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imes reader responds to McCloy

EW YORK-In response to the op/ed column that appeared in e New York Times on April 10 (and reprinted in the PC April) in which former assistant secretary of war John J. McCloy poke out against redress, a Mr. Robert H. Schaffer of Stamrd, Conn. offered this reply in the April 24 edition of the

...John J. McCloy himself makes the most telling case for le very viewpoint that he so stridently denies:

"By implying that American citizens of Japanese descent ad to share some measure of responsibility for actions of the apanese Government in 1941 and by justifying the rounding up everyone with common racial characteristics because 'it was bt feasible to carry out immediate personal evacuation ..., 'he khibits pure essence of racist sophistry.

"Can Mr. McCloy be so naive as to believe himself-or expect e intelligent reader to believe—that the same actions would ave been tolerated against U.S. citizens whose ancestry was erman, Italian or Hungarian but who were racially indistinguhable from the rest of white America?"

Seattle's Hara may have been rictim of 'nitpicking' by city

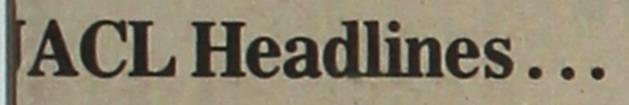
CATTLE—City Treasurer Lloyd Hara, who agreed to pay \$413 for using unicipal office supplies for non-city business (PC April 22), may have en a victim of a "nitpicking investigation" by perhaps, political eneles who ray want to use the charges against Hara should he decide to n for re-election this year.

Hara had settled with the city's Ethics Board on April 6, saying he buld not contest several complaints brought against him by ethics instigator Allan Miller.

Hara had been charged with using city stationery and office equipment his campaign (i.e. reminding persons in correspondence simply that 983 is an election year") and for such community matters as JACL

Although Hara admitted to using such items for personal use, he said rough a statement by his attorney that "although we do not fully agree th the conclusions reached by the administrator (Miller), we neverthess do not wish to contest the findings."

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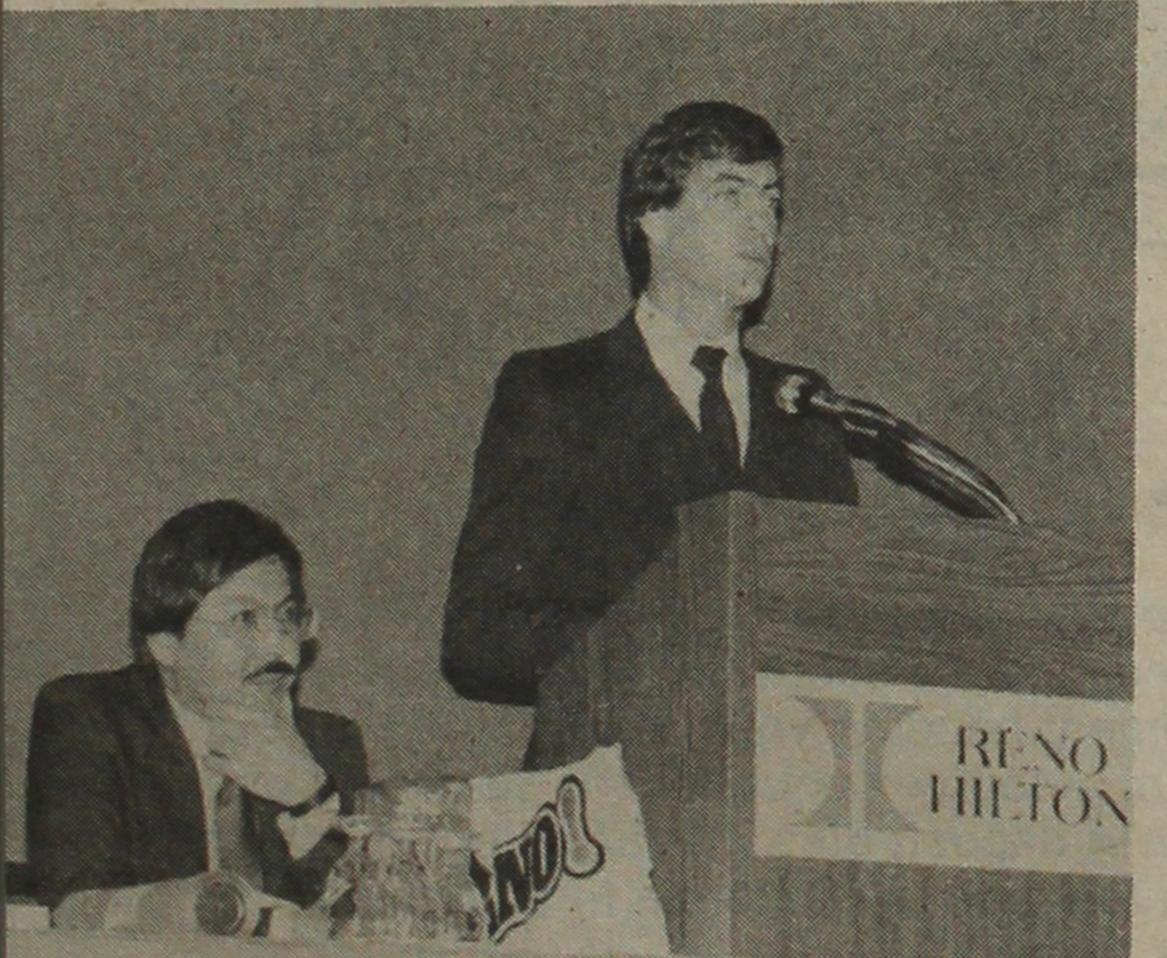
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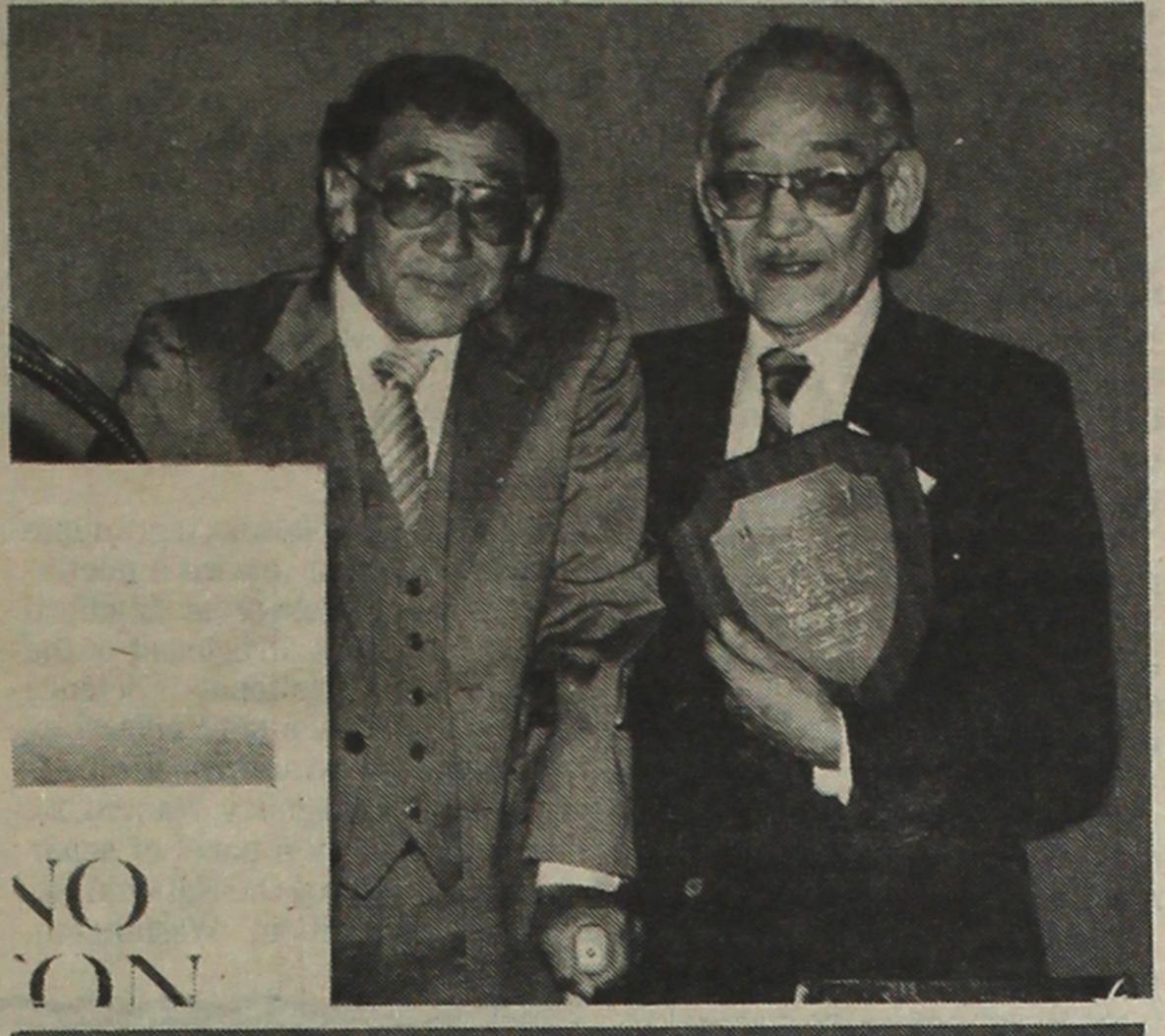
N.Y. JACL offers scholarships

Chicago Union fetes Shimidzu

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DDRESSING CONFERENCE—California Assemblyman atrick Johnston, author of the state worker reparations bill AB 710, spoke before the opening session of the Tri-District onference in Reno on April 23, with JACL National Director on Wakabayashi seated at his right.





Photos by Paul Kagawa HONORARY VETERAN-Min Yasui, Denver attorney and chair of JACL's Redress Committee, was made an Honorary Life Member of the 442nd RCT Veterans Association at the Tri-District Conference in Reno on April 23. Above, Rudy Tokiwa (left) presents Yasui with a plaque in his honor; below, Tom Kawaguchi gives Yasui a special little present—a "Go For Broke" cap.

Sacramento Board to consider redress bill for JA workers

SACRAMENTO-The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors favorably considered adoption of a county ordinance to establish a Japanese American evacuation memorial fund. The fund would allow former Nikkei county employees to file claims for their unfair dismissal from county positions in 1942.

In addition, the ordinance allows for a public ceremony and a plaque to be displayed in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, as a permanent reminder of the injustices done to Nikkei during 1942-1946. The plaque would also remind persons of the Supervisors' actions this year to rectify the past.

Supervisor Illa Colins of the 2nd District had introduced the ordinance before the Board on April 26. Personal statements were presented by former Sacramento County employees Henry Taketa, Mary Tsukamoto and George Yamada.

JACL Legal Counsel Frank Iwama and National Director Ron Wakabayashi also presented support statements and commended Supervisor Colins for her actions.

Board Chairman Ted Sheedy, in considering the ordinance, said, "The greatness of this nation is that we can recognize our past wrongs."

Supervisor Colins commented upon the personal testimonies and offered her "admiration of Americans who maintained their dignity and loyalty for many years."

The four supervisors present unanimously considered the Japanese American Evacuation memorial fund. The ordinance is expected to undergo another hearing this week before it is considered for passage.

The Sacramento ordinance follows the action initiated by state Assemblyman Patrick Johnston (AB 2710) and the local San Francisco and Los Angeles County ordinances, which called for reparations to Japanese American former state and county employees.

JACL, NCRR, WCRR attempt to work for common redress goal

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL, the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR) and the Washington Coalition for Redress/Reparations (which includes several JACL Chapters in the Washington area), met on April 23 during the League's Tri-District Conference in Reno, Nv. to discuss the possibility of working together to achieve some of the redress goals that each group seeks.

A statement was issued April 28 by all three groups, which reads as follows:

"The leadership of the JACL, NCRR and WCRR recognizes that the ultimate objective of the three organizations, in regard to redress are: 1) substantial monetary compensation in an amount reflective of the overwhelming testimony presented at the CWRIC hearings; and 2) direct individual payments to evacuees and their heirs within a reasonable amount of time for losses in violation of basic human rights imposed by arbitrary actions of the federal government under EO 9066 during World War II.

"In recognition of the commonality of these objectives, JACL, NCRR and WCRR agrees that monetary reparations

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Chin murder: racism a factor

DETROIT—An organization of Asians here are attempting to have new sentences imposed upon two men who were found guilty of beating a Chinese American man to death but given light sentences after admitting to the crime.

The Asian group, American Citifor Justice, requested through their attorney Liza Chin that the prosecutor vacate the sentences of Ronald Ebens and Michael Nitz and have new sentences declared.

Ebens, 43, and Nitz, 23, had been charged with slaying Vincent Chin, a 27-year-old engineer. Chin was beaten over the head with a baseball bat by Ebens after an argument broke out between Chin and the two men in a nightclub.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Charles Kaufman, however, placed the two men on probation and fined them each \$3,000, because he "didn't think putting them in prison would do any good for them or society" since they were "responsible citizens."

The light sentence created an uproar in the usually passive Asian community here and led to the

subsequent formation of the organization.

The incident that led to Chin's death may have had racial motives. According to Boyce Maxwell, the owner of the club in which the fight took place, and the club's doorman Eddie Hollis, the fight apparently began when Ebens and Nitz "started getting on Chin about

Maxwell said he believed the killing was the result of ill feeling against Asians that he saw as endemic in Detroit because of the losses the industry was taking from imported cars.

"We got 16 percent unemployment in town," he said. "There's lots of hard feelings. In my opinion, these people come in, they see a man, supposedly Japanese. They look at this guy and see Japan -the reason all my buddies are out of work."

Meanwhile the Asian community here is hoping that new sentences will be imposed on Ebens and Nitz. The request to vacate the two men's previous sentences was scheduled to be heard some time this week.

Nikkei press: future uncertain as readership slowly declines

LOS ANGELES-"You're looking at a broken newspaperman," says Hiro Hishiki, with just the hint of a smile to indicate he is aware of the dramatic touch to his spiel.

But Mr. Hishiki has troubles that seem real enough. As the publisher of the Kashu Mainichi, one of Los Angeles's two Japanese American dailies, he is one of several publishers of Japanese American papers around the country who are coping with the problems of an ethnic press in decline.

Chief among their woes is a quickly dwindling readership. Unlike other ethnic papers that have benefited from recent large immigrations to the United Statesparticularly the Korean, Taiwanese, and Hispanic press-Japanese American newspapers are experiencing an ongoing decline in the number of readers who can understand the complex Japanese language.

"The problem facing all the Japanese vernaculars is that the Issei (first-generation immigrants) who can read Japanese are almost all in their 80s or 90s," says Hishiki, who notes that most of the Nisei, Sansei, and Yonsei do not read the language. He also says that English-language sections have large-

ly failed to win over the younger generations, who subscribe to the big metropolitan dailies as their main source of news.

The Japanese American newspapers offer a combination of locally written community news stories and stories from the wire services on domestic and international news relating to Japan.

Hishiki's plight has become an increasingly familiar one at Japanese American papers around the U.S. Last year the 90-year-old Hawaii Times went from a daily to a weekly in an attempt to cope with escalating costs and declining readership. Their competition, the Hawaii Hochi, relies on outside commercial printing jobs to carry the paper through tough financial

A declining Issei audience has also made the going tough for such papers in San Francisco and Seattle, the third-and fourth-largest communities of Japanese Americans after Honolulu and Los Angeles.

Besides the general economic downturn that has affected all American newspapers, the Japanese American press faces other

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Gayle Yamazaki is 1st woman AF grad from Contra Costa

DENVER-Gayle Tomoko Yamazaki, the first woman from Contra Costa County, Ca. to enter the U.S. Air Force Academy, will be among the 25th graduating class of cadets who will be addressed by President Reagan on June 1.

An outstanding student at Richmond High School, Gayle entered the academy in 1979, where she held numerous offices and received many honors.

She was a Cadet Squadron Privilege Clerk, an Elementary Administrative Sergeant for Basic Cadet Training, Sergeant for the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Es-(SERE) course, Cadet Squadron Training Sergeant and Cadet in Charge of Command

Yamazaki also was among the USAF Cadet Honor Guard (the top award winning rifle drill team). Her other honors included being on the Commandants list for her four years at the academy and on the Dean's list for excellence in academics.

In addition, Gayle was honored as the Outstanding Cadre for Basic Cadet Training and Squadron Commander for Survival Training, becoming the first woman to earn such an award.

In an interview with the Denver Post, Gayle said, "The academy stresses three areas: academics, athletics and military. For me, academics was the hardest ... in terms of the overall aspect, keeping in mind what the long term goals are and not getting disappointed, disillusioned with myself was the hardest."

When asked what it was like to be a female cadet, Gayle replied, "I could answer that and take all

Obituary

Ryoichi Fujii, 78, founder of the Chicago Shimpo in 1946, died April 17 following a prolonged illness. Surviving are w Emi, d Midori, Sono. (Weekly publication has since been incorporated with Frank T. Sugano as president.)

Masanori (Mike) Miyagishima, 63, passed away after a prolonged illness April 13 at Letterman Army Hospital in Presidio, Ca. Born in Jerome, Id., Miyagishima served in the U.S. Army since 1942, and retired as lt. col. to work in civil service. He is predeceased by his wife Takako, who died in 1980. He is survived by d Stephanie and s Pat. Services were held at Ft. Scott Chapel in the Presidio on April 21.

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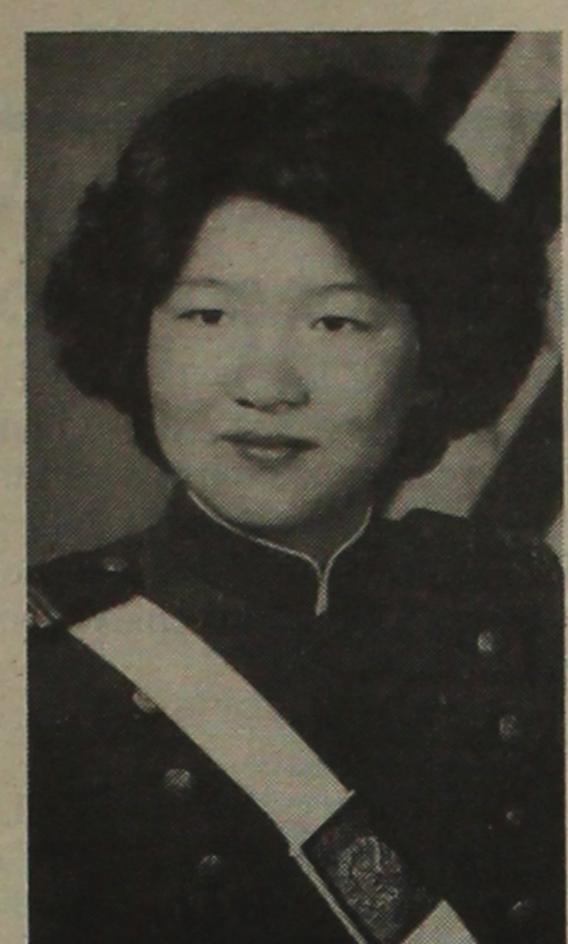
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Gayle T. Yamazaki

day. But to put it simply, it is tough to compete with and keep up with the guys and still be a lady. But it can be done."

Although she wanted to be in the military, Gayle said that she misses San Francisco and her family and friends. "Denver is a nice city, but it is not 'the city."

As for her future, Gayle will undergo six months of training in Avionics at Chanute Air Force Base and will then be an officer assigned to overseeing the management and upkeep within one of the Air Force's fleets.

Business

J. (George) Hayashi was appointed executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Oakland-based American President Lines, Ltd. Hayashi joined APL in 1964 and was responsible for the companies activities in various parts of Asia.

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Nikkei cited by Japan gov't

southland residents were named by the Foreign Office of the Japanese government to receive citations for community service and contributions to international goodwill and understanding on the Emperor's birthday (April 29).

Mrs. Sakaye Aratani was cited with the Zui Ho Sho Order of the Sacred Treasure, 4th Class, and Mrs. Peggy Nakaki was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, 5th Class. Both are believed to be the first Nisei women to be cited by the Japanese government.

Mrs. Aratani, of Los Angeles, has served on the Board of Directors of the Sumitomo Bank since 1978 and is prominent in the community and cultural life. Her husband George Aratani, is the president of American Commercial Co., Inc. an import-export firm.

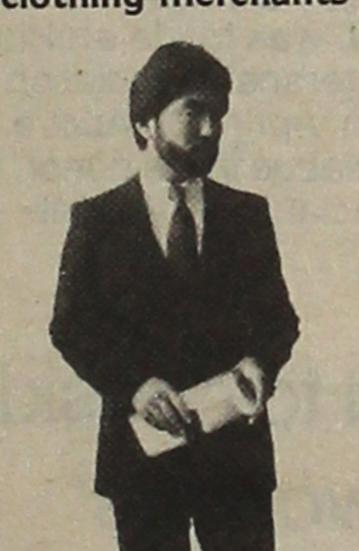
Mrs. Nakaki, born in Seattle and raised in Los Angeles, has worked for the Foreign Ministry of Japan and the Japanese Counsulate General. Her husband George Nakaki, is also an import-export merchant.

Kinji Nishi, 81, of West Los Angeles, and Kaneji Oka, 80 of Gardena, were both awarded the Order of the Sacred Crown, 6th Class.

Awards

Lynn Wakabayashi recently received a Master of Arts degree in Musicology (Japanese Music) from the Tokyo University of Fine Arts and Music (Tokyo Geijutsu Daigaki). Wakabayashi was an undergraduate student at Wesleyan University, and was awarded a Mombushi fellowship by the Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Government of Japan to study at the Tokyo University as the first foreign female candidate in its masters program. Lynn is the daughter of Seiko and Hank Wakabayashi.

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ANGELES-Four Nikkei

Nishi, born in Kaseda City, Kagoshima-ken, was a hog farmer in Long Beach before the war and after internment during the war, he returned to Gardena to operate a nursery. He has served as chair of the Gardena Buddhist Church, president of the Nanka Kagoshima-Kenjin kai, and is an active

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He and his wife Kumi have five

Oka, a native of Okayama-ken,

was a pre-war Harbor resident,

farming celery. After being in-

terned in Arkansas, he settled in

Carson and was elected the first

president of the Issei Pioneer Pro-

Oka, whose wife passed away in

Among the other Nikkei cited by

the Japanese government was for-

mer JACL Washington Represen-

tative Mike Masaoka, who was up-

graded to receive the Order of the

John Robert Nambu, a graduate

student working toward a doctor-

ate in neurobiology at Stanford

University, was a recipient of the

prestigious National Science

Foundation Graduate Fellowship,

one of the few awards made direct-

ly by a federal agency. Nambu, 23,

was selected by a panel of scien-

tists appointed by the National Re-

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Awards

Henry E. Noguchi was presented the Hiram Award by the Masons organization on March 19 in Garden Grove, Ca. The award is the Masons' highest decoration for service to the lodge and the community.

In Los Angeles, Media Artis Against Discrimination (MAA) bestowed the "Windwalke award for entertainment indust achievement to Steve Tatsukaw KCET-TV program developme director on April 24.

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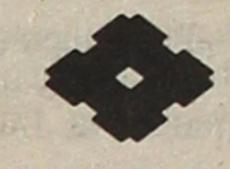
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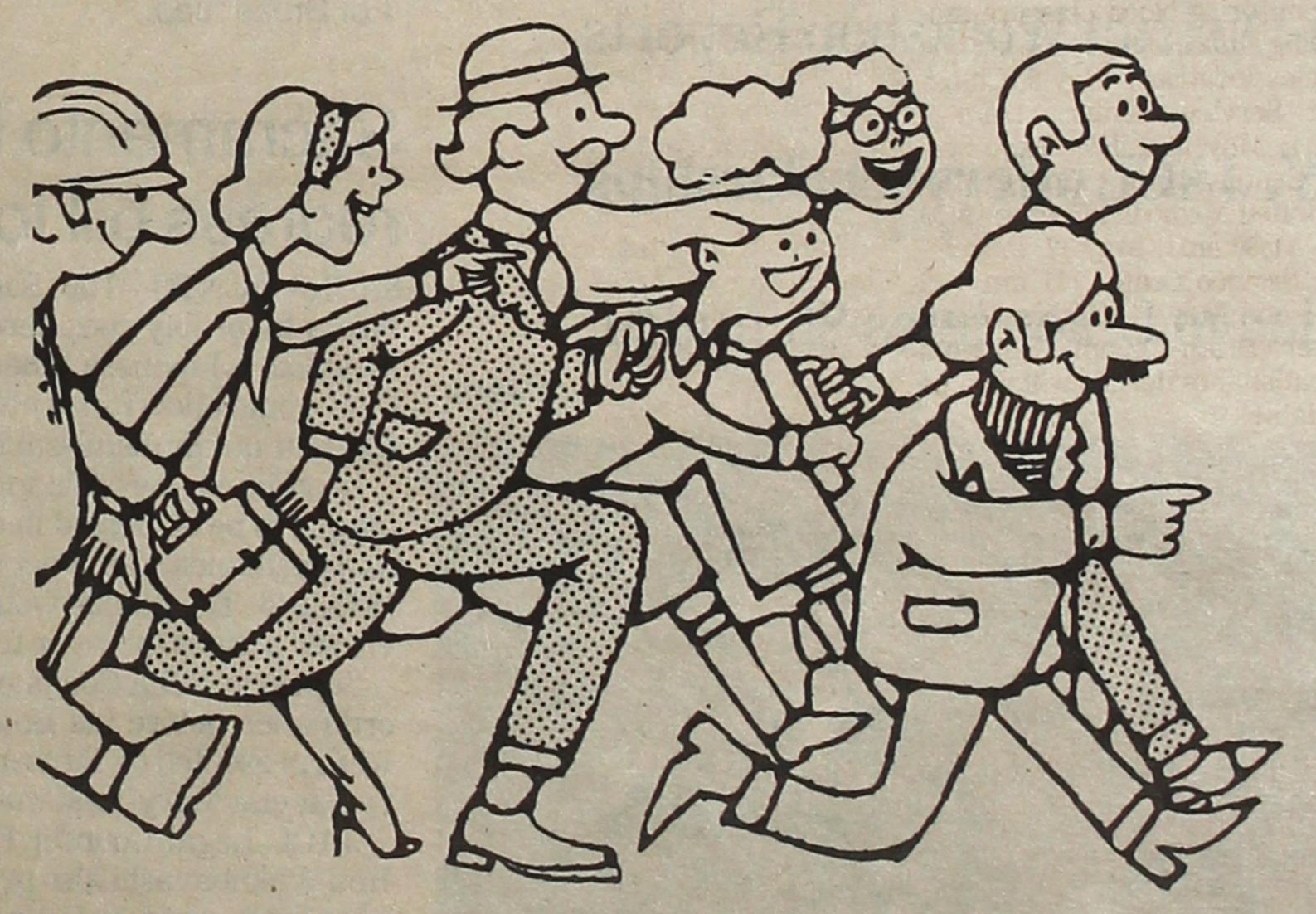
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Community News

liroshima/Nagasaki commemorations

mericans for Nuclear Awareness APANA) has announced plans for tywide activities in July and ugust to commemorate the lives st in the U.S. atomic bombings in 45 of the civilian populations of iroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. The scheduled events include a tywide commemoration proram in Little Tokyo and the

econd annual "Children's Paint-

gs For Peace" art contest.

Last August, APANA's Hiroshia/Nagasaki week activities inuded a commemoration event aturing Kaz Suyeishi and Paul nseki of the Committee of Atohic Bomb Survivors in the U.S.A. CABS), as well as presentations y artist Taro Yashima, Mrs. Sueishi and other judges for Children's Paintings for Peace"

During that week APANA also

bntest winners.

OS ANGELES-Asian Pacific organized a "Survivor's Run," which raised over \$300 for CABS through pledges to volunteer runners in the Nisei Week Samurai 5 Kilometer Run, and co-sponsored a Southbay area Hiroshima-Nagasaki commemoration with the North Gardena United Methodist Church. Entries in "Children's Paintings for Peace" were displayed as part of "Target: L.A.-The Art of Survival", a multimedia artists' commemoration, as well as at other community locations throughout the Southland.

Those interested in helping to work on Hiroshima-Nagasaki commemoration activities are invited to attend APANA's next general meeting on Saturday, May 21, 12:30 p.m. in room 401 of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Call (213) 626-2249 for further information.

Dgawa wins Oakland council seat

DAKLAND, Ca.—The cooperation f the Asian community with other community groups resulted in a andslide victory for long-time Dakland City Councilman Frank Dgawa, when he polled 70% of the rotes for the city's at-large seat in elections on April 19.

"This year my slogan was 'For All of Oakland,' and I value the act that our campaign has indeed prought together people from all of Dakland," said an elated Ogawa at victory celebration. "It has prought together black groups, Hispanic groups, Asian groups, vomen's groups, labor groups, business groups, Democrats and Republicans.

"We have seen that we share the ame concerns about jobs, about bublic safety, and about housing. We still have many opportunities o work together to make Oakland better place for all of us."

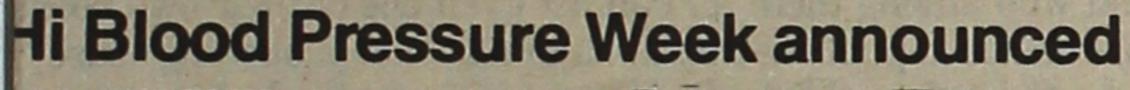
With the retirement of District 3 representative Raymond Eng, Ogawa is now the only Asian American remaining on the city's governing body, which after this election gives the city its first city council with a black majority.

The former vice mayor has been a resident of Oakland since 1935 and previously represented District 7 before seeking the at-large seat. "I've always felt that I represented the entire city much better than I did one district," Ogawa said in a recent interview.

"There is a definite need for more Asian American representation in city government," he said. "They can relate to the problems of the Asian American community

The Asian population in Oakland make up about nine percent of the city's 346,000 residents.

-Asian Week



LOS ANGELES—In accordance "High Blood Pressure Month," as proclaimed by the state of California, the week of May 7-14 has been designated Asian/Pacific Islander High Blood Pressure week."

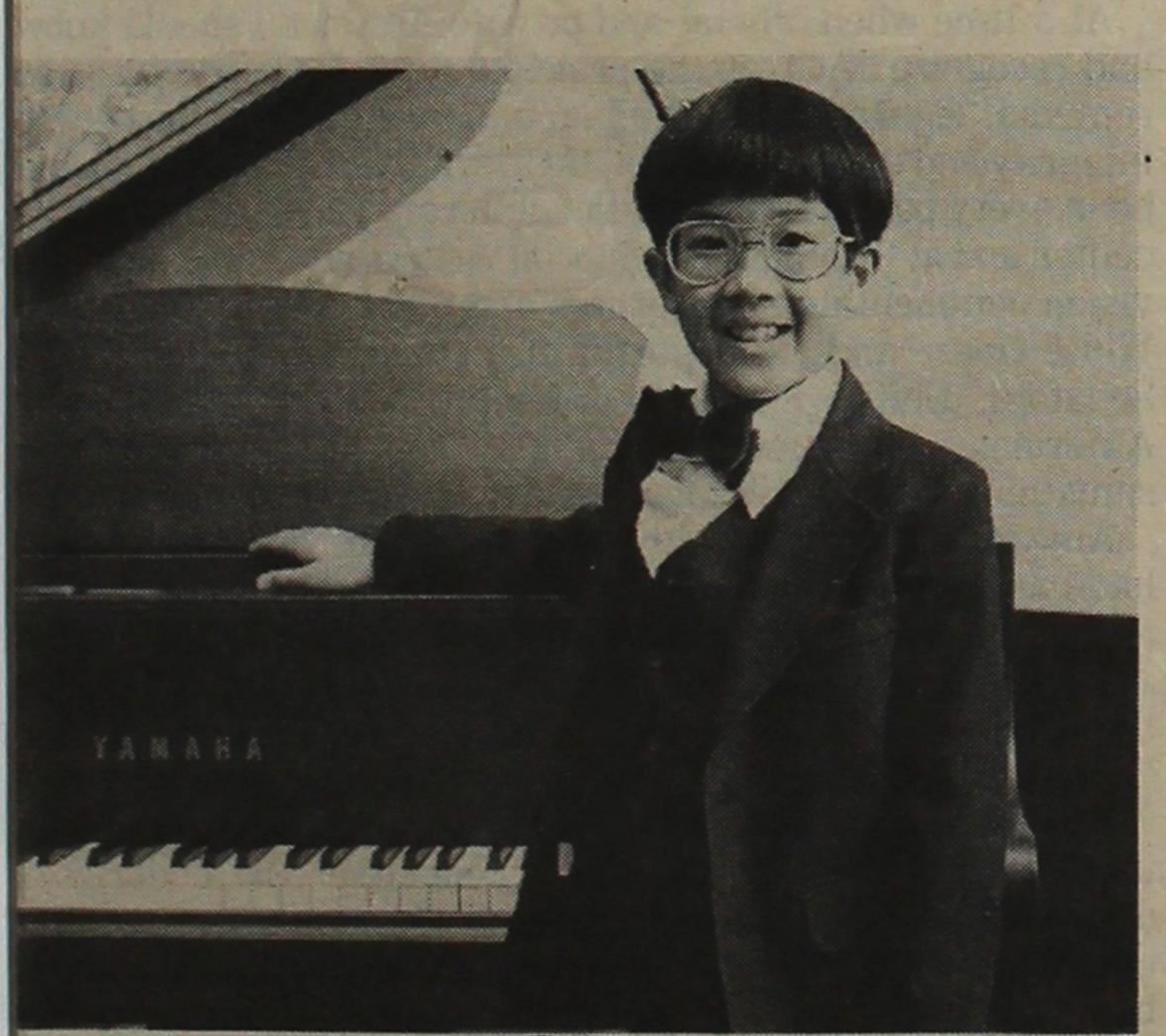
The Asian/Pacific Islander Task Force on High Blood Presure: Education and Control will e sponsoring blood pressure molitoring clinics at the following Los Angeles locations: May 9, Chinaown Service Center (11am -2pm); May 10, Little Tokyo Serrice Center (11am - 12pm); May 1, United Methodist Church (9:30 m - 11:30 am); May 12, Indochinese Service Center (11 am - 12 m); and May 14, Korean Youth Center (11 am - 12 pm). Bilingual educational materials will also be vailable.

For more information, call Keith Umemoto or Liza Javier, (213) 680-3675 or 680-3729.

JACCC Fund Drive past \$1 million mark

LOS ANGELES—The 1983 Capital Fund Drive of the JACCC has gone over the \$1 million mark, it was announced by Carl M. Tamaki, chairman, at the regular monthly meeting of the JACCC Board recently.

Tamaki reported that \$1,015,525 had been raised to date, with 120 seats in the Japan American Theatre's Golden Circle and 273 the in Silver Circle dedicated.



VP HERITAGE WEEK PERFORMER—Ten-year-old John Argosino, a concert pianist wno performed his own composiion for First Lady Nancy Reagan, will be among the musicians lighlighting the Asian Pacific Heritage Week Dinner on May 3 at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel. This year's theme will be Our Children, Our Future."



CHERRY BLOSSOM QUEEN—Lisa Sanaye Inouye, a UC Davis senior from Richmond, Ca., was named the 1983 Cherry Blossom Queen April 16 at the Japan Center Theater in San Francisco.

The six commissions, which re-

present American Indians, Asian

Americans, Black Americans,

Mexican Americans, women and

handicapped, are designed to as-

sist the school board in increasing

the effectiveness of educational

had been under study since last

October when the board began

considering ways to develop more

effective and broadly based com-

munity input, as well as possibly

Oyama's challenge

\$1,000 donation from St. Francis

Xavier Church, Kimochi has an-

nounced that the goal of \$200,000

cash (raised between November

12, 1982, and March 31, 1983) has

been reached for the Clem Oyama

Challenge. Mr. Oyama's "chal-

lenge" stipulated that for every \$2

in cash raised in that time period,

he would match it with \$1, up to

Kimochi expressed its thanks to

the hundreds of donors who contri-

buted towards this challenge. Ad-

ditionally, Kimochi thanked the

thousands of donors since 1978 who

have contributed towards the

\$1,322,000 construction of Kimochi

To date, \$1,125,000 cash has been

raised. Also, \$50,000 in outstanding

pledges are still to be paid. A

\$197,000 loan has been used for con-

struction and presently, money is

being raised for furniture and

operational start-up costs. Private

foundations are being approached

for help in these areas..

FRANCISCO—With the

conserving dwindling funds.

The status of the commissions

programs.

L.A. city school's ethnic commission changes rules

LOS ANGELES—After nearly six months of study and discussion, the Los Angeles City Board of Education has agreed to reorganize and continue the operation of six education commissions representing ethnic groups, women and the handicapped.

At its April 4 meeting, the board adopted a revised proposal that retains the commissions, but makes important changes in the number, selection and terms of members.

Under the new policy each commission will have a maximum of 29 members. Fourteen of these will be appointed by the board—seven from the community at large and seven from among elected members of such school-based organizations as PTA and advisory groups. These 14 members would select the remaining 15 members.

Each member would be limited to a two-year staggered term with no consecutive terms. Each commission will determine by draw which members will serve initial one-or-two-year terms.

Additionally, a school district employee, with teaching and administrative experience, would be assigned to each commission as liaison with the superintendent of school's representative on the board's Community Affairs Committee. These employees would fill positions on the commissions previously held by executive secretaries or directors.

The board also allocated approximately \$68,000 for the operation of each commission, for an annual total of \$408,000.

Nikkei named Rose Princess in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore.—Sherie Lynne Oka, senior class president and class valedictorian, was chosen Cleveland High School's 1983 Rose Festival princess on April 11.

The announcement, coming amid the traditional screams and applause from the audience, left her feeling "great." Nevertheless, as cameras clicked around her a few minutes later, she admitted, "I'm shaking a little bit."

Princess Sherie has a perfect 4.0 grade point average, and is a member of the National Honor Society, varsity rally, tennis and volleyball teams and the Clevelandaires, a vocal ensemble.

She plans to attend either Oregon State University or the University of Washington to study business administration.

Princess Sherie is the daughter of Shig and May Oka. He is a pharmacist at Nolan Rexall Drug and she is a teacher at Mount Hood Community College.

UCR students play 'detectives' to learn about WW2 internment RIVERSIDE, Ca.—The tradition-

al way to learn about history is to read a book. Associate professor Sarah Stage thinks students could borrow a few ideas from Sherlock Holmes, too.

She has created a new undergraduate course at the University of California, Riverside, entitled "The Historian as a Detective." In this inaugural semester, she has presented to her 15 students the "case" the relocation of Japanese Americans during World War II. And she has given them a few "clues": a list of possible sources for "evidence."

Now it's up to the young sleuths to find out what happened during that controversial interpment of more than 110,000 Japanese in America in 1942-46.

"Students are used to a passive approach to history; they want to know where it is in the textbook," said Stage. "But historical writing is interpretational, open to different views. This class will show students how historians have to gather data, and weigh and interpret evidence from the past, to come up with interpretations of what actually occurred."

In History I this spring at UCR, the classroom is Southern California. The tools are archival documents, readings, films, and actual interviews with internment survivors and their families. Teams of students will uncover the material and incorporate it into a final slideand-sound presentation for future educational use.

And as part of the experience, the class will join the Manzanar Committee's 14th annual pilgrimage to Manzanar in the Owens Valley, one of 10 relocation camps in the West, on April 30.

"We'll go up Friday night and stay in a motel that was actually built out of a former barracks from the camps," Stage said.

We'll visit the museum there, and on Saturday join in the cere-Kimochi Home meets mony at the site."

Concrete slabs are all that remain of the 'concentration camp,' as it is called on the plaque identifying the historic site where 10,000 were detained near Lone Pine. Several hundred people, most of them from the Los Angeles area, bus into the grounds annually to place flowers at the gravesite, tour the remains of the camp, and hear speeches from members of the Japanese American community, according to Stage.

The unusual class comes at a time when Japanese relocation is a frequent topic in the news. A recent report by the Commission on

Wartime Relocation and Internment that those detained under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 were victims of "Political pressure and fear."

Since that report was issued, a group of Japanese Americans filed a \$24 billion lawsuit against the United States government for violation of their constitutional rights (70% of those interned were American citizens).

"It is a topic that for a long time had not been talked about by the victims," Stage said. "But in the '60s young Japanese with renewed ethnic pride brought out in the open what their parents had been silent about—the relocation and internment of a population who had done nothing wrong."

Students in the class will track down material from a variety of sources; archives in Little Tokyo in Los Angeles; the Manzanar collection in the Asian American center at UCLA; and oral interviews they will tape with survivors and descendants-like Sumi Harada, whose parents experienced repression and challenged the authorities from their Riverside home; and Junji Kumamoto, a chemist at UCR who has testified about his internment.

The young detective teams will be responsible for themes, including the uprooting of communities, the economic consequences of relocation, public opinion and congressional reaction, and life in the relocation camps.

"We expect to get disagreements between the teams on what really happened," Stage said. "they will have to support their views with evidence. Some questions will have answers, some will not. Who benefitted from the relocation? What happened to Japanese land and possessions? What about redress and reparations? What value can be placed on an experience like that?"

Through searching for answers to relatively recent history, and finding the interpretations difficult and sometimes anomalous, students will better appreciate the historian's tasks in trying to understand the more distant past, say, Medieval Europe, according to Stage.

Their investigations will be supplemented by the more traditional components of learning-regular readings and analytical papers throughout the 10-week period.

It is through the Holmesian techniques of inquiry, investigation and deduction, however, that these UCR students will make the historic past come alive again.

JABA to hold informative Law Day

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American Bar Association will hold its annual Law Day program on Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 South San Pedro Street, Second Floor.

Practicing attorneys will give presentations on the subject areas of social security/medicare benefits and procedures, simple wills, and probate procedures. Thereafter, attorneys will be available for free counseling in the areas of immigration, landlord-tenant, and family law. The event is co-sponsored by the Special Needs Committee of the State Bar of California. For further details, contact Carole Morita at (213) 678-4177. #

Big Mountain

10,000 Navajo residents around Big Mountain in Arizona are faced with destruction of their homes, confiscation of their livestocks, partitioning of their lands, and the final removal from their ancestral homeland.

A JACL committee (non-funded) to support the Big Mountain People has been authorized by the National JACL Board.

Five to ten dollars (or more if you wish) contribution is greatly appreciated, and is tax deductible. Check should be made out to JACL—Big Mt People and forwarded to the JACL National Hgs at 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.

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must be paid to individuals and that the three groups would cooperate to develop such legislation and to obtain the most effective sponsorship possible.

"Additionally, such legislation should provide funds to compensate for community losses. Such funds should be authorized for community projects and other purposes as to benefit surviving evacuees and their descendants."

The three groups agreed to continue meeting to discuss unresolved issues and refinements in approaches to redress.

The statement was jointly signed by JACL National President Floyd Shimomura, NCRR Chair Bert Nakano and WCRR Chair Chuck Kato.

Meeting at Reno

During the April 23 meeting, representatives of the three groups were present: for the JACL—Redress Committee Chair Min Yasui, Redress Director John Tateishi, National President Shimomura, National Director Ron Wakabayashi and Redress Committee Assistant Carole Hayashino; for NCRR—Nakano, Gerald Sato, Naomi Kubota and John Ota; for WCRR—Cherry Kinoshita.

Nakano, chairman of NCRR, felt that since the three groups had somewhat similar goals, there should be some "unity" within the community.

While the joint statement of the three organizations expressed a general agreement on basic points for redress, the three groups do have their differences as well. Some of those differences were brought up at the meeting, and these differences may be worked out at future meetings.

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Ca. measure urging redress advances in state senate

SACRAMENTO—A resolution by State Senator Milton Marks, (R-San Francisco), urging Congress to approve financial compensation for Japanese Americans who were interned by presidential order during World War II advanced in the Senate April 20.

On a unanimous vote, the Rules Committee approved the measure, SJR9, and sent it to the floor.

Marks told the Hokubei Mainichi that he introduced the measure because he is "quite concerned over what occurred during World War II to American citizens who were of Japanese descent."

"I felt that it was the wrong thing to do," he said, "to American citizens who had done nothing wrong. We were no more at war with them than we were with Americans of German or Italian descent.

"I feel that it is only proper to redress this action. We can't bring back the lost years and opportunities and can't compensate with money the indignities that they suffered.

"I was here in San Francisco at the time it happened and saw a number of my friends suffer this indignity. I trust it will never occur again.

"I believe that we should indicate as a state that this should never happen again and that some form of compensation should be made to these citizens who were interned during the war.

"I feel very strongly about this," he said. #

Rape victim goes back to Japan

SAN DIEGO—"Sanae," the exchange student crippled by shots fired by the man who abducted and raped her, has gone home to Japan and says she may return to the United States to live.

The frail girl, full of giggles when she recalled her first high school dances here, left April 20 for Tokyo, where she will enter a hospital for a stay of undetermined length

Sanae, 17, was an exchange student at Mar Vista High School in Imperial Beach last Feb. 21 when she and a Japanese American friend were abducted, raped, shot and left for dead on a Coronado beach.

The other girl has returned to school. Sanae, whose spine was severed by one of the three bullets, is permanently paralyzed.

James Russell Bishop, 27, a

former caretaker at a home for abused children, has pleaded guilty to nine charges in the case, including two counts of attempted murder and three counts of forcible rape. He faces a maximum 79 years in prison when sentenced June 1.

In a recent hospital interview with the San Diego Union, Sanae was asked if she is bitter about her experiences in the U.S.

"I (am) not so much discouraged," she said slowly. "I think I'm all right." She said she may return to the U.S. one day to live.

Sanae has two younger brothers.
Her father runs a plant that manufactures small electronic parts. It is a business that involves both parents, as well as grandparents who make their home with Sanae's family on the outskirts of Kiryu, a city northwest of Tokyo.

Letters

Letters to the Editor (200 words maximum) on items appearing in the PC are welcomed.

Male View On Women

Editor:

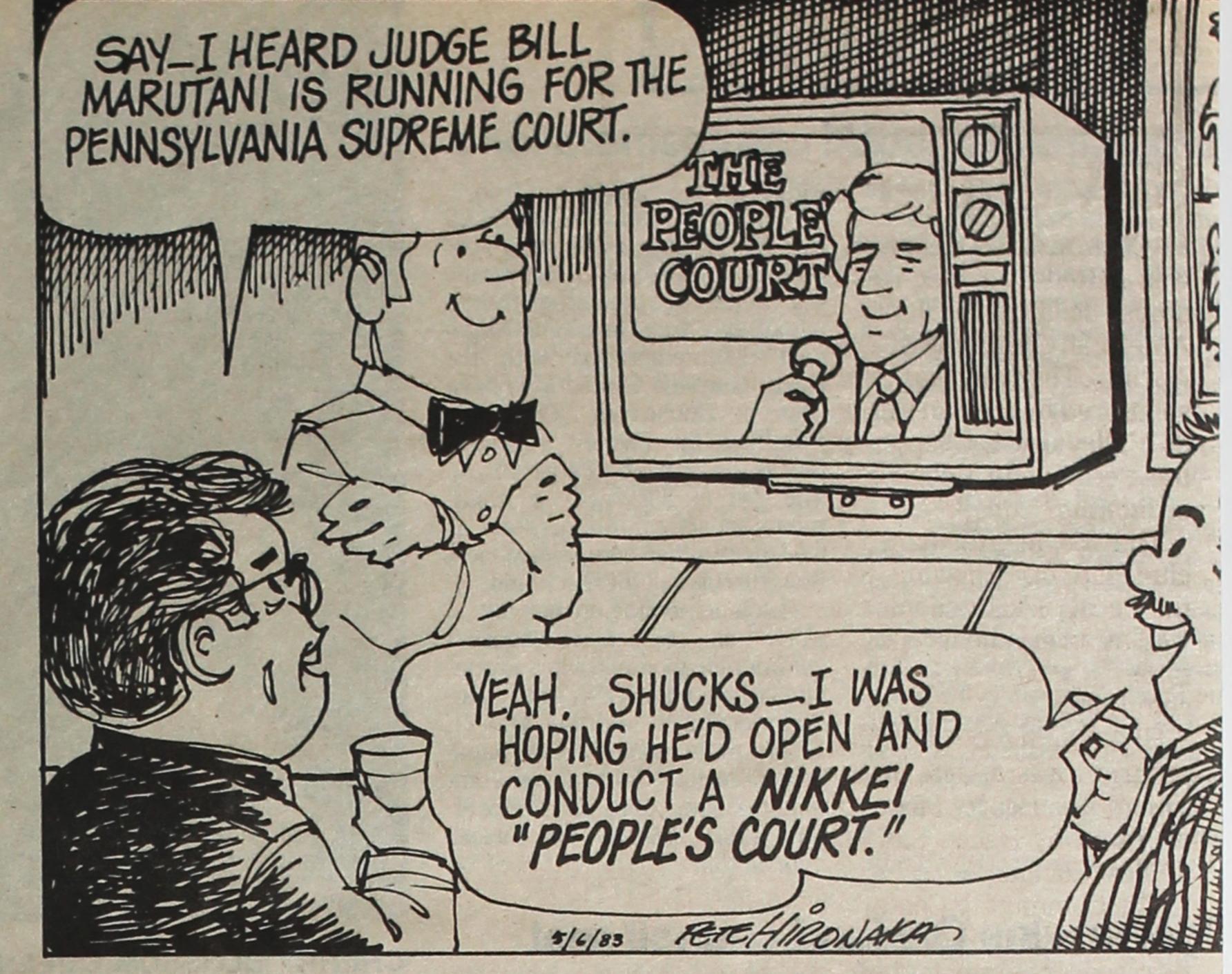
Ozzie Imai's statement (PC April 15, 'Focus on Women') in defense of his attitude, "...many Nikkei women concur with what is going on and fully accept their present role without complaint."

I say hog-wash to that! No woman in her right mind would choose to be a second class citizen. Let me be the first to tell you that I have at times, being the only woman at board meetings trying to liberate too many macho diehards.

I have been called "stupid" and been told "you don't know what the hell you are talking about" or "shut-up, etc."

Hold it! There's more to come. The type that is beyond description are the ones that say "you don't understand" (presumably because you are a woman). And let us not forget the ones that simply ignore your intelligent, far-sighted recommendation because you are not walking on your knees.

To have your self-esteem remain intact it takes a great deal of intestinal fortitude (guts), intelligence, endurance, etc. to survive that kind of put-down.



Ten percent of the truly liberated Nikkei males who no longer think of themselves as "Me Tarzan" have a great deal to contribute to the rest of the 90 percent.

Knowing some of the 10%, I know for certain that they will be heard—they will not be van-quished.

Gentlemen: "I can always re-

cognize an intelligent man—on important issues he is in agreemen with me."

M. YAMANAKA ISEKE Palo Alto, Ca

JACL Story: Some Words of Support

Ed. Note: Over the course of several past issues of the PC, a few reviews of Bill Hosokawa's book, "JACL In Quest of Justice" were printed in the PC. Two of these reviews, one by Ray Okamura of Berkeley and one by NCJAR's chairman, Bill Hohri of Chicago, were "negative" and highly critical of Hosokawa's book, to say the least. The most recent review, by K. Patrick Okura, was more favorable, but it should be noted that he is the chairman of the Committee (Mas Satow) which commissioned Hosokawa to write the book.

All of these reviews were published as a means of simply letting the JACL membership know what types of opinions and reactions existed in regards to the book—whether positive or negative. The editor stands by his decisions.

So here we have another opinion on Hosokawa's book, this time coming from former JACL Washington Representative Mike Masaoka. The readers can decide if they agree or disagree with Mr. Masaoka, and letters and comments are welcomed:

By MIKE MASAOKA

Washington, D.C.

As JACL prepares to lobby for appropriate redress legislation, to one who has had some experience with this specialized activity it is most frightening how few of our members really know JACL, its background, its gravest travails, its greatest triumphs, its leading personalities, etc. And yet these same JACLers are going to try to "sell" our organization for what it is—the most credible, responsible, and respected of all Japanese American associations dedicated to this, and other, legislative and litigative objectives.

It is discouraging to know of this lack of historical perspective at the same time that I learned of the slow sales of Bill Hoso-kawa's masterful JACL: In Quest of Justice, which is the only printed publication of the long and relatively successful history of the JACL.

At the risk of being accused of being self-serving, I would like to put in a few "plugs" for this good work. What I am submitting is not intended as a book review but rather some random comments relating to Hosokawa's latest—and to me the most readable—book.

To begin with, the Committee to memorialize the many contributions of Mas and Chiz Satow—both of whom literally killed themselves in the service of JACL—following informal polling of both members and friends of the late JACL Headquarters "team", decided that what was most needed and appropriate was a readable story of JACL. That explains why this particular book was ever written, because a printed, easy-to-read history—if you will—of the organization was of highest priority.

It is not, as many seem to have assumed, a simple rehash and/or revision of "Nisei" and "East to America", for these volumes are histories of the Japanese as a people in the United States over the past hundred years. Accordingly, space was much too limited to devote more than minimum comments to JACL, even though the record of the Japanese people would have been far different had there been no JACL to provide the leadership in most of this century.

It is as complete a story of JACL as has ever been written and is today the only such publication in print and available. Unfortunately, even a 285-page publication has its limitations of space, so many personalities and incidents could not be included. And some critics charge Hosokawa with bias, not being aware that as the foremost professional journalist in Niseidom and an oftentimes judge of the prestigious Pulitzer Prize he has

been as impartial as any reporter could be, insisting that neither the Satow Committee nor the JACL would have either veto powers or the authority to dictate subject matters.

Others cite specific instances where they may differ as to the interpretation and/or the omission of some event or individual activity, claiming them to be damaging. But it should be noted that fairness requires that the "big picture" be considered in its entirety, and not isolated or selected instances "out of context." Remember also that it is easy to destroy but difficult to build. And who among them all can list even one of their own books that has been published by a major national publishing house?

As the only published epic of JACL, it should be required reading for at least all professional staff members and all national, district, and chapter committee officers—for they of all people—should be knowledgeable about the organization they

represent and speak for.

Written as only the acknowledged leading Nisei professional author could have chronicled it, the book is the brave and glorious saga of how so few could overcome and gain so much, in such a short time with such limited resources against so many—racists, bigots, warmongers, misguided zealots and misled officials, as well as well-meaning opponents and critics, including many in our own Japanese American population. It is a very human story of democracy in action, of a minority in quest of justice. It is a narrative of which we JACLers can truly be proud.

It may have its shortcomings it is true, but it also has its inspired and noble passages of personal and organizational sacrifices, suffering, and overcoming perhaps greater odds than any other racial or ethnic group in recent times in this country.

At a time when official and private American should know and recognize JACL as the principal force for corrective and remedial legislation and litigation, as well as administrative integrity and equity, copies of JACL: In Quest of Justice should be in every public and institutional library and social research center and in the hands of editorial writers and radio and television commentators, governors and other state officials, the White House and top departmental personnel, United States Senators, United States Representatives, and every other American who believes in fair play and justice and can do something to make this ideal come true.

Any JACLer who has faith in JACL—or who wants to—should have a copy in the home and should make certain that friends and neighbors do too—in order that they may better understand and appreciate the service to the community and the nation that the JACL has provided as a volunteer organization in our

"Quest for Justice".

JACL's survival over some sixty years is a testament to our unprecedented record as a minority public service, civil rights organization. It is the unrefutable success answer to those who challenge history. The time for JACLers to be defensive about being a member has long since past. And Bill Hosokawa's publication narrates that remarkable and proud story in meaningful style. Buy it. Read it. And boast of the accomplishments, for all of us in our own way contributed to "JACL: In Quest of Justice".

(Copies of the book can be ordered through the Pacific Citizen).

SFV dinner nets \$4,500

PACOIMA, Ca.—Over \$4,500.00 was netted at a fund-raising dinner held at the Japanese American Community Center April 16. The event was jointly sponsored by the San Fernando Valley JACL Chapter and the Community Center's Coordinating Council.

The 355 in attendance included a fine showing from the local JACL chapter as well as an excellent representation from the local community.

Highlighting the evening's program was a slide presentation on Heart Mountain, narrated by Bacon Sakatani of West Covina.

The Community Center auditorium was the scene of the first redress program held in Southern California on April 26, 1975. A reparations panel featuring the late Edison Uno and moderated by the present chapter president, Paul Tsuneishi, drew about 175 persons from all around Southern California.

Eight years later when the chapter's redress committee met to discuss ideas for fundraising, someone expressed the view that since redress affected everyone in the community, the whole community should be called upon to support the redress effort.

It was with a great deal of apprehension that the subject of a redress fund-raiser was

broached at a meeting of the chapter's redress committee and the key leaders of the community organizations. To our delight the response was very positive. Not only were they in favor of the idea, but they suggested the co-sponsorship of the coordinating council!

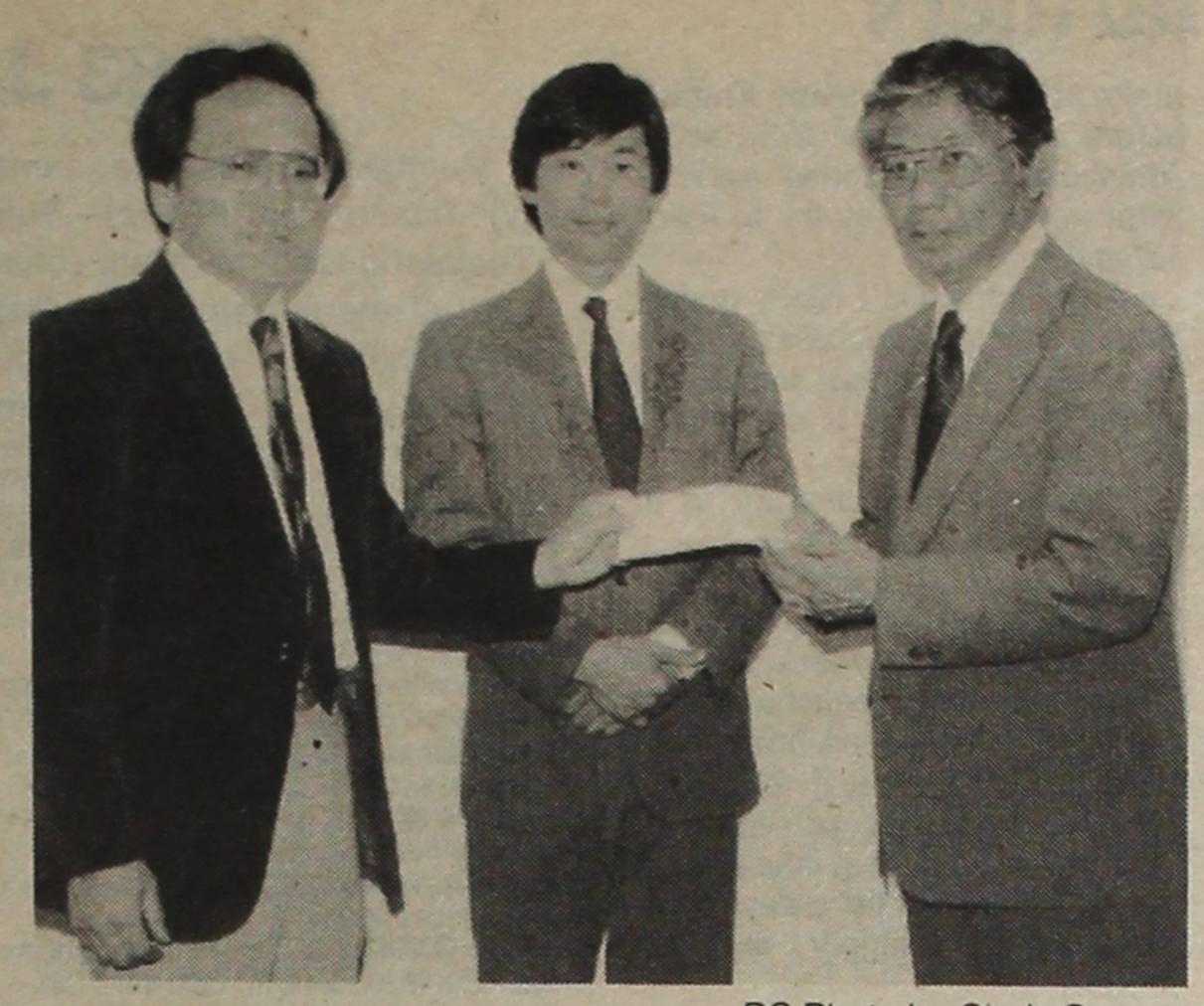
So the success of the dinner was due not only to the hard work of the chapter's committee members, but the willingness of the community members to solicit ticket sales in the community.

JACLers in study on assimilation

PROVO, Ut.—A study to determine the degree of assimilation of Japanese and Japanese Americans into the U.S. mainstream is being conducted by graduate student Haruo Higashimoto, Dept. of Sociology, Brigham Young University.

JACLers in Utah and the Los Angeles area are assisting, responding to a questionnaire that is expected to shed scientific data on the unique Japanese American experience. A summary will be offered to Nikkei newspapers when completed in the late fall

Questionnaires are being mailed out May 3, it was added.



\$4,500 FOR REDRESS—Phil Shigekuni of the San Fernando Valley JACL (left) hands over a check for \$4,500 to PSWDC Redress Committee chair Harry Kajihara (right) while PSWDC Governor Gary Nishimoto looks on. The funds were raised by the chapter on April 16 during a dinner at the Japanese American Community Center in Pacoima.

Retirement workshop urges people to plan ahead soon

RENO, Nv.—The Aging and Retirement workshop on financial planning offered some valuable advice to those persons nearing retirement age: plan ahead before it's too late.

Kay Iwata, representative of the Resource Counseling Corp.)a financial planning firm) and a member of the Fremont JACL, conducted the seminar on how persons reaching retirement age should examine their projected income and expenditures and have a plan for how they will survive 5-10 years after they retire.

Iwata noted that according to recent U.S. government statistics, 75% of the people who reach the age of 65 must depend on either government support, charity, or income from friends and/or relatives. About 23% must continue to work after age 65; and only 2% will be "financially independent."

Iwata said that among retirees who recognize and foresee financial problems in the future, there are three types of people: those who just "cover their heads" and try to ignore the problem; those who procrastinate and are afraid to make a decision (hence, they "decide not to decide") and the third, a "planning person."

It is the "planning person" who would most likely become "financially independent" said Iwata.

One of the keys to planning a "post-retirement" life is to carefully consider future income sources and future expenses, and take into account what effect inflation will have upon them. Persons who will live on fixed incomes usually don't consider inflation, and this causes many financial problems for the retiree.

So Iwata says that retired persons have choices: they can depend on their family or social security for support; they can keep on working; or they can develop an "adequate net worth" portfolio which would assist them in their post-retirement years.

An "adequate net worth" portfolio would include assets that could

carry a person through their retirement years.

Persons who are interested in learning more about financial planning for retirement may contact Ms. Iwata at the Resource Counseling Corp. (a private firm), 3031 Tisch Way, Ste. 703, San Jose, CA. 95128 or call (408) 249-4462.

Second Careers

The workshop also included a presentation by Betty Kozasa, director of the Foster Grandparent Program in Los Angeles: Mrs. Kozasa discussed some of the possible "Second Careers" for seniors.

Because "aging is a reality" in modern times, Kozasa stressed that people should consider all of the options available for seniors and "shop around for a second career."

Some of the second career choices: continuing education at college; taking on a part-time job (she noted, for example, that a Sears & Roebuck department store found seniors "more reliable" workers); and volunteerism—from baby sitting to becoming actively involved in community or advocacy organizations.

Volunteerism, said Kozasa, "can be a lot of fun." Before, it used to mean becoming a den mother for scouts, or something one had to do. Now, she noted, volunteerism has become more issue oriented.

Kozasa also said that seniors are an "untapped resource" for the community—through their knowledge and experience.

When considering post-retirement activities, Kozasa advised, "Don't just think about physical exercise, but mental exercise as well."

She also pointed out that many private industries, such as the fashion business, are looking at seniors as a potential market—so seniors may have opportunities in that area.

She stressed that becoming "elderly" doesn't have to be a boring experience—it can be an "exciting time" if one chooses it to be.

Finally, Kozasa noted, "Personally, I'm looking forward to being 70. I can do what I want, dress how I want to. I can afford to be eccentric." #

PSW plans tours to PANA confab

LOS ANGELES—The JACL Pacific Southwest District is planning tours to the forthcoming Pan American Nikkei Conference slated for July 13-17 in Lima, Peru. Those attending will have interesting activities and events in store for them.

Participants will be able to meet with the president of Peru, visit with Peruvian families, go shopping and sightseeing.

Various conference workshops will be held, and a party at the Japanese embassy is also slated. Youth activities are planned. Pre-conference and post-conference tours are also available; for more info call the PSWDC office at (213) 626-4471.

tribute to past president

N.Y. JACL offers scholarships

NEW YORK—The New York JACL Chapter offers two scholar-

ships of \$500 each in 1983 for beginning freshman students of

Japanese ancestry residing in the greater New York metropoli-

The Lucille Nakamura Memorial Scholarship is offered to

United States citizens of local JACL families and to those with

local JACL member sponsorship. The candidate must be com-

The General Scholarship is available to citizens and to non-

Information and application forms are now available from:

Cromwell D. Mukai, chairman, New York JACL Scholarship

Committee, 26 Brook St., Berkeley Heights, N.J. 07922.

Chicago Credit Union pays

citizens having permanent residence in the United States and

who have local JACL member sponsorship. Deadline is May 20.

Elections of eight directors and two members of the Credit Committee for the 1983 Board of Directors, all for a two-year term, results in Mits Kodama, Roy Kuroye, Aki Matsushita, Janet Suzuki, John Tani, Dr. Roy Teshima, Tak Tomiyama, and Rich Yamada being elected as directors, and Dr. Roy Teshima and Dudley Yatabe as members of the Credit Committee.

The annual meeting concluded with a question-and-answer period clarifying any aspect of the operations of the credit union.

At the first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors duly convened on April 14, Dudley Yatabe was unanimously elected to his eighth term as president, having previously served seven consecutive years from 1969-1975. Assisting him will be Dr. Roy Teshima, vice president; Sumi Shimizu, secretary; Ariye Oda, treasurer; and Sumiko Ono, assistant treasurer.

The Credit Committee will be comprised of Chair Dr. Roy Teshima, Richard Hikawa, Thomas Masuda, Lincoln Shimidzu, and Dudley Yatabe; Supervisory Committee: Chair Rich Yamada and Dr. Steve Kumamoto (another non-director to be appointed); Education Committee: Chair Jack Nakagawa, Mits Kodama, Roy Kuroye, Aki Matsushita, Janet Suzuki, John Tani, and Tak Tomiyama; Security Officer, Roy Kuroye, Roy Kuroy

eral Credit Union held March 25 at Como Inn. Toastmaster Dr. Roy Teshima, in presenting a gift certificate from a grateful credit union, re-

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mitted to social work.

in presenting a gift certificate from a grateful credit union, recounted the strong and enlightened leadership and the specialized business experience which the honoree has provided for an aggregate of 14 years as president, attributing the high level of operations as a well-managed, well-run organization to his leadership.

CHICAGO—A surprise tribute to

outgoing president Lincoln Shimi-

dzu highlighted the 36th annual

meeting of the Chicago JACL Fed-

Presiding at his last annual meeting prior to pursuing the sunny climate of Southern California later this year, President Shimidzu reported that, despite the continuing recession in the nation's economy, 1982 proved to be an extremely favorable year. All-time highs were reached in total assets of \$713,365; total share deposits, \$620,700; total loans, \$662,588; loan/share ratio, 107%; gross income, \$80,285; net income, \$61,746; and a dividend of 7% per annum, compounded semi-annually.

He further reported that, as an incentive for prompt repayment, the Board of Directors has taken the action of imposing a 5% delinquency penalty on the monthly amount due, beginning 30 days after due date, and that the interest rate on loans has been decreased from 13% to 12% per annum to be competitive with the prevailing

Bonsai, tea ceremony in Placer

LOOMIS, Ca.—Demonstrations in bonsai and the centuries old Chado/Urasenke Tea Ceremony will be among the feature events in this year's Asian/Pacific American Heritage observance during May at the Loomis Library, 650 Library Drive, under Placer County JACL sponsorship.



Women's workshop looks at Nikkei's sex roles

RENO, Nv.—The Women's Concerns Workshop held April 23 at the JACL Tri-District Conference was hosted by the NCWNPC Program and Education Committee, chaired by Chizu Iiyma and Mei Nakano. This new workshop included a skit demonstrating a "typical" JACL chapter meeting, with members acting in roles commonly seen in such situations. Following the skit, small group discussions were conducted.

The 70 participants, including about 10 men, discussed and shared feelings and thoughts about a woman's role in the Japanese American family and within JACL, as well as gender-related language.

The generational differences between Nisei and Sansei women in JACL were discussed, taking into consideration cultural factors and value differences. Sansei women felt that generally they were not taken seriously within JACL, and did not command respect and credibility. Nisei women commended the younger women for their self-assertion and awareness of these issues.

Nisei men said that they felt they are just becoming aware of the issues that are affecting the women in the organization and empathize with the situation. However, it was stated that it was difficult to change attitudes and values that have been ingrained from childhood.

Nisei women said that they were often given the responsibilities, but that men made the decisions. Their value training has taught them to not to make waves, and accept these conditions.

Overall, the workshop participants felt that effective communication was needed between the men and women so that feelings and thoughts, as well as responsibilities, could be shared, with the recognition that it was difficult to change values, attitudes, and behavior.

The Committee offered their willingnes to lead a discussion and perform a similar skit on women and men's roles in JACL for any chapter wishing to sponsor such a workshop in their own local areas. A list of suggested readings was also distributed.

Susan Kamei, National Chair of the newly formed Committee of Issues Affecting Nikkei Women, commented that the committee would examine the role of women in JACL and as Japanese Americans.

Matsui unable to attend Conference

RENO, Nv.—Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Sacramento), had been scheduled to speak at the JACL Tri-District Conference luncheon on April 23, but was tied up at the Sacramento Airport due to the bad weather conditions. His aide, Reiko Kawakami, extended Matsui's regrets and an apology for being unable to attend the luncheon.

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Immigration, trade concern farmers

RENO, Nv.—The problems stemming from immigrant labor and agricultural trade with Japan were the focus of the Agricultural Concerns Workshop held April 23 during the JACL Tri-District Conference here.

The program was presented by Fred Hirasuna of the Fresno/ A.L.L. Chapter; Harry Kubo, Parlier JACL and president of the Nisei Farmers League; with Tom Shimasaki of Tulare County serving as moderator.

Hirasuna discussed his concern over the impact of the recent arrival of Southeast Asian immigrants from Laos, the Hmong tribes, who were allowed to enter the U.S. as permanent residents. The Hmongs were given this privilege because they had assisted the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency in harrassing Communist forces in Laos.

Hirasuna said that over 51,000 Hmongs have entered the U.S., branching out over the West Coast and several other inland areas. A second group of about 17,000 Hmongs settled in Central California, particularly Fresno and Merced.

The Hmongs are currently the largest Asian minority in Central California, said Hirasuna.

The problem, said Hirasuna, exists within the Hmong's behavior. They live, for the most part, off U.S. government aid, which is placing a burden upon Central California counties. Many of the Hmongs, said Hirasuna, tend to avoid work and rely on federal assistance, which can amount to about \$17,000 a year for some families.

However, some Hmongs have gone into truck farming, raising such crops as sugar peas. But they are competing with Mexican American farmers, who are gradually taking over the profession from the Nikkei farmers.

The Hmong farmers may also produce an oversupply of crops, thereby causing further problems in the produce market of Central California.

Hirasuna also said that perhaps, in some ways, the Hmongs have characteristics that are similar to those of the Issei farmers, such as a poor ability to speak English.

Immigration Bill Kubo spoke about the current proposed legislation of Sen. Alan K. Simpson (R-Wyo.) and Rep. Romano L. Mazzoli (D-Ky.), which would revise U.S. immigration laws. Kubo said that many farm-

ers, including the Nisei Farmers

League, feel that the bill is "neces-

sary" to curb the undocumented

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Kubo noted that Mexico is "obviously the country of concern" and that the Mexicans who wish to enter the U.S. illegally are usually under the belief that "regardless of the abuse (they) might suffer in trying to cross the border, they are much better off in the U.S. than in Mexico." (According to a recent Senate committee report, the latest available figures show close to 6 million undocumented workers in the U.S. as of 1978, with about 80% coming from Mexico and Latin America.—Ed.).

Kubo said, however, that many people believe that the majority of undocumented workers are employed by agriculture. In reality, only about 15% of the illegal aliens in the U.S. are employed by farmers, while the rest work in domestic and service oriented jobs-hotels, restaurants, etc.

Farmers need a certain type of laborer, said Kubo, and this requirement is usually filled by undocumented workers, because many Americans aren't willing to do strenuous harvest work.

Kubo said that many farmers try to hire unemployed Americans first, but none are willing to do the job. Therefore, the farmers must turn to illegal aliens.

The Simpson-Mazzoli bill has a provision which would call for a temporary guest worker program (H-2), but Kubo said that farmers are against this proposal, because of the regulations it imposes upon the employer.

For instance, the farmer would be required to put in his request for workers at least 80 days prior to harvesting his crops. The employer must also guarantee the worker's transportation to and from the farm, housing and meals.

The problem is that farmers don't know exactly when they will harvest their crops—so the red tape of the H-2 program makes the situation "impossible" for farmers, said Kubo.

He added that the Nisei Farmers League is currently lobbying in Washington, D.C. for an alternative program to the H-2 proposal, one that would guarantee some kind of labor force.

Kubo focused on some of the agricultural problems that exist between the U.S. and Japan, which stem from a misunderstanding that exists between the two countries.

The Japanese, for instance,

make it a point to learn English before coming to the U.S., while Americans representing agricultural interests rarely try to learn Japanese.

"Americans don't really understand what (the Japanese's) needs are; we're only trying to sell our products and force it on them," said Kubo.

"There's a great deal for us to learn," said Kubo.

Shimazaki pointed out that many Japanese, because of their experiences during World War II, "have taken on the belief that they don't want to depend on foreign sources for food" and therefore, they are adamantly protective of their own agricultural interests. In this way, they would always have an adequate supply of food sources.

"This is probably one reason why the Japanese agricultural interests have a strong influence on their government, and they want to restrict foreign agricultural goods," said Shimasaki.

He added that the Japanese farmers want to produce their own goods and sell them at a price level where they can sustain themselves and continue to do so.

The U.S., on the other hand wants Japan to relax its restrictions on importing agricultural goods.

Hirasuna noted that although the Japanese want to cooperate with the U.S. and increase the amount of American farm goods into Japan, in many cases, they are not able to do so, "because to do so would peril the welfare of the Japanese farmer, and the Japanese farmer (who has a lot of political clout), in turn, would see to it, at the elections, that their influence is

Shimasaki also said that Japan's restrictions are much less than those of various European countries, therefore, the Japanese can't understand why the U.S. is making such demands on them.

The panelists expressed the view that more people living in the urban areas need to be more sensitive to the problems faced by growers and other agricultural professions—such as the employment of undocumented workers and U.S.-Japan trade relations. Farmers, they felt, are too many times taken for granted; these issues they currently face add to the crop-related problems that they usually deal with most of the time.

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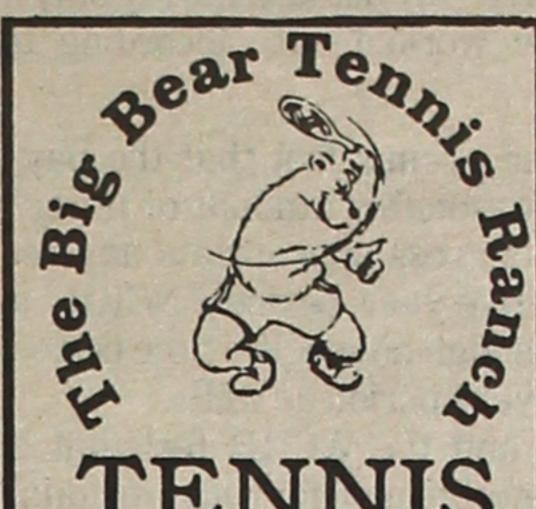
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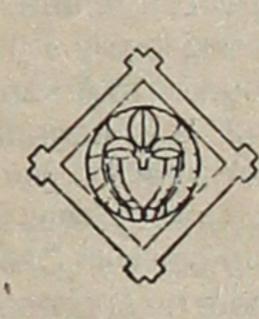
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Here are some of the main positions of each organization, and how they are either similar or dissimilar:

Individual reparations figure. While JACL has no figure stated in its guidelines, the recommendation for a \$50,000 figure from the JACL Redress Committee has been taken "under advisement" by JACL's National Board until the CWRIC releases its recommendations.

NCRR, on the other hand, will support a bill that requests "a minimum of \$25,000 per internee." WCRR supports payments of \$25,000, in line with the proposed legislation of Rep. Mike Lowry.

Heirs to payments. All three groups agree that heirs should be compensated for losses as well, although WCRR has a provision which is somewhat more restrictive (immediate family only). However, this difference can be worked out, according to WCRR representative Kinoshita.

Schedule of payments. All three groups feel that the payments should be made over a "reasonable amount of time." JACL ideally would like to see Congress appropriate any redress payments over a three-to-five-year period; NCRR, a three-year period; and WCRR, although no specific time period was mentioned, agreed to a three-year period as well.

Community trust. Both JACL and the WCRR feel that a "community trust" should be established for any residual amounts that exist after all individual payments are made.

NCRR, however, had desired a \$3 billion trust fund be established in addition to the \$3 billion in individual compensation, for a total reparations request of \$6 billion. NCRR also felt that a recipient of individual payments should be allowed the option to file a suit for more if he or she felt that the payments were not adequate.

Composition, election of trust board. JACL would like the community trust board to be composed of "not less than 51% Japanese Americans." Although there has been no number established for the board, JACL's position has been that at least three of them should be governmental appointments—one by the President, one by the Senate and one by the House of Representatives. These three board members, in turn, would appoint other members of the board.

NCRR would like to see a board consisting of 100% Nikkei, and rather than being appointed, it would like the board elected by former internees or other eligible persons from eight regions on the West Coast (i.e. the areas that were once affected by EO 9066).

WCRR, however, feels that rather than having a national community trust board (which is what both JACL and NCRR would like), local community boards should be established instead, at a state-by-state level.

At future meetings, the three groups will try to resolve these differences, or, if necessary, respect the desires of each other, and allow each group to pursue redress in its own manner.

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How one Nisei

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problems. They include: ming. The station's most popular 1950s. same restaurants and retail stores generation of the Komai family. that usually advertise in the Japanese American papers.

Antiquated production methods: Many Japanese American papers operate with the same technology that their Issei founders used. A walk into the Kashu's press room reveals a linotype operation reminiscent of those

which dominated many American press rooms during the early part of this century. Breakdowns are common, parts are hard to find, Competition by Japanese-lan- and renovation is expensive. The guage television stations: "It's an Hawaii Hochi is one of the few to affluent audience," says Paul Nie- overcome this handicap, through dermeyer, station manager for capital and technology provided KSCI-TV in Los Angeles, which by the Chizuoka Shimbun, a broadcasts over 20 hours a week of Tokyo-based newspaper which Japanese-language program- purchased the Hochi in the mid-

show is the news, Mr. Niedermey- Lack of new journalistic talent: er says, which is in the form of Most Japanese American papers taped broadcasts from NHK, a are family operations. Mr. Hishiki large Japanese news network. He took over the Kashu from his faalso notes that many of the sta- ther-in-law in 1954. The Rafu Shimtion's advertisers are from the po, Los Angeles's other Japanese local ethnic community—the American daily, is run by the third.

But "young Japanese Americans, especially journalists who are initially attracted to the ethnic press, become discouraged when they see the salary, so they disappear into the mainstream press," says UCLA Prof. Harry Kitano.

Professor Kitano, a sociologist, also says that the flight away from Japanese American newspapers

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But Seattle Times editorial page editor Herb Robinson questioned the whole matter in a column on April 10.

He asked, "Why spend a significant amount of public money, time and effort on an inconsequential matter? Shouldn't the city's ethics-enforcement muscle be saved for really heavy cases like the extensive use of Fire Department equipment for a private venture in Alaska, excessive junketing at public expense, or the awarding of city contracts to people with close personal ties to municipal officials?"

Robinson also wondered, "...how can the holder of public office divorce himself completely from community involvement?"

"Whose complaint set off the nitpicking investigation in the first place? Hara isn't sure, but he's made a few enemies during his first term in office over such issues as changes in pension-system administration, the handling of city investments, and City Light's foot-dragging on consolidated utility billings."

Mayor Reacts

Mayor Charles Royer told the city's Ethic's Board on April 28 he is worried that the recent ruling against Hara could have a chilling effect on outside activities by other city employees.

Royer, in a letter to board chairman Steve Graham, asked the board to clarify "what is and what is not a permissible outside professional or community activity for managers and employees in the city."

He said many of his department heads have questioned their activities, in light of the Hara decision. "From a management perspective, the city as a whole gains a great deal by encouraging department directors to enthusiastically participate in various opportunities for professional development, community involvement ...," said Royer.

"There is a general concern that the permissible limits for such participation are not well understood."

In his column, Robinson made this speculation:

...one readily can visualize a charge in the heat of a fall campaign that Lloyd Hara misspent the taxpayers' money. The amount, of course, will not be mentioned."



by the younger generation is symbolic of the preoccupation with becoming assimilated. "The great majority are still bent on becoming 'American,' "he says. It is also evidence of the further breakup of the once-tightly knit Japanese American family, he adds.

But the "quiet American," as one Nisei journalist dubbed his generation, has not taken the challenge to the Japanese American press lightly.

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In response, most newspapers have modernized the typescript they use. And they seek to meet the needs of the recent influx of Japanese businessmen and students who come to the U.S. on a temporary basis.

Hopes for an intergenerational audience remain. Says Hishiki: "If we could get the Sansei, the Yonsei, and the Gosei (fifth generation), that would be a trick."

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