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## Reagan cites Issei 'grape king' in speech to Japanese Diet

TOKYO—President Ronald Reagan was the first American president to address the Japanese Diet when he spoke before that body on Nov. 11. In his half-hour address, Reagan flattered the Japanese for their initiative, economic success, harmony, and commitment to a free society, and exhorted them to greater cooperation in trade and military defense.

Reagan also took the opportunity to criticize the Soviet Union for their "unwillingness to negotiate in good faith" for nuclear arms reductions.

And near the end of his speech, he described briefly the life of Kanaye Nagasawa, an Issei who for some exemplifies the mutually enriching contacts between the U.S. and Japan.

### Excerpts from Reagan's Speech

"One cannot stand in this chamber without feeling a part of your proud history of nationhood and democracy, and the spirit of hope, carrying the dreams of your free people. Of all the strengths we possess, of all the ties that bind us, I believe the greatest is our dedication to freedom.

"We defend the right to voice our views, to speak words of dissent without being afraid, and to seek inner peace through communion with God.

"Our freedom inspires no fear because it poses no threat. We intimidate no one. And we will not be intimidated by anyone.

"We can become a powerful partnership for good not just in our own countries, not just in the Pacific region, but throughout the world. Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, my question is: Do we have the determination to meet the challenge of partnership and make it happen?"

"Yes, we do; and yes, we will.

"With our combined economies accounting for half the output of the free world, we cannot escape our global responsibilities. Our industries depend on the importation of energy and minerals from distant lands. Our prosperity requires a sound international financial system and free and open trading markets. And our security is inseparable from the security of our friends and neighbors."

### Arms Talks Must Go On

"The United States will accept any equitable, verifiable agreement that stabilizes forces at lower levels than currently exist. We want significant reductions and we are willing to compromise.

"We must not and we will not accept any agreement that transfers the threat of longer-range nuclear missiles from Europe to Asia.

"Our great frustration has been the other side's unwillingness to negotiate in good faith... [t]hey are blocking the dramatic reductions the world wants.

"The stronger the dedication of Japan, the United States, and our allies to peace through strength, the greater our contributions to building a more secure future will be.

"The blessings of your economic miracle, created by the genius of a talented, determined and dynamic people, can only be protected in the safe harbor of freedom."

### Protectionism Is Folly

"Your government's recent series of actions to reduce trade barriers are positive steps... In turn, I pledge my support to combat protectionist measures in my own country.

"We and the other industrialized countries share a responsibility to open up capital and trading markets, promote greater investment in each other's country, assist developing nations, and stop the leakage of military technology to an adversary bent on aggression and domination.

"The Pacific Basin represents the most exciting region of economic growth in the world today. Being a Californian, I have seen many miracles hardworking Japanese have brought to our shores.

"In 1865, a young samurai student, Kanaye Nagasawa, left Japan to learn what made the West economically strong and technologically advanced. Ten years later, he founded a small winery at Santa Rosa, California, called the Fountaingrove Round Barn and Winery. Soon he became known as the grape king of California. Nagasawa came to California to learn, and stayed to enrich our lives. Both our countries owe much to this Japanese warrior-turned-businessman.

"As the years pass, our contacts continue to increase at an astounding rate.

"For my part, I welcome this new Pacific tide. Let it roll peacefully on... Together, there is nothing Japan and America cannot do."

## Vincent Chin case proceeds on 2 fronts

DETROIT—Ronald Ebens and Michael Nitz, who beat Vincent Chin to death last year, pleaded not guilty at a Nov. 18 arraignment to charges that they violated Chin's civil rights.

The arraignment was held three hours earlier than scheduled, reported John Castine of the Detroit Free Press, apparently for security reasons. Reports that threats were made against the lives of Ebens and Nitz were confirmed by the FBI.

One threat against the East Detroit men was included in a letter sent in September to Wayne County Circuit Judge Charles Kaufman, which also threatened the lives of Kaufman and a police officer.

Kaufman sentenced Ebens and Nitz to three years' probation and \$3,780 fines last March after Ebens had pleaded guilty and Nitz pleaded no contest to a reduced charge of manslaughter.

A spokesperson for Kaufman said Friday that the letter was postmarked Chicago and signed in the name of a Chinese street gang.

A federal grand jury brought a two-count indictment against the two men Nov. 2, charging them with conspiracy to deprive Chin, 27, of his civil rights because of his race. Each charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

A week's recess in the arraignment was called to give the court time to find attorneys for the defendants, who pleaded that they were too poor to hire their own.

Ebens is represented by Frank Eaman, vice president for Legal Aid Defender Assn., and Nitz by Miriam Seifer, chief deputy for the Federal Defenders Office.

Lead counsel for the government is Ross Conneally, attorney with the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Dept. of Justice.

Members of the American Citizens for Justice appeared at court at the originally scheduled time, only to find the arraignment over. Helen Zia, AJC president, said members plan to attend all the proceedings as "interested parties," but that they do not intend to hinder the process.

U.S. District Judge Anna Diggs Taylor will hear the case from Jan. 17.

### State Courts Asked to Review Original Case

In another development, the American Citizens for Justice filed a request Nov. 9 in Lansing, asking the Michigan Court of Appeals to vacate the sentences meted out by Judge Kaufman and to send the case back to Wayne County District Court for resentencing.

Count 1 of the AJC's "writ of superintending control"

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Daily Yomiuri Photo

**HISTORIC OCCASION**—President Reagan delivers speech in plenary hall of the Japan Diet. At left is Mrs. Nancy Reagan applauding.

## WNET shies from 'Silk Screen' series

NEW YORK—"Silk Screen," the 6-week series of half-hour programs about Asian Americans, may make its debut on New York's WNET (Ch. 13) early next year, several months after its showing in the rest of the country.

Channel 13, the nation's largest PBS affiliate, was hesitant about the series, reported Tamio Spiegel in the New York Nichibei, because its staff considered the first two segments to be "very, very strong" material.

According to Chris Fenimore, head of WNET programming, the station previewed "Bittersweet Survival," by Christine Choy and J.T. Takagi, which addresses the problems of Southeast Asian refugees, and "Sewing Woman," by Arthur Dong.

The staff decided to review the entire series before scheduling it.

Fenimore said that the sometimes graphic depiction of suffering in "Bittersweet Survival" precludes the series from WNET's early evening or daytime schedule. And the series' minority focus prevents its placement in prime time.

"The fact that the series concentrates on the interests of a smaller part of the general audience than we serve means also that it is a fringe time program for us," Fenimore said.

He acknowledged that "Silk Screen" might draw viewers outside the Asian American community. "Maybe the real target for that series is a

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## Yasui honored by Oregon ACLU

PORTLAND, Or.—National JACL Redress Chair Minoru Yasui was honored Nov. 19 by the Oregon American Civil Liberties Union in ceremonies at the Benson Hotel. Yasui received the E.B. MacNaughton Award for outstanding contributions to civil liberties.

Featured speaker at the award banquet was Angus C. MacBeth, special counsel for the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

On the night of March 28, 1942, Yasui walked the streets of Portland in violation of the curfew, twice phoning the FBI that a Japanese was wandering the streets after hours. He was eventually arrested that night and spent nine months in the county jail and more than a year in detention camps.

"It was not an intelligent thing to do," Yasui said of his

intentional violation of military orders. "It was a matter of idealism."

### Educating the Public

Walter Sakai, Portland JACL redress chair, noted that, "Aside from the well-deserved recognition for Minoru Yasui, the attendant publicity provided Min an opportunity to speak to college students in Western Oregon, TV audiences, and to the City Club of Portland. The latter is an influential body of civic leaders.

"All this publicity in addition to the newspaper and radio publicity did much to educate the local citizenry of what happened in 1942."

Sakai also expressed gratitude to those who supported the event. "We would like to take the opportunity to thank the many districts and chapters that ran congratulatory messages in the program booklet," he said.

## Nisei GI photo exhibit shown on Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON — The "Go For Broke"/Yankee Samurai photo exhibit was on display in the Cannon House Office Bldg. Rotunda for three weeks in November, announced the offices of Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui of California and Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii.

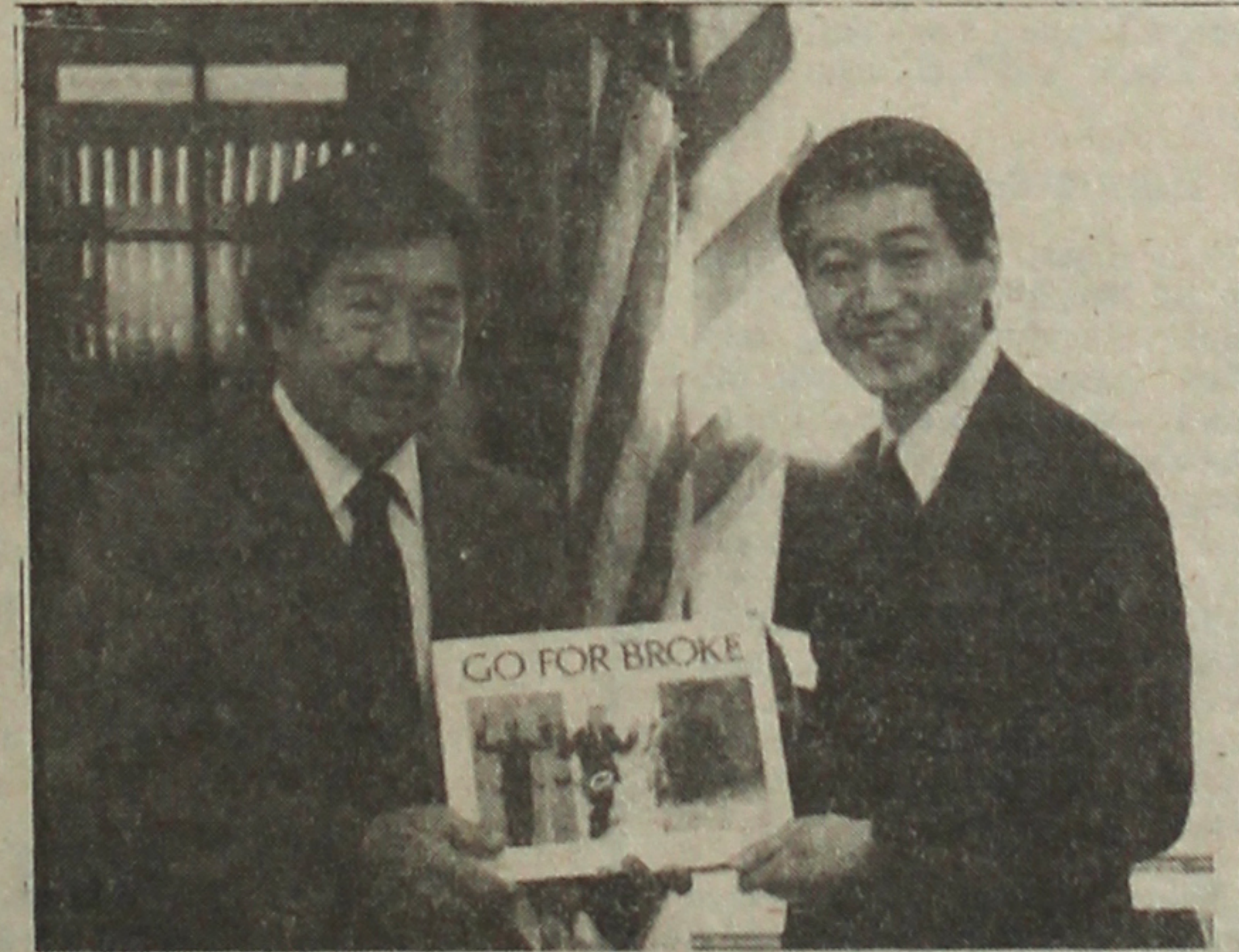
The exhibit documents the heroic actions in WW2 of the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service.

In addition to seven Presidential Unit Citations, the members of the 100th/442nd earned 18,143 individual decorations, including one Medal of Honor, 47 Distinguished

Service Crosses, 350 Silver Stars, 810 Bronze Stars and more than 3,600 Purple Hearts. The 100th Battalion was a separate unit until it became the 1st Battalion of the 442nd RCT.

The Yankee Samurai portion of the exhibit documents the key role played by American MIS members of Japanese ancestry. U.S. military officials have acknowledged that the ability of these officers in translating Japanese military communications shortened the war and saved countless lives.

Both Matsunaga and Inouye are decorated veterans of the 100th Battalion/442nd RCT, and Mineta served during the Korean War as a military intelligence officer. #



**CAPITOL EXHIBIT**—Chester Tanaka (left), author of 'Go For Broke,' presents copy of book to Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) in Washington, D.C.



**Member of blue-ribbon commission to speak on U.S.-Japan relations**

SAN FRANCISCO—Yotaro Kobayashi, a member of the newly named joint U.S.-Japan Advisory Commission (known informally as the 'Wisemen's Group'), will give a luncheon address entitled U.S.-Japan Relations: Current Status and Opportunities on Friday, Dec. 2, from 12 noon, in the World Affairs Center.

Named by President Reagan and Prime Minister Nakasone to provide long-range perspectives in the U.S.-Japan bilateral relationship, the commission also includes David Packard, chair of Hewlett-Packard; James Bere, chair of Borg-Warner; Douglas Fraser, president emeritus of the UAW; Nobuhiko Ushiba, former advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs; Saburo Okita, former Foreign Minister; and Akio Morita, chair of the Sony Corporation.

Kobayashi has served with Fuji Xerox since the early 1960s and has headed the firm since 1978, when he implemented the concept of "Total Quality Control." The program won the 1980 Deming Application Prize, a prestigious Japanese award for enterprises which demonstrate outstanding improvement in quality performance.

Another result of Kobayashi's efforts has been the adoption of the "Leadership Through Quality" slogan this year by the Xerox Corp. Prior to obtaining his MBA in industrial management from the Wharton School of Univ. of Pennsylvania in 1958, Kobayashi received his BA in economics from Keio Univ. in Tokyo.

For reservations and information, call the Japan Society of Northern California at (415) 986-4383. #

**Two added to JACCC board of directors**

LOS ANGELES—Two new members were added to the 33-member Japanese American Cultural and Community Center board of directors at its regular meeting on Oct. 19.

Replacing Victor M. Carter and Shunji Shinoda who were elevated to the honorary board of governors were Noritoshi Kanai, president of Mutual Trading Co., and Edward M. Nakata, CPA, partner in the firm of Touche, Ross and Co.

Frank Kuwahara was re-elected president for the 1983-84 term.

Kanai, a native of Tokyo, graduated Hitotsubashi University of Commerce. He is a member of the Japanese Philharmonic Society board, and Japanese Chamber of Commerce of So. Calif. vice president.

Nakata is national director of Japanese services for Touche and a UCLA graduate; is member of the Japanese American Bar Assn., the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Japan Business Assn.

"The challenge of future years is to develop programs which meet the potentials in-

herent in our fine facility and to develop the strong membership base which can provide financial support and audiences for these programs," JACCC executive director Gerald D. Yoshitomi said. #

**Postal veteran to head Honolulu unit**

HONOLULU—Michio Mike Harada was installed as district manager postmaster of Honolulu on Oct. 20. The 36-year postal veteran served as district director of mail processing the past 10 years for the Pacific area, which includes Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa and the Trust Territory, with 2,350 total employees.

A native of Maui, the new postmaster attended the Univ. of Hawaii and the executive program at UCLA.

The World War II veteran was an interpreter for the Military Intelligence Service.

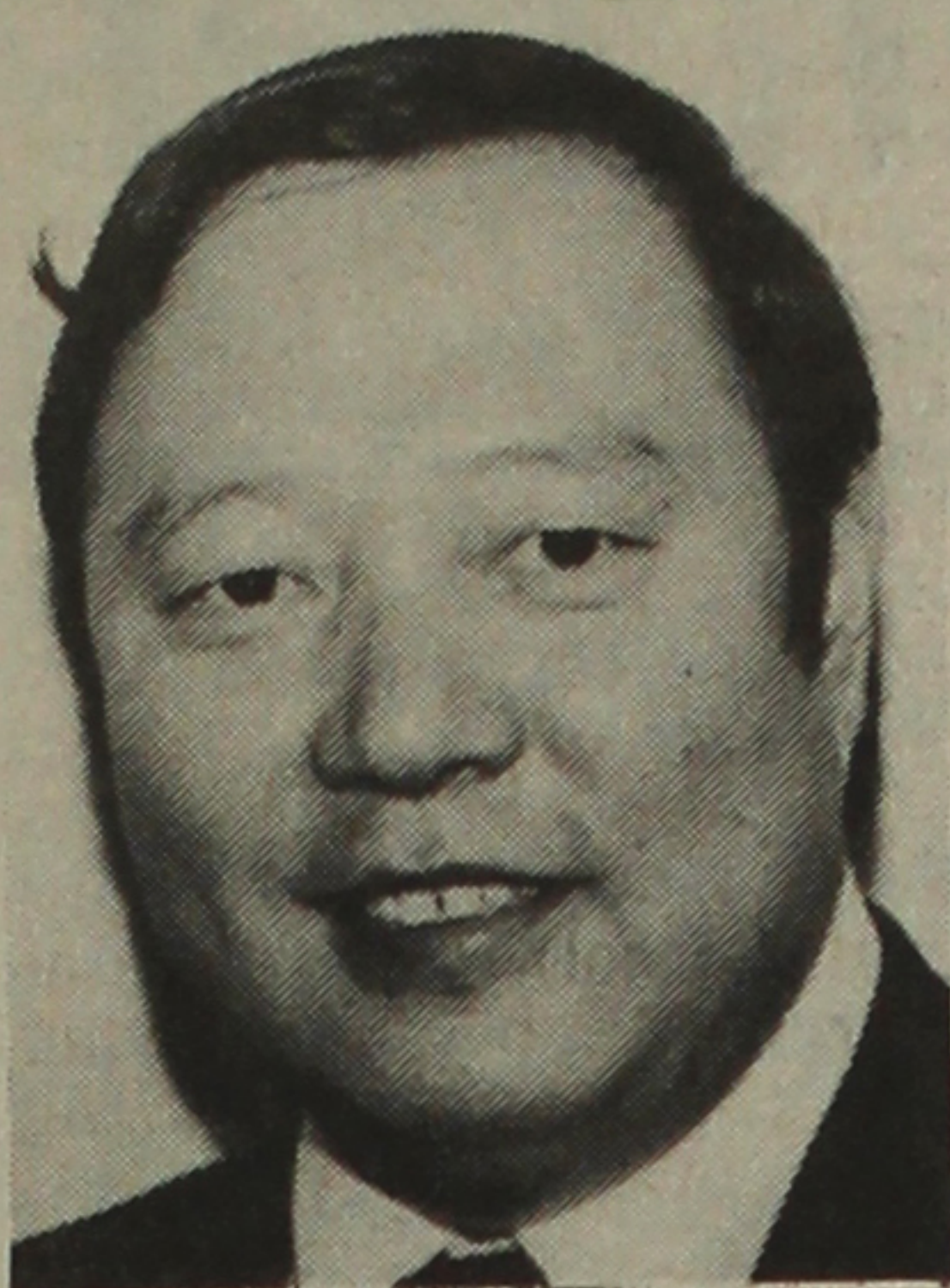
**Science**

Seismologist Keiti Aki of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, has accepted an appointment of professorship in geological sciences at USC. The Yokohama-born consultant to the National Science Foundation, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Los Alamos National Laboratory and the United Nations joined MIT in 1966.

*deaths*

Hiroshi Nakayama, 65, of Kent, Wash., died Nov. 11 following a long illness. Nakayama twice served as president of White River Valley JACL and last September was named one of the state's outstanding citizens with his wife, Sachiko, for 15 years of work with Japanese-American cultural exchange programs. He is survived by w; s Curtis (Mercer Island), d Dorene Monroe (Kent); 2gc. #

Richard Loo, 80, Hollywood actor who played villainous roles during WW2, died Nov. 19 in a Burbank, Calif., hospital. The Maui-born actor won his start at the Pasadena Playhouse in the 1930s. (In the '50s and '60s, JACL alerted TV stations about films objectionable to persons of Japanese ancestry—such as "Tokyo Rose," in which Loo had a starring role—that depicted Nisei as spies and being disloyal.) #



Harvard Jee

**Politics**

A naturalized Korean American, Harvard Jee, of Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., was appointed 1984 Democratic National Convention co-chair, the first Asian American in history to hold a leadership position at a nominating convention. He has worked in the California campaigns for Mayor Tom Bradley, Gov. Jerry Brown, Sen. Alan Cranston and with the finance committee of the President Carter campaigns of 1976 and 1980. He is also chair of the Far Eastern Affairs task force of the Democratic Congressional Caucus and member of the National Religious Broadcasters Assn. and heads the religious TV station WJKL (24) in Baltimore.

**Government**

Gov. George Deukmejian on Oct. 19 announced in Sacramento the appointments of Dr. Verna B. Dauterive and Phillis W. Cheng of Los Angeles, Arlene Nielsen of Tiburon and Marjorie Hansen Shaevitz of La Jolla to the California Commission on the Status of Women. Dauterive, 54, principal of Ranklin Avenue School, Los Angeles, replaces Irene Hirano, who served as chair of the commission. Cheng, 31, is a public policy consultant.

Hawaii Gov. Ariyoshi Nov. 7 named Wayne Yamasaki, 41, director of the state Dept. of Transportation, succeeding Ryokichi Higashionna, who returned to private engineering practice. A 1965 Univ. of Hawaii graduate with a master's from USC, Yamasaki has been in state service since 1969.

**Architect**

Architect Joseph Y. Yamada of San Diego was conferred the 1983 Special Award for Excellence in Allied Arts by the California Council of the American Institute of Architects. The UC-San Diego graduate and president of Wimmer, Yamada & Associates was recognized for his involvement in design, preservation and enhancement of San Diego's public environment. "Mr. Yamada's 20 years of practice has been a positive factor in the overall beauty and planning of the open spaces, park facilities and private projects," said CCAIA president Paul Neel. Cited were projects at Plaza de Balboa Park, Spanish Landing, Embarcadero Marina Park, El Cajon Civic Center, UC-San Diego, and San Diego River Way.

**Education**

Four Hawaii students have received 1983 Mombusho scholarships to study in Japan: John Allen Tucker, Kevin Todd Michael Johnson, Melanie Chiaki Nagatori and Janet Keiko Asato. Tucker and Johnson, graduate U.H. students are in an 18-month course in political philosophy (Kyoto Univ.) and geology (Hokkaido Univ.) respectively. Nagatori and Asato, seniors at the UH department of East Asian languages and literature, will study Japanese for a year.

Noboru Yonamine was elected chair of the Hawaii state board of education in a 7-6 vote over Mako Araki. He had served as chair in 1975-77 and 1981. His goal has been that Neighbor Islands get their fair share.

**Organizations**

Asian Law Caucus of San Francisco Bay Area announced the hiring of Peggy K. Saika as executive director. Saika, who succeeds Don Tamaki, was coordinator of Asian Community Services and co-director of Asian Community Center in Sacramento from 1970-1978. She has served on the boards of Asian Legal Services Outreach in Sacramento, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York, and the Public Interest Law Foundation of NYU Law School.

Dr. Tetsunao Yamamori assumes on June 1, 1984, the presidency of Food for the Hungry, an international Christian relief and development agency. With service offices in 10 countries, Food for the Hungry has its international coordination center in Geneva, Switzerland. Its 1984 budget, including a U.S. AID program in Bolivia, is estimated at \$74 million.

**Health**

Richard M. Ikeda, M.D., director of Sacramento's Health For All, premiered a program on general medical subjects on KXTV, (10) Oct. 16. Entitled "Spotlight on Medicine," it airs every third Sunday of the month. Dr. Ikeda holds degrees from Harvard and Univ. of Vienna Medical School Austria.

Four USC Cancer Center faculty members were recipients of one-year grants from Cancer Research Associates and other private donors, including Dr. Stanley Tahara, assistant professor of microbiology. He is using his \$25,000 grant for "Transcriptional Regulation of Mammalian Translation Initiation Factor eIF-4A." He joined the faculty this year after four years of post-doctoral study at Roch Institute of Molecular Biology. He earned his Ph.D. in biochemistry at UC-Riverside.

**Everest climber vows '87 attempt**

KATMANDU, Nepal—James Sano, 28, of Yosemite Valley, Calif., who led an American team to climb Mount Everest in mid-September but was forced to turn back due to vicious winds and snowstorms, has vowed he'll try again in 1987.

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## Little Tokyo groups to receive grants

LOS ANGELES—To ensure that non-profit organizations, small businesses and small developers continue to have a part in redeveloping Little Tokyo, a special task force of the Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee (LTC-DAC) successfully sought funds from the Community Redevelopment Agency to benefit such groups.

Funds may be used for re-

ducing mortgage loans, reducing relocation hardships, re-entering the Little Tokyo Project area, tenant improvement costs or operations.

Non-profit organizations, small developers and small businesses that qualify for development priority or relocation benefits under the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Plan and Owner Participation Rules automatically

qualify for funding consideration.

Others may submit applications with information as to how they serve the Little Tokyo community and to their need for aid because of hardships created by redevelopment.

Tax increment funds generated by private developments in Little Tokyo are currently almost the sole source of CRA funds in the continuing redevelopment of the area. Tax increment funds are the difference between property taxes based on new development and the property tax level prior to redevelopment.

For further information on grant application procedures, please call LTC-DAC, 628-2725. #

## Chinese organization re-elects president

ROCKVILLE, Md.—Robert Wu was reelected as national president of the Organization of Chinese Americans at a meeting of the group's board of directors Nov. 12-13, reported Asian Week.

Other officers elected for 1984 were:

Harold Yee of San Francisco, v.p./economic affairs; Andrew Wong of Detroit, v.p./public affairs; Andy Chen of Pittsburgh, v.p./cultural education; Bill Shek of Long Island, v.p./chapter development; Laura Lum of Pittsburgh, v.p./administration; Austin Tao of St. Louis, v.p./finance; James Lee of Washington, D.C., treasurer; Ruth Wong of Washington, D.C., secretary.

At the meeting OCA celebrated the founding of its 30th chapter in El Paso, Texas. #

## Santa due Dec. 3 at Village Plaza

LOS ANGELES—A grand procession escorts Shogun Santa down First St. from Weller Court to the Japanese Village Plaza on Saturday, Dec. 3, 12 noon.

Santa will be riding on top of a mikoshi (portable shrine) carried on the shoulders of 40 young men from Lanakila Tri Hi Y and Key Club (from Alhambra High School). In the line of march will be Councilman Gilbert Lindsay, 1983 Nisei Week queen Tracy Isawa; the Fujima Kansuma dancers, and Boy Scout Troop 379.

Kagami mochi will decorate Shogun Santa's teahouse during his visit. Patrons will have a chance to decorate the pine trees by writing New Year's wishes on a colorful strip of paper. #

## Sugahara group reconvenes in LA

LOS ANGELES—The U.S.-Asia Institute and the L.A. County Economic Development Corp. co-sponsored a weekend conference on the information revolution and its impact on Asian nations Nov. 17-18 at the L.A. County Hall of Administration. Thai Ambassador to the U.S. Kasem S. Kasemsri was the main speaker.

Some 100 representatives participated. The institute, headed by Kay Sugahara of New York, was formed four years ago to promote economic cooperation and cultural interflow between the U.S. and Asian nations. #



**MERRY KURISUMASU**—Shogun Santa and his dog Ai (Love) ask for toys and canned food for the needy. Shogun Santa will give \$1 off on a photo with him to those who bring donations 11 a.m.-6 p.m. daily in L.A. Japanese Village Plaza.

## Merger of largest Nikkei CPA firm with DH&S expands market

NEW YORK—Sho Iino Accountants, the largest and oldest Japanese American accounting firm, has agreed to combine its practice with that of Deloitte Haskins & Sells. (See Aug. 19 PC.)

The announcement was made jointly by Charles Steele, chairman of DHS, International, and Thomas Iino, managing partner of Sho Iino Accountants.

The two firms will encompass Iino's headquarters in Los Angeles, Sacramento, and New York, effective as of Nov. 13. The merger is part of a multiphase expansion program by DH&S, said Steele.

"The Sho Iino acquisition is especially important with regard to Japanese companies doing business in U.S., and that's an area we feel is very important," said Keith Renken, partner-in-charge of DH&S, Los Angeles region.

The 54-member Sho Iino firm provides services to more than 130 U.S. subsidiaries of Japanese companies, including Bridgestone Tire Co., America; U.S. Suzuki Motor Corp.; and Nissin Foods (USA) Co., Inc.

Iino founded the firm in 1947. His son, Tom, succeeded him as managing partner in 1961. (One of Iino's earlier accounts was the Pacific Citizen, the national JACL organ, which he did as a service.) #

## Community Affairs

SAN FRANCISCO—Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California raised its building fund total to just under \$750,000 with a contribution of \$25,000 from Sumitomo Bank of California. Yori Wada chairs the capital development campaign. Those wishing to contribute to the building program may do so by contacting the JCCNC office, 1759 Sutter St., 567-5505.

SAN JOSE—Yu-Ai-Kai, a community senior service center, announces five job openings. Interested applicants should contact Gail Uyehara, Lily Weckerly or Mike Kaku at (408) 294-2505. Bi-cultural and bi-lingual (English/Japanese) applicants preferred.

LOS ANGELES—The Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California and the UCLA Asian Pacific Law Students Assn. offer free Medi-Cal counseling to senior citizens every Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments can be made for weekends. Sessions take place at 620 W. Olympic Blvd. For further information: 746-6029.

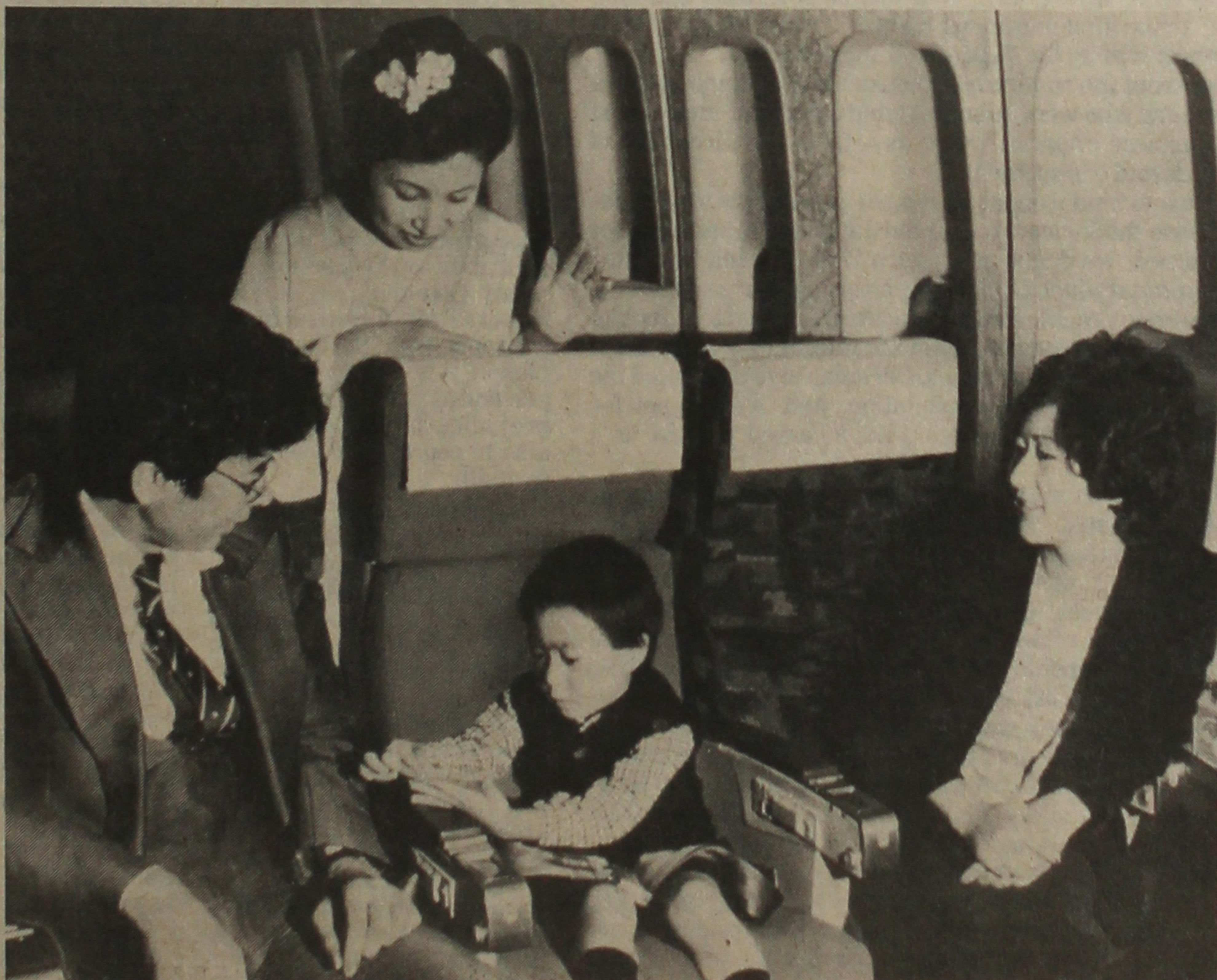
OXNARD, Ca.—A fund-raising party hosted by Harry and Janet Kajihara raised \$700 for the benefit of John K. Flynn, chair of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors on Oct. 23. Flynn was active in obtaining a resolution from the Board supporting Redress.

## Cultural Calendar

HAYWARD, Ca.—Matsuri: A Community Festival of Japanese Folk Art and Japanese American Crafts is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, at the Sun Gallery, 1015 E Street. The Festival offers traditional mengei folk art, paper bowls, pine needle baskets, textiles, porcelains, darumas and other works by contemporary Nikkei artists. The sale and exhibition ends Jan. 7, 1984.

SAN FRANCISCO—Kokusai Theatre presents "The Extraordinary Adventures of the Mouse and His Child," the first film of a children's holiday film festival, Dec. 3-4, 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon. The festival features full-length color films with English dialogue. Kokusai is located at 1700 Post Street. For further information, call 563-1401.

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## Nikkei Opposition to Redress

Philadelphia

THERE ARE MANY Nikkei who are opposed to redress so long as it involves payment of money. Among their reasons are that receipt of money is "degrading," that it "cheapens" what happened, that it will cause a backlash. There is an element of *haji*, particularly perhaps for those Nikkei who've "made it" (or believe that they have) and to be the recipient of a pittance from the government would be "stirring up the waters" and may be a source of *haji* among our fellow Americans.

AND SO SOME of these Nikkei, while unable to dismiss the gravity and enormity of all that was heaped against the Issei and Nisei from 1942, are willing to let it all pass with an apology from our government. Sounds magnanimous and noble enough. Based upon the cultural ethics passed along to us from our Issei parents, we can comprehend this viewpoint and even have sympathy with it.

THE DIFFICULTY, HOWEVER, is that in the cultural milieu in which we operate, to make amends for a wrong committed, an apology—even a sincere one—is considered worthless. Indeed, in many instances, it would be considered a laughable joke. If you have any doubts about this, the next time you receive a traffic ticket, try an apology, a sincere apology, down at the traffic court. Or if you're unlucky enough to be involved in an auto accident; or fail to live up to your contract; or false imprisonment, defamatory statements of another, and so on. When a major corporation is charged with anti-trust violation or price-fixing, does the U. S. Government accept an apology?

Don't be foolish; of course, not.

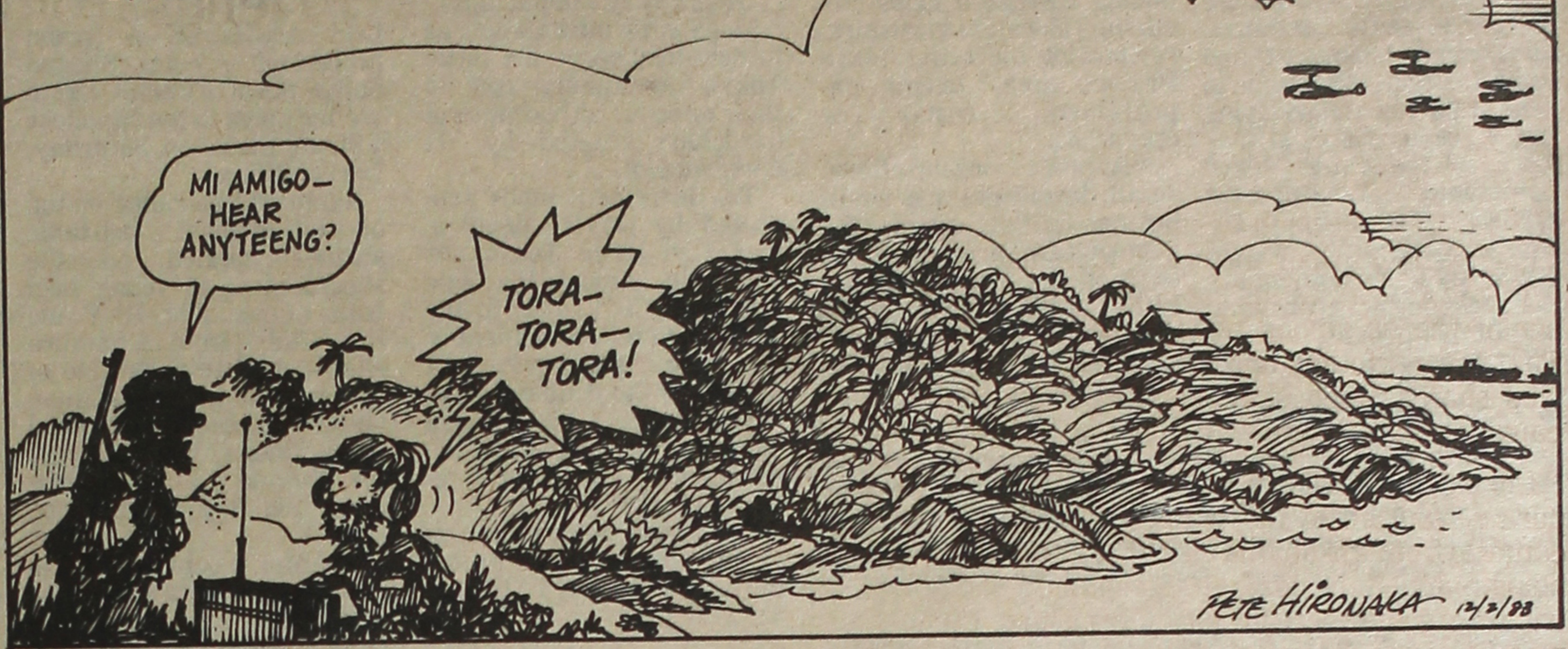
AND SO WHAT about the ignominious uprooting, exclusion and incarceration of thousands upon thousands of innocent, helpless, law-abiding Americans and their parents whose only common trait was sharing a particular ethnicity? Do we now permit compounding of the indignities of 1942 by a new indignity of special "remedies" today for those victims—namely, merely an apology? When everyone else is provided with a meaningful remedy—that is, one that involves money?

THE MONEY IN and of itself is unimportant; what is important as to the money is that it gives *meaning*, under our cultural values, to that apology. Without money, the apology is empty. Again, we remind you, if you persist in dreaming, try merely an apology down at the traffic court next time. Or in any other situation where you are called upon to make amends. Or where you seek amends.

SO NOW IT is a matter of honor; the vindication of the memory of thousands of Issei who have left us without ever having received an apology, a meaningful apology, from our government. It is a matter of honor for the future of all Nikkei in the United States. It is, most importantly, a matter of honor for this, our proud nation.

FOR THOSE NIKKEI who harbor some of the reverberations we've touched upon in the opening of this column: we understand. But please reciprocate that understanding by your understanding of what "the rules of the game" are under which we function. The money itself is not important; but it is an integral part of a *meaningful* apology. Without it, it will be empty, a fraud. #

## POST-NEWS CENSORSHIP RELEASE: GRENADA...OCT. 25, 1983



## Keeping Track

### 'Do Not Prostitute Democracy'

FILIPINO AMERICAN DELTA CHAPTER  
 American Ex-Prisoners of War  
 Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS, this Chapter and its members are aware of the problems of apartheid, segregation, and racial prejudice;

WHEREAS, the healing of the wounds inflicted by the last general war should now be healed and forgotten;  
 Having Been Deliberated and Considered Seriously in their Proper Light,

WHEREFORE, on motion of Comrade Franky T. Respicio, duly seconded by Comrade Monico Almachar, now THEREFORE, WE HEREBY—

RESOLVE, as it is hereby resolved, to request very kindly the Federal Government to refrain, desist, and forbear enacting into law that Bill to allocate a great sum of money, to bind an alleged wound inflicted upon the Japanese American Ex-Internee, here in the United States, as we think it is very wrong, as it may serve to reopen the wounds inflicted upon the American people, and other people, insofar as the last war is concerned, due to the following reasons:

1. We are not blind to discern that blood is thicker than water. Although we know that the Japanese Americans are American citizens (by reason of birth—Jus Soli), they are still very much Japanese in blood, and no amount of logic will equate the sentiments of blood relationship;
2. How about the feelings of the American people and the American Ex-Prisoners of War who suffered from the atrocities of the Japanese Imperial Army, are they not entitled to the same treatment?
3. How about the almost 12,000 members of the Philippine Scouts, a component of the United States Army by an Act of Congress as of Oct. 1, 1901, who fought in Bataan and Corregidor, made that infamous Bataan Death March, taken Prisoners of War by the Japanese Imperial Army?
4. How about the hundreds of thousands of Filipino Soldiers and Civilians who were mangled, mutilated and imprisoned by the Japanese Imperial Army, have their sacrifices been in vain and devoid of sentiments?
5. Are we to bind wounds or reopen them by social legislation? Please think clearly. Had the Japanese Americans not been interned, we doubt very much if they would have survived the ordeal which is not really an ordeal, but a sanctuary, a sacred and inviolable asylum, that housed them to safety, to protect an endangered species in the midst of an angry mob. Yes, it is by reason of safety, and Christian love that saved the internees from complete annihilation. And, were it not for Christian America, Japan would have ceased to exist as a nation.

RESOLVED, once more, that the present clamor under House Resolution No. 3387, sponsored by Hon. Mike Lowry and Sen. Alan Cranston, who also introduced a similar Bill, allocating a great sum of money to be given away to individual Japanese Internees, BE ABANDONED, as it is the blood money of millions of people living and dead, crying for social disorganization, should the Japanese Americans be given special treatment and distinction, whereas they should be very thankful for they were spared from the vicissitudes of war, as they were succored to safety by the U.S. Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, after receiving the blessings of liberty, humanity, and safety, the Japanese Americans should not be allowed to use, misuse, and abuse that freedom to prostitute democracy by invoking citizenship, which is but a privilege and not a right. NO, SIR. Citizenship is a political issue. You may be an American outside, but down deep inside you are not. We believe that the Japanese Americans owe a lot of gratitude, and have received more than enough in money and in kind more so spiritually from the United States Government. They should be very much ashamed as they counted themselves to be Americans. Asking compensation from the

U.S. Government? Are they not truly Americans or are they still Japanese? The Honorable S.I. Hayakawa commented: "It makes me crawl to my flesh with embarrassment to be considered Japanese."

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish copies of this resolution to those listed legislators of the Federal Government, for their sense of proportion and appropriate action to handle this burning political issue of citizenship under the guise of social justice.

APPROVED, this 12th day of July, 1983, here at Stockton, California.

[Signed]  
 Leonardo M. Cancio, Commander  
 Lew Moldenhauer, Vice Commander

## Chiaroscuro

### What to Tell Our Children

By BILL YOSHIMOTO  
 Tulare County JACL

Visalia, Ca.

In my position as a deputy-in-charge in the Tulare County district attorney's office, I have the opportunity to visit virtually every district of our county. I have even been up to the 8,000-foot level of the Sierra Nevadas prosecuting logging violations. Our county is truly diverse in its geography and its people.

Within the midst of this cultural diversity exists the Japanese American community. I cannot help but feel my conspicuousness everywhere I go. My heritage follows and at times precedes me. My uniqueness does not lie in my education or my position, but in my God-given racial character. I am different in appearance from the other peoples of this area. I have experienced overt racism and prejudice in many areas and also in court. I am saddened by it all.

I wonder what will my son, Josh, and my daughter, Keiko, face when they begin to attend school. Will they come home and tell me—as some other Japanese American children have told their parents—that they do not like their faces because the other children at school make fun of them? What am I going to say? What did you tell your children or what did your parents tell you?

The JACL cannot miraculously change man's cruelty to man, nor can it provide the quick easy answer to a child's pained question about his face. But we can be supportive when you share the pride and specialness of having a

Japanese American heritage with your child. We hope in the near future to offer a summer enrichment program that focuses in on the Japanese American experience by teaching culture, art, language, history and food to support your efforts. Our committee has been meeting and is in need of your input and ideas. Please take the time to respond. Even a short note is important for encouragement is of great value. #

## CHIN

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charges that the order of probation for Ebens and Nitz was obtained through misrepresentation and fraud by the defendants' attorneys, which was permitted in court by the absence of a prosecuting attorney.

Count 2 charges that sentences of probation are not permissible under Michigan law in cases of second-degree murder even if they are plea bargained to manslaughter.

Count 3 charges that the excessive leniency of the sentences is shocking to the conscience of the community, and that following the example of the Michigan Supreme Court's ruling in *People vs. Coles* (Oct. 24, 1983), the sentences should be vacated.

The appeal to the state courts is unrelated to the federal proceedings. A ruling is not anticipated for several months. AJC has called the appeal "unprecedented." #



FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Tokyo  
Late in 1938 Alice and I left a depression-ridden America to seek fame and fortune in Singapore where a job awaited. We found neither fame nor fortune, but we had some interesting experiences and made a number of friends among the Japanese who lived there. That was a lifetime ago. But thanks to T. John Fujii, who shared some of our Singapore experience, we caught up with several old friends on this trip to Tokyo.

For old times' sake he arranged a dinner at the Singapura restaurant in the Roppongi area. Jiro Kimura came up from Yokohama even though his daughter was being married the next day. Kashimura-san made the trip from somewhere in up-country Japan. Fumi Minamoto, born in Singapore, lives in Tokyo and had the shortest distance to travel.

Over "sati" and "nasi goreng" and other Malay goodies whose names I can neither spell nor remember, we talked about the past. Fumi, in anticipation of war in

## Catching Up with Friends from Singapore

1941, had left Singapore for Bangkok. When Japan seized Singapore she went back and for her the war years were relatively uneventful.

Kimura and Kashimura, along with other Japanese residents, were arrested by the British when war broke out and sent to a prison camp in India. They lost everything they owned and didn't get back to Japan until nearly a year after the surrender.

They recalled the boredom of camp life and the miserable food. The British gave the prisoners a choice of their officers' or enlisted men's rations. The officers were white, the enlisted men Indians. The whites didn't eat rice; the enlisted men did. The Japanese chose the rice diet and soon discovered there wasn't much else to go with it. For four years. There was no War Relocation Authority looking out for them. There was no relocation program. Just boredom and lousy food.

We talked about the Singapore Nisei we had known, the locally born offspring of Japanese immigrants. One, an intelligent and likable chap named Sasaki, had contracted Hansen's disease while we were there. We

visited him several times in a primitive Singapore leprosarium. No one knew what had happened to him during or after the war.

There was another Nisei named Okamoto. He was sent to the camp in India with the Japanese, and after the war he had no choice but to go to Japan. He had no family. His knowledge of the Japanese language was rudimentary. Kashimura said he helped care for Okamoto for a while and understood he now was teaching English somewhere on the island of Shikoku.

There must have been many other locally born Japanese in Malaya and Singapore. Like the American Nisei they went to the local schools, learned to speak English and Malay and a bit of Japanese. But when war came they were Japanese, and after the war they had to go to a Japan they did not know.

Fumi Minamoto was among the more fortunate. She knew Japanese as well as Malay and English, and with those skills it wasn't too difficult to get a job in post-war Japan. But what of the others? Someday I'd like to find Okamoto and hear his story and that of the other Singapore Nisei he grew up with. #

### Guest's Corner

## NCCR Wins Over Alameda County Board of Supervisors

By CHIZU IYAMA

Oakland, Ca.

There was an air of victory at the party ... you could see it in the smiling faces of the Nikkei men and women and their friends ... you could hear it in the excited hum of voices and bursts of laughter as people hugged and greeted one another ... and you could smell and taste it with the generous repast spread on the table.

For it was a celebration ... the Alameda County Board of Supervisors agreed to pay \$5,000 each to seven county employees who lost their jobs in 1942 as a result of the government's internment order during World War II. Furthermore, the supervisors agreed to tape oral histories of the employees about their wartime experiences and make them available to the local schools and libraries. The National Coalition for Redress/Reparations was hosting the October celebration at the Lake Park Methodist Church in Oakland.

As an old-time JACLer, I was very impressed with the work of the NCCR, led primarily by our Sansei young people. As we gear up for our campaign for national redress, I think it's important that we go behind the short news releases and examine the elements which make up a successful operation.

#### Unexpected Resistance

Bill Sato of NCCR spoke slowly and recalled, "We started last spring by sounding out the chairperson of the Alameda Board of Supervisors about passage of an ordinance on redress. He was very sympathetic, and felt confident that the rest of the board would support it. We sent all the supervisors our material. We knew that other cities and counties, such as San Francisco and Los Angeles, had adopted similar measures ... and, after all, we are in the liberal East Bay ... so we didn't expect any resistance."

He smiled ruefully. "So you can imagine how shocked we were to realize that the majority of the board were against our proposal which was presented at the April 17 meeting by our counsel Joseph Morozumi."

"We were surprised by the questions asked by the supervisors," stated Naomi Kubota, co-chair of NCCR. "They thought the camps were voluntary, or made statements like, 'Japanese businesses are buying out the state,' or even suggested that the evacuation was the price Japanese Americans had to pay for the perpetuation of freedom. Some of the supervisors also were concerned about the legality of giving compensation."

"I was appalled by the attitude of the supervisors at that meeting," added attorney Don Tamaki. "We realized we had a big job of education before us."

Ernest Iiyama, one of the former employees of Alameda County, pointed out one of the divisive arguments presented by an antagonistic member of the audience at the April hearing. "This person alluded to the Kibei as being disloyal to the United States. I had to remind board members that the Kibei played a key role in the war in the Pacific, that their knowledge of the Japanese language was crucial and saved many American lives."

The proposal was temporarily tabled and sent to the county's administrative office for study.

#### Pulling a Campaign Together

From that time on until the passage of the ordinance at the end of September the NCCR members worked tirelessly. It is important to note that all this was done on volunteer time.

NCCR got letters in support of the ordinance from prominent politicians, including Rep. Ronald Dellums of Berkeley,

Speaker of the Assembly Willie Brown, supervisors from San Francisco, Sacramento and San Joaquin counties, Assemblymen Tom Bates and Ralph Dills, State Sen. Milton Marks, Mayor Lionel Wilson of Oakland, among others.

They obtained backing from labor unions, including the Alameda County Central Labor Council, the ILWU, and the Auto Workers Local 1364; civil rights organizations such as the National JACL, American Friends Service Committee, the ACLU, and the B'nai B'rith; Asian community organizations such as the Asian Law Caucus, East Bay Japanese for Action, Japanese Community Progressive Alliance, Chinese Progressive Assn.; and Buddhist and Christian churches.

They also met with friends in the media to encourage positive coverage in the press. They had a petition campaign in the summer and got over a thousand signatures.

They worked diligently behind the scenes with the Alameda county counsel to write an ordinance that could give redress in a legal way. The NCCR and the county worked out the final agreement after weeks of meetings. It was decided that the board of supervisors would sponsor a memorial ceremony on the Day of Remembrance in February 1984. At this time, payments will be awarded and excerpts from contributions to the oral history program will be read.

#### Victory At Last

"Who could have foreseen this day!" exulted Joe Morozumi. "From two votes to a unanimous decision!"

I asked the NCCR members what they considered crucial in this campaign.

"I guess it's just that we kept trying, that we never gave up," opined Mari Matsumoto, NCCR secretary. "We just

knew we had to win."

NCCR worked doggedly at mundane tasks like phoning, setting up meetings, talking to people and organizations—always educating the general public.

"We needed to get across the idea that this was not just a Japanese American issue, but one that concerned the civil liberties of all Americans," said Ernest Iiyama. "This is the key to the educational campaign."

Naomi Kubota smiled warmly at a group of greying ex-employees of Alameda County. "The ex-employees were a source of strength and inspiration ... they gave us such support. It was important that they were present at the meetings, that they spoke out about their experiences."

And so it went ... the mood of excitement and cheer sparked the celebration, and people were reluctant to leave. The party was over ... but our work for national redress is only beginning. Every successful local effort contributes greatly to the momentum for the passage of a national redress bill.

Despite difficulty at the beginning (and the National JACL Redress Committee emphasizes the importance of prior preparation), the NCCR came through with flying colors because of hard work and dedication.

And the biggest bonus of all was the outpouring of warm affection among all who worked together—Sansei, Nisei, old and young, Asians, Blacks, and Whites. ... #

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 San Francisco—Japan Society luncheon, World Aff Ctr, 12n; Yotaro Kobayashi, spkr, U.S.-Jpn Relations; info 986-4383.  
 San Francisco—Asn Pac Pers Assn Christmas party, Yank Sing Res't, 427 Battery, 7pm; info 765-1358.  
 ● **DEC. 3 (Saturday)**  
 Carson—Santa's potluck party, Dolphin Park, 6:30pm.  
 Chicago—Inaugural dnr, Hotel Continental, 6pm; Minoru Yasui, spkr; Richard Yamada, Chicago Mutual Aid Society, honorees.  
 New York—Holiday Fun Fair, Jpn Am United Ch, 255-7th Av, 12n-7pm; auction, white elephants, food.

Seabrook—Sr cit app dnr, Buddhist Hall, 6pm.  
 West Valley—Mochitsuki, Clubhouse (none for sale).  
 Los Angeles—Shogun Santa parade, Little Tokyo, 12n.  
 San Francisco—Nihonmachi Little Friends' Christmas arts/crafts show, 2031 Bush St, 10am. Info 922-8898.  
 San Francisco—Forum: Violence Against Asns, Christ United Presby Ch, 1-4pm; Steve Koyasaki, Dr Clifford Uyeda, Mabel Teng, Michael Huynh, Juanita Ash, spkrs.  
 ● **DEC. 4 (Sunday)**  
 San Diego—50th Ann'y inst dnr, Kona Kai Club, 6:30pm; Dr Peter Irons, spkr, "Reopening the Internment Cases."  
 Gardena—Sinfonia Concert, Nisei Vets Hall, 2:30pm; info 202-6256.  
 San Francisco—Nisei Widowed Gp Christmas party, Yuri Moriwaki home, 2-6pm; info 482-5398, 221-0268.  
 San Francisco—ACLU mtg on Coram Nobis Cases, Sheraton Palace.

● **DEC. 5 (Monday)**  
 Gardena/South Bay—Error Coram Nobis panel, 1st Presbyterian Ch, 1957 W Redondo Bch Bl, Gda, 7:30pm; Frank Chuman, mod.; John Tateishi, Minoru Yasui, Alan Terakawa, Dale Minami.  
 Los Angeles—AARP Christmas luncheon, Imp'l Dragon, 12:30pm.  
 ● **DEC. 6 (Tuesday)**  
 Los Angeles—John F. Aiso testim dnr, Sheraton Grande Hotel, 6pm; info 627-7727.  
 Los Angeles—Jpn Amer Society lecture: author Kenzaburo Oe, JACCC Theatre, 7:30pm; info 680-3700.  
 ● **DEC. 7 (Wednesday)**  
 West Valley—Bd mtg, Clubhouse, 7:30pm.  
 Los Angeles—Two Jon Shirota plays: 'You're on the Tee' & 'Ripples in the Pond', East West Players, 8pm.

● **DEC. 9 (Friday)**  
 Fresno—CCYBA benefit dance for Nikkei Sv Ctr, Buddhist Ch Annex, 9pm; Older music too, info 299-6756.  
 ● **DEC. 10 (Saturday)**  
 St Louis—Christmas party, Olivette Comm Ctr, 6:30-10pm.  
 Los Angeles—Asn Rehab Sv dance, ARS, 6th/Sn Pedro, 7pm.  
 ● **DEC. 10-11**  
 Los Angeles—Hol craft faire, Amerasia Bookstore, 12n.  
 ● **DEC. 11 (Sunday)**  
 West Los Angeles—25th ann'y Aux'y Reunion dnr, Yamato Res't, 6pm.  
 ● **DEC. 13 (Tuesday)**  
 Stockton—Elections, Calif 1st Bank, 7:30pm.  
 ● **DEC. 17 (Saturday)**  
 Stockton—Christmas party, Keiro potluck.  
 ● **DEC. 31 (Saturday)**  
 New Mexico—New Year's Eve party, Japanese Kitchen; RSVP 865-4417, 883-6146.  
 Berkeley—New Yr's Eve party, No Berk Sr Ctr, 8:30pm-12:30am; Geo Yoshida's band, Shogatsu benito, RSVP Dec 26: 843-4243, 525-4277.  
 San Diego—Fun night, VFW Hall, 9pm. —1984—

● **JAN. 4 (Wednesday)**  
 West Valley—Bd mtg, Clubhouse, 7:30pm.  
 ● **JAN. 21 (Saturday)**  
 New England—Shogatsu party, Boston; info (617) 492-4335.  
 ● **JAN. 27 (Friday)**  
 West Valley—Inst dnr, Bold Knight Inn, Sunnyvale.  
 ● **JAN. 28 (Saturday)**  
 St Louis—Inst dnr, Mandarin House; Henry Tanaka, spkr.

**Kajihara assumes PSWDC helm**

By HARRY HONDA  
 LAS VEGAS, Nev.—The vigor and far-reaching activities of JACL were praised by Japanese Consul General Yoshifumi Matsuda at Los Angeles in his first address before the Japanese American Citizens League at the Pacific Southwest District Council in session here Nov. 18-20 at the Hacienda Hotel.  
 Before 200 JACLers, including National President Floyd Shimomura and Committee on U.S.-Japan chair Frank Iwama from Sacramento, Matsuda cited JACL's 50-year history as "a proud record ... in protecting and promoting the welfare of all Japanese Americans". Amer-

icans of Japanese descent, he added, can be "very useful and (a) vital strand in the ties that link our two countries."  
 At the same time, he recognized many misconceptions of the Japanese Americans exist in the U.S. and in Japan that need to be corrected.  
 Matsuda's focus on U.S.-Japan affairs touched two points: trade imbalance and problem of Japan's defense. While most issues can be viewed on the brighter side, trade imbalance is likely to

persist, he feared, as the U.S. Census Bureau has already predicted a U.S. trade deficit over \$20 billion.  
 To explain Japan's defense posture, Matsuda said the unique philosophy and anti-militarism were due to the "Japanese people's spiritual revolution through the war and her eventual defeat" and the suspicion of the part of neighboring nations against Japan and her military capability.  
 Of President Reagan's summit talk in Japan, he called it "historical ... and (of) global significance."

**PSW Business**  
 Ventura County president Harry H. Kajihara was elected PSWDC governor, to be assisted by:  
 George Nakano (Torrance), vice gov; Ken Inouye (Selanoco), treas; Linda Hara (Pan Asian), George Kanegai (West L.A.), Miyo Senzaki (Pasadena); Mable Yoshizaki (East L.A.), Ronald M. Doi (Gardena), Cathy Higashioka (Torrance), bd mem.  
 Notes—PSWDC trust fund applications from LEAP, Inc., and Koreisha were approved. Move to have Christmas Cheer include non-profit groups is to be reconsidered.  
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NOV. 26: 6,698 (91.4%)

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Berkeley	294 Reedley
Carson	9 Reno
Chicago	84 Riverside
Cincinnati	6 Sacramento
Cleveland	6 Salinas Vly
Clovis	6 Salt Lake
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Contra Costa	168 Sn Fern Vly
Cortez	12 Sn Francisco
Delano	6 Sn Jose
Detroit	6 Sn L Obispo
Diablo Vly	6 Sn Mateo
Downtown LA	84 Sanger
East LA	168 Seattle
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Fremont	6 Spokane
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Hawaii	4 Twin Cities
Hollywood	5 Ventura
Hoosier	6 Washington, DC
Japan	252 Watsonville
Lake Washington	5 West LA
Las Vegas	9 West Valley
Liv-Merced	168 Wilshire
Marin County	4
Marina	6 CCCC
Marysville	84 EDC
Milwaukee	6 Intermountain
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**JACL boutiques open for holidays**

SAN JOSE, Ca.—West Valley JACL's Christmas Boutique operates Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at its clubhouse, 1545 Teresita Ave., corner of Graves Ave. Clubhouse members are also available on Thursday evenings or on Saturdays by appointment.  
 The boutique sells a variety of handicrafts, including futon, aprons, dish towels, pot holders, and so on.  
 Wine and cheese will be served at the opening of the Holiday Boutique in San Mateo, Friday, Dec. 2, from 4 to 8 p.m., at the JACL Community Center, 415 So. Claremont. The boutique is also open on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and remains open M-F, 10-4, until Christmas. #

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## Redress panel enlivens Sat. night

By IZUMI TANIGUCHI  
FRESNO, Ca.—A group of about 65 JACLers was treated to a stimulating, informative and entertaining program on redress at the CCDC Convention Saturday night (Nov. 12), chaired by Dr. Frank Nishio.

To begin the program, two videotapes of KJEO-TV programs were shown. The first was of JACL Redress Chair Minoru Yasui being interviewed by Carrell Halley, director of public affairs on the AM Show. The second was Halley's interview of Rachel Kawasaki on "Spectrum," another KJEO program.

After viewing the videotapes, the floor was opened for questions, and a very lively discussion did follow. Most of the discussion focused on statements made by Kawasaki, which the "evacuees" in the audience felt were inaccuracies and half-truths.

Next followed a slide show put together by Frank Nishio reminding the audience of the unfavorable climate that exists for Asians in the United States today. Unfavorable attitudes today stem from the U.S.-Japan trade deficit compounded by the recent recession. Evidence of this is the rising tide of violence against Asians throughout the country. The point is that this is going to make it more difficult to push a redress bill through Congress.

The slide show was followed by Dr. Kikuo Taira's presentation informing and reminding us of the social climate that existed at the time of Pearl Harbor. In addition

to his reference to discriminatory laws, Taira pointed out how some prominent Nisei were suspected by the Japanese of spying on Japan, while in the U.S. they were suspected of being disloyal to the U.S.

Taira related that he and several others of JACL went to San Francisco hoping for a clarification that a mass evacuation of all Japanese, U.S. citizens and all, was not true. However, Col. Bendetsen told them that it was an order without exception. Taira's delegation was also told that any resistance would be met by military force, so the only conclusion that could be drawn was that there was no choice but to cooperate.

Tom Shimasaki was the next speaker, and he stated that a speech about internment and redress is terribly boring to an audience that was not involved. Therefore he has written a speech in which he relates the similarity between Custer's Last Stand and Internment/Redress. The tie-in is that 264 of Custer's men died in battle, 263 White men and one Black man. However, until Shimasaki participated in a ceremony to erect a grave marker for the Black man, there were grave markers for the 263 White men only.

That racism was at the root of both injustices becomes clear. Tom is working very hard to help educate the community about the truth of redress. What we need is more people with his dedication.

The final speaker was Jeanette Ishii, who presented

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an effective talk on the importance of visibility. She pointed out that JACL is in need of visibility, for without visibility it has no clout. She further observed that many Nikkei make sizable political

contributions as individuals, but this does not always contribute to the visibility of the Nikkei community. In other words, Japanese Americans probably contribute consid-

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## ...And Sunday afternoon

By FRED HIRASUNA  
FRESNO, Ca.—On Sunday afternoon the CCDC held a panel discussion mainly centering around the controversial KJEO-TV talk show interviews. We were fortunate in having Carrell Halley as one of the members of the panel, which also included Judge William Marutani from Philadelphia and Ron Wakabayashi, JACL National Director. Peggy Liggett, CCDC vice governor and general chairperson of the convention, chaired the discussion.

Halley grew up in Gardena and was somewhat familiar with the pre-war and post-war situation of Japanese Americans from stories told by her parents and their friends. She admitted very frankly that she was quite confused by the contradictory statements made by Yasui and Kawasaki in the two interviews.

Kawasaki stated that the Japanese Americans, citizens and aliens, had a "choice" and were not forced into internment camps. The other choice was the short preliminary period when individuals and families were permitted to go to places outside the prohibited areas on their own: to liqui-

date their farms and businesses, give up their jobs and homes on very short notice, and move to an unknown destination to start over. Understandably very few chose this route and many of those that did ran into discrimination and economic difficulties. This was the so-called choice. The choice of remaining where they were and carrying on their lives with the protection of the law enforce-

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## Marutani continues Calif. speaking tour

By HENRY KUBOW  
FRESNO, Ca.—Highlighting the installation banquet for 1984 chapter officers of the Central California District Council was the presentation by Judge William Marutani of Philadelphia. Despite the rainy evening, about 300 JACL members and invited guests attended the event, including members of the local board of supervisors and city council, as well as representatives from the media.

Marutani, whose name is recognized by most JACL members, was a presidential appointee to the Commission

on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. Dr. Frank Nishio, who made the introduction, noted that Marutani, a practicing judge in the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, was the only Nikkei member of the Commission.

Marutani provided a concise overview of some of the history, process, and findings of the Commission, which released its final report last June. His presentation, entitled, "Who, What, Where, When, and Why?" described the task that was

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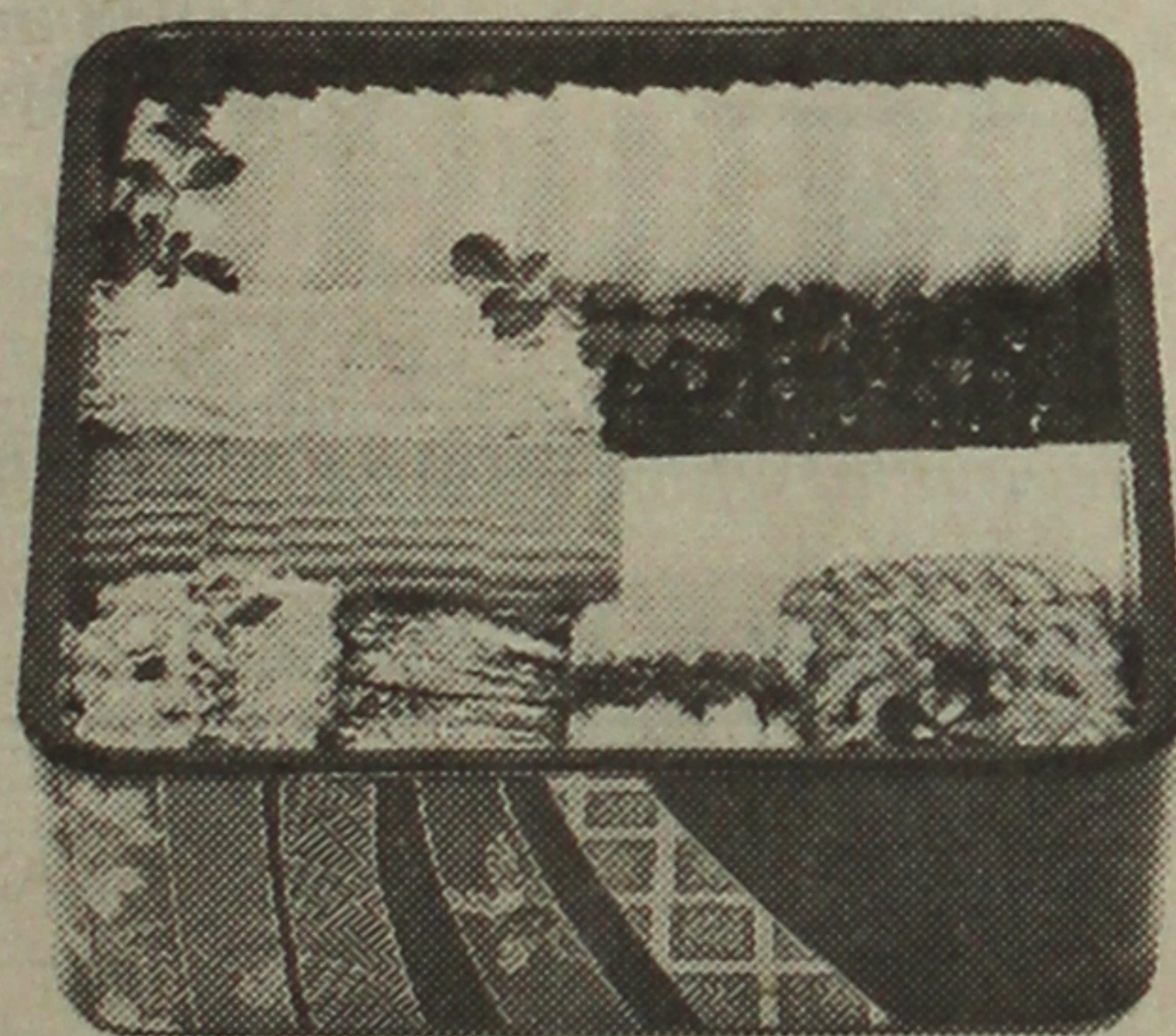
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### Agribusiness Person of Year awarded

SACRAMENTO — Natomas farmer Paul K. Shimada was selected the 1983 Agribusiness Person of the Year.

The community and politically involved Shimada served as chairman of the county's Constituency Advisory Council for Sen. S.I. Hayakawa and worked in Washington, D.C. for nine months as a lawmaker's assistant.

Shimada's contributions have been through Lions International and the Boy Scouts of America. He joined Lodi Troupe 28 in 1930, attaining the rank of Eagle.

Shimada has contributed to local agriculture by serving as president of the Sacramento County Farm Bureau, district director of the California Farm Bureau Federation, vice president of Farm Safety for the Sacramento Safety Council, a board member for Sacramento County Agricultural Soil Conservation Service and the Regional Advisory Board of Farmers and Home Administration.

Beginning in 1947, after his discharge from the Army, with only a car and his separation pay, Shimada began trucking. Soon, with some accumulated savings, he began tomato farming on 150 acres in Sacramento's Natomas District. Over the years his operation grew to nearly 1000 acres.

Shimada was honored at the Chamber's annual Salute to Agriculture Program on Nov. 3 at the Red Lion Motor Inn. #

### Wins Optimist creed plaque, wrist watch

SAN FRANCISCO—Cynthia "Cindy" Yuko Ikeda was recently honored by the Golden Gate Optimist Club as Fall Youth of the Quarter.

Accompanied by her parents, George and Miyako Ikeda, Cynthia received a wrist watch and an Optimist Creed plaque from Ken Kiwata, vice president/youth chair, during the organization's annual installation dinner in Oakland.

The awardee, a 3.9 GPA at Lowell High School, is a student of piano and Japanese classical dance and is a member of the Junior Youth Buddhist Assn. #

### Nikkei artist wins Phelan Video award

SAN FRANCISCO—Bruce Yonemoto, 34, is one of four recipients of the James D. Phelan Art Award in Video, a \$2,500 grant, which was presented at the SEND Galleries here on Oct. 27.

Established by Phelan, former San Francisco mayor and a U.S. senator, the award seeks to "recognize the individual promises and creativity of California-born artists." San Jose-born Yonemoto resides in Venice, Calif., and works as a video technician. He co-founded Kyodi Productions and is a contributing writer to Artweek Magazine.

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group out of the general audience that is interested in enlightening themselves about the condition and being aware of the minority concerns. But it is still not what I would classify as a general audience program."

Fenimore cited "Great Performances," "Nova" and "Mystery" as general audience series. Without the audience and revenue these popular programs attract, he said, it would be more difficult for Channel 13 to fulfill its obligation to minority communities.

"We're going to air the series," Fenimore stated. "It's only a matter of the timing of it."

"Silk Screen" has been shown in the New York area only on WNYC (Ch. 31) and on cable in Manhattan. Reception even within Manhattan is weak because the city's tall buildings obstruct transmission. #

### NCWNP Redress Meetings...

By MIKE HAMACHI District Redress Co-Chair

Danville, Ca.

At the Oct. 30 redress meeting at National Headquarters, Minoru Yasui, chair of the National JAACL Committee for Redress, made a surprise appearance, much to the satisfaction of everyone. Yasui gave a spirited talk regarding the coram nobis cases and called attention to the critical tasks ahead for all of us on national redress: (1) fund-raising for 1984-85, (2) coordinating effectively with National JAACL when local JAACLers are ready to contact members of Congress and (3) writing "thank you" letters to the co-sponsors of HR 4110.

National Redress Director John Tateishi gave an update on redress legislation and on the efforts of his staff and the staff of Ronald Ikejiri, JAACL Washington representative. Tateishi spoke of the work under way to increase the number of co-sponsors to the Wright Bill. He spoke, also, on the delay in the introduction of the Senate version of redress legislation, the scheduling and political maneuvering to get the proposed bill to reach key Senate committees, etc.

Tateishi emphasized the point that, even though a major push will be made sometime in 1984, the final passage of any kind of redress legislation will probably not occur until 1985. He stressed the importance for all of us to gear ourselves up to that reality.

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ered. Donations are currently solicited to assist individuals only, Gov. Cary Nishimoto noted.

National Director Ron Wakabayashi previewed the '84 convention package in Hawaii, but costs are still tentative.

P.S.—Las Vegas, which hosted the meeting, could be the next JAACL chapter of the biennium. We'll touch on that next. #

## Pushing for 1985

Don Tamaki, executive director of the Asian Law Caucus, presented a briefing on the status of the three coram nobis cases and spoke particularly of the Korematsu hearing Nov. 10 and the importance of a strong Nisei presence in the courtroom before Judge Patel. (More than 200 Nikkei filled the courtroom that day.)

In the afternoon session, Judy Niizawa gave an account of the Peninsula JAACL chapter representatives meeting held on Oct. 5 in San Mateo, Ca., which was co-chaired by Doug Ogata and Niizawa. Guest speaker John Tateishi, District Governor Yosh Nakashima, and district redress co-chairs Howard Watanabe and I attended the planning session.

Roy Takai, Diablo Valley's co-chair for the Special Committee on Redress, spoke of their Nov. 12 community meeting at Concord Japanese American Religious and Cultural Center. William Marutani was guest speaker.

The current status of the District's redress payments from the chapters was reviewed by George Kondo. Out of 28 district chapters, 22 have paid their pledges. Three chapters — Marysville, West Valley and Stockton — were applauded for paying in full their pledges for fiscal year 1984.

In the concluding portion of the meeting, Dr. Art Nonomura led a stimulating discussion on fund-raising. He received an enthusiastic response from the group on major fund-raising proposals and made a strong pitch for an "outstanding Nikkei celebrities" event next March.

Howard Watanabe, district co-chair for redress, handled the registration and introductions for the meeting. #

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# 'U.S. knew A-bomb would kill Yanks', U.S. producer says

By TAKESHI HIKINO  
Mainichi Daily News  
Tokyo

The United States government knew that there were possibly American prisoners of war in Hiroshima when they decided to drop the atomic bomb 38 years ago.

Gary DeWalt, president of Public Media in Santa Fe, New Mexico, learned this when he came across a declassified top secret wartime message while doing research for making a film about American victims of Hiroshima.

The message was dispatched a few months before the bombing from the Army Air Corps Pacific Command to Washington, asking if Hiroshima had American prisoners of war.

The response by Washington was "our information is incomplete, but we think there are American prisoners of war in almost every Japanese city."

"Copies in DeWalt's File  
"I have copies of it in my file," said the 39-year-old American film producer who was in Japan to film the Japanese witnesses of American prisoners of war who were killed by the atomic bomb in Hiroshima. (See Aug. 5 PC).

"I would have to say that those people who made the decision to drop the bomb on Hiroshima must have been very certain there were American prisoners of war there.

"Frankly, I don't think it would have mattered very much."

**On Selecting the Target**  
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"They wanted a city at least three miles in diameter, so that the impact of the bomb could be effectively measured. It was a very mechanical decision-making process," said DeWalt.

DeWalt, who had previously made documentary films on American history, folk culture and folk music, started his research work for this project 2½ years ago after he was told by Prof. Barton Bernstein of Stanford University that a lot of Americans were killed at Hiroshima. He had not known it and he became aware that nobody else knew it, either.

**WW2 Records Lost in Fire**  
The research work was not easy. A lot of World War II military records were destroyed in a fire in St. Louis, Mo., in the early 1970s.

But seven or eight months later he discovered that when an individual in the service dies, a special file is created for him in Washington.

And he found such files on American military men who perished in Hiroshima. Referring to those files and using the list of American victims of Hiroshima made by the Japanese authorities, DeWalt has definitely identified 11 victims.

**No Acknowledgment**  
"For a long time, Dr. Bernstein has been asking the Defense department to publicly acknowledge the fact that Americans had been killed by the atomic bomb in Hiroshima. But they said that they were unable to do so because the information they had was unclear.

"I don't know why they

didn't look at the same records that I looked at. The records I looked at were very, very clear.

"Given that it was an atomic bomb, I think it might be difficult to make that statement. There is so much sensitivity about atomic bombs," DeWalt said.

After the research work, he started contacting families of the 11 victims. He met or spoke on the phone to four of the 11 bereaved families. Their reactions varied.

Among them was a brother of 2nd Lt. Durden Loper of Army Air Corps who was on a B-24 bomber that was shot down over Yamaguchi, and survived the crash.

Before flying to Japan, DeWalt had been worrying that his documentary film focusing only on American victims might be misunderstood by citizens of Hiroshima. "More

than 100,000 Japanese lost their lives in the tragedy. And there are other people who lost their lives in Hiroshima. All of these losses concern us," he explained.

"Among most of the American families there is a strong desire to know as much as possible, because no details were revealed to them.

"There is a lot of respect

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ment agencies was not offered.

Kawasaki also made light of the suffering and hardship in the centers. She stated that she spent four months in Manzanar and twelve months in the Amache center and experienced no great difficulty.

Both Marutani and Wakabayashi and individuals from the audiences, Dr. Kikuo Taira and National Vice President Ben Takeshita, among others, amply refuted these and other statements by Kawasaki.

Judge Marutani made the statement that we should ignore people like Rachel Kawasaki and Lillian Baker because they make preposterous statements that have no basis in fact. He refused to cross-examine Baker in the Washington hearings. He also stated that recently released documents reveal that the American government proposed at one time to exchange ten Japanese Americans and their parents in the centers for one American

prisoner of war in Japan and that this was one of the reasons that Peruvian Japanese were evacuated to the United States for confinement in internment camps. He was emphatic that reparations must accompany any apology or admission of wrongdoing by the U.S. government, as this was the American system.

Wakabayashi said that the matter of redress was discussed in Japan. The Japanese thought redress was justified, but Japanese Americans should not have to ask for it. Redress payments should be offered and given to them as a matter of justice by the U.S. government.

Carrell Halley asked pertinent questions that revealed her understanding and also her understandable confusion. At the conclusion of the panel discussion, she stated that much of her confusion was dissipated that she now had a greater understanding and sympathy for the redress movement. #

**Club for Usagi-No-Toshi: 1903**

TOKYO—It was in 1980, three years after Mike Mansfield became U.S. ambassador to Japan, that Shuji Suzuki, a moving spirit in the Kibokai, wrote the envoy to explain what the group was all about, and invited the ambassador and his wife to be its guests of honor at its annual gathering.

On Oct. 3, the Kibokai members who were born in 1903 were guests of the Mansfields at the American embassy residence.

The word "Kibokai" is comprised of the ideographs "ki," which was originated from "spear" and signifies the joining of forces; "bo," a synonym for rabbit, one of the animals in the Japanese zodiac; and "kai," which means association.


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Since Mansfield was born in 1903, the occasion was more significant. Suzuki expressed gratitude to the Mansfields for inviting them not only once, but twice, first in 1981, and then again on Monday.

Kibokai members are impressed with the diplomat's energy and his superman efforts in behalf of the two countries, although he is the same age as most of them.

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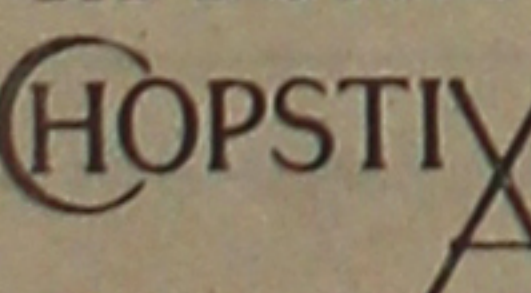


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# October's Harvests

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This October in Tokyo brought a harvest of friends and with them, the reminiscences of past events, to enliven the Tokyo scene, which itself is always energetic and vibrant.

In late September, Mrs. Ed Yamamoto from Moses Lake, Washington, called and regretfully only had time for telephone conversation. In early October, Shiro Tokuno of Sacramento and Gary Kadani of San Francisco were in town and participated in the Toyoko Yamasaki dinner. Then, lunch with Jack Hirose of San Francisco, Fred Yamaguchi and Maggie from Chicago, who were staying with Shig Kitahata, had time for an hour or two of conversation before they went to points south.

Having had advance notice, the Japan Chapter Board had Shig Wakamatsu and his wife Toshi for a simple Chinese dinner, followed by a board meeting, where he gave us an informal talk about JARP and redress. Then, Alfred Doi of Irvine had time for morning coffee. A phone call from Dr. Clifford and Helen Uyeda the day before their departure gave us time for a coffee break the following morning, when

Mayumi Sakazaki renewed contact with Helen at the Akasaka Tokyu.

This was followed by an evening with the MIS group, which welcomed Akira Oshida, chairman of the Japanese Dept. at Presidio Monterey. Also present were Noby and Tami Yoshimura and son from San Francisco and Peter Okada from Seattle. Ray Suzuki of Monterey just had time to call on his last day in Japan.

Bill Hosokawa from Denver, Frank Kasama from San Francisco and David Nikaido from Washington, D.C., were already in town, when Floyd Shimomura and Ron Wakabayashi arrived at the New Otani. They, as well as Glenn Fukushima, Fulbright scholar from Harvard, joined the chapter's reception. Clarence Nishizu also called to say hello.

At the farewell dinner for Floyd and Ron, David Nikaido and Tats Hori of San Francisco were present, as well as Louise Hoshimiya of San Francisco. The National JAFL executives gave excellent accounts of their visit to more than 70 persons.

October ended with call from George Baba, wife Mitzie and daughter from Stockton. We had a simple lunch near the Keio Plaza, where later I accidentally met Rev. and Mrs. Hojo from San Jose. In early November, I had lunch with Fred Oshima from Salinas to talk about the El Joaquin and the Rohwer Outpost, two WW2 camp newspapers.

All in all, it was a hectic, madcap month, as a number of business engagements also filled the calendar; yet, it was a

not feel apologetic or uncomfortable about the idea of receiving this compensation. "What happens if you successfully sue for a breach of contract?" he asked. "All we are saying is don't change the cards on us now. Use the same deck of cards with us as is used with everyone else."

Furthermore, Marutani pointed out that this money will be paid by the taxpayers of this country, who include those who may receive compensation, and who in turn will return this money into the U.S. economy. The sum should be large enough to make a point since, Marutani indicated, it should not happen again and the sum will represent the symbolic value associated with "a debt of honor."

## SATURDAY—

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erably more than they are given credit for. Therefore, we need to come up with a better marketing plan just to get this credit.

Then A.L.L. president-elect Richard Berman commented that the era of the "Quiet American" is over and it is time to be Not So Quiet Americans.

The meeting was concluded with the second part of Nishio's informative slide show suggesting ways to overcome resistance to redress. As the meeting was adjourned, there was a feeling in the air that everyone who attended had a better idea of what needs to be done to get the redress bill through Congress.

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before the Commission: to review the facts of EO 9066, its impact on American citizens, and to recommend remedies.

Marutani related a number of compelling testimonies from the approximately 750 witnesses heard by the Commission. Hearings, held in the Western United States in such places as Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, and Anchorage, revealed stories of family members being taken away in so-called FBI sweeps (and the problems of family break-up), difficulties due to travel restrictions and the general degradation experienced during this period. Marutani cited testimony from a witness who felt the

internment was analogous to being raped, especially in terms of the subsequent difficulty in talking about the experience.

In addressing the "Why?" of the internment, Marutani indicated that the following factors were cited by the Commission: (1) government incompetence and indifference, (2) wartime hysteria and (3) racism. The Commission concluded that racism was the predominant reason.

Finally, Marutani discussed the question of "What do we do today?" He reminded the audience that the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights acknowledges the right to redress. Therefore, Japanese Americans should

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month of blessings—to talk to two past national presidents as well as Floyd and Ron and to chat with Hosokawa, Nikaido, Kasama and an all-star group of hometown, relocation and military friends. Best of all, everyone was enjoying their visit to Japan.

It's good to have visitors. The only drawback is that most have only a very short time in the Tokyo area so we cannot host a lunch or a dinner. The Nisei are still "enryo-bukai" so they call me at the last minute—just to say hello. It is not an imposition if I am not tied up businesswise. I'm always ready to meet them. I'm glad to note that both Nisei and Sansei are visiting Japan.

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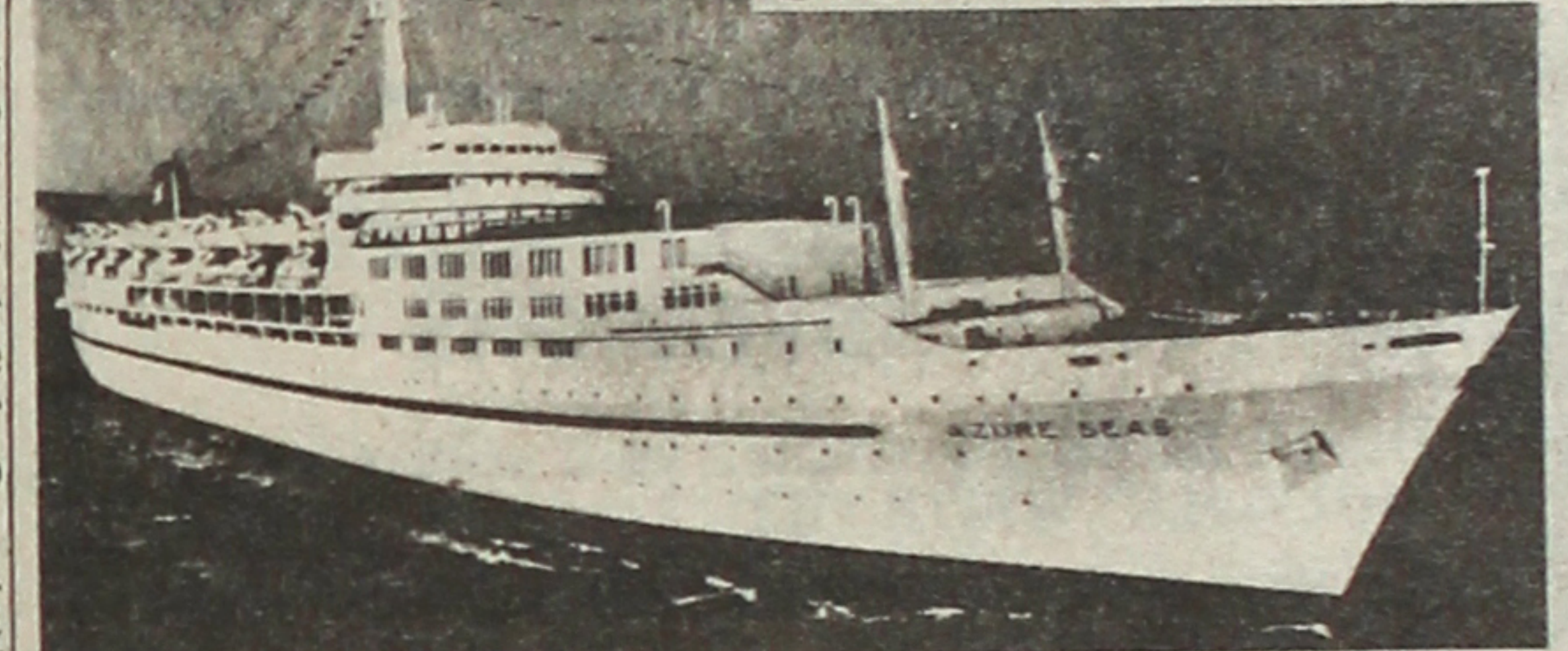
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