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Supreme Court to rule if labor laws protect illegal immigrants

WASHINGTON — When the eleven workers at Sure-Tan, a small leather-tanning company in Chicago, voted to join the Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butcher Workmen's union in 1976, its president, John Surak, sent a letter to Immigration and Naturalization Service asking it to check on their immigration status. Most of the workers were Mexican nationals.

The INS arrested five of the workers as illegal immigrants, and they agreed to leave the country. But a federal appeals court decided that Surak wrote the INS to stop his employees from unionizing—an unfair labor practice—and ordered the company to give the Mexicans six months' back pay.

Because Congress has not yet passed the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill, which would impose criminal penalties on employers who hire illegal immigrants, there is at present no federal law barring a company from hiring such persons. Sure-Tan contends that it had the right both to hire Mexican nationals and later to ask the INS to investigate them.

Effect on Asians

The Justice Department, National Labor Relations Board and a number of other organizations oppose Sure-Tan's position.

The California Agricultural Labor Relations Board says the Sure-Tan decision could affect large numbers of farm workers and employees in the state's garment industry. Legal groups representing the undocumented Asians said the case could have an impact on efforts to organize Japanese, Chinese, and other Asians working in restaurants.

The AFL-CIO also argued that a ruling in favor of Sure-Tan "would encourage the employment of illegal aliens,

rather than American workers, because the aliens would henceforth be afraid of choosing union representation." #

Reagan refuses to reappoint Smith to rights panel

WASHINGTON — President Reagan dropped former national GOP chair Mary Louise Smith from the Commission on Civil Rights, White House officials said, because Reagan believes that Smith has become an advocate of busing and quotas and cannot be counted on to vote for Clarence Pendleton, Jr. as the commission's chair.

Appointments of the chair and staff director must have the concurrence of a majority of the commission.

Senate leaders said the decision to drop Smith breaks an oral agreement reached during the negotiations on the bill that reconstituted the commission.

Reagan renominated two earlier choices, Morris Abram and Jon Bunzel, and appointed schoolteacher Esther Gonzales - Arroyo Buckley of Laredo, Texas.

Arnold Torres, executive director of the League of United Latin American Citizens, said Buckley has no background in civil rights and was chosen only because she opposes busing and quotas.

If the Senate or House steps in and reappoints Smith, a moderate Republican, that will in effect give Reagan five appointments on the commission.

Final Report of Old Panel

In its final report, the previous six-member commission blasted the Reagan Ad-

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San Diego JACL Photo by Bruce Asakawa

50th ANNIVERSARY—San Diego JACL celebrates its 50th anniversary Dec. 4 at the Kona Kai Club, located close to the Yokohama-San Diego Sister City bell on Shelter Island. Pictured are (from left), Mas Hironaka who is entering his 10th term as chapter president, Ron Wakabayashi of National Headquarters, guest speaker/author Dr. Peter Irons of UC-San Diego, and PSWDC governor Harry Kajihara. (See story on page 7.)

Asians join other minorities in lawsuit against Boston; charge gerrymandering

BOSTON—Asian, Black, and Hispanic groups here have filed suit to challenge the city's voting-district plans for school committee and city council elections.

The lawsuit, if successful, could invalidate this year's elections for 18 district seats on the two bodies. The plaintiffs allege that the city council, which drew the lines for the voting districts in February 1982, violated the one-person—one-vote principle guaranteed under the Constitution.

Doris Sue Wong in the Oct.-Nov. Sampan reported that Bostonians voted in November 1981 to change the make-up of the school committee and city council so that each would have nine district seats, plus four at-large seats. The intent was to make the two elected bodies more representative of the city's neighborhoods.

In September 1982 and again in August 1983, the Latino Political Action Committee, Black Political Task Force, Boston People's Organization, Asian Political Caucus and several individuals filed suits contending that the plans proposed by the city discriminate against minorities, dilute minority voting power, and discourage minorities from becoming candidates for elected office.

In addition to requesting the districting plan be declared unconstitutional, the plaintiffs also ask the court to enjoin the city from "enforcing or giving any effect" to the plan, to make elections held under the plan unlawful, and to require adoption of a new plan that does not discriminate against minorities.

The case is expected to go to trial within a few months.

Effect on Asians

Regina Lee, member of the Asian Political Caucus and attorney with Legal Services Institute, explained how the plan affects different minority groups. "The plaintiffs feel that the new plan is unconstitutional for three reasons: packing, chilling effect, and cracking.

"The concept of packing is that in the two minority districts that the city plan has designed, those districts are 80% to 90% Black. Basically, what the plaintiffs are alleging is that the Black votes in the City of Boston have been packed into those districts.

"The cracking concept is applied to the Latino vote in the city, that the Latino vote is so dispersed within the new City Council map that they in fact will have no influence under the new plan... They're in the South End, they're in Jamaica Plain, they're in Mission Hill and in parts of Lower Roxbury, and those areas have been carved out into different districts. So in effect there isn't one district where you could identify a strong Latino population.

"The chilling effect, I think, specifically applies to the situation in Chinatown, like putting Chinatown with South Boston basically means that no candidate from Chinatown can ever

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IN ANOTHER CASE...

Justice Dept. opposes affirmative action for Detroit Blacks in Supreme Court brief

WASHINGTON — The Reagan Administration for the first time argued Dec. 2 before the U.S. Supreme Court that affirmative action plans are unconstitutional if they include explicit racial quotas for employees.

Papers were filed by the U.S. Department of Justice in the case of the Detroit police department, which voluntarily adopted a plan in 1974 to hire and promote Blacks and Whites in equal numbers. White officers challenge the plan.

The Justice Dept. centers its argument around the 14th Amendment, which guarantees "equal protection of the laws" to all persons in the United States.

"We do not believe," reads the Government's brief, "that this action can be sustained under the relevant statutes, nor do we believe that the city's decision here can be squared with the Constitution — notwithstanding the fact that the city action was expressly made as a response to undeniable past discrimination against blacks that had created a police force that was largely unresponsive to the concerns of a substantial portion of the city's population."

In reporting the case, New York Times' Robert Pear characterized the Government's stance as a victory for William Bradford Reynolds, assistant attorney general for civil rights. Reynolds apparently prevailed over officials at the Labor Dept. and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, who argued race-conscious affirmative action plans were legal.

The Detroit Plan

In 1973 Detroit elected Coleman A. Young, a Black, as mayor. Black hostility to the police force was cited as a major factor in his victory. The following year the police department adopted a plan to remedy the effects of past discrimination. The plan requires the department to keep two lists, one for black officers, the other for white officers. Rankings on each list are based on the same numerical rating system, comprised of various factors, including scores from a written examination.

Promotions are made alternately from the two lists, so that white and black officers are promoted in equal numbers. This arrangement is designed to remain in effect until half the police lieutenants are black, or until about 1990.

Police brutality complaints, according to Detroit officials, have dropped nearly 75% since the plan was put into effect. Blacks accounted for 63% of the 1.2 million persons residing in Detroit in 1980.

Reynolds and other Administration officials say they

favor "affirmative action" measures that bring in more minority group applicants for jobs, such as targeted advertising. They object to giving any race preference in hiring and promoting decisions.

Past Court Decisions

The Justice Dept. said the Detroit case differs from the two major Supreme Court decisions regarding affirmative action handed down in the late 1970s.

In the 1978 Allan Bakke case, the court struck down the quota system for admission to the University of California medical school at Davis. But in the Brian Weber case the following year, the court ruled that the Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. could create a training program that reserved 50% of its openings for Blacks until the percentage of black workers at a particular plant was commensurate with the percentage of Blacks in the local labor force. The court said the Civil Rights Act of 1964 allowed voluntary race-conscious plans between private parties.

The Justice Dept. argues that a new ruling is needed because the Detroit plan unlike that of the University of California, was "adopted to remedy actual discrimination by the institution involved." And unlike the Weber case, the Detroit plan "involves a public rather than a private employer."

In another case, argued before the Supreme Court Dec. 6, the Justice Dept. is supporting the seniority rights of Whites in the Memphis, Tenn., fire department over competing claims of Blacks hired later under an affirmative action plan. #

Ku Klux Klan burns 3 crosses in So. California

LOS ANGELES — Misdemeanor charges may be filed against 15 Ku Klux Klan members and supporters arrested Dec. 3 as they burned three 20-foot wooden crosses in the backyard of a San Fernando Valley home.

The klansmen were jailed on suspicion of unlawful assembly, illegal burning and conspiracy to commit a crime.

Among those arrested was Tom Metzger, former Southern California head of the klan, who ran as a Democratic candidate for Congress in 1980. The men each posted \$5,000 bail.

The homeowner, a klan supporter, lives in a racially mixed neighborhood that includes middle-class black families residing in new housing tracts near predominantly white ranchers in the semi-rural Kagel Canyon. #

S.F. primary school named for Yick Wo, plaintiff in landmark civil rights case

SAN FRANCISCO — For the first time in American history, reported Asian Week, a public school has been named for a Chinese civil rights leader.

The Yick Wo Alternative Elementary School officially received its name Nov. 29 with the laying of the school's cornerstone at a ceremony attended by officials of the city and of the Chinese Acacia Club of the United Free and Accepted Masons.

"Yick Wo is perhaps the most important Chinese name in American law," pointed out Ben Tom, vice president of the S.F. board of education. "The Yick Wo case was the first time in the U.S. that the equal rights protections of the 14th Amendment were applied to Chinese and to aliens. More than 600 cases have cited the Yick Wo decision since the 1880s. It is

important not only to Chinese Americans but to all minorities."

Yick Wo was the business named used by Lee Yick, a laundry operator in San Francisco. He challenged discriminatory laws passed against the Chinese laundry industry.

"It took a great deal of courage to challenge the white majority in San Francisco in those days," Tom said. "The local and state governments were quite corrupt.

"Yick Wo took his case to the California Supreme Court, which upheld the judgment against him. But then he took it to the U.S. Supreme Court and won," Tom said.

Chinese students make up 40% of the Yick Wo School's population, the maximum allowed for any ethnic group under city law. #

Community-wide testimonial in L.A. honors Justice John F. Aiso

By HENRY MORI

LOS ANGELES — The illustrious career of Justice John F. Aiso, who became the first mainland Japanese American to gain a municipal court judgeship in 1953, then a superior court bench in 1957, as well as his inspirational military life, was unveiled at a testimonial banquet held Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the Sheraton Grande Hotel.

The event, sponsored by the California Asian Judges Assn. and the Japanese American Bar Assn., drew 650 well-wishers from all segments of the community. Among the crowd were Nisei veterans who studied the Japanese language under Aiso's tutelage at U.S. military intelligence schools.

The prewar Army buck private was born in Burbank, Calif., on Dec. 14, 1909. He finished his military stint with the rank of colonel.

Delivering personal accolades to the honoree, who symbolizes "inspiration and encouragement for other Nikkei to pursue a legal profession," were: Ruth Kamii (Aiso's sister), George Aratani (military), Frank Chuman (former legal partner), Justice Clarke Stephens (State Court of Appeals), and Warren Christopher (O'Melveny & Myers, the firm Aiso has served as special counsel the past ten years). Togo Tanaka was master of ceremonies.

During his acceptance remarks the 74-year-old jurist acknowledged that a John F. Aiso Scholarship fund has been established to aid potential Asian law students to further their studies. JABA, which will administer the program, reported contributions now total \$17,000.

In tribute to the lifelong community servant, Mayor Tom Bradley and Supervisor Kenneth Hahn made separate commendation awards to the Harvard Law School graduate. A state resolution, commending Aiso's achievements, was also presented in addition to Rep. Norman Mineta's wife that indicated the testimonial program had been put into the Congressional record.

Japanese American veterans groups from all areas, through their representatives, extended congratulations and awarded Aiso with certificates of commendation.

Aiso said he was grateful for the privilege of "living an American life," despite the discrimination and prejudices suffered by persons of Japanese ancestry. He told of his childhood setbacks at schools where many parents "objected" when "teachers selected me to represent the institution."

In one instance, however, he admitted that he felt like a "man without a country" when his application to enroll at a Japanese university was rejected because Aiso was considered an alien in that country.

He credited his immigrant parents for keeping together the family and for providing them with education and the choice to live in a country where opportunities are abundant today. #

George Imai to sit on Canadian panel

OTTAWA — George Kiyoshi Imai of Toronto has been appointed to the Canadian Human Rights Commission, announced Mark MacGuigan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.

Imai is well known for his role in the negotiations between the Japanese Canadian community and the Canadian government regarding redress for former wartime internees.

His appointment was applauded by David Collette, Minister of State for Multiculturalism.

"Mr. Imai's excellent qualification and wide range of experience will serve the commission well," Collette said. "I am confident visible minority groups from across Canada will join with me in welcoming the announcement of Mr. Imai's appointment."

Imai has been with the Toronto Board of Education since 1968. Between 1977 and 1980 he was adviser and producer of televised documentaries for Canada and Japan. In 1960 he was a founding member of a citizens group who petitioned the Ontario government to set up a human rights commission.

Imai served as president of the National Japanese Canadian Citizens Assn. (1976-1980) and president of the National Assn. of Asian Canadians (1977-78).

From 1975 to 1980 he was a member of the Canadian Consultative Council on Multiculturalism and from 1978 to 1980 a community member of the National Parole Board.

In 1980 he was director of the Pan American Nikkei Assn. In 1980-81 he was president and secretary of the Council of National Ethno-

Cultural Organizations of Canada, and in 1981 president of the Japanese Canadian Business and Professional Assn.—(The New Canadian)

Nikkei landscapers win Calif. awards

LAKE TAHOE, Ca. — Haruo Yamashiro was presented with the Robert Kaplanek Humanitarian Award for landscape work done at the Gardena Buddhist Church garden, designed by Art Ishida. The award is given to an entry for which more than 50% of the materials are donated. Yamashiro also took first in medium commercial (living/industrial) category.

Tom Matsuoka of Pasadena was first for large renovation (home), designed by Yosh Kuromiya. San Mateo's Kato Garden Center took an achievement award in the large-renovation class. Designer was David Kato.

Awards in the renovation category were sponsored by Oki Nursery.

The landscape architecture firm of Royston-Hanamoto was first in public works. And Wimmer Yamada took first for resident irrigation work design in La Jolla. #

Bitterman named EWC institute chief

HONOLULU — Mary Bitterman has been appointed director of two combined institutes of East-West Center, effective Jan. 1, reported EWC president Victor Li.

Bitterman was director of the state Dept. of Commerce and Consumer Affairs since January 1981. She will head EWC's Communications and Culture Learning Institutes.

The new unit focuses on the causes and consequences of social transformations occurring throughout the Asia/Pacific region.

A member of the center's board of governors from 1975 to 1980, Bitterman served as chair for three years. #

Hasegawa decorated with Japanese Order

ST. LOUIS—George K. Hasegawa, long-time JACLer, was awarded the Fifth Class of the Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Government of Japan for his distinguished contributions toward the promotion of friendship between Japan and the U.S.

Eiji Tanaka, consul general of Japan in Kansas City, Missouri, presented the decoration to Hasegawa on Nov. 16 at the consul's official residence.

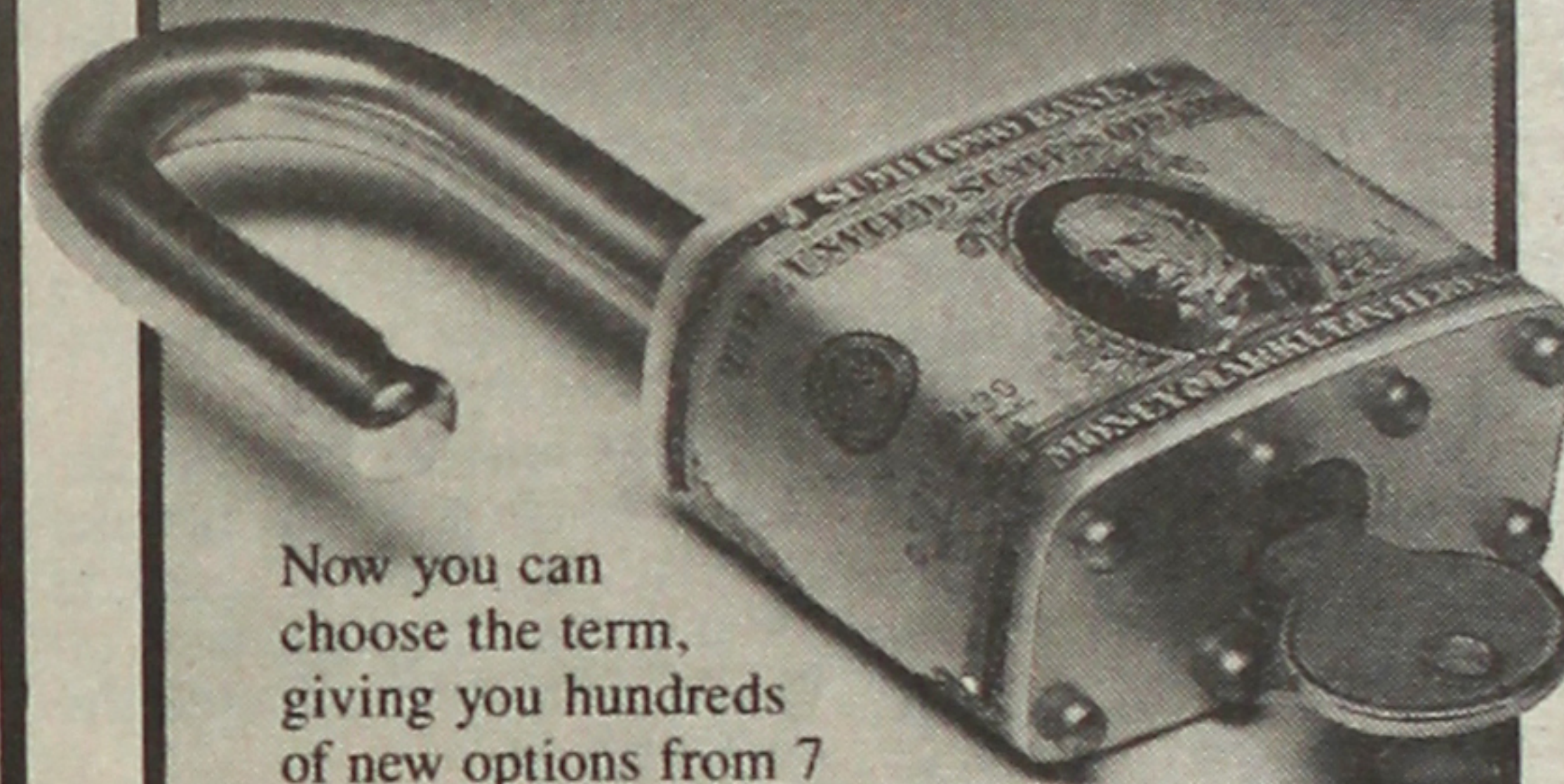
Hasegawa was born in Cal-

ifornia and has resided in St. Louis since the mid-1940s. An engineer, he is executive vice president of Horner & Shifrin.

Hasegawa served for many years as volunteer director of the Japan-America Society in St. Louis.

George Sakaguchi, Midwest district governor, said of Hasegawa: "He has been very active in the JACL at the chapter and district levels, but more important, he can always be counted on to help when we need him." #

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People

Health

Alan S. Tomiyama, a lifelong Sacramentan, has been promoted to director of community relations for Sutter Community Hospitals. He will be in charge of planning, coordinating, implementing and evaluating programs for medical staff, hospital employees, and the media. His involvement also includes International Assn. of Business Communicators, Sacramento Public Relations Round Table, and the American Marketing Assn.

Books

Misao Sakamoto received an Honorable Mention award in the 1983 Humboldt Univ. RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) statewide writers contest. Her story, "The Spirit of a Japanese Immigrant in California," is based on the brief history of the Sakamoto family in Loomis. It has been selected for "The Way It Was," volume 3, which will be published this fall.

Award

Melvin A. Asato of Redmond, Wash., chief of the digital systems section of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Pacific Marine Center in Seattle, received a silver medal from the U.S. Dept. of Commerce. Asato was cited for his "innovative and effective application of digital electronics and computer science to shipboard systems which have enabled NOAA ships to meet operational requirements, increase productivity and reduce costs."

Press Row

Jun Kusano, assistant foreign news editor of Sankei Shimbun, Tokyo, was among the 12 journalists from the U.S., the Pacific and Asia selected for the 1984 Jefferson Fellowship Program at the Hawaii East-West Center. On

Feb. 19, they will begin a four-week study on Pacific Basin economic relations and other news issues. Kusano will tour also America for a month.

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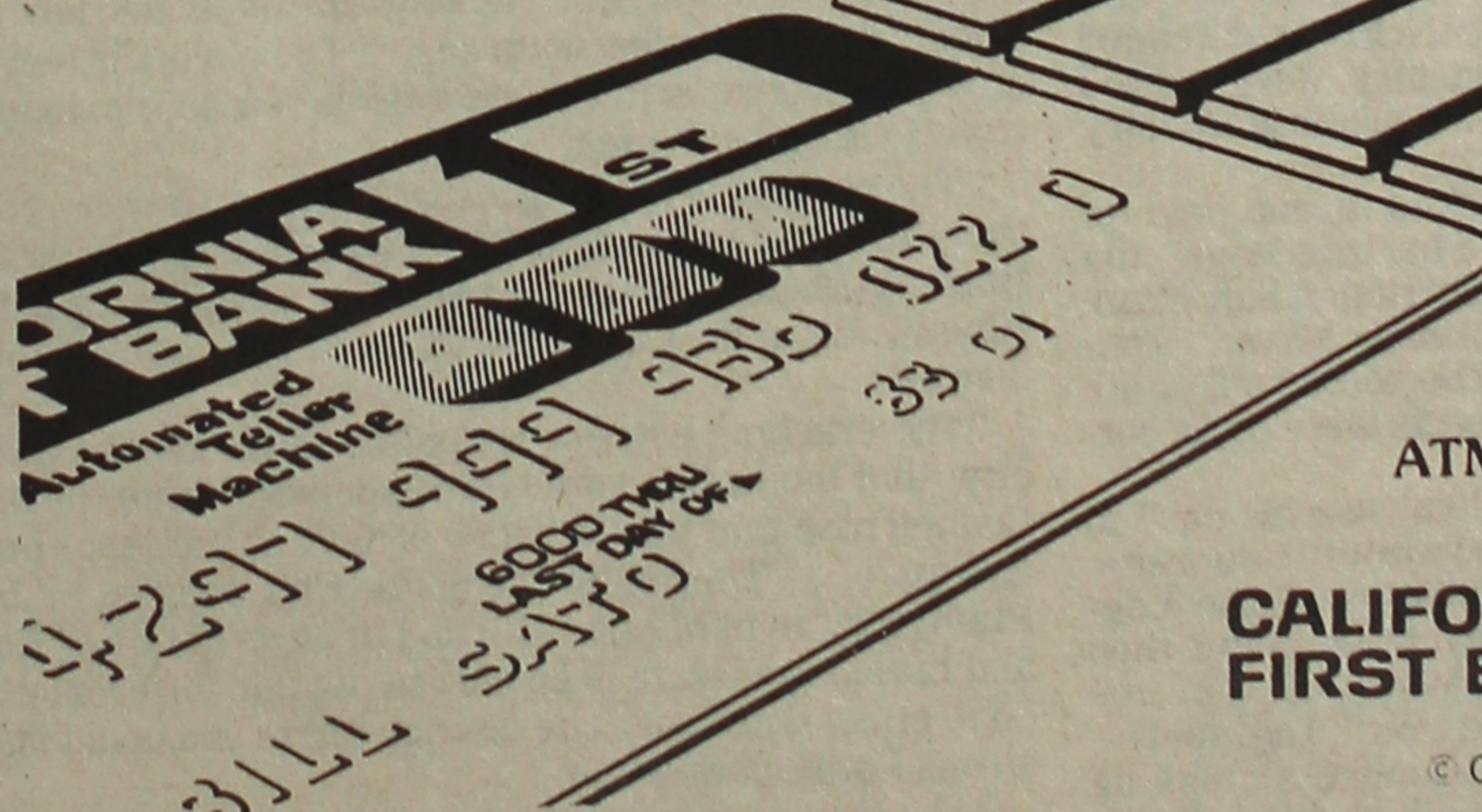
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deaths

Thomas Shoichi Ogata, 66, of Wailuku, HI, died Nov. 25. A retired associate justice of Hawaii Supreme Court, he was also an active Democrat and state senator from Maui. He is survived by wife Dagmar. #

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People in the News

Mayor finds job is 'head-slapping'

LIHUE, Hawaii — Kauai mayor Tony Kunimura for months now has professed something less than joy about being mayor.

He says he's not even sure he wants to run for a second term.

His 20 years in the state House of Representatives are a fond memory. He wouldn't mind being back there. "Sometimes I wish I was someplace else. I've said that before and I'll say it again. I never lie. I say how I feel," he said.

Might he run for a House seat again? "That's a possibility. I haven't decided. I'm not being coy. But I've got 14 months left (as mayor) and I'm going to do the best job I know how."

When he first ran for public office back in the 1950s, Kunimura said, he claimed to want only one term. He said he had walked many picket lines and had helped in the ILWU's organizational battles. He'd been accused, he said, "of being a Bolshevik" and "I only wanted to clear my name." He's been in public office ever since.

When Kunimura decided to run for mayor, he figured on shaking things up a little, but not on running into crisis, he said. "I expected to straighten things out under normal conditions."

But there was Hurricane Iwa. The refinancing of the county debt had left him with big interest payments. The federal government was angry about the county's failure to perform millions of dollars of work on two sewer systems, and threatened to bill the county for the money already spent.

"You know what kind of mayor I've been the first six months? Janitor! Kick guys' ass. Slap the head," he said in an interview to The Honolulu Advertiser's Kauai bureau correspondent. "Working long hours has never been my

problem. It's when you're expected to do something with nothing that's hard."

He gave no indication as to whether he would run for any office next year. But he suggested he still feels there's work to be done, and he wants to finish it. #

Hiroshima cites Honolulu mayor

TOKYO—In appreciation for their contributions to the well-being of the atomic-bombed Hiroshima in 1945, the Hiroshima Municipal Office has honored three foreigners with citizenship.

The honorees are Floyd Schmoie, an American writer residing in the state of Washington; Herbert Schmalstieg, 40, mayor of Hanover; and Ellen R. Anderson, 55, mayor of Honolulu.

Schmoie, cited for his dedication to the reconstruction of the devastated metropolis, collected donations through "House of Hiroshima" campaign in America, and returned in 1948 to continue the project. During his five-year stay, Schmoie built 20 residential homes and one civic hall.

Schmalstieg and Anderson were made honorary citizens for their efforts to establish sister-city ties between their own cities and Hiroshima.

The Freedom of Hiroshima committee has already conferred on seven foreigners, including Norman Cousins, 71, of Connecticut, who helped an atom bomb victim, a girl, undergo plastic surgery in the U.S. #

Skating pair wins world championship

PLEASANTON, Ca. — John Arishita and his partner Tammy Jerue finished first in the World Artistic Roller Skating Championships held Oct. 19-21 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Arishita, a junior at Foothill High School, recalled, "We were skating with the best in the world." #

Artists Witt, Kondo-Weigl exhibits draw warm comments from critic

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — Narrative art works by Jack Witt and Jean Kondo-Weigl were on view Sept. 13 to Oct. 23 at Portsmouth Community Arts Center. Witt is a sculptor and draftsman from Richmond. Kondo-Weigl, painting instructor at Old Dominion, is also daughter of George Kondo, NCWN-P regional director.

Kondo-Weigl is one of the area's strongest painters, reported art critic Teresa Anas, in the Daily Break, Va., Pilot.

"Weigl's pictorial structure is a triumph of simple lines, pattern and idiosyncratic coloration reminiscent of some Japanese art. As a Japanese American, that is Weigl's rightful inheritance," she commented.

The Sansei artist has a BA in art from Scripps College in Claremont, Calif., an MA from Oberlin; and an MFA from the Univ. of Utah, Salt Lake City. She has a long credit of gallery exhibits:

Univ. of Arkansas Union Gallery, Univ. of Utah Showcase Gallery, Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Cleveland Museum of Art, State Univ. of New Hampshire Art Gal-

lery, Butler Art Institute in Youngstown, Ohio, and Women's Interart Center in New York City.

Her work is included in numerous private collections and she has had commissions from the Univ. of Arkansas Little Rock Opera Theatre, Ohio Bldg. Authority Fine Arts Commission, American Standard Co., of Elyria, Ohio, and others. #

Asian artists featured in 1984 calendar

SAN FRANCISCO — Japantown Art and Media Workshop, a non-profit arts organization, has produced a 1984 calendar as a fund-raiser. Featured artists are Wes Senzaki, Ron Sugiyama, Rich Tokeshi, Mitsu Yashima, Jim Dong, Zand Gee, David Leong and Stephanie Lowe.

The \$8 calendars, offset in black and white, have a hand-printed silkscreen cover designed by Debi Shimamoto and Wes Aoki.

Checks should be made payable to JAM Workshop and sent to 1852 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115. Mail orders should add \$1.50 for postage and handling. #

Soviet threat alters Japan's 'romantic pacifism' to defense

HONOLULU—Japan—learning a hard lesson from its "romantic pacifism"—is becoming more conscious of the threat of Soviet military forces in the Far East, an Asian affairs specialist said.

"One may expect a steadily increasing defense effort on the part of Japan, perhaps in spite of rather persistent and clumsy pressure from the United States," said Ardath W. Burks, professor emeritus of Asian studies at Rutgers Univ. in New Jersey.

In remarks made at the Nov. 15 luncheon, sponsored by the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council and the Educational Foundations of the Univ. of Hawaii, Burks cautioned against "gung-ho American" encouragement of a stronger Japanese defense role.

"It does not pay to put a metronome on the Japanese pace," he said. "If I were (Defense) Secretary (Casper) Weinberger, I'd just subside for a while. If you pressure too hard, you're going to get exactly the opposite effect."

Japan has become increasingly aware of increased Soviet seapower in the Pacific and the presence of SS-20 missiles in the Soviet Far East.

"I have faith in the pragmatic Japanese, who have, I think, learned the lesson of extreme, romantic militarism and are now learning the equally difficult lesson of extreme, romantic pacifism," he said. #

Community Concerns

SAN FRANCISCO—The Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund has granted \$25,000 to the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, to be applied toward construction. The building fund now totals more than \$780,000.

LOS ANGELES —Asian American Drug Abuse Program is holding their annual mochitsuki fund-raiser on Dec. 27 and 28, 5318 So. Crenshaw Blvd. Fresh mochi can be ordered at a donation of \$2 per pound. Advance orders are encouraged. South Bay residents may pick up their orders at the Nakaoka Community Center Dec. 28-29. Contact May Goya at 293-6284 to place your order and arrange for pick up.

LOS ANGELES—Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc. received two \$500 grants from the ARCO Foundation as part of the corporation's volunteer support, it was announced. The agency thanked ARCO employees Antonio (Tony) Freire-Alvarez, AADAP board member, and Eliot Omiya for securing the grants. The ARCO Foundation has also been helpful in supporting the agency's renovation project. The funds will be used to rent space in the Asian Community Service Center in Gardena for an outstation.

DENVER—Mayor Federico Pena declared the week of Nov. 6 through 12 as Japan Week. Programs sponsored by the Univ. of Denver Center for Teaching International Relations and the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco featured films, seminars, photo exhibits and workshops dealing with Japan's culture and trade relations.

JACCC to present Oshogatsu shows

LOS ANGELES—The second Oshogatsu Festival, under the sponsorship of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S San Pedro St., begins Sunday, Dec. 18, 3 p.m., at the Doizaki Gallery, with an opening reception and program.

An exhibition of new year pastime articles, children's games, kimonos and other objects associated with the holiday is set. In the South Gallery, some of the rare photos from the newly released book, "Little Tokyo: 100 Years in Pictures," produced by Visual Communications and the Little Tokyo Centennial Committee, will be shown.

In commemoration of Little Tokyo's 100th birthday next year, community "oldtimers" will reminisce about their Oshogatsu experience. Speakers include Rei Kasama, Roy Kita and Flora Kumamoto. A panel discussion will be moderated by members of the Japanese American Historical Society.

On Dec. 28, Children's Day (7-12 years old) will be observed between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., featuring a special program in the Japan America Theatre. Participants include Brenda Aoki from San Francisco's Theatre of Yugen; June Kuramoto, Johnny Mori and George Abe (koto, taiko and shakuhachi musicians); and dancer Sumako Azuma II. Actress Saachiko will be master of ceremonies.

Reservations are necessary for the morning/afternoon event, according to JACCC's Chris Iwanaga, 628-2725.

Local community talent will gather for the Kotohajime program at the JACCC Plaza program on Jan. 2, 1 p.m., marking the beginning of the centennial observance. Rev. Isao Goto of Gardena Konkō Church will conduct the Shinto ritual.

The Los Angeles Kyudo Kai and the Nanka Iai-do Renmei Kai, the schools of archery and fencing, will formally greet the new year, followed by Beikoku Shodo Kenkyukai's calligraphy demonstration, and serving of traditional tea by the Omotesenke Domonkai.

Sumako Azuma II, Rokumine Hanayagi and Hisami Wakayagi, accompanied by nagauta musicians/vocalists; Yajuro Kineya IX, Kichisaburo Kineya and Jyorokusho Kinoya will present Japanese classical program, with guest artist Junosuke Nishikawa.

Sankyoku Gasso will be performed by Hodo Yamaguchi, Ichihō Yamauchi, Ikuko Yuge and Seishi Kagawa. Taiko drumming by the Kinara Taiko (Senshin Buddhist Church) concludes the day.

"Cross-Rhythms/From Kabuki to Jazz: Master Percussionist Katada Kisaku in Concert" on Saturday, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m., in the JAT, concludes the four-week festivities. #

American and Japanese police officials probe yakuza role in international crime

HONOLULU—Japanese and American law enforcement officials convened at Ilikai Hotel Nov. 29 for a three-day meeting on how to combat international organized crime.

Approximately 125 law personnel attended, including some 20 officials from the Japanese National Police, Tokyo Metropolitan Police and seven prefectural police forces.

County police departments in Hawaii, San Francisco and Los Angeles also sent representatives. All have been concerned for a number of years about increasing cooperation between Japanese and American organized crime.

Yakuza have been active in Hawaii and, to a lesser extent, on the West Coast, for a number of years.

Harold Ezell of Immigration and Naturalization Services told conference participants that yakuza profits from illegal activities "are financing investments in the United States and expansion of illegal activities in California's major Asian American communities." #

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campaign for either City Council or School Committee as a district candidate."

Members of the Caucus see Asian participation in the lawsuit to be significant in several ways. "[We are] working with people from the Black Political Task Force and Latino PAC. There's never been a formal mechanism in the minority communities with all these groups to work together on this kind of an issue. People have formed coalitions around other kinds of specific issues like housing, but not specifically around political participation. And that's exciting," Lee said.

Michael Liu, an individual plaintiff, believes that, "It's important for changing the atmosphere as far as political activity and the role of Chinese within this city. . . . There's a large percentage of immigrants and there's a lot of feeling that this really isn't their country. This is also [a concept] promoted by outside society, that this isn't their country and that we don't have as much a right to participate as other people."

Daniel Lam, former coordinator of the Asian Political Caucus, described its goals as increasing Asian participation in electoral politics and ensuring that government officials respond to the concerns of Asian Americans. #

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Letters

● JACL's Ignorance

I was a bit disappointed when I read Bill Hosokawa's piece about "Futatsu no Sokoku." He says, "While defending Ms. Yamasaki's right to write as she pleases, it is also necessary to express concern about the impact of her work on popular understanding of Japanese Americans both in Japan and this country." He admits he has not read "Futatsu no Sokoku," but goes on to tell readers of the Pacific Citizen about the novel from a piece he read in the Far Eastern Economic Review by William Wetherall.

I have read Wetherall's review and his observation about the novel certainly isn't worth repeating as he has missed completely what Yamasaki tried to do in her novel.

What worries me greatly is that Bill as well as Floyd Shimomura and Ron Wakabayashi have been taken in by something they have read or heard in Japan without actually trying to find out for themselves about what they are telling the JACL members back in the U.S.

I would like to point out that "Futatsu no Sokoku" is a novel and not a historic document. Bill repeats Wetherall's words—"flawed by errors which suggest her lack of intimacy with the subject matter"—and then goes on to say "the novel and the upcoming TV movies put Japanese Americans in the uncomfortable position of having their experience exploit-

ed by inaccurate representation at that..." "Futatsu no Sokoku" is a novel. How can a novel "be flawed by errors" or represent something inaccurately?

Floyd and Ron were recently here in Japan to get a first-hand view of things so they can have a better picture of what JACL can do to foster better U.S.-Japan relations. If their observation is typical of their comments on "Futatsu no Sokoku," which they have never read, and they only parrot an opinion of someone who doesn't appear to know what Yamasaki's novel is all about, JACL had better forget about getting involved in the problem of U.S.-Japan relations.

TED SHIGENO
Tokyo

● Membership Idea

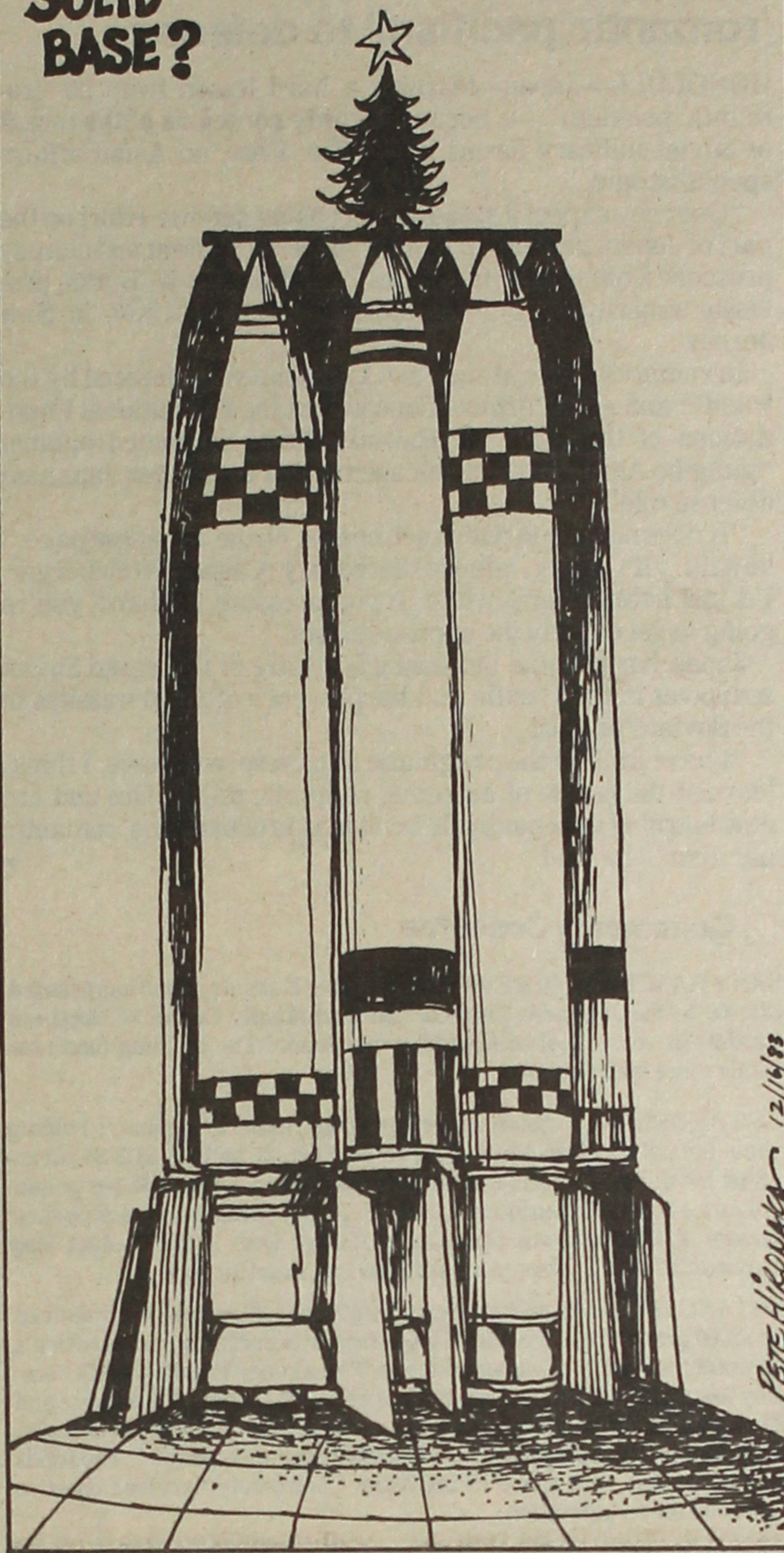
You want more new members? Why don't you have your PC paper in Japanese and accept the new Japanese people moving into our country? They, like our fathers and mothers who first came to America, really need help. So JACL is to help all who need help. Right? That's one.

Now, why don't you make our dues all the same? Need answers.

FUMIO YOSHIDA
Gardena, Ca.

The PC would like to hear more grassroots ideas on how membership might be increased. At a proper time after some study, we shall try to answer some of the questions being posed.—GM/Op.

SOLID BASE?



EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

Shinkansen: 'New Trunk Line'



Aboard the "Shinkansen"

FROM TOKYO STATION to Hiroshima-eki via the "Hikaru" is a 5- to 5½-hour trip. The time difference depends on whether one catches the train that departs Tokyo on the hour

(faster) or the ones that depart between the hours (slower) every ten-fifteen minutes or so. If one cannot board one train, simply arrange to be aboard any number of the succeeding runs. If you're making a trip of more than a couple hours, we recommend reserved seats on the "green car": more spacious, comfortable and quiet. You are assigned to specific seats in a specified car. Our car was No. 11; so we stood on the platform by a sign with the corresponding number and sure enough the train stopped with car No. 11 right in front.

WE RECOMMEND THE "green car" because there can be hordes of energetic upper-school students in the other cars and, polite as they may be, they "take over." Playing cards—both "poker" and *hana*—break out; mah-jong boards (in miniature) appear; and hand-held video games preoccupy those not engaged in group activities. There is much laughter, joshing, dashing off to the station food kiosks—risking being left behind since the train strictly observes two-minute stops.

THERE ARE VENDORS on the train passing up and down the aisles, hawking (in gentle tones) *bento*, ice cream, tea, coffee (\$1.15 a small cup), canned and chilled *mikan* juice (delicious), and various regional *omiyage* for friends at your destination. On the advice that "eki bento" usually is better than those available on the train, after reviewing those realistic-looking samples at Tokyo Station, we laid in provisions. (For those who may be making this trip, we wish to inform you that there's a *shoku-ten* in the lower level of the station.)

SOME PASSING OBSERVATIONS of the so-called Bullet Trains. Toilet: the old-fashioned "squat" type, so limber up. No paper towels, so make preparations accordingly. Conductor: surely the world's most polite; where else would a conductor doff his cap, bow, introduce himself by name... before collecting tickets? Wash basins: fine—but a public "yugai" cup, not for us, thanks. Cleaning lady makes at least hourly runs, usually before-after lunch period, to hourly empty "bento bako," cans, wrappers, *mikan* peels, etc. After each station stop, there are running announcements of arrival times to each station down the line—"sagaru," the opposite direction, consistently enough, being referred to as "noboru." It suddenly dawned on us that these two simple *kanji* characters each have four readings or pronunciations: *sagaru*, *shita*, *shimo* and *ka*; *noboru*, *ue*, *agaru* and *ko*.

IT IS LITTLE wonder we have a dickens of a time sorting out the writing. #

Keeping Track

History falsified to win relocation pay

By KIYOAKI MURATA
Asahi Shimbun, Aug. 18, 1983

The recent attempt to portray the World War II relocation of persons of Japanese descent as a travesty of justice requiring \$1 billion in compensation is a falsification of history.

This February, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians found that the forced migration of Japanese and Japanese Americans was due to "racial prejudice and war hysteria." It was not justified by "military necessity," concluded the commission, which was set up by Congress in 1981.

While the U.S. mass media generally concurred with the report's moral judgment on the wartime events, in Japan, the United States' admission that it had been wrong was widely praised as "worthy of the world's leading democracy."

The commission report, however, is one-sided, incomplete and unfair. The congressional body was not established to examine the relocation program objectively. Its purpose was to condemn the U.S. government's actions and recommend payment of compensation to the "victims." The inquiry was like a trial where the accused is presumed guilty from the outset.

Basic Misunderstanding
I was in California when

the evacuation began in early 1942. I had arrived in the United States in 1941 on a student visa, six months before Pearl Harbor. Less than a year later I was being evacuated as an enemy alien. Since I personally experienced the resettlement, I wish to correct some basic misunderstandings about it.

First, the term "concentration camp," which is sometimes used to describe the relocation centers, is totally inappropriate. The expression should be reserved for the camps set up by the Nazis to exterminate Jews.

In the United States, Japanese subjects—who were enemy aliens—and American citizens of Japanese origin were relocated from the states of Washington, Oregon and California into the interior. These states had been designated military zones. People of Japanese ancestry living elsewhere were not affected at all. (Some Japanese in Arizona were also subject to military removal.—Ed.)

Second, the commission's finding that there was no "military necessity" justifying the relocation begs the question. As the war continued, it became obvious that Japan did not intend to attack the West Coast and that there was no internal danger of espionage or subversion. But in late 1941 and early 1942, the U.S. Army's Western Defense Command was con-

vinced that Japanese armed forces might even invade the West Coast.

U.S. Army Apprehensive

In such an event, first-generation Japanese residents, who were legally barred from naturalization, were expected to remain loyal to their fatherland. The U.S. Army was also apprehensive about the loyalties of their American-born offspring, who were U.S. citizens. Given the military situation in 1942, it is understandable that the Army took every possible precaution to protect the West Coast.

With the advantage of hindsight, it is easy now, 42 years later, to criticize the removal program. But this ahistorical argument proves nothing.

Third, some argue that relocation was the result of anti-Japanese prejudice. They point out that German and Italian citizens, who were enemy aliens, were not moved to relocation centers. But this criticism, too, is wide of the mark: the presumed threat to the West Coast came from Japan, not from Germany or Italy.

Fourth, in the first phase of the relocation program, the U.S. Army encouraged and assisted those who were willing to evacuate voluntarily. About 4,000 people subsequently moved to inland states where they were free to settle anywhere.

Given the widespread anti-

Japanese sentiment generated by Pearl Harbor, however, many of these states objected to the influx of newcomers whose loyalty was considered suspect. In the spring of 1942, the Army was forced to resort to group relocation, and camps were set up in remote areas of states in the interior.

Employment Service

By early 1943, the authorities had established an employment service to encourage camp residents to find work and resettle in the Midwest or the East. In May 1943, after only nine months at a relocation center in Arizona, I was able to leave for Chicago where I worked my way through school.

Many others also left the camps for employment outside. Those who remained in the centers until the end of the war did so primarily because they preferred the security and comfort of the camps to the uncertainties of life on the outside.

Although the relocation centers were established under the difficult circumstances of the early wartime months, the authorities made every effort to minimize the hardship for relocatees. The camps were self-governing, and people who worked received compensation.

CWRIC Recommendation

This June, the Wartime Relocation Commission urged that approximately 60,000

survivors of relocation be paid compensation totalling more than \$1 billion. A bill has been submitted to implement this recommendation.

The commission has aroused controversy since it was formed two years ago. The \$1 billion payment to Americans of Japanese descent will fuel popular opposition. It will exacerbate U.S.-Japan relations, already strained by trade disagreements, because the

tified Japanese Americans with Japan.

Most Japanese have viewed the resettlement issue from afar, as mere bystanders. But we must remember that relocation was a consequence of the war Japan started with the United States. —Asahi Shimbun.

Murata was editor of Japan's leading English-language daily, The Japan Times, until his recent retirement.

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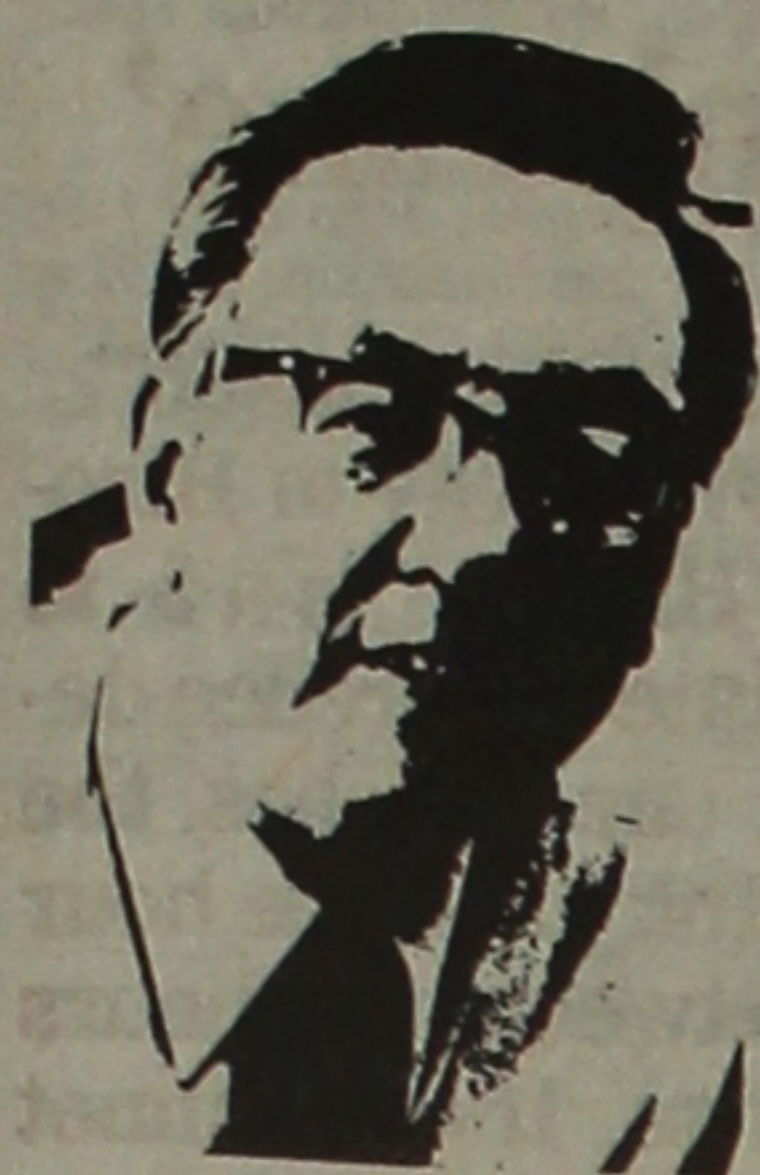
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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

Nisei Testimonials



Denver

Min Yasui is to be honored by Denverites at a testimonial next March in appreciation for his many years of dedicated service as director of the Denver Commission on Community Relations.

The word "dedicated" in the previous sentence is properly used. It takes an intense sort of dedication to take on the kind of job Min did. He had to cope, for more hours than anyone should work, with citizens whose zealotry for their causes made them less than reasonable. He had to bring warring factions together, overcome firmly held prejudices, pound sense and an understanding of reality into skulls that were virtually impervious to reason. Many times when passions ran high in the community he faced down violence with a rare sort of courage.

So it is fitting that now that Min has retired following a change in the city administration, the testimonial be held and the proceeds be contributed to another cause of which he is a principal. That would be the coram nobis litigation in which Min, along with Gordon Hirabayashi and Fred Korematsu, are seeking to overturn their convictions for violating discriminatory wartime orders directed at Japanese Americans.

Litigation is costly. Many attorneys have contributed their time to the effort which, already, has led to the federal government backing down in the case of Fred Korematsu. It is important, in the name of justice and the long view of history, to pursue these cases to a successful conclusion. So the effort to raise money for Min's suit is a commendable one.

But this didn't start out as a column about Min Yasui, as much as he deserves one. Incidentally, the new Denver city administration is much more sensitive about human rights than the previous one was when Min joined it. The column was intended as a commentary on the way Japanese Americans week after week in various parts of the country are scheduling testimonials for their peers.

These testimonials say three things: They, mostly Nisei because they've been around longer, have accomplishments worthy of being recognized. The Japanese American communities are prosperous enough to support these testimonials. And the money raised through the events goes to help further broad community programs.

Not long ago I had the privilege of taking part in a testimonial in Los Angeles for Mas Kawaguchi who has done very well with Fishking, a seafood processing company. Kawaguchi was being honored for the fact that he and his wife, Mitsuko, have shared their good fortune with scores of causes through a benevolent foundation.

The direct beneficiaries of the testimonial were the Boy Scouts, whose ideas are more needed now than ever. Some 700 persons paid \$100 apiece to attend the banquet. That's a lot of money, but the community supported the function without an extraordinary amount of arm-twisting.

It's great that Japanese Americans, so soon after the economic and spiritual devastation of the Evacuation, have been able to create the wherewithal to support good community causes. It's great that they are recognizing their responsibility to do it. #

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Guest's Corner

Dave Itami, Dedicated Patriot

By JAMES S. ODA

Dave Akira Itami, the real life model for the fictional leading character in Toyoko Yamasaki's novel "Two Fatherlands," was a senior instructor at the MIS language school. He was so eager to serve his country that he resigned from his lucrative civilian job, joined the army and volunteered to serve overseas. In the post-war period he became a senior monitor in the Far East War Crime Tribunal. For his outstanding service

he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

In pre-war days he worked for the Japanese Embassy in Washington, D.C. Later he became the editor-in-chief of the Kashu Mainichi (Japanese section). He was at that time a controversial figure openly supporting the cause of the Japanese militarists in the Far East. It is entirely possible that he was coerced into doing this by his employer. At any rate, with the outbreak of the war he completely reversed his political posi-

tion and enlisted his services toward the allied victory. He was to the best of my knowledge the most capable linguist. Needless to say, his service for America was immeasurable. It is not an exaggeration to say that his accomplishments were a big plus for America and a major set-back for military Japan. The Japanese militarists never forgave him for his "switch of allegiance".

In the Jan. 4, 1965 issue of Shukan Bunshun, a leading Japanese weekly magazine, a pre-war Japanese army colonel named Keiji Machida conceived a sensational fabricated story that suggested Itami's true sympathy was with the Japanese militarists while playing both ends of the game; that he did his best as a monitor to protect and promote the interest of the Japanese war crime defendants and that he finally committed suicide on the day Hideki Tojo was hanged.

It must be unequivocally stated that Itami's job as the monitor at the tribunal was to accurately correct any misrepresentation that might have occurred in the course of interpretation and translation. This was to insure a fair trial for the defendants who were being tried in a language foreign to them. By so doing the Allies sought to create an image that the tribunal was not simply the victor's trial over the defeated. Therefore, the essence of the whole matter is that Itami performed his duty as expected of him, and he performed excellently. No other linguist could have done as well as he did.

As to Itami's immolation in response to Tojo's death, there is no doubt that this was a complete fabrication. The record shows that Tojo was hanged Dec. 23, 1948, while Itami died in December of 1950. The whole fabrication

was a cowardly act on the part of Keiji Machida to carry out character assassination on Itami, a dedicated patriot.

To make matters worse, the Toho Movie Company announced production of a movie based on Machida's version. Fearful of the consequences of such an undertaking upon the thousands of other Nisei soldiers who served in WWII, Toshiro Hiraide, then Gardena JACL Chapter president and Koichi Shibuya, president of the So. Calif. MIS Club, took upon themselves to forestall its production. They succeeded by enlisting the support of the National JACL and Toshiro Shimanouchi, then consul general in Los Angeles and later Japan's ambassador to the U.N.

Fifteen years had passed when Toyoko Yamasaki appeared on the scene to gather materials on the same subject. Koichi Shibuya raised violent objection to her novel's title "Two Fatherlands". I also met her and conveyed our feelings as Japanese Americans.

In all fairness to Toyoko Yamasaki, I must say she changed her original concept considerably. While some portions of her novel are still objectionable to Japanese Americans, she made an in-depth presentation of the Nisei's dilemma during the war.

We must be aware that Japan is now flooded with anti-Nisei, anti-occupation literature. Comparatively speaking, "Two Fatherlands" must be regarded as presenting a view point favorable to Japanese Americans. Only the title is misleading and objectionable.

James Oda is the author of "Heroic Struggles of Japanese Americans".

Keeping Track

Article on relocation one-sided, wrong

Kiyooki Murata's article appeared in the Dayton Journal Herald and prompted this response:

By PETE HIRONAKA
Dayton Journal Herald,
Oct. 27, 1983

Your decision to run the huge spread on the op ed page Sept. 30 entitled "History falsified to win relocation pay" was unfortunate and wrong. It denotes thinking completely counter to other pieces you have run on your pages previously.

The bold headline concludes that historical documents and testimony were faked in order to get redress compensation for the Americans of Japanese ancestry who were incarcerated in U.S. concentration camps during World War II. That conclusion is incorrect, and I challenge the writer, Kiyooki Murata, who wrote the article.

Murata, a foreigner who was given permission by Tojo's government to study in our American schools, could not remotely feel the impact to the internment as we American citizens did. He was an enemy alien. We were American citizens from the day we were born. We Nisei grew up pledging allegiance

to the American flag every morning in class. Murata could not relate to that.

We grew up believing we were protected by the Bill of Rights. What did Murata believe in? Thousands of Nisei enlisted in our armed forces to prove their loyalty, and many paid the supreme price defending the stars and stripes. The heroics of the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Combat Team have been well documented. Only recently was it revealed that more than 6,000 Nisei GIs fought against Tojo's imperial forces in the Pacific theater.

Murata stated that the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians report, "Personal Justice Denied," was one-sided, incomplete and unfair. Did he hear any of the testimony from more than 750 witnesses? Did he make any effort to read the commission's 467-page report?

There were no alterations of historical facts to gain compensation. As an American who spent three years in a U.S. concentration camp, I rebut Kiyooki Murata's conclusions. It was unfortunate that this warped dissertation was given such prominence and space in The Journal Herald. #

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 Received: Oct. 1, 1983—Nov. 30, 1983 21,835

The final FY1983 chapter redress pledge summary appears in the Nov. 11 PC. As of Oct. 1, the balances have been turned back to zero to show recent amounts received by National Headquarters. (Some of the amounts received, apparently, were intended for the FY1983 report, but they were acknowledged in the FY1984 period.)

Realizing the redress campaign must be accelerated with two bills in Congress, the National Board authorized raising the goal from \$130,000 to \$195,000—or the equivalent of \$7.50 per member for this year.

CHAPTER SUMMARY: INTERMOUNTAIN DISTRICT

Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd	Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd
Boise Valley	144	1,080		Salt Lake City	222	1,665	
Idaho Falls	55	412		Snake River	248	1,860	
Mount Olympus	172	1,290		Wasatch Front North	46	345	
Pocatello-Blackfoot	91	682					
TOTAL				978 7,335			

CHAPTER SUMMARY: EASTERN DISTRICT

Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd	Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd
New England	2	15		Seabrook	176	1,320	880
New York	195	1,462	1,015	Washington, DC	310	2,325	
Philadelphia	151	1,132	845				
TOTAL				834 6,255 2,740			

CHAPTER SUMMARY: CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd	Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd
Clovis	127	952		Reedley	154	1,155	15
Delano	57	427		Sanger	204	1,530	
Fowler	129	967		Selma	135	1,012	
Fresno	478	3,585		Tulare County	249	1,867	
Parlier	146	1,095					
TOTAL				1,679 12,582 15			

CHAPTER SUMMARY: PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd	Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd
Columbia Basin	28	210		Portland	212	1,590	
Gresham-Troutdale	133	997		Puyallup Valley	217	1,627	
Lake Washington	60	450		Seattle	501	3,757	
Mid-Columbia	175	1,312		Spokane	99	742	
Olympia				White River Valley	64	480	325
TOTAL				1,489 11,617 325			

CHAPTER SUMMARY: MOUNTAIN PLAINS DISTRICT

Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd	Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd
Arkansas Valley	69	517	100	Mile-High	80	600	
Fort Lupton	97	727		New Mexico	66	495	
Houston	26	195	250	Omaha	112	840	
TOTAL				450 3,375 933			

CHAPTER SUMMARY: MIDWEST DISTRICT

Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd	Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd
Chicago	863	6,472		Hoosier	67	502	5
Cincinnati	91	682	500	Milwaukee	142	1,065	
Cleveland	97	727		St. Louis	88	660	
Dayton	98	735		Twin Cities	209	1,567	
Detroit	155	1,162					
TOTAL				1,810 13,575 505			

CHAPTER SUMMARY: NO. CAL.-W. NEV.-PACIFIC DISTRICT

Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd	Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd
Alameda	286	2,145		Monterey Peninsula	435	3,262	100
Berkeley	317	2,377		Oakland	111	832	175
Contra Costa	465	3,487	402	Placer County	263	1,972	
Cortez	191	1,432		Reno	71	532	
Diablo Valley	148	1,110		Sacramento	919	6,892	2,615
Eden Township	303	2,272	620	Salinas Valley	362	2,715	
Florin	97	727		San Benito	75	562	
Fremont	180	1,350		San Francisco	1,424	10,680	
French Camp	152	1,140		San Jose	1,058	7,935	100
Gilroy	140	1,050		San Mateo	659	4,942	
Golden Gate	29	217		Sequoia	703	5,272	
Honolulu	37	277		Solano County	43	322	
Japan	74	555		Sonoma County	448	3,360	1,500
Livingston-Merced	191	1,432		Stockton	425	3,187	3,550
Lodi	320	2,400		Tri-Valley	80	600	285
Marin County	82	615		Watsonville	313	2,347	
Marysville	212	1,590		West Valley	311	2,332	
TOTAL				10,924 81,930 9,347			

CHAPTER SUMMARY: PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd	Chapter	Memb	Pldg	Rec'd
Arizona	335	2,512		Pan Asian	177	1,327	
Carson	109	817		Pasadena	135	1,012	
Coachella Valley	109	817		Prog. Westside	25	187	
Downtown L.A.	188	1,410		Riverside	143	1,072	
East Los Angeles	662	4,965		San Diego	482	3,615	
Gardena Valley	871	6,532		San Fernando Vly	345	2,587	
Gtr L.A. Singles				San Gabriel Valley	194	1,455	
Greater Pasadena	31	232		San Luis Obispo	83	622	
Hollywood	229	1,717		Santa Barbara	119	892	200
Imperial Valley	44	330		Santa Maria	86	645	
Las Vegas	40	300		Selanoco	354	2,655	
Latin America	61	457		South Bay	181	1,357	
Marina	150	1,125		S.E. Cultural	21	157	
New Age	82	615		Venice-Culver	267	2,002	
North San Diego	63	472		Ventura County	191	1,432	
Orange County	539	4,042		West Los Angeles	1,182	8,865	
Pacifica	53	397		Wilshire	138	1,035	
TOTAL				7,689 57,667 7,970			

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PC Calendar of Events

JACL-sponsored events are prefaced with name of the JACL unit (chapter, district, national) in boldface. Social affairs of Nikkei community/church groups are listed as a community service. Where fees/reservations are involved, an "info" contact is required. Items should be submitted in writing to the PC Calendar editor.

- DEC. 17 (Saturday) Stockton—Christmas party, Keiro potluck.
San Francisco—UJCS Christmas dance, BofA Ctr's Great Electric Underground, 9pm; info 563-8062.
- DEC. 18 (Sunday) Sequoia—Mochitsuki; info (408) 738-0661.
Montebello—Nikkei Widowed Gp's Christmas party, Quiet Cannon Res't, 12:30pm; Rsvp 827-3414/292-9905.
San Francisco—New Yr program: Karaoke, mochitsuki, Japan Ctr Peace Plaza, 1pm; Nisei & Retirement Xmas pty, 1-4pm, Kimochi, 1531 Sutter.
- DEC. 19 (Monday) South Bay—Jr JACL pizza night fundraiser, 5105 Torrance Blvd, Torr, 7-10pm.
- DEC. 28-30 San Jose—Mochitsuki, Wesley United Methodist Ch; info (408) 295-0367.
- DEC. 29 (Thursday) San Francisco—New Yr program: Mi-

- chiya Hanayagi dancers, mochitsuki, Japan Ctr, 1:30pm.
- 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 bento, RSVP Dec 26: 843-4243, 525-4277.
San Diego—Fun night, VFW Hall, 9pm.

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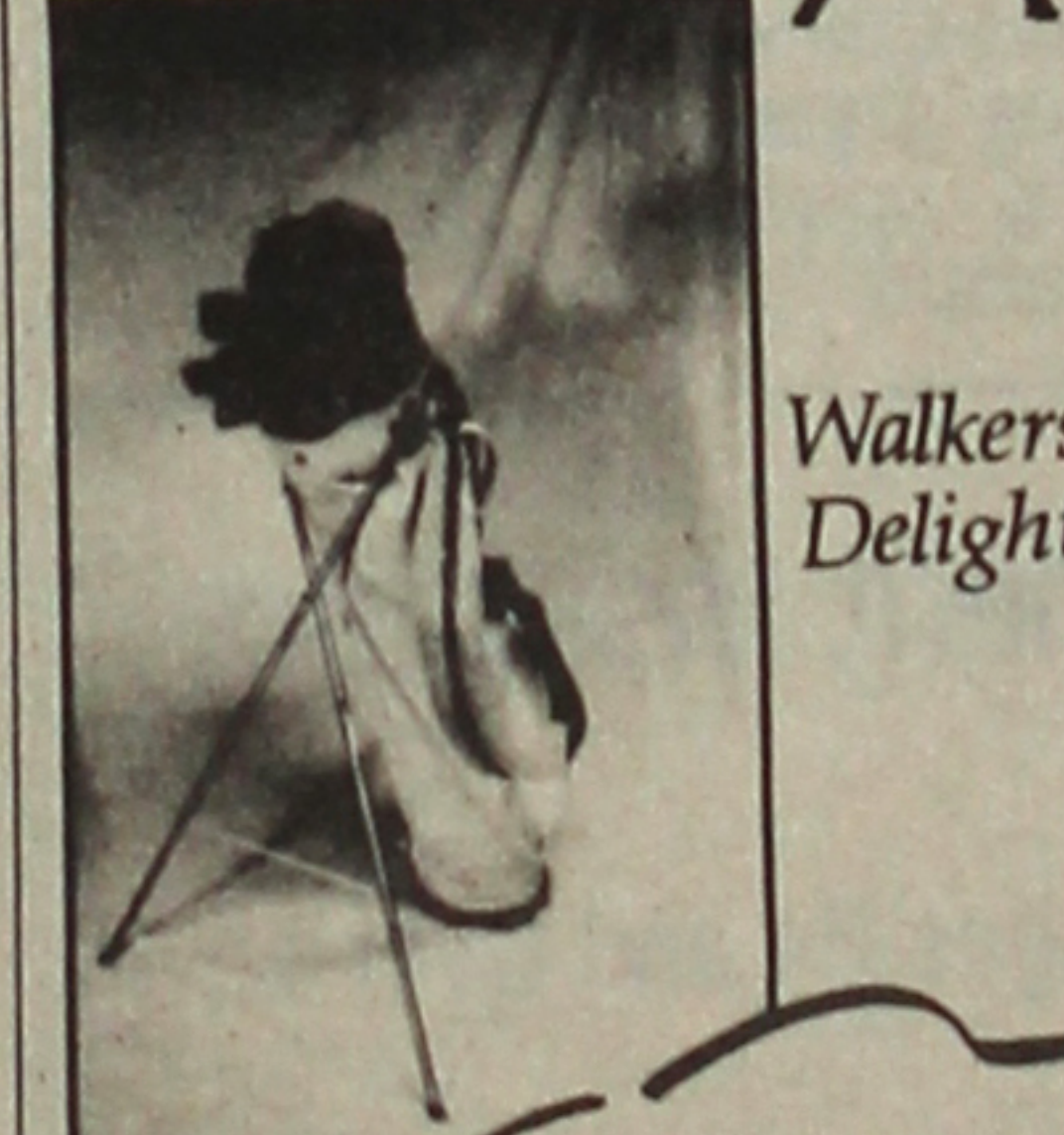
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- JAN. 28 (Saturday) St Louis—Inst dnr, Mandarin House; Henry Tanaka, spkr.
Sequoia—Inst dnr, Ruby King Res't, Los Altos, 6:30pm; Wendy Tokuda, spkr; Rsvp 494-7862.
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Mayor proclaims 'San Diego JACL Day'

By HARRY HONDA
SAN DIEGO, Ca.—Mayor Roger Hedgecock had proclaimed Sunday, Dec. 4, "San Diego JACL Day" in commemorating the chapter's 50th anniversary.

Close to 300 attended the installation dinner at Kona Kai Club that evening to hear Dr. Peter Irons discuss the so-called Japanese wartime cases of World War II, declaring, "The time has come to purge the record that it was 'military necessity' (with reference to WW2 removal and detention of persons of Japanese ancestry—citizen and resident alien)."

Author of "Justice at War: the Story of the Japanese American Internment Cases" (Oxford University Press, 1983), further lauded the work of the 15 Sansei attorneys and 30 associates, spearheaded by Dale Minami of Oakland, over the past year in amassing the data and uncovering key documents from government files that glaring judicial errors were committed by the U.S. government in the Yasui, Hirabayashi and Korematsu cases.

Errors had to do with withholding or suppressing evidence which would have diminished the basis of "military necessity" in the forced removal of Japanese Americans from the West Coast in 1942, it was pointed out. That was the basis for filing the writs of error coram nobis—asking the U.S. Supreme Court for a review of the three cases, which had declared the military curfew

and evacuation was legal or that it was possible to justify incarceration of Americans because of race.

Patel's Decision
A month ago (Nov. 10) Irons was present at the U.S. district court in San Francisco where Judge Marilyn H. Patel had granted the petition of Korematsu for a writ of error coram nobis. It was a most "emotional" event, some Nisei shedding tears, Irons noted, as the judge called on the government to clear the record. She described the Justice Dept.'s statement to vacate the conviction was actually a "non-response". She had gone further than expected, Irons added.

Irons told the PC earlier in the evening he was always disturbed by the wartime cases as a law student at Harvard. Under documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act was he convinced that a grievous error had been made. At the time, he had not known whether Yasui, Hirabayashi or Korematsu were living. Such was the pursuit that culminated in writing the book and serving as counsel in the coram nobis cases.

(The PC Office is making arrangements with the publishers to distribute "Justice at War," \$18.95.)

Hironaka, first elected president in 1967, has become a legend here, carrying out the office continuously since 1976. "I promise to break-in a new person to carry on," he said in remarks after being sworn in with his board mem-

bers by National Director Ron Wakabayashi. In that interim, he had been PSWDC governor. He was also secretary to the National Board in the mid-60s.

President's Roster
Eighteen of the 27 who served as chapter president since San Diego JACL was chartered in 1933 were on hand to receive plaques. George Ohashi (1935-37) was the senior honoree.

Records show Hanako Moriyama organized the chapter, but no woman president has been elected in San Diego. The roster of presidents (* - deceased) follows:

1933 — George Obayashi*, 1934—Frank Otsuka, 1935-37—George Ohashi, 1938—Isamu Fujita, 1939—George Obayashi*, 1940—Isamu Fujita, 1941—Fred Katsumata, 1942—Frank H. Otsuka.

Reactivated Oct. 1946
1946-47—Dr. George Hara*, 1947—Masami Honda, 1948—Minoru Sakamoto, 1949-50—Dr. George Hara*, 1951—Masami Honda, 1952—Moto Asakawa, 1953—Paul Hoshi, 1954—Hiomi Nakamura, 1955 — George Kodama, 1956—Dr. Tad Imoto*, 1957—Bert Tanaka, 1958—Moto Asakawa, 1959—George Muto.

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Evening Program
Civic dignitaries added to the historic occasion with appropri-

ate resolutions and mementos in citing the chapter's golden jubilee.

Assemblyman Larry Sterling (77th Dist.) noted the chapter was one of the oldest existing civil rights organizations in the county. Two county supervisors were present: Leon Williams praising JACL's work in protecting civil rights, and Tom Hamilton (in whose district the chapter recently dedicated Kiku Gardens, a senior citizen housing project) lauding the accomplishments and handing the chapter a San Diego bicentennial medallion.

Letters were also acknowledged from U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter, State Sen. Wadie Deddeh (40th Dist.), Assemblywoman Lucy Killea (78th Dist.) and Assemblyman Peter Chacon (79th Dist.).

Again sharing m.c. duties were two Sansei, Donna Yamaguchi, public relations officer for San Diego TV-39, and Robert Ito (not of "Quincy" fame). The Rev. John Katagi of San Diego Japanese Christian Church; Art Nishioka who led in the Pledge; and installing officer Wakabayashi were program principals.

This chapter hasn't seen the customary transfer of presidential power by passing of the gavel in a decade, nor the presenting of a JACL past president's pin. No other JACL unit in the nation can say this. #

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Fremont Chapter to hold 50th reunion

UNION CITY, Ca.—Fremont JACL's 50th reunion will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, 1984, at the Holiday Inn, 32083 Alvarado-Niles Rd.

Festivities are under way with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

The reunion committee is working to assemble a roster of the former residents of Washington Township area so that information on the reunion can be forwarded to them, announced Judy Kato, publicity chair.

Reservations for the reunion can be made by contacting Eileen Tsujimoto at 38815 Sobrante St., Fremont, CA 94539.

Cost is \$25 per person. A yearbook is planned with photos of those attending.

Payment for reservations should be made payable to Fremont JACL by Jan. 17.

Those who wish to stay at Holiday Inn may call (415) 489-2200 for special room rates if they state they are with JACL. #

Right time to make calls on U.S. reps

SAN FRANCISCO — Since Congress has adjourned and will not be back in session until mid-January, this is an opportune time for chapters to initiate congressional contacts, said John Tateishi, National Redress Director.

Tateishi urged all chapter presidents to send members to the congressional offices in the members' districts and to make sure letters are sent to representatives urging them to co-sponsor HR 4110. #

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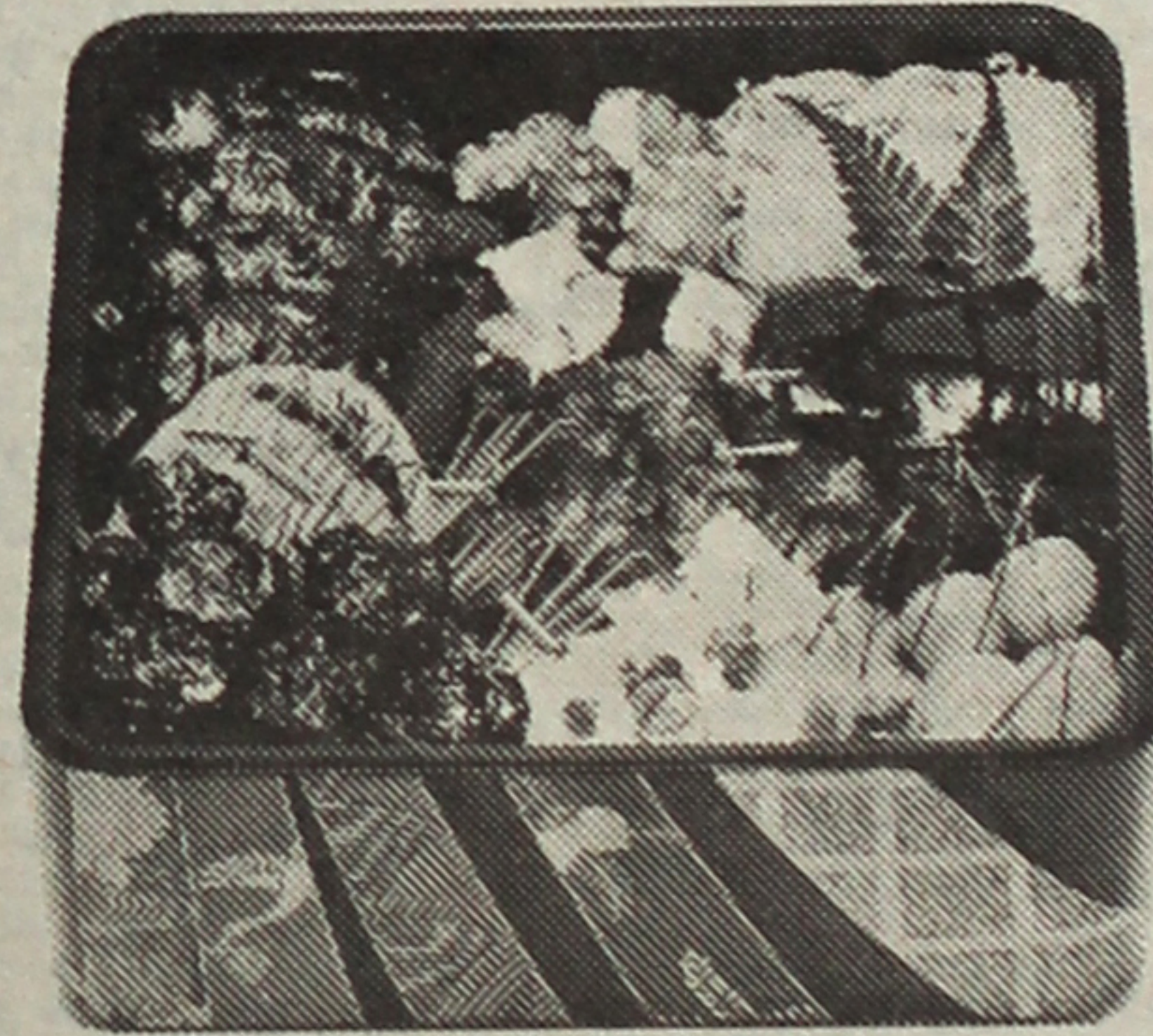
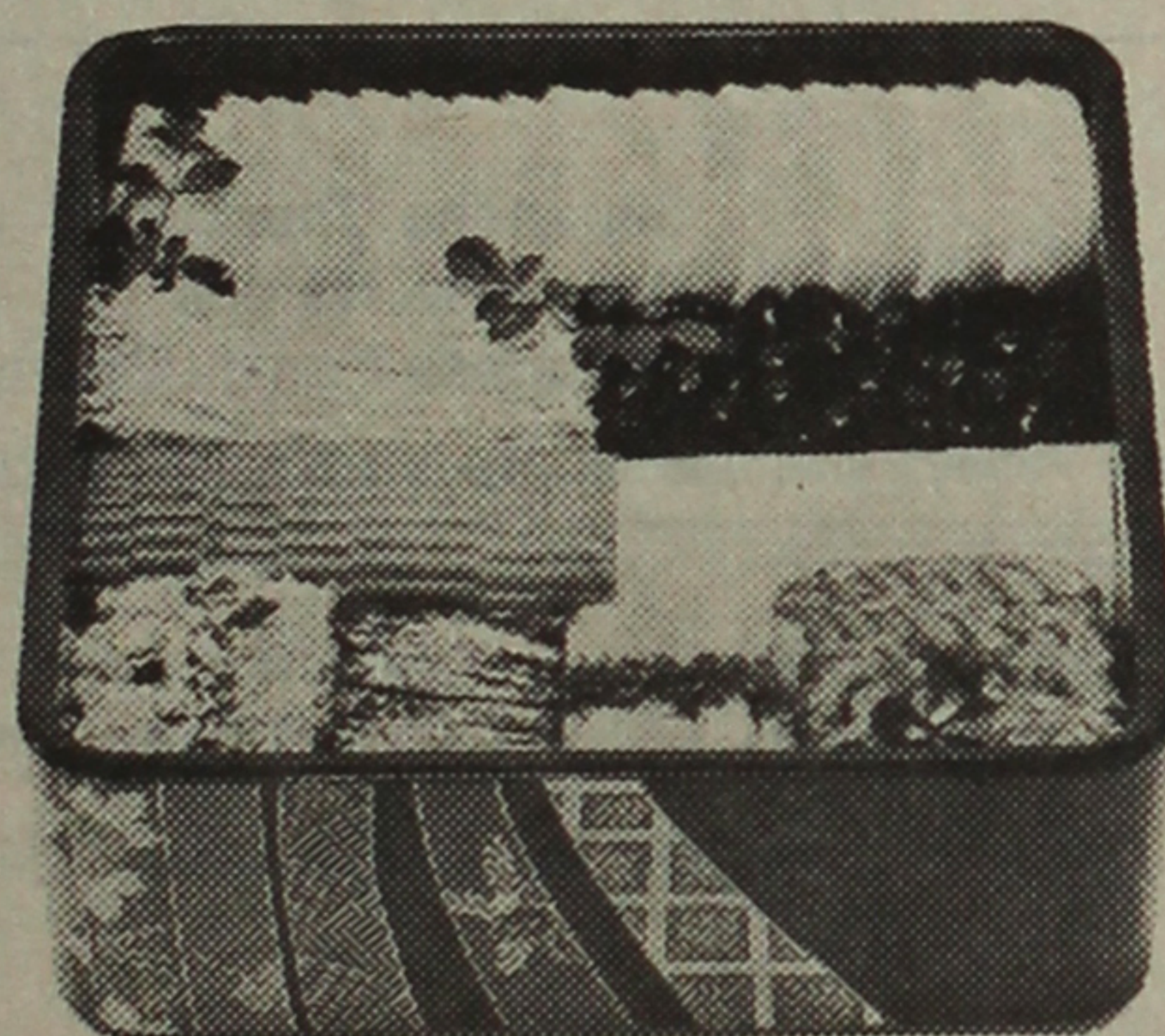
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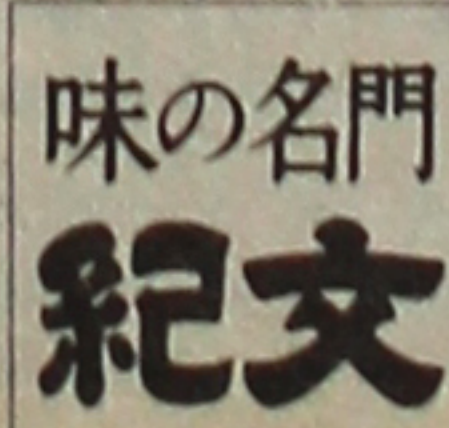
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ministration for the laxness in civil rights enforcement of six key agencies. The commission found that budget allocations to these agencies have been "inadequate to alleviate longstanding problems."

Singled out for particular criticism was the Justice Dept.'s Civil Rights Division. "Indeed, the commission believes a wide range of federal civil rights enforcement efforts have been jeopardized as much by division policies as by recent resource constraints," the report said.

Commission chair Pendleton criticized the report in a separate statement. "The body of the report contains little or no empirical data," he stated. "It is filled with the notion of some vague standard about what could be achieved with unlimited resources."

The report looked at the budgets, staffing and policies of the Departments of Justice; Education, Health and Human Services; Housing and Urban Development; Labor; and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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Kenzaburo Oe critiques Japanese society

By YURI KAGEYAMA
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SAN FRANCISCO — "After the war, an American soldier came on a jeep to our small village of Osemura. He parked in the yard of our grammar school and was reading a book. On the cover of his beautiful moss-green book was the name Plato. When I saw what he was reading, I went to tell the only intellectual in the village, one of my distant relatives, who had studied Greek philosophy at Tokyo University. He was known as a madman and lived in an isolated hut. The man went bravely to talk to the soldier. He talked on and on. The soldier was nodding. Then my 'uncle' came back and said, 'We are safe. They will not kill us, because I talked to him.'"

Thus began the lecture by the famous Japanese writer Kenzaburo Oe at the World Affairs Center on Tuesday, Nov. 22, an event attended by about 100 people, sponsored by the Japan Society and Japan Foundation.

A prolific writer, Oe has produced a number of books, but the two main books which have been translated into English are *A Personal Matter (Kojinteki na Taiken)* and *The Silent Cry (Mannen Gannen no Futoboru)*. He is a professor in French literature at Tokyo University, his alma mater. In fact, he wrote his first collection of short stories while still an undergraduate, and a year after his graduation in 1957, the book won him the prestigious Akutagawa Prize, an annual award given to new writers. Currently, he is a research associate at the University of California, Berkeley.

Oe is a witty speaker, who often had the audience laughing over his jokes about his English pronunciation ("I even consider Japanese my second language because I had to learn the Tokyo dialect. Then I had to learn French. So, at some point, I decided to renounce all accent and talk in a monotone.") He is a charming man, slightly built, with glasses and protruding ears, and he stands almost lopsided at the podium.

Democrat, not New Leftist
Though he was introduced as a "supporter of the New Left," Oe, in his speech, denied the label, explaining that he has been criticized by the younger generation for being what he is, "a democrat." "When you talk about American democracy in Japan these days, people just laugh." Through his address, Oe further clarified his stance.

He stated that he writes from three fundamental posi-

tions. First, that the absolute political, social and cultural control held by the Japanese Imperial system (*Tenno Sei*) led to a dead-end (*yukizumari*) and thus to war; second, that Japan committed an error in modernization by turning solely to Western models and ignoring the rest of Asia; and, thirdly, that the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are concrete lessons of wartime loss, which teach us that they should not be repeated.

When a man from the audience, whom Oe identified as being from the Japanese Consulate General, asked, "Are you trying to deny all of the Emperor system? Didn't Japan need to escape Asia and turn to Western models in order to survive?" Oe replied, "To quote Hegel, the examination of history is meaningful only in its relationships to determining the future. In that sense, I oppose the Emperor system entirely."

'Needlessly Arrogant'

Oe also cited the work of Masao Kunihiro, an expert on U.S.-Japan affairs, whose recent thesis, entitled "The Japan-as-Number-One Syndrome," argues that Japanese industrialists have been needlessly arrogant. Oe called the phenomenon the *hirakinaori* syndrome. *Hirakinaori* is a colloquial term meaning "having a who-cares attitude." Ten years ago, pollution was an issue in Japan, Oe went on. Now it is no longer an issue, despite the fact that pollution has gotten worse. The overall feeling is that, since we're prospering economically, who cares? "This *hirakinaotte-iru* attitude is prevalent among the Japanese youth," Oe reiterated, "and presents a cultural problem in contemporary Japan."

"The opposite of *hirakinaori* is 'decency,' a word George Orwell and Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. use often," Oe continued. He was impressed with the *jyohinsa* (tastefulness) of a recent debate he saw on television, with Robert McNamara, Henry Kissinger and William F. Buckley, Jr. He himself does not agree with their positions, but he respected their ability to debate peacefully. This trait he saw as a sign of "American democracy," which he urged the Japanese to integrate.

This writer felt that Oe's portrayal of "American democracy," in the scope of his lecture, was rather limited (i.e., do McNamara, Kissinger, etc. really represent American democracy at work?). Moreover, he did not address the problems of American democracy; for example, the contradictions seen in the plight of ethnic minorities in this country. To someone who is non-white, that America be multicultural is a significant aspect of its "democratic" and cultural character.

However, Oe, as a Japanese, was speaking more of "American democracy" as a post-war Japanese philosophy, opposing Japan's feudalism, fascism, militarism and imperialism. Oe was also advocating a pacifist, anti-nuclear and humanist position when he used the term "American democracy." He appealed to the youth of Japan, the United States and all over the world to work toward better mutual understanding. Oe's spirit was best summarized in his opening story about his madman "uncle," a man who was able to cross cultural barriers because of his genuine love for Plato. #

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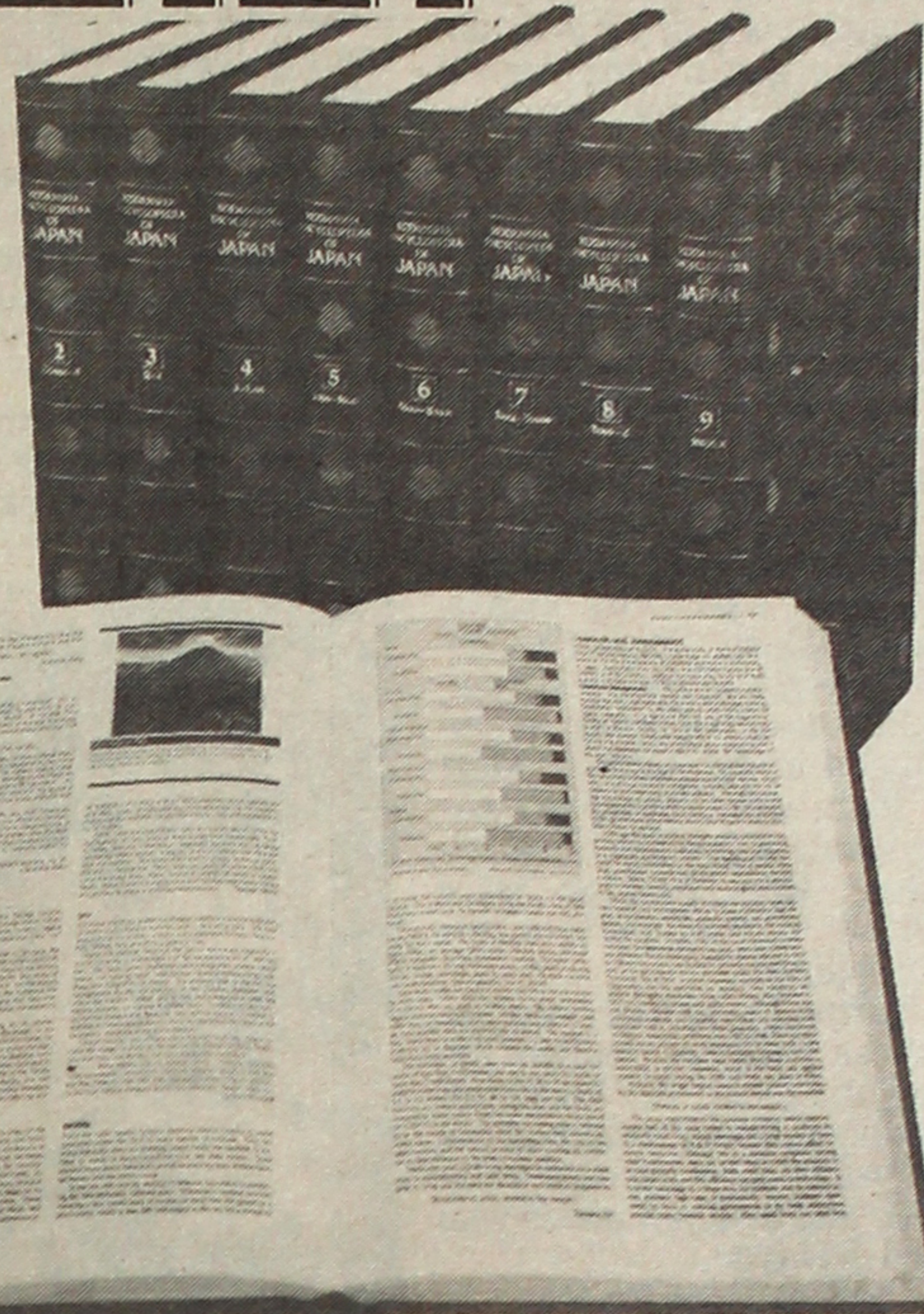
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Nisei-Sansei in Philippines need help, says Japan dentist

(How the Nisei in the Philippines fared during WW2 when the islands were invaded by the Japanese military and then liberated by returning U.S. forces is revealed in this Mainichi Daily News story appearing Sept. 19.—Ed.)

By HARUO NISHIMURA (Mainichi Daily News)

TOKYO—A Japanese dentist, who spent his childhood in the Philippine city of Davao, is preparing to establish an organization designed to help second and third generation Pilipinos of Japanese descent there.

The dentist, Dr. Sadashi Hirahara, 62, of Mitaka City, Tokyo, says, "The majority of them are in a state of poverty and need stable jobs and any kind of help for the education of their offspring."

Hirahara has just returned from a sentimental journey to Davao, a port city on Mindanao Island. Some 170 people, led by Michiyuki Isurugi, a Japanese legislator, participated in the journey. Most of them were either prewar residents of Davao or had relatives who died or were buried in that part of the Philippines.

During the journey, the Japanese visitors called on Mayor Elias B. Lopez of Davao and paid tribute at the graves of their parents, relatives and acquaintances who died in Davao.

About 20,000 Prewar

During World War II, Hirahara lost his parents, who operated a large hemp plantation in the Philippine city.

The dentist said there had been about 20,000 Japanese residents in Davao before the war.

When the Japanese military forces went into the southern Philippine islands during the war, most second generation descendants who could speak Japanese were forced to serve the military forces.

When the war situation turned against Japan and the American forces returned to the Philippines, the Japanese residents escaped to nearby mountains but a large portion of them were killed in U.S. air raids or in ambushes by angry local people. The rest were arrested and put in concentration camps.

After the war, the Japanese residents were released from the camps and allowed to return to Japan. On the other hand, the Pilipina women married to Japanese men and their children were not allowed to move to Japan.

Postwar Years

Most of the second generation Japanese in Davao grew up in the families of mothers and children; racial prejudices plagued them until recently. Now they are over 40 years old. It is said that their living standards are at a low level in most cases, because they don't have good jobs.

Hirahara left Davao at the age of 17 to study in Japan. When the war ended, he was

in Taiwan. "If I had continued to live in Davao during and after the war, I would have experienced the same hardships as the second generation Japanese living in the city," he says.

The dentist is very sympathetic with the Japanese descendants. "Davao is my hometown. The thought of their difficulties in making a living forces me to try to help them."

Association Formed
Hirahara has come up with an idea to help the Nikkei-Jin

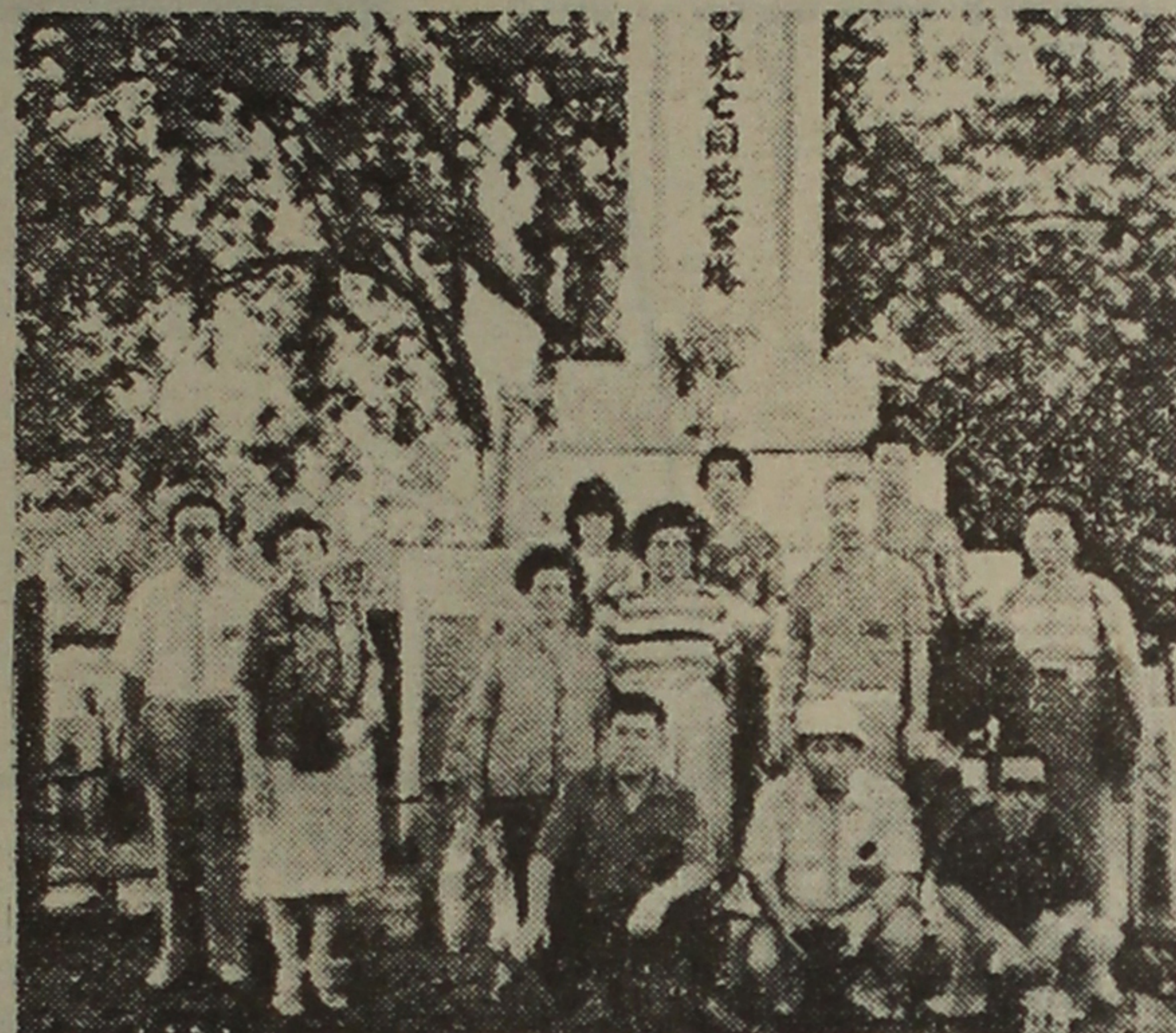
Kai Association of Japanese descendants in Davao. (The association has a membership of about 700 at present.)

A friendship society of Pilipinos of Japanese descent was established in Tokyo on Nov. 3.

"I want to invite some representatives of the Nikkei-Jin Kai Association in Davao to the opening ceremony of the planned organization," Hirahara says.

In order to promote Japanese understanding of the Japanese descendants in Davao, the dentist also plans to organize a series of trips to the Philippine city in the near future.

He hopes that the national campaign will lead to more efforts at all levels to help Japanese descendants living abroad. #



PILGRIMAGE TO PHILIPPINES—A group of Japanese nationals who lived in Davao before World War II visit a cenotaph for their parents, other relatives and acquaintances who died in the Philippines.

Japan's "self-interest" trade policy near breaking point

HONOLULU — Japanese manufacturers have gained world-wide renown for their innovative quality control and production techniques, including their "just-in-time" inventory management system, wrote Samuel M. Gilston in the recent Japan Times.

"This strategy allows international cooperation and good will to shrink to the lowest level possible and then attempts to save the day with a last-minute announcement that supposedly represents a major trade concession," he said.

After an 11-month period of relatively reduced tensions between the U.S. and Japan, temperatures are rising again.

The Hawaii Hoshi on Nov. 15, in reprinting Gilston's article, headlined it: Japan's trade policy: live dangerously. The last period of eased tensions began in January when Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone officials agreed that it was important for the U.S. to try to enhance Nakasone's political position by making it appear that he was dealing effectively with the United States.

Trade relations between the two countries have run an almost predictable cycle of rising and falling tensions. Each time it looks as though an issue is about to reach its flash point, the Japanese government comes up with a

"package" to mollify the Americans.

The U.S. trade deficit with Japan, which has become an unavoidable weather vane of Japanese-American relations, could soar to 25 billion in 1984. Overall, American officials are predicting that the total deficit could approach \$100 billion next year. These numbers loom like a dark cloud over U.S. trade policy.

Whereas previous import problems have been concentrated in a few older industries such as steel, autos, shoes and textiles, the current import surge is spreading to many industries that never before faced serious foreign competition, namely aircraft, biotechnology, computers, semi-conductors and telecommunications equipment.

Will the latest "just-in-time" package of trade concessions from the Japanese government have a lasting effect?

Gilston doesn't think so. A new long-term view is needed by both Americans and Japanese. The foundation of that new policy is self-interest, for all individuals and governments must act initially in their own behalf.

"Only if the U.S. and Japan recognize their common self-interest can they effectively join together to fight the worldwide rise of protectionism which would make both nations its chief victims," Gilston said. #

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Japanese American Travel Club organized

LOS ANGELES—The concept is not new in the travel industry but it appears to be within the Nisei community as a 1984-85 program comprised of 15 tours/cruises was announced this past week by the Los Angeles-based Japanese American Nikkei Travel Club.

The travel club will be aimed at the Nisei market initially through the Pacific Citizen because of its nationwide readership and a preponderance of Nisei subscribers. Club organizer Tyler Tanaka of Japan & Orient Tours said it had been his dream to serve the Nikkei community by providing high quality tours and cruises at the best available prices through such a club.

About a year ago, Henry Sakai, former National JACL Travel Program chair, was contacted in regards to the desire and need for a travel club. After many meetings and support from a number of well-known professionals in the travel industry who endorsed the concept, the Japanese American Nikkei Travel Club was formed last month.

The Traveling Age
According to Tanaka, the Nisei are in the age where they can enjoy the fruits of many years of hard work. "They have the time and means for traveling... They will (have) the fun of traveling with other Nikkei to many destinations in the world. And as the program develops, there will be other privileges," the former IATA official added.

The program reaches into Europe, Asia, North America, South America and the South Pacific with accommodations in first class or superior tourist hotels, stressing high values—the best quality for the travel dollar, Tanaka explained.

While the club was not organized as a non-profit organization, whatever surplus being derived from the program "will be used to provide benefits to members," assured Sakai, who was named club chairperson. Portion of profits will also be contributed to other Japanese American community groups, he added.

30-Year Veteran
With Tyler Tanaka as club president and his 30 years in the travel business, the Nikkei Travel Club will continually seek the best tours and cruises available, Sakai said, in addition to any specialized tours requested by club members.

It is not the intent of the club to compete with Nikkei travel agents as they are being encouraged to participate in the promotion and marketing. The club does not aim to assume the functions of a travel agent, it was stressed.

An advisory board consisting of travel experts will select the travel dates and programs.

Until the club acquires its own staff, information will be available and bookings cleared through Japan & Orient Tour, 250 E. 1st St. #912, Los Angeles, CA 90012; (213) 624-2866. #

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