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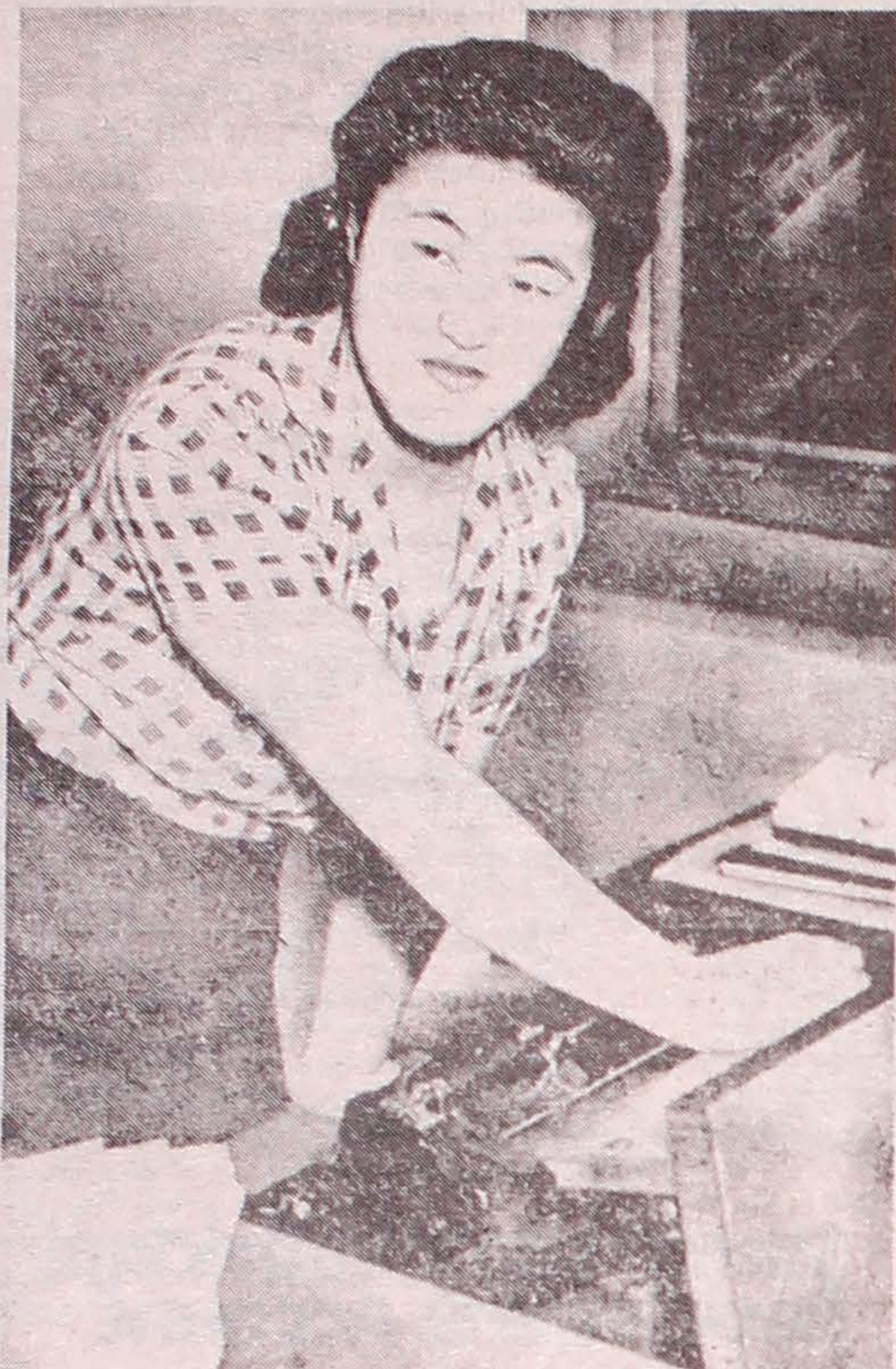


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**PRESSURED**—Mariko Ozaki closes her desk at Bailey Gatzert School after resigning with 26 other clerks in February 1942.

## School board may compensate clerks for forced resignations

SEATTLE—Twenty-seven Nisei women who were forced to resign en masse from their jobs with the Seattle School District in February 1942 will receive \$5,000 each if the school board approves the redress proposal at its April 25 meeting. Board vice chair T.J. Vassar, in introducing the motion, said the measure "does not attempt to affix blame for the events caused by the war hysteria," but is an attempt to rectify a wrong.

Testifying at the April 11 board meeting were three former employees, May Dady Namba, Alice Kawanishi, and Toyo Okuda Cary, who said she was called into the office of then-acting superintendent Samuel Fleming and told she should resign.

Seattle Mayor Charles Royer, Ron Sims, aide to state Sen. George Fleming, and Tim Otani, JAACL Pacific Northwest regional director, also testified on behalf of the former clerks. Supporting statements were received from the ACLU; Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Seattle Human Rights Commission; the Black, Chinese and Pilipino educators associations; several principals; Seattle Teachers Assn.; PTA groups; and state Sen. Kent Pullen.

American Friends Service Committee wrote that, "A move to redress past wrongs by the Seattle School Board would have a powerful educational impact...serving to communicate to our children that racism and fear can lead public bodies to make profound errors and that such bodies can acknowledge and strive to correct such errors."

About ten of the women forced to resign still live in the Seattle area, and most are expected to testify on April 25.

### Sabotage Feared

A few days after the issuance of Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942, the Seattle PTA and a group of mothers in the Gatewood School area of West Seattle threatened to pull their

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## News in Brief

### Matsui rumored for Senate in 1986

WASHINGTON—Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) may challenge incumbent Sen. Alan Cranston in 1986, reported Jeff Raimundo of the *Sacramento Bee*. The article quoted a key Democrat in Southern California as saying that Matsui—relatively unknown in that part of the state—would need to raise \$2 to \$3 million in a senate campaign.

The Sacramento representative has become a leading House spokesperson on Lebanon, Raimundo said. He has also gained nationwide attention over the issue of baby-food contamination, which he discovered following an investigation by his staff.

### JAs in Hawaii not dominant

HONOLULU—Although large numbers of Japanese Americans are employed in Hawaii's state government, they are not in control of that state's political and economic forces, writes Dr. Jonathan Okamura in the March 16 *Hawaii Herald*.

"Between 1970 and 1980," Okamura says, "Japanese American males and females consolidated their position in the middle level of the occupational status scale and maintained their proportional representation in the upper levels."

Using U.S. Census Bureau data, Okamura ranks Haoles and Chinese Americans at the top of the "occupational stratification order"; Japanese and Korean Americans in the middle; and Hawaiian, Pilipino and Samoan Americans at the lower end.

### Bill would punish racial violence

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—State attorney general John Van de Kamp is pushing legislation that automatically increases the penalty for felonies committed because of the victim's race, religion or ethnicity. Assembly Bill 2719, introduced Feb. 7 by Tom Bane (D-Van Nuys), states that any person convicted of such a felony or attempted felony, will be punished by an additional two years in prison.

### Mansfield against scapegoating

SNOWBIRD, Utah—U.S. ambassador to Japan Mike Mansfield said Americans should avoid "scapegoating" Japan and work to improve relations between the two countries. His message was heard on tape April 9 at the first Intermountain West Media Brief on U.S.-Japan relations, attended by about 50 news editors and government officials.

The former Senate majority leader said the U.S. and Japan have the most important bilateral relationship in the world, with trade totaling more than \$63 billion a year. Americans should remember that Japan is the U.S. farmers' biggest customer, he said.

### Cannery workers win appeal

SEATTLE—A U.S. court of appeals affirmed on March 13 a district court ruling that the New England Fish Company (NEFCO) discriminated against non-white workers at five salmon canneries in Alaska, reported the *International Examiner*. In *Domingo vs. NEFCO*, brought on behalf of 780 non-whites employed or deterred from employment at NEFCO, ten plaintiffs charged that the cannery relegated Alaskan Native and Asian workers to the lowest-paying, most menial jobs and forced them to sleep in inferior and segregated bunkhouses.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals also ordered a new hearing on the claims of class members for compensatory damages.

### Students testify against U.C. Davis

DAVIS, Calif.—Asian American students charged April 12 in Woodland Superior Court that the Univ. of California at Davis is threatening the existence of Asian American studies by moving the program's resource materials to the university's central library in addition to earlier reductions in office space, budget and staff. Plaintiffs Grant Lee, Julie Matsueda, Eileen Qwan and George Kagiwada represent the Coalition to Save Asian American Studies. Testimony will continue on June 20.

## Minority leaders say Asians should make more demands

By KAREN SERIGUCHI

LOS ANGELES—About 50 persons learned the nuts and bolts of coalition-building from the heads of the California Democratic Party's Black and Hispanic caucuses and the Chinese American mayor of Monterey Park during a workshop held April 7 at the biennial convention of the party's Asian Pacific caucus. (See April 13 PC.)

Irene Tovar, Hispanic chair, told the gathering that groups forming a coalition "must feel that their very survival depends on success—the greater the intensity of feeling, the greater the success."

Tovar emphasized that the coalition must have definite goals and that it must be clear what each group wants from the others. Members must ask: What is the working relationship? What is each group going to do? How are resources, skills, fund-raising responsibilities shared?

It is important to keep monitoring the group's progress and to correct misfunctions immediately, Tovar said. If successful, a group should also check to see if it has outgrown its usefulness.

Tovar urged that groups share information with one another.

In her experience in trying to gain passage of bilingual-education bills, she found that legislators would say different things to different groups. Working together, the Asian and Hispanic groups were able to set more effective strategies because their information was more complete. "Don't be impressed with numbers," she said, for numbers are impotent without organization.

### Hold Representatives Accountable

Pearl Adams, Black caucus chair, focused on the importance of setting goals, then applying pressure to legislators. "Nothing in this society is free," she said. "Things that have been achieved have been struggled for, sacrificed for, earned. Asians have to fight for their agenda."

"Hold your representatives accountable," she continued. "If you don't, you're not getting what you should be getting."

Tovar interjected her agreement. "Asians have to make demands," she said. "Hold back your money and see how fast politicians do what you want!"

Mayor Lily Lee Chen, one of 25 permanent members of the Democratic National Committee concurred. "We have to pay our dues... We need to make our own agenda. The bottom line is, to know what is negotiable. We need to negotiate through strength."

Chen said this may mean starting with relatively small goals, like obtaining equal representation in construction projects or in small business.

### Asians Seen as 'Too Polite'

In a question-and-answer period, Adams and Tovar were asked how Blacks and Hispanics view Asians in coalition work. Adams replied that Asians are seen as wealthy, educated, quiet to the point of rudeness, and too polite. Blacks often feel that Asians are intimidated by them, and "they don't know what to do about it," she said.

Tovar agreed. In her experience, she found, Asians may make no objections to agreed-upon goals, even though they have reservations about them. The group's direction then becomes fuzzy. Communication is essential, she emphasized.

Other workshops at the convention focused on voter registration and campaign contributions.



Photo by Joni Takasugi

**STRENGTH THROUGH UNITY**—Coalition-builders Irene Tovar (left), Lily Lee Chen, and Pearl Adams relate their experiences at the Asian Pacific Democratic Caucus.



## Democratic candidates accept Asian Pacific caucus platform

LOS ANGELES—Representatives of all three Democratic presidential contenders stated on April 7 that their candidates endorse the platform of the party's Asian Pacific Caucus.

Representing Jesse Jackson during a debate at the biennial convention of the California Democratic Party's Asian Pacific Caucus was Bill Chong, national campaign vice chair for Asian Americans, and Mike Murase, California coordinator. Rep. Norman Mineta of California and Fred Fujioka of Asians for Mondale spoke for Walter Mondale. The positions of Gary Hart were delivered by John Emerson, California coordinator, and Debbie Shon of Asians for Hart.

Excerpts of the caucus's platform follow.

### 1. Civil Liberties

To stem the rising tide of attacks against Asian Pacific Americans, all levels of government and institutions must:

—Enforce vigorously our present laws to protect the civil rights of Asian Pacific Americans.

—Sensitize individuals to the historical contributions, culture, and concerns of Asian Pacific Americans in order to break stereotypes, using public education by labor, corporations, government and educational institutions.

Fund public hearings by national, state and local government entities on the threat of physical violence and harassment.

The Democratic Party should:

—Support legislation in Congress which, at minimum, would carry out recommendations [of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians].

### 2. Immigration

The Democratic Party must:

—Support family reunification under current immigration provisions, specifically the second and fifth preferences which reunite sons, daughters, brothers and sisters with their Asian Pacific American relatives.

—Oppose any immigration legislation, such as the Simpson-Mazzoli bill, which proposes to eliminate the fifth preference provision of the current immigration law which reunites brother and sister.

—Oppose any legislation which would create a national employment identification card.

The Democratic Party recognizes the human and constitutional rights of all individuals within our borders. The Immigration and Naturalization Service, in enforcing immigration laws, must recognize its obligation to respect these rights and must:

—Cease practices aimed at Asian Pacific Americans communities such as "neighborhood sweeps" and stop and search procedures which are discriminatory or without probable cause.

### 3. Social and Human Services

Many Americans perceive Asian Pacific Americans as a

"silent and model" ethnic minority that takes care of its problems; this perception is incorrect. The Asian Pacific American communities have valid needs which are currently unmet, and often even unnoticed. We charge authorities at each level of government to:

—Provide and maintain adequate and reasonable accessibility to services, including appropriate bilingual service personnel.

—Focus more research and programmatic aid on the unique physical, mental health and substance abuse needs of Asian Pacific Americans, including the needs of recent immigrants.

—Develop crime prevention efforts which are sensitive to Asian Pacific American communities' needs.

—Address the disproportionate numbers of Asian Pacific American senior citizens living in poverty, and attend to the adequate provision of housing and social services to all seniors.

Our government must:

—Provide Federal assistance for medical treatment of victims of the 1945 atomic bombings who live in the United States.

### Bilingual Education

Public education must provide children with marginal or no English language skills with programs that will:

—Enable students to achieve proficiency in English as soon as possible.

—Provide support programs to students placed in regular classroom programs.

Each community with a significant population that lacks English language skills should:

—Guarantee speedy access to both day and evening programs designed to provide them with English language skills. Financed by federal (the Adult Education Act), state and local agencies, the programs should be available at no cost.

### 4. Economy and Business

Strengthening the competitive posture of businesses owned by Asian Pacific Americans is vital to achieving an equitable distribution of economic opportunity. To achieve these goals, we must:

—Increase substantially federal procurements from Asian Pacific American-owned firms.

—Guarantee recognition to Asian Pacific Americans along with Blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans in all minority small business concerns.

### 5. Representation & Voter Registration

It is urgent that our government:

—Appoint Asian Pacific Americans to White House, cabinet, liaison and domestic council-level positions in our federal government.

The Democratic National Committee should work closely with the Asian Pacific Caucus and communities to:

—Charge the appropriate state Democratic Parties to initiate voter registration drives in their Asian Pacific communities.

—Provide appropriate bilingual information on voter registration and the Democratic Party.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Seattle Ordinance 111571, making reparation to individuals of Japanese ancestry who were dismissed, laid-off, terminated, rejected or forced to resign from City employment during the period of January 1, 1942 to December 31, 1947, was signed by Mayor Charles Royer on March 6, 1984. Copies of the Ordinance are available from the City Clerk's office. Information regarding provisions of the Ordinance and guidelines for receiving reparation are available from the Seattle Department of Human Resources, (206) 625-5462.



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## Presbyterians to consider redress

ESPARTO, Ca. — The Presbytery of Sacramento, comprising 38 Presbyterian churches in Northern California, at its meeting on March 31, voted to ask the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. at its national meeting on May 29-June 5 in Phoenix, Ariz., to support the Japanese American and Aleut redress bills currently in Congress.

The resolution calls on the general assembly to endorse the legislation, charges all Presbyterian congregations to urge support of the bills by their respective congressional representatives, and directs the general assembly's stated clerk to send a copy of the support action to each member of Congress.

Initiated at the Japanese Presbyterian Conference at its annual meeting at Garden

Grove, Calif., on February 9-12, the resolution was carried forward for presbytery action by the Parkview Presbyterian Church of Sacramento. Before presentation to the presbytery, Parkview initially obtained approval from Sacramento Presbytery's Mission Action Committee and the Area Council.

It is expected that positive general assembly action, representing some 3,500,000 members throughout the nation, would lend meaningful ecclesiastical support by a major denomination to the redress effort.

Parkview Presbyterian Church was represented at the presbytery meeting by members Osame Doi, Jane Matsuoka, Asako Tokuno, and Hach Yasumura and by elders Robert Kashiwagi and George Matsuoka and pastor Tom Umholtz.

## Yonemura scholarship endowed at U.H.

HONOLULU—Establishment of the James K. Yonemura Scholarship Fund at the University of Hawaii Foundation was announced by university president Fujio Matsuda following a \$50,000 contribution from the local longtime business and civic leader.

Yonemura, who is active in JAAC, expressed his wishes that the income from the endowment be used to promote understanding between the U.S. and Japan through educational programs. Net income will be used for supplemental awards to persons selected to receive the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship.

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● Community affairs

OAKLAND, Calif.—Asian Americans for Jesse Jackson host a fundraiser Thursday, April 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Bok Sen Restaurant, 710 Webster St. Alan Yee and Ranko Yamada share the speakers' podium with city councilmember Wilson Riles Jr. Hot Cha provides entertainment. For more information, call (415) 632-1989.

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Friends of Judge Mamoru Sakuma will honor him at a dinner Friday, April 20, from 6 p.m. at the Fuji Suki-yaki Restaurant. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis, as the restaurant has limited space. Reservations may be made by calling Jack Tsuchida, 422-2146; Paul Takehara, 391-6490; Percy Masaki, 441-2188; George Miyao, 391-0648; or Bill Matsumoto, 422-7971.

LOS ANGELES—Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) features noted futurist Hank Koehn in a community forum, Thursday, April 26, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Miriwa Restaurant. Koehn speaks on "The Pacific Rim: A Window of Opportunity in the '80s." For further information, call J.D. Hokoyama, 743-4999.

LOS ANGELES—World Future Society presents a conference on the economic, social, cultural, scientific and technological trends linking nations lining the Pacific Ocean, April 28, 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and April 29, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at USC's Annenberg School of Communications. Admission is \$50. For information, call 870-4961.

LOS ANGELES—Japan Trade Center presents a seminar with Sen Nishiyama, special consultant to Sony Corp., on "The Behavior and Communication Patterns of Japanese Enterprise," at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Tuesday, May 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. For information, call 629-0681.

LOS ANGELES—"Olympiad '84" is the theme of the 20th annual Miss Sansei California Pageant, sponsored by Nisei VFW Memorial Post 9938, to be held July 14 at Beverly Hilton Hotel. Details may be obtained by calling (213) 935-9281 or by writing to Miss Sansei California Pageant, 3868 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90008.

SANTA MONICA, Ca.—Volunteer translators are urgently needed for the Santa Monica emergency multi-lingual hotline for July 20 to August 20. The hotline is sponsored by the Santa Monica police department. It will be in effect during the 1984 Summer Olympic season, and volunteers will assist with translations during police, fire and medical emergencies. Volunteers must be accessible by telephone and will be on an on call 24 hours of each day. For more information, contact Sgt. Russ Martin (213) 458-8418.

● Cultural events

OLYMPIA, Wash.—Evergreen State College presents a national exhibition of Japanese American Women Artists: Fiber and Metal in the college's library building until May 8. Hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Featured artists include sculptor Ruth Asawa, fiber artists Taiko Suzuki and Lori Tsugawa-Waley, and weaver Kay Sekimachi.

SEATTLE—A new 13-week Japanese television show called "Oregon Kara Ai" (With Love from Oregon) will be shot on location in the Pacific Northwest, announced Toshio Nakamura of Fuji Telecasting Co. The story concerns an 8-year-old Japanese orphan who comes to live with an American relative.

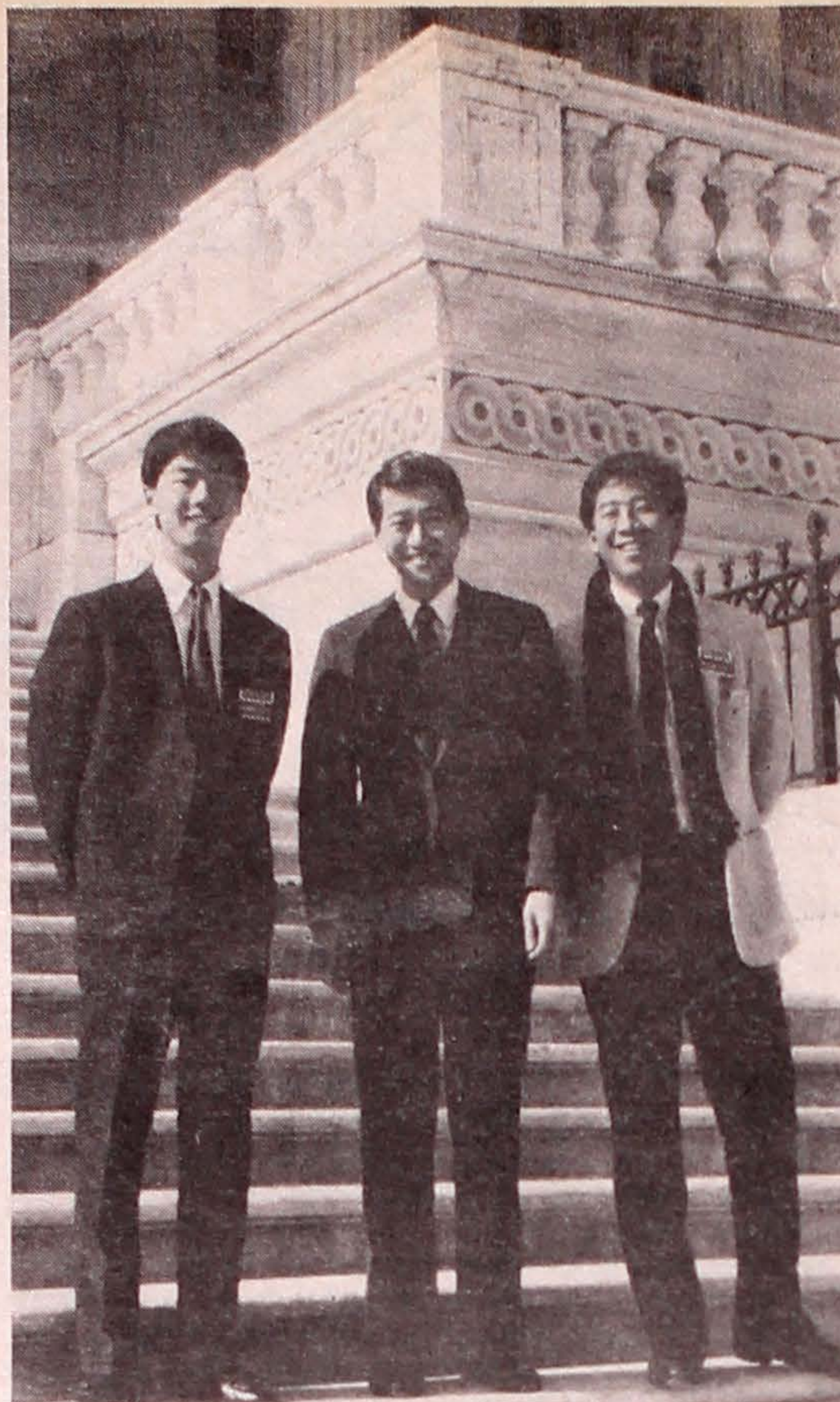
MONTEREY PARK, Ca.—The ninth annual Cherry Blossom Festival is open to the public 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, April 28, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, April 29. Special exhibits and demonstrations include sumi-e painting, bonsai, sand-painting, needle craft and doll-making. The festival takes place at East Los Angeles College, 1301 Brooklyn Ave.

● Educational concerns

LOS ANGELES—Applications are now available for the Asian American Journalists Assn. 1984 scholarship. High school seniors and college students seeking careers in broadcast or print journalism and who are enrolled in accredited institutions are eligible. Awards range from \$250 to \$1,000. A completed application and supporting materials must be submitted by May 4. For applications, call Elaine Woo, (818) 577-2295.

LOS ANGELES — Youth Exchange Service announces opportunities for teenage American students wishing to study abroad while living with a host family. For information, please write to Youth Exchange Service, World Trade Center Building, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 257-P, Los Angeles, Ca. 90071.

WASHINGTON—The fifth East Coast Asian American Education Conference will be held April 20-21 at the Quality Inn on Capitol Hill. The conference offers educators, professionals, parents, and business and community groups the opportunity to discuss the needs of today's Asian Americans.



PROMISING—Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) commends Edward Chung (left) and Donald Lu, Senate Youth Award recipients.

Alameda reunion scheduled for July

ALAMEDA, Calif.—Co-chairs Shizuto Kawamura (Buena Vista United Methodist Church), Masao Nakano (Buddhist Temple of Alameda), and Yasuharu Koike (Alameda JACL) announced that after a year of planning the Alameda Nikkei Grand Reunion schedule has been set.

Friday, July 27. Registration takes place at 3 p.m. at the Alameda Buddhist Temple (Mrs. Tomio Yoshiwara, chair). Many old pictures of groups, sports, church events and the like will be on display. Bento dinner is served at 6 p.m. at the temple, followed by a social hour of card games, mah jong, or reminiscing with friends.

Saturday, July 28. Wine country tour: Bus departs at 8 a.m. to Franciscan Winery at Rutherford. Lunch at noon at the German House in St. Helena, then to Charles Krug Winery. The bus returns to Alameda at 3 p.m. (Joe Yamada, chair).

Golf tournament: Starting time is 9 a.m. (July 28) at the Alameda South Course (John Mikami, chair).

Eastbay bus tour starts at 10 a.m. It includes a visit to the Oakland Museum and BART ride to San Francisco and back to Berkeley, where the bus will take the group to the U.C. campus and Lawrence Laboratory. Lunch at the Claremont Hotel (tentative), and then a tour of Alameda follows, with a return to the temple at 3 p.m. (Nellie Takeda, chair).

Saturday evening: No host social and cocktail hour at the Oakland Hyatt Hotel begins at 6:30 p.m., with a banquet at 7:30 p.m. Yasuharu Koike is master of ceremonies. Angelo A. Simone, well-known singer

along the Hegenberger strip, provides the entertainment and the music for the dance following the banquet. (Masao Nakano, chair).

Sunday, July 29: Visits to churches or friends. Farewell luncheon at the Buddhist Temple, 12 noon.

Former Alamedans are coming from as far away as Japan, Hawaii, and many states. A gathering of three to four hundred is expected, said Roland Kadonaga, publicity chair.

The committee urges former Alamedans to contact Yasuo Yamashita, 2532 62nd Ave., Oakland, CA 94605 by May 30, the deadline for registering.

Reception to be held for 'Ganbatte' author

LOS ANGELES — UCLA's Asian American Studies Center holds a book reception to celebrate the publication of *Ganbatte: Sixty-Year Struggle of a Kibei Worker*, by Karl G. Yoneda, at the Amerasia Bookstore and Gallery, 321 Towne Ave., Saturday, April 21, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Yoneda will be present to autograph books. In addition, UCLA Japanese American historian Yuji Ichioka, the book's editor, will provide his insights into the making of the book.

*Ganbatte* documents for the first time in English the involvement of Japanese Americans in the American labor movement. Karl Yoneda—labor organizer, longshoreman, and writer—was born in Glendale, Calif. in 1906. He began his labor organizing activities in Los Angeles in the 1920s and continued organizing throughout the West Coast during the next several decades.

Short stories about Nikkei life wanted

SAN MATEO, Calif.—Japanese American Curriculum Project (JACP) is currently developing a grade 5-8 level book on Japanese Americans for schools, libraries and the general public. The book will fill a need, said JACP president Florence Hongo, as there is no book in print which covers this important area. The book will contain sections on history, biographies, and contemporary short stories.

JACP is soliciting manuscripts for the short stories section. The following guidelines are suggested:

1. It must be at the appropriate reading level for students in grades 5 through 8.
2. It must portray the current lifestyle of Japanese American youth of the ages 9 - 12 or significant events of the past.
3. The preference is for stories which deal with current issues of prejudice, cultural pluralism, identity/self-image.
4. The manuscript should be typed, double-spaced and not more than ten pages in length.
5. A self-addressed, stamped envelope must accompany all manuscripts submitted.

Deadline for the receipt of all completed manuscripts is Aug. 31. The JACL board of directors will act as judges and award a cash payment of \$100 to each of the three accepted manuscripts. For further information, call Florence Hongo, (415) 343-9408.

JACP, Inc. has been a non-profit educational corporation since 1971. Its primary purpose has been to develop and disseminate educational materials. Over the years it has produced a number of educational materials sold through their store at 414 E. Third Ave. JACP has become the largest distributor of Asian American materials in the United States.

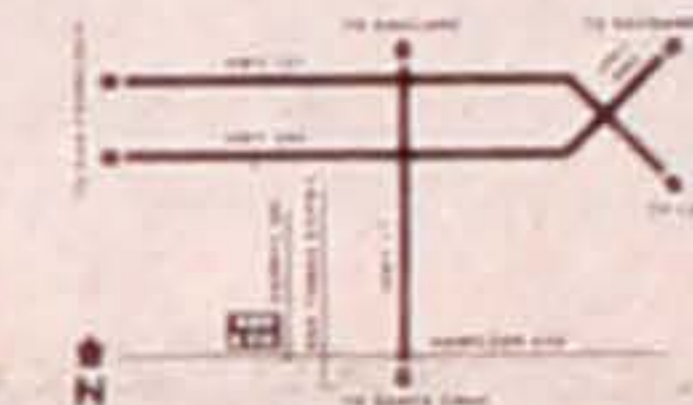
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## Exaggerations

A writer who fills space for one of the Los Angeles Japanese vernaculars has been accusing JACL of censorship and even attributing the postponement of NHK's "Sanga Moyu" in the United States to the likes of Floyd Shimomura, myself, and a fellow named Mike Masaoka. Perhaps he's auditioning as our press agent, because his representations certainly exaggerate our influence while managing to badly distort reality.

It's not that I am not pleased that NHK has taken the position to evaluate an American showing of their *taiga* drama in a broader context. In fact, I am pleased that the Japan television company has been sensitized to taking a look at their product from several points of view and to demonstrate some social responsibility for their production. While I won't embrace their product, I most certainly appreciate their listening to various concerns that have been expressed about the potential impact of their program.

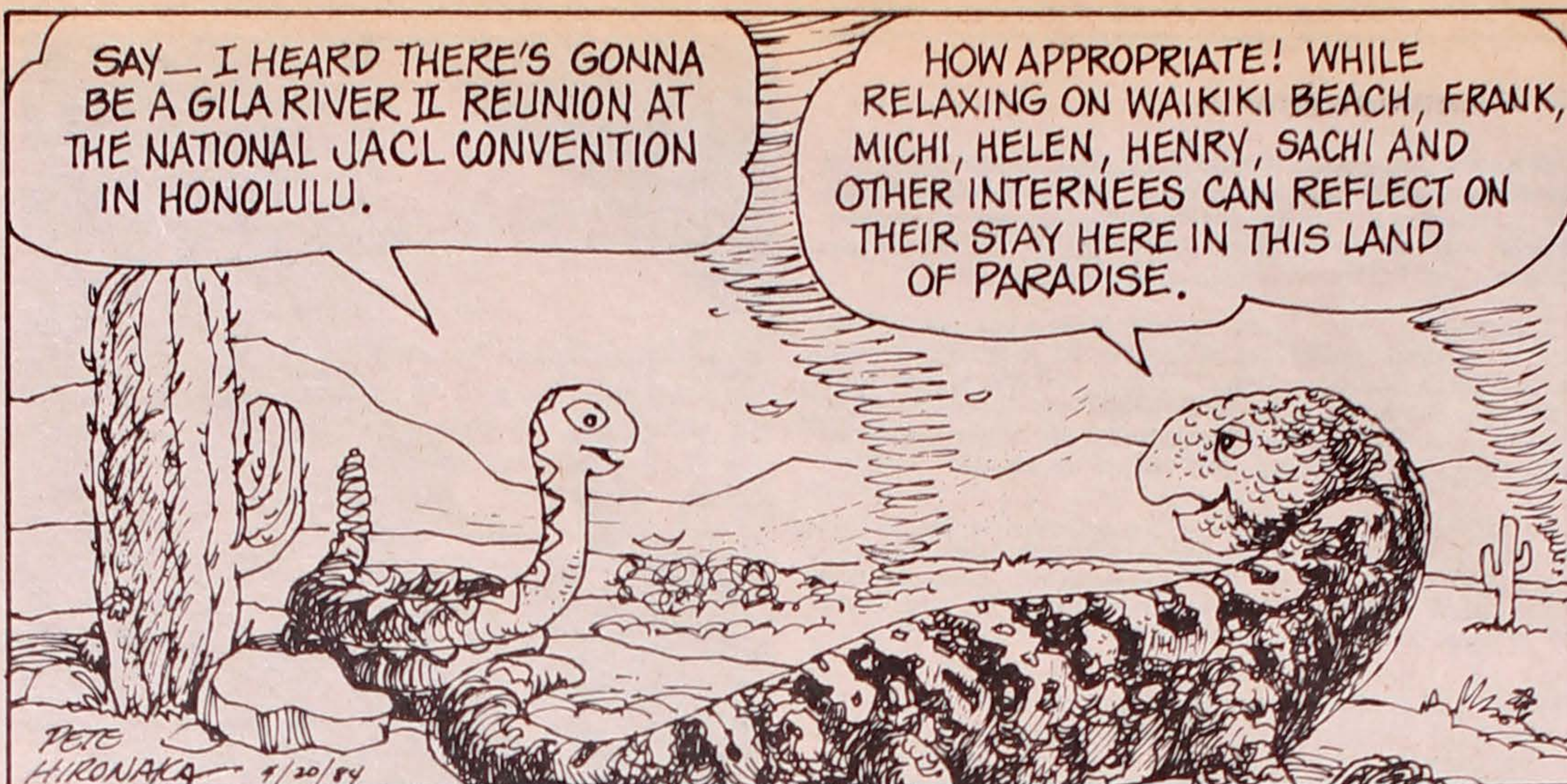
Not at any time did Floyd Shimomura as JACL national president, or I, as the national director, express any intention to stop the showing of the program. The respect for First Amendment rights to show the program as well as our right to express concern for the potentially adverse impact of such a program has been rigorously observed. The expression of concern is not censorship.

The writer is quite right in stating that JACL does not speak for all Japanese Americans. But it seems to me that we have reflected a position shared by a good number of Nikkei.

In a larger context, let me indicate that I think that the JACL is far less influential, unfortunately, than the writer projects. We were, of course, visible and our concerns were expressed in black and white in our membership organ, the *Pacific Citizen*. At the same time, let me speculate that the concerns such as those expressed by Ivan Hall of the U.S.-Japan Friendship Commission about the potential of anti-American sentiment resulting from "Sanga Moyu" had greater weight. I would speculate that some Japanese would not be terribly thrilled that the NHK portrayal of the ugly side of Japanese militarists to American audiences might develop some anti-Japanese feeling in the U.S.

In large part, the concern that is at the center of all this fuss is more about audience than about dramatic license. I think that a Japanese American audience is able by life experience to sort out fact from fiction. I think that most non-Nikkei Americans and Japanese nationals have a different or absent context, which could result in misperceptions. The misperceptions would probably be different on each side of the Pacific. For those of us involved with redress, the fact is that we wouldn't want it any more complicated than it already is, so we express how we feel about it.

There are fine lines between inaccuracies and lies that sometimes audiences and writers have a hard time separating.



REDRESS PHASE FIVE: By MIN YASUI

## Easter Holiday

DENVER—The Congress of the United States is taking an Easter holiday until April 23. Many members of the House and Senate will be out of the country on junkets—but others will be back home contacting constituents, especially in regard to the November elections.

With the two JACL-supported redress bills, HR 4110 and S 2116, before the Congress and assigned to sub-committees, JACLers and friends can effectively contact their congressional representatives when they are in their home districts.

We know that in all probability neither of these redress bills will be presented on the floor of the House or Senate, but certainly there are indications that sub-committee hearings will be held.

In the Senate, for sub-committee hearings, we must reach Sen. Charles Mathias of Maryland, Sen. William Armstrong of Colorado, Sen. Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, and Sen. James Sasser of Tennessee. We need to persuade at least three of these senators to support S 2116.

In the House of Representatives, since there are eight members of the sub-committee studying redress, we must have favorable contacts with Rep. Sam B. Hall of Marshall, Texas; Rep. Romano Mazzoli of Louisville, Ky.; Rep. Barney Frank of Newton Highlands, Mass.; Rep. Howard Berman of Los Angeles, Calif.; Rep. Frederick Boucher of Abingdon, Va.; Rep. Thomas N. Kindness of Hamilton, Ohio; Rep. Bill McCollum of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; and Rep. E. Clay Shaw of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

We must have a favorable vote of at least five members of this sub-committee, before HR 4110 can go to the full House Judiciary Committee, headed by Rep. Peter Rodino of New Jersey.

Contacts made with representatives and senators this year will not be wasted, even though redress bills will have to be re-introduced in the 99th Congress in 1985. Many representatives will be re-elected, and two-thirds of the U.S. Senate will remain the same. For 1985, we need to have 435 members of the House, and 100 senators aware of and knowledgeable about the issues of Japanese American redress, as a matter of simple American justice.

More importantly, too, are the public education aspects of continuing contacts with our representatives in Congress. Too long, Japanese Americans have been regarded as "quiet Americans"; we have a just grievance, and our grievances must be addressed. We owe this much, not only to our young people, but to the many thousands who went through the camps and are no longer with us today.

So, during the Easter holiday vacation period, through April 23, contact your representative in Congress and your United States senator, and urge their support of HR 4110 and S 2116.

## Inagaki/JACLer deadline extended

ROCKVILLE, Md.—Applications for JACLer of the Biennium and the Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award will be accepted until April 30, announced committee chair Seiko Wakabayashi. Completed applications must be received (not post-marked) by the deadline date at the following address:

Mrs. Seiko Wakabayashi, 7020 Sulky Lane, Rockville, MD 20952

**For the Record:** Contra Costa JACL was the 1970 recipient of the George Inagaki award (winners listed in the April 6 PC). The award was first given in that year.

## WOMEN'S CONCERNS:



By ALYSA WATANABE

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—I don't recall any particular instances of sex bias within JACL. I think that I am more conscious of the influence my age has on people than my sex.

Last year I was enrolled in an Asian American Studies course here at the University of Michigan. The course was taught by Dennis Tachiki, a non-JACL Japanese American. In the class, there was often reference to the JACL since it is considered the spokesperson of the Japanese American community. I did my term paper on *Nisei*, and during the term I also read *JACL: In Quest of Justice*. I feel that these books gave me a feeling for the history of the JACL and the role it played in the Japanese American community during various points in its history. I enjoyed talking about the JACL with my teacher since he gave me a non-JACL (but not necessarily anti-JACL) viewpoint. From some of the observations we made, we formed a hypothesis as to the reason for the male dominance in the JACL. Perhaps it is an over-analysis and might be criticized by many, but as Sansei, this is what we've observed.

During the days of camp, when JACL was young, women became much less "dominated" by men. What I mean by this is that, being thrust into the camp environment, men didn't have the "master of the house" control over their families. The community environment freed women of many responsibilities. There was certainly less housework and cooking to do, and the children didn't need to be as closely monitored. In

## Role of Women Evolving

family disputes, women could be more aggressive in expressing their feelings for they didn't have to worry about being "thrown out in the cold"; they had community backing.

It seems that women were very active in planning community events. It was a positive experience for women and helped to somewhat break them out of the obedient Japanese-wife image. On the other hand, although many women leaders were developing, there seemed to always be a male leadership structure above them, making the roles played by women more like committee chairpersons. Perhaps this was a way for Japanese Americans to keep the Old World belief that men should be the dominant figure since this trait was somewhat diminished in their family situations.

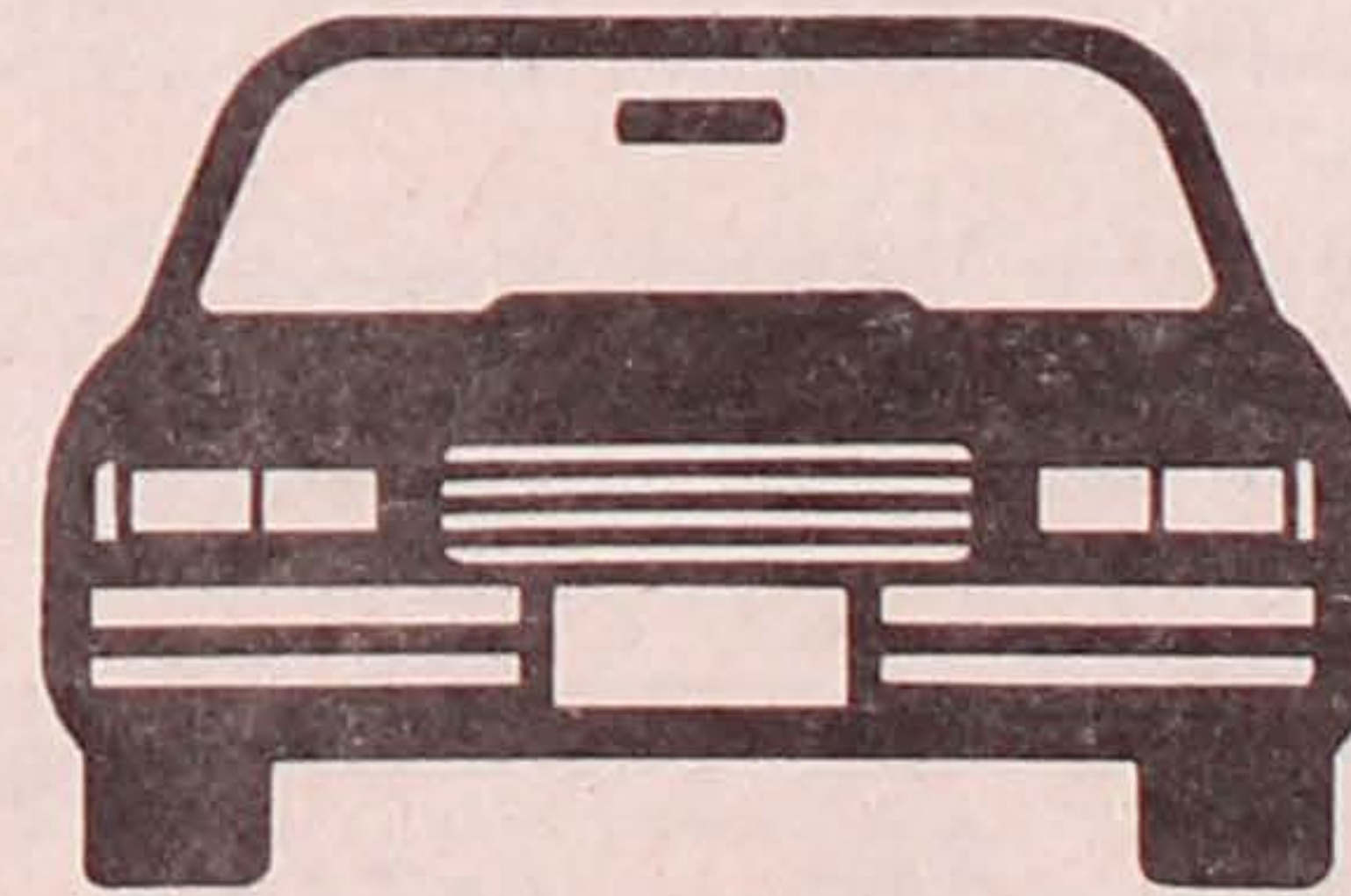
In looking at the present JACL structure, this seems somewhat to still hold true. On the chapter level, many of the "doers" and even chapter presidents, are women, but above, on the district level, while there are some women vice-governors, most of the governors are men. At the national level, men again dominate.

As for the future, I believe that women will play a more active role in leadership positions. I think that the JACL is more willing to accept capable women. Whether the above hypothesis is right or wrong, women will continue to move up, because American society itself is becoming more accepting of women. If the hypothesis is true, then as the Sansei take over the leadership of the JACL the stigma of the camp experience will not influence the leadership selection process.

Being a Sansei, I consider myself an outsider on this issue. I'd be interested to know if any Nisei see truth in my observations.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Time is fleeting. Many mature Americans have no personal memory of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963. The Vietnam war is a distant memory. And fewer and fewer Japanese Americans can recall the trauma of World War II and what happened to them as a people.

Although more than 110,000 Nikkei underwent the experience of imprisonment, there is one man who epitomizes the fight against the injustice of the Evacuation and the struggle to persuade fellow Americans of their loyalty. He is Mike M. Masaoka. No single individual has influenced the lives of Japanese Americans so profoundly for the better.

Born in Fresno, reared in Salt Lake City, Mike was the fourth child of Eijiro and Haruye Masaoka, humble immigrants from Japan. Mike was eight years old when his father died in an automobile accident. He worked his way through the University of Utah, where he distinguished himself as a debater.

Masaoka burst into the West Coast Nisei scene in 1938 as a vocal critic of its leading organization, the Japanese American Citizens League. JACL's president, Saburo Kido, was perceptive enough to recognize Masaoka's abilities. In the summer of 1941, when it appeared the United States and Japan were on a collision course, Kido hired Masaoka as JACL's executive secretary to prepare for the problems that certainly lay ahead.

## The Mark of Mike Masaoka

It was an inspired choice. Although Masaoka had grown up outside the West Coast Japanese American community, he recognized Nisei frustrations, understood their yearning for recognition as Americans, shared their hunger for economic opportunity. He provided the leadership in the Nikkei fight to claim their birthright.

When war came he fought valiantly to avert the inevitable, the Evacuation. When it became apparent the young, inexperienced JACL could not stem the tide of wartime hysteria, he began to lay plans to make certain the circumstances that led to the Evacuation would be eliminated.

Masaoka was primarily responsible for persuading the government to restore the right of military service to Japanese Americans, then was first to volunteer when the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was formed. He reasoned, completely accurately, that the nation could not deny full citizenship rights to people who had bled in its defense.

After service in Europe he returned to Washington as JACL's representative. His tireless efforts led Congress to pass a series of laws to correct racially based injustices. Naturalization was extended to the Issei, which effectively negated hundreds of laws directed against "aliens ineligible to citizenship." The government first recognized the injustice of the Evacuation by approving the Evacuation Claims Act to reimburse Japanese Americans in part for their losses. Immigration laws were overhauled to eliminate racial inequities. The so-called concentration camp provi-

sions of internal security laws were eliminated. Masaoka's skilled leadership led to one successful assault after another against bias.

During this time he worked to improve U.S. relations with Japan by eliminating discriminatory practices and expanding trade. Rep. George Miller, dean of the California delegation at the time of his retirement in 1970, declared that "practically every law affecting Japan and the Japanese, as well as Japanese Americans, in the postwar era had the mark of Mike Masaoka on it."

Masaoka on two occasions was awarded White House presidential citations for distinguished public service, and was twice decorated by the Japanese government for his contributions to Japanese-American understanding. He was also JACL's first Nisei of the Biennium in 1950.

In 1970, as the end of Masaoka's 30-year staff relationship with JACL neared, a Mike M. Masaoka Distinguished Public Service Award was established. Every two years it provides a citation and \$1,000 to an individual or organization that has contributed most to the promotion of U.S.-Japan relations, or to improving the quality of life for all Americans.

Masaoka is president of the international consulting firm of Mike M. Masaoka and Associates in Washington, D.C. He and his wife Etsu live in Chevy Chase, Md.

This article's purpose is to inform those who have heard about Mike Masaoka but who do not know his history. It is in his name that the Mike Masaoka Fellow was developed to raise funds for JACL.  
—Gene Takamine, Ways and Means chair.

## Understanding the 'Happa' Experience

By LANE HIRABAYASHI  
(New York Nichibei)

In the 1970s and 80s many Japanese Americans are marrying outside their ethnic group. The number of "mixed" children is increasing rapidly. What is the *happa* (which is a Hawaiian pidgin term meaning "half" and denoting mixed parentage) experience all about?

One thing that I have noticed is that people often have a very simplistic notion of the experience. Some Japanese Americans and others imagine that it is a matter of taking the "best of both worlds," if they think about it at all. Others have negative images, tied to the stigma of *ainoko*. Since the number of *happa* is growing, and since little has been written about *happa* from an inside point of view, it is important to make the following point: the *happa* experience is *not* uniform; it involves a tremendous range of psychological and social adaptations.

First off, are *happa* necessarily Japanese Americans? My answer would be: No, not necessarily. Culture, after all, is learned, and there are elements of socialization and active choice which are necessary if a *happa* is going to identify as a Nikkei. What elements are central?

There is a world of difference between families where the Japanese American parent is a Nisei, as opposed to a war-bride or a new immi-

grant. These distinct statuses have many implications for the Nikkei parent's ethnic orientation.

I also suspect that gender has something to do with the quality of the *happa* experience. This includes whether the child is male or female, and whether it is the father or the mother who is of Japanese descent.

In addition, identity is affected by social contacts and attitudes. Do the Japanese grandparents live nearby, and are there frequent visits? Does the family live near a Japanese/Asian American community? What are the attitudes of neighbors, school teachers, playmates and the people in the community at large?

Finally, the appearance of the child affects whether he or she—as well as others—categorize the individual as "looking" and thus "being" Japanese American.

### Various Identifications

There are other influences and variations, but I think the point is well made by now. The *happa* experience is complex and varied: it should *not* be prejudged. First-hand contact with the children of "mixed" marriages reveals that there are *happa* who identify strongly and primarily with being Nikkei, there are *happa* who choose to identify with Japanese Americans only partially, and there are those who do not identify at all.

As I look back on my own

experiences I can see that there are definite reasons why my sense of identity developed as it did. My parents, as anthropologists, were both interested in Far Eastern cultures and my father specialized in Japanese studies. My mother, who is an unusual woman in many ways, left her somewhat conservative Norwegian American family and community in order to marry my father. Although we spoke English in the home, we ate Japanese food with Japanese dishes and utensils, and Japanese books, games and cultural artifacts were always around.

In my teens I met and identified strongly with the members of my father's family. I learned about how my grandfather's farm was taken from him by the state of Washington in the 1920s, and all about my uncle Gordon who was imprisoned for challenging the curfew against JAs prior to the mass internment.

The emphasis toward a Japanese American identity was intensified even further when my father went on strike at San Francisco State in 1968. As a direct result of his developing ethnic perspective, I began to get involved in ethnic grassroots organizations, joining a number of JA youth groups in San Francisco. As I began to hang around Japantown and Chinatown I added a new political level to my sense of Ja-

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●**To APR. 21**  
 San Francisco—Exh by painter Kazuo Yamada, 50 Bannam bet Union & Green, 12n to 6pm  
 ●**To APR. 22**  
 Denver—Exh of watercolors by Riya Nakazono, Ken Caryl Rnch House Chicago—Go for Broke/MIS photo exhib, Daley Center Plaza

●**APR. 20-22**  
 San Francisco—Cherry Blossom Fest, Nihonmachi  
 ●**APR. 20 (Friday)**  
 Los Angeles—8th annv benefit dnr, Koreisha Chushoku Kai nutrition prg, Quiet Cannon Res't; info 680-9173/9177  
 Sacramento—Dnr for Judge Mamoru Sakuma, Fuji Sukiyaki Res't, 6pm; info 422-2146/391-6490  
 ●**APR. 21 (Saturday)**  
 Orange Cnty—Easter egg hunt, Garden Grove Comm Cntr, Stanford Ave east of Euclid, 10am-2:30pm (hunt at 12 n)  
 Los Angeles—NCRF fnd-rsr, Little Tokyo Twrs, 455 E 3rd, 7-10pm, with Nobuko Miyamoto, Cold Tofu; \$6; info Jim, 498-5637  
 Los Angeles—Book recep for Karl Yoneda, author of 'Ganbatte', Amerasia Bkstore, 321 Towne, 1:30-4:30pm  
 San Francisco—'Nisei Soldier', doc film on 442d RCT, W Add'n lib, Geary & Scott, 4pm

**APR. 22 (Sunday)**  
 Omaha—Easter egg hunt, Hanscom Park  
 ●**APR. 24-25**  
 Berkeley—Tokyo Ballet Grp, Zellerbach Aud, 8pm; info 642-7511  
 ●**APR. 25-28**  
 Wasatch Front North—Bsktball tourney, Nat'l Guard Armory, Layton, Utah; info 544-3669  
 ●**APR. 26 (Thursday)**  
 Los Angeles—LEAP presents futurist Hank Koehn, Miriwa Res't, 6-9pm; info JD Hokoyama, 743-4999  
 Oakland—Asian Am's for Jesse Jackson fnd-rsr, 5:30-8pm, Bok Sen Res't, 710 Webster; info 632-1989  
 ●**APR. 27-29**  
 San Francisco—Cherry Blossom Fest, Nihonmachi  
 ●**APR. 27 (Friday)**  
 San Francisco—Slide show/talk on Go For Broke/MIS exh, Tom Kawaguchi, Eric Saul, Chet Tanaka, spkrs, Cntr for JA Studies, 1759 Sutter  
 ●**APR. 28 (Saturday)**  
 Selanoco—Sprg mtg, Rio Hondo College, 6pm  
 Los Angeles—Manzanar pilgrimage, info 662-5102, 825-1006  
 Boston—'Fall of I-Hotel', doc film, As Am Res Wkshp, 27 Beach St; 3:30pm  
 Los Angeles—'Nisei Soldier' bntf screening for Visual Communications,

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 ●**APR. 28-29**  
 South Bay—Torrance Bunka-sai Festival, Torr Rec cntr (info: 325-6721, 377-8581)  
 Monterey Park—Cherry Blossom Fest, East LA Coll, 1301 Brooklyn, 11am to 9pm Sat, to 6pm Sun  
 ●**APR. 29 (Sunday)**  
 Tulare Cnty—Movie nite, Visalia Budhist Ch Annex, 7pm  
 Placer Cnty—Clean up of Wakamatsu Memorial and Okei grave on Gold Hill, from 9am; info 428-7877  
 San Francisco—Aki Matsuri grand parade  
 Los Angeles—Chi Alpha Delta Alumnae Schol Bridge Tea, W LA Budhist Ch, 1pm; info 826-9805, 641-2419

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●**To MAY 11**  
 Clayton (Mo.)—Japanese/American Influences sculpture exh by Kristine Aono, 802 DeMun; info 721-1695

●**MAY 4-5**  
 Portland—San Francisco Taiko Dojo at Jefferson HS, 8pm; info 243-7930  
 ●**MAY 4-6**  
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 ●**MAY 4-11**  
 New York—Kabuki perf by Bando Tamasaburo V, Japan Soc, 333 E 47, 8pm w/2pm mat May 6 & 9; \$30

●**MAY 5 (Saturday)**  
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 ●**MAY 6 (Sunday)**  
 Portland—Graduation bnqt, Benson Hl, SW Brdwy & Oak, 6pm, \$15; info Bob Shimabukuro, 771-9876, 232-2824  
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 Los Angeles—Tokyo Ballet Grp benefit perf & recep for Japan Am Th, 244 S San Pedro, \$50, info 680-3700  
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# Fleeting Impressions

(Dedicated to Tomio Ichikawa, Reunion Chairperson)  
By JOE OYAMA

OAKLAND, Calif.—“On a clear day we stand there and look farther than the ordinary eye can see,” wrote Sun Ra, the Indian poet. “Far above the roof of the world we can encompass vistas of the world.”

These words describe aptly the feeling one gets when one stands on the top of Twin Brothers peak, which rises majestically above windswept Suisun Valley, Issei pioneers to the valley struggled valiantly with the soil, turned the valley into an area of rich orchards, then quietly passed on.

As the crow flies, Suisun-Fairfield lies halfway between Sacramento and San Francisco, a place where the soft marsh wind from the Suisun Bay blows over the land.

On Saturday, September 19, 1981, two hundred and fifty former residents of the valley converged upon the old white remodeled schoolhouse, now permanently renamed the Nisei Club, for a grand Suisun Valley Nikkei Reunion. Coming all the way from Northbrook, Illinois, Frances Katsura Onoda attended this school as a little girl.

They also came from as far away as Gainesville, Florida, like Ayako Onoda Yoshimura, and from Libertyville, Illinois, like Harry and Elaine (Asanuma) Kojima, driving 8,000 miles across the Canadian wilderness.

Frances Onoda said, “My father was contracted by the U.S. government mail service to level the ground for the construction of an airport.” Suisun now has the huge Travis Air Force base, the main West Coast departure point for Asia.

Before World War II, Suisun was a sleepy tank town, while now with its twin city, Fairfield, it has burgeoned into a prosperous bedroom community of over 60,000 inhabitants. Before World War II, the only movie theater in Fairfield practiced Jim Crow and sent all their Japanese, Chinese, Pilipino and Chicano customers upstairs to what they called “Nigger Heaven,” reserving downstairs for “Whites Only.”

Under a spreading oak tree, with incense burning in black lacquer boxes flanked by vases of gold and white chrysanthemums, Rinban Fujimoto and Rev. Matsubayashi, Buddhist priests from Sacramento, conducted a memorial service to pay tribute to the first-generation Japanese pioneers who made this valley fertile with peaches, plums, pears, apricots and grapes, but who at the prime of their life were incar-

cerated with their American-born children. Some returned to the valley later, broken in spirit and unable to recoup their losses.

Several miles from Fairfield, the Rockville cemetery has a separate section reserved for those Japanese and Chinese ancestry. The graves are neat and well kept, although some are forgotten and moss-covered or flooded with rain water.

There were familiar names: Asanuma, 1883-1969, deceased at age 80. Mr. Sokichi Ichikawa, 1878-1946, friends of the family. He died at 68. His wife, Tamano, 1889-1969. (Mr. Ichikawa was related to the great Kabuki actor in Japan, Danjuro Ichikawa.)

There were many others—like the Mitomas, also friends of the family. Strange, but there were two Erney Mitomas. The first was born in 1910. Died in 1913 at age three. The other Erney was born in 1926 and died in 1935. The family believes that the first Erney was reincarnated because they were both born on April 30.

The Rev. Matsubayashi intoned, “Only the human animal is capable of recording. . . . Only the human animal is capable of building graves.”

The Issei, Nisei and Sansei seated in the front row before the ceremonial table all looked healthy and affluent. One younger Issei woman, who must have migrated to the United States after the war, watched an elderly Nisei man taking notes in his notebook from the tombstones. He spent his summers here picking fruits, loading trucks and drying fruits in the sun to earn spending money and college tuition. The Issei woman was crying.

Back in the Nisei Club House men's toilet, my reverie is suddenly broken. Someone had posted the following sign: “Aim to keep this place clean. Your aim will help. Short studs stand close.”

On the reunion bulletin board, letters were posted from former residents, written in both English and Japanese, regretfully stating why they could not attend the reunion. One was from a Mrs. Maeyama who was in a hospital.

Japanese are known for their resiliency. They had all come back. Proud. Their numbers had multiplied even into the fourth generation. During the evening, the Japanese restaurant in Rocklin Inn was nearly bursting at the seams with mothers, fathers, children, grandchildren. They had come out of the evacuation strong and alive.

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# Letters

# SEATTLE

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## Asian Drug Abuse

A recent article appearing in the *Family Weekly* (March 25) deals with Asian Americans and their problems. So what else is new? Some problem revealed in this article are new to me, perhaps because I do not circulate much and prefer to stay at home.

I never knew that the bottle (drinking) was a problem but then with all the influence around and other forms of intimidation, it's understandable.

Also (and I find this most hard to believe) drugs have entered into the scene. It's inconceivable to me that anyone of any race can get hooked on this dumb play, for this is the bottom of the pit where it stinks, and it's the end, period.

[Teresa Watanabe in her article "No, We Are NOT All Alike!" interviewed Mike Watanabe, director of Los Angeles's Asian American Drug Abuse Program. "Every day," wrote Wata-

nabe, "he and his staff counsel young Asian adults who have turned to everything from grass to hard drugs as an escape from unrealistic expectations of success." The expectations are imposed both by the families of clients and by society at large.]

My main concern rests with the children. The next generation suffers more than the present and so what to do about it is the question.

Public humiliation as in old Japan will not work here. Neither will ordinary counseling. It's my opinion that the leaders of the Japanese American community should consider a meeting of the minds to get to the bottom of these problems. Let's not allow them to spread further.

This will take some doing and any doing requires money. I don't have much, but get the ball rolling and I'll be one of the first to kick in.

CHIYEKO HEDANI  
Costa Mesa, CA

## Redress 'Giri'

William Marutani's column "For Just Three Pennies" (3-30) was like a peal of thunder in its powerful effect to awaken us from our complacent stupor that, "Right will eventually triumph (and that redress will, in time, come to pass)," and that all we need to do meanwhile is to be patient and "make no waves."

It took Judge Marutani's perceptive insight to make us see the light and realize how important, yet how simple it really is to accumulate sufficient funds to enable us to succeed in our strivings to achieve redress.

As Judge Marutani points out, if every Nikkei in this country would contribute only "three pennies a day" for one year, the national committee for redress would have available \$8 million to do its critical job.

Immediately the "doubting Thomases" will say, "It's not possible. The post-war arrivals are not involved with

redress. Some of the former internees don't believe in redress. It's hard to make them see the importance of redress." And on and on ad nauseam.

I vividly recall a speech Minoru Yasui, chair of the national committee for redress, made to the post-war arrivals from Japan at the Buddhist Temple in Salinas, on the occasion of the Kinenhi dedication at the former "Salinas Assembly Center."

In his speech Min explained to the new arrivals the vital role JACL played in achieving successful legislation to benefit all Japanese Americans in this country, such as the repeal of discriminatory laws, passage of the McCarran Act, and others.

As Min said in his speech, after the war the Issei told JACL to go ahead with its efforts to ameliorate the condition of Japanese Americans, and not to worry about money because they would

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children out of school if the Nisei were not removed. The mothers claimed that the clerks could block any calls putting schools on alert during an enemy attack and that they might poison the cafeteria food.

School officials resisted the mothers, saying that it was difficult to get clerical help other than Japanese at the scale of 30 cents an hour. Superintendent Worth McClure also said that the clerks had the same right to employment as any other citizens and had been "fully investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

McClure's protestations were to no avail, however, and the women resigned after petitions were circulated against their employment. In a statement explaining their action, they said:

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"Finally, we wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the school board, superintendent, principals and teachers for the kind treatment accorded us."

The chair of the Gatewood district mothers committee responded: "I think that's very white of them. They have our appreciation and thanks."

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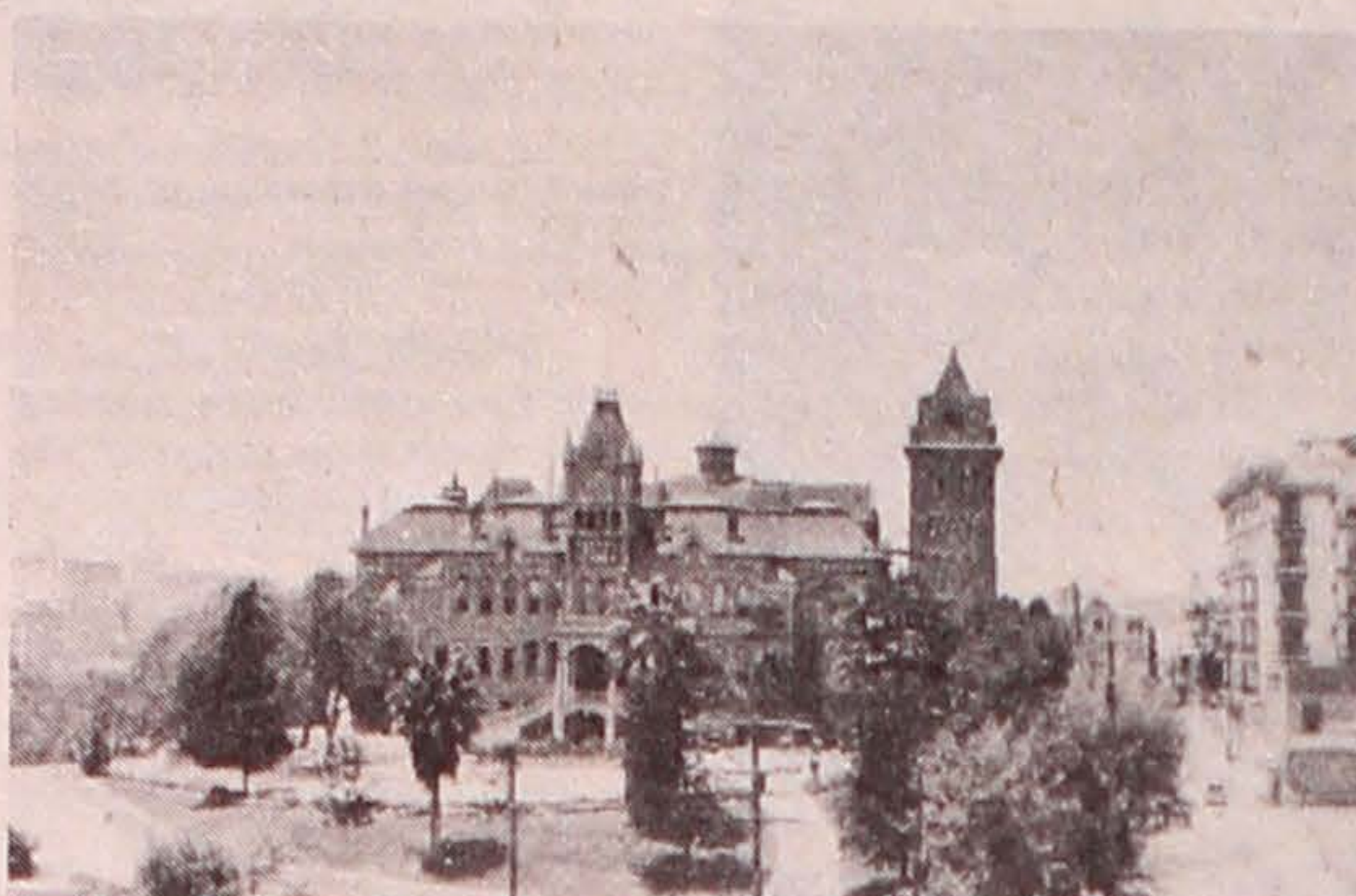
**The 'Other' Nihonmachi**

The grayish picture alongside is the State Normal School (c. 1914) standing where the L.A. Public Library downtown is today. A block away about the same time down the knoll from this view (westward from 5th and Grand) was the "other" Nihonmachi stretched from 6th to 8th St. (My dad, still a single man, had opened his first shoe shop at 825 1/2 S. Grand Ave. around 1910. It's been a parking lot in recent decades. By 1920, he had taken over an Issei-owned shop at 826 W. Temple—today, a county parking structure stands in the shadows of Harbor Freeway as it approaches the four-level interchange downtown.)

While the E. 1st St. business area east of Main St. in the 1900s (the heart of Little Tokyo today) was called "Jewtown", the "other" Nihonmachi—according to old-timers—was generally referred to as "Japtown". This reference may have led to the misconception that the "other" Nihonmachi was first, since it was thriving between 1900 and 1910. This Nihonmachi with City Park (renamed Pershing Square after WW1) at the eastern edge had boarding houses, pool halls and several employment agencies in the 7th and Grand area—where, incidentally, Japan Air Lines has its main L.A. office and high-rise bank buildings overshadow the environs to the left (or south) of this week's photo.

The Japanese employment agencies differed from the typical agency which found jobs for a fee or percentage of the first paycheck. The Nihonjin operation featured "day work"—washing windows, clearing up a yard, other menial tasks. An employer would call and within the hour a wagon-load of young Japanese window washers, yardworkers or hired manpower would be on the scene. An English-speaking foreman would tag along—thus a job would be done inside a couple of hours whereas the casual worker may have taken days or weeks. For the Issei newly arrived, not knowing the language nor the layout of the land, this sort of employment suited them. But as soon as they learned a little English and knew their way about, they went for permanent jobs, even though it might have been as a porter or warehouseman in a department store downtown. And if he had saved enough money, he either returned to Japan for a bride (as did my dad) or had one via photograph.

Thus began the spread of Japanese after 1910 throughout the city—either to farms or nurseries that were no more than ten miles from city hall—the Virgil area of Hollywood, Jefferson and Normandie (Seinan-ku, Southwest L.A.), West 10th St. beyond Vermont (Ue-machi, Uptown) and to Boyle Heights—although a Buddhist Temple (Higashi Honganji) was built in



**ABOUT THE PICTURE**—Those who drive downtown west on 5th St. today toward the Harbor Freeway may recognize the six-story building (now a hotel) at the right—and its curbside to 5th St. when this picture was taken (circa 1914) of State Normal, atop a grassy knoll. Fifth St. is a new cut, some 20 feet lower and left of the street shown. State Normal College was moved in 1926 to where Los Angeles City College exists today on N. Vermont Ave. and is today UCLA at Westwood.

1904 at 204 Savannah by Rev. Junzo Izumida ... Later, we intend to delve a little more into these neighborhoods. We learned of a Nisei who grew up in the "other" Nihonmachi, too, whom we hope to meet soon for recollections.

**Recent Feedback**—Two Eastbay readers added their own recollections to the Sadakichi Hartmann story (#12 of this series). Joe Oyama remembers his friend George Stanicci talking about him and that Margaret Uchiyama Takahashi's father was a friend of his. Oyama also wonders whether Masamori Kojima is still planning to write a book on Hartmann ... Jin Konomi had always been curious about Hartmann and was grateful we reprinted Bob Okazaki's piece and adds Sadakichi is featured in J.F. Burke's book, "Noah."

Tom Masamori was pleasantly surprised to see the follow-up story on "Uncle Henry" Kotani (#11), and hopeful that it will produce bits of history to prove his mother was born in Hawaii.

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# Chapter Pulse



Photo by Frank Hirata

**FIELD TRIPPING**—Little Tokyo Tower residents wait at the ABC-TV studios to see "Family Feud." Downtown Los Angeles Chapter organized the excursion. (See story below.)

## Downtown Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—Thirty-two Little Tokyo Tower residents traveled to ABC's Family Feud Show on April 4. JACLers hosting the bus trip and outing were Christine Otani (chair), Dennis Kunisaki, Grace Shiba and Frank Hirata. The group left Little Tokyo Tower at 4:30 p.m. and participated as audience members in the show at the ABC East Hollywood studio and returned at 8:30 p.m. A snack donated by the chapter was served on the return trip.

Last year the chapter invited the residents to the Asian Art Museum in Pasadena. In July a Dodger Stadium outing is planned. The upcoming chapter community project is the 22nd Annual Mothers' Day Luncheon on May 12 at New Otani Hotel.

## East Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—More than 300 persons attended the Emerald and Cherry Blossom Ball, sponsored by East Los Angeles Chapter and VFW Memorial Post 9902 on April 7. Six contestants, Suzanne Kimura, Norrill Kodama, Linda Matsushita, Margaret Murakami, Lori McMullin and Lisa Torigoe, vied for the crown of Miss East L.A. and Cherry Blossom Queen.

Judges Dean Aihara, Yukio Hayakawa, Miyoko Komori, Kiyoshi Igawa, George Nakasone and Harry Yamamoto with moderator Min Yoshizaki selected Lisa Torigoe as 1984 queen.

She will represent the chapter at the 44th annual Nisei Week festival and reign at the 8th annual Cherry Blossom Festival April 28-29 in Monterey Park.

Master of ceremonies was Michael Mitoma. Co-chairs were Mable Yoshizaki, Mattie Furuta, George Nakasone, Tamotsu Isozaki and Mas Dobashi.

## Tulare County

VISALIA, Calif.—A one-day Japanese cultural awareness program for Boys' Day will be held Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The program is open to preschool children (aged 3 to 4 years old) through sixth graders. One parent of participating preschool children must assist the teacher.

Deadline for registration is April 25, with a fee of \$3 per child. Maps and activities will be sent to registered children by May 1. To register, send \$3 check made payable to Aileen Arakawa, 506 N. Chinoweth, Visalia, CA 93291, with name, address, telephone number, and names and ages of children to be registered.

Tulare County Chapter also holds a fund-raising movie night at Visalia Buddhist Church Annex, Sunday, April 29, at 7 p.m. Donation is \$5 per member or \$10 per family. Movies are the comedy Naniwa Na Koi No Torajiro, and the samurai movie Okita Soji.

## Sacramento

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Yuki Oshima and Tom Okubo are co-advisors for the Sacramento JACL's newly organized chapter youth group. The first meeting will be held Monday, April 30, at the Sumitomo Bank Hospitality Room, 1331 Broadway, from 7:30 p.m. One of the projects under consideration is the formation of a taiko (drum) group.

## Placer County

GOLD HILL, Calif.—Ken Tokutomi, president of Placer County JACL, announced that the annual clean-up of the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony Memorial and Okei grave has been set for Sunday, April 29, from 9 a.m.

Members and friends of Sacramento, Placer County, and Florin JACL participate in the event. Volunteers are requested to bring garden tools, ideally a gas-powered "weed-eater," and a light lunch for the picnic afterwards. Call Tom Fujimoto, 428-7877, for directions.

## San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Deadline for applications for ten chapter scholarships has been extended to May 4. High school seniors of Japanese American ancestry or members of JACL are eligible. Call Sharon Uyeda, (408) 923-1960 (days) or 259-3656 (evenings) for applications and further information.

## Seabrook

SEABROOK, N.J.—Commentator Mariko Ono presents Japanese songs, topics and recipes each Sunday at 4:35 p.m. on WSNJ in Bridgeton (1240-AM and 107.7-FM), in the 11th year of Seabrook JACL's "Fuji Hour." According to the chapter's newsletter, the project has received funding since 1978 from National JACL through its allocation for the Eastern District Council public relations work.

## Sequoia

PALO ALTO, Calif.—Three scholarships, ranging from \$100 to \$300, are available to Sequoia Chapter JACL members and children. Winners will be determined by grade point average and SAT scores; school, community, and work activities; and an essay written as a letter to the student's congressman on why Americans should or should not support redress for Japanese Americans (500 words or less).

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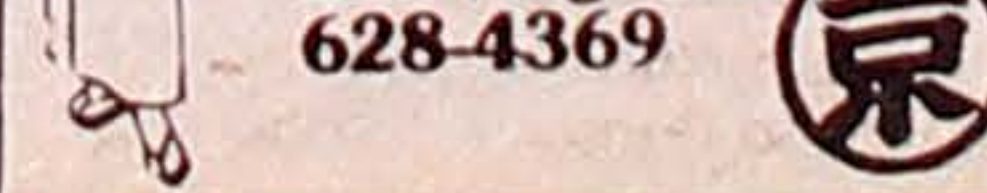
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Jack, who championed for Japanese American rights during WW2, is minister of Winnetka's Lake Shore Unitarian Universalist Society. He was honored by JACL in 1957 for assisting Japanese Americans.

The five-year-old foundation promotes interreligious cooperation in the cause of world peace. It is named for Nikkyo Niwano, 77-year-old longtime head of a 4.5 million-member group of Buddhist Rissho Kosei-Kai.

Jack is the first U.S. citizen and the second person to be recognized. The initial award went to Archbishop Helder Pessoa Camara of Brazil, a Roman Catholic prelate whose "courageous action on behalf of human rights and interreligious cooperation" was cited in 1983.

As secretary-general of the World Council, a post he held from 1970 to December 1983, Jack directed several multi-religious projects aiding the "boat people" from Vietnam, the Khmer people and the second U.S. Special Session on Disarmament.

Presentation will be made in Tokyo on April 27.

### Boise Valley JACL leader succumbs

PARMA, Idaho — Memorial services were held April 6 for Yoshio Takahashi, 69, at the Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church. He died April 3 at a Caldwell hospital.

Takahashi was born March 6, 1915, to Kamazo and Toshi Kato Takahashi in Seattle, where he was reared and educated. He married Ayako Joyce Sakau at Salt Lake City, Utah, in January 1943.

They moved to Idaho and farmed in the Caldwell area until moving to Parma in 1951. After retirement in 1980, they traveled extensively in Europe and Asia.

He was a member of the Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church since 1951 and deacon and elder for

many years. Long active in the Boise Valley JACL, he served as president for three terms (1963, 1975, 1976), on the Intermountain District Council board and was among the founding 1000 Club members, having been continuously current since 1948.

He was scoutmaster of Troop 215 for 15 years, led youths to five scout jamborees and was a scout leader at the XII World Jamboree held at Farragut Park, Idaho. He was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1960.

Surviving are w Ayako, d Faye Niyama (Bellevue, Wash.), Rita Cates (Spokane, Wash.), br Koichi (Los Angeles), s Masako Hamada (Mountain Home, Ida.), Yuki-kiko Katagiri (Seattle), 6 gc.

## People

#### ● Government

Russel S. Nagata, 32, has been appointed Honolulu interim director of the state Dept. of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. He was in an acting capacity since mid-January, and serves in an interim capacity until the Senate confirmation. He replaces former director Mary Bitterman, who has taken an office at East-West Center. Nagata was a deputy attorney general and corporation and securities administrator.

#### ● Health

Karen Tanaka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tanaka of St. Louis, has opened an office for physical therapy in the Turnpike Towers Bldg., in Denver.

City View Hospital, Los Angeles, announced the appointment of new medical staff officers for 1984. They are: Mitsuya Yamaguchi, MD, pres; Takeshi Matsumoto, MD vp; Robert Obi, MD sec; and Kiyoshi Ogawa, MD, treas. East L.A. JACL Dr. Obi, is the medical director at City View.

Dr. Shaw Yorizane, Fresno JACL-A.L.L. member, was named California Optometric Assn. Young Optometrist of the Year and also won the group's speakers contest for the third year in succession. Yorizane's twin honor was unprecedented in the association's history.

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take care of the financial end. "You, Nisei, go ahead and do those things you can do best, and that we cannot do," they said. And the Issei raised \$1 million for the campaign to repeal anti-discrimination laws. Can the Nisei now do less for the Sansei, Yonsei, and other American minorities?

Today, the Nikkei and the new arrivals have all the rights of citizenship. To achieve this the Nisei had to go through the purgatory of the internment, and our gallant Nisei soldiers had to pay with their blood for the benefits the Nikkei were eventually granted. But the new arrivals of the post-war period have had everything handed to them on a silver platter.

Are those sacrifices not worth "just three pennies a day" for one year to help achieve redress—JACL's noblest goal?

And what about those Nisei who "don't believe in redress"? True, they lived through the pain and suffering of the relocation and internment and thus can be said to have paid their debt. But how about "insurance" to guarantee that their children and grandchildren will not have to go through the same experience? Is that "insurance" not worth "just three pennies a day" for one year, to each one of them?

Is it not HAJI to say: "They are not JACLers; we don't know who 'they' are; 'they' probably wouldn't contribute anyway; there is really no time to undertake a project of

this importance (or any other rationalization)?"

WHAT A TRAGEDY IT IS THAT SOME OF US THINK SO SMALL!

The saying "where there's a will there's a way" is still valid. If every JACL chapter, and every individual JACLer, is really serious about raising money so that we can achieve our long-delayed dream of redress, a way will be found to raise "just three pennies a day," for a year, from every Nikkei.

Do we not owe it to our Issei parents who endured so much that we might have a better life? Do we not owe it to the men of the 442nd who paid with their blood that "we" might prove our loyalty?

Up to now Issei and Nisei have always spoken of GAMAN. Is it not about time we started to speak of GIRI, instead?

And if there are no MEN among the NIKKEI who see the urgency of redress and who see the necessity of doing their duty, then perhaps it is high time that we let the WOMEN take over the finances, direction, and the governance of JACL chapters. Perhaps the women are more committed to the cause of redress, and of making a better place for all Americans in a greater America, and perhaps they see more clearly the importance of "just three pennies."

VIOLET KAZUE  
de CRISTOFORO  
Redress Chair  
Salinas Valley Chapter

## HAPPA

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Japanese American identity. This was especially the result of meeting people who were active in the Asian American movement of the 1970s.

I once sat down and compared experiences with a happa woman I met at school. She too grew up in white middle-class suburbia. She had a comfortable home and loving environment, but her parents did not put any emphasis on Japanese or Asian culture. There were no relatives nearby and most of her friends and boyfriends were Caucasian. She told me while she didn't reject the "fact" that she was Japanese American, she didn't think about it much and it didn't affect her day-to-day life. As we talked I realized that, given a slightly different set of circumstances, I could have easily been just like her. Because of my background and experiences, however, my values, style of interaction, identity and lifestyle have been profoundly shaped by the strong psychological ties I have to my father.

In this sense—having to deal with issues which are not fully understood by either JAs or North Americans—the process of developing a positive sense of self and of identity has been filled with obstacles and struggles for me. Since I do acknowledge that important aspects of my self-image are tied to things

Japanese American, though, I feel a strong need to identify as a Nikkei. Otherwise I would have to deny and reject central relationships and experiences in my life.

For this reason, when I encounter people who argue that happa are not truly Japanese American I always get angry. Although they may not realize it, such persons leave no room for the happa who have to struggle against all odds to positively conceptualize and integrate their feeling that they belong to the Japanese American experience in North America too.

So a spirit of tolerance and understanding is essential and these words constitute a plea for others to respect the diversity and complexity of the happa experience. It is true that identity is something that evolves and changes over a lifetime, but acceptance from others is necessary for the happa who chooses to identify as a Japanese American. Such an acceptance can constitute both an end and a new beginning, since the question of identity must be dealt with before other kinds of thought and action can take place.

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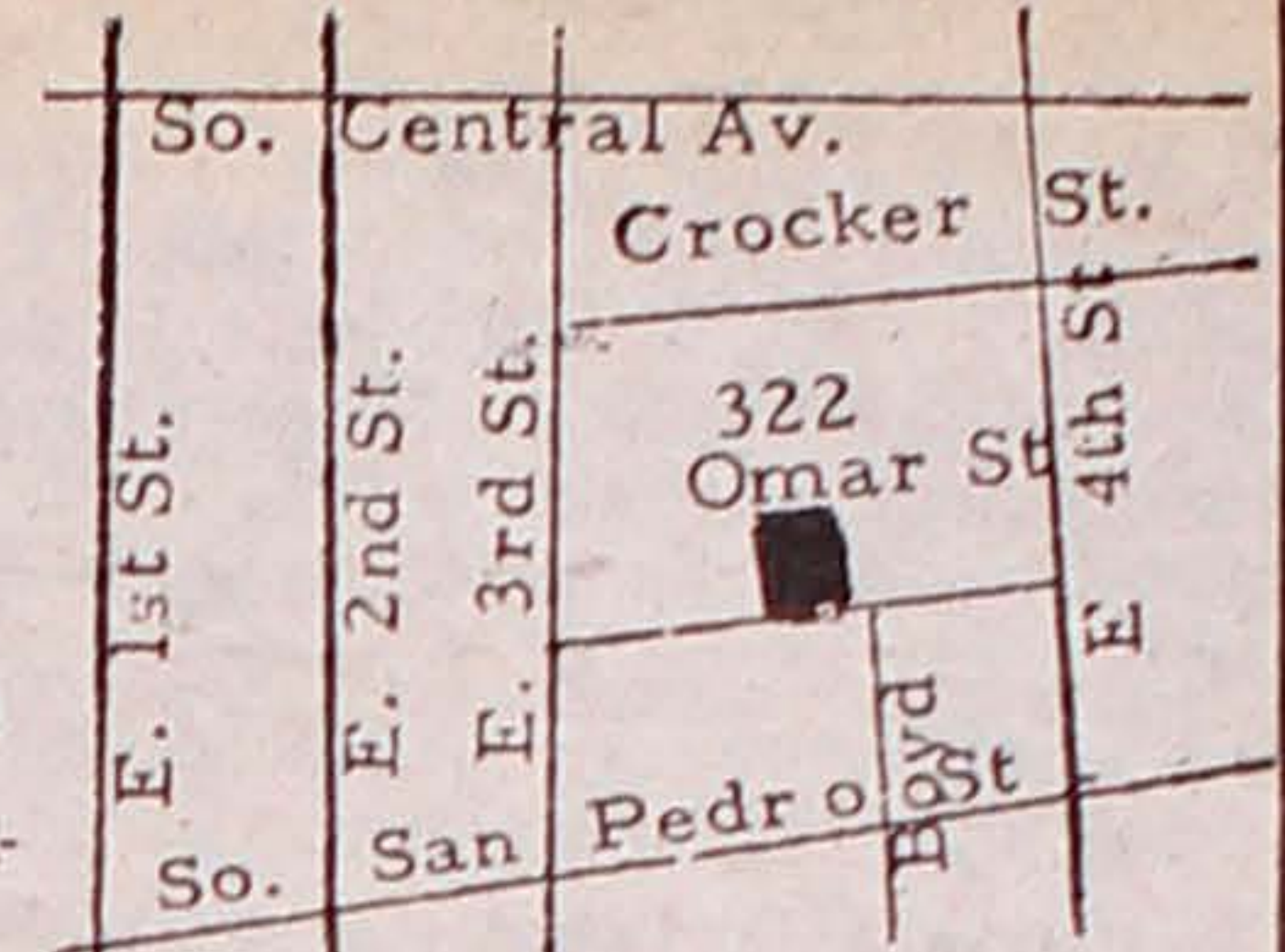
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