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## Mondale wins Asian endorsements

**On the stump**—Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale meets with three of his supporters: (from left) Gardena city councilman Mas Fukai, running as a Mon-

dale delegate from the 31st congressional district; Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, running as a delegate from the 28th district; and Los Angeles city controller James Hahn.

SAN FRANCISCO—Campaigning hard during the last few days before the California primary, Walter Mondale spoke to a crowd of about 500, including five survivors of the Hiroshima atomic bomb, in this city's Japantown Peace Plaza on May 25. He was the first presidential candidate to campaign in Nihonmachi.

Mondale said that his first priority as president would be to stop the arms race.

Meanwhile, Joan Mondale was geared to stump Los Angeles' Little Tokyo May 26, the guest of state Sen. Art Torres, Calif. Secretary of State March Fong Eu, and Nikkei supporters of her husband's campaign.

To bolster his campaign appearances, Mondale has issued a position statement on Asian American issues that stresses equal opportunities in business, education, and social services.

Asian Americans have generally been ignored by the federal government, he stated. Mondale pledged:

- to create incentives for states to allocate resources for the development of employment and job training programs;
- to support bilingual education;
- to enact policies that promote construction of low- and moderate-income housing;
- to implement fair immigration policies aimed at the reunification of families;
- to promote self-help programs for Asian refugees and to adopt procedures to encourage their speedy settlement in the U.S.;
- to monitor all federal statistical collection to assure that accurate data on Asian Americans is compiled regularly;
- and to work for the full participation of Asian Americans in such federal agencies as

the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Small Business Administration, and the position of White House liaison.

### Endorsements

Mondale received the overwhelming endorsement of the Japanese American Democratic Club of San Francisco. President Naomi Nishioka announced that he garnered 55.5% of the votes after a "candidates' night" on May 15. Gary Hart and Jesse Jackson split the remainder.

Speakers for Mondale were John Roos, coordinator for the campaign in San Francisco, and Annie Chung, chair of Asians for Mondale.

Hart was represented by Joel Paul, Northern California coordinator; and Jackson by Cynthia Ong, a delegate candidate.

All speakers voiced their candidates' support for redress and opposition to the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill.

In the debate, Roos stressed Mondale's commitment to appointing minorities to high government posts, to replacing Reagan's appointments to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, and to championing the cause of bilingual education.

A number of Asian Pacific Americans are running as Mondale delegates in the June 5 primary. One candidate, Lorna Takehara Strand of the 6th congressional district, stated that, "Walter Mondale's years of proven commitment to Asian Pacific Americans can be trusted. He won't forget us when he's in the White House."

The Chinese American Political Assn. has also endorsed Mondale for President.

## Editorials continue to urge redress

LOS ANGELES—Despite the dismissal of a class action lawsuit filed by National Council for Japanese American Redress on behalf of former internees (see May 18 PC), newspapers that have supported redress in the past are remaining firmly supportive. In fact, editorials are now calling more insistently on Congress to remedy the 42-year-old injustice.

The L.A. Herald Examiner, for example, contended in a May 23 editorial entitled "At long last: Redressing an old wrong," that "... compensation equal to the injury done still eludes the victims [of internment]. And the courts apparently won't help."

The editorial continued, "Justice remains to be served. Thus, legislation before Congress takes on new importance. Scheduled for hearings this summer ... the legislation would establish a \$1.2 billion trust fund for internees who are still living and issue a formal national apology. Congress should not hesitate to pass this measure."

A Herald Examiner editorial supported redress on Nov. 19, 1982.

The Salt Lake City Tribune echoed the theme: "In the parlance of the lawyers, the six-year deadline for bringing suits against the federal government 'had run.' That doesn't mean justice has been done or, more importantly, can't be done ..."

"Those Japanese Americans who brought the now-dismissed suit ... should recognize that they have added substantially to the mass of evidence showing that thousands of their counterparts have been horribly treated and are deserving of some degree of compensation ..."

"This, too, must be the position of Congress, which almost unhesitatingly will appropriate billions to aid wholesale numbers of foreigners but for nearly four decades now has been disinclined to compensate fellow Americans for the damage and suffering unjustifiably imposed on them by their own government," the Tribune concluded.

On Feb. 27, 1983, the Tribune deplored the internment, but made no recommendation for redress.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, confirming its past position, said in a short paragraph that, "The time has come for America to pay the bill for the hysteria that sent 120,000 Japanese Americans to internment camps during World War II. The spotlight is on Congress following last week's dismissal—on grounds

that the statute of limitations has run out—of a class action lawsuit on behalf of the Japanese Americans. Congress should act this year to approve the reparations legislation being considered in congressional committees."

The Post-Intelligencer issued an endorsement of redress on July 17, 1981.

## 18 Asians to run as Jackson delegates in California primary

LOS ANGELES—California's Democratic primary marks the first time 18 Asian/Pacific Americans will represent a single presidential candidate in that state. The candidate is the Rev. Jesse Jackson, whose recent campaign sweep through California included stops in San Francisco's Chinatown and Los Angeles' Little Tokyo.

With backing from Asian/Pacific Jackson support groups, the delegates are among the 278 Jackson supporters elected at caucuses held in California's 45 congressional districts on March 11. Jackson was the only Democratic candidate for whom caucuses were held in every district.

The delegates' names will appear on ballots in the San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego areas. Those who receive enough votes will attend the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco this July.

Backgrounds of the delegates and their congressional districts are as follows:

### Northern California

**Mabel Teng** (5th District): English as a Second Language instructor, San Francisco Community College; vice chair, Chinese Progressive Assn.

**Cynthia Choy Ong** (6th): attorney; Fulbright Hays exchange professor in Seoul, Korea; board of directors, Asian American Theater Co.

**Donna Kotake** (6th): founding member, Nihonmachi Little Friends Childcare Center; Bay Area Asians for Nuclear Disarmament; secretary, Golden Gate Chapter JACL.

**Ying Lee Kelley** (8th): Berkeley city councilperson, 1973-77; member, No. California executive committee, Bilateral Nuclear Freeze Campaign; Asian Law Caucus; Oakland Chinese Community Center.

**Patty Hirota** (9th): executive board, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2019; executive

committee, Oakland Progressive Political Alliance.

**Julie Yumi Hatta** (10th): San Jose Nihonmachi Outreach Committee; National Coalition for Redress/Reparations; administrator, Asian Law Alliance.

**Victor Hsi** (11th): economic development consultant in San Francisco; coordinator of elderly health care facility project for Oakland Chinese Community Council.

**Michael Pon** (12th): research assistant, Stanford; Asian Pacific Student Union.

**Mary Hsia-Coron** (16th): Santa Cruz community activist.

### Southern California

**Mike Murase** (25th): Director of field

operations, Jesse Jackson for President Committee, California; president, Little Tokyo Service Center, Inc.; chair, Asian Americans for Nuclear Disarmament.

**Sue Kunitomi Embrey** (25th): national governing board, Common Cause; Los Angeles City Commission on the Status of Women; Asian Pacific Caucus, Democratic National Committee; founding member, Manzanar Committee.

**Bruce Iwasaki** (27th): attorney; lecturer, UCLA; member, Little Tokyo People's Rights Organization (LTPRO).

**Irene Hirano** (28th): executive director, T.H.E. Clinic for Women, Inc.; executive committee and board of directors, Southern

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## News in Brief

### Chinese group endorses Hart

SAN FRANCISCO—Presidential candidate Gary Hart was recently endorsed by the Chinese American Democratic Club, reported East/West, for his support of bilingual education and small business development, his opposition to the Simpson/Mazzoli immigration bill, and his pledge to appoint Asians to federal agencies and to the White House.

Joel Paul, Hart's campaign director in San Francisco, told East/West that Asian Americans may also be supporting the senator because he opposes trade protectionism.

### More racist acts cited

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Testimony before the Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission revealed that in Sacramento—as in other parts of the country—bigotry against Asians is on the rise.

Cited during the May 17 hearing were tire slashings, window-breaking, and assaults, especially against the Indochinese.

### Students protest violence

DAVIS, Calif.—About 100 students, faculty and other citizens held a candlelight march May 16 to remember the deaths of three Asians and to express concern about the national increase in anti-Asian violence.

Fourteen speakers, including JACL national president and UC Davis law school professor Floyd Shimomura, the Rev. William Masuda of UC Berkeley's Institute for Buddhist Studies, and Asian Law Student Assn.'s Bob Matsueda, called for measures to combat such incidents.

Those who died were high school student Thong Hy Huynh, stabbed in May 1983; visiting researcher Naiyan Li, hit by a car in February; and Tzieh-Tsai Luo, stabbed in April.



## Minnesota legislature passes resolution in support of redress

MINNEAPOLIS—Sam Honda, redress chair for the Twin Cities JACL, reported that Gov. Rudy Perpich signed on April 26 a joint resolution from the legislature that an "adequate form of monetary redress be awarded to those individuals who suffered the injustices and hardships resulting from the government's actions in 1942."

The Minnesota Senate passed the resolution during its 1983 session, but the House did not take any action until April 17, 1984, when it passed the Senate resolution without amendment.

The Minnesota legislature's resolution noted that 120,313 persons of Japanese ancestry were forcibly moved from their West Coast homes and were incarcerated in "concentration camps," in denial of their basic constitutional rights, and suffered enormous physical and monetary losses. The resolution further noted the exemplary gallantry and patriotic loyalty of Japanese Americans during World War II, in the armed forces of the United States.

The resolution concluded by instructing the secretary of state of Minnesota to send the resolution to the president and secretary of the U.S. Senate, the speaker and chief clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, and to members of Minnesota's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C.

National redress director John Tateishi thanked Honda, supporters of redress and Twin Cities JACLers for their work in obtaining such a resolution. "It is of significance," said Tateishi, "that the legislature of Minnesota has expressed official support of redress. Certainly, members of the Minnesota congressional delegation will be reinforced by such official declaration of support." Sen. David Durenberger (R-Minn.) is 7th ranking member of the Senate Governmental Affairs committee, which will be considering the redress bill, S2116.

State legislatures of California, Oregon, Wisconsin and New Jersey have passed similar resolutions in support of redress. "Official endorsement of redress by state legislatures are helpful," declared Min Yasui, national chairman for redress, "because members of Congress from such states know that the people back home are supportive of such efforts."

## Voorhis praises Kagawa, founder of cooperative movement in Japan

BERKELEY, Calif.—Former Congressman Jerry Voorhis cited the exemplary social motivation of Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa as he called for the purging of "Me First-ism" and for the organizing of human relationships for the common good of society. Cooperative enterprises form the economic extension of the precept "Love thy neighbor as thyself," he declared, and they are needed to bring hope to people distressed by economic disorder and the menace of war.

Making his first public appearance in two years, the 83-year-old Voorhis addressed the inaugural dinner of the American Committee for the Kagawa Centennial Project May 5. Kagawa had visited Voorhis' boys school in Whittier in 1936 and deeply impressed its students and teachers. Attending this dinner were 185 persons from the Nikkei community, Bay Area co-ops, and local churches, many of whom had met the famed Christian from the slums of Kobe.

Also honored were the late Kagawa's son and daughter. Sumimoto Kagawa, director of the Kagawa Archives and Resource Center in Tokyo, spoke of the project's aim. It is not to glorify Kagawa, he said, but rather to carry on his work and to perpetuate the Christian spirit that motivated Kagawa to organize self-help programs to provide food, clothing, shelter and medical care for the needy in the worst of Japan's slums. Chiyoko Tomizawa is now director of the Nakano Co-op Hospital of Tokyo, founded by Kagawa.

Kagawa's youngest daughter, the Rev. Umeko Momii of the Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian Church in Salinas, Calif., offered a commentary during the movies of Kagawa's activities, his home life, his work among a host of organizations, and his many travels around Japan. Momii serves as the centennial project's president.

Plans for an updated translation of the important writings of the prolific Kagawa were revealed by project administrator Andrew E. Newcomer, Jr. It will be undertaken by the Rev. Fumitaka Matsuoka of Oakland with the counsel of Kosuke Koyama of the Union Theological Seminary. There is interest in Japan also of filming the life of Kagawa.

Sumimoto Kagawa and Chiyoko Tomizawa, accompanied by Newcomer, are currently on a two-week itinerary comprising Los Angeles, Denver, Chicago, New York, Washington, D.C. and Atlanta. They will meet with individuals interested in the Kagawa centennial project, which culminates in 1988 with the 100th anniversary celebration of Dr. Kagawa's birth.

Assisting in planning for the inaugural dinner were the Rev. Frank Omi, the Rev. Lester Suzuki, Asa Fujie, Hiro and Eiko Katayama, and George and Bess Yasukochi. Master of ceremonies was Louis Knoll, vice president of the American Baptist Seminary of the West.

## Hawaii center for international studies under program review

HONOLULU—The East-West Center is "an impressive center and it is enormously useful," but it needs a better sense of direction, commented Prof. Douglas Pike from U.C. Berkeley in the Star-Bulletin and Advertiser.

An internationally recognized expert on Vietnam, Pike led a three-person team conducting a periodic review of the center's work for the State Dept. which provides funding.

"My strongest impression is that the program is more complicated than I expected. It will take a long time to evaluate," Pike said. The former U.S. diplomat added that the center is still reorganizing and that any center reassessment is a fundamental question about how to study foreign nations.

That is, should the emphasis be on "problem issues" or the more traditional geographical "area studies"? Since

the early 1970s, the center has stressed the "problem" approach.

"I do not believe that social problems are transferable" across national boundaries. "There is no such thing as

understanding 'Asia.' The real question we've got to answer is whether or not [the area studies approach] is really do-able. I'm not sure it is, but the effort has to be made," Pike said.

## Korean group active in Ban the Soviets

LOS ANGELES—In wake of the Soviet bloc of nations quitting the 1984 Olympics because of "anti-Soviet hysteria and extremist groups," the Ban the Soviets Coalition made local headlines during the early weeks of May.

The coalition included the Elderly Korean American Assn. of Orange County. But it was learned May 21 that some members have distanced themselves from the

coalition, citing pressure from the Korean consul general who was concerned about impact on the 1988 Games in Seoul.

The coalition gained prominence when the Soviet media gave it publicity, "far more ... than it could have ever achieved on its own," according to Peter Ueberroth, Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee president.

## Nominations sought for arts panel

WASHINGTON — James Bowman, executive director of financial aid programs for the Educational Testing Service, has informed the JACL's Washington representative, Ron Ikejiri, of a proposal to appoint an affirmative action panel to oversee the ARTS program of ETS.

ARTS, "Arts Recognition and Talent Search," is an award-giving program mandated to "ensure widespread participation by all youth, regardless of race, creed, color, geographical location, economic disadvantage, physical disability, language, or sex."

Guidelines indicate that the panel should be composed of six persons: representatives from the Afro-

American, Asian American, disabled, Hispanic American and Native American communities. It should have a representative from each of the ARTS disciplines in dance, music, theater, visual arts and writing. The panel should be composed of artists, arts educators at the secondary or collegiate level, or those who are otherwise involved with the arts communities.

Bowman indicated that the overall responsibilities of members would be aligned to the goal of universal access and would include considerable association with the staff.

For more information, contact JACL Washington Office at 1730 Rhode Island Ave. N.W. #204, Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 223-1240.

## Grand jury indicts L.A. Korean for fraud

LOS ANGELES — Harvard Myung Jee, a member of the elite business council of the Democratic National Committee, was indicted May 23 by a federal grand jury on charges of defrauding three banks out of \$34 million.

According to the indictment, the L.A. branches of Korean Exchange Bank and Hanil Bank, both of Seoul, were defrauded out of \$16 million each and Lloyds Bank of California out of \$2 million.

The Korean-born naturalized citizen, who lives in Palos Verdes Estates and Washington, D.C., was reported to have been in Japan

when the charges were made public and is expected to voluntarily return to the U.S. for arraignment.

Jee was under consideration for an honorary co-chair of the Democratic national convention in San Francisco next month, according to Michael Steed, DNC national director.

Jee's political connections are not mentioned in the indictment, stressed Asst. U.S. Atty. Richard Callahan Jr., who will prosecute the case. The 15-count indictment was described as one of the larger fraud cases in the local U.S. attorney's office, Callahan added.

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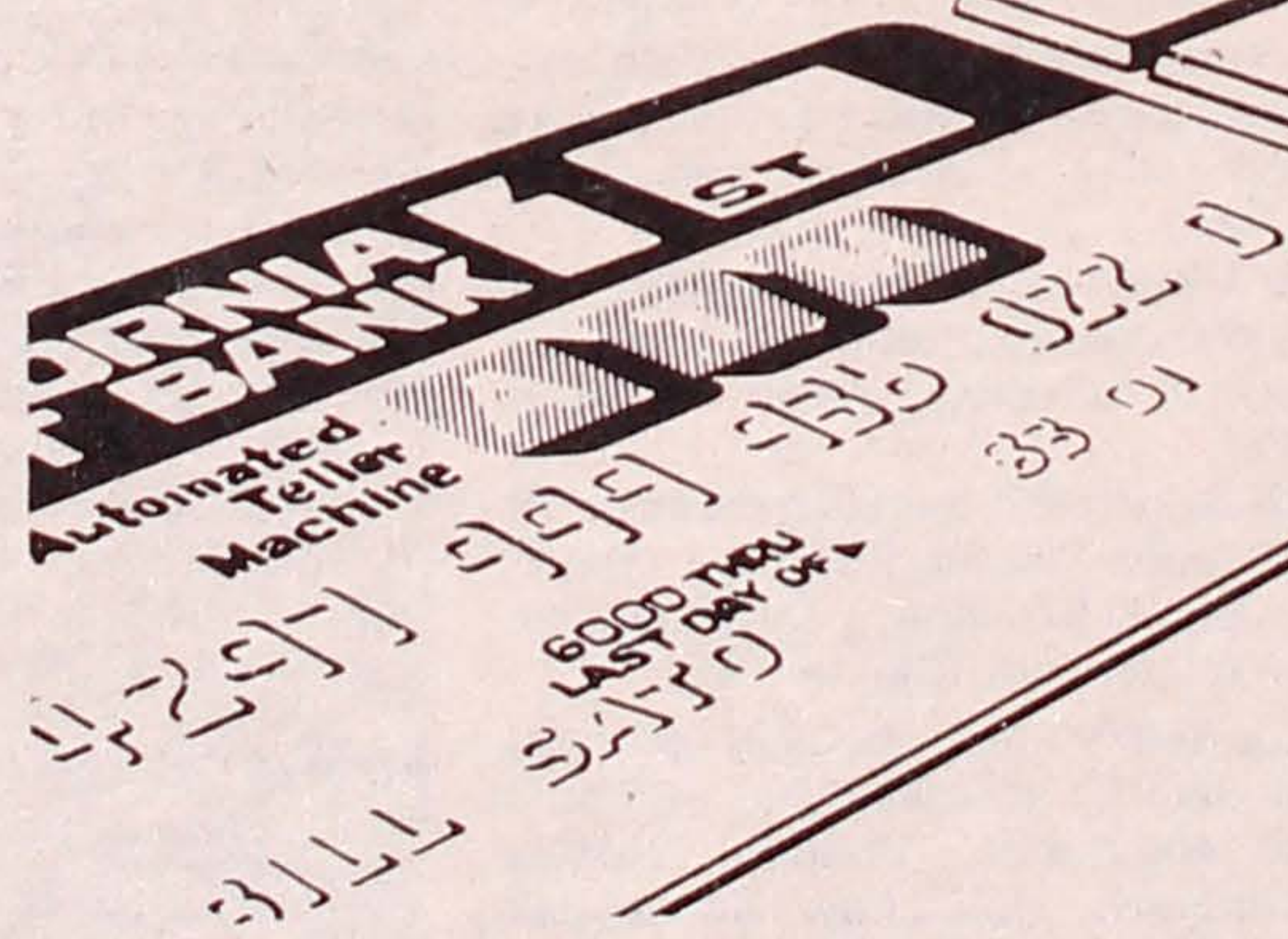
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**Nisei Week flair**—Los Angeles-Nagoya sister city affiliation kicks off the 1984 Nisei Week with a fashion show Aug. 5. Harriet Furuya (left) and event chairpersons Joyce Akashi (center) and France Wong show one of the designer dresses.

## Fashion show kicks off Nisei Week

SANTA ANA, Calif.—In celebration of its silver anniversary, the Los Angeles-Nagoya Sister City Affiliation (LANSCA) presents a benefit luncheon and fashion show by Nordstrom on Sunday, Aug. 5. The event, to be held in the Pacific Ballroom of the Los Angeles Hilton, begins with a cocktail hour at 11 a.m., luncheon at noon and a fashion show at 1:30 p.m.

LANSCA is a non-profit organization sponsored by the cities of Los Angeles and Nagoya, Japan. Proceeds

from the event will benefit such projects as the student exchange program, cultural arts exchange and goodwill missions.

The annual affair introduces the beginning of the Little Tokyo Nisei Week Festival, which runs from Aug. 18 through Aug. 26. LANSCA tickets are \$25 per person, tax deductible, and are available by calling (213) 666-0302, or by writing Paula Stone, 645 No. Wilcox Ave. #3A, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

### Community affairs

**NEW YORK**—National Network of Asian and Pacific Women holds its third biennial convention June 22-24 at New York Penta. For more information, write NNAPW Convention '84, 855 West End Ave., #8C, New York, NY 10025.

**BOSTON**—An eight-week course in Asian America will be held by Asian American Resource Workshop, 27 Beach, during the summer. For dates and more information, call 426-5313.

**SEATTLE**—Members of Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana speak about the struggles of the native Hawaiian people to recover their land and preserve it from use as a military testing site at a visit to the Northwest Network for a Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific, June 4-5. For more information, call 632-0500.

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.**—A Japanese Isletonian reunion will be held at Sacramento Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Saturday, August 4, from 5 p.m. For reservations, write or call Lillian Honda, 2216 12th St., Sacramento, CA 95815, 448-9979; or Miyo Omoto, 7363 Cranston Way, Sacramento, CA 95822, 428-7252.

**LOS ANGELES**—Little Tokyo Community Health Fair Committee announced that volunteers are sought for this year's health fair. An orientation meeting for volunteers will be held Monday, June 18, 7 p.m., in the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro, #411. All those wishing to help plan the October fair are invited.

**LOS ANGELES**—Ken Kashiwahara, ABC news bureau chief in San Francisco, is keynote speaker at the 1984 Asian American Journalists Assn. scholarship benefit dinner June 16 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Kashiwahara will speak on his years of covering Asia and the Vietnam war and about the assassination of his brother-in-law, Benigno Aquino. For more information, call David Kishiyama, 972-7737, or Bill Sing, 972-4767.

**LOS ANGELES**—"Breaking Silences: Asian Pacific American Women Speak Out Against Sexual Harassment" is the theme of the annual UCLA Asian American Studies Center community program, Saturday, June 9, 3-5 p.m., at Amerasia Bookstore, 321 Towne Ave. Panelists are Noriko Okamoto, former Vassar College student who charged one of her professors with sexism and racism in his lectures; Peggy Joslyn, a Chinese banker who has filed harassment charges against her employer; Eun Chong Kerry, a Korean immigrant who filed similar charges; and Judy Chu, UCLA instructor in Asian American studies.

### Cultural events

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Asian American Dance Collective is among the performing groups featured at the Chinese American Performing Arts Festival, to be held at Fort Mason June 14-17. Asian American Theater Co. also stages "Dance and the Railroad" by David Henry Hwang during the three-day event.

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Two benefit performances of Lane Nishikawa's critically acclaimed "Life in the Fast Lane" have been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 8-9, 8:15 p.m., Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St. Proceeds go to the capital fund campaign of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California.

**BERKELEY, Calif.**—Kazuko Muramoto and members of Chikushi Kai Koto Studio perform classical and contemporary koto works at the North Berkeley Senior Center, Saturday, June 9, 1-3 p.m.

**LODI, Calif.**—"Chikara," a novel by Robert Skimin, will be dedicated to the Nikkei community Sunday, June 3, 2:30 p.m., at the Japanese Tea House, Micke Grove Park, 11793 N. Micke Grove Rd. A reception follows at the Lodi JACL Hall, 22 N. Stockton St.

**CARSON, Calif.**—Eleven ethnic cultures are represented in Carson's 12th annual cultural fair June 8-10 in Carson Mall, 20700 S. Avalon Blvd. American heritage, Bolivian, Colombia, Pilipino, Hawaiian, Japanese, Mexican, Middle East, Samoan, Spanish and Tongan participants offer their countries' food and entertainment.

### Business

**SAN MATEO, Calif.**—Earthenwear, San Jose's Japantown clothing and wearable art design collective, presents an informal exhibit of their creations at 111 N. Grant St., Saturday, June 2, 1-4 p.m. For more information, call (408) 298-8668 or (415) 343-9198.

**LYNWOOD, Calif.**—Highway general contractors and the Century Freeway affirmative action committee hold a free conference for minority and female highway subcontractors Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 2610 Industry Way. Lunch is included. For reservations and information call Valerie Lynn Shaw, 639-1810.

### Education

**FRESNO, Calif.**—Scholarship applications are being accepted by Central California Asian/Pacific Women for the 1984-85 academic year. Applicants may be reentry or continuing students living within the Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings, Kern, Mariposa or Merced counties. Deadline for applications is June 15. For more information, call 229-5158.

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Applications for the Toshi Koba Memorial Scholarships are being accepted from persons in college or graduate school who are active in the Black or Nikkei communities. Deadline is June 13. Applications may be picked up at Pine Methodist Church, Hokubei Mainichi, Christ United Presbyterian Church, and other locations in the Bay Area.

## Tanaka continues as project chair

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Edith Tanaka, president of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC), was recently re-elected to head the JCCCNC project, which is presently in the midst of a major capital campaign to raise funds for the construction of a new community center in Nihonmachi. The election was held in early May during the annual meeting of JCCCNC's trustees.

Also elected to serve as officers of the 1984-85 board of directors were Jack Dairiki, vice president of building and construction; Yo Hironaka, vice president of fund-raising;

David Yamakawa Jr., vice president of legal matters; Katherine Nunotani, vice president of membership; Kathy Reyes, vice president of program; and David Nakagawa, vice president of publicity; Nobusuke Fukuda, corporate secretary; Wesley Doi, chief financial officer; and Warren Eijima, treasurer.

Hatsuro Aizawa, Greg Marutani, Shiz Mihara, William Kyono, Kenji Murase, Tats Ogawa, Tosh Otsubo, Barbara Sakai, Dennis Shinbori, Will Tsukamoto, and Carl Yano were elected to complete the 21-member board of directors.

## Takechi decorated by Japan Emperor

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.**—Kazuo Takechi, a longtime resident of Omaha, has been awarded the Fifth Class of the Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Government of Japan for his distinguished contributions to the promotion of friendship and deepened understanding between Japan and the United States of America and for his protection of the rights and interests of Japanese and Americans of Japanese descent.

## Venice-Culver Nikkei reunion set July 8

**LOS ANGELES**—The Issei founders of Venice Gakuen and Venice Judo Dojo will be honored July 8 during the Venice Japanese Community Center reunion at the center, 12448 Braddock Dr. Local ministers will conduct a noon memorial service, followed by a catered lunch. Tickets are \$13.50 for the lunch (free to prewar Venice and Culver City Issei residents).

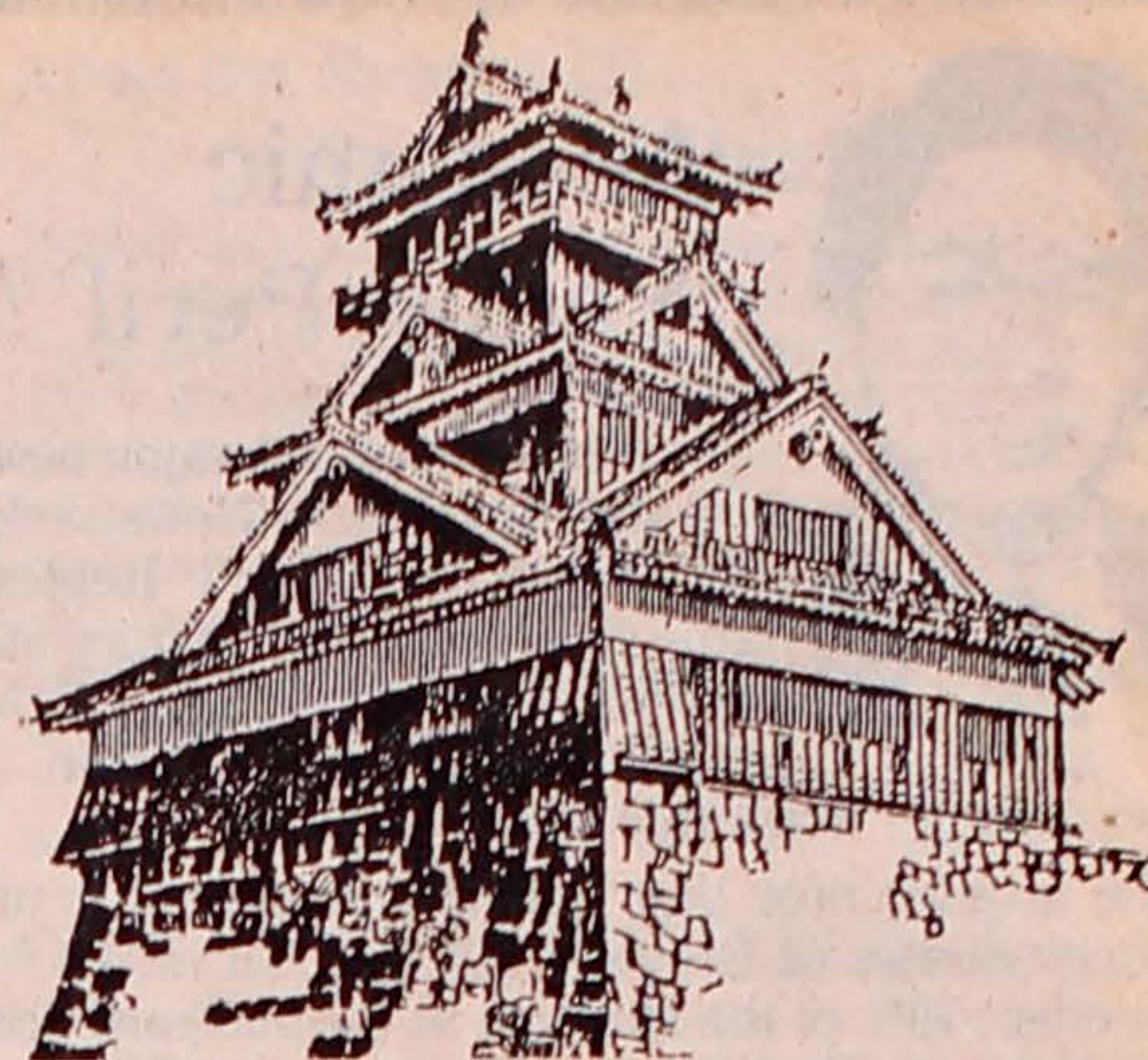
For reservations, call: Heiji Kita (822-7308), Mits Nakagiri (397-4868), Tom Toyoshima (397-3302), Owen Yoshikawa (822-7011) or Min Ioki (397-7925).

The Order of the Sacred Treasure is conferred twice a year by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan upon a foreign or Japanese individual who has rendered extraordinary service towards the promotion of closer friendship and bonds between Japan and a foreign nation. On this occasion, (April 29) 4,250 persons, including 42 foreigners from 13 countries, were decorated.

Takechi was born in Kochi, Japan, in 1913 and emigrated to the United States in 1930, becoming a resident of Omaha in 1937. He is a founding member of the Omaha Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, adviser to the Omaha Sister City Association, honorary member of the Omaha Chapter of Ikebana International, the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Downtown Rotary Club and owner of Takechi's Gift and Jewelry store in downtown Omaha. His eldest son, Richard, is a former city councilman.

An award presentation ceremony is being planned in Omaha tentatively on June 20.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Optional: Honolulu Aug. 12-18 (\$205 p/person)

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**Payment Plan**—All deposits must be received by June 10 and final payment by June 30, 1984. Itinerary and general information will be sent upon receipt of application and deposit. Air tickets and any other pertinent information will be sent after confirmation and final payment. Make tour-flight checks payable to: Pacifico Creative Service, Inc. For new JACL memberships, checks are payable to Columbia Basin JACL and remit together with tour application/deposit.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER: by Floyd Shimomura



## Academic 'Yellow Peril'?

In recent months, major newspapers and magazines—Newsweek and U.S. News and World Report, to name two—have run feature stories focusing on the success of Asian Americans in the classroom. U.S. News calls us "academic marvels."

The articles note that Asians comprise 23% of the undergraduates at Berkeley, 10% of Harvard's freshman class, 20% of the students at the Juilliard School, and—observes Newsweek—"their numbers at Cornell and Ohio State have more than doubled in the last five years." Moreover, SAT tests have confirmed that Asians have a tendency to stand out in science. U.S. News noted that, "Last year, when the Westinghouse Science Talent Search named its top achievers... Asians swept 6 of the top 10 awards."

The Asian success, however, has caused resentment on campus. This was noted in a Newsweek supplement called "On Campus," which was distributed on American colleges in April, in an article titled "The Drive to Excel":

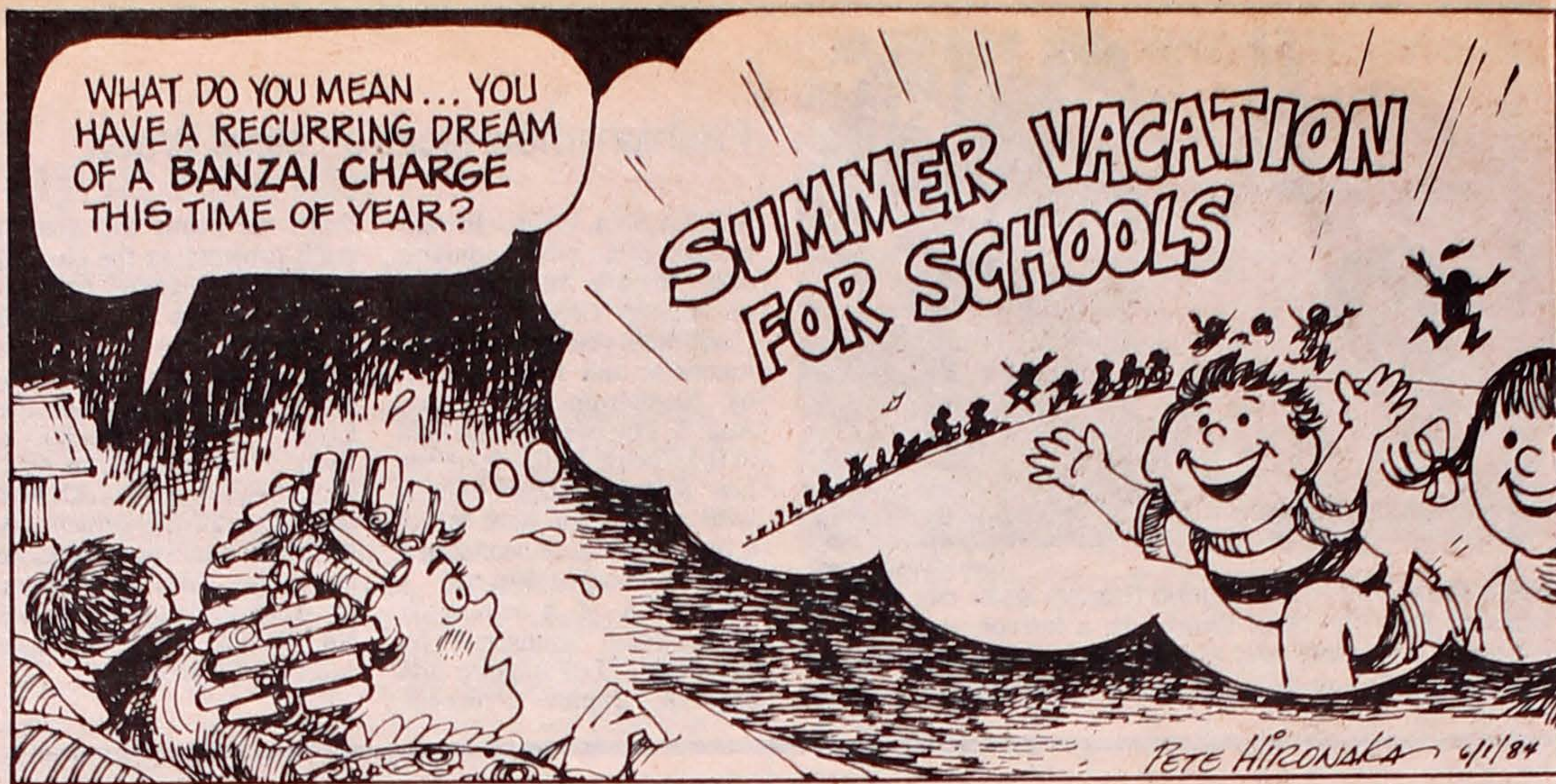
Call it dedication, as the Asian-Americans do. But to some of their peers, it's almost as if they're not playing fair. Greg Webb, a Stanford senior in mathematics, calls the Asian-Americans in his department "very nerdy—just very stereotypical." Other students speak of dropping courses if they walk into a classroom and see too many Oriental faces. Americans of Caucasian descent are sometimes unprepared for the competition. "There is a feeling of being overwhelmed," says one white student at Berkeley. "When you're used to being advantaged, even an equal position seems like a disadvantage."

I was disturbed when I read these articles—particularly the Newsweek supplement. Behind the praise was a not-so-subtle warning: Look out, the Asians are coming. If you don't watch out, they'll displace us from the best universities, and take over the best jobs in our increasingly high-tech economy.

The specter of a new academic "Yellow Peril" is being raised and with it many ugly implications.

At U.C. Davis, where I work as a law professor, three Asian students have been killed in the last year. Davis High School student Thong Hy Huynh was stabbed at school in May 1983 in a fight involving racial remarks. A young visiting scholar from China, Naiyan Li, was run down by a car while crossing a street in February. Four weeks ago, Tzieh-Tsai "Frank" Luo was found stabbed near his apartment after returning from the university's computer lab late on a Saturday night. The press reported that Luo was quiet, a hard worker, and put in long hours at the lab to finish his paper. Police could find no apparent motive for the killing and the assailant is still free.

Certainly, there is not enough evidence to reach any conclusions. But there is certainly enough evidence by reason of the Davis experience to raise a serious question: Has the "Yellow Peril" syndrome arisen on campus? Is it again leading to violence against Asians? Is the commodity being fought over neither gold nor land, but now access to scientific knowledge and technology? It is time to ponder these things.



REDRESS PHASE FIVE: Minoru Yasui

## Berkeley JACL Installation

Kiyoshi Katsumoto, outgoing president of the Berkeley JACL, handed us a check for \$1,665 in fulfillment of their 1984 redress pledge at their installation dinner in February 1984. The funds are most welcome, because the redress budget was upped by some \$12,425 for specific programmatic aids for JACL chapters and JACLers.

The revised 1984 redress budget is now \$205,985. This includes the contingency fund of \$30,000 authorized by the National JACL Board at its November 1983 meeting.

Three-thousand copies of the summary of *Personal Justice Denied* and 1,000 additional copies of a revised Questions-and-Answers sheet will be available. Each JACL chapter will also receive a 100-page "Redress Legislative Handbook" to help chapters in planning and carrying out activities in support of redress.

Additionally, sets of six press photos, copies of video tapes, a slide show presentation, and an extensive photo exhibit will be available for chapter use, upon request to National JACL headquarters. The redress efforts are being beefed up to provide assistance to JACLers and chapters, by providing extra funds for telephone, postage, reproduction, and travel expenses to the various JACL chapters.

Consequently, the fulfillment of the Berkeley JACL chap-

ter's pledge for redress was most appreciated. We realize, of course, that many other chapters across the country are conscientiously fulfilling their redress pledges, and we are most appreciative of such continuing efforts.

In Berkeley, during February, we were impressed by the excellent turn out of some 60 people, including almost a dozen from the Lions' Club, who had been invited by Tad Hirota, as the incoming 1984 Berkeley JACL president.

At the Berkeley JACL dinner, we were pleased to renew acquaintances with old-time, faithful JACLers such as Jug and Cookie Takeshita, former Coloradoan Mami Katagiri Ito, the Go For Broke, Inc. executive director Tom Kawaguchi, faithful Issei supporter Tokuya Kako, now in his 90s, with his family, and dozens of others who were in attendance.

We were pleased, too, to meet Yoshiko Uchida, author of *Journey to Topaz* and winner of a number of awards for her children's books, as well as those with the Daruma children's school, and others who are active in community life in the Berkeley area.

Altogether, we find that JACL does serve a useful purpose in every community. With redress as a focal point, attention is being paid to our background, our history and contributions in the United States, and certainly to our aspirations as "Better Americans in a Greater America."

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



## Noo Yawk, Noo Yawk

WE HAVE A love-hate relationship with that big town affectionately called "The Big Apple," a polyglot of cosmopolitan contradictions. Much too sophisticated and fast-paced for this small-town resident to comprehend. Driving through one of the tunnels into Manhattan, it is suddenly "dodge city" dealing with the aggressiveness of the cabbies—who have dents and scrapes proving they mean business. As for the pedestrians, there may as well be no traffic lights for they're all color-blind; a reminder with the auto horn is only countered with a contemptuous glare. Seeking refuge in a parking lot, instead of solace we are further traumatized when the parking lot attendant declares the rate to be \$16.50 for three hours or more. (He was kind enough to suggest that there was a substantially lower rate just two blocks away. We moved the two blocks.)

OVER THE YEARS we've hit all the tourist spots: Rockettes, Statue of Liberty (several time, with out-of-town guests), Empire State (most recently with frau Vicki who had never been up there where King Kong held sway), Central Park (back when we were courting a Nisei damsel who then resided in New York City—since which time we've lost track of her completely), Chinatown (where we've yet to locate an outstanding Chinese restaurant), and the many Japanese restaurants that are everywhere (the last count of some years ago was 200). We've yet to attempt the rise up the Trade Center twin towers, and one of these days we plan to take a carriage ride through Central Park. ("Corny," but what the heck.)

TIMES SQUARE ONCE had an aura of excitement and vitality about it that has long since gone. Notwith-

standing the annual greeting of the new year that one sees on television that seems to give the square some glamour. The immediate area is overrun with what can only be described as seamy dregs. Walking through 41st Street, where just about every other enterprise is a movie house—on both sides of the street—one might see an oasis cluster of clean-cut young folks, perhaps from some farm community in Iowa, ogling the panorama of people. We've often wondered what must be going through their minds and what they will have to tell the folks back home in Eye-o-way.

But hope has not gone: it is said that the Times Square area is in a renaissance. The proof of this is in the skyrocketing land prices in that area. One of these days we hope to see and walk again the Square that once was.

WE DON'T KNOW the number of *kaisha* people in New York City. Our impression is that any Japanese company that is anything, must have an office there. It's a matter of prestige, like having an address on Fifth Avenue that one can refer to back in Tokyo. (By the way, the Fifth is seemingly falling on hard times, judging from some of the stores we now see on that avenue.) There are enough folks from Japan that they have a Japanese television broadcast—which some folks in the Seabrook, New Jersey area are able to pick up but we've been unable to do so in Philadelphia.

JUST ACROSS THE George Washington bridge, in Ft. Lee, New Jersey, there's a community of folks who apparently work for the *kaishas*. Hence, it is not unusual to see a family with little children come into a restaurant, or enter a bookstore to buy a Japanese comic book, and hear some little child rattle off *nihongo* so fluently that it would put almost any Nisei to shame. At least this Nisei.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



## A Nikkei Colony in Florida

DELRAY BEACH, Fla.—The story of Morikami Museum has been told previously in this and other parts of Pacific Citizen, but it is not possible to appreciate the history and meaning of this small outpost of Japanese culture until one has visited it in person.

How Morikami came to be is a fascinating story which goes back to the turn of the century when Florida was a green under-developed frontier. As in other parts of the United States at an earlier time, entrepreneurs sought hard-working immigrants to settle the land. To make a long story short, a Japanese named Jo Sakai, who had been studying in New York City, was approached in 1903 about establishing a Japanese farming colony near Delray.

In a story reminiscent of the Wakamatsu Colony that settled in California a generation earlier, a small group of Japanese from Miyazu on the Japan Sea side of Honshu came to Florida and established Yamato Colony. Their farming venture was less than successful. They had to clear the dense brush and drain the land before they could grow crops. Blight destroyed their pineapples, the mosquitoes were ravenous and in time most of the colonists drifted away.

One of them, Riichi Morita, left for Seattle where apparently he became a baseball player of considerable note. The records show he was evacuated to Minidoka and died in Los Angeles in 1975.

One who stayed was George Sukeji Morikami, who invested in land which was worth a substantial fortune by the time he died in 1976 at age 90. Morikami had never married. Among his friends was George Yama-

oka, a prominent New York Nisei attorney who had a winter home in Florida. It is believed that Yamaoka suggested that Morikami leave some of his land to Palm Beach County for a park.

Today there is not only a park, but a handsome Japanese cultural center supported in part by Palm Beach County's department of parks and recreation, and in part by a private organization called Friends of the Morikami. Under the direction of the curator, Larry Rosensweig, and his assistant, Tom Gregersen, the Morikami Park Museum publishes a newsletter and schedules many cultural events including a spring festival and even mochi-pounding demonstrations. Japanese dancers and other performers from New York City are invited down for special events.

From the Nikkei point of view, as interesting as Morikami are the Nisei who were born and grew up in Yamato colony. Among the photographs at the museum are pictures of these young Nisei at school, looking exactly like Nisei of the early 1920s on the West Coast. Some of these youngsters went to Japan when their parents decided to go home. Others moved on to various parts of Florida.

A 1981 issue of the Morikami newsletter carries a story about Suye Kobayashi, who came to Yamato colony in 1922 as a picture bride, written by her Florida-born daughter Sumiko. Sumiko and her mother were described as living in Philadelphia.

George Morikami's gift to the people of Palm Beach County assures that the story of Yamato colony will be preserved. How many other similar stories of Japanese immigration, all but unknown to Japanese Americans on the West Coast, remain to be uncovered and told?

BY THE BOARD: Miki Himeno



## Behind the Scholarship Scene

National JACL will be presenting \$52,000 in scholarship awards to outstanding scholars this year. The new California Japanese Alumni Association awards augment previous totals by \$10,000 annually. Add another estimated \$25,000 to be awarded by local chapters and districts and the total is raised to about \$79,000 in annual JACL awards. One might say that JACL is enormously supportive of scholars and creative artists.

On Saturday, April 28, J.D. Hokoyama, director of Asian Pacific American Student Services at USC, convened the graduate scholarships sub-committee at the Pacific Southwest District office. Chairperson Dr. Bob Suzuki, dean, CSULA graduate school; Dr. Harry Kitano, UCLA professor of sociology and social welfare; Dr. Sarah Miyahara, director of USC counseling services; Dr. Don Nakanishi, asst. professor of education, Asian American Studies Center, UCLA; and

## More names from Gila River

By Frank Sakamoto, JACL Thousand Club chair

CHICAGO—Harry T. Tsushimi is looking for the following Gila Riverites—Harry said he lived in Block 61 and worked at the food service warehouse with Chabbo Kanagaki, Frank Sakata and Ben Tsutsumi, all from the Walnut Grove-Guadalupe area; also, Mits Fukutani, formerly of Pasadena, and Harry Suzuki, now of Chicago.

He would also like to see Norio Moriwaki of Santa Maria and Tak Ogino, now of Monterey Park. He also worked on the camouflage project with Toru Watanabe, now of Torrance, Ayako Matsumoto of Pasadena, and Aiko Hata, to name a few. He is looking forward to seeing all these people and we certainly hope they will be at the reunion.

As stated before, this reunion is being held in conjunction with the JACL Whing-Ding at the Pacific Beach Hotel on August 12. In other words, we are getting a "free ride," since the Hawaii host contingent of the JACL promises to put on a great big Thousand Club Whing-Ding. Therefore, those of you who are planning to be at the reunion, please sign up for the JACL convention package which will give you a week of fun and such festivities as a luau, sayonara ball and golf tournament.

I've asked Harry Tsushimi to be one of the official hosts for this reunion. Those of you who may have Gila River memorabilia, bring them along—there will be name tags with block number identification, etc. Watch for further details in the next article.

Tritia Toyota, NBC-TV anchor-woman and president of Asian American Journalists Assn., arrived at 10 a.m. with homework in their arms and spent a good part of the day watching video-tapes, discussing merits, and viewing projects submitted for creative arts awards as well. A television set with better reception would be a welcome gift for this regional office. (What is needed is an outdoor antenna.—HH.)

On Saturday, May 12, the freshman/undergraduate sub-committee met from 9 to 6 (with every intention of staying later if needed) to review the final 50 of 74 freshman scholarship applications.

A great deal of work was done to arrive at these final selections. To facilitate procedures, chair J.D. Hokoyama traveled to San Francisco in March to meet with National Youth Director David Nakayama to set processes in motion and to arrange for the sending of copies of graduate applications to committee members' homes for study before their meetings on April 28 and May 12. In San Francisco Lorrie Inagaki prescreened and tabulated fixed scores for freshman applications and Xeroxed graduate and undergraduate applications for the two sub-committees.

Members of the freshman/undergraduate sub-committee were: J.D. Hokoyama, chair; Izumi Taniguchi, professor of economics, Fresno State College; Harry Kawahara, counselor, Pasadena City College; Lorrie Inagaki, San Francisco attorney; Irene Hirano, executive director, T.H.E. Clinic, and president, LEAP; and me. Each committee member read every autobiography and essay in the final group. Points were allocated to GPA, SAT scores, school activities and community involvement, among other things.

The essays are a revelation. They give insight into the thinking of today's young scholars. One year it was their opinion of redress. Last year it was U.S./Japan relations. This year they tell their views of JACL's future direction. The best are outstandingly well-composed and eloquent.

Remarkably, many of the undergraduate applications dwelt on JACL's need to be involved with U.S./Japan relations and the need to link with other Asian groups in seeking "justice for all." Whether these were reflections of the past essay topics or not cannot be determined.

Awareness and sophistication varies geographically as to JACL's capabilities and potentials as perceived by the writers. Pacific Southwest (PSW) had 30 who qualified for the final screening; Northern California/Western Nevada/Pacific (NCWNP) had 21, whereas some districts had none. The grade point average of applicants was 89.726, reiterating again the high scholastic ability of applicants. The greatest regret is that there were not more scholarships to give away.

### About Our Readers (3):

#### Personal Profile

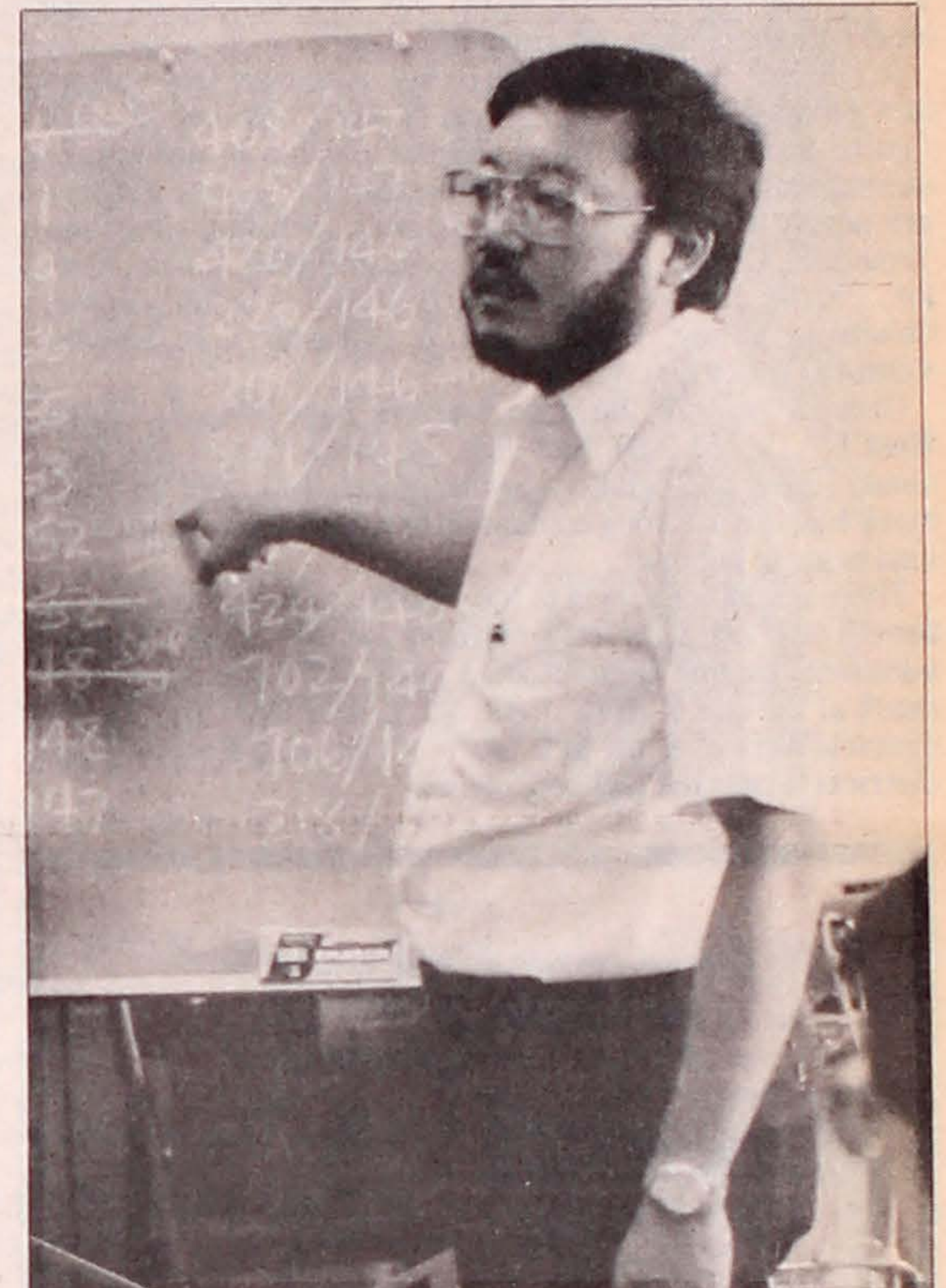
(Based on a 33% response of the 2,182 readers randomly selected from the PC file of some 26,000)

Survey this week spreads out the age categories by JACL district councils. Bulk (59.2%) of the PC readers responding were between the ages of 55-64 (39%) and over-65 (20.2%). According to the 1980 Census, the median age of Japanese in California is 33.7 years, but as a membership organization, over half of the membership in JACL are approaching retirement age or are in retirement.

Age Group	u24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	ov65	
in Calif	268,814	34.0	18.7	12.9	15.9	11.8	6.6

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35-44	71	3	2	1	3	20	5	30
45-54	123	11	13	0	6	41	5	33
55-64	284	11	13	4	12	75	20	105
Over 65	147	6	12	4	11	35	9	57

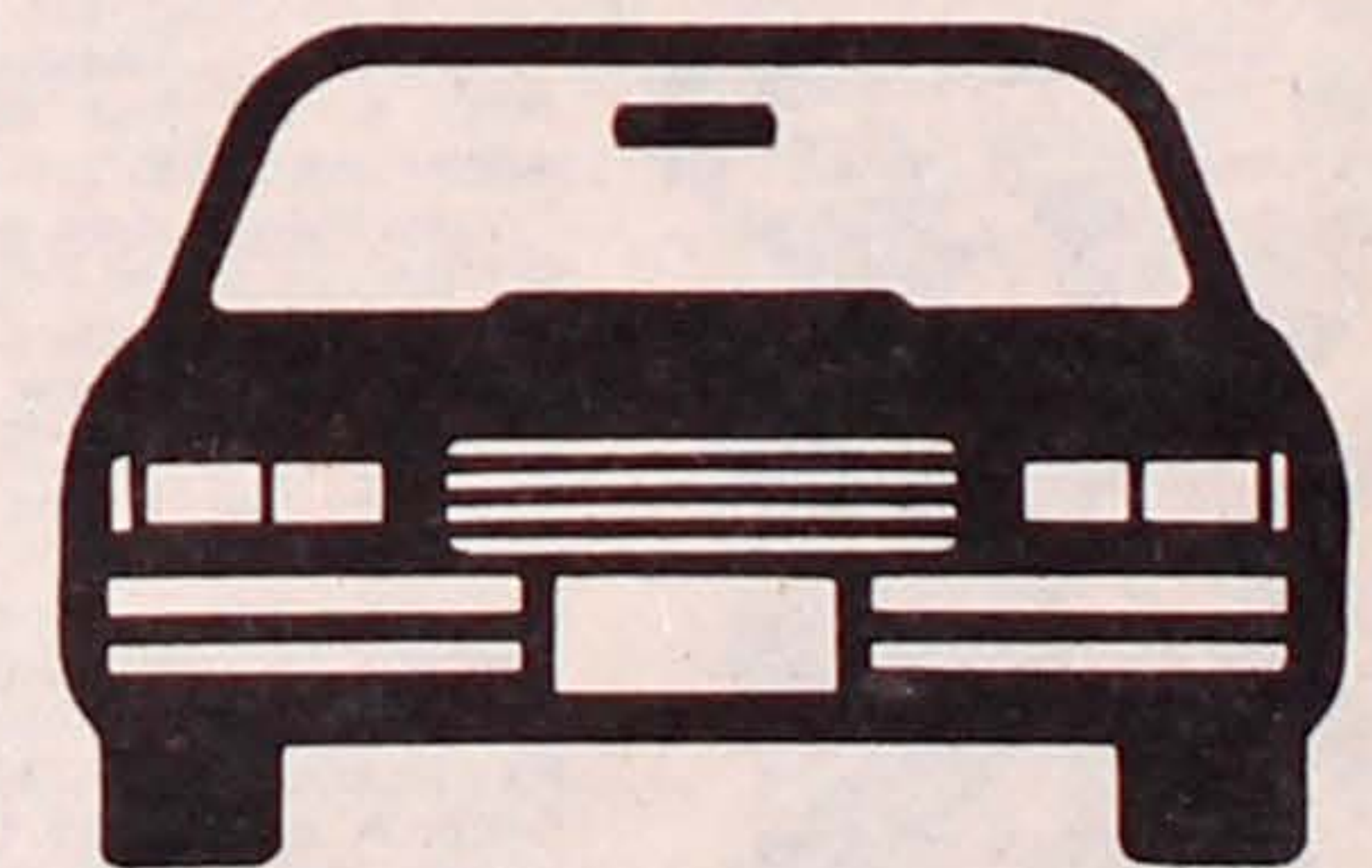


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MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi



## A Close Race

The membership contest that is nearing completion has six prizes of \$250 for winning chapters. It is possible for one chapter to win two of the six prizes because they are competing in three categories according to size. Group 1 chapters had less than 100 members in 1983. Group 2 chapters had between 101 and 250 members in 1983. Group 3 chapters were those with membership totals over 250 in that same base year. Prizes are being awarded on the basis of largest increase in total number of members over the base year, and on the percentage of increase.

The contest will operate until the end of June, and the winners will be presented checks at the national convention in Honolulu.

The convention host chapter of Honolulu, the New York Chapter and the Santa Maria Chapter are the main contenders in Group 1. This group of chapters has the ability to make significant percentage increases over a short period of time. These three chapters are over the 200% membership-increase level with the contest still running.

In Group 2, the race is much closer, with many more chapters grouped together at the end of April. The end of April figures show the Salt Lake Chapter leading in percentage increase and in total number of membership increase. There are nearly 20 chapters in close pursuit, including Gresham-Troutdale, Cortez, Florin, Gilroy, Sacramento, Clovis, Fowler, Parlier, Sanger, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis, Carson, Coachella Valley, Downtown L.A., Greater L.A. Singles, Ventura County and Wilshire.

Group 3 chapters, the large chapters, have Watsonville and West L.A. in the lead. San Jose, Gardena Valley, San Fernando Valley and Selanoco are large chapters over the 100% mark that are in strong contention to win the contest, with the lead being so narrow.

There is another aspect to the membership contest that can benefit districts. Districts going over the 100% mark will earn additional income from national JACL. PSW was at the 93% mark at the end of April. Central Cal over 89%. Most of the districts were over the 80% mark, giving an opportunity for districts to pass the 1983 benchmark.

## Calendar

- To June 12  
Los Angeles—Chinese Women in America 1834-1982 photo exh, CSU John Kennedy Lib; info 224-2272
- Los Angeles—Portrait of the Orient, film/lec by Paul Lang each Tues, 1pm, 244 S San Pedro
- To June 17  
Los Angeles—'Paint Your Face in a Drowning in the River,' by Craig Kee Strete, East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd, Tues-Sun; info 660-0366
- Los Angeles—Exh of netsuke, miniature carvings of Kodo Okuda, 244 S San Pedro; Tues-Sun 12n-5pm
- To June 23  
Seattle—'Yellow Fever,' by Rick Shiomi, Nippon Kan Theater, 628 S. Washington, Th-Sat; info 624-8800
- To Sept 5  
San Francisco—Asian Masterpieces in Wood, Asian Art Mus, Golden Gate Prk; daily 10am-5pm

●JUNE 1 (Friday)  
San Francisco—'In Defense of Civil Rights,' prgm to honor 3 women

- activists, spon by Asian Law Caucus; Calif Chief Justice Rose Bird gst spkr; Palace of Fine Arts, 3301 Lyon, 6pm; info 835-1474
- JUNE 2 (Saturday)  
French Camp—Mid-summer dance, Stockton Buddhist Ch, 9-12pm
- Oakland—Asian Americans for Justice recep for Lily Chin, Harrison & 9th
- JUNE 3 (Sunday)  
San Jose—Doubles tennis tourney; info Y Deguchi 295-6457
- NCWNP DC—32d ann'l Jr Olympics, Chabot Coll, San Jose chpt host; info (408) 257-5609/247-1494
- Sacramento—Comm'ty picnic, Elk Grove Park, 11am
- Santa Ana—33d ann'l Nisei Relays, Santa Ana Coll, 17th & Bristol
- Los Angeles—Theta Kappa Phi of UCLA 25th annv celeb to honor Rob't Kinsman, Sheraton Grande Hotel, 333 S Figueroa, 11am-3pm; info (714) 527-9186
- Los Angeles—UCLA asthma clinic specialist G Mendoza M.D. speaks at Japanese Welfare Rights Org, free medical counseling, 244 S San Pedro, #401, 1pm; info 626-2249
- JUNE 8-10  
Carson—Cultural fair, Carson Mall
- JUNE 9 (Saturday)  
Mid-Columbia—Grad bnqt, Hood River (Ore.) Inn
- JUNE 9 (Saturday)  
Portland—Comm'ty picnic, Eastmoreland Park, from 11am; info 235-5709
- JUNE 10 (Sunday)  
West Valley—Picnic, Vasona Park (nr. University Ave. side), 10am-5pm; \$2.50 adults, \$1.25 children
- JUNE 11 (Monday)  
Los Angeles—Jpn Un Info Comm'ty Exchange panel on child abuse, Cityview Hosp, 3711 Baldwin St, info 680-3729

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## NCJAR to continue battle despite lawsuit dismissal

by William Hohri, Chair  
National Council for Japanese American Redress

CHICAGO—I had a premonition. Around mid-day I wondered aloud to Yuriko whether there was anything special about May 17. Was I forgetting an anniversary? There wasn't anything we could think of. A few hours later the date began to burn indelibly into our memories.

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Three years ago, NCJAR signed a letter retaining the Washington law firm of Landis, Cohen, Singman and Rauh for the purpose of filing a class action lawsuit against the United States on behalf of 120,000 victims of the government's World War II program of mass exclusion and detention. That began a year of intensive legal and historical research which produced a preliminary draft of a complaint. In the summer of 1982 we began to search for two dozen named plaintiffs to serve as representatives of the class. By year's end we found our representatives and finished a magnificently comprehensive, strongly worded, adversarial complaint. We felt for the first time in our history, the nature and extent of the injuries had been spelled out, along with the monetary restitution necessary to repair the injuries. We waited for the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians to issue its report. We filed on March 16, 1983. Since then there has been an alternation, with intervals of about 60 days, of the government's motion to dismiss, our response, their rebuttal, oral arguments before the judge, the judge's request for supplementary memoranda, and the memoranda on January 20, 1984. Since January, we have waited and hoped for the best.

### The Memorandum

I confess that I have difficulty discussing an adverse decision of such magnitude objectively.

I did find helpful Oberdorfer's even-handedness; his words had none of the bite and sting of the Department of Justice pleadings. But I found his recounting of the history of the wartime events, the first third of the memorandum, filled with governmental euphemisms such as "voluntary relocation" for movement following a military exclusion order, "relocation center" for permanent detention camps, "evacuees" for detainees, prisoners, or internees, and "evacuation" for mass exclusion and detention. It is, of course, deeply ironic that while he will say that we should have known our causes of action in the late 1940s, he himself falls prey in 1984 to terminology carefully crafted to obscure those same causes of action. He is only the latest of victims which include most historians and the CWRIC. He also includes disputed history as accepted history when he says, for example, "After Pearl Harbor, there had been insufficient time [to separate loyal from disloyal]. This 'fact' is at odds with the official military intelligence report by Lt. Commander Ringle issued before mass exclusion was initiated by the military. Oberdorfer uses the phrase "repatriation was slow" to refer to the process of release and relocation from the detention camps to "free" America. It is unintentionally ironic and inaccurate. One cannot return to a place one has not left.

After these preliminaries, he launches into the legal issues. The defendant United States' motion to dismiss raised three objections to the NCJAR complaint: (1) the protection of sovereign immunity whereby the government can be sued only "in situations where it has consented to be sued"; (2) the exclusive remedy of the American-Japanese Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 which would preclude any other claims for monetary damages; and (3) the "running of the statutes of limitations."

The judge accepted defendant United States' contention that plaintiffs had not received the consent of the government to be sued on the 14 constitutional issues contained in the 22-count complaint—except for Unjust Takings. The Fifth Amendment states: "Nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

We lost a lot on the first point. The 14 constitutional counts were reduced to one. But we did much better on the 1948 Claims Act. The judge rejected defendant United States' contention that the Act had exclusive jurisdiction over monetary remedies for the wartime program. He states, "The Act does not bar this Court from jurisdiction over all plaintiffs' claims."

So Unjust Takings remains. But only until the third point, statute of limitations, is reached:

Every civil action commenced against the United States shall be barred unless the complaint is filed within six years after the right of action first accrues.

The defendant United States argued that Unjust Takings occurred during the war and the 6-year period should have started then. NCJAR argued that "defendant fraudulently concealed information essential to their cause of action." We refer to the concealment of the Munson report, the reports of the Federal Communications Commission and the FBI which contradicted key "facts" supporting the doctrine of military necessity, and the official Naval Intelligence report of Lt. Commander Ringle. The judge accepts NCJAR's fraudulent concealment argument but not NCJAR's timing. This is crucial.

Oberdorfer states, "The FCC, FBI, and Naval Intelligence reports and others have been available, and publicized, since

soon after the war's conclusion." In a closely reasoned section of his memorandum, the judge cites NCJAR's argument:

Documents previously available did not disclose the government's conspiracy or other evidence obviously different from that which had been presented to the courts in the 1940's. To the contrary, this published information merely tended to support the same arguments advanced against the government and rejected in the wartime cases—that the plaintiff class was loyal to the United States and there was no military necessity for the wartime actions. It was not until the [Commission's] work and related archival findings uncovered and published evidence of intentional government concealment and misrepresentation, that plaintiffs had evidence obviously different from that earlier ruled on by the Supreme Court.

Oberdorfer demurs: "However, it is the [Naval Intelligence, FCC, and FBI] documents, not the [recently uncovered] memoranda, which contain the direct evidence requisite to challenging the finding of military necessity." He acknowledges the assertions of concealment in Judge Patel's recent opinion in the Korematsu *coram nobis* decision, but rejects their application to this case. "That concealment, whether intentional or not, is not a basis for [postponing the initiation of] a statute of limitations beyond the time the information concealed by that conduct was published." He then sets the time for beginning the running of the statute of limitations as "the publication in the late 1940's of the previously concealed ... documents." He ends his reasoning, "In summary, the standard by which fraudulent concealment must be judged is not one of full disclosure but rather one of sufficient disclosure to allow the plaintiffs, through due diligence, to state a claim."

The expiration of time and the protection of sovereign immunity are used to deny the remaining causes of action. With the complaint now stripped bare, he must reject NCJAR's request for the court's declaration that the alleged acts of defendant United States stand "in violation of plaintiffs' constitutional, statutory, and civil rights." As he says with necessary but nonetheless painful redundancy, "There is no justiciable controversy here."

In his final paragraph, Judge Oberdorfer does acknowledge our contention "that those who suffered the evacuation and internment have not been adequately compensated." He concludes by pointing us to pending congressional legislation:

The careful spadework which plaintiffs have done in the prosecution of their claims in court should contribute to making their argument to Congress more persuasive. And it may be that Congress will focus more closely on these claims once plaintiffs have exhausted their possible judicial remedies.

### Response

I remember becoming entranced as a small child by the multitude of people and events in a public park and then, to my dismay, realizing I was lost. So it is with this legal writing which invokes precedents and alludes to concepts, sometimes in Latin, which seem ripe with meaning but beyond one's understanding. It took me a little while to assess the judge's determination. He sets the time when we could have filed a lawsuit into the late forties. I had to lift my nose from the memorandum and remember the times.

Japanese Americans were released from the camps, given a one-way ticket to the destination of their choice, and a grant of twenty-five bucks with which to begin life anew. We did not get a new suit of clothes, however. We were parolees, literally or figuratively. We were extensively cautioned by the War Relocation Authority to be on our best behavior. Nisei GIs returned from the war, having proved their loyalty under combat—once again. World War I veterans Kenzo Wakayama and Joe Kurihara expatriated to Japan with the certain knowledge that their battle-proved loyalty did not keep them from internment. The Heart Mountain draft resisters, who attempted to assert their constitutional rights through non-violent protest, languished in prison. James Omura, editor of the Rocky Shimpō, was charged with conspiracy by the government for his publishing editorial opinion in support of the resisters' constitutional rights. Law enforcement officials defined loyalty to the United States as willingness to inform on friends and neighbors, thereby cutting deep wounds within Japanese America which remain unhealed to this day. Iva Toguri returned voluntarily to America in order to vindicate her innocence in a court of law, only to be convicted of treason and sentenced to ten years in prison. Thousands of renunciants could find only a single attorney, Wayne Collins, who was willing to represent their claims in a court of law. Not only did the Supreme Court on several occasions legitimate the government's illegal and unconstitutional actions, which was mightily intimidating, but the Evacuation Claims Act required that recipients of the government's gratuitous payments sign away their right to sue. Such was the social and legal situation in which Judge Oberdorfer would have us taking the United States to court.

I also find myself troubled by the judge's assumption that we have now marshaled all the facts which fully disclose the issues. We know from the 1981 CWRIC testimonies of Karl Bendetsen, John McCloy, Calvert Dedrick, and others that falsification and coverup continue. What are they trying to hide? We know from testimony by State Department historian David Trask that the United States was concerned over reprisals by Japan against 10,000 American civilians—not

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Tom Masamori Photo

**Virtue rewarded**—A testimonial to Minoru Yasui for his many years of service to the Denver community and to the state of Colorado drew 435 persons and net proceeds of \$21,427.75 for the 'coram nobis' legal fund. William Takahashi (left), chair of the March 3 event, hands Yasui the participants' contribution.

### AT THE PSW MAY MEETING ...

## Women's Concerns A Hit

LOS ANGELES—On the PSWDC agenda was the "Yellow County JACL Chapter"—a riotous 15-minute skit as a prelude to the JACL National Women's Concerns presentation here at the May 20 quarterly session before a full house (125+) at the JACCC Conference Room.

Replete with expressions of the old days when Nisei meetings pursued male chauvinism (only women took the minutes, served the refreshments, had good looks but no brain, etc.), the skit featured a cast of PSW luminaries: Hank Sakai, Midori Watanabe, Fred Hoshiyama, Doug Urata, Toy Kanegai, Mable Yoshizaki, Patty Honda, Ron Doi, Mitsu Sonoda and George Kodama. Coaching the cast was actor Jerry Kondo of "Cold Tofu" fame. J.D. Hokoyama, PSW vice-governor, was producer.

With Irene Hirano, women's concern chair, presiding, the afternoon concluded with Akemi Kikumura, author of "Through Harsh Winters," news anchor Tritia Toyota of KNBC-TV, and national president Floyd Shimomura focusing on women's concerns.

Kikumura described the changes in the Nikkei family today. Women in the Nikkei family are not as domestic-oriented as of a generation ago, because of educational and job impact. Women have greater motivation today, she stressed. There was a sense of liberation for women in the Nisei family, but she sees male dominance returning in the Sansei world. Looking at history, the anthropologist-author warned that changes quickly fade and people go back to old ways. She lauded JACL's efforts for a gender-free society.

Toyota focused on her experiences as a TV newscaster—the first Asian woman appearing as an anchor on the Southern California scene in the 1970s. That she was both Asian and a woman helped her to the position as spirit of affirmative action gripped the media, she said. But today Asian Pacific Americans need to be self-confident, visible and vigilant to "grab for ourselves" those positions to which they aspire. She mentioned her presence on the air and in the community has resulted in many inquiries about careers as a newscaster from young Asian American girls but not—strangely enough—from boys. She was also applauded for her docu-series on Asian Pacific Americans the first week of May—in conjunction with APA cultural heritage week. She said a 25-minute tape (Betamax or VHS) is available by writing her at KNBC Burbank, CA 91505.

Shimomura rhetorically wondered why woman's concern became a JACL issue. As an issue of the 1980s, JACL had to, he said, "if JACL wants to stay on top." JACL also ventured into U.S.-Japan affairs because of the backlash potential during this period when the U.S. is redefining its role in world economics. He noted Nikkei women are becoming more visible in public life—and lauded the recent visit to Japan of five U.S. Nikkei at the invitation of the Liberal Democratic Party included two women: Rose Ochi and Priscilla Ouchida.

—By Harry Honda



# Hawaii legislature honors Honolulu Chapter JACL

HONOLULU — Hawaii's House of Representatives recently honored the Honolulu Chapter JACL with a resolution recognizing the group's goals and its numerous accomplishments. The resolution was introduced jointly by Reps. David Hagino, Barbara Marumoto, and Tom Okamura on April 10.

Honolulu Chapter president, Lawrence Kumabe, and several JACL executive board members were present to accept the resolution.

Besides working to protect the civil rights of Japanese Americans and other ethnic groups, the Honolulu Chapter

seeks also to preserve the rich cultural heritage and values of Japanese Americans in Hawaii; to maintain and perpetuate the Aloha spirit among all of Hawaii's peoples; and to promote goodwill between the peoples of the United States, Japan and other Pacific and Asian countries.

Since the Honolulu Chapter was formed in 1980, the organization has marked several milestones. In 1981 it sent an eight-member delegation to Seattle to share the story of Hawaii's internees with the Commission on War-time Relocation and Intern-

ment of Civilians. The chapter also hosted former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, a distinguished member of the CWRIC. And, more than 200 people joined in a "Day of Remembrance" observance on the 40th anniversary of the signing of the executive order which led to the incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans on the mainland.

Most recently, the chapter organized a discussion on Japanese American and Native Hawaiian reparations with such notable leaders as Lt. Gov. John Waihee, former labor leader David Trask, and Joseph Kealoha, chair of the board of trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA).

In addition, two young women are presently attending college on scholarships awarded by the chapter.

This summer, the Honolulu Chapter hosts the 1984 JACL biennial convention at the Pacific Beach Hotel, marking the first time the national convention has ever been held in Hawaii. Edgar Hamasu is the convention chairman.

**For the Record:** The photograph of state reps. David Hagino, Barbara Marumoto and Tom Okamura with members of the Honolulu JACL in last week's PC was taken on the occasion of the legislature's resolution commending the chapter for its achievements.

## PSW redress effort continues

LOS ANGELES—Ten members of the Pacific Southwest district redress committee met April 21 at the JACL regional office.

Committee chair George Ogawa reported that much of the discussion was on fund-raising concepts, such as a benefit movie, a dinner at UCLA and participation with a Greater L.A. Singles chapter dinner.

In the first week of April, Pan Asian JACL contributed \$435 and Gardena Valley JACL \$1,000. The district's quarterly commitment is \$10,000.

In community outreach, Toshiko Yoshida, Progressive Westside, was in contact with the Calif. Assn. of Human Relations Organiza-

tions; Ogawa spoke at a meeting of the National Council for Japanese American Redress in Whittier. Ogawa announced work was continuing on a commemorative plaque for Santa Anita, former site of a temporary detention center.

**Committee Reorganized**  
Serving under Ogawa, regional redress coordinator, are area coordinators Harry Kajihara (temp.), San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, Ventura; Junji Kumamoto, Selanoco, Orange County, Riverside; Harry Kawahara, Greater Los Angeles; Mas Hironaka, San Diego, North San Diego; Ogawa (temp.), Coachella, Imperial Valley; and Richard Matsuishi, Las Vegas, Arizona.

## Christmas Cheer guideline changed

LOS ANGELES — Organizations recognized for serving at least 75% Japanese and Japanese American residents will be eligible for Christmas Cheer, a district JACL community project currently administered by the Pan Asian chapter, starting this year.

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## Japanese 'Barnum'

The Nisei generation in its heydays of the '30s wouldn't remember a fantastic Issei showman, Kushibiki, and Tsuru Aoki, the first leading lady of Japanese in U.S. films, but Bob Okazaki (that story-teller who in 1956 wrote a series of pieces in the PC about Japanese in Hollywood) remembers them... They were stars of the vaudeville stage and silent screen from 1900-1920.

By Bob Okazaki

At the turn of the century a Japanese showman who called himself Kushibiki blazed across the American theatrical world. In the U.S. he was known as the "Japanese Barnum." He established himself by supplying the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904 with a Japanese village—an exotic collection of acrobats, magicians, dancing girls and a collection of freaks. He then went into the wholesale importation of Nipponese attractions which, in those pre-TV, pre-movie days, supplied theaters in nearly every city, town and village in America. It seemed no bill was complete without a Nipponese juggler, wirewalker with the inevitable Japanese parasol, a bandy-legged acrobat or some other act to open or close the show.

At one time Kushibiki's fantastic operations from his San Francisco office covered the globe. He had a staff of more than 50 press agents, booking managers and advance men. He stored stage scenery, props, costumes, drapes and drops in a warehouse on the Oakland waterfront.

Later when the movies became popular and the demand for live talents slackened, Kushibiki returned to Japan and built the Akadama dance palace on Osaka's gay Dotombori. He called it the world's largest dance hall.

One of Kushibiki's earlier imports of the theatrical companies—the (Otojiro) Kawakami Dramatists of 1901—included a repertoire of not only classic Japanese sword plays, but also Shakespeare in Japanese with wonderful costumes to match. Its leading lady was Kawakami Sadayakko. Their cultural offerings, however, went totally unappreciated by audiences of farm hands, miners, railroad gandy dancers, ranchers and other pioneers

of the wild and woolly west. The Kawakami Company flopped miserably.

Broke and discouraged, the troupe awaited a homeward-bound ship at San Francisco. But some Japanese businessmen in Seattle heard of their plight and delegated one of them, Tatsuya Arai (father of Clarence Arai, JACL's first national president), to bring the company to Seattle. The businessmen wanted to introduce Japanese culture to the Pacific Northwest. Among these men were Ototaka Yamaoka (father of international lawyer George, film stars Iris and Otto Yamaoka) and Tetsuo Takahashi (father of Ted Takahashi).

After the performance, Kawakami troupe was advised to return to Japan. But in the group were Tsuru, who played child roles, and her father Hyosai Aoki, who doubled as stage manager and artist. They liked America and decided to stay, settling down in Pasadena, where he found a ready market along millionaire's row on Orange Grove Ave. for his paintings and sculpture. Hyosai's paintings of peacocks, framed in gilt, hung in sedate homes along the fabulous avenue. Tsuru grew up in the refinement of her Pasadena environment and became a protegee of Ruth St. Denis, then the reigning queen of dance.

Tsuru was discovered by the movies in 1913, appeared in Keystone comedies and soon became a star—petite, utterly feminine and thoroughly Japanese. In a 1914 film, "Wrath of the Gods" that was shot at Inceville, a mile or so north of Santa Monica beach, Tsuru played opposite another Japanese, Sessue Hayakawa, who was to become an important name in Hollywood. She fell in love with Hayakawa. A friend, Shinichiro Segawa, probably the first Japanese student to graduate from USC, learned of the romance and took upon himself a real-life role of baishakunin and arranged the Aoki-Hayakawa nuptials, which took place later that year.

After the marriage, Tsuru relegated her own screen prominence to the background and concentrated on building her husband's career. When Sessue was secured in his stardom, relations had changed between them. Tsuru returned to Japan so that Sessue would be able to bask in his success, alone and unencumbered. In real life, Tsuru Aoki played her greatest role.

## Warehouse manager has tip for longevity: 3 hours sleep

HONOLULU—Shigeichi Nakamura, 83, claims no more than three hours of sleep a night are needed for longevity. To stay awake, just drink coffee and work hard, he says. He's still on the job 9½ hours a day, five days a week, as warehouse manager for Hastings B. Pratt on Queen St. He takes a 15-minute lunch break.

If Nakamura had his way, he'd even to work on weekends, too, according to columnist Bob Krauss in The Honolulu Advertiser. And sometimes, he does.

On Saturday, Nakamura is busy cleaning out the rubbish out of the banana patch; then, the next day, he weeds out 8,000 square feet of yard at his home.

Before the warehouse, Nakamura put in 30 years as district sales manager for Dairyman's, and 23 years for Hind Clark Dairy. That's when he learned to live on three hours of sleep. He had to be on hand when the first milkman set out on his route at 2 a.m.

At Hastings, Nakamura checks out Fuller brushes and Electrolux parts to salesmen. He is also the only person who knows how to mix the chemical for Toilet Ring Remover, the hottest selling item. "Every day make 1,000 quarts," he says, "No can catch up. We have order for 45,000 quarts. No can catch up."

"He's a phenomenon, a

rarity," comments Bob Long, company owner.

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## 200 singles pack first national confab

By Harry Honda

GARDENA, Calif.—Attendance and support beyond expectation contributed to the glowing success of the first National JACL Singles Convention held here over the Memorial Day holidays (May 25-27) at Ken Nakaoka Memorial Center, convention chair Midori Watanabe of the host Greater L.A. Singles JACL commented.

Close to 200 dined and frolicked at the Proud Bird Restaurant (on the eastern approach to LAX) Saturday night, where Prof. Harry H. L. Kitano, professor of sociology and social welfare, UCLA, was designated the "Outstanding Nikkei" by the convention. He was also main speaker at the Saturday dinner.

At the Friday mixer, turnout of local Nisei swelled the party to 150, which included registrants from nine Nisei singles groups (Los Angeles—We Are One, J.A. Nikkei Widows, Nisei Singles, Megamillions; Out-of-town—Sacramento Nikkei Singles; San Francisco Widowed Group; San Jose Nikkei Singles; and Seattle Tomonokai) and JACLers from 18 chapters (Contra Costa, East L.A., Florin, Fresno, Gardena Valley, Greater L.A. Singles, Las Vegas, Marina, Orange County, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley, San Mateo, Santa Maria, Seattle, West Los Angeles, Wilshire).

As a JACL function, the convention closed Sunday with a resolution proposing a standing committee on Nikkei singles. There was hope that the next convention would be held annually over the same holiday weekend in Northern California.

### Questions on 'Love'

Prof. Kitano, in his keynote address at the Proud Bird, detailed excerpts from his recent sociological study on the Nikkei notions of love. As a topic he felt convention goers would be most interested in, he wondered if people change their style of love over time. He also asked whether the types described are more typical of the Asian male and female. He closed by asking "what type do you fit?" and "what type do you want?"

Of the six different forms of love, Kitano said most Nisei bear a romantic notion—"that if they don't see firecrackers... they will not be moved"—which he numbered as the sixth different form of love. This form believes in love at first sight; the persons so enamored will remember their first meeting, the first restaurant, the first kiss... and later they will almost look and dress alike. It will be difficult to break-up and explosive when it happens.

The other five forms are:

- (1) Old-reliable—Where there is high rapport, interdependence, fulfillment, no fantasizing. These persons are not bored by routine. Being reliable, Kitano found many Nisei couples this way.
- (2) Self-sacrificing—Where one is willing to go to extreme personal pain to experience love; always available for the ideal. Some may marry one in prison and be happy to wait in this form of love.
- (3) Possessive—Where one is obsessed with the object of their love, the "always on my mind" type, depressed when not "on my mind"; not attracted to others, but petty; lots of letter-writing involved, usually one with low self-esteem.

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## JACKSON

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Christian Leadership Conference, Los Angeles; chair and co-founder, National Network of Asian and Pacific Women; former chair, California Commission on the Status of Women; national chair, JACL Women's Concern Committee.

Craig Wong (30th): co-chair, Chinatown Progressive Assn.; Coalition to Retain the Fifth Preference; former secretary, National Assn. of Chinese Americans, So. California chapter.

Bert Nakano (31st): national spokesper-

## Chapter Pulse

### San Fernando Valley

PACOIMA, Calif.—A scholarship awards night, sponsored jointly by the San Fernando Valley JACL and the Japanese American Community Center, will be held Saturday, June 2, from 7 p.m., at the community center, 12953 Branford St.

The event honors outstanding Nikkei students who will be graduated from valley high schools in June. Parents, students and friends are invited. Guest speaker is Gordon Nakagawa, associate professor, CSU-Northridge. Nancy Gohata is master of ceremonies. The event is chaired by Wally Arakawa and Bob Arnold.

Scholarship selection committee chair Betty Yamaoka announced the following winners:

**JACL-JACC scholarships**—Wade Arai, Ronald Hom, Michael Scott, North Hollywood High; Jeannie Komukai, Monroe; Julie Ann Koyama, Sylmar; Kathleen Ojiro, Elmer Yoshida, Granada Hills; and Yumiko Takenoshita, Grace Takimoto, Poly.

**Leadership award**—Vicki Nakaji, Canoga Park.

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### Sacramento

DAVIS, Calif.—In conjunction with the NC-WN-P district, Sacramento JACL sponsors a U.S./Pacific sanctioned swim meet, Sunday, July 15, at Community Park pool, 14th and B Sts. Warm-ups begin at 8 a.m. The 58-event meet starts at 9 a.m. A picnic lunch follows.

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### Seattle

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### Central California to host '85 Tri-District convention

FRESNO, Calif.—By agreement of the three district councils, the 1985 Tri-District conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel on the weekend of April 19, 20 and 21.

A preparatory meeting will be held on the site of the conference on Nov. 10-11, 1984, at which time representatives from the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council, Pacific Southwest District Council and Central California District Council will discuss all aspects of the conference.

For more information, write Tom Shimasaki, 2902 W. Main St., Visalia, CA 93291.

son, National Coalition for Redress/Reparations; Teamsters Union, Local 2707; LTPRO.

Margaret Malpaya Thornton (41st): Pilipina student activist; Maria Clara Sorority.

Dennis Kobata (44th): San Diego Redress/Reparations Committee; former LTPRO member.

Janet Haruko Tokumaru (44th): chairperson, San Diego Redress/Reparations Committee; Asian Women's Leadership Network.

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## 'THE LAST HURRAH'?...

## Saga of Judge Yonehiro

By Roy Yoshida  
Special to the Pacific Citizen  
LOOMIS, Calif.—What may well be the "last hurrah!" for Placer's senior Nikkei to participate in a major political campaign to elect a Nisei to high public office in this county will come in the June 5 primaries.

With the statutes now requiring judges to be attor-

those in the law enforcement field, including the Placer County Deputy Sheriff's Assn., Valley Chapter of the Peace Officers Research Assn., Nisei Farmers League, and other area groups. In all honesty, he felt he couldn't let his many supporters down by not running for the position.

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Judge George and Miyoko Yonehiro of Placer County

neys (which blocked Judge Cosma Sakamoto some years ago to bid for re-election) and with Marshal Hike Yego retiring this year, Judge George Yonehiro is the lone Nikkei holding public office in county. The 62-year-old jurist from Applegate, on the municipal bench, is challenging incumbent appointee Superior Court Judge W. Jackson Willoughby, 48, of Roseville for his seat. Yonehiro was among three who had sought appointment to the position from Governor Deukmejian when it became vacant earlier this year.

In the legal profession for over 30 years and on the bench for nearly 20 years, Yonehiro served 16 years as judge of the Colfax judicial court, 2 years as judge of the combined Auburn-Colfax court and currently serves as municipal judge, Seat 1, since being elected in 1982.

#### Encouraged by Support

Although Yonehiro is cognizant of the honor a superior court judgeship brings, he is more humbled by the prestige such an attainment brings to the local Nikkei community.

Notwithstanding all that, the prime motivating factor that induced him "to make a run for it" was the warm encouragement and support shown when he was seeking the governor's appointment to the post. It came from personal friends and from

order is well documented by his past performance on the bench. But it does not mean he will "throw the book" at every defendant. His many years in the profession have seen fair and straight-forward judicial conduct, regardless of one's station in life or ethnic background.

#### Family Background

The judge is a native son of pioneer Placer County Issei family. He is the second son of Saburo/Kazu Yonehiro, born in the Gold Hill district near Newcastle. He finished local schools, Loomis Union Grammar and Roseville Union High Schools, served in the 442nd during WW2, and received his law degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago where he practiced for seven years. He also practiced in Colorado briefly before returning to Placer County.

The superior court judge aspirant is a member of county and state bar associations, the American Legion, a colonel in the state military reserve, Sons of Italy, Placer County JACL, Applegate Civic Center Club and is chairman of the Auburn Airport Committee. He is married to the former Miyoko "Koko" Kido of El Monte. Their son Marcus, a 1982 Annapolis graduate, is an ensign aboard a guided missile destroyer based at San Diego. And daughter Melissa, an honor graduate of Colfax High, is working for Foothill Community Church and attending American River College.

His father served in the U.S. Army during WW1, thereby earning citizenship, and belongs to the Roseville American Legion Post. His older brother Horace in Los Angeles is a retired gardener; younger brother Earl is a doctor in Minneapolis.

## People

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### ● Agriculture

Cherry Ishimatsu, a prominent Coachella Valley agriculture leader, has been selected as winner of the 1984 Robert M. Howie Award for outstanding service to agriculture by the Riverside County Farm Bureau. She received the award at the Farm Bureau's annual dinner in Riverside on May 18. She was appointed to the state Board of Food and Agriculture last year by Gov. George Deukmejian, and since 1979 has been an advisory committee member on the Calif. Regional Water Quality Control Board. A founder of Coachella Valley Chapter of California Women for Agriculture in 1975, she was a founder of the statewide organization and served as its charter president in 1976, traveling thousands of miles to take the organization to 23 chapters with almost 4,000 members in one year. She also served as Coachella Valley JACL president.

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### ● Press Row

Ginny Yamate of San Francisco was appointed community relations manager in KGO-TV's newly formed public affairs department. She served as the assistant community affairs director of the station for the past five years.

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## NCJAR LAWSUIT

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soldiers—in the opening months of the war and that the United States had no offsetting reserve of hostages—except the 110,000 internees. Are not reprisals to be offset by counter-reprisals? Against whom? Our lawsuit is a long way from full disclosure.

Finally, the notion of due diligence seems to be stretching human capacity. After all the histories and essays had been written and published by doctors of philosophy from distinguished universities, it took a non-degreed, theatrical costume designer named Michi Weglyn to enunciate the hostage-reprisal theory. And it was Michi Weglyn who first grasped then explained the meaning of the Munson report, 30 years—not 6—after it became public. If academicians, living under the pressure of "publish or perish," could not assess the significance of the FCC, FBI, Naval Intelligence, and Munson reports, what could "due diligence" of a thoroughly intimidated and struggling group of victims hope to uncover?

Nevertheless, the Oberdorfer memorandum does move the court away from its earlier deficiencies. I must grudgingly applaud the improvement. The memorandum also sharpens the requirements of achieving our legal objectives. The judge's ruling does not end NCJAR's legal efforts. He has clarified the issues and prodded us. We will probably appeal his decision. We may also seek legislation to enable the full range of constitutional issues to be adjudicated. But we do not yet know what kind of date May 17, 1984, will be.

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(4) Logical & pragmatic—Where the gauge is never fall for the unworthy but go for the "best possible ideal"; not serious until having a degree and bank account and then negotiates for the best deal. Many Nisei have been diverted by this notion, Kitano found.

(5) Game play—Where love is a puzzle and the game is to win; where finding someone to play with is a game. Kitano called this a "not serious, not sophisticated, not emotional" form.

### Participants

The dinner-dance, chaired by Kaz Yoshitomi, was concluded with the Melodaires playing tunes from the Big Band era. Actor George Takei, about to make appearances around the nation where Paramount's "Star Trek III" is showing, was emcee. Greater L.A. Singles chapter president Tom Shimazaki extended greetings.

Also at the head table were Midori Watanabe, PSW regional director John J. Saito, and this reporter, who was reminiscing with old-time JACLers that this convention had the demeanor and warmth of JACL gatherings of '40s and '50s when most of the delegates were single. Some met friends for the first time since the camp days. One widow said she was elated by the mood and cheer of the JACL convention for singles because it was unlike one white-Asian singles affair that she dismissed as a "meat market."

## National historic site designation sought for Amache WRA camp

DENVER, Colo.—Sen. Gary W. Hart (D-Colo.) indicated April 23 he is seeking congressional designation of the former Granada WRA Center ("Amache Camp") as a National Historic Site to permanently remind Americans that the aberrations of justice that occurred there should never recur.

Hart noted that the Japanese American community had already marked the campsite with a permanent memorial to 31 Nisei who had volunteered during WW2 from Granada for the U.S. Army and who were killed overseas while on active combat duty. (The Colorado senator was referring to the two-day ceremony conducted by the Denver Central Optimists Club, headed by Susumi Hidaka as general chair, on Sept. 3-4, 1983.)

Hart's office noted that similar historic site designations were accorded the WRA campsites at Jerome and Rohwer, in Arkansas. To persuade Congress to take such action for the

Granada WRA campsite, it was urged that former inmates of that WRA center write letters recounting their personal experiences at the Granada WRA camp, and supporting such official U.S. government recognition of the Amache campsite. Letters should be written to: Sen. Gary W. Hart, U.S. Senate, 327 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20510, as well as to other members of Congress.

"It is highly encouraging that Colorado senator Gary Hart is endeavoring to assure permanent recognition to the never-to-be-forgotten 'concentration camps, American-style' experiences of more than forty years ago," declared Min Yasui, chair of the national JACL committee for redress.

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