

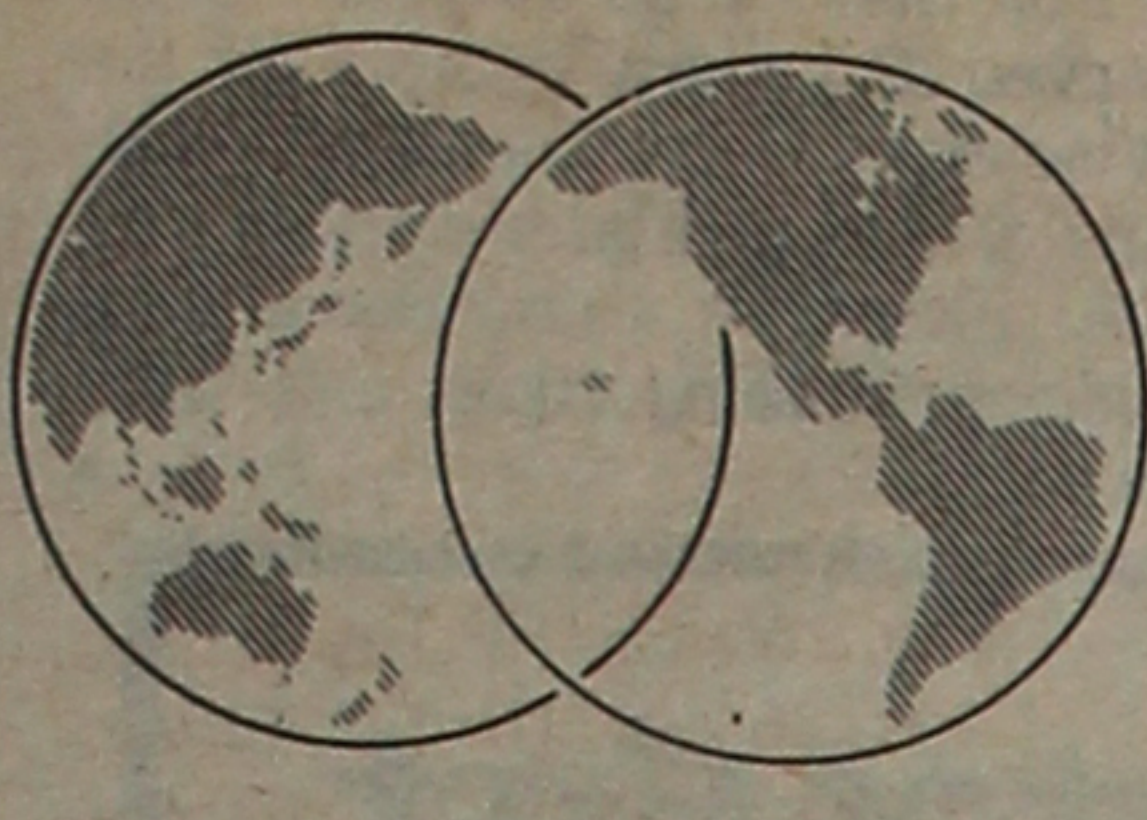
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Oxnard Councilman Kato under investigation for shoplifting

OXNARD, Ca. — The Ventura County district attorney's office is investigating an allegation of shoplifting involving Oxnard City Councilman Tsujio Kato and \$22 worth of merchandise allegedly taken Dec. 24 from a north Oxnard department store.

No arrest has been made and no complaint has been filed, pending review of the allegation, according to police.

Oxnard Deputy Police Chief Harry Papageorge said Jan. 21 his department conducted an investigation into the alleged shoplifting at the request of the district attorney's office.

"The investigation has been completed and the results turned over to the district attorney's office to determine whether or not Kato will be charged with any offense," he said.

Papageorge declined to comment on the investigation, saying, "Any statement concerning the alleged incident will come from the district attorney's office."

District Attorney Michael Bradbury said his office was informed of the alleged incident Jan. 11 by a peace officer. Bradbury said he then requested the investigation by Oxnard police, and now, his office is doing some additional work on the case.

"There are a few loose ends that we're going to take a look at," he said.

Bradbury refused to comment on the particulars of the investigation, but he did say he expects it to be completed in about two weeks.

Kato, a dentist, also declined comment. "I have been advised not to make any statements until the results of the inquiry, which are expected within 10 days," he

said.

Kato and his attorney, Stanley E. Cohen of Oxnard, reportedly met Jan. 20 with representatives of the district attorney's office. However, details of the meeting were not disclosed.

A reliable source said the alleged incident occurred Dec. 24 at Sears Roebuck and Co. department store at the Esplanade shopping center.

According to the source, Kato had purchased a substantial amount of merchandise, including a barbecue, and left the store. The councilman then allegedly returned to the store, took \$22 worth of barbecue utensils from a display rack and left without paying for the items.

The source said Kato was stopped by a store security guard outside the store and was later released without any charge being brought against him by the store.

Bradbury said it is "rare" for his office to do additional investigation after police have submitted their findings in a misdemeanor case, as this one is. The district attorney refused to say, however, if his office is taking a closer look at this case because of Kato's position as a city councilman.

If no charges are filed, the district attorney's office will release a written report on the findings of the investigation, Bradbury said. If charges are filed, only the nature of the charges and the date of the first court appearance will be announced, he said.

A native of Oxnard, Kato was elected to the City Council in 1972. He recently completed a six year term as mayor and was re-elected to the council last November.

—Oxnard Press Courier



MAKING AMENDS—Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (left) hands a check for \$1,250 to Dr. James Goto, a former County Health Department employee, who was among the ten Japanese Americans that received compensation on Jan. 26 for the years they were discharged from county service during World War II. Looking on are: Dr. Sakaye Shigekawa (background), a former county hospital employee; and Mas Fukai (right), Deputy to Supervisor Hahn and researcher for the county reparation ordinance.

And in San Francisco . . .

S.F. Mayor Feinstein signs redress bill for city workers

SAN FRANCISCO — Mayor Dianne Feinstein Jan. 24 signed an ordinance granting reparations for salary losses to city employees of Japanese ancestry who were relocated during World War II.

The ordinance was introduced by Supervisor Quentin Kopp and assisted by Supervisor Louise Renne, who were invited to attend the signing ceremony in the Mayor's Office at 10:15 a.m.

"It is 40 years since Japanese Americans were moved out of their homes and jobs to relocation camps," said Mayor Feinstein. "as each year passes, we become more and more conscious of the great wrong that was done to so many good citizens."

"It pleases me that San Francisco has now seen fit to make amends to its city employees for some of the salary losses they suffered. I am proud this legislation has passed, and that I am the mayor who signs it," she added.

The Japanese American Citizens League has identified a

N.Y. state compensation bill sought

NEW YORK—Following the examples of the State of California and the counties of Los Angeles and San Francisco, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) plans to propose a bill to the New York State Legislature which calls for monetary compensation to Japanese American state workers who were forced to resign from their jobs during World War II.

AALDEF is currently seeking the names of Nikkei former New York State employees who were dismissed or made to resign from their jobs during the war because of their ancestry.

Persons who lost their state employment during WW2 or know of other Japanese Americans who did should contact Stanley Mark at AALDEF, 350 Broadway, Ste. 308, New York, NY 10013; (212) 966-5937.

Nakasone seeks to open Japan to the world

TOKYO—Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone said Jan. 24 his two-month-old government "is determined to further promote rational market-opening measures" and will actively participate in international efforts to resolve the financial difficulties facing many countries.

Japan should advance toward "a Japan open to the world," he stressed in a policy speech before the Diet when it resumed its 98th ordinary session.

Nakasone also said, "In addition to the contemporary structural issues of military tension between East and West and the North-South problem, the entire world, industrialized or developing, free or Communist, has been facing unprecedented social and economic difficulties of late, and unemployment and anxiety cloud the world."

While expressing concerns over

protectionism which he said "is daily gaining force in the international community," Nakasone said, "We must strongly stress the maintenance and strengthening of free trade in our external relations and must take further initiatives to advance toward a Japan open to the world."

From this perspective, he said, "We are determined to further promote rational market-opening measures."

"The way to a fundamental solution of the difficulties facing the world economy lies in having all countries, and especially the industrialized countries, cooperate together for the vitalization and steady expansion of the world economy," he said.

Nakasone also said Japan hopes to participate actively in "coordinating international efforts to resolve the financial difficulties fac-

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Toyota gives L.A. County a gift that draws criticism

LOS ANGELES—Toyota formally presented a \$280,000 gift of 25 trucks to Los Angeles County on Jan. 26 which were gladly received by all—all but American autoworkers.

"They (Toyota) are taking away our jobs and livelihood, yet the county is going along with this public relations stunt," said Jerry Lamothe, international representative for the United Auto Workers.

The Japanese car manufacturer, celebrating 25 years of business in the United States, also announced that it will donate another 150 vehicles—worth \$1.3 million—to county governments throughout the United States.

"We thought it fitting Los Angeles County be the first recipient since the first Toyota dealership in the U.S. was in Hollywood," said Art Garner, spokesman for Toyota Motor Sales, USA Inc.

Twelve 1983 four-wheel drive trucks and 13 land cruisers will

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JA retirement credit bill introduced

SACRAMENTO—State Sen. Ralph C. Dills (D-Gardena) has introduced a measure that would allow Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II and later became state employees, to buy back service credit in the State Public Employment Retirement System.

The proposed legislation, Senate Bill 164, is similar to the Federal government's provision for Japanese Americans in Federal Civil Service.

The legislation has been referred to the Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee for consideration.

Dills, a life member of the Gardena JAACL, said, "We are responsible for the disruption of the personal and professional lives of these Japanese Americans. They have been loyal citizens and hard-working employees; my bill seeks to redress some of the losses they incurred during the wartime years."



ORDINANCE SIGNED—San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein (center) signed the ordinance Jan. 24 which authorizes compensation to Japanese American former city and county workers who were dismissed or forced to take leaves of absence during World War II. Present at the ceremony were S.F. Supervisor Quentin Kopp (left), who introduced the ordinance to the County's Board; and George E. Tanaka, a former gardener who had been employed by the city's Laguna Honda Hospital since 1924 but lost his job during the war.

Marine sentenced for auto deaths

SAN DIEGO—Marine Sgt. George Alex Bidby was sentenced Jan. 26 to five years and eight months in prison for killing three Japanese exchange students and a tour guide with his car as he fled another accident at the Mexican border on July 29.

Superior Court Judge Donald W. Smith said he imposed the maximum sentence allowable because of the severity of the crime and because Bidby acted callously by fleeing the scene without aiding the injured and dying.

Bidby, 25, also "showed a remarkable lack of remorse" after he was apprehended, Smith said.

A jury convicted Bidby of four counts of felony vehicular manslaughter and two counts of felony hit and run on Dec. 20. Prosecutors had sought second-degree murder charges against Bidby, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton at the time of the accident.

Bidby's attorney, Barton Sheela III, had argued that the incident was a "senseless accident" and the defendant should have been placed on probation and ordered to pay restitution to the injured and to the families of the victims killed.

The victims in the incident were students Chikako Takagi, 19 and Magara Kondo, 19, of Tokyo and Eriko Miyata, 19 of Kanagawa-ken; and their American adviser, Marian Low, 29, of Orange, Ca.

County bill on Noguchi case revealed

LOS ANGELES—The county has spent some \$317,000 trying to demote Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi as chief medical officer/coroner, county auditor Mark Bloodgood indicated Jan. 21. The law firm Rogers & Wells representing the county was paid \$284,469 and the remaining \$33,427 were allocated costs, rather than actual cash spent.

Noguchi, who was accused last April of misusing his office and sensationalizing the deaths of some Hollywood stars, is awaiting the decision of the Civil Service Commission on whether he will be allowed to return to his job.

WW2 front page ires Jiji writer

WASHINGTON—The Pentagon had the corridor outside its press room decorated with sample front pages from the World War II era. Katsuhiko Kabasawa, a reporter for Jiji Press of Japan, was angered by one of them and asked that it be removed. "I personally objected to the defense official in the press office because we feel the word 'Jap' is an expression of contempt," Kabasawa said. The front page of the Los Angeles Examiner of Aug. 14, 1945, proclaimed: "Japs Accept Peace." It was replaced by another that reported the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Sansei physicist writes book on nuclear power controversy

NEW YORK—Dr. Michio Kaku, son of Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Kaku of Palo Alto, Ca. has just written a major book on nuclear energy, "Nuclear Power: Both Sides," published by W.W. Norton in New York.

A professor of nuclear physics at the City University of New York, he has just finished a 20 city book tour, appearing in over 60 newspapers and television spots around the country, including the Washington Post, New York Times, Christian Science Monitor, AM Los Angeles, Northwest Today, and Mid-day Live in New York.

The book, co-authored by Jennifer Trainer, contains articles by Nobel Prize winners, the vice president of General Electric, the directors of national science laboratories, and anti-nuclear activists. Because it is the only book to have both pro and con sides of the controversy, the book has already become the standard reference in the field.

Kaku has for years been one of the leading national spokesmen for the anti-nuclear movement, speaking before almost one million people on the June 12, 1982 rally in Central Park, N.Y., and before 100,000 at the Rose Bowl on June 6 for Peace Sunday. He was the first physicist critical of nuclear power to be allowed into Three Mile Island after the accident, and Kaku will appear in a special national PBS documentary on the 4th anniversary of that accident.

Kaku started his career in nuclear physics early, winning national science awards for building an atom smasher in his mom's garage when he was 16. He graduated first in his physics class from Harvard University in 1968 (Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude). He taught at Princeton University after he received his Ph.D. in nuclear physics from the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at Berkeley in 1972. He has been lecturing around the world in nuclear physics and has been invited to speak at Cambridge University in England, at universities in Paris, and at the Soviet Academy of Sciences in Moscow. His articles have appeared in numerous physics magazines, including Nuclear Physics, Physical Review, and Physics Letters, and in several books in theoretical physics.

Last November, along with President Reagan's daughter, Patti Davis, Jackson Browne, Mike Farrell of M.A.S.H., and Daniel Ellsberg, Kaku was awarded the Woodie Guthrie Humanitarian Award in Los Angeles. #

● Awards

University of Hawaii journalism student **Lynne Terada** was the recent recipient of the Sears Congressional Internship award of \$2,450. The 22-year-old senior is the first Hawaii resident to win the national award, and she left for Washington on Feb. 1 for a staff internship with Rep. Bill Nelson of Florida.

● Business

Lawrence H. Abe, a resident of Santa Monica, Ca. has been promoted to senior vice president with Thomas L. Karsten Associates, based in Los Angeles. The Karsten firm offers advisory services in real estate investment to corporations, financial institutions and pension funds.

Abe will administer personnel and general management in the firm's Los Angeles headquarters. He has over 16 years experience in appraisal, acquisition, management and disposition of real estate throughout the U.S.

● Government

Charles J. Izumoto, public information officer with the Honolulu Department of Transportation Services, has been appointed director of community relations and media for the Honolulu office of U.S. Rep. Cecil Hefel.

Izumoto, 39, began work Feb. 1

Joyce Hoshida has been appointed to the newly created position of public communications production coordinator for the Santa Clara County Transportation Agency.

In her new position, Hoshida will supervise the agency's staff writer and its graphic design, photography and phototypesetting sections, and assist in arranging special promotions and marketing activities.

Hoshida has been a graphic designer in the transportation agency for two years.

● Military

Dr. Steven Kumamoto was recently promoted to the rank of Captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve Dental Corps. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1963 at which time he served on active duty as a dentist with the Navy. Upon his release, he opened up a practice in the Chicago area. In 1971, he resumed an active role in the Naval Reserve program by joining NRDC 9-3 in Chicago Ill., and became the commanding officer of that unit in 1974.



HONORED—Dr. Frank X. Ogasawara, professor of avian sciences and animal physiology at UC Davis, was recently bestowed the title of Fellow of the U.S. Poultry Science Assn., the highest honor given by the American poultry industry.

Nisei asst. attorney general retires

MADISON, Ws.—Roy G. Mita, who recently retired as assistant attorney general after more than 35 years of service in the State Department of Justice, has left state service with honors. Gov. Anthony Earl recently awarded Mita a Governor's Special Award for his service to the state.

Mita, a Nisei, spent 3½ years in the Army in World War II as a

member of the much-decorated 442nd RCT.

While Mita was fighting overseas, his parents were rounded up from their California ranch near Vacaville along with hundreds of other local Japanese American residents and placed in internment camps.

Mita went into service shortly after graduating from the University of California at Berkeley in

● Law

In Chicago, **Paul M. Igasaki** was recently promoted to the position of Staff Director of Private Bar Involvement by the American Bar Association. In this position, he will head up a new internal grouping in the ABA devoted to involving individual lawyers and bar associations in a variety of methods to deliver legal services to poor persons.

Igasaki came to the ABA in 1981 from Legal Services of Northern California in Sacramento, where he was a Reginald Heber Smith Community lawyer. He also has served as a staff member, board member and chairman of funding for Asian Legal Services Outreach, Inc., the first and only legal services program for Asians in California's Central Valley. Igasaki also has been active in developing Asian-American bar associations in Sacramento and in Chicago.

Igasaki is a 1979 graduate of the School of Law of the University of California at Davis, and a 1976 graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, where he received a bachelor's degree in political science.

● Radio—TV

In Seattle, two Sansei newscasters with KOMO-TV (4) were reassigned to new duties. **Lori Matsu-kawa**, who has been KOMO's early morning newscaster, will replace Kathy Goertzen as the station's legislative reporter in Olympia. **Marcus Mukai** will replace Matsu-kawa in the early morning report.

New chair named for L.A. sister city comm.

LOS ANGELES—Lane M. Kakimoto, a partner in the international accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., has been appointed by Mayor Tom Bradley as Chairman of the Los Angeles-Nagoya Sister City Affiliation.

"Lane Kakimoto has actively supported the Los Angeles Nagoya Sister City Committee for some time, serving as Treasurer and a member of the Committee's Executive Board," Mayor Bradley stated in announcing the appointment.

A 1968 graduate of Woodbury University, Kakimoto became a Certified Public Accountant in 1974. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the California Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Also active in community organizations, he is a member of the Council of the Japan-American Society, Japan Business Association of Southern California and Japanese Presidents Club of Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles-Nagoya Sister City Committee is the oldest active Sister City affiliation between the city of Los Angeles and 12 international cities around the world. #

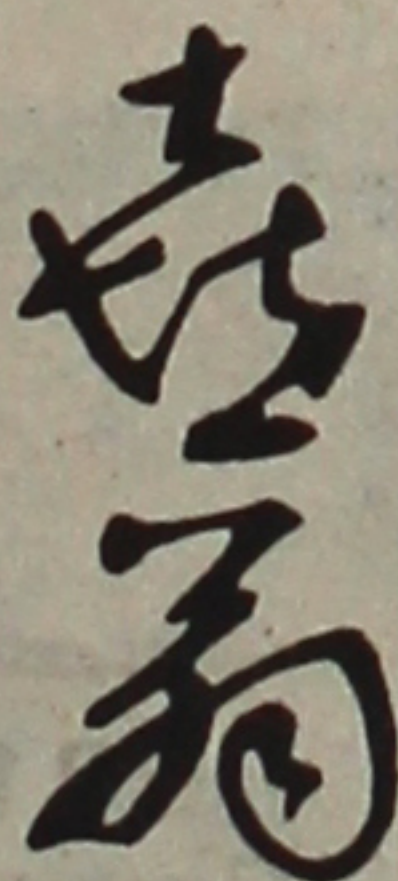
● Medicine

Nuclear Pharmacist **Tom Kazuo Kawada**, associate professor at USC's School of Pharmacy, has been certified in the specialty of nuclear pharmacy, the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties announced recently. Nuclear Pharmacy is the first specialty recognized by the profession of pharmacy and candidates for certification participated in the first day-long examination, which was designed to measure the competency of practitioners in the various aspects of nuclear pharmacy.

Kawada is the only Japanese American of sixty-three (63) nuclear pharmacists who were certified by the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties.

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1941 with a degree in political science. He came to Wisconsin at the end of the war and enrolled in the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Completing a three-year program in two years, Mita was admitted to the bar and went to work

in the attorney general's office.

For more than 12 years, Mita served as general counsel for the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and later worked with the Industrial Commission, enforcing building codes and labor laws. #

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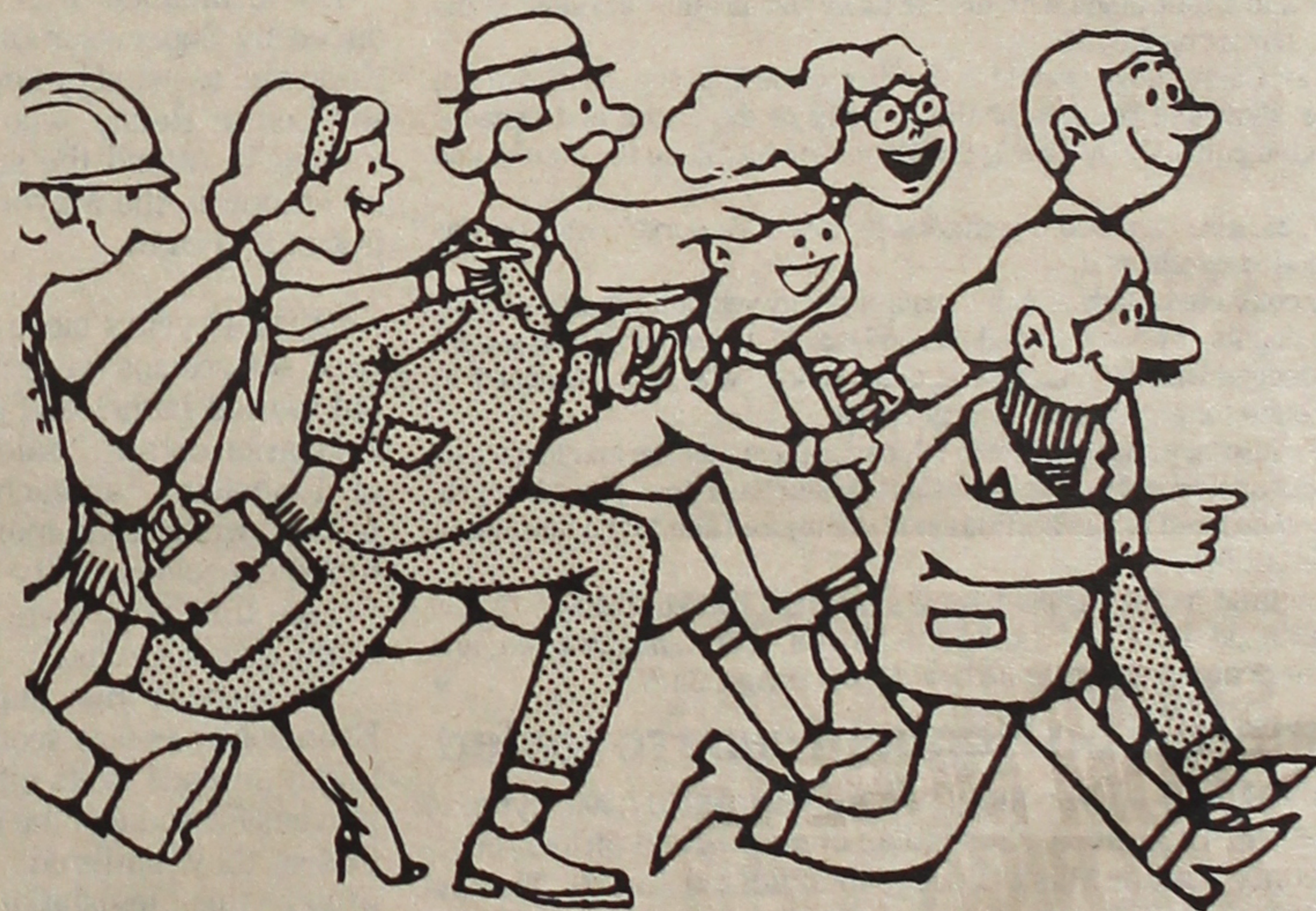
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Asian Pacific legal issues to be topics at UCLA confab

LOS ANGELES—The UCLA Asian/Pacific Law Students Association (APLSA), in cooperation with the Committee of Asian Pacific Lawyers, will sponsor a Conference on "Contemporary Issues for Asian/Pacific Communities" at the UCLA School of Law on Saturday, Feb. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The conference will consist of a series of workshops in which participants will explore issues of critical importance to Southern California's Asian/Pacific community. Workshop topics include: legal services for Asian/Pacific communities, immigration, employment discrimination, Asian/Pacific families and the law, the impact of wartime crises on Asian Americans, labor organizing, and the role of Asian/Pacific students.

The objectives of the conference are to provide a forum for discussion of key issues affecting Asian and Pacific people, and to encourage an enduring relationship between the UCLA community and the community at large through an exploration of strategies for dealing with current problems. Conference organizers hope that the event will provide the impetus needed for the development of various student/community projects.

One such project is the development of a community-based legal center which will address the legal needs of the Asian and Pacific population of Southern California.

U.S. District Court Judge Robert M. Takasugi will deliver the keynote address. Workshop panelists will include individuals from various Asian/Pacific community organizations.

Interested persons can register at the UCLA School of Law, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Conference. The registration fee will be \$2, or \$5 including lunch.

For more information about the conference, persons may contact the APLSA office at (213) 825-1304. #

Class focuses on Japanese immigrants

GARDENA, Ca.—The UCLA Asian American Studies Center, through Student/Community Projects, will sponsor a seven-week evening class entitled, "Origins and Causes of Japanese Immigration." Yuji Ichioka, lecturer and researcher and an authority on Japanese American history, will conduct the class, which will be held at the Gardena Baptist Church, 1630 W. 158th St.

The course will include such topics as student laborers and government contract laborers; the role of Japanese immigration com-

panies; labor contractors and labor migration from Hawaii; and the specific cases of Okinawa and Wakayama prefectures. Ichioka will also spend a class lecture dealing with the unique contributions of Japanese American women pioneers.

The class is free and will be held on Thursday nights, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 10. For more info call the Student/Community Projects at UCLA Asian American Studies Center, (213) 825-1006.



MORE DONATIONS FOR KIMOCHI—California First Bank recently donated \$10,000 to the Kimochi Home Project in San Francisco. Pictured, from left, are: Hiroyuki Takasago, manager of the California First Nihonmachi branch; Yasushi Sumiya, bank president; Hisao Inouye, chairman of Kimochi Board of Directors; Sandy Ouye Mori, home project coordinator; and Steve Nakajo, Kimochi executive director.

Nikkei physician to discuss WW2 camps

IRVINE, Ca.—The hardships experienced by Japanese Americans interned during World War II will be examined by physician Yoshiye Togasaki on Saturday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m. at the California College of Medicine, Medical Sciences I, Rm. F110 on the UC Irvine campus.

One of the first Japanese American physicians in the U.S., the 79-year-old Togasaki has testified in congressional hearings regarding possible reparations for internees. At her UCI lecture she will relate her own experiences while interned at the Manzanar camp during the war and speak on medical, social and economic hardships experienced by Nikkei.

Togasaki's lecture is sponsored by the UCI Cross Cultural Alliance. Further info may be obtained by calling the Office of Medical Student Development at (714) 833-6138. #

Ground broken for S.D. senior housing

SAN DIEGO—Official ground breaking ceremonies were held recently in Chula Vista for San Diego County senior citizen housing. Named Kiku Gardens, the three story complex is scheduled for official dedication later this fall. The ribbon cutting will be the culmination of planning begun in 1979.

The project is co-sponsored by the San Diego JAACL chapter, the Buddhist Temple of San Diego, the Ocean View United Church of Christ, San Diego Japanese Christian Church, and VFW Post 4851. Representatives from all these organizations and the community at large are headed by Moto Asakawa.

Initial capacity will be 100 one-bedroom units. Inquiries for further information may be sent to Kiku Gardens, Inc., Post Office Box 2548, San Diego, CA 92112. #

Journalism training program offered

BERKELEY, Ca.—The Summer Program for Minority Journalists, a nationally recognized professional training program in journalism, has begun its annual search for talented, aspiring newspaper reporters.

The 1982 session will be held June 5 through Aug. 19 at the University of California, Berkeley. Those selected will receive intensive training for 11 weeks from a faculty of prominent journalists. Under faculty direction, participants will cover the San Francisco Bay Area for the program's weekly newspaper, *Deadline*. Every program participant will be placed in a full-time reporting job at a daily newspaper.

The program, often referred to as a "journalistic boot camp," began in 1969 at Columbia University and moved to UC Berkeley in 1976.

Applicants are sought from members of traditional minority groups—blacks, Latinos, Asian Americans and Native Americans—who have a strong determination to succeed in print journalism.

The Summer Program is a project of the Institute for Journalism Education, a nonprofit educational corporation based in Berkeley.

For applications and further information, contact: The Summer Program for Minority Journalists, School of Journalism, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. Telephone: (415) 642-5962. The deadline for applications is March 1, 1983. #

Kimochi Home slates fund-raising dinner

SAN FRANCISCO—Kimochi, Inc. will hold "The Kimochi Home Celebration/Fund-Raiser Dinner" on Thursday, Feb. 24, 6 p.m. at the Garden Court of the Sheraton Palace Hotel, 639 Market St. George Oyama, the Koret Foundation and Mayor Dianne Feinstein will be honored that evening; KPIX-TV news anchor Wendy Tokuda and Kimochi board member Benh Nakajo will co-emcee the event. For more info call Kimochi at (415) 931-2294.

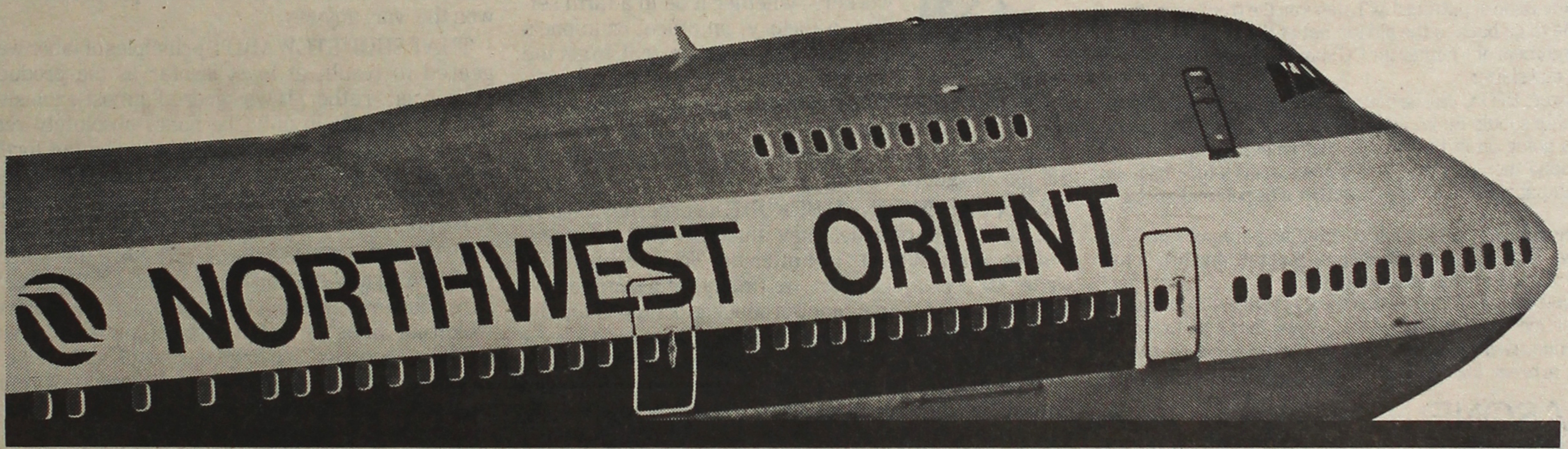
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Former S.F. employees sought

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL is seeking former employees of the City and County of San Francisco who were forced to terminate employment because of the wartime internment. Mayor Dianne Feinstein signed the ordinance on Jan. 24, in a public ceremony in her office. The ordinance will go into effect 30 days from the date of signing.

Supervisor Quentin Kopp, who introduced the ordinance to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, indicated at a press conference that the JACL had identified about 15 names by reviewing the payroll records of that period. Most of the employees, identified by the JACL, worked for one of the San Francisco hospitals and lost their positions as a result of the exclusion order, which forced them to move outside of a military zone to the interior of the United States or into one of 10 concentration camps. The order to evacuate the area targeted both alien Japanese as well as American citizens, based solely on a person's ancestry.

The action by the City and County of San Francisco follows actions of a similar sort by the State of California and the County of Los Angeles. It would provide for a claims process for eligible former

employees and pay reparations for salary losses up to \$5,000, allocated over a four-year period of time.

The JACL has identified several names from the payroll records that were available from 1941. The organization is requesting that these individuals, or persons who may be acquainted with them, to provide information to facilitate the claims by contacting National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California 94115, (415) 921-5225.

Names identified to date from municipal records include: M. Fujii, Masauki Hara, C. Ichimura, J. Isugi, Elbert Izumi, G. Kagawa, Tetsuo Sugiyama, George Tanaka, John Y. Teshima, G. Toshizawa, George M. Tsukasaki, C.S. Ushiro, Paul K. Yamauchi, and H. Yokoyama.

The signing ceremony in Mayor Feinstein's office included Supervisors Kopp and Louise Renne. Community participants from the JACL included, Ron Wakabayashi, National Director; Yoshio Nakashima, District Governor; Carole Hayashino, National JACL Redress Staff; George Kondo, NCWNP Regional Director; Clifford Uyeda, Golden Gate Chapter; Bill Kyono; San Francisco

Chapter; and David Nakayama, Youth Director. In the signing ceremony, Mayor Feinstein noted, "It is 40 years since Japanese Americans were moved out of their homes and jobs to relocation camps. As each year passes, we become more and more conscious of the great wrong that was done to so many good citizens."



IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE—JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi speaks on behalf of the League while San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein (left) looks on. Feinstein had signed the ordinance which calls for reparations to Japanese American former city and county workers who lost their jobs due to the evacuation and internment of World War II.

PSWDC redress group meet Feb. 11

LOS ANGELES—The fourth monthly PSWDC Redress meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m. at the JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., 2nd floor.

JACL membership saw an increase in 1982

SAN FRANCISCO—Final membership figures for the Japanese American Citizens League, for the calendar year 1982, show a slight increase over the previous year. A total of 26,770 was reported, and 44 of the 12 chapters that make up the national organization showed increases in their membership.

Officials of the 53-year-old organization expressed optimism with the annual membership total, especially in light of the overall economic downturn in the country. The recession appeared to have an impact on similar ethnic organizations in their membership retention.

JACL spokespersons indicated that their outlook for a further increase in membership during the 1983 calendar was good in

spite of the continued troubled economy that is plaguing the U.S. The organization has provided its chapters with computerized renewal forms to support efforts to retain members. Also in effect for the first time is a new format to facilitate the recruitment of new members.

Because of the organization's efforts in sponsoring legislation to establish the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which will be making recommendations to Congress, and follow-up legislation from the JACL, organizational representatives felt that there would be greater attraction for membership. Another factor that is being cited for the optimism for increased membership is the increasing attention that is focused on relations between the United States and Japan, since Japanese Americans are often affected by the status of this relationship.

There is some concern that the cultural and community diffusion that often takes place in third and fourth generations in an ethnic community would erode participation in organizations like the JACL. The presence of seven Sansei among the 18 members of the JACL National Board is viewed as a very positive sign by the organization. The newly elected National President, Floyd D. Shimomura, is a Sansei.

JACL drops loan rate to 13.5%

SALT LAKE CITY—At its January meeting, the National JACL Credit Union board lowered its loan rate from 15% to 13½% APR, effective immediately. The economic recession has lowered loan demands, thereby by allowing a reciprocal lowering of rates.

The annual Credit Union meeting will be held on Feb. 19, 6:30 pm, at the Ramada Inn here.

and the couple resides in the Silverlake area.

● Government

In one of his final actions before leaving office, Governor Jerry Brown appointed Mrs. Yo Abe of Los Angeles to the 25-member State Commission of Aging. The Hollywood JACLer and community volunteer has served on the Board of the Pioneer Center as secretary, and was president of the Friends of the Little Tokyo Public Library. She is currently on the Board of Directors of the Little Tokyo Service Center and the Oriental Service Center, as well as the Japanese Welfare Rights Organization. In addition, Mrs. Abe is completing a two-year term as a California Senior Legislator, a volunteer organization concerned with legislation and its impact on older persons. The new commissioner is married to Danar Abe



Yoshiye Abe

San Jose to fete 60th year

SAN JOSE, Ca.—San Jose JACL, one of the oldest among the chapters in the national organization, will celebrate its 60th year of existence with a gala commemoration banquet and program in conjunction with its annual installation of new cabinet and board members on Saturday, February 19, 6 p.m., at the Le Baron Hotel, 1350 North First St.

The guest speaker will be the Honorable William Marutani of Philadelphia. Marutani is a jurist in the Court of Common Pleas and a member of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. Judge Marutani participated in the hearing testimony from hundreds of witnesses from throughout USA including many from Santa Clara Valley during the commission hearing in 1981.

Congressman Norman Mineta will serve as the master of ceremonies for the evening's program which will include the installation of 1983 San Jose JACL cabinet officers and new Board members by Ron Wakabayashi, Executive Director of National JACL.

Tickets for the \$20 a person filet mignon dinner are available from the following members of the Steering Committee: Ken Iwagaki, chairman (408) 241-1960, Grant Shimizu 253-5174, Yosh Uchida 288-9850, George Neyama 275-9200, Yuki Okuda 289-8488 (Blue Cross office) Nadine Yamamoto 295-4301.

Tri-District Conference Set

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Reno, Nev.

The 1983 Tri-District Conference for NCWNPDC, CCDCC and PSWDC will be held on April 22, 23 and 24 at the Reno Hilton.

The theme for the conference will be "Redress—Time for Action."

Advance registration at the Reno Hilton will be \$40 per room (up to 4 persons). Cards for reservation will be distributed through the local chapters. The deadline for hotel reservations will be April 7.

An advance conference package which will include registration, Friday night mixer and Saturday lunch will be \$25. Registration cards will be available through the chapters. This deadline will be April 1, 1983.

Conference Schedule

Conference registration opens April 22 from 2-10 p.m. On April 23, registration will continue from 8-12 noon.

Arrangements are being made for two keynote speakers on April 23. The following workshops will be conducted from 10:45-2:15 p.m. and 2:15-3:20 p.m.: U.S.-Japan Relations, Women's Concerns, Redress Fund Raising, Agricultural Issues and Aging and Retirement.

A special redress session will be conducted from 3:30-5 p.m. Saturday.

On April 24, each district will have an opportunity to conduct its own meeting. The wrap-up session will take place from 9:30 a.m.

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