group against group. The danger in this kind of "fun," is in the price of the laughter. Under the guise of a "joke" or with the implicit license of "comedy," and in a very subliminal manner, entire ethnic groups are being put down.

The irony of this is that a part of me is joyful seeing an Asian American in a starring movie role, yet the resulting effect is insulting and damaging to those he represents. It is indeed unfortunate that many Asian and Asian American actors that desire to succeed in the mainstream (white) American media are forced, by the lack of quality acting roles, into self-denigrating caricatures of the people they represent.

Not too many years ago the word "racism" was virtually foreign to me. My Hawai'i upbringing gave me an outlook that I now discover to be very naive. Ignorance is not bliss, and the fact that I did not know the word "racism," did not mean that it did not exist.

Since moving to the Mainland a few years ago, I've become acutely aware of racism, discrimination, and

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Ethnic Slogans

Philadelphia

EVERY SO OFTEN a reader of this column will send in an item for possible discussion in these columns. Recently, a Chicago reader sent in a clipping from the "Wall Street Journal" on ethnic folklore and culture in Pennsylvania. According to the article: "When the blacks started saying 'Black is beautiful,' the Poles started saying 'Polish is beautiful,' Japanese Americans said 'Japanese is beautiful.'"

Well, perhaps. The ethnic slogan that this writer heard among the Nikkei youth in California was: "Yellow is mellow." Indeed, while on the election campaign trail a few years back, we had occasion to use this slogan, particularly among fellow Black Americans: "Black may be beautiful, but...yellow is mellow." It was a light touch that invariably generated a delightful reaction of understanding. Now, I don't know what Polish Americans' sloganeering is, but I would guess that it's much more imaginative than that writer would ascribe in his column in the Journal. If I were a Pole, it might be something such as "Polish is polished." Well, . . .

THE WRITER IN that Journal article proffers the conclusion that: "All this proves is the failure of the melting pot. These groups never melted." I would eliminate the term "failure," and with that add a hearty "A-men." For by retaining the strengths of their respective ethnic cultures do these varied groups make a contribution to the renewed strengthening that is the beauty of America. If nothing else, it all lends interest to what otherwise may degenerate into an indistinguishable blandness.

FROM THIS LAYMAN'S point of view, we suggest

cessor, Consul General Hiroshi Kitayama.

Such a policy hasn't always existed. In an earlier time many official Japanese representatives tolerated the Issei but pointedly ignored the Nisei. One high consular official constantly referred to JACL as "Jackal," out of ignorance rather than malice I would guess, and no member of his staff knew enough to correct him.

Well, times change. Japanese Americans are no longer nobodies. They hold positions of importance in American politics, business, science, the arts and academics. Because of ethnic ties they have a more than casual interest in Japanese American relations. By the same token they have never forgotten that it was a Japanese action that led to their most traumatic experience. And they would endorse Nishiyama's urging for the two countries:

"We need to remove emphasis from the problems and frictions that occur between our countries, and instead to emphasize, to encourage the spirit of cooperation. We need more and better exchanges between the people of our countries, and we need especially to develop new, and expand existing, avenues of communication between us, so that we can find solutions to our problems that will be equitable and mutually beneficial for all sides."

that the Nikkei, and the Nisei in particular, have retained or adopted very little of the Japanese culture. At least outwardly. For example, I know of very few Nisei who play the *samisen* or that beautifully gracious instrument, the *koto*; or the haunting *shakuhachi*. Probably more non-Nikkei are adept at the art of flower-arrangement than Nikkei; very few of us know the art of *kendo*, and only here and there is there a Nikkei who has any mastery of the skills of calligraphy.

By this, we do not mean to suggest, even for a moment, that the Nikkei is uncultured or incapable of absorbing culture. Speaking for the Nisei, the fact of the matter was that we were so preoccupied with working on the farm (or the shop, whatever) and trying to get our academic accomplishments on line—that we had very little time for "frills." Besides which, purchase of a *koto* or a *kendo* outfit, not to mention the time and cost of taking lessons, involved that commodity which was in short supply: money. As between eating and buying an instrument, the former took precedence. And then there were families who were husbanding spare, financial resources to send to Japan to support some aging grandparents or some other relative.

WE'VE HAD OCCASION also to make the observation that the Nikkei, unlike many other ethnic groups in America, manifest very little,—indeed, practically none that we're aware of,—affinity for Japan in ways that other groups do toward their ancestral country. For example, while other ethnic groups display the flag of their ancestral land, or sing the anthem of their ancestral land, the Nikkei do not. The Nikkei are, from these standpoints, very much integrated. It may well be that if there had been any inclination on the part of the Nisei for closer affinity for things Japanese, such was summarily snuffed out by the trauma of the uprooting of 1942 and all that that tragically involved.

For whatever it's worth, that's the thesis of this laymen.



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National JACL gets grant to support health fairs

SAN FRANCISCO—National JACL was named a recipient of a \$10,000 Minority Health Fair grant from the Chevron USA Foundation Dec. 1. According to Lia Shigemura, JACL Program Director, the Chevron grant will facilitate direct health and health education to Japanese Americans and other Asian communities.

Health fairs, an annual spring event, provide free medical screening to promote health and detect potential diseases in early stages. They also promote health awareness and help provide an understanding of specific issues for each participant. The basic Health Fair format is very flexible; its duration and content can be altered adjusting to the target population.

The commitment to the Health Fair effort varies in responsibility from total site sponsorship to co-sponsorship of sites. Responsibility

ties of site co-sponsorship may include the identification of volunteers for Health Fair staffing, and a plan to include Asian American participants. Total site sponsorship will necessitate more responsibility for the identification of a Health Fair site, the planning of events, and following up on the participants after the Health Fair.

Throughout the Health Fair planning process, professional assistance will be provided by the National Health Screening Council for Volunteer Organizations (NHSCVO). NHSCVO staff, located across the country, will help in the coordination of Health Fairs. They provide lists of Health Fair events in different geographic locations for possible co-sponsorship, help identify medical and non-medical volunteers, provide follow-up forms and assist in all facets of the planning stages.

National JACL will encourage

chapters to sponsor or co-sponsor Health Fair sites, and modify the Health Fair model to meet the specific needs of the Asian communities, such as information on hypertension, stomach cancer, and non-western treatment and mental health. The sum of \$150 can be made available from National JACL to each Health Fair site sponsored or co-sponsored by a JACL chapter to help defray costs. Chevron may also contribute up to \$200 to each site. National JACL will also provide photo-ready art work for promotional posters and a booklet on specific modifications that can make the Health Fair model more specific to the Nikkei and other Asian communities.

"We are aware that many community groups in some areas already sponsor annual Health Fairs, therefore, instead of competing with existing structures, National JACL has identified three

categories of chapter participation: 1) JACL chapter as sole Health Fair sponsor; 2) JACL chapter in cooperation with existing organizations (chapter solicits co-sponsorships); and 3) Local Asian/Asian American organization solicits a chapter's co-sponsorship as a conduit to obtain funding," said Shigemura.

"The main purpose of this project is to serve the health needs of our community and it is important that we remain sensitive to their internal working structures. We hope that JACL chapters will seize the opportunity to be active in the Health Fair effort and sponsor Health Fair sites, solicit co-sponsorships, and be open to requests from community groups for funding assistance," she added. Chapters or community groups wishing more information on this community service project should contact Shigemura at (415) 921-5225.

National JACL Long-Range Planning Report revealed

Editor's Note: The following is the final report and recommendations issued by the National JACL Long Range Planning Committee, which was accepted by the National Council at the National Convention held in August.

By LILLIAN KIMURA
Chair, Long Range Planning Committee

New York

Background. The work of the committee began with the appointment of the chairperson by President Jim Tsujimura in Sept. 1980. The committee had very limited resources, and expenses were restricted to telephone charges and postage. National staff was also assigned.

The chairperson began developing a work plan and recruited a core group in Chicago to act in an advisory capacity. The first meeting was held on Jan. 29, 1981. Committee members were appointed (one from each district) from Feb.-Apr. 1981, and work plans and timelines were established.

An individual questionnaire and chapter survey were formed, with assistance from research analysts at the National Board of the YWCA (June-July 1981). The questionnaire was then tested at the EDC/MDC Conference in St. Louis (Aug. 1981) and it later appeared in the Pacific Citizen (Sept. 1981). One hundred and one responses were received in the mail.

Surveys were then sent to all chapters, and 26 responded. Responses from individual questionnaires and chapter surveys were analyzed (Winter of 1982).

The chairperson then held interviews with the national president and national director (Feb. 1982) and a working paper was developed in April 1982 for committee feedback. In July 1982, the final report was drafted, critiqued by the core group and finalized for distribution.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Mission Statement of JACL. The mission of JACL is expressed in the statement of purpose outlined in the revised JACL Constitution:

To protect the rights and liberties of Japanese Americans and to secure and uphold civil and human rights for all people;

To preserve the traditions and values of Japanese Americans in a multicultural society;

To participate in the development of understanding between all racial and ethnic groups;

To promote and sponsor programs and activities by which members fulfill their citizenship responsibilities.

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N. Y. 'Women's Exchange' viewed as a good beginning

(Continued from last week)

Ed. Note: The following is a continuation of an article which appeared in the New York Nichibei recently and reprinted in the PC Dec. 3 on the "Women's Exchange" program held Nov. 13, sponsored by the New York JACL Chapter. Nearly 50 Japanese and Nikkei women attended the event, which afforded them an opportunity to participate in face-to-face discussions on their differences, such as cultural and emotional ones.

NEW YORK—It was soon seen that for the younger women, particularly those coming from Tokyo,

the so-called cultural shock is slight, the Westernization of Japan, and of Tokyo in particular, having now become so all-pervasive.

Another woman from Tokyo, here 20 years now, conceded that she found the environment and diet not so very different here. The greatest difficulties were usually the result of being unable to communicate a thought or a wish. Even as everyday an occurrence as a visit to the butcher's (there were no supermarkets in her neighborhood at the time) became an ordeal to be endured, as she tried with dictionary in hand to describe a particular cut of meat that she wanted. Like the offspring of virtually all of the Japanese men and women who are sent to this country for tours of duty of varying lengths, her daughter attends the Saturday Japanese school to maintain her fluency in Japanese.

While some perceived Japan as more of a matriarchal society than it is generally supposed to be ("the women have control of day-to-day expenses and allot husbands an allowance"), others pointed out the subordinate status of women in Japan's job market.

One of the Nisei women remarked that during a visit to Japan she gained the impression that many Japanese women seek employment as much to meet a potential mate as for economic reasons, and that a good marriage remains the goal of most. Arranged marriages, said another, are decreasing in number.

Still another pointed out that it is very rarely that a woman attains an executive-level position with a Japanese firm, and that older women find it difficult to get a job at all.

There were some comments about the level of fashion consciousness among the women who accompany their husbands who are sent here for short-term tours of duty in this country. One now longtime resident suggested that for some, the preoccupation with clothes was but one of the more obvious consequences of the wives' feelings of isolation, loneliness, boredom and inability to communicate verbally. Also, said

another, many feel compelled to live up to what they believe to be the expectations of their husbands' companies. Individuality, it was said, was not encouraged. Among other constraints placed upon the businessmen's wives is the unspoken prohibition against associating with those whose husbands hold business—and thereby social—positions a step or two above or below that of one's own

husband.

Under these circumstances, it was agreed, it would be surprising, however much it might be desired, for such women to readily attend a discussion of this kind. However, it was also agreed, further efforts should be made to encourage their attendance at future such sessions, the general consensus being that "a good beginning" had been made.

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oppression. With the zeal of a convert, I now find myself instantly aghast at discriminatory acts which my Mainland Nikkei friends have begrudgingly learned to accept. I've also become cognizant of increasing levels of sophistication to which racism has risen.

Overt racism, such as lines from the play, "A Little Family Business" (which PSWDC's Ethnic Concerns Committee was successful in altering), are by far, the exception. We are now faced with varied forms of sophisticated racism, many of which are carefully couched in "acceptable" language, or veiled in laughter.

The emotions that are evoked when I see or hear of something like the movie "They Call Me Bruce?" and the convictions I hold about being a Japanese American and a person of color, are relatively new. Only recently have I identified myself as "Asian," prior to this, I was an "Oriental," and most mainlanders were "Kotonks." My experience is most likely different from theirs, yet I believe that these are some of the beliefs that bond us as members of the JACL.

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On the district and chapter level, the JACL shall carry out the primary focus of the national organization as well as engage in local activities such as educating the local community on issues concerning Japanese Americans and promoting and sponsoring programs which fulfill the needs of the local membership.

To Meet the Challenges of the Future. The JACL commits itself to achievement of the following goals for the decade:

A membership of 50,000 individuals mobilized as an effective force for positive social change;

An active program which addresses JACL's concern for a just society and equal opportunity for all people;

A diversified financial base to support our efforts;

Utilization of current technologies for efficiency and better communication;

A public relations program which enhances JACL's image as a membership movement dedicated to being "Better Americans in a Greater America."

GOALS

The following methods of carrying out these goals are suggested:

1) A membership of 50,000 individuals mobilized as an effective force for positive social change.

a) National JACL will develop methods and materials to support local chapters in their efforts to increase their memberships;

b) National JACL with assistance from district councils will aggressively pursue the formation of new chapters in areas where there exists concentrations of Japanese Americans;

c) Exploration will be made for the potential formation of new chapters

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in the growing "sunbelt" states;

d) National JACL will establish a means whereby individuals residing in less Nikkei-populated areas can become involved in national programs through liaison with national headquarters, districts and chapters within reasonable proximity;

e) JACL at all levels will mount an aggressive membership campaign aimed at the Sansei and Yonsei.

2) An active program which addresses JACL's concern for a just society and equal opportunity for all people.

a) National JACL will maintain a strong presence in Washington D.C.;

b) There shall be regional offices which have greater capabilities to mobilize local chapters in an effective network to implement our civil rights concerns as well as provide programmatic support in other areas;

c) Greater effort will be made to communicate and coalesce with other national civil rights organizations and minority groups on common concerns and to work together in common interests;

d) JACL shall seek to play a positive role in U.S.-Japan relations;

e) Leadership development shall be a programmatic aspect at all levels of the organization.

3) A diversified financial base to support the JACL's efforts.

a) The National Board will mount a capital campaign of \$3 million for an endowment fund, "Legacy for Japanese Americans";

b) The National Board will explore the establishment of "for profit" ventures, the proceeds from which will be earmarked for the annual operating budget;

c) The National Board will actively pursue funding from the private and public sectors for special program thrusts.

4) Utilization of current technologies for efficiency and better communication.

a) National JACL will seek ways to secure greater computer, tele-communications, and word processing capabilities.

5) A public relations program which enhances JACL's image as a membership movement dedicated to being "Better Americans in a Greater America"

a) National JACL will embark on a concerted public relations campaign to accomplish its aims;

b) National JACL will utilize greater sophistication in promoting the organization and its issues to new members and the public at-large by use of relevant materials and media access.

FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

To achieve the above goals, the Long Range Planning Committee further recommends a study of the following structural changes:

1) Go to a triennial Convention cycle.

2) Reconsider the composition of the National Board and the relationship of committees to it.

3) Move headquarters to Washington D.C.

4) Redefine the functions of the regional offices.

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