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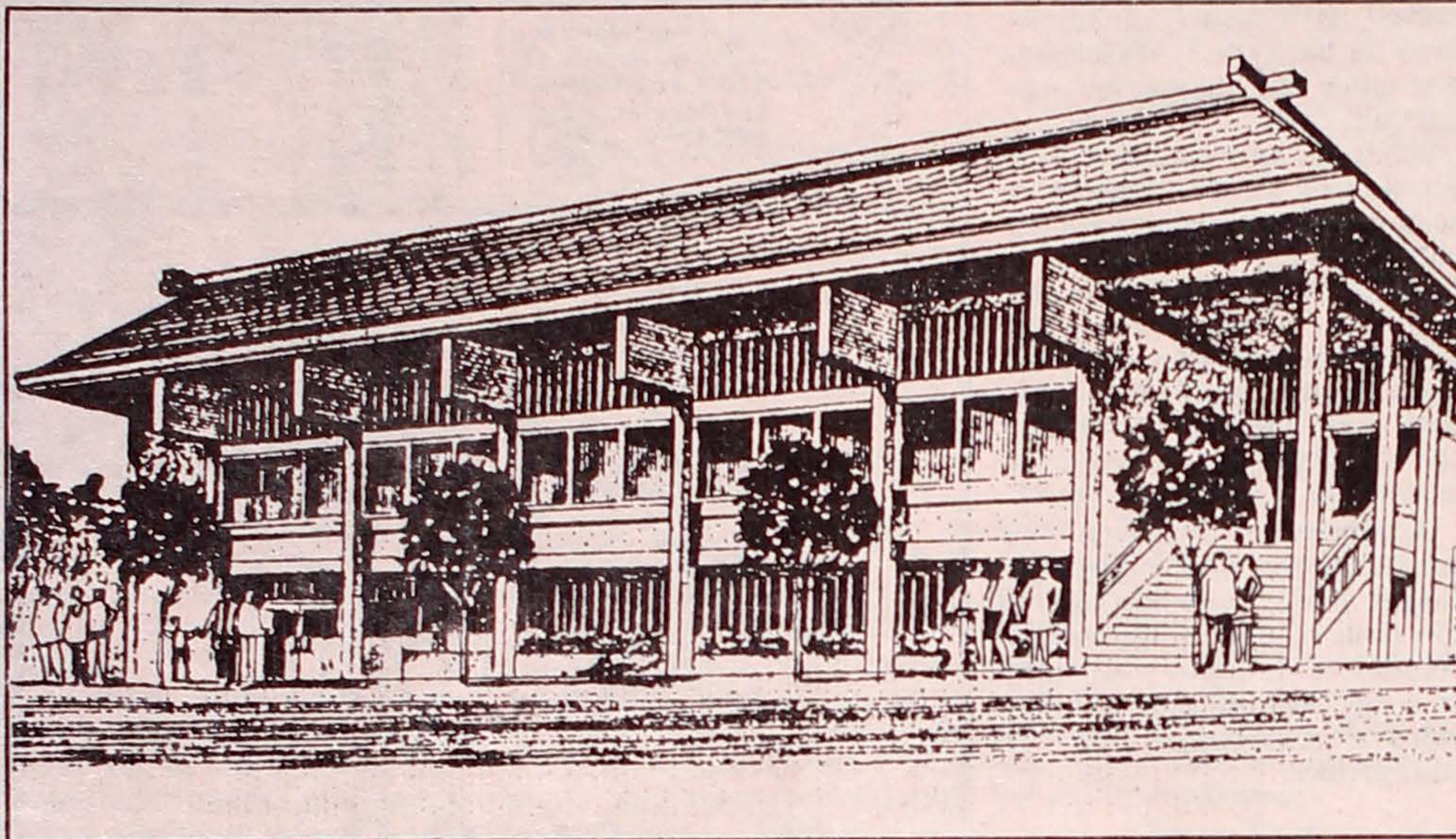
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BECOMING A REALITY—Ground was broken last week for the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California after 20 years of planning. Sketch shows proposed building. (Story, back page.)

Pierman convicted of manslaughter

MARTINEZ, Calif.—On Oct. 1, after a week of deliberation, a jury convicted James "Jay" Pierman, 18, of voluntary manslaughter for the stabbing death of Thong Hy Huynh at Davis High School in May 1983.

A sentencing date has not been set, but criminal attorney Garrick Lew of San Francisco said that Pierman could receive three, six or eleven years in state prison. Pierman could receive a mitigated sentence of three years if he had no previous convictions, but according to a Davis newspaper, he has five previous arrests, including battery charges.

Pierman could receive a six-year term, which Lew said was "the usual sentence," or a maximum of eleven years. "Racial motivation might have to be considered," said Lew. "The judge can also take public sentiment into consideration if he receives a

number of negative letters about the crime Pierman committed."

The killing occurred when Pierman and another white youth began arguing with Huynh and three other Vietnamese students on the school grounds. The fight in which Huynh was fatally stabbed reportedly began when Pierman's friend, Russell Clark, shouted an epithet at Huynh and his friends.

Members of the local Asian American community, many of whom believe that the killing was racially motivated, have been monitoring the trial. However, the San Francisco Chronicle reported that the issue of race was seldom discussed during the proceedings.

Instead, the focus was on whether or not the stabbing was deliberate. Pierman's attorney, William Maas, insisted that it was an accident. After the verdict, he said that his client "felt bad" about the outcome and had been hoping for an acquittal or conviction for involuntary manslaughter.

Pierman did not testify, but a tape of his statements shortly after his arrest indicated hostility toward Vietnamese people, one observer said.

—From a report by East West

Manzanar considered as nat'l historic landmark

LOS ANGELES—The Manzanar Committee has recently learned that the Dept. of the Interior's National Park Service has completed a study of Manzanar as part of its study of WW2 sites and is nominating it for possible designation as a National Historic Landmark.

According to Sue Kunitomi Embrey of the Manzanar Committee, the historically significant area is the 640 acres, surrounded by a barbed wire fence, that comprise the former camp site. Also included is the cemetery that lies outside the fence. The only standing structures remaining are the guard houses at the entrance, the camp auditorium (now being used by Inyo County) and a memorial marker erected by internees in 1943.

"At the present time, I am not sure that this designation will significantly protect what is left at Manzanar, but it is important to do what we can to preserve what is there," said Embrey. She considers it significant that the site is even being considered as a historical landmark.

Manzanar, which housed roughly 10,000 Japanese Americans during the war, is located in the Owens Valley, 225 miles north-east of Los Angeles. Yearly pil-

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Congressional Wrap-up

Redress bills backed by 106 reps, 20 senators

The 98th Congress is ending, and all the legislation it has not acted on will die with it, including redress bills HR 4110 in the House and S 2116 in the Senate. Since this was anticipated when the bills were first introduced, plans have already been made to reintroduce the bills during the next session.

Respectable Showing

The House bill, introduced by Jim Wright (D-Texas), gained 105 co-sponsors; the Senate bill, introduced by Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), gained 19 co-sponsors. Given the controversial nature of the redress issue, the number of supporters in Congress is impres-

sive, but in both cases it was slightly less than half the number needed for passage.

Hearings on HR 4110 were held in Washington, D.C. on June 20, 21 and 27 and Sept. 12 by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, chaired by Sam Hall (D-Texas), who is not a co-sponsor of the bill.

The Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Civil Service, Post Office, and General Services held hearings on S 2116 in Los Angeles Aug. 16 and in Anchorage Aug. 29. Ted Stevens (R-

Alaska), subcommittee chair and the only senator present at either hearing, is one of the bill's co-sponsors.

The bills have yet to be moved from subcommittee to full committee. Only after they pass this stage can they be marked up (have amendments added) and go to a floor vote. At this point, it is unclear whether the hearing process will have to be repeated next time or if the testimonies already on the record will be deemed sufficient.

Following is a list of the co-sponsors in the 98th Congress. The list may change during the next

session, depending on the outcome of the November elections and a number of other factors. Members of Congress from 30 states, including both Democrats and Republicans, are on the list. Among them are Democratic vice-presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro and former presidential candidate Gary Hart.

The only state whose entire delegation supports redress is Hawaii; in Alaska, both senators are co-sponsors, but Rep. Don Young (R) has introduced House bill HR 4322, which would provide redress for Aleuts only, and does not support HR 4110.

Representatives (By District)

American Samoa: Fofu Sunia (D)
Arizona: Morris Udall (D-2nd)
California: Douglas Bosco (D-1st), Robert Matsui (D-3rd), Vic Fazio (D-4th), Sala Burton (D-5th), Barbara Boxer (D-6th), George Miller (D-7th), Ronald Dellums (D-8th), Fortney Stark (D-9th), Don Edwards (D-10th), Tom Lantos (D-11th), Norman Mineta (D-13th), Tony Coelho (D-15th), Leon Panetta (D-16th), Richard Lehman (D-18th), Henry Waxman (D-24th), Edward Roybal (D-25th), Howard Berman (D-26th), Mel Levine (D-27th), Julian Dixon (D-28th), Augustus Hawkins (D-29th), Matthew Martinez (D-30th), Mervyn Dymally (D-31st), Esteban Torres (D-34th), Jerry Patterson (D-38th), Jim Bates (D-44th)
Colorado: Timothy Wirth (D-2nd)
Connecticut: Samuel Gejdenson (D-2nd), Bruce Morrison (D-3rd)
District of Columbia: Walter Fauntroy (D)
Florida: Lawrence Smith (D-16th), William Lehman (D-17th)
Guam: Antonio Won Pat (D)

Hawaii: Daniel Akaka (D-1st), Cecil Heftel (D-2nd)
Illinois: Charles Hayes (D-1st), Gus Savage (D-2nd), Cardiss Collins (D-7th), Sidney Yates (D-9th), Paul Simon (D-22nd)
Indiana: Katie Hall (D-1st)
Louisiana: Gillis Long (D-8th)
Maryland: Barbara Mikulski (D-3rd), Parren Mitchell (D-7th), Michael Barnes (D-8th)
Massachusetts: Barney Frank (D-4th), James Shannon (D-5th), Nicholas Mavroules (D-6th), Edward Markey (D-7th), Joe Moakley (D-9th), Gerry Studds (D-10th)
Michigan: John Conyers (D-1st), Howard Wolpe (D-3rd), Mark Siljander (R-4th), Dale Kildee (D-7th), David Bonior (D-12th), George Crockett (D-13th)
Minnesota: Bruce Vento (D-4th), Gerry Sikorski (D-6th)
Missouri: William Clay (D-1st), Alan Wheat (D-5th)
Nevada: Harry Reid (D-1st)
New Jersey: William Hughes (D-2nd), James Howard (D-3rd), Robert Roe (D-8th), Robert Torricelli

(D-9th), Peter Rodino (D-10th)
New York: Thomas Downey (D-2nd), Gary Ackerman (D-7th), James Scheuer (D-8th), Geraldine Ferraro (D-9th), Charles Schumer (D-10th), Eldolphus Towns (D-11th), Major Owens (D-12th), Charles Rangel (D-16th), Ted Weiss (D-17th), Robert Garcia (D-18th), Mario Biaggi (D-19th), Richard Ottinger (D-20th), Hamilton Fish (R-21st), Benjamin Gilman (R-22nd)
Ohio: Thomas Luken (D-1st), Tony Hall (D-3rd), Lyle Williams (R-17th), Edward Feighan (D-19th), Louis Stokes (D-21st)
Pennsylvania: Thomas Foglietta (D-1st), William Gray (D-2nd), Joseph Kolter (D-4th), Robert Edgar (D-7th), Peter Kostmayer (D-8th), Austin Murphy (D-22nd)
Puerto Rico: Baltasar Corrada (D)
South Dakota: Thomas Daschle (D-At Large)
Tennessee: Harold Ford (D-9th)
Texas: Charles Wilson (D-2nd), Jim Wright (D-12th), Mickey Leland (D-18th), Solomon Ortiz (D-27th)
Utah: Dan Marriott (R-2nd)
Vermont: James Jeffords (R-At Large)

Washington: Thomas Foley (D-5th), Mike Lowry (D-7th)
Wisconsin: Robert Kastenmeier (D-2nd), James Moody (D-5th)
Total: 106

Senators

Alabama: Jeremiah Denton (R)
Alaska: Frank Murkowski (R), Ted Stevens (R)
California: Alan Cranston (D)
Colorado: Gary Hart (D)
Hawaii: Daniel Inouye (D), Spark Matsunaga (D)
Maryland: Paul Sarbanes (D)
Massachusetts: Edward Kennedy (D), Paul Tsongas (D)
Michigan: Carl Levin (D), Donald Riegle (D)
Montana: John Melcher (D)
New York: Alfonse D'Amato (R), Daniel Moynihan (D)
Ohio: Howard Metzenbaum (D)
Oregon: Mark Hatfield (R)
Washington: Daniel Evans (R), Slade Gorton (R)
Wisconsin: William Proxmire (D)
Total: 20

Asian women writers' project soliciting works

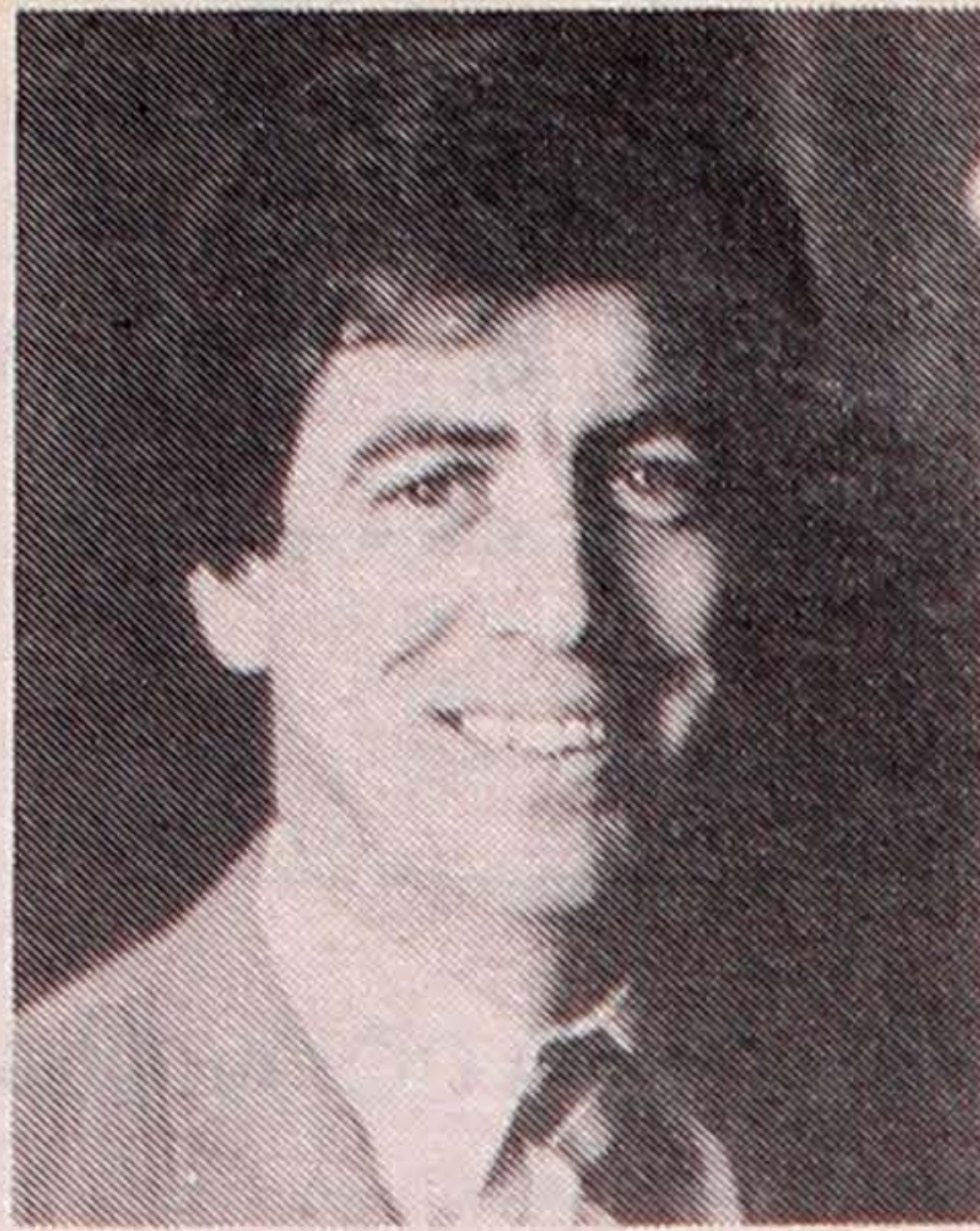
OAKLAND, Calif.—A federal grant to publish an anthology of writings on Asian American women was recently awarded to Asian Women United of California.

The anthology project is due to begin January 1, 1985, announced project director Judy Yung, and will include historical and contemporary essays, creative writings, oral history pieces, and photographs and graphics by Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Southeast Asian, and East Asian American women. The grant came from the Dept. of Education's Women's Educational Equity Act Program.

Proposed topics for the anthology are now welcomed. In particular, the project is soliciting articles on contemporary issues, creative writings, oral history, and photos and graphics. Accepted contributors will be paid for their work. Send short descriptions of proposed topics or inquiries to: Asian Women in America Book Project, Asian Women United, 3538 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, CA 94609.

Members of the project's editorial board are Emily Cachapero, Chung Hoang Chuong, Elaine Kim, Janice Mirikitani, Jane Singh, and Diane Wong.

Redress bill author faces tough race



SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Patrick Johnston, author of the first successful monetary redress legislation for Japanese Americans, faces a serious challenge for his state assembly seat from Doug Wilhoit, a San Joaquin County supervisor.

It is estimated Wilhoit will receive in excess of \$250,000 for his campaign, mostly from the Republican Party. Johnston has been targeted by the Republican Party because of the narrow margin by which he was elected to office in 1980.

Johnston is best known for his landmark legislation on behalf of Japanese American state civil

service employees fired by the State of California. In 1942, every Japanese American state employee was terminated on charges of disloyalty. Arguing that a subsequent ruling found these employees had been unfairly fired, Johnston was successful in his bid to compensate the employees for their salary losses. As a result of his legislation, almost 300 Japanese Americans will receive \$5,000 from the State of California. The Johnston legislation served as a model for similar laws for the State of Washington and cities and counties throughout California.

Johnston has championed numerous other Asian American issues. He strongly supported a resolution calling for monetary redress for Nikkei interned during World War II, co-authored a proposal which would have granted state employees retirement service credit for their internment years, and authored a resolution on behalf of Philippine Scouts.

Assemblyman Johnston has been endorsed by Congressman Robert Matsui. With no Asians in the California state legislature, Johnston is viewed by many to be in a key position, one that provides a much-needed voice in state politics.

Roster of Asian American politicians now available

LOS ANGELES—A national listing of Asian Pacific Americans in political life has been published by UCLA's Asian American Studies Center.

The roster contains the names and addresses of over 600 Asian Pacific American elected officials, major political appointees, judges, and school board members at the federal, state, county and city levels for over 19 states plus Guam, American Samoa, and Canada.

The publication also features a list of over 250 major Asian Pacific American political party

clubs, bar associations, civil rights, educational, and public employee organizations across the U.S., as well as major Asian Pacific American organizational representatives in Washington, D.C. Highlights of the 1980 census for the Asian Pacific American population are also included.

According to UCLA prof. Don Nakanishi and UCLA graduate,

Bernie LaForteza, who compiled the directory, the roster is designed to be of both practical and academic value.

Copies can be obtained for \$6 from the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, 3232 Campbell Hall, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024; (213) 825-2968. Checks should be made payable to the Regents of the University of California. California residents add 6% sales tax.

MANZANAR

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grimaces to the site are organized by the Manzanar Committee, which was also instrumental in the decision to designate Manzanar as a California registered historical landmark in 1973.

The National Park Service Advisory Board will meet on Oct. 22 to make recommendations. The Manzanar Committee has been asked to write a letter of support for the nomination. Embrey urges former internees and other interested individuals and organizations to do the same.

Letters should be sent to: Mr. Edwin C. Bearss, Chief Historian, United States Dept. of the Interior, National Park Service, Washington, D.C. 20240. Letters should include the reference number H34(418) and the name Manzanar War Relocation Camp, Internment Camp, or Concentration Camp (whichever is preferable).

Embrey asks that copies of these support letters be sent to the Manzanar Committee at 1566 Curran Street, Los Angeles, 90026. For additional information, call (213) 662-5102.

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In response to Johnston's critical need for campaign funding, a reception is being held in his honor on Friday, Oct. 12, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the JACL headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco. Donations to the Pat Johnston for Assembly Committee should be mailed to 6748 Breakwater Way, Sacramento, CA 95831; (415) 921-7245.



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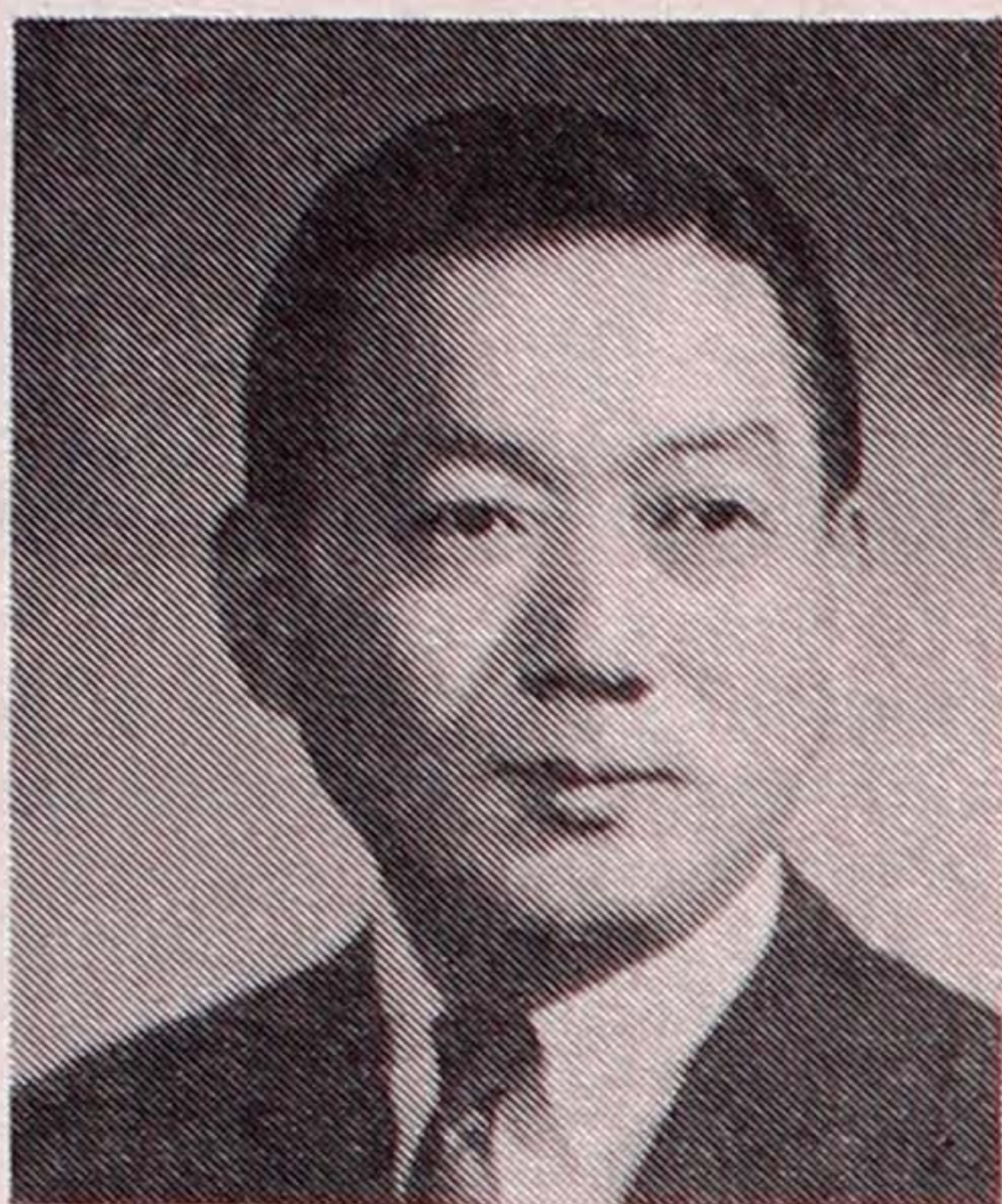
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Texans rededicate Issei-built garden

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Culminating Japan Week celebrations being held this week at the Institute of Texas Cultures will be the rededication of the Japanese Tea Garden in Brackenridge Park and honoring its builder, the late Kimi Eizo Jingu, Oct. 12 at 10 a.m.

Japanese ambassador to the U.S. Yoshio Okawara and Mayor



Jimmy Jingu (1921-1968)

Henry Cisneros lead the civic dignitaries expected for the ceremony.

The Jingu family, including the widow of the late Jimmy Jingu, a 442nd veteran who was long associated with Yamaha International in Los Angeles as its public relations director, will be attending. A reception hosted by Gloria Mofett, a childhood friend, to meet with the family follows Saturday evening at the San Antonio Mu-

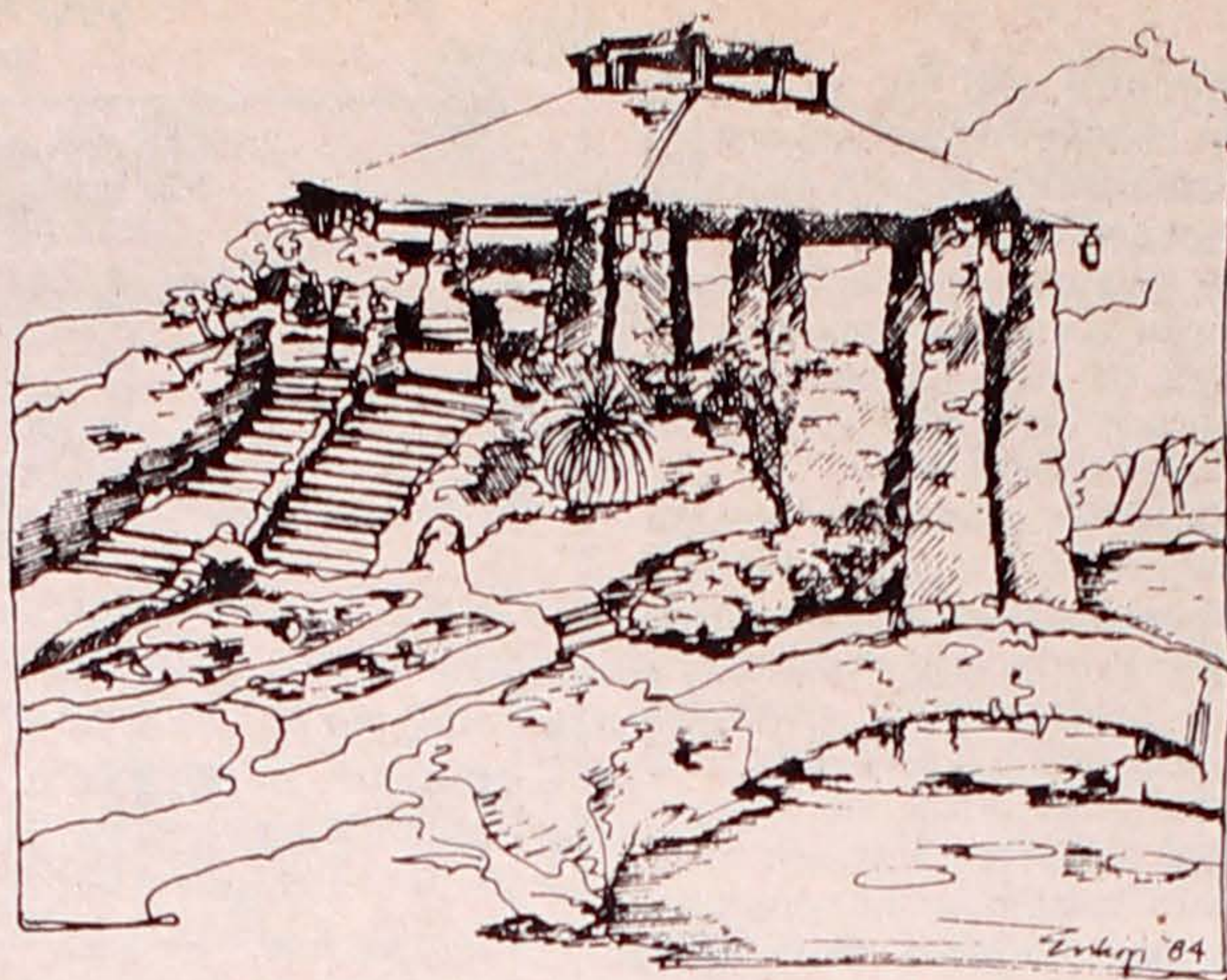
seum of Art, where Mabel Jingu Enkoji's ceramics will be on exhibit.

A Chicago World's Fair exhibitor and U.S. representative of the Japan Tea Association, Jingu had converted a gravel quarry into a Japanese garden in 1918 and had a two-story rock teahouse added for his family. (There were to be eight children). He died in 1937. In August, 1942 with WW2, the family was evicted and the name of the Japanese Sunken Gardens was changed to Chinese Sunken Gardens.

Nostalgic Pilgrimage

In 1974 when two Jingu sisters (Mabel Enkoji of Whittier, Ca., and Mary Onodera of Honolulu) were revisiting here, a news item reporting their first return in 25 years mentioned their wish to have the original name of the garden restored.

It prompted an immediate response from Maury Maverick Jr., San Antonio attorney and son of the former U.S. congressman with a letter seconding the motion appearing in the San Antonio Express. Maverick's letter recounted the exploits of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, members of which were made honorary Texans for their heroism in rescuing the lost Texas battalion. "The Nisei deserve this honor," he wrote, "that we could in truth and in good taste bestow upon them by renaming the gardens with its old name."



Drawing by Nancy Enkoji (1984)

Teahouse at the Japanese Sunken Garden, San Antonio, Texas.

Last year, the City Council officially restored the name "in honor of a Japanese family that was driven out of the city after the attack on Pearl Harbor." Its spearheader, city councilman Van Archer, said the idea had come to in New York while visiting with a number of businessmen from Japan. A formal rededication of the Gardens and the placing of a plaque recognizing the 442nd as honorary Texans will be part of this week's celebration.

Jimmy Jingu

Nisei GIs stationed in and around San Antonio during WW2 remember the Japanese Sunken Gardens, the hospitality of the Jingu family and meeting with other Texas-born Nisei.

Jimmy Jingu was one, born in San Antonio in 1921. He served with the 442nd and was awarded three battle stars and the Purple Heart. He finished at Univ. of Texas in 1949 in economics and worked as a commercial attache at the Japanese Consulate General in Los Angeles until 1956.

While in Japan, he became acquainted with Nippon Gakki, parent company of Yamaha, which was established in the U.S. through his efforts as Yamaha International. The firm was involved in developing the Yamaha piano and motorcycle market in the U.S. In 1963, he was appointed its adver-

tising and public relations director. His death in 1968 was unexpected. He was addressing a Yamaha meeting in Seattle.

Gardena JCI seeking records of its past

GARDENA, Calif. — A public appeal for photographs and historical data is being issued by the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute as its 100-member board of directors plans a Nov. 8 dinner honoring six of the JCI's pioneer organizers.

Co-chairs Robert Horii and Bruce Kaji are searching for old pictures and other information that can be included in the written and visual history they are compiling for the evening's highlight.

Proceeds from the \$125-per-napkin testimonial, to be held at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach, will go to the JCI endowment fund. The six honorees are Shigetoshi Fujii, Gerald Kobayashi, Kameichi Kuida, the late Ken Nakaoka, Nobuichi Wada, and Frank Yonemura. George Kobayashi is compiling and editing the souvenir booklet while Wayne Miyahara researches and writes the JCI story.

Reservations are being accepted at the JCI office, 324-6611 or 770-2878.

Community Affairs

SANTA CLARA, Calif.—Steven Okazaki's "Unfinished Business" is shown at the Louis B. Mayer Theater on the Univ. of Santa Clara campus, Saturday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m. Sponsors are Asian Pacific Student Union and Nihonmachi Outreach Committee. Tickets are \$8; students, \$5.

SACRAMENTO—"Unfinished Business" is also screened at the Sacramento City College Auditorium, Saturday, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m. Program and reception follow. Tickets are \$10; students and seniors, \$5. Sponsors are Asian Legal Services Outreach and Sacramento Bee. Information: George Matsuoka, (916) 391-8770.

SUNNYVALE, Calif.—Japan Society presents a talk by Jack Osborn, managing director of TRW Overseas on "Current Trends and Realities in Japanese High Technology Legislation: Can Frictions Be Avoided?" at the Sunnyvale Hilton, 1250 Lakeside Dr., Oct. 19, noon. Information: 986-4383.

LOS ANGELES—So. Calif. Sumi-e Club holds its first exhibition Oct. 20-21 at Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 815 E. First St. Times are 2-7 p.m. Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

SEATTLE—The work of artist Norie Sato is featured at the Seattle Art Museum to Oct. 24. The exhibit includes a video installation and two-dimensional pieces.

—Momoko Iko's play, "Flowers and Other Household Gods," is performed by Northwest Asian American Theatre to Nov. 3 at the Nippon Kan Theatre, Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.

BELLEVUE, Wash.—Swords of the Samurai are on display at the Bellevue Art Museum to Oct. 28 accompanied by a series of lectures, concerts, demonstrations and performances of Noh and Kabuki. Information: 454-3322.

Matsui to speak at leadership forum

LOS ANGELES—The Hon. Robert T. Matsui, member of the House of Representatives, is the featured speaker at a forum sponsored by Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 7:15 p.m. at the Music Center Pavilion, Blue Ribbon Room, 135 N. Grand Ave.

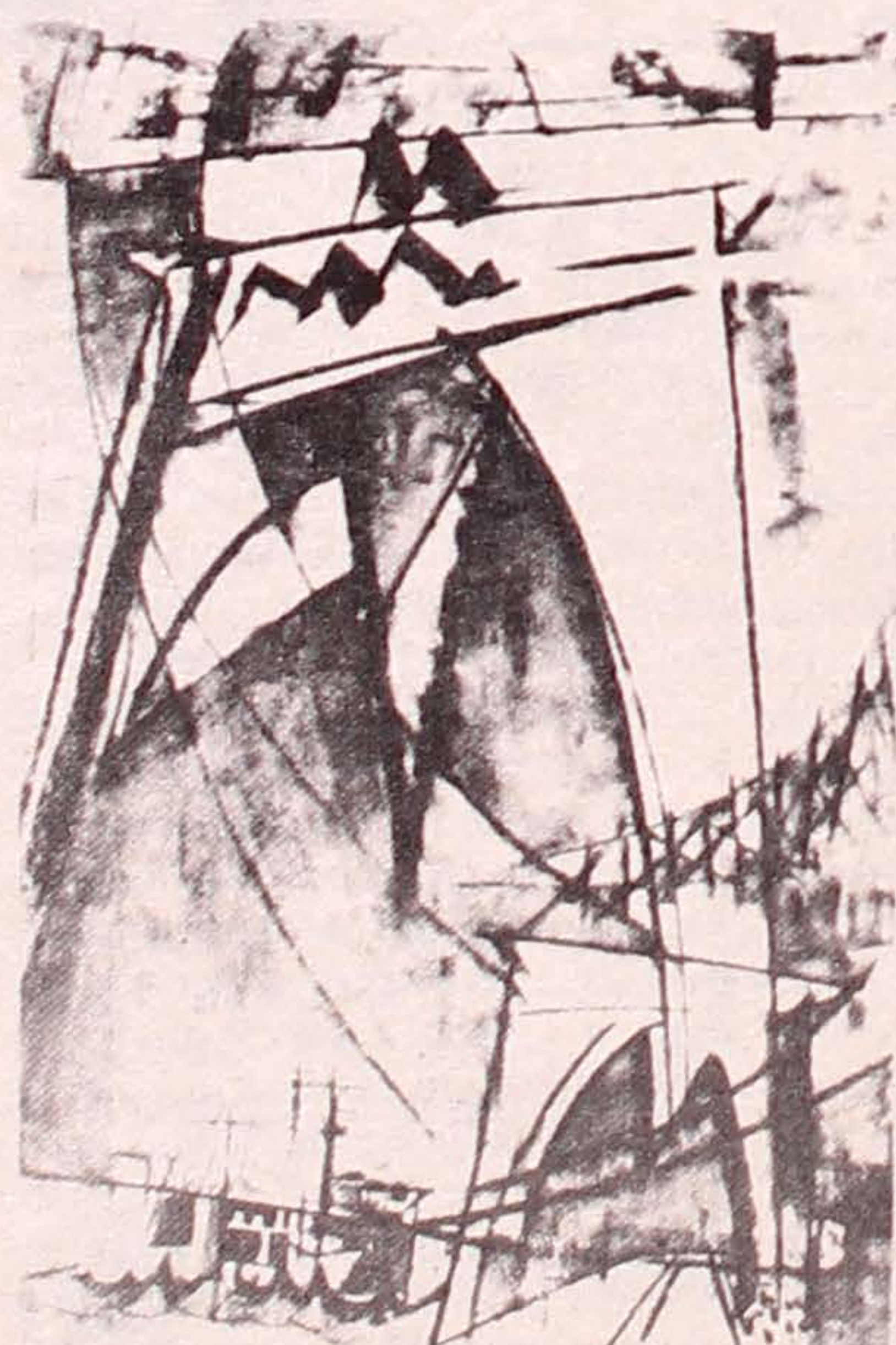
Matsui is one of two Asian Pacific Americans serving in the House from the mainland U.S. He plays a major role in the national arena as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over all federal revenue measures and programs that account for more than one-third of federal expenditures.

Matsui is also a member of the committee's Subcommittee on Public Assistance and Unemploy-

ment Compensation, the Subcommittee on Social Security, and the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

LEAP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization committed to training and promoting Asian Pacific Americans in leadership positions in business, government and community organizations.

The program costs \$10 per person (reservations at door, \$15; students, \$5) and includes hors d'oeuvres and no-host cocktails. Information and reservations: J.D. Hokoyama or Denise Kurushima, (213) 743-4999 by Oct. 15.



'Brooklyn Bridge' by Henry Fukuhara, mixed media on paper, 24 x 36 inches

Art workshop planned

GARDEN CITY, N.Y.—Watercolorist Henry Fukuhara will teach a watercolor workshop at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 223 Stewart Ave. (at Nassau Blvd.), Oct. 25, 26 and 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fukuhara, whose works were displayed at the Priscilla Redfield Roe Gallery in Hauppauge last month, has exhibited throughout the U.S. and won numerous awards. During the workshop, which is for both beginners and advanced students, he will do a complete painting while explaining what he is doing and why. Enrollment is limited to 30. The fee, payable in advance, is \$75. Call (516) 667-8155 for further information.

Nikkei Methodists mark 100th anniversary

SAN FRANCISCO—Japanese American United Methodists celebrated their church's centennial here Sept. 21-23 and tackled issues familiar to JACLers, particularly social justice and leadership development.

Marking the 100th anniversary of the appointment of Kanichi Miyama, the first immigrant Japanese American Methodist minister, more than 160 persons representing Japanese American Methodist churches across the United States gathered at Pine United Methodist Church, the oldest Japanese American church in the denomination.

Delegates approved resolutions for creating an annual Kanichi Miyama sabbatical award for ministers of Japanese American United Methodist churches and for a pledge to raise the Japanese American Caucus' share of the \$5 million Asian American Endowment Fund.

Bishop Sano urged the participants to become identified with "people being targeted, abused and mistreated," for instance, gay and lesbian pastors. "The resurrected Jesus was recognized by his wounds," he said. "Where are [our] wounds?" Ministering to people who are now being rejected now presents a serious challenge to the Japanese American church, he said.

The Rev. Miyeko Uriu spoke in the same vein saying, "Our vulnerability will enable us to hear the cry of the suffering, to stand with the oppressed in the struggle for human dignity and human rights." Ms. Uriu serves as associate pastor of a Chinese UMC in Los Angeles.

Mark Nakagawa, a third-year student at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, said, "We have to stop looking inward, and start to reach outward." He lamented that many of the Japanese American churches are merely maintenance churches. "The biggest thing happening every year is the bazaar," he said. He would like to see the Japanese American church become a catalyst for social justice.

Other centennial participants meeting in small groups voiced their concern for Nichigo (Japanese-language) ministries. Misao Hayashi of Wesley UMC, San Jose, 74-year-old mother of the banquet's toastmaster, Don Hayashi, said, "For the next 100 years we'll still have Nichigo ministries."

"Japanese corporate executives come to the United States, especially Silicon Valley, on temporary visas. They want to keep their families in a Japanese environment, so they bring them to church. Shosha wives still need to be ministered to," Mrs. Hayashi said.

Another area of major emphasis throughout the weekend was the strengthening of youth and young adult ministries. Six Japanese American seminarians will graduate, the largest class of prospective ministers to look forward to ordination in a long time.

—By Helen Chang

Letters

More on endorsements

I read a letter to the editor from Dr. Nakashima in the September 14 issue of the Pacific Citizen, and I was concerned with some of the statements made.

The contention was made that the issue of free speech was more important than propriety or established rules of order by which we (JACL) are governed.

While I believe in free speech, I also believe that if someone is an officer of JACL, then they should abide by the rules or they should resign their posts prior to making personal endorsements for a candidate. By using their title or office, they lend an enormous amount of credibility to their statements.

It is not a case where the delegate can do their homework prior to the convention, because in most cases the delegates did not have a chance to either meet the candidates or question them until they arrived at the convention. What really concerned me however, was the admission by the officer, that even though he knew it would be out of order for him to nominate a candidate, he did so anyway.

I feel to eliminate this problem in the future, JACL should make it clear to all staff members and national office holders that they may make any personal endorsements that they wish to as long as they resign their post prior to making the endorsement. Also, any other National Board member (district governor's, P.C. board chair, etc.) may make endorsements as long as they refrain from using their title or position.

With these procedures in place, we delegates will not be unduly influenced by statements or proclamations made by current office holders.

Not only is this a more ethical way to conduct business, but it will eliminate any potential conflicts of interest.

TOM NAKAO, JR.
Cleveland, Ohio

Because it seems to me that there was considerable unhappiness over the election at the national convention, I would like to raise the following question: Is there a fault in the nominations process?

Currently, the president appoints the chair of the nominating

committee who has no vote except in a tie. In addition, one representative from each district is appointed by the president with the approval of each district council. Each representative is to attend the next national convention, and cannot be a candidate for any national office.

This is an unusual process, differing from the one outlined in *Robert's Rules*. The latter procedure is to have each member of the nominating committee elected, and the president is excluded to minimize his influence on the nominees. Further, members of the nominating committee are not excluded from being nominated for any office. Otherwise capable people may be unwilling to serve on this crucial committee.

I propose a study to consider changes to the bylaws on this matter.

GEORGE OGAWA
Torrance, Calif.

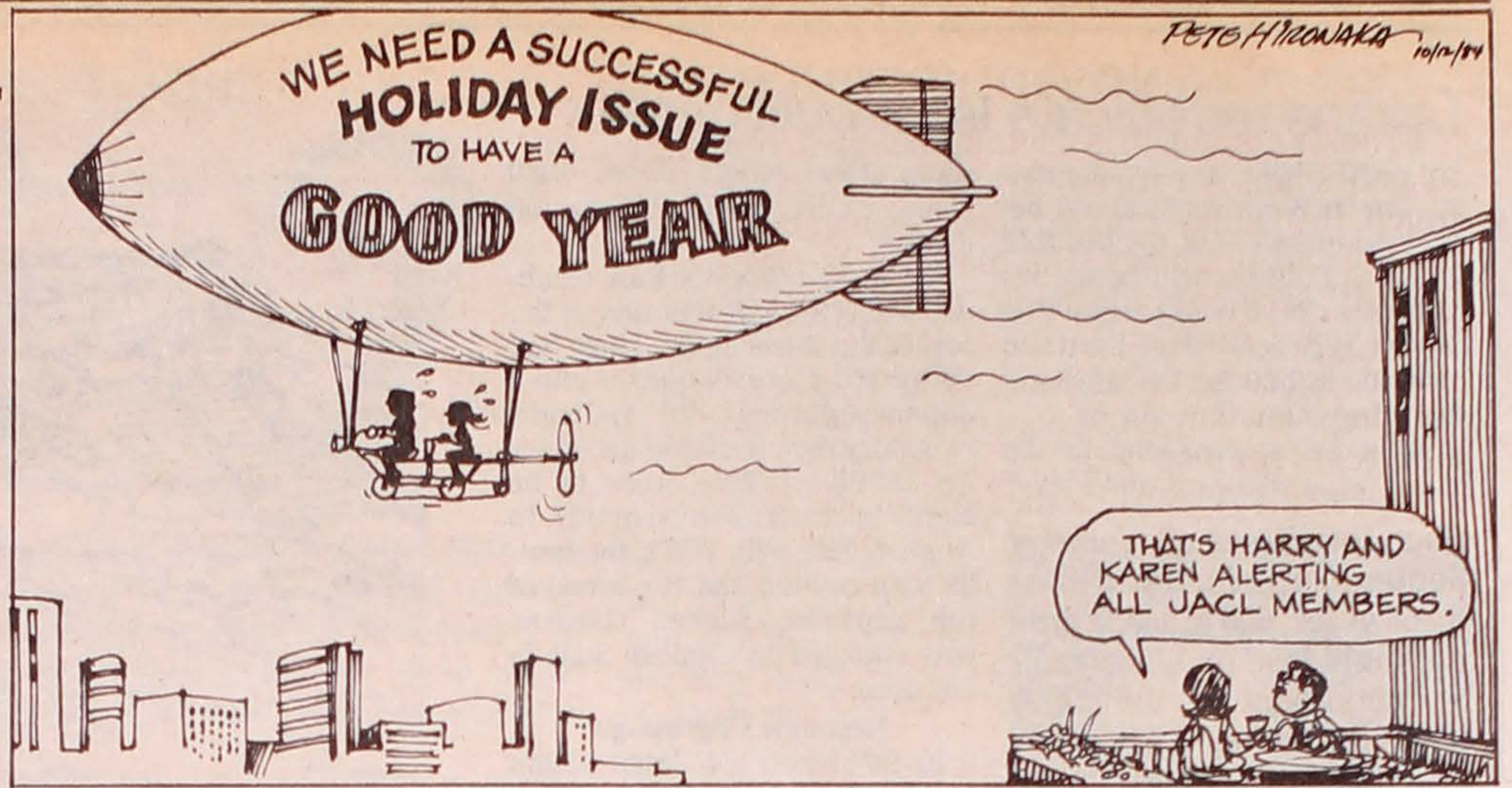
Kudos to regional director

Not long ago, I had the misfortune of being involved in an employment discrimination case against the Los Angeles County Dept. of Mental Health. It was a complicated matter with major implications for me, personally, as well as for our community. The case was summarily decided in my favor.

What I would like PC readers to know is that Mr. John Saito, director, Pacific Southwest District JACL office, was a great help to me. Mr. Saito's knowledge of civil service procedures, suggestions regarding legal counsel, his expertise in the area of fair employment practices, and community organization skills were key factors in the eventual outcome of my case.

I can tell you from first hand experience that Mr. Saito is truly committed to fair employment practices, he handles these matters in a very professional manner, and he is good at it. He is a formidable advocate, and I was extremely fortunate to have had him assist me. Thus, I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. Saito and the JACL for coming to my aid when I needed it, and to let PC readers know the kind of exemplary work that Mr. Saito does on behalf of JACL members and the community.

FORD H. KURAMOTO, D.S.W.
Los Angeles



Civil Rights—Now or When Convenient??

It has been stated that JACL was created for civil and human rights protection for Japanese Americans. The organization of JACL from the roots of the American Loyalty League concept was honorable and just and necessary and has, over the years, accomplished much to be proud of for the benefit of all citizens and residents of the United States.

My main point in bringing up the origins of JACL is what I see as a moving away from the true purposes for the existence of JACL. In recent years in certain communities, I see a resurgence of exclusion practices and attitudes when it suits a personal selfish need. Every conceivable excuse is stated for the need to exclude: to reach some sort of equity, or—the ultimate reason—to become cultured in one's own ethnicity.

At a time when racism and violence against Asian Americans have become front page news and seem to be on the increase, isn't it time to come together in all aspects of community and remove

exclusion?

We have been accused of eliminating opportunities for the youth of our communities by advocating fairness and acceptance of an open policy in all programs and activities.

It is stated that other ethnic groups practice exclusion in their varied activities. In my discussions with representatives of other ethnic groups, I found that exclusion is not the practice but occurs due to friendships and not advertising their activities.

In the Japanese American community, however, exclusion is the rule and a goal to protect culture, sportsmanship, equity, imbalance and unfairness.

If Japanese Americans wish to work and become a true member of the Asian American community, they need to change their attitudes and parochial practices. There is every opportunity to maintain our culture and our uniqueness without becoming elitist and exclusionary. We must work within the framework of equal opportunity and equal

rights for all if ever we are to be fully accepted by the majority across the country.

Although I have not received much comment nor active support on this issue, I firmly believe that civil and human rights advocacy must be the first and primary program and concern of JACL.

YOSH NAKASHIMA
San Francisco

Demands on members

Chairpersons of JACL national committees and committee members are going to be hard to come by, if the national budget is going to be balanced, in part, by imposing a \$200 limit on committee expenditures.

As a case in point, the ethnic concerns committee, chaired by Ozzie Imai of Lodi, presumably a national committee, has never been able to assemble committee members from even Southern California. Members of this committee supply their own transportation, or are allowed as little as 10¢ a mile for auto travel. Members each bring their shares of a potluck lunch and spend practically all of one day traveling to the meeting place. There is never a full representation from even Northern and Central California.

It cannot be truly a national committee because budget limitations discourage so many from becoming members or attending the meetings. To keep the national budget in the black by putting the extra financial burden on the backs of those who are volunteering their time on national committees can be very counterproductive. Many able members cannot afford to serve on these committees.

The financial burden, especially on young families with children to raise and educate, is great. JACL membership does not consist only of membership dues. Local assessments, raffle tickets, conventions, dinners, baby-sitters, scholarship donations can become a sizable portion of a family budget and tend to discourage membership.

The JACL travel reimbursement policy should be reviewed. Such reimbursement should not be limited to staff and national officers.

FRED Y. HIRASUNA
Fresno, Calif.

On 'Giri'

The general American understanding of *giri* seems to be that it is a peculiarly Japanese concept that accounts for what to them are some of the peculiarly Japanese traits, attitudes, and behavior. As a general observation this is correct. When it comes to specific situations some of their interpretations are very far wide of the mark.

Take for instance Ruth Benedict's *The Chrysanthemum and the Sword*. As an illustration of how *giri* works she cites the celebrated vendetta of the 47 *ronin* of Ako. She explains their death-defying act of loyalty to their departed master as being motivated by their sense of *giri* to themselves. With all respect to this great anthropologist, and admiration for her masterly classic, I say she is in error on this one point.

And now, here comes S.I. Hayakawa, who explains the extraordinary heroism of the Nisei soldiers in WW2 thus: "What was driving them was a profoundly Japanese motivation, '*giri* to one's name' " (in his testimony of Aug. 16 on the Senate redress bill, S2116).

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by
Jin Konomi



A ridiculous aspect of the public's adulation of celebrities. Their excellence or achievement in their respective fields, in the public's view, confers on them authority in other fields as well. So no doubt Hayakawa's use of *giri* will be accepted, at least by some, as authoritative, and add weight to Benedict's interpretation. Alas, he also is in error.

The Japanese do not think of, much less talk about, *giri* to oneself or to one's name. In its everyday application there is not much that is sublime or noble about *giri*. Not so much a moral concept, it is rather a very mundane rationalization of what are felt to be social obligations. It is a *quid pro quo* principle. It usually expresses itself in material ways, or in ways in which the equivalency of what are given and what are

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No Applesauce with This Politician

Frank Yamaguchi is anything but the traditional politician. A retired farmer, he doesn't talk much. He dislikes making speeches and he steers away from promises. His platform is based on honesty, service to the public, and the experience of 43 years farming in the Colorado county he would like to serve as commissioner. He's been running a low-key campaign consisting mainly of a postcard mailing detailing his record.

That strategy won him the Democratic nomination for Weld County commissioner in the September primary over an insurance salesman by 58 votes, 606 to 548. Yamaguchi said he thought he might lose by 100 votes. In November he faces an incumbent Republican who received 881 votes in his uncontested primary.

Yamaguchi lives with his wife, Shigeko, outside Platteville in less than an hour's drive north of Denver. He farmed in Southern California before the war, was evacuated to Poston, and came to Colorado in 1943. He worked a rented farm and eventually was able to buy his own place where he raised vegetables.

In a pre-election interview published in the community newspaper, Yamaguchi was quoted:

FROM THE FRYING PAN:

Bill Hosokawa



"I don't make any promises I can't keep. How can I say anything until I am in office and can see what needs to be done? It wouldn't be honest. I'm just asking everyone to trust me, have confidence. When I get in office I will tell people what is happening."

In another part of the interview the reporter wrote: "Yamaguchi's campaign is decidedly different from other candidates who make speeches and who have researched the position and the inner workings of the county government. 'Maybe that is the difference between myself and other candidates,' he said.

"If you are a farmer like I am, you go out into your fields every morning and look at your crops,

you listen to what they are telling you. It's almost like they are talking to you, telling you what they need. You hold them in your hand, and they tell you whether they need more water, or less water, the time to harvest, how much fertilizer, and when. You make an instantaneous decision based on what you see, and what you hold in your hand. That is the way I am. If you make the right decisions you have a good crop. I make decisions based on what I see with my own eyes, what I hold in my hands.

"That is why I never promise anything. Until I am in office and can see what is going on, I cannot say what I would do. But people can be sure they will get their fair share. I will be honest. That is the only thing I can say. I will be honest and I will do the best I can."

Yamaguchi is not totally without experience in public service. He has served on the school and irrigation company boards, with the Potato Assn., Weld County Board of Adjustments and FmHA County Committee.

Husky, easy-going Frank Yamaguchi has introduced a dirt farmer's low-key, stubborn, hard-headed logic to farm county politics, and it just may be what's necessary in Weld County at a time when voters are fed up with hype, flamboyancy and rhetoric. It would be fun watching him in action if, as he deserves to be, he is elected county commissioner.

Letters

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Assumptions

When I wrote my convention article around the theme "Redress: A Matter of Honor," to which Kay Uno Kaneko takes exception (9/21), I did so on the assumption that JAs would understand that justice and honor are inextricably part of the issue. Of course we're talking about justice, as we've done for so long, because it's basic to the issue. I'll remember not to make these assumptions in the future.

JOHN TATEISHI
San Francisco

Redress opinions

For the good of the country: to safeguard all citizens against evacuation as happened in WW2 the present redress effort must not end until a cash settlement to each injured party has been paid. For money penalties are the only lasting deterrent against a repeat violation.

Years back, conversations between jail inmates and their attorneys were being "bugged." As the result of a lawsuit in one such case, the plaintiffs were awarded a significant cash settlement. At a later national gathering of municipalities, those in attendance were alerted to discontinue such practices for a lawsuit could result in cash penalties.

Some Nikkei advocate that any awards if received be put in trust to be administered by committee. This is like, "Big brother knows best." Damages were suffered by individuals. Let each receive his due. This is the American way.

GUS Y. NIKAITANI
Seattle

I read through a recent issue of the Pacific Citizen (Aug. 24) and reacting to it strongly, decided to express my feelings.

The subject is redress (for the Japanese Americans) and I am a surviving victim. For a long time, we, the Nisei (used in a generic sense to represent all Japanese Americans who went through the experience), only talked about camp experiences among ourselves and in a way to make fun of it. When it came to others outside the ethnic group, the subject was dropped. Where the Sansei were concerned, Nisei strove to set up a better way of life for their offspring, and being engrossed with that struggle, did not elaborate on their camp experiences.

The net effect of these actions was a prolonged silence or non-expression on the subject from the victims themselves; all on an action that had such traumatic, lasting psychological effects.

To amplify on the psychological effects, for many of the Nisei (most of whom were impressionable teens and children at the time of incarceration), there were deeply felt feelings of shame and of bewilderment. There was also a sense of guilt through ethnic association. The feeling of being in a minority and singled out for incarceration left many with a sense of social stigmatization which somehow never could be overcome. The feelings of shame led some of the more impressionable to even attempt to "anglicize" their names and to shun association with other Nisei.

It was only with the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians hearings that the Japanese Americans realized the enormity of the offense that had been committed against their rights as Americans. This realization led to the release of long-suppressed and pent-up feelings and to some of the most emotional testimony ever offered an official government investigative body.

Relative to the Pacific Citizen article, I read Mr. Hayakawa's diatribe (the former California

senator and president of San Francisco State University) against the Sansei and the negative comments by the ill-informed and rigidly and narrowly oriented witnesses at the Senate subcommittee hearings. After thinking about the comments overnight, the thought occurred to me that, contrary to Mr. Hayakawa's feelings, it would truly be un-American to permit such aspersions and slanders to be cast at oneself and not raise a voice in protest.

What is at issue here are the very American principles that we all give such lip service to. I am referring to that most sacred of documents, the Bill of Rights, which guarantees us our rights to live decent lives free from coercion and oppression.

The incarceration of Japanese American civilians in permanent camps after the military need had evaporated and while the civil courts were operative violated the First, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Eighth Amendments to the United States Constitution, the fundamental law of the land. One, as a citizen, cannot let such an enormity go by without challenge.

The First Amendment provides for the petitioning of a redress of grievances. It does not call for an apology, but a redress of grievances. For such a redress to be meaningful and effective, it must be accomplished in the accepted way. The accepted way, from a judicial standpoint, is through compensation in some form for injuries and damages sustained. The monetary amounts discussed are not the significant element. The important thing is that this chapter in our history should be closed, not forgotten, and that we should go on to other things ever mindful and protective of the rights which our forebears (in the generational sense) guaranteed to themselves and their posterity, which really means You and I.

GEORGE K. OGA
Wahiawa, Hawaii



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Chapter Pulse

Chicago

CHICAGO — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, and JACL will co-sponsor the first of a series of filmstrip premieres at the First National Bank of Chicago's 1st Chicago Center Oct. 23.

The program will focus on the Black American, Japanese American and Jewish American experiences. Representatives of the three communities will have a panel discussion after the filmstrip showings. ADL has produced nine other filmstrips focusing on cultural diversity and pluralism in the U.S., all of which will be shown in future programs.

Michael Kotzin, director of ADL's Greater Chicago Regional Office, said, "Such multi-cultural programming is particularly rel-

evant at a time like this, when improved intergroup understanding has become a pressing need in our community."

Contra Costa

SAN PABLO, Calif.—A showing of the film "Nisei Soldier" highlights a redress dinner and fundraiser Sunday, Oct. 21, at Maple Hall, San Pablo Civic Center, San Pablo Ave. and Church Lane. The chow mein dinner begins at 5 p.m., followed by the program at 6:45 p.m.

In addition to the film, three speakers are featured: Tom Kawaguchi, executive director of Go For Broke; poet Janice Mirikitani; and Naomi Kubota, who attended redress hearings in Washington and Los Angeles.

Reservations (\$15 per person, tax deductible) should be sent to Ernie Iiyama, 6802 Glen Mawr, El Cerrito, CA 94530; 233-9595.

New York

NEW YORK—"Asian Americans in Corporate America: How Successful Are We?" is the topic of a forum cosponsored by the New York JACL and the Organization of Chinese Americans, Friday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m., at the AT&T corporate headquarters auditorium, 550 Madison Ave., between 55th and 56th Sts. Admission is free.

Speakers are Carolyn Chin, Citicorp vice president; Anthony Kahns, labor law consultant and professor of law, New Jersey Institute of Technology; and Ron Osajima, director, AT&T Bell Lab-

oratories.

Following the forum is an optional dinner at Seyna, 520 Madison Ave. For dinner reservations, call Fae Minabe, (212) 605-7236 (day) or 227-1489, by Oct. 17.

Riverside

RIVERSIDE, Calif.—The 17th annual Sendai Festival, honoring Riverside's sister-city alliance with Sendai, Japan, will be held Saturday, Oct. 20, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Canyon Crest Towne Centre, Central Ave. and Canyon Crest Dr.

The festival features demonstrations of bonsai, ikebana, Japanese folk tales, sumi-e, and origami and ends with an ondo performance at 6 p.m.. On display will be a children's craft table and kimono as well as a gift booth. Dinners prepared by JACL members may be purchased from 11 a.m. Admission is free.

Sonoma County

SANTA ROSA, Calif.—On Saturday, Oct. 27, the Sonoma County JACL celebrates its 50th anniversary. It will also hold a keiro-kai for those 65 years and older. Chapter members are requested to call Clara Miyano, Lucy Kishaba, Sally Fuchigami or Margarette Murakami to make reservations.

Selanoco

BUENA PARK, Calif.—The chapter's fall potluck dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m., at Mercury Savings and Loan, 8955 Valley View. Each family

should bring a main dish and salad or desert. Tritia Toyota of KNBC-TV will present a videotape about "Asian America," first seen on KNBC during Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. For more information, call Ken Inouye, (714) 968-0934; Karen Sakata (213) 923-9903; or Evelyn Hanki, (213) 865-7455.

Ventura County

OXNARD, Calif.—Events scheduled for the remainder of 1984 include participation in Ventura's International Food Fair, a theater party at the East West Players in Los Angeles, an excursion to the L.A. convention center to see Japan Expo, and a year-end potluck featuring the West Covina Taiko Ensemble.

Among prior events were a Japanese cooking demonstration, a white elephant sale, summer picnic, and sponsorship of the Olympic Torch Relay. Sak Sakazaki was the JACL torch bearer. Another

member, Shig Yabu, carried the torch for the Camarillo Boys and Girls Club.

For further information about the chapter's activities, call (805) 654-0185.

Berkeley

BERKELEY, Calif.—JACL Drop-In Center celebrated its first birthday recently at Treasure Island. Group members thanked George Yoshida for leading them in tai chi relaxation exercises over the year and introducing topics relating to successful aging.

The center was started by Bea Kono, Tad Hirota and Terry Yamashita for Nisei who drove the Issei to the center twice a month. Programs begin with an hour of exercises, followed by talks, trips, or—the most popular—massage or hug therapy. The group meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 10 a.m., Martin Luther King Way and Heart St. Non-JACL members are welcome.

Mountain Plains DC to hear Domenici

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—Sen. Pete Domenici, senior U.S. senator from New Mexico, will address the Mountain Plains JACL District Council meeting Oct. 13, it was announced this past week by Ron Shibata, district governor.

Domenici, a Republican, is chairman of the Senate budget committee, a member of the appropriations committee, and may be the next Senate majority leader, succeeding Sen. Howard Baker who is not seeking re-election this fall, according to Capitol Hill observers.

Calendar

- Through Oct San Francisco—"Once Is Never Enough," by Rick Shiomi, Marc Hayashi, and Lane Nishikawa, pres by Asian Am Theater Co; tkts 566-1605... ●Through Nov. 25 Fresno—Go For Broke photo exh, also photos of Manzanar by Ansel Adams, Metro Art Mus... ●OCT 12 (Friday) New Mexico—Dist sess welcome, Cal/Mary's House, 1317 Los Arboles, Alb.

- OCT 13 (Saturday) MPDC—Dist sess & banq, Classic Hotel/Albuquerque... ●OCT 14 (Sunday) Arizona—Gen'l election/potluck dnr mtg, JACL Bldg, 5pm... Seattle—Drum-Bugle Corps sukiyaki/chicken dnr, Buddhist Ch, 11:30am-7pm.

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Seabrook: Interested seniors should contact Greg Ono, 451-7706, by Oct. 19.

West Valley: For applications students should contact their counselor or Ron Watanabe, (408) 292-1006. Deadline is Nov. 1.

Generally, chapters pay the cost of tuition and registration, hotel accommodations, meals, curriculum materials, transportation within Washington, D.C., health and accident insurance, and theater tickets and special activities. The student's family pays for the transportation costs to and from Washington, D.C.

Former Vietnam war POW, now naval station commander, to speak

PENRYN, Calif.—Capt. Gordon Nakagawa, commanding officer of Point Mugu U.S. Naval Air Station near Oxnard, is guest speaker at the 44th annual Goodwill Dinner slated for Saturday, Nov. 3. No-host social hour begins at 6 p.m. at the St. Joseph's Parish Center, 11610 Atwood Road, in Auburn.

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native who spent part of WW2 in Tule Lake concentration camp and, ironically, was in a North Vietnamese POW camp 30 years later. The soft-spoken, 49-year-old weapons systems expert and former combat pilot may very well become the first American of Japanese ancestry to attain the rank of admiral.

Reservation forms with tickets at \$15 have been mailed to the membership. The general public may obtain tickets from any member of the steering committee or at following outlets: Tsuda

Commentary

Lillian Baker strikes again

By J.K. Yamamoto

Anyone who keeps track of redress opponents must know of Lillian Baker of Gardena. Although she works with others under the collective name of "Americans for Historical Accuracy," she is virtually a one-woman anti-redress campaign.

Most recently, she and her cohorts testified at the Aug. 16 Senate hearing on redress bill S 2116. She spoke out against redress at another Senate subcommittee hearing last year and testified twice before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in 1981. The only physical altercation during the commission hearings took place when Baker attempted to grab papers from a 442nd veteran's hands while he was giving testimony; she and her associate Rachel Kawasaki were taken out of the hearing room.

Though Baker was not able to testify at the House hearings on redress bill HR 4110, she was able to have her views disseminated during the June hearings via the conservative Washington Times, which interviewed her at length. The same paper ran an article entitled "War Internees Shun Reparations, Found Camps Pleasant," featuring Kawasaki (a Caucasian woman said to have been married to a Japanese during WW2) and redress opponent Shonin Yamashita.

Baker has also appeared on countless radio and TV talk shows, has written opinion pieces for various newspapers, and has even published a book—the kind published at the author's expense—called "The Concentration Camp Conspiracy: A Second Pearl Harbor."

Manzanar Memorial

This self-described "historian and author" has also focused her attention on the National Park Service, which is considering Manzanar as a possible National Historical Landmark (see article on p.1). In a May 18 letter to Erwin Thompson, a National Park Service historian, Baker gave her usual arguments:

—She attacks the designation of Manzanar and Tule Lake as "concentration camps" on two California historical markers, calling the markers "chalkboards for political propaganda" and "stepping stones for anti-American action and opinion."

—She states that the wording of

the Manzanar plaque was "unanimously disapproved" by the state historical advisory board. (The wording, which includes both "relocation center" and "concentration camp" in its description, is actually a compromise worked out between community representatives and board members.)

—She claims that the plaques are the only ones in California that read, "Emplaced by the JACL with the cooperation of the Dept. of Parks and Recreation." (The exact words on the plaque, however, are "Placed by the State Dept. of Parks and Recreation in cooperation with the Manzanar Committee and the JACL.")

—Referring to photos of a hospital, churches, recreation facilities, etc. at Manzanar, she declares that "the contrast of Nazi concentration camp victims and the healthy, happy faces of the evacuees who made the choice to remain at Manzanar should be on display so the world can see the difference between Americanism and Naziism and internment under the Japanese enemy in the Pacific."

—"Here is an opportunity," she writes, "to put to rest the big lie that America had *internment camps* for Japanese Americans or concentration camps, with all the ugly connotation that term implies." (She insists on the official government designation of WRA camps like Manzanar as "relocation centers" and Justice Dept. "internment camps" like the one in Bismarck, N.D. Since mostly Issei, whom she considers "enemy aliens" rather than Japanese Americans, were sent to the Justice Dept. camps, her contention is based on word games, not facts.)

—"Through my personal efforts and the support of many, many concerned Americans," she continues, "House and Senate bills proposing 'redress and reparations' have been defeated." (In reality, no redress bill has ever been voted on by members of Congress.)

—Baker adds that she and her

friends "are now working equally as hard to finish off what we trust will be the last proposed measure to bring dishonor to America by a request for a 'public apology' for a wartime action upheld as constitutionally correct by our U.S. Supreme Court, and to halt the second raid of our U.S. Treasury—a second raid, because reparations were already paid in 1948 and 1952, even for a fishing pole lost or gone astray."

Time to Respond

Baker's opposition to redress is nearly as old as the redress movement itself. Needless to say, she has attacked any gains made in that movement—the commission report, the invalidation of the 1944 Korematsu case, the payments made by state, county and city governments to former workers, and so on.

Her credibility has not suffered among the media and politicians, not even after her much-publicized attack on a pro-redress witness at the commission hearings. In fact, she has spread rumors that it was she and her friends who were in danger of physical harm during the CWRIC and congressional proceedings.

Many Nikkei community leaders have tired of hearing about Baker and no longer bother to counter her arguments, which have remained the same over the past decade. But to ignore her is a grave mistake; her rhetoric reaches large numbers of people, many of whom will form their opinion about redress solely from the "facts" she presents.

Whenever she voices her views, someone must respond. A good place to start would be the National Park Service. Erwin Thompson's address is: National Park Service, Denver Service Center, 755 Parget St., P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225.

I was there when Baker and her friends disrupted two redress meetings in Gardena three years ago. I also heard the diatribes against Japanese Americans by Baker and company at the recent Senate hearing. It is plain that the opposition is motivated by a force at least as strong as our desire to see justice done—namely, pure hatred.

Hawaiian Punch

From
PACIFIC
SOUTHWEST:

by
John Saito



I feel a growing frustration within myself as I read, hear and witness increasing incidents of violence directed toward Asian Pacifics. Not only physical but also verbal and written violence. Abusive language used to attack us for seeking redress from our government. Justice that we have sought through prescribed and traditional ways, i.e. through legislation and/or the courts, and only to be rebuffed by radical responses from the racist population.

In August, as we were leaving Honolulu Airport to return to the mainland after attending the national convention, I noticed an Asian security officer telling a haole man to walk through the metal detector gate. The man stopped but did not come to the proper gate. The officer again told the man to walk through the

metal detector gate. You could see the resistance in the man's face. The officer had his fill and told the man, "Hey! You gonna go through the gate or you like I punch your face?"

The man might not have understood the language but understood the tone of voice and proceeded through the proper gate.

Maybe we need to tell the racists, "You like I punch your face?"

LITTLE TOKYO LIFE (No. 37): by Harry Honda

'Hari-uudo: Hollywood'

Origins of the community known around the world as Hollywood, centered around Hollywood Blvd. and Cahuenga, with neighboring areas of rustic Colegrove to the south along Santa Monica Blvd. and residential East Hollywood where Santa Monica Blvd. meets Sunset Blvd. date from the 1900s. Need of water for growth was the reason for being annexed by the City of Los Angeles by 1910 as the Owens Valley aqueduct was nearing completion. It was a civic holiday when the white water flowed into the San Fernando reservoir in 1913.

It was the fine weather which attracted filmmakers about this time to Hollywood. They were to make Hollywood better known than Los Angeles. When the "Jazz Singer" became a hit in 1928, the rush began to building sound stages and recording plants in Hollywood.

In 1916, the first outdoor theater performance was held in Beachwood Canyon—just west of Immaculate Heart High School. The first Easter Sunrise Service was observed at the Hollywood Bowl in 1922. During this period, the Symphonies Under the Stars started to become popular at the Bowl. The county is still trying to ban planes flying overhead during the concerts there.

Its chamber of commerce keeps up the popular image with bronze star plaques of Hollywood greats imbedded on the sidewalks of Hollywood Blvd. Dancing at the Palladium continues, but Earl Carroll's theater-restaurant has changed to rock & roll. Yamashiro, a famed Japanese home and garden on a hilltop overlooking Hollywood, is in business as a restaurant. The Wattles Gardens, just below, has a Japanese teahouse. The sign in the hills, HOLLYWOOD, was refurbished for the '84 Olympics.... So much for the local geography for folks who haven't been hereabouts since 1942.

Oh yes, the Hollywood

Freeway was completed in 1951—just about the time the big red cars (which coursed over the same Cahuenga Pass into San Fernando Valley since 1911) were being phased out. Now we have a Metro system on the board—shooting subways over. No saying when it'll be ready.

In the 1910s many Hollywood Issei were flower growers or fruit pickers. One fellow (Yamasaki) had a creamery where milk, eggs and butter were sold in East Hollywood, another (Hasegawa) a small general store near Sunset & Vine. (Was the same Yamasaki running the store on Cahuenga near Selma in the '30s?) There was a ryokan on Selma Ave. west of Cahuenga.

In the same area by the 1920s were Buddhist and Christian churches, two gakuen, rooming houses (Nomura Hotel, Sunshine Inn) and cafes.

The Japanese Assn. of America was housed at 1441 Ivar, the same spot for Sunset employment agency. There were garden supply and lawn mower shops, dry cleaners, nurseries (mostly in East Hollywood) and a cactus garden (run by Kawase-Itô who were believed to be the first in the U.S. in this commercial enterprise in the '20s).

The 1931 directory lists 12 chop suey houses catering to the Issei-Nisei in the area, 10 grocery stores, 16 wholesale and retail florists, 14 nurseries, 12 laundry & dry cleaning establishments, and 60 produce stands—a most significant number—for these were the only jobs Nisei out of high school could land in the '30s. Japanese-owned Three Star Produce had about 12 stands in Hollywood by the mid-'30s. They had about 50 stores in the Southland.

Such communities, catering to the non-Japanese market and customers, stood out in the '30s. The air of make-believe even gave the Nikkei of Hollywood an added verve and dash. It was fun then!

'James Imahara: Son of Immigrants'



The personal recollection (as told to Anne Butler Poindexter) of a charter member of Florin JACL, Imahara and his young family of 10 were evacuated to Arkansas in 1942. They begrudgingly settled after the war in Louisiana (Chicago was too cold, and to hell with California), where he successfully ran a nursery business and saw to it that nine of ten children finished college. One of the few first-person Nisei histories to be published, the fifth daughter encouraged her dad to write what had happened to him and the community, how he felt

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This year, IJAL received 32 short stories by 25 authors—12 from the U.S. mainland, 7 from Hawaii and 3 from Canada. The winning story was "Beauty

Queen" by Mary Reiko Osaka, a Sansei attorney living in Honolulu.

Stories given honorable mention were "Matsutake" by Tama Tokuda of Seattle, "Invasion" by Jean Mitoko Toyama of Hawaii, "Nothing But Their Pride" by Ken Mochizuki of Seattle, and "The Camp Social Worker" by Stanley Kanzaki of New York.

The deadline for submissions is Feb. 20, 1985. Address correspondence to: IJAL c/o Nakao Hajime, Kyoto Seika College, 137 Iwakura Kino, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 606, Japan. A brief biographical note should be attached to the story.

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ground squirrel.

Yasumasa Kuroda covered (Sept. 14 PC) the convention workshop on U.S.-Japan affairs. He is a member of the research committee on the Study of Japanese Americans in Honolulu, whose Monograph #2 *Honolulu's Japanese Americans in Comparative Perspective* (UH Press, \$15) delves into images, what Japanese in Japan and Japanese Americans in Hawaii think about each other as a group. It's a study which might excite a similar study of Japanese Americans in Hawaii and on the Mainland. Significant is the combination of the 1971 and 1978 surveys in one volume and Kuroda's introduction, commentary and summary. For instance, he wonders about the future of the AJA community as the younger gen-

erations (Sansei and Yonsei) come of age in terms of religious practice, Christian instead of Buddhist: "Who will look after the graves? Can the temples (or the Japanese churches) continue their existence in light of the radically reduced number of their members?..."

Spirit of the Honolulu convention lingers in two more books. The more impressive is Roger Bell's *Last Among Equals* (UH Press, \$24.95), a detailed narrative of Hawaii's quest for statehood. JACL, which long supported this push, regarded statehood of Hawaii as the ultimate sign of Japanese American acceptance because among the factors against statehood was the question of Nisei loyalty. A U.S. history professor in Australia, Bell's opening chapters recount this... Yet stunning is *Hawaii Under the Sun: Japan's Plan for Conquest After Pearl Harbor* (UH Press, \$16.95) by John J. Stephan, a historian who delved into Japanese military archives, prewar and wartime Nihongo literature about Hawaii and the Japanese vernacular press. Of more than academic interest, here is a *rara avis* for Stephan looks at a neglected phase of Japanese American history: the experience of Nisei in the imperial Japanese armed forces.

—Harry K. Honda

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The half-page announcement (Oct. 5 PC) of Kodansha's Encyclopedia of Jpan pre-publication offer of a \$50 savings failed to show an extension from Sept. 30 to Oct. 31, 1984.

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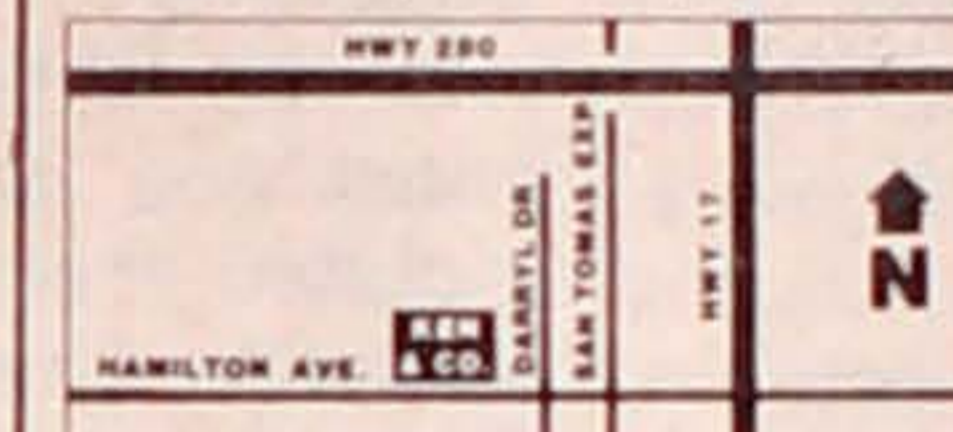
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New center to become focus of activity

SAN FRANCISCO — Ground-breaking ceremonies for the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of No. Calif. (JCCCNC) on Oct. 5 marked the final step in the Western Addition A-2 Redevelopment Plan for Nihonmachi begun 20 years ago.

The building presently occupying the site, the former home of

the Japantown Art and Media (JAM) Workshop, Nobiru Kai, and Japanese Community Progressive Alliance (JCPA), is the last to be razed under this plan. Demolition is scheduled for early this month.

J-Town, bounded by Webster, Laguna, Sutter and Bush streets, has undergone tremendous

change during the past two decades, change marked by both celebration and turmoil.

In the '70s, redevelopment became synonymous with destruction for a number of community members whose protests brought attention to the importance of maintaining low-cost housing and small businesses.

Surveys were undertaken by the Asian American studies de-

partments at UC Berkeley and San Francisco State to assess the needs of the community, and architectural schemes were developed from these. The new center will contain a multi-purpose community hall for performing arts, exhibitions, lectures, and social and community meetings; a gymnasium; an Issei memorial floor to house programs for the elderly; and a community organization floor for community service groups presently located in inadequate facilities.

Organizations which have expressed interest in permanent space in the center include Go For Broke, Inc., Kimochi, Inc., Asian American Dance Collective, Nobiru Kai (Japanese Newcomer Services), National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, JCPA, and the Tule Lake Committee. Also expected to use the center are various cultural arts and martial arts clubs, youth groups, recreation clubs and social service groups.

Fresno reunion exceeds organizers' expectations

FRESNO, Calif.—A grand total of 426 registered delegates gathered at the Fresno Holiday Inn Sept. 29-30 to enjoy a two-day Nihonmachi reunion. They came from all sections of the country: 17 states were represented and one couple, Hiromitsu Tanaka and his Japanese wife, came all the way from Tokyo.

The program was under the co-chairship of Morito Nakamoto and Michio Toshiyuki. Registered guests enjoyed a myriad of well-managed events, including a guided tour of Fresno; picnic at Woodward Park, including a special box lunch and tour of the newly created Shinzen Friendship Japanese garden; banquet and dancing; and a Sunday brunch followed by a special church service conducted by the Fresno Japanese Congregational and Methodist Church and the Fresno Buddhist Church.

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returned are fairly obvious. This means that *giri* is an intraclass thing. A Japanese does not feel that he has *giri* toward the emperor, or for that matter, the prime minister or the governor of his prefecture. *Giri* to oneself, or to one's name, is obviously an absurdity.

Only in rare situations does *giri* rise to the height of moral compulsion regardless of consequences to oneself. Many *kabuki*

dramas are based on these.

What foreigners see as peculiar in *giri* is not in the concept itself, but in how the Japanese perceive social obligations and how they return them. Other cultures may have *giri* which they call by different names.

In one of my old columns I dealt briefly with this subject, but I doubt if anyone remembers it. What Benedict and Hayakawa mistakenly call *giri* I believe is

iji. If I get a chance I would like to go a bit more in detail on this subject.

By the way, Kenkyusha's *The New Japanese English Dictionary* gives nearly a whole column on the definitions and usages of *giri*. I do not agree with the Kenkyusha entirely. Some definitions are wrong, and some usages are inept. But you will get a fair idea of what *giri* is and how the Japanese use it.

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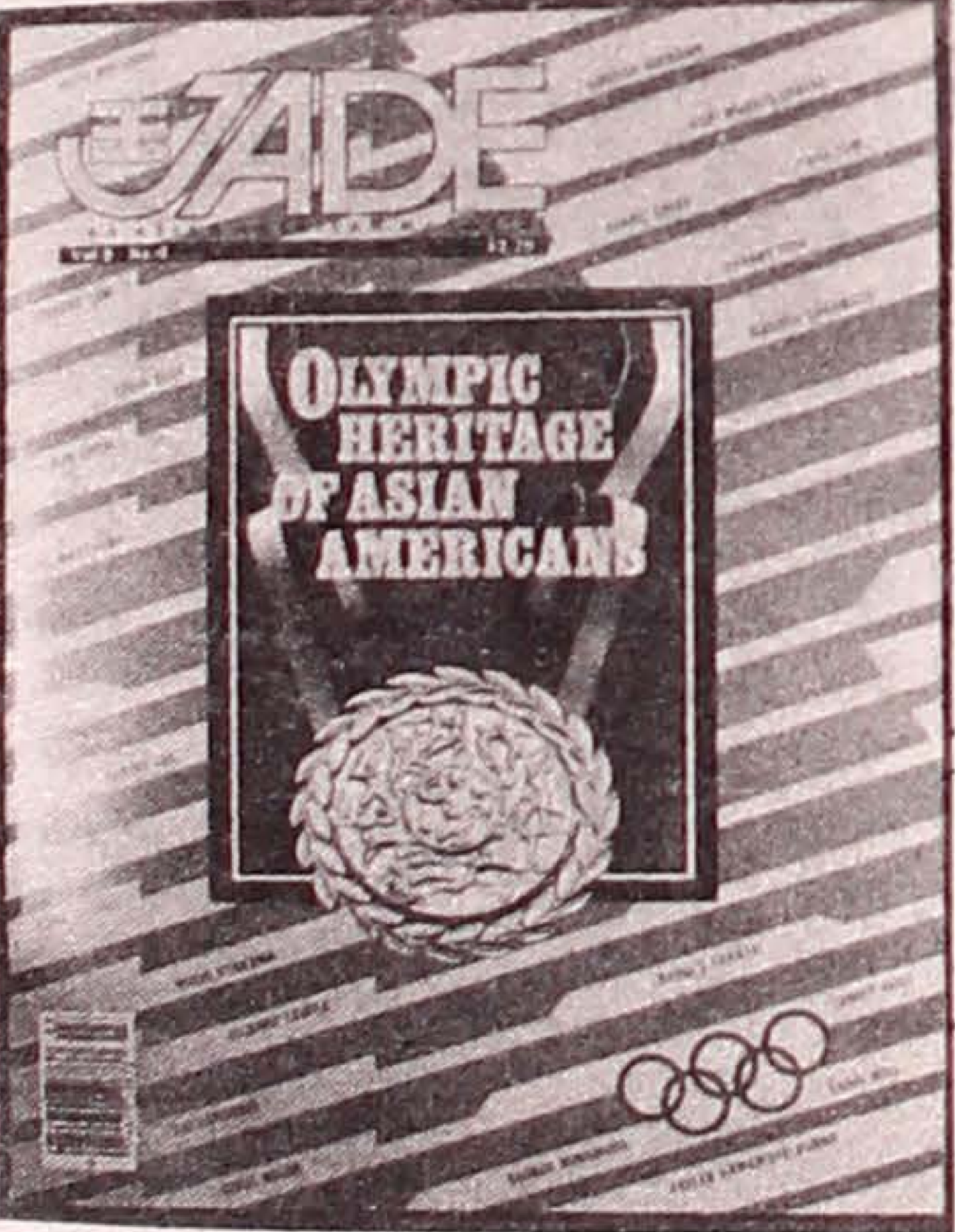
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